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2020 Michigan State USBC Scholarships

The MSUSBC will be awarding scholarships to qualified applicants of \$ 2000.00 each.

Application to or acceptance of these scholarships does not affect high school eligibility.
Application must be submitted and postmarked by **February 15, 2020**

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Michigan State Masters/Senior Masters

Just a Reminder! Time to Get Your Entries In!

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The Michigan State Open Tournament

Opening ceremonies were held on January 18th at Merri-Bowl lanes in Livonia. A "spectacular" light show accompanied the honor guard, national Anthem, and the playing of taps. Thanks to the American Legion Post 32 for their presentation, and to Mia Genetti for her wonderful singing of our national anthem.

Ribbon cutting, was done by the President of the Metro Detroit USBC (host association) George Bresinski, State Association/Tournament manager, Sharon Schildroth, and President Merry DeBoer.



Bob Buckhave, who had the very first 300 game at this center in 1964, rolled out the first ball of the tournament.

Merri Bowl proprietor, Rich Glomb offered to donate to BVL \$100.00 for each pin that Bob knocked down. Bob managed to get 9 pins to fall, but Rich rounded it up to wonderful \$1000.00!!

Bowlers will compete here and at Westland Bowl, our doubles and singles house until May 3rd.

We hope your entry is in....However, late entries will be accepted, but you must call the office prior to Wednesday of the week you wish to bowl. All fees must be paid at that time in order to reserve your spot.

Reservations for next year will be accepted for the weekend you are bowling and can be made at the team event center, if you wish to bowl a later weekend next year, you must wait until that weekend is bowled and then call the office.



American Legion Post 32

Cutting the ribbon



Rolling out the first ball

Michigan Bowler makes USBC Record Book



Gary Cook while bowling at Fairlanes in Grand Rapids set a national records with three 299 games.

In the first game he left a 10 pin, a 7 pin in game 2, and another 10 pin in game 3. Gary is a two handed bowler. His new records include: **3 -299 games back to back to back and a record for a high series without a 300 games at 897!!** The previous National record high series without a 300 game, was a 299-298-299 for an 896.

Congratulations to Gary!!!

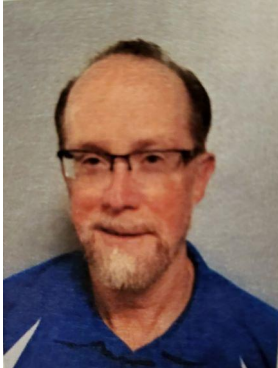
Ogemaw Country Hall of Fame

Dave Hotham

Dave's bowling career spans 37 years, all of which has been in the Ogemaw County Bowling Association. His dedication to the sport stands out in his perfect attendance for 35 of the 37 years on the Thursday Superior Bowling League at Ogemaw Lanes. Dave has held several officer positions including President, Vice President and Sergeant-at-arms for 31 years. He had bowled in several city and State tournaments, including Hamtramck, Bud Lite and Sault St. Marie. During his years on the Thursday Superior league he is most proud of the fact that his teams record holds 23 championships and 7 runner-ups. His high average is a 217 and his high game a 300, with a 797 high series.



Reid Rosebrugh



Reid's career began 50 years ago when he was in senior in high school. He has been a member of the Ogemaw Bowling Association for nearly 35 years, and was a league secretary for 13 plus years. Reid has bowled in numerous tournament throughout his career. The Men's Northern Michigan, Scotch Mixed Doubles, Pinconning, Twin Soo's Championship, just to name a few. His high average was a 196, high game a 289, and high series a 740.

Tonya Sancrant

Tonya was raised in a bowling family. Both her parents and her brother have bowled in leagues. All 4 of her children bowled in youth Leagues as well. Tonya participates in city and state tournaments, as well as the Michigan State Mixed doubles tournament. She took first place in the 2016 Zone 11 singles tournament, where she bowled her very first 600. She has been a league secretary for 15 years and been on the local association board for 13 years. She has attended many state and local meetings representing her association. In 2016 she took over as the Association manager. Since 2017 she has helped bowlers raise over \$1500.00 for BVL and started an association supported awards program. Her high average was a 170, high game 242 and high series 631.



Kandi Searfoss

Kandi works at Ogemaw Lanes on staff and behind the scenes with menu designs and other electronic publications. She began her bowling career at age 4, when she would bowl with her dad. Both her sons bowl, and have been awarded the Youth bowler of the year award from the association.

Kandi's love for bowling has also helped make it easy to step up and run the youth league at the lanes. With Lorraine Illig's guidance and friendship, she has been able to help with the youth since 2009. She looks forward to being involved with the youth for many years to come.

Mt. Pleasant Hall of Fame

Jeff Cross

Jeff has a glittering array of bowling statistics and accomplishments, but he was most happy in 2017 when his father was posthumously put in the local Hall of Fame, and this year going in with a great friend, Chad Gurzman also was very special. Jeff has had 36-300 games, (his first bowled at the age of 19) a career high series of 845 in 2012.(bowled in the city tournament) He also has had over 20- 800 series. In 2012 he had an association leading 241 average in the city" A League" and he had led the association for high average and high series multiple times. He has had over 22 City Tournament championships (7 team, 8 doubles, 5 All-events and 2 singles). He has more than 30 years of sanctioned bowling in Mt. Pleasant and has participated in the national tournament for 18 years.



Chad Gutzman

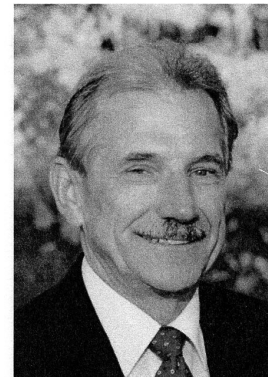
Chad was introduced to the sport of bowling by Dad Darryl, who was the manager at a bowling facility. He had a strong youth and high school bowling career, and went on to bowl for Central Michigan University. He was the captain for four years, (1997-2001) In 2000, he had the second highest college series in the nation with an 801,

which included two 300 games. Chad lays claim to 29 -300 games, and 14 – 800 series (his high series an 836) He has earned high association average and series totals, highlighted by his personal high average of 242. Tournament success is indicated by his 28 titles (9 team, 10 doubles, 5 singles and 4 all-events) Chad has 35 years of sanctioned bowling, with 22 of those in Mt. Pleasant. He has also served as a league secretary. Chad's advise to those wanting to know how to become a top bowler is: "Practice, that's all it is. You get out of it what you put into it"



Raymond Klosowski

From the time he began league bowling at Pleasant Lanes after returning from the US Army in 1955 until he passed away in early 2016 at age 84, Ray knocked down more than a million pins and made hundreds of friends in the bowling community. He bowled on the same team for more than 60 years, until he began spending part of the winters in a warmer climate, where he pursued his other favorite sport- golf. In 1996, Ray rolled a 300 game. His high average was in the 190's. He entered the city tournament every year and in 2006 he teamed with Ralph Granger to win the City doubles/handicap division with a 1567.



Ray's contributions to the sport also included many years as sponsor, captain and league president. He was on the local bowling association board of directors for a few years, and in 2012 was elected to the Mt. Pleasant USBC board. He also participated in the National tournament several times, and has bowled in the State tournament many times.

Rebecca Pope

The list of positions held by Becky are many; including, serving on the local MPUSBC Board, coaching youth bowling, and serving as a secretary, treasurer, captain and a very dependable team member. A lot of Becky's family also bowls, including her husband, Eric, mother-in law, Joleen Owen (and her four sisters) as well as her kids, Maggie and Katelyn.



Becky feels "it is important to get kids into bowling and let them have some fun" She speaks from experience as she has helped youth leagues in her area for many years. She also served as Chair of Youth Bowling on the local USBC Board. As someone who states "I love the sport" it is good to know that she is always there when the sport needs an assist....any time.....any where!!

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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

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...

[substitute form open 2020](#)
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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....

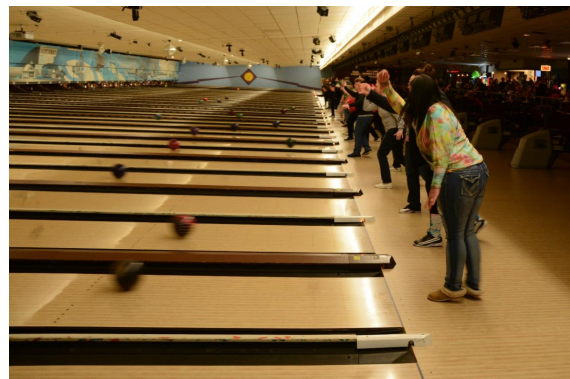
Thank you for helping us make everyone's tournament experience a good one!

