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## Greetings!

Summer is finally here... hope you are enjoying the sun!!!

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## *Editors notes*

Twenty-nine associations sent delegates to last weekend's Annual Meeting. If your association was not represented at the Annual State Meeting. We encourage you to send delegates to the fall meeting and Jamboree.

The Fall Meeting and Jamboree- September 6 thru 8....details coming.

Thanks to John McCarthy, our new regional rep from USBC National for attending the annual meeting and "pitching in" to help!

Pictured right: Youth Banquet...

Thank you to the delegates that stayed for the Youth banquet on Sunday. The kids loved the cheers as they received their state awards. We need to remember, **THEY are the "Future for the Sport"**

This month we highlight our state Hall of Fame recipients, and Scholarship winners. These well deserving bowlers were honored this past weekend as well.

Next month we will share more of our pictures from this great weekend with you !



## *Michigan State Hall of Fame*

### **Cherylle Secl-Cross**

Cherylle started her bowling career at age 9 in the AJBC (American Junior Bowling Congress) The daughter of a military father – she did most of her early bowling out east. Moving to Michigan during her college years she quickly became involved in leagues and the local association, moving from a director on the board to the association Secretary. Cherylle Secl-Cross has served the Greater Grand Rapids Bowling Community for over 30



years. During that time she has also served the state association whenever called upon. She is an annual competitor in the Michigan State Women's tournament and brings in between 6-9 teams yearly. She also competes in the USBC National Women's tournament, the state seniors and the Midwest.

Cherylle, in her own right, is a better than average bowler, having rolled a 300 games as well as a 297, several 700 series and being names to well over 15 All City teams in Grand Rapids. In addition she has won multiple actual tournament titles including team, doubles, seniors and mixed doubles. She has competed in the Queens and the former Senior Queens.

But her passion lies in serving bowlers of her local association and when called upon those in the state.

Cherylle has served as association Secretary, now Manager for over 30 years. She is happiest when she can quietly do the work needed to accomplish her goal, serving her bowlers. She is meticulous and thorough, and was named Michigan State Women's Bowling association Secretary of the year in 1998.

The Michigan State USBC welcomes you to the Hall of Fame.

## Cyndi Patterson

We can see why Cyndi was suggested for the Michigan State Hall of Fame, as her credentials say it all.

She was the Michigan State Women's Bowling Association "Star of Tomorrow" in 1994. She had the privilege to travel to England, Scotland, and Australia with the MJMA representing YABA.

Her state titles include a team – first place in 1998, and another team title in 2017, a doubles and All Events in 2018.

She has participated in the Queens for over 15 years, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 2010 and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 2017. Cyndi was also this year's 2nd place finisher. She has rolled seven 300 games, five 800 series, three 299 games, two 298 games and one 297 game.

She carried a high average of 233 in the 2003/04 season, which tied, with Aleta Sill, the highest average in the Detroit Association for women. Cyndi has carried a 200 plus average for her entire adult bowling career.

She posted the national record for women's team single game in 1997/98 with a score of 1328 and another national record for first women's team to bowl a 3600 series in 2000.

She also owns her own pro shop in Skore Lanes/ Taylor, has been on staff with Hammer/EBI International for 6 years and been on staff with Turbo since 2009.

She was inducted into the Tri-City Hall of Fame (2006) the City of Taylor Hall of Fame (the only women inducted for bowling) and the Metro Detroit USBC Hall of Fame in 2013.

Now, we welcome Cyndi into the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame.



## Nicole Edwards

Her first memory of bowling was around the age of 7. Nicole's dad thought it would be something fun for her to try. Nicole remembers really flourishing with bowling around age 14 or 15 when she won her first state youth title.

