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Michigan State USBC Queens

The Michigan State Queens Tournament was held the weekend of November 20-21. There were 64 participants, the most since 2013. It was indeed a GREAT tournament. There were several first-time bowlers, ready to challenge themselves against some of the best veteran bowlers in the state.

Highlights of the tournament included Michelle Berryman rolling a 300 game and Ashley Denard's 299 game.

Pictured - The Queen - Stacey Timmer, and her court: (left to right) Lisa Doss (2nd), Ashley Denard (3rd), and Michelle Berryman (4th)



The format for the event started with Saturday morning the bowlers, rolling 2 four game blocks with the field being cut to sixteen for the 6:00 pm squad. After four more games of competition, the top 8 qualifiers advanced to the Sunday match game round. Those bowlers were: Lisa Doss, Ashley Denard, Jenna Pollak, Stacey Timmer, Sandra Schultz, Natalie Miskiel, Michelle Berryman, and Amanda Barry.

The match play round on Sunday morning had these eight ladies roll 8 more games including a position round to make the 4 place step ladder finals.

In the first game of step ladder competition the fourth place qualifier, Michele Berryman rolled a 178 against Ashley Denard's 238. The next game saw Ashley bowl a 202 to the Lisa Doss game of 217. In the final match, Stacey Timmer, claimed her victory with a 246 to Lisa's 217. Stacey received first place money of \$2000.00, the 2021 Queens pendant, and the Queens Crown. In addition, she also receives a free entry into next years tournament and if she chooses an entry into the USBC Queens Tournament which, will be reimbursed upon proof of entry.

Thanks to M 66 staff for hosting and running a tip top center - Special thanks to Lindy Burton and Kim Kopf both former Queens Champions for helping the MSUSBC staff run this wonderful event.

Thanks to all who participated and we hope to see you all next year.....Please bring a friend or

2021 Youth Masters

This year's Michigan State USBC Youth Masters Tournament made a first time visit to Westgate Bowl in Comstock Park. The tournament was held the weekend of November 13th/14th.

A highlight at this year's tournament saw 2020 defending Masters Champion - Melanie Straub roll a 299 game in match play.

The tournament returned to more normal numbers with 93 bowlers competing in Saturday's 8 game qualifier. The tournament had 56 boys and 37 girls in competition. The number of participants enabled the cut to be to the top 16 in the boys division and the top 12 for the girls. The qualifiers returned on Sunday for a two game double elimination bracket match play competition.



After Saturday's qualifying, David Schaberg of Holt and Emma Siekierski of Davison (pictured) topped the leaderboards.

Both top qualifiers managed to run the winners bracket, David met up with Connor Rogus for the boys final while Alissa VanHorn would meet Emma in the girls. David remained undefeated with a score of 443 to Connor's 341. Emma would follow suit, besting Alissa 447-373.

As always in the Youth Masters Tournament, all bowlers making the cut will earn scholarship opportunity points through the MSUSBC and SMART program.

Special thanks to Jena, Jacque and the entire Westgate Bowl staff for so graciously hosting the tournament this year. Many thanks also go again to our Youth Masters sponsor, Motiv Bowling, for not only their contribution but the equipment and supplies they bring each year to bolster our raffle sales. A huge thank you to my fellow board members for all their help without Karen, Scott, Dale, Jason, and Natalie, this tournament would not be possible.

We want to also extend a special THANK YOU to all the bowlers and parents for helping make this tournament a success. Stay strong, be safe and we look forward to seeing all of you again next year.

Randy Tambourine - Reporting

State Mixed Tournament

The State Mixed Tournament which runs weekends in October every year concluded recently.

Thanks to "The Alley" in Ionia for hosting this year's event. Thanks to Ella Sharp and her "staff" for running this fun and well organized event. The Mixed Tournament which, is affectionately known as the "Potato Tournament" gave many sacks of potatoes good homes.



Plan to join in on the fun next year (2022) at **Northern Lanes in Sanford** (Midland area)

Final Standings are below:

[State Mixed Tournament - 2021 final standings](#)

Senior Tournament

The Senior tournament moved competition dates this year... Many of our seniors indicated they liked this time of year better. Some even made a weekend out of it... Think color tours!

