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Dear Merry,

We have lots to share this month.... Hope your holidays were wonderful and we hope 2018 will be grand!

News from the State Office

Happy New Year!

As a reminder, **this year's tournament** will be held in Waterford Michigan and yes you can still enter. It will cost you each an additional \$5 per person because we are now past the deadline, but we do still have openings - primarily the beginning and the end of the tournament. Prime dates of March and April were filled months ago..... sorry....

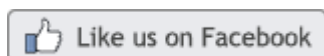
Please call us at 616/635-2032 and we will work with you on a date and times, we would still love to have you....remember there are NO walk-ins. You must call the office to enter once the tournament has begun.

We will again be **partnering with Brunswick** to offer you a ball raffle on each squad of the tournament and again part of the proceeds from this raffle will go to support our charity - **BVL**. - so please plan on supporting this worthwhile cause either through your donation or as a part of this raffle - or both.

Annual meeting forms for the last Michigan State Women's Annual meeting will be mailed later this week. Please make sure you have them back to us with your delegates names no later than **March 1st**.

Also a timely reminder:
1099MISC

With the new year underway, it's important for associations to remember they must file a form 1099MISC

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with the Internal Revenue Service. The 1099MISC is used to report ANY compensation (\$600 or greater) to any individual that is not an employee of the association. This is a cumulative total and not based on individual events. The deadline to provide each recipient with their 1099MISC is January 31.

Youth Scholarships

Looking for help for your youth bowlers as they head off to college?

Forms below will enable them to get assistance with their education..

Please make sure they are made aware of these scholarships.



[Scholarship forms- boys- 2018](#)

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Tournament Dedication - 2018

The Michigan State Women's tournament opening will be held on February 17, at Airway Lanes at 11:30 AM.

The Michigan State Women's Bowling Association tournament honoree for 2018 is Libbi Fletcher.

In the 40 plus years that Libbi has been a member of what is now the Metro Detroit USBC, 25 were as an Officer or Director - first as a Director for 15 years, and from 3rd Vice-President to President in the next five years (a position she held for four years). Because of term limits, Libbi was unable to seek re-election as President, but she is once again serving as a Director on the Metro Detroit USBC Board.

She served on the WIBC Board of Directors from 2002 until 2006 with various committee assignments. In 2007 she was appointed to the USBC Board of Directors, was re-elected in 2009 and served as chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and the Diversity Committee. Libbi also continues to serve on the BVL (Brightening Veterans Lives) committee and her enthusiasm for this wonderful charity is enough to make us all want to donate more!

The Michigan Women honor Libbi especially for her contribution to the state tournament. For 25 plus years, Libbi has been recognized as a Michigan State WBA State Tournament Squad Leader by bringing in 10 or more teams to bowl in the State Tournament. In 2017 Libbi brought in 29 teams. For the 2018 tournament she has signed up 32 teams. She also was a member of the Tellers Committee for three years, served as its chair for one year and was an Assistant Sergeant at Arms for one year. She has bowled in 30 consecutive city, state and national tournaments. Libbi was inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service in 2008 and that same year was a recipient of the John P. Gavie Award, an award that promotes the sport of bowling. She was also honored as the 2005 Woman of the Year by the DWBA. In 2011 she was inducted in to the Michigan State Women's Bowling Hall of Fame, for her service to bowling. At the January Delegates meeting, Libbi was also elected to the new (combined) state board and will begin serving her term in August.

Congratulations Libbi a well deserved honor.

**Delegates meeting information**

The Delegates meeting to approve the bylaws and to elect the new Michigan State Bowling association Board of directors was held on January 7 at Royal Scot in Lansing.

There were 139 delegates eligible to vote.

Thank you to all who took the time to come out for this important meeting.

Special thanks to Royal Scot for hosting, to the merger/transition committee for all of their work, to the nominating committee for the slate, to our check-in table: Lindy Loughlin, Bob Dunlap, and Randy Ryefield, to our tellers: Dave Lewis & Colleen Scott, and to Ben Brose, USBC Rep, for bringing in the electronic voting.

Below are the results:

Position Name Member of

President: Merry DeBoer - Greater Holland

1st Vice President- Ann Block - Metro Detroit

2nd Vice President- Jan Matson - Sheridan

Youth Director # 1- Randy Tambourine - Metro Detroit

Youth Director # 2- Karen Hagan - Monroe

Youth Director # 3- Patricia Cox - Kalamazoo

Youth Director # 4- Roger Schildroth - Greater Grand Rapids/ Holland

Youth director # 5- John Gross - Clare/Harrison

Director Zone # 1 - Scott Barker - Western Wayne

Director Zone # 2- Martha Boron - Western Wayne/ Arbor Valley

Director Zone # 3- Kevin VanNortwick - Battle Creek

Director Zone # 4- Sue Milligan - Sturgis

Director Zone # 5- Sharon Schildroth - Greater Holland

Director Zone # 6- Larry Matson - Sheridan

Director Zone # 7 - Dan Bixby - St. Charles

Director Zone # 8- Karen Russell - Lapeer

Director Zone # 9- Mark Corbiser - Gaylord

Director Zone # 10- Ron Nelson - Petoskey

Director Area # 1- Libbi Fletcher - Metro Detroit

Director Area # 2- Sharon Paul - Southwestern Michigan

Director Area # 3- Dale Newberry - Greater Holland

Director Area # 4 and # 5 - no candidates-
to be appointed by the President with Board approval

This new board looks forward to working together for ALL Michigan Bowlers!



First picture of your NEW board

Association Manager

The New Michigan State Bowling Association Board of Directors is looking to hire an association manager. Mailings will go out to all associations with information on submitting forms

These are due back no later than January 31, 2018

Duties of the association manager

Application for Association Manager position

Midwest Tournament

Entries for this tournament are available below and on the website.

Tournament will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin, a great place to visit.

As of January 1 there are 603 entries.

So far some of the states that are represented are: Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Nevada, Arkansas and Maryland.

Hope to see lots of Michigan bowlers make the trip across the "pond" to visit Wisconsin....



Manager of the Year

Forms for "Manager of the Year" have been mailed to the local association President. If your manager meets the criteria, we would love to honor them for their dedication to YOUR association.

Forms are due by February 1, 2018

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February 2018

Greetings!

Here's hoping spring is just around the corner.

News from the State Office

The **2018 State Tournament** has begun... and if you didn't get your entry in- call the state office...we do have "some" spots still available. # 616 635 2032

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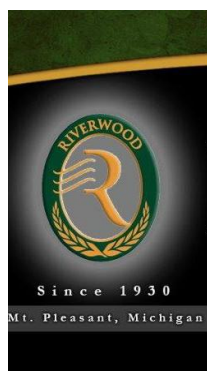
The delegates reception will be **Friday night, June 8** and the meeting will be **Saturday morning, June 9**, followed by the Awards Banquet.

This final meeting of the MVBA will be held in Frankenmuth at the Bavarian Inn

Please make sure your association is represented



Queens Tournament



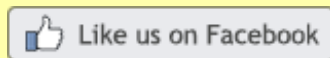
Entries are available for this year's Queen's tournament:
on the website
in this publication,
and at the state tournament.

This year we will hold the tournament
April 14 & 15 at

Riverwood Lanes
1313 E Broomfield Rd
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

Please get your entries in and bring a friend

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Opening Ceremonies- Airway lanes - Waterford

Opening Ceremonies for the Michigan State Women's Bowling association were held this past weekend in Waterford at Airway Lanes. For eleven weekends bowlers will compete at Airway and Century Bowl, enjoying the competition, and of course shopping in the area, eating at local restaurants, and having fun!



Ribbon Cutting
Sharon Schildroth, Tournament Mgr.
John Vorpagel -Detroit President
Merry DeBoer- MWBA President



American Legion Campbell
Richmond Post 63



Libbi Fletcher -Tournament Honoree
rolling the first ball in tournament play

Association Manager for the New combined Board

Sharon Schildroth was hired by the New Michigan State combined board to be the association manager

Sharon has served in many areas over the years. Just to name a few of the many. She has been the association manager for the Women's State Board for over 8 years, the Michigan State Youth Manager for 36 years, and Michigan State Bowling Council Secretary/ Treasurer for 13 years.