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" balla 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 2nd 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 3rd highest series in USBC history and currently ranks 6th of all time.



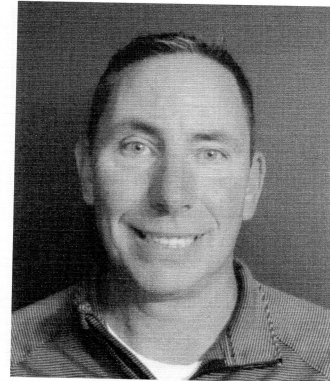
Pat has a career high average of 241, along with 24- 300 games, 9- 800 series, with a high series of 845.

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- 1st 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 1st 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 2nd Michigan State title as a member of the 1st 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.

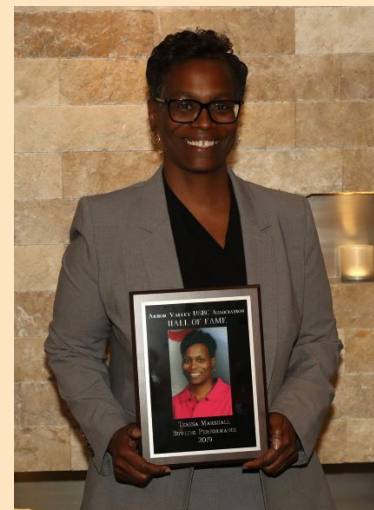


Arbor Valley Hall of Fame

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.



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From The State Office

CALLING THE STATE OFFICE:

Due to the unusually high volume of calls, and limited staff onsite, we ask that you submit your questions and concerns to us by email at michiganstateusbc@comcast.net. We will address each of these in the order received.

Unfortunately, we do not have answers yet as to when the tournaments may resume, what rescheduling will be possible, and how credits or refunds will be handled. If refunds are to be issued in the future, we will post a refund request form on our website. This form is not yet available so, your patience is appreciated as we navigate these unknown areas.

Please continue to visit our website for updates. This is a difficult time for everyone and our primary concern is for the health and well being of our membership.

We look forward to hearing from you by email.

Page from the President /Board of Directors

We do not believe the bowling world has had to deal with something like this ever before, or at least not in most of our lifetimes...

We see so many things that people are dealing with, that makes our issues seem small.

This is NEW and uncharted territory. USBC has cancelled some events with others on hold..

Please check Bowl.com for their updates and michiganstateusbc.com for state updates.
Status on events changes quickly... so please check frequently

The eternal optimist, I hope things work out and we can hold some of these tournaments, and/or complete others.

HOWEVER, the safety of our bowlers, board members, centers and their workers is MOST important, and that is our major concern.



The bottom line is this – we are all living in a unique time in the world. We make decisions on what we hope is the best interest of our bowlers. We are all human and are just trying to do the job that we are entrusted with, to the best of our ability.

The bowling family in our state has supported one another through many hard times.

Special thanks to those of you who have brightened our days with your comments. So....Let's pull together again to show the best that we can be!

And finally from the entire Michigan State USBC Board of directors:

**Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.
We know our bowling families will step up and help each other.
A Virtual HUG from us!**

#USA Strong

Michigan State Masters

Before the mandatory shut down the Masters tournament was held.

Craig Nidiffer of Dearborn Heights won the 2020 Michigan State USBC Masters Tournament at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park by defeating Daniel Pollak of Fraser 442-430 in the championship match.

Pictured on the right is Michigan State USBC Vice President, Ann Block presenting checks to Craig Nidiffer and Daniel Pollak.



Nidiffer qualified fifth with a six-game score of 1276. In match play he defeated John Unger of Warren 407-356, Michael McKitterick of Tecumseh 445-417, Aaron Lorincz of Center Line 468-429 and Pollak the first time 475-413. Nidiffer earned \$2,500 for winning the tournament.

Pollak defeated Trey Raynes of Westland 384-320, Gerald Johnson of Taylor 446-423, and Drake Bazy of Flat Rock 474-382 before getting knocked to the losers bracket by Nidiffer. In the losers bracket he defeated Drake Bazy 464430 to earn his way to the Championship match. For finishing second, Pollak earned \$1,500.

Bazy finished third earning \$1,000. Bazy defeated Richard Horodecki Jr. of Jackson 473-376, and JR Raymond of Clinton Twp. 421-410 before getting knocked to the losers bracket by Pollak where he defeated Cory Hines of Jackson 398-372 and Lorincz 434-427 before getting eliminated by Pollak 464430.

Lorincz was the top qualifier with 1435 and earned \$700 for finishing fourth. Lorincz defeated Conner Weber of Wayne 404-393 and Carl Boldt of Pontiac 424-329 before getting sent to the losers bracket by Nidiffer where he defeated Conner Weber of Wayne 454-436 and then was eliminated by Bazy.

The field of 76 bowlers averaged 189.70 during the six games of qualifying. The top 16 qualifiers averaged 211.60 during qualifying and 205.50 in match play. The Michigan State USBC Masters Tournament is a USBC certified event operated by the Michigan State USBC Association.

Top ten finishers

- 1st Craig Nidiffer- Dearborn Hts
2. Daniel Pollak - Fraser
3. Drake Bazy - Flat Rock
4. Aaron Lorincz _Center Line
5. Cory Hines- Jackson

- 6. Conner Weber- Wayne
- 7. J R Raymond- Clinton Twp
- 8. Carl Boldt - Pontiac
- 9. Michael McKitterick- Tecumseh
- 10. Trey Raynes- Westland

State Tournament bowlers -Women's

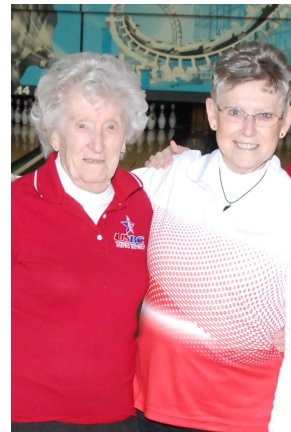
Women bowlers are honored every 5 years, beginning with their 25th year of bowling in the state tournament. Forms are available on the website and must be filled out by December prior to the year your 25th occurs.

Pictured are two of our honorees this year....

What makes these two special is they are mother and daughter and both of them are in the Michigan State Hall of Fame.

At the Women's Tournament in Muskegon, receiving her award for 55 years of bowling in the State tournament- Sharon Schildroth (right)

Her mom, Dorothy Thompson - at 97 years young received her award for 60 years. (left)



And yes, Dorothy bowled ALL events- Team, doubles and singles !!!

Due to the circumstances with the tournament, some of these ladies may need to wait until next year to receive their awards, but we want to list them here to further honor their contribution to the state tournament.

60 years - [Sue R Kersjes](#), [Dorothy Thompson](#)

55 years - [Mary A Galloway](#), [Sharon J Schildroth](#)

50 years - [Martha M Boron](#), [Barbara J Hammond](#), [Theresa Havrilla](#), [Marstyn S Jarkiewicz](#)

45 years - [Edie Anderson](#), [Rebecca J Arend](#), [Constance M Fordyce](#), [Beverly Grindle](#), [DonnaJo Kowalski](#), [Carol S Martin](#), [Sharon Rice](#), [Cherylle L Secl-Cross](#), [Marcella M Skiba](#)

State Tournament bowlers -Open



On February 29 and March 1 at the Michigan State USBC Open Tournament a father and son got to take to the lanes, for what they calculate, is the 48th straight year. The father/son duo of Albert and Joseph Wassa bowled the tournament in the metro Detroit area and participated in all three events.



Pictured above is the whole team which includes, besides Albert and Joseph, Fred Link from Barbeau, Lee Thompson from Rudyard, and David Ritter from St. Johns

They think the first tournament together was in Muskegon. Their favorite memories are just being together. They have won some money through the years. Albert who is 96 years young used to bring a whole squad to state tournament but now Joseph just gets a team of the guys to bowl on their annual weekend.

The teammates come from both the upper and lower peninsulas. The duo plans on bowling next year in Battle

Donations to the state youth program

As you may know, the state youth receive no money from dues.

We rely totally on contributions from the local associations, to support the state programs.

The associations that contribute are eligible for the 2019-20 Michigan State USBC Youth Awards program and Invitational tournament.

