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Finding Aid

Collection No.: 25

Collection Name: Beantown Bowling League Collection

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator(s): David Van Hoy

Title: Beantown Bowling League Collection

Extent: 2 boxes (1 linear ft.)

Date Span: 1986-1993

Provenance: This collection was donated by David Van Hoy in 2013.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

The Beantown Bowling League began in 1986 and is still in existence today. The group held weekly Tuesday night bowling and participated in a wide array of tournaments across the United States and Canada. Initially, the organization had approximately

70-80 bowlers, broken up into teams each assigned a captain. In addition to the Tuesday night bowling and tournaments, the organization participated in several fundraisers and held an annual Christmas banquet.

Also represented in the collection is the IGBO (International Gay Bowling Organization), which ran annual tournaments and sponsored tournaments for gay and lesbian bowlers. The IGBO was founded in 1980, and is considered "the sports membership organization of choice for the gay community worldwide." Tournaments hosted by the IGBO include annual tournaments and mid-year tournaments.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The collection consists of two boxes of documents and ephemera pertaining to the early years of the Beantown Bowling League. Documentation includes organization correspondence, financial reports, weekly scorecards, league publications, tournament registration papers, and leaflets and flyers from particular tournaments. The ephemera in the collection include name badges and buttons collected by David Van Hoy.

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES:

Series I: Beantown Bowling League, (1986-1993, n.d.). Consists of records pertaining to the meetings, rules, and running of the Tuesday night Beantown Bowling League.

Series II: Tournaments, (1987-1992). Consists of registrations, handouts, flyers, and information from various tournaments attended in the United States and Canada.

Series III: IGBO, (1987-1993). Consists of registrations, handouts, flyers, and information from tournaments of the International Gay Bowling Organization.

Series IV: Ephemera, (1987-1991). Buttons, name badges, magnets, bags, newspaper clippings, and a postcard collected from various events and tournaments.

SERIES AND FOLDER LIST:

Series I: Beantown Bowling League, (1986-1993, n.d.)
Folder 1: Rules and regulations, (1987-1992)
Folder 2: Stationary and forms, (1989-1990)
Folder 3: Finances, (1986-1988)
Folder 4: Finances, (1989-1992)
Folder 5: Member info. and correspondence, (1987-1988)
Folder 6: Member info. and correspondence, (1989)
Folder 7: Member info. and correspondence, (1990-1993)
Folder 8: American Bowling and Women's International Bowling Congresses, (1989-1993)
Folder 9: Banquets and Specials (1987-1992, n.d.)

Folder 10: Scores, (1987)
Folder 11: Scores, (1988)
Folder 12: Scores, (1989)
Folder 13: Scores, (1990)
Folder 14: Scores, (1991)
Folder 15: Scores, (1992)
Folder 16: Scores, (1993)

Series II: Tournaments, (1987-1992)

Folder 1: B.I.T.C.H., (1991)
Folder 2: Celebration '90: event forms, (1990)
Folder 3: Celebration '90: newspapers, (1990)
Folder 4: Celebration '90: flyers, handouts,
promotions, (1990)
Folder 5: C.P.I.: Chicago Pride Week Invitational,
(1991-1992)
Folder 6: Dixie Invitational, (1988-1990)
Folder 7: Assorted Tournaments, (1987-1992): Bay State
Games, Capital Halloween Invitational Tournament,
C.I.N.T.I.T. Cincinnati Tri-State Invitational
Tournament, G.H.A.I.S.T. Greater Hartford Area
Invitational Sweetheart Tournament, Gotham Open,
Liberty Belle Invitational, Los Angeles Silver Screen
Invitational, Phoenix Regional Invitational
Tournament, S.F.N.T.I.T. San Francisco No-Tap
Invitational Tournament

Series III: IGBO, (1987-1993)

Folder 1: General Information on IGBO, (1989-1992)
Folder 2: IGBO New Orleans, (1987)
Folder 3: IGBO Washington DC, Dallas, and Cincinnati,
(1988)
Folder 4: MOIST: Miami's Only Invitational Sunshine
Tournament, (1988-1992)
Folder 5: IGBO Toronto and Tampa Bay, (1991)
Folder 6: IGBO Fort Worth/Dallas, Detroit, and
Atlanta, (1992-1993)

Series IV: Ephemera, (1987-1991)

Folder 1: Name badges, magnets, newspaper clippings,
and postcard, (1987-1991)
Folder 2: Buttons and name badges, (1987-1991)
Two plastic bags containing bags from Tournaments.