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## Greetings!

Hope many of you were able to attend the National meeting.. It was indeed a wonderful experience.



## USBC National Meeting - Las Vegas



This year's USBC Convention and Annual meeting was again one of my favorite weeks. **Forging our Future Together** was the theme, which was a direct reflection of this first year of all associations within USBC being merged. And with nearly 1000 delegates, it was the largest convention perhaps since USBC was formed!

I love convention and reconnecting with delegates, some I have now known for more than 30 years, as well as meeting new people by attending workshops and the annual meeting, rules seminar, and Hall of Fame dinner.

Highlights include our state bringing home **2nd place for State Contributors to BVL** presented at the BVL breakfast. **Michigan contributed \$ 53, 889.09.** Pictured above: Association Manager/Sharon Schildroth, Director/Libbi Fletcher and President /Merry DeBoer accepting the award on behalf of Michigan bowlers!

**Thank you to all who support our veterans...** now let's do even more next season. If your association still needs to send in your contributions, please do so by July 31<sup>st</sup> before the books are closed for the season! Every dollar matters!

I love that we now have motivational speakers to kick off the convention. Tim Gard did not disappoint! Hilarious! His key points were: 1) Have Fun 2) Do it for Yourself 3) Share with Others Another speaker was Leah Brown who was more of a strategic speaker, making us aware of how we

need to change for all generations and we need to address them differently. She said, "it is not about your birth year, but your mindset". Lou Holtz was quoted as saying, "We are either moving forward or dying." Let's not die! Let's Forge our Future Together!

Special thanks to Mark Martin, Metro Detroit USBC as he terms out on the USBC Board of Directors after a job well done, and a welcome to Bo Goergen who will now represent the Mitten on the USBC Board! Congrats Bo!

Please have your associations check into the Young Delegates program through USBC, as well as the Michigan State USBC grant program to assist in sending more delegates to the convention.

See you in Vegas next year for another HUG FEST!

**submitted by Libbi Fletcher- Director MS USBC board and BVL "cheerleader"**

### ***And Finally:***

if you are in the area here is the schedule for Re-Creation. This amazing group entertains at our veterans home and is something you need to be a part of.

May 28 Iron Mountain, MI VAMC 2 pm

May 29 Marquette, MI SVH 2 pm

May 31 Saginaw, MI VAMC 2 pm



Bruce Marshall from the Lansing Association, presents his check to Mary Harra, BVL Executive Director at the National meeting in Las Vegas



Another check presented to Mary, Dave Lewis from the Mt. Pleasant Association

## ***Michigan State meeting, Awards and Youth Banquet***

**We do hope your association will be represented.  
It will be held the weekend of June 21-23.  
All events will take place at Royal Scot in Lansing.**

**Registration desk** - Friday June 21st- 4:00- 6:30 PM

Saturday June 22nd- 8:00 to 8:45 AM

**Friday night** we will host a delegates reception from 7:00- 9:30 pm

A fun time to meet and greet state board, and fellow bowlers

**Saturday morning** is the meeting starting at 9:00 am

Memorial service, elections, reports from our committees, etc.

**Saturday afternoon** is the Awards banquet 1:00 pm ( Social time 12:30)

We will honor our tournament winners, award scores, and Hall of Fame recipients

**Sunday morning** is the Youth Invitational - 9:00 am

**Sunday afternoon** - the Youth banquet at 1:00 pm

( contact the state office for availability of tickets- \$ 20.00)

## **USBC National Tournament**

Our state association manager, Sharon Schildroth, received recognition for her 45th consecutive year bowling in the USBC Women's national tournament in Wichita, Ks.

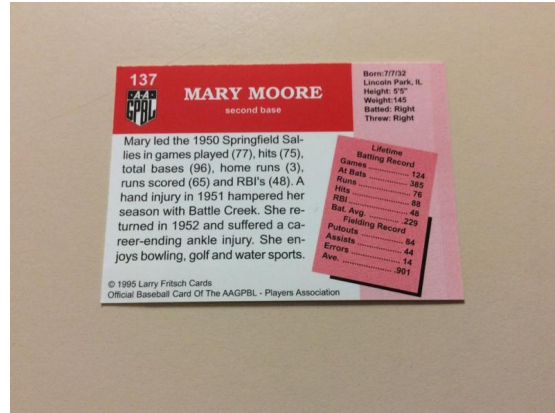
Quite a milestone for anyone to accomplish, especially without missing a

year!! This truly shows her dedication to the sport.

