



What is the DPBA? That single question will garner a different response from each individual that you ask. As the new President of the DPBA, I would like to define what the DPBA is to me. Our by-laws state:

The DPBA will band together the best male duckpin bowlers from all geographic territories for the betterment of the game and will promote the game in the finest traditions by constantly improving the image of duckpins and duckpin bowlers. All members will be held to the highest standards of professional conduct.

As a youth bowler, the DPBA was a larger-than-life organization to me. To this day, every league and tournament in which I participate is a way for me to better my game to compete in DPBA events. I define my year, from a bowling perspective, by my performance in these events. As members, we are collectively, "The Best in Duckpin Bowling." To be the best, you need to compete against the best.

I would like to take a moment to comment on the various local and regional tournaments that we all support. They are all well run organizations and events that have compelling formats, attendance, and prize lists. I support any and all participation in these events. However, they are not the DPBA nor do they offer what we offer...an opportunity to compete against that best duckpin bowlers from all geographic territories; in various geographic territories; for the most prize money; to be "The Best in Duckpin Bowling."

As President, I will not define the success of our organization based solely on the number of entries. There are many other factors that better define a successful DPBA season. Having a successful season requires a commitment from our entire membership as we are all stakeholders in the success of our organization. Let's be honest, entries are important. To that end, I ask that our members not only commit to bowling an additional event in 2010, but that they commit to travel as travel is one factor that defines us as an organization.

I'm always available should anyone have any questions, compliments, or criticisms. I can be reached at lrobustelli@metlife.com or at 860-985-9098.

Here's looking forward to a successful 2010 season.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucas R. Robustelli".

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