She has attended state meetings for over 25 years, youth meetings for 40 plus years, and also has bowled in the Michigan State WBA

tournament for 53 years, and the USBC/ WIBA tournament for over 40 years

Her dedication to this sport and her knowledge of the game of bowling, made her the "unanimous" choice by the selection committee and by the new board of directors



Sharon Schildroth- opening WBA Tournament

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check out www.greenbay.com for more information on this area



Senior Tournament

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There are six classes:

- Class 1 AA: 75 and older
- Class 2 A: 70-74
- Class 3 B: 65-69
- Class 4 C: 60-64
- Class 5 D: 55-59
- Class 6 E: 50-54



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Delegates Reception - highlights

The Michigan State Women's Bowling association is proud to announce for our final meeting in June, at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth, we will be hosting the group sponsored by BVL, "Re-Creation"

From the BVL website, we share their story:



RE-CREATION ..BEGAN IN 1976.....when Hugh Brooks, the founder of the group, was an instructor at the Pennsylvania State University. While visiting practicum students, he realized that very few institutions have opportunity to benefit from the therapeutic value of live professional entertainment. Concerned, he organized Re-Creation to offer this service to state centers, prisons, hospitals, nursing homes, and other care facilities. Entertainers were enlisted, and Re-Creation immediately began institutional performances in Pennsylvania. Within a very short time Re-Creation was asked to tour for the USO, and Veterans Affairs Medical Centers were added to the schedule.

Re-Creation assumed full responsibility for the national VA program in 1983.

Re-Creation now presents more than 320 shows a year. Half of those shows are staged at fairs, banquets, conventions, schools, churches... which in turn fund the other half...more than 150 shows annually in VA Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes in all 50 states!

The young people in Re-Creation are not paid for their service. They give up at least a year of their lives to travel the country entertaining the men and women in our VA Medical Centers. Arriving at the VA facilities four hours before showtime...

They set up...change into costumes...and visit hospital rooms and wards. Then they assist patients to the show area, perform for them, return them to their rooms, pack up and load equipment, and drive on, averaging 300 miles a day...

The wonderful "Re-Creation" performers are literally BVL's arms and legs in the field," explains BVL Executive Director Mary Harrar. "They touch the hearts of our veterans and let them know we haven't forgotten their sacrifices."

For more than 40 years, "Re-Creation" has been touring the United States providing delights for so many veterans confined to a hospital or living in a State Home.

Here are just a few stories from some of their tours:

"This is my second time seeing your show and it is just so wholesome. It's full of patriotism, full of LOVE. The upbeat positivity and the patriotism pull on the heartstrings and are so important for the veterans. They're not sitting in a 4x4 room looking at a white wall for the afternoon. You bring so much happiness, love, and joy to these places, you break their (the veterans) routine."

Volunteer at the Bedford, MA, VAMC

"Thank you for coming. I've had a rough week. The things that put me in here were starting to come back and I was pretty down. But look (pointing to his beaming face) I smiled the whole show! Really appreciate you guys! Thank you."

Veteran, age 30, Leavenworth, KS VAMC

"Today was my 16th year observing the Re-Creation tour. Our veterans, as every year, have been moved to tears, clapping, and stomping their feet while they enjoyed the performance. It was really an exceptional tour! The music, as music does, stirs something within the soul. It brings such an enthusiasm to our campus, our veterans are moved in ways that we don't often see them moved because of the patriotic songs; the performances really speak to their soul. It's heartwarming to watch our veterans respond in a way that maybe

we can't have them respond through our normal recreation programming, or through our various activities we have throughout the year."

Administrator, Warrensburg, MO SVH

Harrar continues, "Unfortunately, "Re-Creation" lost some of their other funding sources last year and while we've increased our subsidy to the program, we also need to maintain our commitments to the local VAs for their recreational therapy programs. We're asking for all our supporters to consider making a special additional donation to BVL in 2018, and earmark it for 'Re-Creation' - we want to be sure to keep this good thing going!

Final Frame

Lavolia Brown who was inducted in the Michigan State Hall of Fame (Star of Yesterday) in 1993, passed away a few weeks ago.

This is from her induction:

"Although Lavolia is being recognized as a Star of Yesteryear, she is still active, bowling in the Royalettes Classic League and carrying an average of 176.

High averages for ladies were rare when Lavolia carried a 196 during the 1971-72 season. The same year, she rolled a high series of 723. Her highest game was 290 in 1974-75. She also had a 289 during the 1960-61 season.

Her first State title was won in 1966. With her partner, Mary Kilgore, they won the Doubles with 1226. She was a member of the Motown Records Team when they won the Championship in 1971, 1972 and again in 1978 with a high score of 3147. On a roll, she won the doubles, again with Mary Kilgore, in 1978 with a score of 1242.

Locally, Lavolia was All Events Champion in 1972 with a score of 1778 and on the Champion Motown Team in 1977 and 1979. She was named to the No. 2 All City Team in 1973-74 and to the No. 1 Team in 1974-75.

When she retired from her job, she devoted much of her time doing volunteer work at her church."

Our sincere sympathy to family and friends in her passing, knowing her legacy will live on in those that loved her.

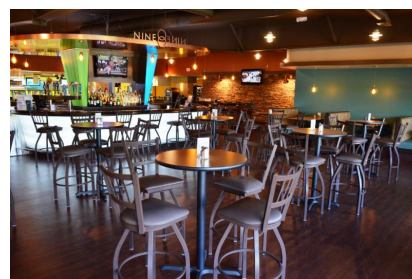


Queens Tournament



Entries Close April 6
for the
Queen's tournament:

Walk-ins will be accepted
based on lane availability
Walk-in fee is \$ 110.00



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April 2018

Greetings!

Leagues are winding down... most have finished, but if you are not ready for the bowling season to end, check your local houses for Spring leagues..

News from the State Office

If your association would like someone submitted for the memorial service at the Annual meeting in June, please send their name and association to Sue Milligan, 203 S. Maple St, Sturgis, MI 49091, or e-mail to mailman4398@yahoo.com.

Deadline for sending these is **May 15**.

Youth State Tournament

The Youth state opening was held on March 17 at Char Lanes. Pictured are the two youngest bowlers in the tournament, and as tradition holds, they roll the first balls in competition.

Below are

Girls: Macaela Owen, Northern Lanes, Midland
Boy: Maks Terrill, Northern Lanes, Midland

Both are six years old....



Queen's Tournament - Part A

The 34th annual Queens tournament was held at Riverwood Resort in Mt. Pleasant.

Saturday: We started out with 50 bowlers, and after two four game blocks, we cut to 14.

Those ladies bowled four more games Saturday evening and eight of them made the cut to come back on Sunday morning. Making the top eight were: Julie Oczepek, Robin Orlowski, Nicole Wilson, Brandie Reamy, Sarah Lokker, Lisa Bishop, Tanisha Burris, and Lisa Doss. We did enjoy the rolling of one 300 game by Lisa Bishop.

Sunday morning

The picture you see on your right is what the weather looked like for our bowlers on Sunday, April 15th.

They managed to get almost 3 games in, before the lights flickered and the power went out. After a couple of hours of waiting, (and eating **all** the cupcakes that were bought for the Queen's reception) the bowlers decided they would come back on Friday April 20 to complete their competition. Lucky they did, as Riverwood would be without power until almost 7:00 pm and the snow continued all day!



Thanks to Mike Larsen (USBC) for answering his phone on a Sunday to help us with our "technical" questions!

Despite their busy schedules, these bowlers worked together to find a date that worked for all 8 of them!

So on Friday the 20th, we will complete this event.

Hopefully the SNOW will be gone

to be continued



The day the lights went out in Riverwood



Fifty degrees and wonderful sunshine greeted all on Friday the 20th.

Our eight finalists finished all of their games and the top four went on to the step ladder finals

Finishing **5th**: Sarah Lokker, **6th**: Lisa Bishop, **7th**: Tanisha Burris, and **8th**: Lisa Doss.

Top four: Julie Oczepek, Robin Orlikowski, Nicole Wilson and Brandie Reamy.

Nicole topped Brandie with a 218 to Brandie's 195. Nicole continued to excel, defeating Robin, 207 to 167, and then in her match with Julie, Nicole claimed her crown with a 245 over Julie's 214.

Pictured left to right: Julie Oczepek, Robin Orlikowski, Brandie Reamy, Lisa Bishop, Tanisha Burris, Lisa Doss and of course our **Queen- Nicole Wilson**.

It was a great tournament (parts A and B) and we thank **Riverwood** for a wonderful time. Jeremy and crew were awesome to work with and went out of their way to help. Also thanks to the **Mt. Pleasant** bowling association for their assistance and for cheering on the ladies as they bowled. Special thanks to Lisa Doss for making a cake for the Queen!! And finally congratulations to Nicole, the "crown" looks good on you!