This year's donations are due by April 1st, 2020

Here is a list of Associations that have already made contributions

A BIG THANK YOU from the state board and your local youth bowlers.



As of this week

Donations received from:

- Arbor Valley
- Battle Creek
- Belding
- Boyne City
- Flat Rock Youth
- Greater Grand Rapids
- Greater Holland
- Greater Kalamazoo
- Greater Roscommon
- Greenville
- Lakeview Howard City
- Lansing
- Lenawee County
- Mason
- Metro Detroit
- Midland
- Mt Pleasant
- Petoskey Emmet
- Saginaw
- Sturgis
- Tuscola County
- Upper Thumb
- Vestaburg Edmore
- West Michigan

Boyne City Hall of Fame

An Association without a center.It happened a few years ago in Boyne City.

USBC put their charter on HOLD for almost a year, until new owners were found for "BC Lanes".

Chris and Sandy Nelson have transferred this center... doing almost a complete "re-do" to bring it to its current state.

Check out the picture,...How many centers you know have deer and a bear in the middle of the lanes ?

Also helping is Chantel Urber their general manager. They have increased their youth leagues and this year have 59 bowlers.

Not only is the bowling great, the food has brought many locals in for their specialty, the prime rib dinner.

The association themselves have made many changes and held their very first Hall of Fame dinner to honor their bowlers who have given so much to the sport. .



Connie Dhaseleer

Connie has bowled over 35 years in the Boyne City Area. She was treasurer in her league for around 20 years...she wasn't sure of the count as the years do go by rather quickly.

She served as director for the WBA (Boyne City) for many years, helping run the women's tournament.

She started this when scoring was done with paper and pencil! She was also on the merger committee, which as anyone who worked on those committees know, was a lot of paperwork!

Connie started a Sunday morning youth league that ran for many years. She took teams to the state tournament, sometimes paying their entry fee so bowlers could go.

Connie is pictured here with Kirk Smith -. Kirk nominated her for this honor.



Rex Judkins

Rex began his bowling career in 1949 while still in high school and has been bowling ever since. He bowled "downtown" at a four-lane house, where pin setting was still a way of life. In 1956, he was elected secretary of the Boyne City association and served for more than 35 years.

Rex took teams to state starting in 1961. In 1974, he was elected as a director on the Michigan State BA, where his expertise in Finance and Budget were extremely valuable. He became President of the BA in 1985. He received the Meritorious Service award in 1986 and was elected into the Michigan State BA Hall of Fame in June of 1999. His smile and sincerity endear him to all who cross his path...

Picture shows Rex entertaining the crowd with some of his stories from over 60 years of bowling.



Al Van Dusen

Al started bowling in the late 1950's, and with his group the "low" man was the pin setter.

Serving in the Air Force for over 20 years, he bowled in many of the bases in the US, including Southern California.

In 1981, he joined a league in Boyne City, at that time there were two shifts each night. He started bowling at 9:30 pm and many times it was past midnight when they were done.

He served as association secretary for over 15 years and was involved in the merger. His fellow board members and league members always said "Never had to worry when Al was secretary; he took care of all of it." He also served as President of the association for 7 years. Al helped put together the first yearbook for the association in 1976.

Al bowled in the state tournament for over 30 years, and currently still bowls twice a week. His high game was a 300 and his high series a 785, still maintaining an average around that 200 mark.



Ron Grunch

Ron drilled the bowling balls for many of the bowlers in the area. He was a co-founder of the Northern Michigan Majors tournament and was a member of the Semi-Pro Bowlers Association (1981)...now known as the Michigan Majors. He made the final show 3 times for the Michigan Majors and has a 7th place finish at ABC National in Tulsa with an 801. He maintained a 200 plus average for 30 years, and was a PBA member for 12 years. Some of the tournaments he won were the American Open (Saginaw) and the Caberfae Open.

He has had thirteen 300 games, and a high series of 803.

In giving back, Ron worked with the Youth for over 30 years, served on the Boyne City board for 20 years, and President for 7 years.



Midwest Tournament

So far this one is still a go....

This year's tournament will be held in Indiana. Doubles and Singles at Chippewa Bowl in South Bend and Team in Signature Lanes in Elkhart Lanes in Elkhart.

Tournament begins on May 23 and runs thru June 28, 2020.

Check out more information on their website: midwestwomensbowling.com

Entry link is below

[.Midwest entry 2020](#)

Seniors Tournament

We also still hope to host this tournament.....

If you are over 50 this tournament is for you..

Senior Tournament entry

Bowling will be at M-66 Bowl in Battle Creek

Dates: May 6-9 and 13-17

All squads start at noon.

Entries due by April 1, 2020

Divisions

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



Tournament entries

[2020 Women's State Tournament entry](#)

[2020 Open State Tournament entry](#)

[Queens State entry- 2020](#)

[Senior State Tournament -2020](#)

[2020 Youth State Tournament](#)



Hotel information for all three state tournaments
and tournament averages (women and open) are available on our website
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From the Michigan State Board of Directors

After many discussions and much careful thought, we are sorry to announce the cancellation of the tournaments that the Michigan State USBC runs for the bowlers in our state, that have not yet started this year.

This includes the:

Youth Championships & Adult/Youth Baker Tournament in Bay City,
Pepsi State Finals in Jackson
State Seniors Championships in Battle Creek.

We thank the centers involved for their understanding and hope that all of you as bowlers will continue to support them as they also move forward. Contracts are already signed for next year's events. We hope to again visit this year's tournament centers soon.

With the continuation of precautions needed to protect the health of all of our bowlers, center employees, local association members and state board members and their families, we feel this is a necessary step. We understand the disappointment that you may feel about this as we are just as disappointed in having to make this decision.

Due to the requirements of rescheduling everyone involved, IF and/or When we are able to continue the adult events (Open and Women's State) in Detroit and Muskegon we would start at least 30 days after the government's restrictions are lifted depending on the guidelines set by the state. Additional restrictions such as face masks, and social distancing, etc. would also have to be enforced.

Your cooperation is appreciated. You may ask for a refund or defer your fees to next year's events. All requests must come from the team captain on record for the adults.

So if you do not plan to bowl these events this year please, get your refund/credit request in as soon as possible.

THESE FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT FOR A REFUND

One form per team - No partial refunds/credit...

If paid by credit card - Credit Card account will be credited back

Team captains responsibility to see refunds are given back to bowlers in a timely manner.

REFUND REQUEST- ADULT TOURNAMENTS

The next step involves a lot of work from the state office staff, which are all working from home. If you are one of the teams that did not get to bowl, if you do not plan on bowling this year, and have not already submitted your refund/credit request form please, do that ASAP. The form is listed above and can also be found on our web page at www.michiganstateusbc.com. The form can be emailed or mailed back to the state office. All refund requests must be handled before a prize list can be generated on the women's and the open tournament **so, a priority will be given to these tournaments to process refunds.**

All youth requests must come from the league official that is listed on the entries. For the state tournament you may use one form but list the entry numbers in the correct spot. i.e. entries 58-70. **The Pepsi** is a little more complicated as each child has their own entry number. You may still use one form but must attach a sheet with the bowler's name and entry number listed. Again, **all requests for the youth must come from the league official on record.** Some centers pay for their youths entries, some have patrons that pay for some of the kids, and some kids have different last names than a parent or divorced parents, etc. It is impossible for us at the state level to be sure the money goes back to who paid for the entry. That responsibility belongs to the league official and we appreciate their help.

Refund - Youth form

Again, this is not a decision that we made lightly, we know how much this affects everyone involved, but we feel that we will not be able to run the events effectively while still maintaining safety procedures.

The state delegates meeting scheduled for June will also be delayed at this time. Please watch our news sources for more information on this as we reschedule events.

We hope that everyone stays safe and healthy and we are looking forward to seeing you again on the lanes!!

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BVL

First and foremost, I hope this email finds you safe and healthy during these very trying times. I know firsthand this has been challenging over the past 3 months and I am sure you are ready to get back to your jobs, staff, and bowling centers more than ever!

Even though state meetings and the USBC Convention have been canceled or postponed, we hope to visit many of you later this year.

As you probably have read, BVL recently donated \$100,000 to two Veterans Association national programs that were identified by the VA as areas where a BVL grant could have the most immediate impact. These programs are designed to keep a virtual personal connection during the COVID-19 pandemic with programs that address essential ongoing physical therapy and mental health needs such as depression and suicide prevention. We are so very proud to put your donations to work to support our veterans, especially during this crisis.

