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## *Hall of Fame*

Every season we try to honor bowlers for their induction into their local Hall of Fame.

So many dedicated people that have given years to this sport, and it is our privilege to recognize them in this small way. Reading about all their accomplishments is truly humbling.

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## **Arbor Valley Hall of Fame**

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**Robert (Todd) Skye**  
**Bowling Performance – 2020**

Todd began his bowling career in the Huron Valley YABA youth leagues and has been active in bowling in multiple capacities since that time. He is currently a director on the board of the association and has been a youth league coordinator. He assists with the running of the Ed Rondot's Pro Shop Shootout.

Todd was a member of the "Colonial Lanes" team that captured the actual team title in the 2008 Open tournament with a 3433 scratch score. In 2018 his team "All In" won the actual team title with a 3502 score. Also in 2018 he paired with Ron Ellis to finish in third place in actual doubles with a 1485 scratch score.

Todd regularly participates in the Michigan State Mixed Team tournament and his team finished in first place in the 2016 tournament. In the 2018 tournament he paired with his wife Traci to finish second in actual doubles and third in handicap doubles. Todd won the Chris Larsen Inaugural Memorial Tournament.

His high average of 228 came during the 2020-21 season in the Monday Fun league at Maplewood Lanes. His high series of 822 came on games of 256,266,200 in 2012. Todd has bowled sixteen (16) 300 games and five (5) 800 series.



**Charles (Cam) Mitchell**  
**Bowling Performance – 2021**

Cam bowls in multiple leagues at Brighton Bowl and Striking Lanes in the Northern part of the association. The strong throwing left-hander can overpower the pins with his velocity and accuracy.

His success on the lanes began as a youth bowler. In the 1997 Michigan State Annual Youth tournament he finished in third place in the team event and third place in singles. Cam captured the handicap all-events title in the 2018 Association Annual Open tournament with a 2355 handicap score. He also bowled a 300 game in the tournament held at Maplewood Lanes. In the 2020 Michigan State USBC Annual Open tournament his team "Kennedy Industries" finished in second place in team handicap. Cam participates in the Ann Arbor 700 Club tournaments and finished in first place in the 2019 600/700 Club Mixed Foursome. He has several other high finishes in the 700 Club events.

Cam also coaches high school bowling and coached at Pinckney High School and Hartland High School.

His high average of 227 was accomplished in multiple seasons. His high series of 823 and on games of 258,286,279. Cam has twenty (20) 300 games and three (3) 800 series to his credit.



**Christopher M. Collar**  
**Bowling Performance – 2021**

Chris is a lifelong bowler in the area and comes from an avid bowling family. His father Dale Collar was an active bowler and his mother Betty (Sue) Collar is still active in bowling and has a 300 game to her credit. His brother Erik was inducted into the Arbor Valley USBC Hall of Fame in 2017.

The strong throwing right hander is a regular in the association's Annual Open Tournament with several titles and near titles to his credit. He won the 2010 Open tournament handicap (1580) and actual (1518) doubles titles with Doug McIntire as his partner. In the 2016 tournament his team "I was in the Pocket" won the team actual title with a score of 3536. In the 2009 tournament he finished second place in actual all-events with a 2191 pinfall and third place in actual singles with a 763 score.

Chris' high average of 246 for 66 games came during the 2013-14 season in the Veteran's/U of M Men's league at Colonial Lanes (now Revel and Roll). His high series of 834 came on games of 267,299,268 and was bowled in the 2010-11 season at Maplewood Lanes. At last count he had bowled twenty-four (24) 300 games and sixteen (16) 800 series.

**David P. Diemedi**  
**Legends Division – 2021**

Dave is being honored posthumously as the first inductee in the new Hall of Fame category that is named the Legends Division. This category recognizes bowlers who have contributed to bowling for a substantial number of years and were successful on the lanes during periods when scoring was much more different than today's conditions.

Unfortunately, Dave passed away on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 after a brief illness. Despite multiple requests to do so he was hesitant in submitting his application for the Hall of Fame for Bowling Performance. He felt that should be done when his bowling career has ended.

Dave moved into the area in the late 1960's from California. He was a bowling proprietor (Washtenaw



**James M. Gibbs**  
**Bowling Performance – 2020**

Jim is an avid bowler and participates in multiple leagues throughout the association. He welcomes the challenge of competing against accomplished bowlers in tournament competition. If there is a local tournament in progress there is a good chance you will see Jim there.

His team "Striking Lanes" won the team actual title in the 2005 Association Annual Open tournament with a score of 2932. In the 2008 Open tournament he paired with Les Gentry to win the actual doubles title with a 1416 score. In the 2012 Open tournament his team "Cottage Inn" was the handicap champion with a 3743 score. In the 2015 Open tournament he won both the singles actual and singles handicap titles with a 795 actual and 832 handicap total. His team "Tags Sports Complex 2" placed third in the handicap team event in the 2014 tournament.

Jim's high average is 228 and his high series of 825 came on games of 257,268,300 at Lodge Lanes in the AABPA Summer Travel league. He has bowled seven (7) 300 games and six (6) 800 series.



Lanes) and bowling pro shop owner at various locations. He sponsored many bowling teams over the years and helped many area bowlers improve their bowling skills.

