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## *A Page from the Pres*

Bowlers are really good people . They are generous, kind and caring...we refer to ourselves many times as a "bowling family"

However, at the open tournament on Feb 8, at the doubles and singles house, while brackets were being paid out, someone helped themselves to a bowling ball that was part of the raffle.

### **Taken was a Motive Alpha Jackal.**

To whoever felt they needed this ball, not only are you taking away from you fellow bowlers, you are taking potential money that could be donated to our veterans thru BVL, as a portion of any money raised is given to this charity ....*just sad that this happened.*

Also last weekend, a water pipe burst near the team house at the open tournament, and the Sunday squad had to be cancelled. Thanks to the tournament supervisors and helpers that called many of the bowlers.

Thanks to the office staff at the state office for helping the bowlers get rescheduled or helped them get a refund. Things like this do happen and we thank our bowlers for their understanding.

### **Finally...We all complain about tournament lines**

**--here's what you can do to help you can help reduce these lines**

1.Are your certified? check bowl.com prior to bowling.  
2.Average verification? we need an individual record sheet  
this can be faxed or email by Tuesday prior to the week you are bowling.  
Fax # 616 635 2034 email: [michiganstateusbc@comcast.net](mailto:michiganstateusbc@comcast.net)

3.Sub? we know there are last minute changes...so get there early  
Remember, as stated, you can email/fax the state office, with your changes,  
up until Tuesday prior to the week your bowl...

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Please remember we try to start announcements 20 minutes prior to squad time.  
We have set time limits for bowling. This is to help the center and your other bowlers who are

finished and are waiting for bracket payouts. Many times there is another squad or a league to follow you... and if we jeopardize the centers business, we may not have that center next time the rotation comes around....

**Thank you for helping us make everyone's tournament experience a good one!**

## Michigan State USBC Women's Opening

The 93rd annual women's tournament was kicked off on February 15, at Northway Lanes in Muskegon. The tournament will run thru May 3rd, here and at our doubles and singles house, Sherman Lanes.

The honor guard was from the local VFW posts, and our singer was Molly Karchinski. Molly is not only blessed with a beautiful voice, she is also on the High School bowling team at Whitehall High School. Below pictures of the honor guard and Molly.

Also pictured below, to start the tournament every team captain rolled out the "first" ball .....a great way to begin this wonderful event for WOMEN!



Special Thanks to West Michigan USBC, who will be helping us run this event.

Some of their board members are pictured below. (left)

Also pictured are some of the Michigan State USBC Board, (right)  
several are already at other tournament sites!

Thanks to Betts Photography for the great pictures !



## BVL

### BVL names Libbi Fletcher as BVL'S USBC Consultant

FAIRFAX, Va. (January 30, 2020) – BVL (Bowlers to Veterans Link) today announced that Libbi Fletcher of St. Clair Shores, Mich., has been named as BVL's USBC Consultant.

In this new role, Fletcher will work to further develop relationships with local and state USBC Associations to increase participation and fundraising for BVL. She will also manage the BVL Ambassador program which coordinates volunteers throughout the U.S. to spread awareness of BVL's work with veterans. Fletcher stepped down from her position on the BVL Board to accept the BVL-USBC Consultant position.



"Libbi has a heart for service and has always been dedicated to both BVL and our veterans so this is a great fit for everyone," said BVL Chair John LaSpina. "Her extensive experience and understanding of working with USBC associations will be invaluable to build new relationships and create more awareness of BVL."

"I am so looking forward to this next step with BVL," said Fletcher. "It is very encouraging how the bowling industry is truly embracing bowling's oldest charity, and anything I can do to continue the work BVL does for our veterans, I am all in. USBC Associations have been remarkable in supporting the organization, but with the mergers, we may have lost touch with a few. I am truly looking forward to reaching out and talking to our associations and assisting them in whatever they need to push us toward raising more dollars to support the military community through BVL."