We put this year's tournament in the history books as ONE of a kind (we hope)

MWBA Queens Committee



2018 Queen - Nicole Wilson

On Site Tournament Managers

The New board is looking to hire "on-site" tournament directors for the state tournaments.

Duties of the "on-site" Tournament Director - Open, Women's and Youth State Tournaments only

Transport all documents/monies from (to) the state office (or designated "drop-off" point) from (to) the tournament site in a timely manner

Running of the tournament

Expectations to be "on-site" each weekend

"Hire" staff (locally if possible) and utilize board members

Raffle ticket sales (if applicable)

Bowling ball sales

"Check-in" for tournament bowlers

Financial

Will be paid a flat fee for each weekend of the tournament

Will be paid an hourly fee for working the tournament

Will be paid mileage while working the tournament

Hotel room(s) will be paid for while working the tournament

Board

Reports to the President/Association Manager and the BOD.

They will be considered part of the board, with voice but no vote.

Would also be part of the tournament committee, (tournament entry, rules, opening, etc.) And any further committees deemed necessary by the President to complete their tasks.

Also would assist in the yearly awards banquet for tournament winners.

Would receive compensation the same as board members.

All interested parties, please send your request to email: **MichiganStateUSBC@comcast.net**

300 game

Sharon Schildroth, State Association Manager (left) and Merry DeBoer, MWBA President took a trip down to Sturgis to present Sue Milligan with her 300 necklace from the Michigan State Women's Bowling Association.

What makes this 300 EXTRA special, is that we believe this is the first, and **ONLY 300** ever rolled by a **sitting** board member of the Michigan Women's Bowling Association.

Sue- we are so proud of you!!!



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May 2018

Greetings!

Hope you all had a wonderful Memorial Day, as we remembered those who gave much so we can enjoy our freedoms.

News from the State Office

The 200 certificates and the Association pins for high game and High series will not be sent out this year. The Michigan State Women's Bowling Association ends July 31st and these were not sent out typically until after that date. All awards and services are being reviewed by the new board.

Senior Tournament



Recently bowling in the Senior tournament, held at Candelight Bowl in Bridgeport, was Grace Vickroy, from Linden.

Her daughter provided Grace with a cake as she celebrated her 92nd birthday bowling!



Grace still averages in the 140's and even managed to pick up the 6-7-10 while bowling in the women's division,

Manager of the Year

This year's Michigan State USBC WBA Manager of the year award is being presented to Dennis Arend, Association Manager of Arbor Valley USBC.

Dennis has been Association Manager for nearly 30 years and is involved in every aspect of the Association's activities, from prompt membership submission to tournaments, to their youth programs, Hall of Fame and lane verification's. In other words, all the things an association is connected to.

Most importantly, Dennis has been described as very professional in the way he handles his duties. To quote one of the letters from a proprietor, "His professionalism has been a great support for our business and our league bowler base".

President of Arbor Valley, Jim Paradise, describes him as more than willing to go the extra mile in his duties as Association Manager. He is devoted to the bowlers and the game, knows the rules and is fair in his dealings with leagues and bowlers.

Congratulations, Dennis, the Michigan State USBC WBA is proud to present you with the Manager of the Year Award for 2018! Dennis will receive his award at the June meeting.



Michigan State Hall of Fame

Martha (Martie) Boron began her bowling journey back in her home state of Maryland. She started bowling duckpins as a kid. When she went off to college at the University of Maryland she was introduced to the game of ten pins. In college Martie and her future husband Jerry joined a mixed league for fun. Following graduation Martie worked as a physical education teacher while she waited for Jerry to graduate through the G.I. Bill. After marrying and moving to Michigan Martie would go on to complete her Masters in Guidance and Counseling at the University of Michigan. In the early 70's, someone would ask Martie to attend a meeting that would change her life.

Martie attended an annual meeting for the Tri-City Women's Bowling Association and was immediately hooked by the administrative side of bowling. In 1974, she was appointed to the Tri-City WBA Board of Directors. Martie would go on to hold every position on the local board except the secretary. Her tenure included 11 years as the association president. When the Tri-City WBA and the Western Wayne County Bowling Association merged Martie would go forward on the new board and except for a brief hiatus is still active on the Western Wayne County USBC Board today. Among her proudest accomplishments on her local board is the work they did on their BVL Tournament during the late 70's and early 80's. The association would also hold 50/50 collections for the BVL fundraising effort. For her efforts on behalf of her local association she was elected to their Hall of Fame in 1993.



During this time Martie would sadly lose her husband and rejoin the workforce. Her first job would be at Oak Lanes in Westland where she worked the counter and coached the youth. After a couple more jobs Martie would land a position with the University of Michigan in 1985. In 2008, she would retire as the Assistant Director of the Ph.D. program at the business school at Michigan.

In 1996, Martie was elected as a director on the Michigan State Women's Bowling Association. She has represented the area which includes Western Wayne County, Arbor Valley, Monroe, and Lenawee to this day. In January, she was elected to represent the same area on the new merged state board. During her tenure on the state board she has been a member of the legislative, delegate reception and luncheon, and awards banquet committees. Martie was the chair of the tournament rules committee. She has also been the Acting Sergeant at Arms during the annual meeting. On the state level Martie is most proud of the service and professionalism the association offers its members. On the national level Martie had served on the teller committee during the WIBC days.

When Martie is not busy doing the work of bowling she can be found line dancing, cross stitching, and

caring for her Green Cheeked Conure Parrot. She is also becoming a bird mom to a Lovebird in the near future.

For all the work on behalf of the lady bowlers in Michigan we welcome Martha (Martie) Boron as this year's Hall of Fame recipient for Meritorious Service.

We will honor Martie at the banquet in June.

2018 World Youth Championships

Detroit will be hosting the **2018 World Youth Championships** at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park and we are in need of volunteers. The schedule is below

It is anticipated that over 40 countries will be represented with over 200 athletes participating in the various events (team, doubles, singles & masters).

Please forward this to anyone you may think is interested.

Those interested should contact Mark Martin, Detroit Association Manager, via e-mail at

mark.martin@mdusbc.com. When contacting please indicate volunteer's name and dates/times they are available to help.

2018 World Youth Schedule of Volunteers

Southwestern Michigan USBC WBA Hall of Fame

Losha Price started bowling in 1963 at Twin City Rec in Benton Harbor.

According to her, she has no plans to stop bowling any time soon. She has served as the President of the Wednesday Morning Mixed League for over 30 years, moving from Blossom Lanes to Kelley's when Blossom closed. Losha has been a steady supporter of this association over the years. She has faithfully bowled in and supported our city tournament and other local tournaments over the years, as well as the women's state tournament. She bowled in the national tournament for 32 years. Losha has a high game of 289 and a high series of 689. She is a member of the Blossomland 600 Club as well as the National 600 Club.

For her contributions as a league President and a supporter of this association for many years the Board of Directors of the Southwestern Michigan USBC WBA is proud to induct Losha Price into the Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service.

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Tina Vida has been bowling in our association since 1978.

She has been the league secretary for the Gutter Gals for about 30 years (she couldn't remember exact number!).

During her bowling career Tina has bowled games in the 200's and series in the 500's, and has maintained an average around 150. She has supported and bowled in many of our association tournaments over the years.

Tina has received the Secretary of the Year award from our association in the past.

For her contributions as a league secretary and a supporter of this association for over 30 years the Board of Directors of the Southwestern Michigan USBC WBA is proud to induct Tina Vida into the Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service.

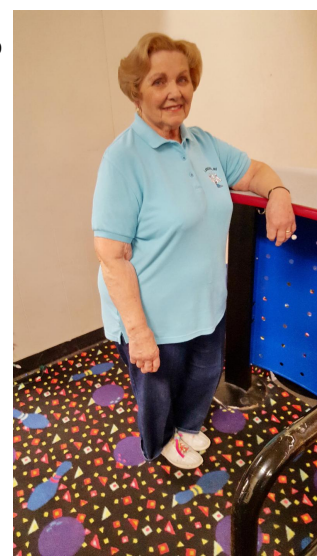


Vi Stark has been a league secretary for over 38 years.

She talked her golf league into forming a bowling league so they could continue the "fun" in the winter time. Connie Schedler, who was the association secretary at the time, came to explain things and help with sanctioning and the league was formed in the early 90's. Vi took the job of league secretary and never looked back. She still serves the league in that capacity. She also took over from Carol Bickers as the secretary for the Sunday 4 O'Clock Mixed league in Coloma, and served as their league secretary until that league dissolved.