Her #1 fans – were her parents. Her mom was so supportive, coming to tournaments and cheering her on and her dad was always behind her no matter what, telling her to "follow through". Some of her coaches have been: George Bogden and Tom Stockton from Sterling Heights Stevenson High School Bowling, Bill Straub and Paul Klempa from University of Nebraska, those who ran tournaments and leagues: Dan Ottman (Michigan Jr Masters Association – MJMA), Linda Malavolti (Bowling One Saturday Morning Youth League) and, Sharon Schildroth (MI State Youth Bowling). Nicole would like to thank her husband for all of his love and support as well.

A few highlights from her career: Winning 2 NCAA National Titles at Nebraska, Induction into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame, becoming the first woman to win the Metro Detroit Men's City Tournament – Singles title.

In the Michigan State Tournament she has several titles as well, including doubles in 2006, Team in 2009, Team/ All Events in 2010, Team and Singles in 2012.

Nicole let us know: "Bowling has really brought so much to my life. Without bowling, I would not have gone away to college, been able to travel the country, and have met so many amazing people, including my husband. Congratulations to your induction into the Michigan State Hall of fame."



## Kurt Pilon

Kurt is being inducted into the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance

In 1993 he won the first of three Michigan State team titles with Lou Magic State Farm. The others were 1997 (Ansara Parkway) and 2011 (S&B Pro Shop #1). He also won Michigan State All-Events in 2011.

His high career average was a 242 in the 2006-2007 season. Kurt has rolled over thirty 300 games, including 16 in PBA competition and seven 800 series with his highest being an 816.

He was inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame in 2015 and has been a member of the All City Selection for Metro Detroit six times.

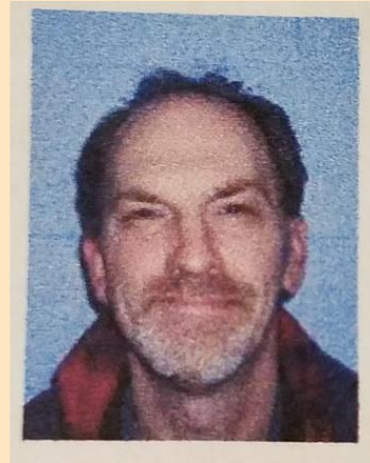
As a professional he won the Professional Bowlers Association Peoria Open in 2001, two PBA Regional titles and PBA Regional Rookie of the Year in 1998.

He was a member of the ABC Team champions Dan Ottman Enterprises in 1997.

Other titles include three Michigan Majors, four Brunswick World Team Challenge, six High Roller, Hoinke team, Hoinke team clash and Cleveland Kickoff Classic.

Kurt was also the Masters Champion in 2018.

A well deserved addition to the Michigan State Hall of Fame



## Michigan State USBC Scholarships



**Marissa Wood** of Charlotte started her bowling life at the age of eight at Char Lanes. Her high game to date is 280 with 682 as her current high series. She graduated this past spring from Charlotte High School with a 3.945 GPA. Marissa will be attending Jackson College this fall in hopes of having a career in Social Work. While attending college, Marissa will be bowling for the brand new Jackson College Jets Bowling Team. Receiving a scholarship from the Michigan State USBC means for Marissa the chance to further her education and her bowling career. She would like to thank her parents (Melinda and Jeffrey), her teammates, and her coaches (Pat Landry and Scott Mathers) for all their help and support throughout her bowling career.



**Lauren Meagher** of Monroe started this year's high school bowling season on a rough note. The day before the season was set to begin Monroe High School's home center Nortel Lanes burned to the ground. Without missing a beat the community rallied around the kids and the program. Monroe Sports Center became their new home. Lauren started her career at age eight in Karen Hagan's youth program at Flat Rock Lanes. Her current high game is 265 with 690 as her high series. She is averaging 192 at present. Lauren has graduated with a 4.0 GPA and was considered a Senior Scholar. Her future plans include bowling for the NCAA Division II Lady Panthers at Kentucky Wesleyan University in Owensboro. Lauren is very proud and excited to have been chosen for a Michigan State USBC scholarship and would like to thank everyone for this opportunity. She would like to especially thank Karen Hagan for her youth program and all her support throughout the years.



