

## Keglers Kompetition Completed

By Charlie McBriarty

It began on September 29, 2008, and after 24 weeks of "arduous" bowling competition 36 regular team members with the periodic help of 22 different substitutes, completed a total of 864 games to conclude the season on Monday, March 23, 2009. To mark the official end of the 2008-2009 season, the Pine Knoll Shores Ancient Mariners Bowling League held its annual end of the season banquet on March 25, 2009.

The season began and concluded with 12 teams of three bowlers each. After 12 weeks of competition, the bowlers were rewarded with a two week respite in observance of the Christmas and New Years holidays. The members of the BLT's were identified as the winner of the first half of competition. With this designation, the team, consisting of Lois Kacmarcik, Tom Garry, and Bob Slater was guaranteed a spot in a championship roll-off at the end of the season.

In January, the second half of the season commenced with each team having its

sights set on garnering first place and a chance to go head-to-head against the BLT's. As the second half of the season proceeded, it became increasingly clear that the BLT's were not about to become involved in a roll-off. However, the certainty of their season championship was not assured until the final days of competition when they sustained their lead.

During the season ending banquet, some "business" was conducted, prizes were awarded in a number of categories, and a special birthday was celebrated. An appropriately decorated cake was presented to veteran bowler Vivian MacDonald in recognition of her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. Of course everyone present enjoyed the cake, and Vivian was not burdened with lugging any of it home.

A total of 10 team and 12 individual awards were presented. Some of those receiving awards were the league champion BLT's; the DNC team consisting of Diane Carlin, Nick Policastro, and

Charlie McBriarty captured second place team; and the third place team finishers Polly Moren, Larry Kacmarcik and Paul Pylko of The Bombers. Ruth Whitney was recognized as season high average woman bowler, while Paul Pylko achieved the men's season high average.

In addition to the food, fun, and prizes some business items were also addressed; this included a decision to return next season to the Stars N Strikes bowling center at Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station in Havelock and an agreement that officers Tom Garry (president), Doe Martynowski (vice president), Jodi Isakson (treasurer), and Charlie McBriarty (secretary), would continue for the 2009-2010 season. A survey of members wishing to continue bowling in 2009-2010 season was distributed, and those present were encouraged to solicit friends and neighbors to bowl next season.

Being a member of the Ancient Mariners Bowling League offers, a pleasant

Monday afternoon during the late fall and winter months where you can get some exercise. Additionally, you can enjoy the fun and laughter while having an opportunity to meet some of your PKS neighbors in a relaxed atmosphere. Both full-time and substitute bowlers are welcomed. There are no stringent requirements for membership as long as you can fog a mirror. Both men and women are welcomed. Although the league tends to live-up to its name, active bowlers include youngsters in their 50's. Prior experience or expertise with the game, though helpful, is certainly not required. In fact, this year's averages ranged from 87 to 166.

While the next season of bowling will not commence until fall, it is not too early to consider becoming a member of the Ancient Mariners Bowling League simply by contacting any of the officers who will answer your questions and get you signed-up.

## Pet Shelter

Hurricane season is just around the corner. For those with pets, Carteret County now has a pet friendly shelter for you and your pets. The Companion Pet Shelter is located at the Newport Middle School, 500 East Chatham, and is for people who seek shelter and want to care for their pets too.

The first attempt at providing shelter for the citizens of the county with their pets during a tropical storm last year, and it worked very well. During shelter operations, members of Pet Adoption and Welfare Society (PAWS), Citizens Emergency Response Team of Newport, Department of Social Services and the Newport Police are available to provide support services.

Those who may want to take advantage of the Companion Pet Shelter this year should pre-register. That can be accomplished on-line at [www.pawsofcarteret.org](http://www.pawsofcarteret.org) or by phoning 728-8470 or in person at the Carteret County Emergency Services in Beaufort. Owners will be asked to provide verification of rabies vaccination for their pets. Pets must be brought into the shelter in a carrier along with their food and medications. You cannot drop your animal off and leave, you must also stay at the shelter and care for your pet.

For additional information, contact Cynthia Thompson at 726-7221.

## Food For Families

By Barbara Milhaven

Beginning Wednesday, June 17, and continuing through Wednesday, June 24, there will be a food drive to benefit Martha's Mission Cupboard, Inc. There will be two food drop-off sites in PKS - town hall and the EMS/fire station.

Helping others seems to be the natural way of life for Carteret County citizens, church groups, and organizations that rally to assist the less fortunate. This, of course, is especially the case when disaster strikes individuals, families, or whole communities.

Disaster has struck for many families in Carteret County and perhaps in Pine Knoll Shores as well. This time it is economic disaster. For many county residents who have lost their jobs, homes, or both, there is little hope of feeding their families without some assistance. Most of these families will be forced to apply to the Carteret County Social Services Department to obtain food stamps and that takes time. At exactly this point, Martha's Mission Cupboard steps in with help from people like you.

Martha's Mission Cupboard Inc. is unique in that all personnel from the

manager to the people stocking the shelves, packing the food bags, applying for grant funds, or whatever it takes to run this organization, are volunteers. It operates completely on donations of cash, food, or non-food essential household items. Presently the mission has fifty-nine volunteers, with seventeen of the volunteers living in Pine Knoll Shores.

Recipients come to the mission, located at 901 Bay Street in Morehead City, with a referral from the Department of Social Services and are given food to tide them over for a week at a time according to the number of people in the family. Typically, a family will receive a variety of essential food: cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, powdered milk, dried beans and rice, pasta and sauce, cooking oil, flour, sugar, soup, instant potatoes, Ramen Noodles, and almost any other non perishable food item donated. Household supplies like toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, dish washing liquid and detergent, and soap and laundry detergent may be donated and included as well. The mission buys perishable items from local food stores.

Families in need will be supplied with some of these also, including eggs, bread, butter/margarine, hotdogs, chicken, and fruit juice.

The food drive here in Pine Knoll Shores is a wonderful way to involve your children or grandchildren in learning to care about people less fortunate than themselves in their own backyard. If they actually do a chore to earn some money to purchase a food item or dip into their piggy bank to purchase a needed item, it will be even more rewarding. Children are easily inspired to do good deeds and learn a great deal in the process. Making this a family venture will impact them positively for the rest of their lives.

It is hoped that all residents will come together for this food drive and with a minimum of effort make a difference in someone's life. Any of the items listed above make good donations. Of course, those desiring to contribute much needed funds can do so. The address is Martha's Mission Cupboard, Inc., PO Box 603, Morehead City, NC 28557. The need is now and economic hardships for many are mounting. Please help.