Vi started bowling while in her 20's at Wil-O-Paw Lanes in Coloma. She has a high game of 279 and series of 600+ to her credit. She is a member of the Michigami 500 Club and the Blossomland 600 Club, and bowls in both clubs' tournaments every year.

For her contributions as a league secretary and supporter of this association for many years the Board of Directors of the Southwestern Michigan USBC WBA is proud to induct Vi Stark into the Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service.



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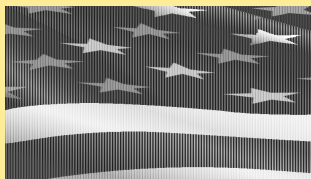
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June 2018

Greetings!

Summer is now here and many of us are looking forward to a vacation. Safe travels!

Save the date

Fall Jamboree and Workshop

Letters will be sent to each
Association Manager and President in July.
Associations are allowed 3 delegates each.

Golf, Bowling and Meeting: Royal Scot -Lansing

Hotel: Quality Suites - 901 Delta Commerce Drive/ Lansing
Rooms \$ 94.00 (Michigan State USBC rates)
Prior to August 10, 2018

Agenda

Golf- Friday- shotgun start 10:00 am (lunch at the turn)
Golf- Saturday-shotgun start 10:00am (lunch at the turn)
Bowling- Saturday Night 7:30 PM
The Michigan State USBC will pay for bowling
Meeting - 9:00 AM- Sunday
Luncheon to follow immediately after the meeting

This meeting is being held in August so the Youth directors can attend. Most Youth leagues begin in September and we would like them to enjoy this weekend as well.

The State Meeting- Frankenmuth

Re-creation greeted the delegates as they came into the Friday night party. They joined everyone for

a wonderful dinner then gave an outstanding performance. This was one of the best delegates parties we can remember and we were all moved by this amazing group. To dedicate a year (minimum) of their lives to go into VA homes, hospitals, and visit our veterans, many of whom get very few visitors is just beyond words.

We are so thankful the MWBA could have this group at our last meeting... what a way to end !



The theme for the year was Christmas (being in Frankenmuth and near Bronner's we couldn't resist) so the Ugly sweater contest was a hit...and three ladies went home with a NEW bowling ball.

After the morning meeting, the entire MWBA Board of Directors waited outside to meet and greet every delegate that attended and thank them for supporting us all of these years...



Special thanks to Betts

Photography for the wonderful pictures taken at the state tournament and especially the ones taken this weekend!



MWBA Scholarships -2018

This year's recipient of "The Future Leader" Scholarship is Ashley Krywy.

Ashley is a third year student at Siena Heights University. Her major is Sports Management with a concentration in Marketing and minor in Photography. Her current grade point average is 3.96. In addition, Ashley works as a freelance graphic designer and photographer. As a graphic designer she has designed bowling shirts. Her work as a photographer has included taking senior class pictures. Ashley's future plans include looking for work with a professional team in the field of marketing. A dream job would include the Detroit Tigers.

Last summer Ashley interned in the Metro Detroit USBC office. In this non-paid position she was able to design logos, work on special projects, and shadow association manager, Mark Martin. One of the best things Ashley took away from this experience was being introduced to some of Mark's many contacts within the bowling world. A couple of years before this experience Ashley joined the Metro Detroit USBC Board of Directors. She is a member of the Youth Committee. Ashley is an active member of the board and can be seen on many weekends working a MD USBC event.

Ashley grew up bowling as a family tradition. Her father Steve was a junior bowler in Detroit and now runs Junior Gold events in the area. Her older sister Lauren was an active junior bowler who went on to bowl at the collegiate level at McKendree University. Lauren was a former recipient of the Michigan State USBC WBA "Star of Tomorrow" scholarship. Ashley would be recruited to bowl at the collegiate level at Siena Heights but fate and a broken foot would stop that dream before it could take off.

Ashley also followed her older sister into the Polish dance world. She started dancing at the age of three and performed at recitals and festivals. Ashley's dancing career also included ballet and jazz competitive dance competition. In her spare time Ashley enjoys watching television. Her favorite shows include Law & Order SVU, Grey's Anatomy, and The Big Bang Theory.

Congratulations, to Ashley on her well-deserved selection as the "Future Leader" Scholarship Recipient.



Kendyl Hofmeister is a graduating senior from Essexville who is attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln starting this summer. A gifted student, Kendyl will become part of the Nebraska ladies bowling team in the fall. It is however her prowess on the lanes which has awarded her one of this year's "Star of Tomorrow" Scholarships. Kendyl started her bowling career at the age of 3 at Alert Lanes in Essexville. She continues to bowl in her home center on Wednesday afternoons. Bowling was a family affair and Kendyl followed in her dad's footsteps. In middle school she realized a passion for the sport and started working hard to improve her game. She has competed in the Tri City Youth Classic League as well. Kendyl has a high game of 289 (x2), a high series of 780 and a high average of 208. She has competed in several Junior Gold competitions. In July, she will compete in another national Junior Gold event. Kendyl was recruited after last year's Junior Gold by the University of Nebraska. She met the coach Kim Straub and decided the university would be a good fit for her. In high school bowling Kendyl was a four year varsity bowler. She started on the boys team and was a member of that team for two years. The last two years were on the Garber High School girls' varsity team. Kendyl is a yearly participant in the Michigan State Youth Tournament and a consistent finisher in the Bay Area Youth Tournaments.



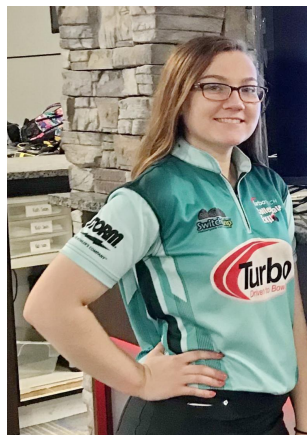
Kendyl is an excellent student who has a great interest in the sciences. In college she is going into the engineering field. At this time she believes her major will be either chemical or mechanical engineering with special interests in Robotics. This fall at the urging of her chemistry teacher Kendyl enrolled in Bay Arenac ISD Career Center. She is enrolled in the engineering/drafting program. Kendyl is learning skills in 2D and 3D AutoCad, Inventor, and 3D printing. For her efforts in this program Kendyl received an award for the Outstanding Non-Traditional Student at the center. Only 25% of all engineers are female and are considered non-traditional.

Kendyl also participates in several high school activities. She is active in Yellow Ribbon Awareness which is a suicide prevention program. Kendyl is a participant in Student Leading Students (SLS) which is a mentoring initiative that puts on programs during the school year. She plays the flute and piccolo in the marching, symphonic, and concert bands.

Congratulations, Kendyl on your scholarship. May your "Star" always shine bright.

Alexandria (Lexi) Smigiel has been bowling since the age of five. Bowling was a popular activity on her dad's side of the family. With a little nudging from her dad Lexi developed a passion for the sport. Bowling has become a way of life for the Chippewa Valley High School senior. She believes the sport of bowling has given her a GREAT BIG extended family and considers the friendships she has developed as important as any award.

Lexi is receiving a "Star of Tomorrow" scholarship for her efforts on the lanes but she too is an excellent student. This young lady started in the bumper league at Imperial Lanes. She then started bowling in the youth leagues at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights. Lexi is currently bowling out of Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights and is a member of the Metro Detroit USBC. Her current high game is 279, her high series is 757, and her high average is 210. She is a member of the Michigan Junior Masters Association and is a youth board member of that group. In the MD USBC Youth Tournament she has several 1st place finishes. In high school varsity bowling, Lexi was the anchor for the girls' team for four years. She was conference MVP twice and was selected to the All-State Team twice. In addition to her bowling team she is part of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. They work together all year long on community service projects.



Lexi will be attending and bowling at Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa in the fall. She will be studying nursing with plans to become a Nurse Anesthetist. This past school year Lexi participated in a program which allowed her to shadow a health professional 3 days a week in a variety of specialties. Lexi was drawn to Clarke because of their nursing program and its reputation.

Lexi has enjoyed doing community service projects with her dad the past three years. Through her father's place of employment the duo has a bottle drive which benefits Toys for Tots. The past three years they have returned over 16,500 bottles and raised over \$2000.00. In addition to the monies collected they received discounts from a store and were able to buy over \$3200.00 worth of gifts for the Toys for Tots effort. This project earned Lexi a special certificate from the Marines for her participation.