Special Thanks to Rick & Don and the Monitor Lanes staff in Bay City for

hosting this event. Many thanks also to the Bay Area USBC for help with the staffing of the tournament.

Our "All Events" winners will be eligible to represent Michigan at the national tournament and will be contacted at a later date when the location is announced by USBC.

Special Congratulations to Anthony Grochowalski, (pictured) a Greater Grand Rapids USBC Member for a 300 game/804 series.



[Senior Tournament Prize list - Women](#)

[Senior Tournament prize list 2021- Open](#)

Frankenmuth-Vassar Bowling Associations Hall of Fame



Myron Jackson

Myron a long time bowler and coach, is one of this year's inductees.

Myron adds outstanding bowler to the list of accomplishments he has had in his lifetime. From picking up a ball at 18 to many nights shutting down the Brentwood and countless leagues, to coaching his kids and the high school teams. Jackson has put his time in here at the lanes.

Myron is amongst many in his family that find their home on the lanes, from his grandma and parents to his kids there are many Jackson's scattered throughout the leagues over the years. He takes great pride in his family accomplishments as well as all of the teams he has coached over the years. Many conference, regional and states titles have been earned under his guidance.



Justin Morel

After joining a league at a young age, bowling had become a big part of Justin's life. Although, Justin enjoys the competition, the friendships that have been created are most important.

During his thirty plus year bowling career he has bowled in two or more leagues a week, actively participated as a board member for our bowling association and for the Hall of Fame committee. Justin also spent a couple of years coaching the Reese High School Boys varsity team.

Some of the more memorable moments for Justin is bowling in Reno at Nationals with Dennis Johnson, winning our association doubles tournament with Julie Oczepek, being part of a team with Don Morton, Wayne Helm, and Tony Reinert that held a top series nationally but his favorite one is when he bowled his first 300 game while in Richville on a team with his dad Ron Morel, and cousins Larry and Brian Morel.

Justin's love of bowling brought him and his wife Toni to purchase Richville Recreation Bowling bar so he could continue to share his love of the game with others as well as learn as much as he could about the sport.



Julie Oczepek

Julie started bowling over 40 years ago at Stardust Lanes in Saginaw. Julie bowled with her dad, Ron Oczepek, in a family league then with friends in the Saturday morning youth leagues.

Julie's career highlights include thirty 300 games, nineteen 800 series with a career-high of 858. She won the Tuscola Bowler of the Year award twice, was the Saginaw Bowler of the year seventeen years. She was inducted into the Michigan Hall of Fame for Superior performance in 2004-2005 and Saginaw Bowling Hall of Fame in 2014-2015. Other notable achievements for Julie include winning the National 600 Club Tournament, was awarded the National High Average Award in 2005-2006 with a 237 average, and became the first and only woman to win the Michigan Major Rookie of the Year title in 2008-2009. She has won several state titles, including Actual All Events in the Women's State Tournament, Michigan State 600 Club, both actual and handicap and all-events titles on multiple occasions, two Michigan Queens titles, two Metro Detroit Women's series titles, and several Midwestern Regional titles. On the local level, she has several Saginaw City Tournament and Tuscola County titles consisting of Singles, All Events, Team, and Doubles championships.



Geoganna Torrey

Geoganna bowled for over 30 years. She bowled in many tournaments including the Moscow doubles with her husband Rodney and the trio tournament.

Bowling was a big part of her life and she won a lot of pins and trophies over the years.

She was always up for the challenge of winning the game.

Bay City Hall of Fame



Joe Manor

Joe was a member of Bay Area Bowling Association for 25 years before a job transfer relocated him. His league and tournament participation continued in the Lansing area. Throughout his career, Joe has established himself as an accomplished bowler and has participated on the All Star team 14 times. Some of Joe's additional accomplishments include averaging over 220 for many years. His award scores include: (40) 300 games and (18) 800 series with 842 being his highest series.

Joe has participated in many City Tournaments, State Tournaments, and National Tournaments with 10 City Tournament titles to his credit. He has also bowled in the local and national 700 Club Tournaments with a 2006 National 700 club title to add to his resume.