Congratulations !



### A special bowler



We share this story from Pete Turcotte/ Lansing Association

"During the three months of assisting the Lansing USBC and Royal Scot with the 92nd Michigan State women's bowling tournament I met so many wonderful people and heard some great stories, some I can repeat and others never to be spoken of again!

The highlight for me was in meeting a woman who played in the All American Girls Professional Baseball League, that you young ones can only remember as a movie with Madonna and Tom Hanks, and my generation remembers as our mom or aunt.

So with no further ado may I present Mary Moore of Lincoln Park, Mi. ( the card is wrong) who continued to play baseball and still bowls in spite of the hand injury mentioned on the card which was a loss of significant amount of her fingers to a press in a foundry during the off season in 1951 ( ask your grandma or grandpa young ones) with a bowling ball drilled to fit her remaining digits. So proud to have this card she signed

### Midwest Tournament Opening



The Midwest Women's Tournament opening ceremonies were held on May 18th at Bowlero



As part of the opening ceremonies, the first bowler on every team rolled the official "first" ball

Lanes in Battle Creek, the host for the team events. M-66 is hosting the Doubles and Singles portion.  
Special Thanks to the Battle Creek Association for their help during this tournament.

of the tournament.  
Bowlers representing 27 states and Canada will bowl over the next few weekends; with a total of over 730 teams participating.

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## ***Meet your Michigan State USBC Board members***

### **Roger Schildroth**

Roger has been involved in bowling for most of his life. From the local level to the state level, he has contributed much to the sport in Michigan. He has served the youth for most of this time, from leagues, to the state, to high school bowling. He served as President of the Michigan State USBC Youth ( 31 years) and was President of the Seniors for 13 years.

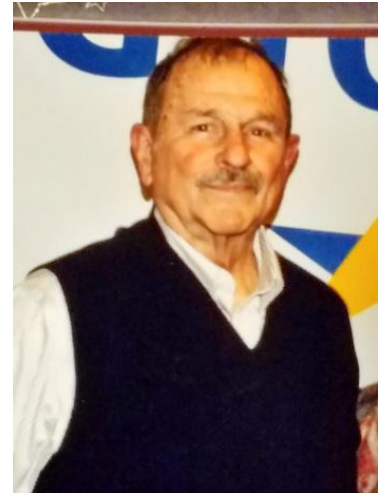
Roger also served on his local board (Greater Grand Rapids) for almost twenty years. For this service, he is in the Grand Rapids and the Michigan State Hall of Fame

Just to name a few , here are some of his other contributions:

- Michigan State Bowling Council - 32 years
- Regional Director – Michigan High School Coaches – 8 years
- Delegate to USBC convention –14 years
- Certified Lane Inspector – 21 years
- West Side MHSIBCA Director
- Instituted the Lansing/West Shore Youth All-City Challenge

He is currently serving on the Michigan State Board of Directors as chair of the Youth committee. He also serves on the senior, the tournament and the Hall of Fame Committees.

It is often said , that Roger takes care of the bowlers at both ends of the spectrum... the Youth and the Seniors!



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### **Dan Bixby**

Dan began bowling in the 60's... and his first state tournament was in 1968...he just completed his 50<sup>th</sup> year.

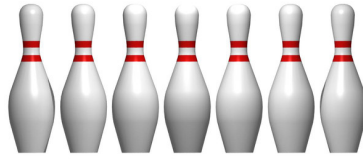
Dan began his service to bowling being a league President and then a secretary. (now called association manager)...a position he still holds today. When he started it was all done by paper...no computers to speed the process along.

Dan has bowled in St. Charles for over 60 years, many of those on the same league, on the same team.

Dan has attended state meeting for over 40 years and in 2009 he became a zone director for the Michigan State Bowling Association. In 2010 he received the meritorious service award from the MSBA, and in 2017 was "Director of the year". Dan was inducted into the Michigan State Hall of Fame in 2018.

At the merger meeting, Dan was elected to the new Michigan State USBC and now serves as Zone director number seven. He is on the Charities, the Delegates Meeting/Awards banquet and the Fall Jamboree committees.





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