Congratulations, Lexi on your "Star of Tomorrow" Scholarship and much continued success in the future

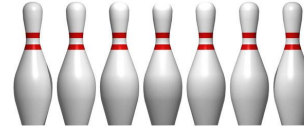
An historic purchase



A little bit of history recently came into the hands of Judy Conner from our Grand Rapids association.

She received these salt and pepper shakers from a friend, who had purchased them at a flea market in Florida.

They are from the 1948 ABC tournament which was held in Detroit. The tournament was held at the State Fairgrounds in the Colosseum. The 1932 and the 1940 ABC tournaments were also held there.



Michigan State Women's Bowling Association

Thanks for the memories

... for the laughter, for the tears, for the wonderful friendships we have formed, for being with us through out it all.

We could not have made this association the BEST it could be without all of your help.

Best wishes to you all and please continue to support women's events....



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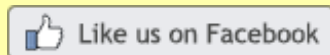
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August 2018

Greetings!

Welcome to the "new" Michigan State Newsletter. For those of you who have not received this before, it will be our way of keeping you in the loop. Happenings, awards, tournament entries and some forms will be available in this email.

This is YOUR newsletter, so if you have articles, comments or questions, please let us know.

Your new website: michiganstateusbc.com

News from the State Office

The Michigan State USBC will be hosting a combined Association Officers Workshop on August 24, 25 and 26 in Lansing Michigan
E-mail Letters were sent out to each association manager and President....but we need your response by August 15, 2018

Each association is limited to three (3) TOTAL attendees for this workshop weekend. We would like to encourage the President, Association Manager and another member of your choice to attend (preferably someone affiliated with youth). In the event that any of those appointed are unable to attend, you may send an alternate in their place. It is important that your association be represented, so please make sure that SOMEONE is in attendance!

- **GOLF**
: each person will be responsible for paying for their own. Cost to be \$45.00 per person.
- **BOWLING**
: will be held on Saturday evening at 7:30 pm. This will be a singles event, with two divisions: male and female. Bowling fees will be paid for by the Michigan State USBC.
- **WORKSHOP**
: will take place on Sunday morning at 9:00 am with a luncheon to follow for registered attendees only.

- **Lodging: Quality Suites** - 901 Delta Commerce Dr - Lansing 48917 - Phone: 517/886-0600

Hotel reservations must be made by Tuesday, August 10th. After this date, any rooms not already reserved will be released into the general inventory and will be accepted on an availability basis.

Reservations for the workshop and luncheon are a MUST as we need an accurate count of attendees.

We ask you that you respond no later than Wednesday, August 15, 2018 to:

Michigan State USBC - PO Box 217 - Grandville MI 49468-0217

Or by email to: MichiganStateUSBC@comcast.net

If emailing, please provide names and association represented, and if you are golfing and/or bowling.

Tournament checks

Please cash your tournament checks. Some of these accounts will be closed as of August 31st, 2018, due to the merger of the men's (open) and women's associations.

At that time if you have not cashed your check, you will need to resubmit a form, and have your check re-issued. This could take up to 90 days for this transaction.



Tournament entries and information

We hope to have all entries and most forms out on the website by the end of August, and most available to pickup at the Fall jamboree. We thank you for your patience as many changes had to be made for the upcoming season.

As dates, times and locations for the tournaments are set, we will notify you on the website and thru this email

Here are some of the tournaments:

Open State Tournament to be held at Grand Blanc Lanes In Flint

Women's State Tournament to be held at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing

Youth State Tournament to be held at Fairlanes (team) and Westgate Bowl (doubles and singles) in Grand Rapids

Pepsi USBC Youth Championships to be at Sterling Lanes, Sterling Heights & Bowl One, Troy

Queen's Tournament - April 13 and 14 - Northern Lanes/ Sanford (Midland)

Also, for the Women: **the membership for your first 600 or 700** is going to be deferred by the new association this year. Forms will be available on the website soon. We encourage bowlers to continue to participate in these two clubs. All first 600 or 700 series bowled before July 31, 2018 will be paid for by the Michigan State Women's Bowling Association.

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Greetings!

This month's articles has information for you on some great upcoming tournaments.

Michigan Mixed & Doubles Tournament

This tournament will be held every Saturday and Sunday for the month of October.

It will be held at Holly Lanes Bowling Center
2430 Grange Hall Road/Fenton, MI



There is a special gift for each bowler this year as this tournament celebrates 25 years!

[Entry Team & Doubles tournament](#)

The suggested hotel: The Fairfield Inn and Suites/ 3125 Silver Lake Road/ Fenton # 810 629 0400

Michigan State Open Tournament

The State (Open) tournament will be held in Flint/Grand Blanc at Grand Blanc Lanes. All events will be held in one house, so check your entry for squad times. Tournament opens on January 12, 2019 and it runs thru May 12, 2019 (unless extended) Reserved dates close on November 1st, 2018 and all others on December 1, 2018.

Late entries will be accepted - [Call the State Office for times and availability.](#)



(cost of \$ 5.00 per entry). **No Walk-ins** will be permitted in this tournament

Please check your entry for rule changes/ they are in red

2019 Open Tournament Average

Michigan State Open Tournament entry

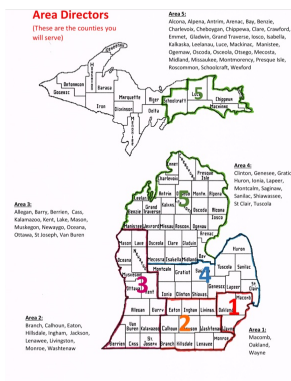
Michigan State Women's Tournament

The State Women's tournament will be held in Lansing at Royal Scot. All events will be held in one house, so check your entry for squad times. Tournament opens on February 16, 2019 and runs thru May 5, 2019 (unless extended) Reserved dates are due October 15, 2018 and all others by January 9, 2019. Late entries will be accepted - Call the State Office for times and availability, (cost of \$ 5.00 per entry). **No Walk-ins** will be permitted in this tournament. Please check your entry for rule changes/ they are in red



2019- Women's Tournament Average

Michigan State Women's Tournament entry



Area director

The Michigan State USBC Board is still looking to fill the position of Area Director for Area #4. If you are interested send your qualifications to:

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Greetings!

Just a reminder: Please use the new website for all your information for the 2018-2019 season. all of the former ones: open, women, and youth websites will be shut down soon, if they have not been already.

Forms, state averages, tournament entries, current information are current and available on the new website: www.michiganstateusbc.com

See below for state tournament entries, hotel information, and information for the cities we will be visiting during our tournaments

BVL

The Michigan State USBC is proud to claim the BVL as one of our charities. **Donations will be collected at all of our state tournaments.**

Your support is greatly appreciated by the active duty and veterans it touches. For those of you not familiar with BVL please, read the following and share with your fellow bowlers. To read more about BVL go to www.bvl.org

- The Bowlers to Veterans Link is a national nonprofit charity (501(c)3) which supports America's veteran and active duty service men and women
- BVL is the sport's most successful charity — raising over \$50 million dollars for America's active duty service members and veterans
- BVL is America's only national sports organization specifically devoted to those who have served our country
- The BVL Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and the Bowling Proprietor's Association of America (BPAA)

Programs

- BVL grants provide arts and crafts programs, music and sports activities, reading materials, board games and much more to help boost spirits, speed recuperation, and improve morale
- BVL supports veterans recuperating in VA Medical Centers, Vet Centers and State Veterans Homes
- Along with the VA, BVL operates one of the longest running mail-in bowling tournaments for

veterans – now in its 71st year

- The BVL helps sponsor six national veterans' recreational events – the Winter Sports Clinic, the Golden Age Games, the Wheelchair Games, The Summer Sports Clinic, the Training/Exposure/Experience Tournament and the Creative Arts Festival
- BVL sponsors the tours of the entertainment troupe "Re-Creation" which performs at VA Hospitals and State Veterans Homes around the country
- BVL supports an on-line tribute campaign to those who have served our country through "Operation: Honor Force"
- BVL responds to veterans in need – recuperating veterans, veterans suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and aging veterans – giving them an outlet for the joy, freedom, and friendship that recreation and sport can bring

History

- The BVL was founded in 1942 by a group of caring and concerned bowlers who promised, "We will not forget about the sacrifices made by America's service men and women."
- BVL's first campaign during WWII raised money to purchase medical evacuation planes to ferry the wounded home from the battlefields of Europe
- BVL supported the dependents of those killed during Operation Desert Storm with academic scholarships for college
- BVL has shipped more than 550 portable carpet bowling lane kits to active duty troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and a host of other locales including to the USS Enterprise and USS Ronald Reagan

