

REPORT FOR THE MISSOURI ELKS STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Bowling today remains one of the best activities for bonding with friends, always a good time getting together with friends, family, and fellow Elks for a little friendly bowling competition. Bowling is also considered to be a very good form of relaxation, can help you to socialize, help get rid of stress, and act as a stimulus for the competitive nature as a sportsman. With all the benefits that bowling offers, join the Missouri Elks 63rd Annual Bowling Tournament that will be held on Feb. 22-23 and 24-25, 2014. The tournament will be hosted by Joplin Lodge #501 and held at Carl's 4th Street Bowl.

The Joplin Elks have hosted the tournament many times and will have plenty of activities available to participate in. There will be more information available on the website when confirmations are sent out in February. I am looking forward to our State President Rich and Assistant Taco participating this year. I have even agreed to bowl with the Team Event. I have room for 2 more on Team.

The entry forms will be available by the end of September and will be mailed to all lodges, team captains, and Board of Directors. We will also send forms out via email on the MO Elks website. I will have hotel information by the time the forms are ready. We will have 2 squads on Saturdays and 2 squads on Sunday. If any bowlers and team captains like to bowl everything in one day, we can make arrangements. Please help promote the tournament in your district.

The 2015 Tournament was awarded to Crestwood Lodge #2503 and will be held at Show-Me Lanes on Feb. 28-March 1, and March 7-8, 2015. Bids for the 2016 Tournament will be accepted from the lodges of the Metro West District. Bid sheets will be sent to all lodges with the applications. All bids need to be submitted prior to Feb. 15, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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