Understandably many associations were not able to conduct/complete their championship tournaments. These events are critical to your Association's success, and they are also one of the largest annual fundraising events for BVL donations.

Fortunately, many of you were able to raise funds for BVL before the start of the pandemic. If you have those donations and have not yet been able to send those in to the BVL office, please consider sending those BVL funds into our office when your association offices are cleared to reopen. We are aware your fiscal year is July 31st (as is ours), and we would like to process these funds for this year if possible.

Thank you for everything you do for our veterans. Please stay safe and healthy until we can see each other again!

Sincerely,
PLEASE..

Libbi Fletcher Send checks to:

BVL USBC Consultant BVL attn: Mary Harrar

E: libbi.fletcher@gmail.com 11350 Random Hills Rd. Suite 800

Fairfax, Va 22030

Centers and opening

Please help us to help our states proprietors get back to business.

Even if you are not personally ready to go back to a center, these centers need to have time to prepare for next season. They face many challenges in these times and will be ready for us only if allowed the time to get things done. Our centers take care of us all season long, now is the time to take care of them. Without them we have no bowling in the greatest bowling state in the U.S.

Attention Bowlers!

The Michigan Bowling Industry Needs Your Help!

The Governor's office has overlooked bowling centers in reopening plans. We need YOU to help let them know that bowling centers should be included in reopening plans NOW!



Lodge A Complaint with Michigan!
Or contact your local legislator

Call: (517) 335-5858

E-mail: owensR4@michigan.gov

E-mail: AdamsZ@michigan.gov

With the recent CDC findings that the virus is not contagious through surface contacts, we feel bowling centers can easily provide all the safety protocols in reopening NOW!

2020 Scholarships winners

This year's class of scholarship recipients have faced a different landscape in the world. Our unprecedented times have seen most important senior events cancelled or postponed indefinitely.

Sadly, the Michigan State USBC and the state wide bowling community may not get the opportunity to honor these young men and women in person. (although we are still hoping for an awards banquet.)

Despite the world crisis, each one of these 2020 graduates have taken the situation in stride and are looking forward to their next steps with optimism. We salute our recipients and their peers on their resilience in these uncertain times.

It is with much pride, we present the following individuals and honor them for their accomplishments both on the lanes and off.

Blossom King

Blossom King of White Pigeon and the Sturgis USBC started bowling at the age of four. Bowling has always been a family tradition. Her first bowl.com average in the Snoopy league was a 59. Blossom will now post a 196 yearbook average for the abbreviated 2019-2020 season. She has a high series of 703 and a high game of 268. She has competed in twelve (she was entered this year) state youth tournaments. Blossom has competed in fourteen local association tournaments. This fall, she will bowl collegiality for Trine University in Angola, Indiana. Bowling is a club sport at Trine and Blossom will become a member of the Thunder Bowling Team.

At Trine University, Blossom will be in their General Studies curriculum with a Pre-Law core. She would like to one day to work in the field of Criminal Justice. Trine University was a good fit for Blossom as it is very close to home. It is a short fifty minutes ride back to her family. The other great thing for her at Trine is she already knew the coach. He just happens to own her hometown center, Sturgis Bowl.



Blossom was a very involved student at White Pigeon Junior/Senior High School. She was a member of the National Honor Society and served as the club's secretary this past year. Blossom was a leader in the group's annual Operation Christmas fundraiser. She was part of the Interact Club, the secretary of student council, and a participant in Youth in Government. Blossom earned varsity letters in volleyball, track, and softball during her four years in high school. Showing her creative side she entered an art piece in a student exhibit at "Art Bounce" at the Carnegie Center in nearby Three Rivers.

Outside of school, Blossom has been working part-time at Sturgis Bowl. She works where she is needed and has worked as a waitress, cook, and in the arcade. Her favorite memory in bowling revolves around a high school competition where her opponent needed a spare and one pin to win. Unfortunately for her opponent a disaster happened and she made the spare then rolled the ball right into the gutter. The gutter ball forced a roll-off which Blossom won for the match. At this time like many of us Blossom is really missing her bowling community as it is her passion and her

Zachary Baum

Zachary Baum of Zeeland built a boat with his great-grandfather. The family likes to camp and their favorite spot has a nice lake. So Zach along with his great-grandfather, who just so happens to be the great-grandson of the founder of Chris-Craft drew up plans and built a boat. Once they started the rest of the family pitched in too. The pair named their boat, The Legacy Continues.

Zach attended Zeeland West High School and graduated with a 4.197 GPA. He was a member of the National Honor Society. As part of the NHS, he participated in food, clothing, and blood drives in the community. During high school Zach also ran cross country and lettered in the sport. He also competed for four years on the high school bowling team. Zach started bowling at Northland Lanes in Holland when he was ten years old. At the center, he bowled in local association, state and Pepsi tournaments. Zach has steadily improved his bowling each year and currently has a 192 average with a 725 high series and 286 high game to his credit. Two years ago, Zach moved his bowling to his hometown at Zeeland Lanes. At Zeeland, he has volunteered his time with the Friday Night Rollers, a league of bowlers with challenges. He assists with the running of the league and manually keeps score for the bowlers. Zach will continue to bowl next year at the University of Michigan (Dearborn).

This fall, Zach will move on to U of M-D and study mechanical or electrical engineering. He will also bowl in the Wolverines-Hoosier Conference with the varsity men's team. Zach wanted to go the University of Michigan and the chance to bowl collegiality made the choice of the Dearborn campus, the perfect fit.

Before Zach moves on to the next journey in his life, he will once again work at Dutch Village in Holland. This will be his fourth year at the local historical attraction. He has played many roles at the local landmark. Most recently, Zach was a Dutch dancer. He has also given presentations on such things as shoe carving, old farm living style, and original Netherlands cheese making. This year he is slated to work in the general maintenance department.



Isabell Young

Isabell Young of Adrian will be attending Olivet College in the fall. She will be majoring in Chemistry with a core study in forensic science. When she is done with her undergraduate studies, Isabell hopes to transfer to Michigan State University and pursue a Master's Degree in Forensic Science. At Madison High School, Isabell competed in Future Health Professionals (HOSA) events. This year, she competed in the medical spelling competition. She placed 2nd in the regional competition but opted not to go to the state competition because it conflicted with a high school bowling tournament. Isabell along with the rest of the HOSA group did charitable work in the community. Ironically, this fall the HOSA group trained elementary school kids in proper hand washing technique.



During her life she has been influenced by many health professionals that sparked her interest and now future plans.

Isabell will finish her high school career with a 4.07 GPA despite a very busy calendar. She was a member of the National Honor Society. She participated in the school's drama department and had a leadership role in this year's musical theater production of *Hairspray*. Isabell accomplished all of this while holding down a part-time job at Culver's. Since the pandemic she has been working double shifts at the restaurant. In what spare time Isabell has she loves to read and does some doodling. In addition, she volunteers her time to fill out forms and deliver meals to the seniors in her area.

A lifelong bowler Isabell started on the lanes at Hudson Lanes in Hudson at the age of three. At eight, her family moved to Adrian and she joined the youth leagues at Lenawee Recreation. She has competed in state, local, and Pepsi tournaments with her Saturday youth league. Isabell has bowled for her Madison

High School team for four years and has been voted Most Valuable Player every year. In the fall, Isabell will become a collegiate bowler at Olivet. She chose the school because it is a small, welcoming community with a friendly coach.

Noelle Phillips

Noelle Phillips of Traverse City will be off to St. Louis, Missouri in a few short weeks to start her collegiate career at Marysville University. Noelle will become a member of the Saints bowling team this year. When Noelle visited the campus of Marysville she loved the feel of the campus and the welcoming atmosphere of the bowling team. It felt like a good fit for her as she starts her journey to become a physician assistant.

Noelle started her career as a bowler at Parkview Lanes in Cadillac. She learned to love the sport and made lifelong friends. In 2009, Noelle's family moved to Traverse City and she started bowling at Lucky Jack's. Although Noelle has some other interests bowling is her biggest passion. Noelle has a high average of 169 and has had a 652 series and a 267 game. This year she entered the Michigan State USBC Youth Masters for the first time and won the female division. Noelle works at Lucky Jack's and does a little bit of everything. She works the front counter, arcade, and sometimes waitresses at the center. Her future plans in bowling include trying to participate in tournaments like the USBC Queens and the PWBA tour.