Network

- About \$1 million is raised through the sport of bowling annually
- There are local BVL programs in more than 1,200 communities throughout the U.S.
- BVL supporters not only raise money for America's veterans but also volunteer their time at veterans' facilities – organizing games and events, reading, coordinating bowling programs and much more

Membership and Awards

- BVL is a member of the National Veterans Day Organizing Committee and the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee and part of the "America Supports You" network coordinated by the Pentagon
- BVL is the winner of the Department of Veterans Affairs "Award for Excellence"
- BVL representatives have won the "Secretary's Award" — the highest honor from the VA
- BVL is the recipient of the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum's "20th Century Award," touted as a 'major industry success.'
- BVL won the Bowling Writers of America 'John O. Martino Award' for "Outstanding Contributions to Bowling"
- Measured against other charities, the BVL prides itself as one of the lowest overhead percentages at just 6% – maintaining our commitment to insure that America's veterans are the recipients of the most funds possible
- BVL is recognized as one of "America's Best Charities" for outstanding programs services combined with low overhead

Rose Marsh

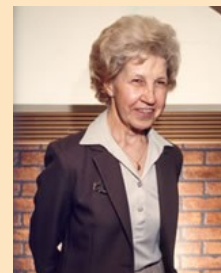
ROSE V. MARSH

Rose Marsh, former Michigan State WBA Board Member passed away on September 24, 2018 at the age of 95 years old.

Former long-time Secretary-Treasurer of the Detroit Women's Bowling Association. Rose served through all the years when the majority of the work was all done by hand. Typewriters, adding machines, and carbon paper were Rose's tools in the management of the largest women's association in the world.

Rose was a member of the Michigan State Women's Bowling Association for many years, and served on the Queens committee as well as many others.

Rose has been honored numerous times for her outstanding and tireless contributions to the game of bowling. She was inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame as well as the Michigan Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame. Rose was also honored with the Judge John D. Watts



Award "Woman of the Year" by the Bowling Proprietor's Association and "Secretary of the Year" by the Michigan Women's Bowling Association to name a few.

Rose will be dearly missed by her many friends in the bowling community and especially by her dedicated office staff and her many nieces and nephews.

Note from the editor: It was my privilege to serve on the MWBA board with Rose, a class act, with so much knowledge of bowling, always willing to help, and her smile lit up the world around her. To her family and friends we extend our sincere sympathy



Dorothy Thompson and Rose Marsh - Long time friends and fellow MWBA board members- taken at the MWBA State Meeting - 2017

Youth Information

We welcome Karen Hagan, Youth Director #2 on the state board, her goals this season will be to keep us all up on the youth happenings all over the state.

From Karen:

A new season is here, and with many changes, but we are still looking forward to a successful year.

All local associations have now merged and in some cases now have a manager that has never processed the youth. If you are one of those and have any questions please, feel free to ask for help and we will do all we can to provide the answers. Remember that the certification number that a youth gets stays with them for a lifetime so, do not assign them a new number when they first join an adult league. In answer to a frequently asked question "Yes, a youth USBC average is a valid average when joining an adult league".

The state board is now merged with the Men, Women and Youth all handled by the same group. We know that there will be some bumps along the way as we navigate these new waters and hope that you understand. Our goal is to serve ALL bowlers in the State of Michigan in a fair and consistent manner. If you, or someone you know, have questions as to why things are maybe being done differently please, ask for the reason - because there is one. All decisions are made by the committee members that attend meetings so, if you have an idea to share please, share it with a member and ask them to bring it to the committee. Better yet, volunteer to serve on a committee. Michigan is huge when it comes to bowling and we have an awful lot of work to be handled and would love to have some extra hands. If a tournament is in your area and you would like to help out please, contact the state office. It is going to take a lot of local help to staff all of the events (which run concurrently) in our state.

May you each have a great season with lots of good scores and happy times! Let's go bowl!

Masters/ Senior Masters and Queens Tournaments

These three tournaments are hosted by the Michigan State USBC to showcase our higher average bowlers. If you are up for the challenge, please be sure and put these dates on your calendar.

If you are not able to participate, but would like to see some good bowling, please, stop down and cheer on your favorite participants.

Senior Masters: M-66 Bowl/Battle Creek - March 16 and 17, 2019

Masters: M-66 Bowl/Battle Creek - April 6 and 7, 2019

Queens: Northern Lanes/Sanford - April 13 and 14, 2019

Entries are below, and also available on the website

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Greetings!

Happy Thanksgiving to all.. we hope you enjoy the holiday!

For the next few months we will honor some of our local Hall of Fame inductees.
Be sure and congratulate them if you see them on the lanes !

From the State office

RVP status

From USBC: With all associations merged, RVP approval now will be required of every state and local board member, every youth committee member and youth director, plus all USBC Youth tournament managers.

In addition each person is required to complete the a new RVP training process by Jan. 1, 2019. USBC will send notification to those required to hold RVP approval with information on how to properly register for the training.

A Reminder to All Bowlers participating in the state tournaments:

Please pay your invoices (credit card) when billed

..... there are bowlers on waiting lists, and we need to verify your payment.

You will be contacted directly by the billing agency (email)

– the office never sees your card number.

Submit completed entries

... these entries cannot be processed into Win labs without that information.

If you want to bowl together, ALL entries need to be submitted together.

.....With three tournaments now being processed at the state office, We are sure, everyone would agree, trying to match up teams under a specific squad leader, after the fact, should not be expected.

Michigan State Mixed Doubles and Team Tournament

Final standings- State Mixed Tournament 2018

Thanks to the bowlers that participated , to our host center, Holly Lanes,
and to tournament manager, Ella Sharp and her "staff" !

Hope to see you next year(2019) at Indian Lanes in Wyandotte,weekends in October .

Hall of Fame-Flint (50th Anniversary)

Paul Grodin



Bowling has always been a passion of his since he was 10 years old. Served as Vice President of the local board, was a director for the King Pin Flint 700 Club, a lane inspector, part of the Hall of Fame committee, helps raise money locally for charities for our vets. Has 3 eleven in a row plaques, three 300 rings and one 800 series

David Gusie



Started out bowling at age 10. In the juniors, he won 3 state tournament titles, In 1996 while bowling in the ABC Tournament he and doubles partner Duane Hiller finished in 15th place. Another accomplishment was in his league, bowling the front 29 strikes before leaving a 6 pin in the 6th frame of the 3rd game. Has had 23- 300 games and 17- 800 series.

Timothy Nunn



Started bowling when he was 14 year old, but basketball came first until he joined a bowling league. He holds the Flint City Record with an 899 series. Has bowled 27- 300 games,numerous 299 games and several 800 series. He coached the Carman Ainsworth High School boys bowling team. Tim told those in attendance, that his parents taught him to give 100% and that has always been his goal.

Matthew Troyer



He began bowling at an early age, inspired by his uncle, Garth Mohan, who was a regional pro in New York, He has won the Champion of Champions tournament along with a 700 Club singles title. He has had 19-300 games and 4-800 series with an 835 being his best. High average was 231. Matthew was a member of three All star teams, in 2013-14, and 2018.

Doug Arden



Bowling for over 50 years, Doug was a bowling coach for the Genesee youth, something he called a true blessing. He will never forget those kids. Bowled his first 300 game in his 50's, High series a 796 Also rolled a 300 game in the PBS Senior event. Was able to bowl around the world, including in Japan.

Frank Peters

Mr. Peters, 82 passed away peacefully Monday, October 29, 2018 at his home.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Army.

Frank loved to bowl and this love, helped him give back to bowling by being of service to the sport. He became league secretary of the Thursday night men's league, serving for over 20 years. At the same time he was the Gladwin-Beaverton association secretary, serving from 1971-1991. Soon after that he became Zone 9 Director for the Michigan State Bowling Assoc. then went on to become President of the State bowling association for one year. Then he began his service as Secretary -Treasurer and course, the Tournament Director of the State Assoc. for 10 years.

After that he served as the tournament manager for Michigan State Mixed tournament for 7 years. He is a member of the Gladwin-Beaverton Bowling Hall of Fame and was inducted into the Michigan State Hall of Fame in 2002.