Fletcher joined the BVL Board in July 2012 as one of the charity's most successful local fundraisers, promoting and supporting BVL throughout the greater Detroit metro area. Fletcher's connection to BVL and veterans is personal as her father served in the Army during the Korean War and her sister also served in the Army.

Fletcher previously served nationally with WIBC for four years and then another eight years under the USBC umbrella. She was the first President of Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC) during the time when four area associations merged to create MDUSBC, the largest local association in USBC.

**She currently serves as Vice President of the Metro Detroit USBC, and is in her second year as Director of the Michigan State USBC, chairing two committees and serving on four other committees.**

## Greater Grand Rapids Hall of Fame

### Patrick Bentley

Pat joins his father, Pat Bentley Sr. in the Grand Rapids Hall of Fame. His brother Paul, shared the night with Pat as they were both inducted into the Hall of Fame. Pat and his brother Paul, share some very interesting records or oddities.

On December 20, 2004, while bowling in their league, Pat and Paul both shot 300 in the same game. It was only the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in US bowling history that twins had bowled a perfect game at the same time. It was that historic night that their team, set the city and state records for the highest actual 5-person man team series with a score of 3897. To this day that team still holds the record for most strikes in a five-man series with 142. At that time, the series of 3897 was the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest series in USBC history and currently ranks 6<sup>th</sup> of all time.



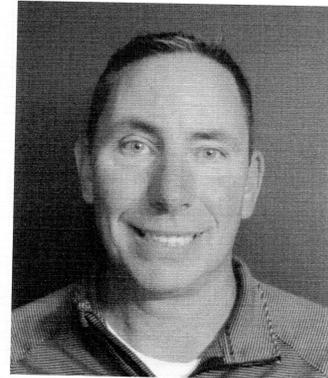
Pat has a career high average of 241, along with 24- 300 games, 9- 800 series, with a high series of 845.

One of his 300 games came in the team event at the 2000 state tournament. Pat was a member of the All City Team in 1999, 2006,07 and 08. Locally in tournaments Pat lays claim to a handicap team title in 1992, and in 2005 and 2006 Actual team titles. At the state level he won team titles in 199, 2001, and 2003. In 1999, Pat began his high school coaching career as both the boys and girls coach for Creston High School. All totaled his teams won 4 regional titles, 7 district titles and 7 conference titles. In 2012 he volunteered as the girl's assistant coach at Hudsonville High School.

### **Paul Bentley**

Paul has an impressive record of bowling stats as well... His average is a 237, he has had 11- 800 series, and 28-300 games. His high series was an 834. One of his 300 games came in a 12 game sport pattern marathon and resulted in a COOL \$10,000 bonus.

He was a member of the 1994 and 1997 All City teamsd. He has won 6 titles in the city tournaments, Including 1995,2005, 2006 Actual team titles, in 1996 All Events Actual and in 1997 Singles Actual champion. At the state level, Paul has won 3 actual Titles, in 199, 2001 and 2003.



Paul's love for the sport, is evident in his coaching career. To date, Paul has coached over 15 years at Hudsonville High School. During this time, his teams have won 13 Conference, 7 districts, and 6 regional championships. All this success has earned Paul his induction to another Hall of Fame, The Michigan High School Intercollegiate Bowling Coaches Association

### **Jennifer Slagter**

Jennifer began her bowling career as a youth bowler. She was a member of the Youth All Star Team, in 1990, 1994,1995 and 96. In 1995 and 1996 her averages of 177 and 196, respectively, were the high girl's average in West Michigan.

Entering the adult leagues, she has an impressive amount of titles, including: 1999 city- 1<sup>st</sup> place Actual All events, in 2002 and 2005 she claimed the doubles actual titles with her mother Lu Ann Geske. That same tournament she also took the Actual All Events title. In 2011 her team took the 1<sup>st</sup> place in Actual. In 2018, she captured the actual Singles title with a 736. She had to share a title with her husband, Chris, who took the Open Actual Series with a 727.