For the past several years Noelle and her family have collected funds for BVL. They spend about two weeks hitting every league in Traverse City and soliciting donations for the cause. Noelle's father is a Marine veteran and he has been active in this effort for some time. The family is especially devoted to BVL because the charity supports veterans with all kinds of disabilities. Noelle is a student at Traverse City West High School and will graduate with a 3.2 GPA. In college, she has a goal of maintaining a 3.8 GPA to get into a Physician Assistant Program after her undergraduate degree. Noelle is all about bowling but she has a soft spot for farm animals. You could say she is a closet farmer. This year, she secretly brought baby ducks into the house. The family fell in love with them, so they are still part of the family unlike the goat she brought home before that. It is only fitting that she will be attending a university whose mascot is a St. Bernard named Louie.



Noah Samuels

Noah Samuels cannot remember a time in his life that music did not play a part. The 2020 Plymouth/Salem High Senior comes from a musical family. Both of his parents were actively involved in the music field. Noah would like one day to work as a music producer and a background singer after graduation from Lawrence Technological University. At LTU he will major in music technology. Noah is currently a drummer/percussionist at his church New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. Noah is involved with the high school choir and is a student director of the high school choir clubs. Noah's second love is bowling. In high school bowling he was team captain for three years. He was a four year varsity starter on the team. Noah started his bowling career at Super Bowl in Canton. He bowled in their Strike Force bowling program for fourteen years. Noah was also a member of the Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic. His highest USBC certified average is 215. His 844 high series was bowled in WWYTC league play as was his high game of 300. At LTU, Noah will bowl for the school's bowling team. He decided to become a Blue Devil because of the power ranking of the team, the current members of the team, and the strength of the program. Along with their technology department the university was a good fit for him.

Noah who maintained a 3.4 GPA was a student leader in school. Noah was a leader in student athletics at his high school as part of the Student Organization of Salem Athletics (SOSA) Executive Board. This student group promotes athletics by attendance at events and fundraising for the betterment of all. Noah was also a student ambassador for Salem High. In that role, he mentored incoming freshman during their sometimes chaotic first year. One of Noah's letters of recommendation mentioned his friendship with a boy with special needs and the writer admired Noah for his kindness. The letter stated the boy had a hard time making friends. Noah became this young man's friend. When questioned about this friendship Noah just said, "We have fun". The mantra Noah likes to live by is "If you are have passion about something don't let anyone tell you, you can't do it".



Levi Kiefer

Levi Kiefer of Auburn had the kind of bowling season his senior year most would dread. An injury to his arm during his freshman year would cause him to have to sit out his senior season. In October, Levi had to have surgery to repair a triangular fibrocartilage complex tear (TFCC). His role this year in bowling would be that of cheerleader. This was a hard pill to swallow for the twice awarded Saginaw Valley All Academic Student/Athlete. During his freshman year, Levi broke his arm but still made the Junior Varsity Bowling Team. He was however, sometimes called up to be on the Varsity Team. The silver lining in all of this, was he got to compete in both the junior varsity and varsity end of year tournaments. The bad news was this break would lead to his recent surgery. Levi however, counts his bowling moments as his best part of high school. He enjoyed sharing the times with his teammates and all the cheering, support, and excitement during their high school competitions. Levi plans on bowling in leagues and tournaments in the future. He may even sub with his father and brother in their Friday night league this fall.



Levi believes in service to others. He has volunteered his time in various ways to help his community and his sport. Levi was a scorekeeper at Monitor Lanes during Bay City's most recent visits from the Michigan State USBC Youth and Women's Championships. He has also kept score for local Bay City Tournaments. Levi has logged over 100+ hours of service to his church and the local Knights of Columbus too. Levi is the dishwasher annually at St. Brigid's weekly Lenten Friday Night Fish Dinners. He volunteers to wash the dishes because no one else wants to do it and it is something he does not mind doing. He washes more dishes for the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfasts. These fundraising activities provide scholarship dollars for kids to attend St. Brigid's Catholic Grade School. Levi attended St. Brigid's from kindergarten through eighth grade. He feels the school gave him a strong foundation for the future and he would like to see more kids be able to experience that same benefit. This year the dinners and breakfast had to be cancelled and Levi is worried about the loss of fundraising revenue.

Levi is a student at Western High School in Bay City. He will graduate with a 4.146 grade point average. He has excelled in mathematics in his high school career and scored a perfect 800 on his SAT Math II Subject Test. He will study Economics at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in the fall. Levi would like to tie his passion for the environment and his economics degree into a career in government or law someday. In addition, to this scholarship from the Michigan State USBC Levi was also awarded two additional scholarships based on his merits.

**We wish all the best to the graduates of the Class of 2020
and share our hopes for bright futures.**

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Yes, the Pepsi tournament was cancelled

Yes, we had already ordered the shirts

So we had them made into a commemorative Edition

It has special printing on the back:

**Covid ended our tourney
Strike out Hunger
Stayed home Stayed safe Saved lives**

You can purchase this tee shirt on the link below

<https://trophyhousebrands.chipply.com/usbcypepsi/>

A portion of these sales will go to **Feeding America**, with sites in Grand Rapids, Flint, Lansing, and Detroit and a portion will go to a small business - Trophy House of Muskegon...

So if you can purchase a shirt, it will be a win, win, win for our wonderful sport in our hard hit beloved state. **If we can sell all the shirts the donation will provide over 4,000 meals.**

The Michigan State USBC is striking back against COVID-19 and we would appreciate any support you can give at this time!!!

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Due to the the virus concerns and the uncertainty of when centers can reopen; The Michigan State USBC Board of directors has made the difficult decision to close both state tournaments, the Women's and Open, as of **June 8, 2020**.

We hope you know how we feel, but as all of us navigate these uncharted waters, we are trying to do our best...

It still saddens us for the centers, for the associations, for all of the lost revenue and the expenses that were incurred on a local and on the state level as well, and especially for our bowlers.

Special thanks to all of you who have already sent in your forms for credit/refunds. However, If you have not sent in the form please do so as soon as possible.

[Refund/Credit form for Adults](#)

Checks for the tournament will be issued within the 30 days given by USBC.

We hope to still have a meeting and banquet, possibly in September or October, to honor our award winners and honorees.

Thanks to our bowlers for their patience, their understanding, and we hope to see you next season back on the lanes. Stay safe and enjoy your summer.

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We hope all of you are staying safe... Please read this article in the spirit it was sent in.

As bowlers, we long for the day that we can safely return to our local bowling centers and enjoy the sport that we love.

Please note: we are not trying to promote issues, or political division. We would just like to see our centers open again. All Michigan bowlers have to agree, without centers we do not exist. And if they are forced to continue to shut down, we may not have centers to go back to.

No matter if we choose to go to a center now, or not, we do believe that social distancing is possible for those that do want to bowl.

In that line, The Bowling Centers Association of Michigan has initiatives planned that you may be interested in.

First, If you would like to contact the governor regarding Michigan bowling centers reopening, please select the link below:

<http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-5485097/form>

Also, a rally is planned to support the safe re-opening of bowling centers at the Capital in Lansing on Wednesday, August 12 between 12 noon and 2 p.m. If attending, please arrive any time after 10:30 a.m., but before 12 noon.

Each bowling center in Michigan has been invited to participate in this rally. If attending, it is suggested that you contact your local bowling center and become part of their group.

Make sure to follow all CDC and Michigan guidelines, including social distancing and wearing of face coverings, if social distancing is not possible.

Please keep in mind this is simply a non-political rally to support the safe re-opening of bowling centers and nothing else.

We care about our bowlers and their safe return to the lanes.

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To all of our bowlers, we hope we can return to the lanes shortly.
But to keep you in the loop of our next steps...
This letter was emailed to association managers today.

Association managers:

Trying to be optimistic that our centers will open, leagues will begin, and our tournaments can be conducted, we have scheduled a pick up of your entries and state information for:

Saturday September 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

at the Quality Suites Hotel, 901 Delta Commerce Drive, Lansing .

This will be a drive-by pickup, in the back parking lot (north end). To minimize contact and to keep everyone as safe as possible, a board member will meet your car, and will get your state information/entries for your centers and association. Masks will be required for everyone.

For your efforts, each association will be paid for their round trip mileage. An expense form is attached to this email. Please bring this form with you and your check will be mailed to you.

