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*Happy Fourth of July!!!*

## *USBC National Meeting*

The theme of this year's national meeting was **"Together Again"** and we (Sharon Schildroth and myself- Merry DeBoer) want to thank the delegates for sending us again this year. There is always something to learn and people to meet!! I truly do believe that it was great to be together again. Special thanks to USBC, a great job!

The USBC staff put in some long hours making sure everything ran smoothly.

Two of Michigan's own were inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame, bowling's highest honor for a member.

Sandra Jo Shiery for Superior Performance (class of 2021 )  
Bo Goergen for Outstanding USBC Performance (class of 2022)  
Congratulations to both of you, Michigan is proud!!

As always, one of the highlights for us is the BVL breakfast. Michigan again received the award for 2nd in the nation for donations to this wonderful charity. Thanks to our many associations, centers, and our tournament bowlers who make this possible each year.

Your donations raised \$52,193.66 for our wonderful veterans.

Give yourself a PAT ON THE BACK....

Pictured: Libbi Fletcher (BVL rep and State board member), Sharon Schildroth, Mary Harrar (BVL) and Merry DeBoer.



## Honoring one of the best....

Our state Association manager, Sharon Schildroth, will be stepping down as of July 31. Giving of herself to bowling for 50 plus years, it is time to take care of herself for a change.

We on the state board will miss her terribly, as will many others, and we cannot begin to thank her enough for everything she has done for the sport of bowling .

For me, her friendship is invaluable. The many miles we have traveled together will always bring a smile.



However, just recently she received one more deserving accolade, that makes our hearts happy.

During a recent West Michigan Whitecap's game 3 local women from Grand Rapids who have had an impact on women and girls in sports were honored for their service.

The first honoree was none other than our Sharon..... Such a well deserved honor

Here is what they had to say:

"Sharon has accomplished so much in the sport of bowling, but most importantly has lead the development of a youth scholarship program that annually awards over \$50,000 to make sure girls have the same opportunities to participate on all levels in bowling as the boys."

Thank you, Sharon, for all you do!

And we totally agree!!!

Resumes for the State Association manager will be accepted until July 20th  
email to: [President@michiganstateusbc.com](mailto:President@michiganstateusbc.com)

Merry DeBoer/ President MS USBC

## USBC Open Championships

Fred McClain of Allen Park, Michigan, made his 50th USBC Open appearance recently. McClain was a member of the 1987 Team All-Events championship at the Open Tournament and has carried a 198.3 average through his first 49 appearances.



## Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame

The Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame Inductions were held on Sunday, June 26, 2022.

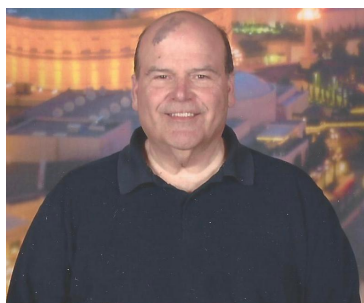
We welcomed not only this year's inductees, but also many of our former Hall of Famers. Ted Hansen (Inducted in 2013) and his wife Nila - (pictured here) were one of the Hall of Fame attendees at the event. They just celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary!!! We just had to mention that in this article. Congratulations, on your long and happy marriage.

The class of 2022 is listed below. Our congratulations to all of them for their accomplishments. All well deserved additions to the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame.



**Kenneth Wyatt** from Sterling Heights has been a stellar performer in competitions for many years. He recorded his first 300 game in 1985. He can claim almost 70 -300 games and at least 50 plus 800 series. Locally he posted Team wins in 1994 and 2010, All-Events in 2013, and Doubles and All-events in 2017. He posted a lifetime high average if 236 in the 2007-08 season. He had 13 ALL-City selections (1988,89,90,91, 92,94,96, 2000,2013,2014,2015,2018) 7 Detroit Senior All-City Selections (2012,2013,2014,2015,2016,2017,2018) He has 9 Michigan Majors titles and was inducted into their Hall of Fame. He was also inducted into the De-troit Bowling Hall of Fame in 2008. In the state open tournament, he has a first-place finish in the team event in 2007. Nationally he has bowled in over 20 USBC open championships with a lifetime average of over 200.

**We welcome Ken into the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance.**



**Robert Goike** from Belleville has multiple titles in the various integers of bowling

Robert has bowled many 300 games, including in the PBA certified tournaments and in the Hoinke Classic.

His highest series was an 867.

Locally, he has won the Metro Detroit Association Doubles twice and claimed the local association Masters once. He had the high average with a 224 in the 1978-79 season, for the All-Star Classic. He was part of the Detroit All City team in 1986-87,1983-84, 1981-82 and 1979-80, and was named the "King of Bowlers" in 1983-84.

He was inducted into the Detroit Hall of Fame in 1994

In the Michigan State USBC tournament he won the State team event .

In the 1984 USBC Open Championships, he won the "All-events" title with a "then record" total of 2142 and established a 10-year aver-age in 1993 with a 218. Since this title he has accumulated at least six more top ten finishes, including the 1997 and 1998 team All-events titles.

He was first alternate for Team USA in 1995 and earned a silver medal in the team event of the 1995 US Olympic Festival. He was inducted into the ABC Hall of Fame in 1996.

**Welcome Robert to the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance.**



**Kerry Kreft** from Warren is another bowler with many accolades.

Locally he won the MDUSBC Master in 2008, four team tiles (1999,2001,2002 and 2004) and doubles in 2004. He also has seven Majors titles and numerous PBA Regional titles. He has been hon-ored as a member of the All-City team several times, earning first team selections in 1998,2000 and 2001.

