

Bowling association tabs year's best

HIGHLAND – Three men have been chosen as the Bowlers of the Year in the Greater Calumet Area USBC Bowling Association for the 2010-11 season.

Matt Cattan, Jerry Brann and Jim Latta will be honored Dec. 4 at the GCABA's 25th annual Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet for their accomplishments. The awards banquet is the final event hosted by the GCABA, as it merged with the Calumet Women's BA in July. The new 7,000-member bowling association is now the Greater Calumet Area USBC.

Cattan, of Hammond, was named Bowler of the Year for the association, which represented about 4,500 league bowlers in centers from Dyer to Whiting in Indiana and Calumet City to Lynwood in Illinois.

Cattan posted a 231 high average and bowled in leagues at Plaza Lanes in Highland and at Olympia Lanes in Hammond. He threw three 800 series (804, 800 and 803) with one coming at Plaza and two at Olympia to go along with two 300s and three 11-in-a-row games.

Brann, 51, of Dyer, was named Senior Bowler of the Year for those 50-59 years of age. His 239 average at Stardust III in Dyer was the highest in the association in the 2010-11 season. He rolled four 800 series (814, 823, 825 and 804) in his leagues. He was also the association's Senior Singles Champion in the A division for bowlers 50-59 averaging 200 or more.

The GCABA's Super Senior of the Year, for bowlers 60 and older, is Latta.

Latta, of Schererville, claimed the high average with a 225 in the competitive, 40-team William Mercer Men Over 55 league at Olympia. He also carried a 224 average in the Wednesday Men's League at Plaza and 218 in the Wednesday Senior league at Olympia. Latta posted an 801 high series at Olympia and also rolled two 300 games and three 11-in-a-row games, 299, 297 and 279. He also finished 5th in the SA division of the Times Classic.

Along with the Bowler of the Year honorees, Tim Croy, of Schererville, Scott Hansen, of Munster, and Bill Slateritz, of South Holland, will be inducted into the GCABA Hall of Fame.

The three boys who were named the association's scholarship winners – Keith Lidster, of Griffith, Jeff Tinich, of Griffith, and Rory Morton, of Gary -- and their parents will be recognized.

Our tournament winners and others with bowling accomplishments during the 2010-11 season will be honored at the event.

For ticket information, call Mike Kozy at (219) 933-6677.