Should you have questions regarding the state events for this season, please feel free to submit in writing at the time of pickup or alternatively submit them by email to: Manager@michiganstateusbc.com. We will attempt to get you the answers as soon as possible either by email or in a special edition of the Ten Pin Topics. (this is for all of our bowlers)

Along with the state entries, program forms/information, associations that donated to the support of the state youth and submitted their end of the year information, will be receiving the awards that your youth have earned. The

winner are now listed on our website under youth recognition and we are in hopes that we may still be able to offer the Invitational Tournament sometime in October.

Also, Included in this email is a **Local Association Officer's report form**. Please submit as quickly as possible so that we can maintain accurate communication records and if you are no longer the association manager, we ask that you please make sure the new manager is aware of this scheduled pick up date.

Among our programs and services are the following:

- The state association will again be recognizing all **FIRST TIME 300 GAMES/800 SERIES** for both men and women. Applications are listed on our website: Michiganstateusbc.com under forms/association.
- 600 club and 700 club memberships for women.
(Your association manager needs to fill out these forms-so be sure and get them the information)
-
- The Grant Program will again be offered; however, requirements and parameters have been changed – please see our website for the form
- Scholarships will again be offered to our youth members

Please visit our website at michiganstateusbc.com often, for tournament information, forms and events.

Please remember to submit your bowlers for these awards..... they are depending on you!

We hope you are all receiving the “**Ten Pin Topics**” which is our primary means of communicating with our members. If you do not receive this electronic newsletter, please let us know so that we can add you to our list.

For Our Youth:

We are pleased to share with you that the award programs that we have been providing to the youth members of our state will again continue for this season. These award programs will again be provided to all those associations that support the State Association with their financial donations. Once again, we are leaving the amount of your donation (based on your membership) up to the discretion of each association but we do ask that all donations be made by **April 1, 2021**. This will enable us to determine which associations are eligible for the Invitational Tournament and end of the year awards.

For those associations that did not participate in the program last year, we invite you to join us this year by making a financial donation to the state which is representative of your youth membership. And for those of you that **did** participate, we hope you will continue to support your youth.

For those associations that supported the State Youth this past season, we are again giving you two certificates for TWO free team entries into the 2021 Michigan State Youth State Championship Tournament. We will also recognize those certificates that were not utilized due to the cancellation of the 2020 State Youth Tournament. No requirements, you make the decision as to which teams will use these to represent your association! These will be sent to you in a separate email.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by phone, letter

or email.

We look forward to working with all of you!

Sharon Schildroth
Association Manager - Michigan State USBC

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Michigan State Mixed Tournament

The State Mixed Tournament has been cancelled for the 2020 fall season.

We hope to return to Ionia for the 2021 season (weekends in October)

The committee felt there are still too many unknowns with the virus and want to keep our bowlers safe.

Please make sure you have this on your calendar for October 2021.... we look forward to this fun tournament.

You can visit the Facebook page: Michigan State Mixed Tournament.



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The 2021 Tournament sites are waiting to see all of our bowlers.

[For the Open- Battle Creek](#)

M-66 (Doubles and Singles)

Bowlero Lanes (Team event)

[For the Women- Bay City](#)

Monitor Lanes (Doubles and Singles)

Alert Lanes (Team event)

[For the Youth - Detroit area](#)

Westland (for Doubles, singles and Team)

Just an additional note:

The letter we posted a few weeks ago was for:

LOCAL ASSOCIATION MANAGERS/ OFFICERS/ BOARD MEMBERS.

There was confusion, on some bowlers thinking they needed to pick up the supplies for themselves.

As in previous years, the association manager or a representative, picks up all the supplies and makes sure that you as a bowler receive them, by bringing them to you local bowling center or presenting them at your fall meeting.

The reason we sent the letter was to let you all know that we are working on the 2020-2021 season and to make you aware of awards that we present, forms that were available, and the entries were printed for all of our state tournaments.... OPEN, WOMEN and YOUTH.

We also want to remind you of the' **FIRST 300 and 800**" awards we do send from the state...make sure your local association is contacted if you are eligible for one of these wonderful plaques.

**Reminder : Local association representatives,
we hope to see you Saturday, Sept 19,
at Quality Suites/ 901 Delta Commerce Dr/Lansing
10- 4 o'clock....lower parking lot.**

Be sure and visit us on the website: michiganstateusbc.com

Adcraft Mixed League

We received this information from one of the bowlers on this league -thanks Paul Gross

Pictured are some of the bowlers on this league...and yes, they golf too !!



Paul let us know:

The Adcraft Mixed Bowling League is the oldest continuously established league in the Metro Detroit USBC (league started in the 1920s!).

After our season was cut short, like all others, by COVID-19, we officers had to go about the business of distributing point money. An idea came to mind: since the bowling center was going to go through tough times, we proposed to our league membership, giving the bowling center a \$1000 gift out of the prize fund to help the employees who bring us so much joy on our Thursday nights. The league unanimously voted yes.

I don't know how many other leagues went to this length to help out its bowling center, but I considered this a great example of support to our sport.

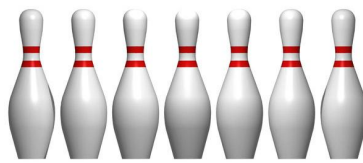
And we agree.....The generosity of bowlers is *awesome*.

Do you have a story of helping during the shutdown ?
Please send it to us.

We would like to recognize our bowlers for their contributions
and we all need **feel good** stories that brighten our days!



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Michigan State Queens Tournament 2020

One day Tournament
M-66 will host on November 21, 2020
Squad starts at 10:00 am
Entry fee - \$ 75.00
Lunch will be provided after the 6 games.
\$1000.00 guaranteed

We will limit the bowlers on a lane and do ask that masks be worn to the lanes or walking around the center. Masks will not be required when bowling or at your assigned tables.

The format will change a little to accommodate this one day tournament.

Bowlers will bowl six games moving after each game. Total pins will determine advancers.

Top Eight (8) will advance to one game double elimination matches following lunch. Additional advancement spots may be available based on number of entries. All advancers to receive prize money.

(Note: When the bowler loses a game, they go into the losers bracket and bowl someone else who has also lost. If they lose again, they are done. Eventually, the winner of the loser's bracket goes against the winner of the winners bracket for the championship)

The "Survivor" will be crowned the Michigan State USBC 2020 Queen.

[Queens 2020 entry form](#)

Youth Master's Tournament

MICHIGAN STATE USBC YOUTH MASTERS

Location: Royal Scot Lanes 4722 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing,

8 Game Qualifying Round – **Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 11:00 AM**

Practice begins at 10:45 AM

Match Play begins at 9:00 AM on Sunday, November 15, 2020

All Bowlers **MUST** check in at least 30 minutes before Tournament begins

ENTRY FEE: \$65.00 WALK-INS: \$75.00 Limited to 128 Bowlers (Lineage \$17.00)

Junior Gold Entries \$7.00

Award Opportunities \$41.00 **BOWLERS WILL RECEIVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE TO THE JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2021 BASED ON NUMBER OF ENTRIES BOYS and GIRLS DIVISIONS**

Junior Gold Memberships can be renewed or purchased the day of the tournament at an additional cost of \$30.

Junior Gold memberships for U-12 is \$10.00

Tournament will be run by the Michigan State USBC and is a USBC Certified Tournament-open to USBC Youth Members who are members of certified programs in bowling centers within the state of Michigan.

[2020 Youth Masters entry form](#)

Hall of Fame for 2020

Our congratulations to all our Hall of Famers

Thank you for your contributions

Due to Covid and no banquet this year....

These inductees will be honored at the Hall of Fame banquet in June of 2021.

Mark Moore-Superior Performance

Mark is from Macomb, and is a member of the Metro Detroit association.

Mark has four Michigan State titles to his credit winning the Team event in 1994 and 2011; Doubles in 2009 and All-Events in 2007.

Nationally he was on the winning Team in the USBC Open Championships in 2004 and a member of Team All-Events champion in 2012.

Locally he has won the Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC) Masters three times (2001, 2003 and 2004). Additionally he has won the MDUSBC Team (1994, 2001, 2004, 2006 and 2011), Doubles (1998), Singles (2005) and All-Events (2005). Eight times, he's been named to the All-City team. He was inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame in 2010.

His high career average is 246 (2005-2006 season) in 2003-2004 his high average was 241.

When the 300 games are counted, it is thirty-seven plus. His 800 series include 826,835, 838, his highest series an 846.



Jeff Austreng- Superior Performance

Jeff is from Waterford and is a member of the Metro Detroit Association.

He has won the Michigan State Masters tournament twice (2008 and 2011).