In 2004, Jennifer won the prestigious Michigan State WBA Queens tournament, and in 2005 earned her 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan State title as a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> place Michigan State Mixed Team. Jennifer has bowled 2-300 games, and a high series of 814, with a career high average of 220 during the 2006-07 season.

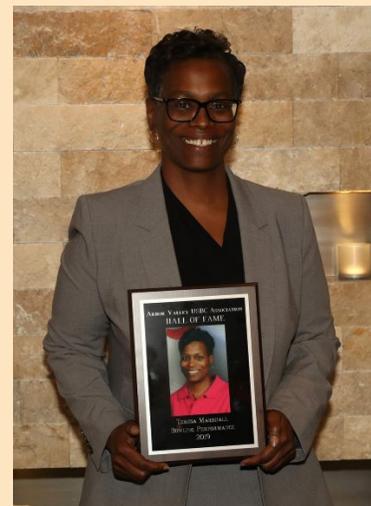


## **Arbor Valley Hall of Fame**

### **Teresa Marshall**

When Teresa averaged 131 for 87 games in 2000/01 season, she didn't consider the possibility she would ever be a member of the Hall of Fame. Through hard work, perseverance, and study her average consistently rose to the 190's and then 200's. She has 12 Arbor Valley Women's Annual tournament , and in 2010 won both the Annual Women's and Annual open handicap all-events championships. Her team won the Michigan State Mixed in 2016 and she won the Ladies Handicap All Events title that same year.

In 2013 she won the National 700 Club handicap doubles championship and she captured the handicap doubles crown in the TNBA Central Regional Tournament. She has been a tournament worker volunteer since 2015. In 2017, Teresa was elected to the Arbor Valley USBC as a director



## William Risner

Bill was introduced to bowling in his late teens by his step-father Bob Shenk, who was also an accomplished bowler and a long time association member. His smooth style and accuracy are two of his many strengths. In addition to league play he also excels in tournament bowling. In association tournaments, he was a member of 2008 Annual Open actual team winner, in 2014 actual team winner and in 2019 again a winner, this time in actual and handicap team. He also partnered with Rod Radant to win the 2014 actual and handicap doubles event. In 2006, at the Michigan State BA tournament his team **finished** in second place. He **finished** first in actual and second in **handicap** at the 40 Frame **Game** in Toledo and won a trip to Vegas to compete in the National Finals As the owner of a local business, Michigan Mold Services, Bill **sponsors** many league and tournament teams. He also served as an **assistant** bowling coach for the Brighton High School boy's team.



## John Schnieder

John has been successful in both league and tournament bowling. His team has been league champions five times and consistently contests for first place in the league. He has also led the league with high average nine times in the past twenty plus years. He has maintained a 220 plus average for 20 years, and his high average was a 228. His high series, an 836 was bowled in 2010/11. His lays claim to ten 300 games and four 800 series. One of those 800 series came in 2018 in the Association annual tournament which, propelled him to the Actual singles championship and second place in handicap singles. His team finished second in the actual doubles in 2013 and in 2014 claimed first place in the Actual Team category.



### ***Just a Reminder! Time to Get Your Entries In!***

**The Masters Tournament will be held March 14 & 15, 2020**

**The Senior Masters will be held on March 28 & 29, 2020**

Both tournaments will be at **Thunderbowl Lanes/4200 Allen Road/ Allen Park**

Entries for these tournaments are at the bottom of this newsletter.

The **Hampton Inn and Suite** will serve as the host hotel. The link to make reservations is on the website. Please use this link to make reservations for the tournament rate. It is located at 16400 Southfield Road/ Allen Park Phone # 313-383-9730

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Hotel information for all three state tournaments and tournament averages (women and open) are available on our website [Michiganstateusbc.com](http://Michiganstateusbc.com)

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