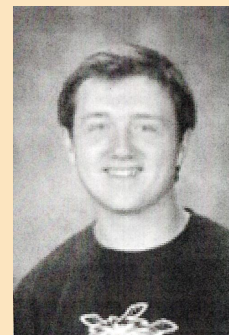
**John Van Til** of Grand Rapids attended Wellspring Preparatory Academy and graduated with a 4.1 GPA. He will be attending Aquinas College in Grand Rapids in the fall. While attending college John will bowl on the Saints men's team. His high game is 289 with a 700 high series. John began his bowling career at Westgate Bowl in the sixth grade. John would like to thank Matt Jelsma and Ron King for being his coaches through the years. Receiving a scholarship from the Michigan State USBC is a great honor for John. He was told not many bowlers from the west side of Michigan have been given this award so this makes it more special for him. John at the time of this writing was waiting to compete in the Michigan High School Athletic Association in Division III Track and Field State Finals in shot put.



**Ethan Filion** graduated this month with a 3.35 GPA from Eaton Rapids High School. This fall he plans on attending Lansing Community College. Ethan plans to earn an associate degree in Cad Design to land a career in the automotive area in the Mid-Michigan region. While attending school he will continue to work his part-time job at a local grocery store. Ethan started bowling in the Char Lanes Youth Program at the age of nine. He appreciates all the help and support he has received in his bowling life from youth directors Pat Landry and Tawnya Mathers. Ethan is looking forward in the future to bowling in adult leagues with his father. He would like to express his special thanks to his mom and dad (Scott & Susan) for all their support in his journey.



**James Ruoff** of Battle Creek was this year's Michigan High School Athletic Association "Mr. Bowling". M-66 Bowl proudly displays this honor on their outside marquee for all to see as they drive by. James graduated with a 3.65 GPA from Pennfield High School. His high game is a 300 with an 815 high series and is currently averaging 225. James will be attending Aquinas College in Grand Rapids in the fall and will bowl for the Saints. He will study Business Management and Administration. This scholarship recipient would like to bowl on the pro tour someday. James would love to get a ball contract in the future. Receiving a scholarship from the Michigan State USBC is a huge honor and will make it much



Bowling is a family tradition for **Alec Keplinger** of Coldwater. He started bowling around the age of three at his family's bowling center, Midway Lanes. Alec also bowled in youth leagues at Coldwater Rec in town. His high game is 299 with 824 being his current high series. Alec graduated this spring from Coldwater High School with a 3.5 GPA and will attend Wichita State this fall. At Wichita he will study aerospace engineering and will bowl for the highly successful Shockers Men's Team. Alec is hoping to get an internship in the aerospace field. Receiving one of the Michigan State USBC scholarships is an honor because bowling is such a huge part of his life.

easier for him to afford college life. James would like to thank his parents (Trina and Jerry) for all their support. James gives special kudos to his mom for helping him complete his scholarship application.

### ***Junior Gold Bowlers***

Over 4,000 Junior Gold bowlers will be coming to Detroit in July 2019 and your help is needed to serve as a score monitor or with squad check-in. It will be exciting to watch these bowlers compete for national championships and you can witness it yourself. Can I count on you to volunteer?

As an avid USBC member and RVP, now is the time to give back to the sport that you've gotten so much from.

The dates are July 13 - 20, 2019 and there are 9 bowling centers involved in the competition and one is near you.

The bowling centers involved are:

- AMF Rosebowl, Roseville
- Astro Lanes, Madison Heights
- Bowl One Lanes, Troy
- Century Bowl, Waterford
- Merri-Bowl, Livonia
- Skore Lanes, Taylor
- Sterling Lanes, Sterling Heights
- Superbowl, Canton
- Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park

If you are interested in helping please click [here](#), complete the form and return the completed form to me either by fax at 248.443.2690 or e-mail at [mark.martin@mdusbc.com](mailto:mark.martin@mdusbc.com).

Thank you for your consideration,

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