He has bowled in the national tournament for 25 years, and competed several years in the state tournament.

He bowled a 300 game in the 1999 USBC Open Championships in Syracuse.

He won the Metro Detroit USBC Masters twice (2005 and 2007). He was inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame in 2008.

He has been named to the All-City team for at least twelve times, the last being in 2018.

His high average came in 2014-2015 with a 253. In 2016-2017 his was average 246.

He has at least eighty-six 300 games and fifty-nine 800 series, including a high of 879. Some of his other high series were: 857, 853, and 846.

Jeffrey also is a center manager at 300 Bowl in Waterford.



Robin Orlikowski-Superior Performance

Robin Orlikowski's bowling successes to date would take a volume to print. This short story of her bowling career will focus on her accomplishments at the state level. Her induction into the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance is a well-deserved honor.

Little Robin Crawford followed her big brother down the block to their local 5 pin bowling alley. She was hooked on the sport. She would have success as a 5 pin bowler in her native Canada. Robin credits her accuracy in 10 pin bowling on her experience as a 5 pin bowler. The smaller ball, the greater spacing between the pins in 5 pin and no oil, demands a higher degree of accuracy. Robin would try her hand at 10 pin a couple of times during this period.

The family would move to Tennessee for the father's job in 1992. The transition to ten pin would start in "The Volunteer State". The local pro shop owner saw potential in young Robin and gave her lessons. As a youth bowler, Robin would go on to three Coke National Tournaments in Rochester, NY, Houston, TX, and Salt Lake City, UT. At age 16, she would take more lessons, this time at bowling camps run by the late Dick Ritger. Robin would then learn of a Kelly Kulick and her work at Morehead State. Robin started thinking about collegiate bowling and looked at finding her "right fit". At Morehead State, Robin would be a Lady Eagle and compete in Division 1 Bowling. In 1998, she would be named Collegiate Rookie of the Year. In a foreshadowing moment, Robin would win a collegiate award in 2001, named for Grand Rapids native, Marion Ladewig.

In 2000, Robin would become the Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow and give a speech with her puppet, Gloria the Gorilla that few in the audience will ever forget. Immediately following graduation, she would take a leap of faith and move to Milwaukee in the hopes she could get a job at the bowling campus in Glendale, WI. In the Greater Milwaukee area, Robin would find success in both city and state competitions. Robin would win the Wisconsin Badger Queens Tournament Title in 2003. While working at the bowling campus Robin would have the ability to bowl national, PWBA, and internationally with Team Canada. Although the job in Milwaukee was a bowler's dream, bowling would lead her to love and Grand Rapids in 2005.

Today, Robin runs a small business marketing firm in Grand Rapids and is married to fellow bowler Billy Orlikowski. She participates in all things bowling and is still winning titles. At the state level, Robin owns three team titles in the women's championships. She was the Michigan State Queens Champion in 2015. Robin was on the first place team in the Michigan State Mixed Tournament.

The following are some of the highlights from Robin's austere bowling career.



- o Eight National USBC Season Records for Game and Series for Team
- o Six Midwest Women's Tournament Titles
- o Seven All City Women's Teams in Grand Rapids
- o Detroit and Lansing Queens Championship Titles
- o Three Women's Series Cup Championships in Detroit
- o Four time Canadian Female Bowler of the Year
- o First women in the nation to roll a 700 series in a Sports League -741
- o To date: 14 – 300 games, 8 – 800 series

Robin is a wonderful addition to the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance and we look forward to her future achievements.

Jan Matson-Meritorious Service

Jan Matson of Sheridan is being inducted into the Michigan State USBC Bowling Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service. Jan has worn many hats in her bowling career and we celebrate her dedication to the sport with her induction as a member of the Class of 2020.



Jan began her bowling career in 1972, when the owner of Sheridan Lanes called and asked her to join a women's league at Sheridan Lanes. Together with her sister and some friends she joined her first team. Jan bowled for a couple of years and in 1976, was approached to become the secretary/treasurer of the Sheridan Women's Bowling Association. In 1985, Jan and her team moved to Double Six Lanes to bowl weekly and in 1986, Jan was approached to become the Double View WBA Secretary/Treasurer. In 1986, Jan started bowling at Greenville Lanes in two leagues. In 2000, Jan was elected secretary/treasurer of the Greenville WBA and in 2003, the Greenville Bowling Association needed an executive director and asked her to take the helm. To round out the group, in 2004, then Michigan USBC WBA President, Pat Russell recommended Jan for the open vacancy of association manager for the Lakeview/Howard City WBA. When all the associations merged several years ago, Jan became association manager for all the existing entities. She serves as association manager for Greenville, Sheridan, Vestaburg/Edmore, and Lakeview/Howard City USBC associations.

In 2005, at the annual meeting in West Branch, Jan was appointed to the seat of Director #5 of the Michigan USBC Women's Bowling Association. Jan had been, previous to her board appointment a member and chairman of the credentials committee. Jan would be appointed to the position of 2nd Vice President of the Michigan State USBC and then elected to the position. In January 2018, Jan would be elected to the same position with the new merged Michigan State USBC Association. She would run for the same position at the first annual meeting in 2019 and remains in that position today. On the state board Jan currently serves on the Finance Committee, Hall of Fame Committee, Delegate Reception/Awards Luncheon Chair, and Jamboree Chair. In the past Jan's committees included Strategic Planning, Tournament Opening, Legislative, Tournament Rules, Uniform, Publicity, and the Joint Transition for the merger. Jan served as the recording secretary for the former WBA as well. Jan was selected as the Michigan State Association Manager of the Year in 2011.

On the local level in addition to her association manager duties, Jan served as a director for the Double View WBA and Greenville WBA and BA. She was on the Mid-Michigan Youth Board of Directors and served as that association 2nd Vice President. Jan is a member of the Greenville WBA Hall of Fame and is a Nora Erskin Award winner from the Double View WBA.

Jan is still a very active bowler and at the present time is bowling 1½ times a week. She is both a regular bowler and a sub on two leagues. Jan has participated in 35 state women's tournaments, 10 WIBC/USBC Women's Championship Tournaments, 11 ABC/USBC Open Championship Tournaments, attended the WIBC/ABC/USBC Conventions six times. Jan was the All-Events Champion in the Michigan State Mixed Tournament in 2011.

The Michigan State USBC welcomes Jan Matson into the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame in the Meritorious Service category.

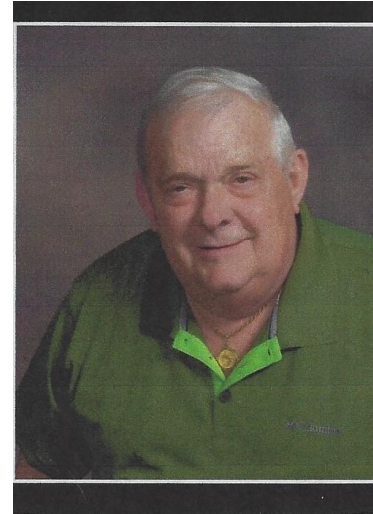
Pioneers of Bowling

The former BA and WBA each started Halls of Fame to honor both individuals for Superior Performance and Meritorious Service. Both Halls were started significantly after the associations inceptions.

This unfortunately left a time gap between achievement and induction. In an effort to close the gap and make sure worthy individuals are not left out of the recognition they rightly deserve; the special category of Pioneers of Bowling was added as a designation. The individuals are still placed in the Hall of Fame in

either Superior Performance or Meritorious Service. This is an effort to keep the Hall of Fame historically accurate. This year we have two recipients of this designation

Gerald Held is a bowler, proprietor, and a supporter of all things bowling. Jerry started bowling at age 12 and had a passion for it ever since. He and his family have been the proprietors of Monroe Sports Center in Monroe for more than 60 years. In that time, the center has hosted the Michigan State BA and WBA Championship Tournaments, a PBA Central Region event each year, and the Michigan Junior Masters Association. For his contributions to the sports as a proprietor Jerry has received numerous awards including the Distinguished Service Award from the Bowling Centers of Michigan, the Meritorious Service Award from MJMA, and the Pat Patterson Award from the PBA. The ABC recognized Jerry for his many years of promoting league bowling as a center owner. As a bowler Jerry has five 300 games and a high series of 778. His career high average was 220. Jerry has participated in 40 ABC/USBC Open Championship Tournaments. Living only a half hour from Toledo, Ohio, Jerry has crossed the state line during his bowling career and participated in tournaments over Michigan's southern border. He was the first Monroe County bowler to be inducted into the Greater Toledo Hall of Fame. Jerry is also a member of the Monroe County USBC Hall of Fame inducted in 1988.