Frank was a life member of the VFW Post 7303 in Gladwin and currently the Post Commander- A member of the Gladwin Eagles 3292. He also enjoyed golfing. If all that was not enough, he also was a member of the Gladwin Fire Dept. for 13 years.

Our sincere sympathy to his wife Edrie and his family.

He will be remembered, not only for his service to bowling, but his amazing outlook on life and that wonderful smile.



Southwestern Michigan news



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Candie Wilson and Nicki Brose **shot their first career 300 games in the same game** at the Michigan 600 Club tournament!

Congrats, Ladies!

Youth Information

We are happy to be returning to Grand Rapids for the **State Tournament** since we haven't been there in a while. The hosting centers are Fairlanes in Grandville for the team event and Westgate Bowl in Comstock Park for the doubles/singles portion. We look forward to their west side hospitality. Entries were given to associations that attended the workshop in Lansing in August. Those not in attendance had their entries mailed to them. If you have not received yours yet please, contact your local association. State entry forms can also be found on our website at MichiganStateUSBC.com under the "forms" tab and are fill-able and can be saved.

Things to remember about the Youth State Tournament:

- If you have reserved dates the deadline is January 9th and all others are due January 23rd. If you miss your deadline there is an additional cost of \$5 per person and will be accepted on a space available basis.
- You may use a credit card but must provide an email address. You will be contacted directly by the billing agency – the office never sees your card number. There is a 3% service charge fee.
- This event uses the 10 pin rule pertaining to average. Please read rule 3b to make sure all averages are submitted correctly. This is the rule that causes delay in final standings.
- Please read all of the rules – especially those in red.
- Remember to thank the local association members that will be on site helping to make the event a success.

Pepsi State Finals will be held in the Detroit Area this year with Bowl One in Troy having the younger bowlers and Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights hosting the older bowlers. These were included in the pack with all the other entries but you will not find them on the website. This is because for this event you **MUST** qualify for through a league. Only those that qualified through their league will be entered in this event. If you aren't sure how this works please contact the office and we will help you. On the website you will find the Pepsi Report Form that **MUST** be submitted with entries.

Things to remember about the Pepsi State Finals:

ALL bowlers must qualify through a USBC League.

- There is a new division this season – U17 has been added to Pepsi and to Junior Gold.
- The Pepsi Report Form must be submitted with entries and payment. This allows us to balance the money sent

in but more importantly the reverse side of the form is where alternates are listed.

· There is no substitution allowed in this event – only alternates. This is why the Report Form is so important. If a bowler's name is not listed as an alternate they are not eligible to bowl. All alternates must come from the same division that the original bowler qualified through. i.e. U17 Girls in 'XYZ' League from "Home" Lanes.

· If you were granted early qualifying your deadline is January 5th. Regular qualifying deadline is February 13th. Due to USBC rule 310a any entries received after that will be returned.

· We have only 2 weekends for this event due to changes made by USBC in regards to Junior Gold. We hope all that qualify are able to attend one of those 4 days to bowl.

· Junior Gold National Finals are being held in the Detroit area this season. This is a huge event and Metro Detroit USBC will be needing volunteers to work. Please contact their office if you have the time to spend and want to see some fabulous youth bowlers!

Please get your entries filled out and submitted to give your kids the chance to participate in these events. The memories will be special for all and don't forget about all the scholarship opportunities that are involved for the kids. We look forward to seeing all of you at one or both of these events!

Michigan State Youth Masters

Congratulations to the winners of the Michigan State Youth Masters event.

James Ruoff from Battle Creek held off all challengers to claim the boys division with top seed Drake Bazy finishing as runner up.

Girls top seed Stephanie Schalk from Roseville stayed in the winners bracket until she met Cheyenne Washington whom she had sent to the losers bracket earlier in the day. Cheyenne won that match to force a tie breaker match in which Stephanie prevailed with a 452 over Cheyenne's 415.

We would like to thank Motiv to their continued support of our event. Their contribution helps to increase the scholarship opportunities that we can provide for the bowlers.



Hastings MI news

Evelyn Ulrich from the Hastings MI USBC retires after 20 plus years of service to the bowlers in her area.

An Open House was held, to celebrate the retirement of Evelyn (Evie) Ulrich from her position as Association Manager. Evie has promoted bowling in the community of Hastings for many years. She coached and served as an officer for the youth, she was the women's Secretary Treasurer for Hastings for years, and the Association Manager for the Hastings MI USBC from 2011-2017. Evie has been a wealth of knowledge for the Hastings

bowlers and worked hard to promote bowling and assist bowlers with all bowling activities. A diehard bowler herself, Evie even rolled her first 600 just 2 years ago at age 85. "Never give up!"

Evelyn is continuing to stay on as the Secretary/Treasurer for our Saturday Majors Youth League.

We thank Evie for her many years of service!



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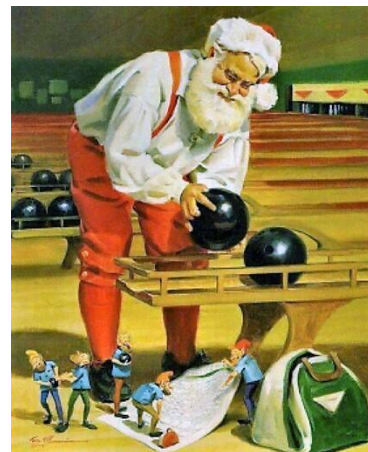
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Greetings!

We wish you a joyous holiday season and hope that you are able to spend time with family and friends. After the food and the presents... Take them bowling!



From the State office

RVP/Safesport Training

First, thank you to everyone who has already taken the steps to do the training. We are aware that USBC is starting the process of emailing/contacting those individuals who have not already done so.

We also have been in contact with USBC as to what will happen to those board members, local and state, who do not do the training and become RVPs. Here is what we have been told – First this is something that is coming from the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and it is being mandated by them. Moving forward this will become an eligibility issue and members will be deemed ineligible to serve on the board.

Some of you are on local boards that do not have youth programs.....

First, whether or not you have a youth program in your area - You are still **REQUIRED** to have 20% of your board represented by youth directors. This is a requirement of charter. You should be moving to develop youth programs

in your area. So again, you still have to have 20% of your board from the youth. You can't get around this and it is being checked by USBC.

Second, because of these new requirements (see below), EVERY board member does need to be an RVP and in order to do so, MUST complete the training prior to being allowed to apply through NCSI.

While we realize this may not be what you want to hear or that you are receiving resistance from your local board members – YOU can't get around it, WE all must do the training and apply for RVP status. If they want to serve on your board, they must comply.

For those board members who do not have access to a computer (the training is about 2+ hours – there are 4 parts), try to secure a laptop for their use – try to schedule time blocks for this purpose. All associations need to help board members get this done. So please, try to assist them in getting this done and meeting the deadline.

This is not just a USBC requirement, it is an USOC requirement and as part of the USOC, it has been mandated by USBC.

Again, our thanks to each of you for your cooperation in getting this done and being compliant and for your efforts in making sure everyone on your local boards do the same.

LET'S BE PROACTIVE!!!

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Section M. Other Requirements

1. Registered Volunteer Program

The United States Bowling Congress' Registered Volunteer Program was created in 2006 to protect the youth who participate in USBC Youth programs. Providing a safe environment for youth bowlers is USBC's highest priority.

The USBC Registered Volunteer Program accomplishes two very important goals:

Everyone deserves to participate in sports free from bullying, hazing, sexual misconduct or any form of emotional or physical abuse. USBC's Registered Volunteer Program is designed to ensure all who work with youth members are dedicated to that objective.

RVP approval is now required of every state and local board member, every youth

committee member and youth director, plus all USBC Youth tournament managers.

Each person is required to complete the training process by Jan. 1, 2019. USBC will send notification to those required to hold RVP approval with information on how to properly register for the training.

It requires all volunteers who have regular contact with USBC youth bowlers to have gone through a mandatory criminal background screening designed to remove and/or discourage those who might harm our kids.

It **now** includes a training component, through SafeSport.org, so those who work closely with youth members can recognize if an athlete is being abused, learn how to prevent abuse and how to respond, if abuse has happened.

Anyone 18 years of age or older who has regular contact or authority over USBC Youth members and those individuals within USBC governance structure are required to complete the SafeSport training and possess their RVP certification. Specific roles or positions within USBC require compliance. Those roles are:

1. USBC National

- Headquarters employees
- Officers and Directors
- Youth Committee members
- Team USA members

- o Junior Team USA members

2. State and Local Associations

- o Officers and Directors
- o Association Managers
- o Youth Committee members

3. USBC Youth league officers

4. USBC Youth tournament managers

5. USBC Certified Coaches

Anyone who **currently holds** RVP certification will need to complete the required online SafeSport training by Jan. 1, 2019. There is no cost for the online training and it can be accessed 24 hours a day. USBC members and USBC-certified coaches should go through BOWL.com/RVP to access the SafeSport training and to provide their USBC national ID when registering for training.