An accomplished league and tournament bowler himself he bowled in the famed Detroit All-Stars league on several high caliber teams. He won two (2) Michigan Majors tournament titles in 1975 and 1976 against the top bowlers in Michigan and vicinity. In the 1972-73 season he had the high association average with 202. He was in the top five (5) association averages for many years. He had seventeen (17) 300 games with the last coming at age 80. He has two (2) 800 series. He won a doubles actual title in the 1993 annual tournament with Steve Luckhardt, a team actual title in 1994 with "Pro Line Pro Shop" and a second place handicap and actual doubles title in the 2013 Open tournament with Donnie Odum.

## Lansing Hall of Fame



Lindy Burton is being inducted into the Lansing Bowling Hall of Fame in the Accomplishment category for her achievement in the sport.

Lindy is a lifelong resident of the Battle Creek area and started her bowling career in the 1982-83 season at M-66 Bowl, the same year she became employed by the center. Earning 11 varsity letters during her high school years in Bellevue, being a competitive pitcher in the fast-pitch softball arena, bowling was inviting. That first season, with a house ball and a 145 average, was a lot of fun. Fast forward to the 1985-86 season, her first career 300 game was a highlight. Five seasons later, Michigan State Queen's Champion was a major career accomplishment. Lindy credits her rise in the game to Kim Kopf, joining her in the Classic League arena of bowling. Working on her game with Kim's brother Randy, moving from a 4 to a 5-step approach and building confidence. Bowling average and accomplishments were on the rise as a student of the game.

Lindy said:

While there are many highlights to a wonderful bowling career in Battle Creek, it was participating in Lansing leagues and tournaments that are the most memorable. The high level of competition and opportunity to compete in the many centers alongside many Hall of Famers was a blessing to my bowling career, I loved every minute of it. Traveling twice



Jim Andros is being inducted into the Lansing Bowling Hall of Fame in the Meritorious category for his outstanding contributions to the game of bowling.

He began his bowling career at the age of 11. At St. Mary, Jim met Keith Bassar. Keith's parents (John and Elaine-HOF) were managing Dines Lanes and Keith asked him if he wanted to bowl. Jim began bowling with Keith at Strand Lanes in the Nehi League. Over the next few years, they bowled in the junior leagues at Dines and eventually Westlawn. In 1960, together with other teen-agers, they joined the Men's League at Timberlanes and were quite competitive. Their Coca-Cola team (Jim, Keith, Rich Bond, Jeff Curtis and Bill Mattila) bowled in the ABC tournament in Detroit in 1961. Over the years, Jim bowled in 36 ABC/USBC tournaments averaging 186.

During his early college years, he continued to bowl at Westlawn on Saturdays and in the men's league at Timberlanes. He was a member of the MSU bowling team during the 1965-67 seasons. In 1966, he and Bill Allen won the Big Ten Doubles Tournament. Over the next 20 years, Jim bowled on teams in Lansing men's leagues with over 20 Hall of Famers. When Jim moved to Fenton in 1986, his league

a week to Lansing for league play and plentiful weekend events was a blast. Participating with many great teams and traveling the country on trips to State and National Tournaments created lasting memories that bowling seemed secondary at times. My love of the game has driven me to serve on the local board of directors for over 30 year and as league secretary for as many years and continues to this day. Thank you to all of you who have dedicated time to this sport and especially to the Greater Lansing Hall of Fame committees for honoring my lifetime achievements. This is truly an honor and my pleasure for sharing the lanes with so many of you!

bowling diminished, but he still bowled in the State and ABC tournaments with Lansing friends. When he retired in 2001 and moved to Fowler, he returned to active participation in leagues and Senior Tournaments. Gradually, Jim took over managing the Senior and Super Senior tournaments, that included the 120 Doubles and the 50+ Open Doubles. In 2019, he put together the first Senior Trio Tournament. Jim also compiled history detail of the Senior/Super Senior mini-matches going back to 2004 and a summary listing of all Lansing area bowling establishments dating back to 1955. Jim is proud of winning 11 various Senior/Super Senior tournaments, currently the 3<sup>rd</sup> most of any active senior bowler, and being a member of 5 All City Teams.

Jo Haley is being inducted into the Lansing Bowling Hall of Fame in the Accomplishment category for her achievements in the sport.

Jo Haley was born in Lansing, Michigan in 1932. She got the bowling "bug" after a junior high gym class went to the Strand Bowling Alley in 1946. At the age of 19, she started subbing at Timberlanes. She bought her first bowling ball from Bushes' Jewelry Store. Paul Vincent became her coach and took her under his wings. She quickly raised her average to 165. If Jo had a bad night at bowling, her teammate Betty Easton was able to keep her game in perspective. She worked full time in the late 1960s and 1970s at Timberlanes. Jo was very proud of her doubles titles with her sister, Carol Beckner. One of her other thrills was watching Nan Poquette throw the first Women's 300 game in Lansing history in December of 1965.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Average Relief is not automatic...it must be approved by USBC  
Bowlers cannot use another average in any tournament because of an injury, they must have it approved by USBC - rule 4e

### First 800

Nicole Harrison rolled her first 800, right on the nose .

Pictured are the awards from USBC, Michigan State and her local association, Greater Detroit USBC

Great Bowling!!

Just a reminder for all- the Michigan State USBC provides these awards for the bowlers first 300 game, or 800 series, so be sure and let your association manager know., so they can submit to us.



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