With all his years of participation in tournaments, Joe has many titles and achievements that include:

- National UAW Tournament, Team titles 1997, 1999, and 2003
- Michigan Majors Titles (3) 1994-1996
- Northern Michigan Majors Titles (10) 1990-1996
- Michigan Youth State Tournament Team Event 1986
- Michigan Majors Hall of Fame member 2010
- Northern Michigan Majors Bowler of the Year 1991, 1992, and 1994
- Northern Michigan Majors Director of the Year 1994
- Sportsman of the Year 1995
- 1988 Bay Lanes Invitational

For all of these accomplishments, we congratulate Joe on his induction into the Bay City Bowling Hall of Fame for "Superior Performance".



Ken Kurlinski

Ken has been an active bowler in Bay City for 27 years. We are sure that this induction will be very special for Ken as he joins his father, Richard, who was inducted in 2006. He has bowled on 8 All Star teams over his career and has many league championships under his belt.

Ken has many bowling accomplishments, which include averaging 200-219 and 220-229 numerous years, with 241 being his career high. To his credit he has (16) 300 games, (6) 298-299 games, (3) 800 series, and numerous 700-799 series. He has participated in (22) City Tournaments, (22) State Tournaments, and (20) 700 Club Tournaments with one title. Ken has also participated in the Northern Michigan Majors, Bay Lanes Invitational, Captain Sponsor, Monitor Match Play, and State Polish Tournaments.

For Ken's dedication to and achievements in the game of bowling, We are pleased to welcome you into the Bay City Bowling Hall of Fame for "Superior Performance".



Judy McQuarter

Judy's bowling career has spanned over 40 years. During that time she has enjoyed bowling with many family members and friends. Judy has participated in many local, state and national events. She has also competed on 19 senior All Star teams.

During her time on the lanes, she



Dale Hofmeister, Jr.

Dale has been bowling in the Bay City area for 41 years. Throughout those years, Dale has many achievements including averaging 220-239 (18) times and 240 & over (10) times. His highest career average is 250 as he has held the Association high average award (12) times with a record of four years in a row (2011-2014). Also to his credit is (140) 300 games, and over (75)

has maintained an average of 150-179 for 30 years and has averaged over 180 twice, with 183 being her highest average. Judy has rolled a high game of 289 and a high series of 727.

City Tournament participation spans over 10 years with two titles. In 2009 a Doubles Event Actual title with a 1210 score and in 2013 a Doubles Handicap title with a score of 1438. In 1986, Judy also won the Autumn Glow Mixed Doubles tournament in Traverse City. She has also competed in 10 State, 1 National, and 5 "600" Club Tournaments. Over the last 35 years, Judy has participated in many tournaments across the state including West Branch, Standish, Pinconning, Oscoda, and Alpena.

It is because of her dedication to the sport of bowling that we honor Judy and welcome her into the Bay City Bowling Hall of Fame for "Superior Performance".

800 Series with his highest series of 878. He has been a member of the All-Star team (26) times. Dale has participated in many City, State, and National Tournaments.

Dale has many accolades and titles to his credit which is a testament to his dedication and love of the sport. These include:

- 26 - City Tournament titles
- 13 - Northern Michigan Major titles
- 26 - Michigan Majors titles
- Michigan Majors Triple Crown winner: Match Play Champion 2015, Tournament of Champions 1996-1999-2004, Championship Tournament 1988
- Michigan Majors Hall of Fame - 2003
- Michigan Majors Bowler of the Year (4) times, 2000-2010-2012-2015
- 2010 USBC Open Champion – Team All-Events
- Bay County Sports Hall of Fame - 2017

Besides a National title, Dale's most impressive accomplishments are with the Michigan Majors where he holds 24 career records. Just a few of these include all time career money leader, most tournament wins overall and in one season (5), most second place finishes (22), and most times on TV (21).

Dale currently serves on the Hall of Fame Board and is a director on the Bay Area board along with helping coach the youth leagues and High School teams. His induction today becomes a family affair as he will join his wife, Lisa and father-in-law, Melvin as a Hall of Fame member.

With all of these tremendous accomplishments, Dale we welcome and congratulate you on your induction into the Bay City Bowling Hall of Fame for "Superior Performance".

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