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For anyone **seeking to complete** the RVP process, they first must complete the SafeSport education. Once USBC receives notification a person has completed SafeSport training, it will direct the applicant to complete the background screening portion through the National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI).

The NCSI background check process also is done online, and NCSI does charge a fee of \$21.25 to cover its costs to perform the required checks. The fee might be higher in states that require additional fees to access its data.

Hall of Fame- Lansing

Kirt Gundry

He is being inducted into the Lansing Bowling Hall of Fame in the Accomplishment category for his achievements in the sport. After learning the game from some of Lansing's finest bowlers, Kirt actively participated in numerous leagues and competitions. A job at Pro Bowl led to learning how to drill bowling balls by working for Chuck Morden at Chuck's Pro Shop and then to Mason Lanes as assistant manager and pro shop operator. Kirt was elected to the Lansing USBC Board of Directors in 2017.

Kirt's greatest bowling memory is shooting 242-236-299-777 in singles at the 1999 ABC National Championships in Syracuse, NY. He left a 4-pin on the last shot of the tournament. Winning the Michigan State Tournament singles title in 2012 with 248-236-290/ 774 on one of the hardest conditions he ever bowled on was exciting too. Kirt plans to participate in a least 50 national championships – he has bowled in 39 consecutive tournaments so far.



Tracey J. Distel

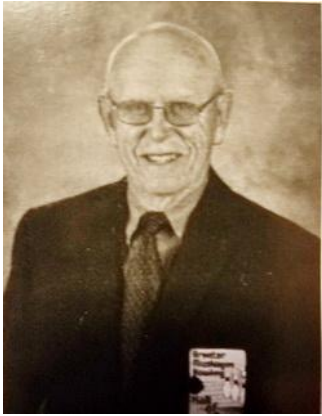
She is being inducted into the Lansing Bowling Hall of Fame in the Accomplishment category for her achievements in the sport. She bowled in junior leagues in Italy and Oscoda and collegiality with Michigan State University. Tracey was the first recipient of the Bea Lane Leadership Scholarship which includes **achievement in activities** other than bowling. Her first adult singles event win was in the Lansing City tournament at Lansing Recreation. Tracey shot her first 300 on her

dad's birthday, 11/5/98 at Pro Bowl East. Her highest series of 795 was shot at Notkke's Bowl in the Women's State Tournament. Tracey was a member of the Holiday Lanes team that was the first women's team to bowl in the Joe Joseph Capital City Classic. She served on Track staff for 3

years as an amateur. Tracey has served as league President and Secretary. She is currently the Tournament Manager of the Lansing Women's City Tournament.

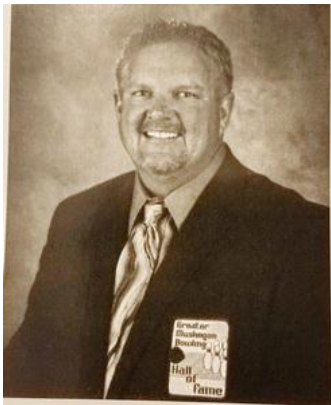
Hall of Fame- Muskegon

Dave Engle



Dave has held membership in Muskegon associations for over 55 years, rolling over 5,000 sanctioned games. His high average a 212, and he rolled a 300 game in 1994. Dave continues to bowl in 3 leagues to this day and very seldom misses. In addition to bowling, Dave has been the President of his league, also served as secretary and today is still the President of his senior league. He was awarded the Gerald & Paulette Porter Secretary of the Year Award in 2012-2013 season. He also assists in the March Doubles tournament and is a participant and supporter of the BVL and the Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame tournament.

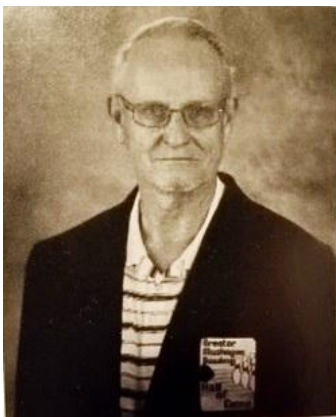
Ken Kosheba



Ken's passion for the sport of bowling began as a youth in YABA events. started out in the YABA events. Ken rolled his first 300 back in 1987, and for a time was one of the youngest bowlers (at age 21) to bowl a 300 in Muskegon .

To date, he has rolled over 13 of those 300 games, with a high series of 804. He also owned and operated Ravenna Bowl, before he began his own refinishing company. His love for bowling, encompasses many aspects of the game.

Earle Nawrocki



Earle's bowling story has a unique beginning. He would skip Sunday school by passing around the side of the church and walk two blocks down to the Clique Bowling Center. An interesting starting point for an impressive career

At one time he bowled in five leagues a week. He has had over forty 300 games and over twenty 800 series.

Earle was also inducted into the Grand Rapids Bowling Hall of Fame., before moving to Muskegon. He continues his love of the game in his new hometown. He has averaged in the 230's, with a high of 237.

Michigan State Open tournament- Dedication

The Michigan State Open tournament begins its 116th annual run on January 12, 2019.

This year's tournament is dedicated to Mark Martin from Metro

Detroit.

Mark served on the Michigan State Board from 1998 thru July 2018.

During that time he chaired the Masters Committee, since its inception in 2008, and the Hall of Fame Committee since 2010.

Also on his state resume is Director of the Year award in 2003.

On the national level, he served on the ABC (American Bowling Congress) board from 2002 until 2005 and currently is on the USBC (United State Bowling Congress) board since 2010. He is the USBC Legal and Legislative Committee Chair and also serves on several other USBC Committees.



Locally he joined the Greater Detroit Bowling Association Board in 1986 and served on the board until 2006. In 1996 he was selected Executive Director of the GDBA and subsequently, as Association Manager of the Metro Detroit USBC, a position he holds to this day. In 2003, the Detroit Women's Bowling Association hired him as their association Secretary/Treasurer, the first male to hold the position in WIBC.

He was elected into the Greater Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame in 2003, received the Michigan State Bowling Council Journalist Award in 1997, a BWAA writing award in 2010, the Thomas McKay award for lifetime achievement in 2011 and the Michigan State USBC WBA Manager of the Year in 2011.

He believes that promotion of our sport is key to bowling being healthy. In that view, he was co-founder and executive producer of the Greater Detroit Bowling Bonanza television program from 2002-2004, host of the Michigan Kingpins in 2013-2014, and currently producer and host of Bowling Showcase.

As a bowler for over 50 years, he has participated in the ABC/USBC Open Championships continuously since 1979 with a career tournament average of 183. He also has participated in the Michigan State and Detroit Association tournaments for over 25 years.

He has three career 300 games, a high series of 782 and a high average of 221

If you are in the area, please join us for opening ceremonies, January 12, 2019, at Grand Blanc Lanes, 1:15 pm

BVL

Pictured on the right: Dennis Hacker, USBC and BVL Director, John LaSpina BVL Chair, Karen Jost, USBC Vice-President and BVL Director, Wally Hall, BVL Director and Libbi Fletcher, BVL Director

The BVL Board of Directors, along with Executive Director Mary Harrar and other guests attended the **Veteran's Day Services** at Arlington National Cemetery on Nov. 11th again as an Associate Sponsor.



The United States flag was carried by Karen Jost and Libbi Fletcher presented the BVL Flag during the services. BVL representatives also presented a wreath to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Neither President Trump nor Vice-President Pence was available to attend the services, so the message was brought by new Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie.

After the services, a luncheon was held at the Red Cross Building, and food was supplied by Mission BBQ, which is owned and operated by Veterans – each day at noon everything comes to a halt and the National Anthem is played in each restaurant.
(There is one in Troy, Michigan so please support them!)

The “check” presented represents all monies collected last year by BVL through all of YOUR donations and support **\$1,143,292.35.**

Nortel Lanes

To the owner ,staff at Nortel Lanes and the bowling community in Monroe: Our thoughts are with all of you on the recent fire that devastated these lanes.

This center was established in 1961, with 70 lanes, and has hosted several state tournaments, the most recent being the Michigan women's tournament in 2014.



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