In addition, to his service as a proprietor and bowler, Jerry has given back to his community in supporting numerous school programs at the lanes. For his philanthropic efforts towards the schools, Jerry has received the Good Apple Award from the ISD of Monroe County and the D.A.R.E. Award from the Monroe County Sheriff Department.

For all his numerous efforts on behalf of sanctioned bowling in the State of Michigan, we welcome Jerry into Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service.

Ruth Johnston was born September 2, 1895 and died March 14, 1977.

Her bowling career spanned from 1928 to 1950 in Detroit. Ruth was a member of the Metropolitan League, the forerunner to the Ladies Majors League, which bowled at Garden Recreation on Woodward Avenue. In 1939, Ruth would become the first women to bowl a 700 series in a sanctioned league, a city record that would stand for nine years. She bowled a 721 series which included games of 245, 245, 231. In the Detroit News article which researcher, Eric Hartman referred to in Ruth's nomination. They credit her with scores of city, state, and national titles. In 1931, she won the prestigious Central States Championship Singles Title. In the highly competitive Detroit market, Ruth was the highest average female bowler three times. At the state level, she won all-events in 1930, 1937, and 1939. During her career Ruth also won six state doubles titles, and at least two team titles. She could have possibly won more team titles as the records are incomplete in this era. Her highest recorded finish at the WIBC National would be in singles. Ruth finished fifth with a 635 series at the 1947 Tournament. Ruth was inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame in 1973 at a ceremony which was held at the Detroit Historical Museum with a dinner reception at the Pick-Shelby Hotel. It is stated in her obituary during her 23 year bowling career, Ruth never missed a night of bowling.



We welcome the accomplishments of this true Pioneer of Bowling to the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame in the Superior Performance category.

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[Youth Masters entry -2020](#)

State Youth Program

*As we hope you know the state gets no dues for the Youth.
We rely on contributions from our local associations.
So, what do your bowlers receive ?*

First, a recognition program which includes the following:

Two free team entries to the State Tournament per association
Honor Score Recognition (300, 800 – 700 for girls) and 298 & 299 games
High Average Recognition – By Association Level
High Average Recognition - State Level
Schildroth Invitational Scholarship Tournament – Scholarship points awarded
High Series Recognition – By Association Level
High Series Recognition - State Level
Most Improved Recognition
All Michigan Teams (1st and 2nd – girls and boys)

And any other award programs that the Michigan State USBC is considering or will consider implementing in the future.

The Schildroth Invitational Youth Tournament

Invitations to the Schildroth Invitational Tournament are based on high averages within associations. The state relies on reports sent in from local associations

The Schildroth Invitational was held on October 18, a little later than our planned date in June. Royal Scot hosted this event and did a great job of helping the kids have fun, including a pizza lunch afterward. All Covid mandates were followed.

You knew when you walked in the door that this was a youth tournament.
Nine o'clock in the morning and we saw a bowler walk by with a hamburger and fries
The Breakfast of Champions !!!!

Over \$4125.00 in Scholarship Opportunities Points Awarded

8 and under girls

Makenna Holden – Sturgis, Group D - 493
Kenzington Sulzener - Grand Rapids - 476
Ashlynn Boyce - Greenville, Group B - 475
Joslynn Green - Bay Area - 455

8 and under boys

Ryder Southern – Bay Area - 565
Brennan Brandel - Saginaw - 539
Cameron Pettenger - Grand Rapids - 515
Aiden Mason - Metro Detroit - 510
Ryley Wojtylko - Monroe County - 510

9-12 girls

Maggie Smith – Arbor Valley - 634
Madison Rue- Lansing, Group C - 605
Jayna Larson -Three Rivers, Group F - 585
Abby Hill - Monroe County - 582

9-12 Boys

Derek Mausolf- Bay Area - 716
Cody Champion – Metro Detroit - 683
Hunter Wyszynski- Monroe County - 672
Max Argumedo- Charlotte, Group C - 666

13-15 girls

Kortnie Matz - Sturgis, Group D - 686
Hailey Looze - Boyne City, Group B - 679
Caeli Schultz - Bay Area - 668

Kylee Dines - Grand Rapids - 628

13-15 boys

Nicolas Schaberg - Mason, Group E - 823

Jaedyn Strickland - Kalamazoo - 791

Cole Peters - Metro Detroit - 758

Markus Grebe - Arbor Valley - 740

16-19 girls

Adrianna Good - Charlotte, Group C - 791

Jenna Funk - Lakeview Howard City- Group A - 786

Jillian Roush - Greater Lapeer, Group G

Maya Janowicz - Bay Area - 737

16-19 boys

Jack Wicker - Boyne City, Group B - 835

Logan Lemmer - Saginaw - 795

Charles Florence - Metro Detroit - 786

Ryan Ruffrage - Greater Lapeer, Group G - 710

**A complete list of the bowlers results is on the website Michiganstateusbc.com
Along with some great pictures !!!**

Youth Pepsi Tournament

IMPORTANT!

NEW THIS YEAR ALL PEPSI QUALIFYING WILL BE DONE IN THE FALL
2 WEEKS IN OCTOBER

DEADLINE FOR ALL PEPSI ENTRIES IS JANUARY 7, 2021

Remember this is a Qualifying Tournament only

and per USBC Rules

No pre-bowled or post-bowled scores are allowed when determining advancers

600 Mail-O-Graphic Tournament

[2021 Mail-O-Graphic entry form](#)

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[Mail-O-Graphic Rules](#)

BVL

Dear Bowling Friends,

As you know, November is BVL Month in America, and as a special treat, Re-Creation will perform a patriotic concert on Veterans Day, November 11th at 7:00pm Eastern Time. It will air on their [YouTube channel](#).

We hope that you take the time to watch it and see how talented this group of young men and women are that your donations support. They truly brighten veterans' lives every day!

BVL continues to support our American heroes through your generosity



and efforts. If you need any suggestions on how to run a fundraiser during November, please email me at mary@bvl.org or call 703-934-6039.

Please share this information with your friends and enjoy the show!

MARY HARRAR
BVL Executive Director

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The Michigan State USBC Board of Directors wish you all a **Very Merry Christmas** (even if it is virtual) and a New (Improved) Year!

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Vice Presidents: Ann Block and Jan Matson

President: Merry DeBoer

Association Manager: Sharon Schildroth



MICHIGAN STATE USBC YOUTH MASTERS

This year's Michigan State USBC Youth Masters Tournament made a return visit to Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing on the weekend of November 14th /15th.

We had 66 bowlers compete this year. Saturday's 8 game qualifier had a field of 44 boys and 22 girls. That count made it possible to cut to the top 16 for the boys division and the top 8 for the girls division. Once again, those that made the cut returned on Sunday for a double two game elimination bracket match competition.

After Saturday's qualifier, Ian Cain of Livonia and Karli VanDuinen of New Era topped the leaderboard. Alas, Ian was dispatched to the losers bracket, losing again in the first round. Unfortunately, his successor met a similar fate shortly thereafter. In the meantime, Brandon Leavitt of Novi, who placed 6th in the brackets managed to defeat all his opponents while getting to their finals. In the finals, Brandon faced David Schaberg of Holt and remained undefeated, downing David 342-307, claiming the boys championship.

Meanwhile on the girls side, Karli experienced better luck, running the winners bracket to the finals, where she had to face Melanie Straub of Chesterfield. Melanie, who was 2nd in the brackets defeated Karli in the first set, 396-355, forcing a roll-off match. Melanie maintained her strong performance by rolling a 387 against Karli's 349, taking the girls top honors.

We want thank Todd and the entire Royal Scot team for so graciously hosting us this year. We also want to thank our sponsor, Motiv Bowling for not only their contribution but the equipment and supplies they brought to bolster our raffles. A huge thank you as well to fellow board members for all their help. Without Scott, Dale, Anita and Natalie, this tournament could never have been as successful as it was this year.

We also want to extend a special THANK YOU to all the bowlers and parents for helping make this tournament a success despite the issues of this year. Congratulations to Brandon and Melanie on their state titles. Stay strong, be safe and we look forward to seeing all of you again next year!

Randy Tambourine - Tournament Supervisor Reporting



Brandon Leavitt
Novi



Melanie Straub
Chesterfield

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