His career high average is 225, and has had over 38 - 300 games, with a high series of 852. He was inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame in 2011.

In the Michigan State USBC Tournament, he can claim two team titles, in 1998 and in 2017 Nationally he was a member of the 1999 ABC Team All-Events champion, the 2004 ABC Team champion., and the 2012 team All-events champion.

**We welcome Kerry to the 2022 Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance**





**[Sue Milligan** started her Hall of Fame journey at the age of eight when her parents first took her bowling at Sturgis Bowl. This was the beginning of a lifelong commitment to her hometown lanes. What Sue found most appealing about bowling at that tender age was it was a sport she could excel in. Sue did not feel athletic as a child. In bowling, she felt more comfortable because anyone could do it. Later in her coaching career this would become her mantra. "Anyone can bowl, you just have to try"

A few years later down the road Sue would be introduced to the second aspect of her Hall of Fame path. Sturgis Bowl had a youth director named Harley Miller and his philosophy was the older bowler should do their own record keeping. To entice a junior bowler to become a junior secretary, the bowler would get their bowling fees paid each week. So, in 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sue started her role in the administrative side of bowling. She was responsible for the pencil to paper recordkeeping, figuring averages, and doing the handicaps for approximately 30 of her fellow youth bowlers.

The next part of Sue's journey would begin in the 90's with her husband, Chris. Sue wondered why the Sturgis kids never went to the state tournament. If a kid from Sturgis wanted to bowl in the state event, they went with the group from Bronson. As luck would have it, she would get to correct this oversight. Sue and Chris would take over the Sturgis youth program and not only would the kids go to the state tournament, they would start qualifying for the Coke (now Pepsi) tournament as well. To this day, Sturgis has a large



**Sarah (Geske) Pettenger** was about seven years old when she started bowling in a league. She along with her 3 sisters joined youth bowling leagues. Their parents introduced them to their favorite family sport first at Miracle Lanes and then at Michigan Lanes. Her parents took them bowling each week and were their coaches, cheerleaders, and staunch supporters. Sarah credits her mom and dad and all their devotion and love with her success on the lanes. Sarah and her sisters would go on from youth bowling to become a real force of nature in the Grand Rapids bowling world. The Geske family joke is "If you want to be a part of the family, you have to bowl". Sarah would even pick her own spouse, Jeremy from the bowling world. They met while bowling in junior bowling leagues together.

Sarah is a yearly participant in the Michigan State USBC Women's Championships and she bowls with her "crew". Sarah believes finding a good group of people to bowl and hang out with at tournaments is key to having fun and staying competitive on the lanes. Her "crew" of lady bowlers include Michigan Hall of Famers Robin Orlikowski and Julie Oczepek to name just a few. Sarah loves the camaraderie and the competitive spirits the ladies bring to the game. For Sarah, "Winning is fun" and as a group they have seen a lot of titles come their way. In 2019, Sarah was a member of the 5 women which captured the Team Handicap and Actual Championships. That same year she was also a member of the 4 woman Team Actual Champions.

Sarah competes annually in Grand Rapids local tournaments, the state Queens Tournament,



**Louise Stockdale** is the epitome of the reason behind the Pioneer designation in the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame. The Pioneer is there for people like Louise who may have been inadvertently overlooked from the previous Halls of Fame. The former Michigan WBA did not start their Hall until 1976 and the former BA's Hall did not exist until 1995. Many accomplished and deserving individuals had finished their bowling careers before those start dates. Louise Stockdale is one of those individuals.

Louise was born on January 17, 1895 and passed away on June 13, 1970. She may have moved to California but her bowling accolades were centered on the Detroit bowling scene of the 1920's thru the 1940's. The information that this induction is based on was collected by bowling historian, Eric Hartman of Niles, Michigan.

Her bowling accomplishments include:

**Michigan State WBA Titles:**

1. 1931 All Events Champion, 1<sup>st</sup> place Team
2. 1932 Doubles Champion, 1<sup>st</sup> place Team
3. 1933 Singles Champion
4. 1935 Singles Champion, Doubles Champions
5. 1936 1<sup>st</sup> place Team

**WIBC Championship Titles:**

1. 1922 Doubles with her sister, Helen Sneider
2. 1937 All Events Champion

Inducted into the WIBC Hall of Fame in 1953 as a "Star of Yesterday" in the inaugural class. She also won many local titles in Detroit and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 1958.

**We welcome the addition of Louise Stockdale in the Superior Performance category of the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame.**

presence at both state events. This past year, Sue and Chris brought 19 teams to the youth state tournament.

Sue is an accomplished bowler as well, she has a 300 game bowled in 2017 to her credit. Her highest average to date is a 206 in the 2020 - 2021 season. Sue is a participant yearly in the Michigan State Women's Championships and an annual competitor in the Michigan State Mixed Tournament as well.

Sue is being inducted today in the Meritorious Service category. More highlights of Sue's journey to her place in Hall of Fame include: 20 years of service on the state board (WBA and the merged USBC), 28 years as the Sturgis Youth/Women's Secretary/Association Manager, Memorial Committee Chair for 17 years (WBA/USBC Boards), Transition Board, Scholarship Committee Chair (WBA/USBC) 10 Years. She has also been a member of the Legislative, Budget & Finance, Tournament Rules, and Honorarium committees.

**For her many years of service and quiet dedication we welcome, Sue Milligan to the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service.**

and the State Mixed Tournament. She has numerous titles in local tournaments. Sarah has won three State Mixed titles. Sarah has been a Sunday morning qualifier in the Queens tournament many times. Another highlight of her bowling career came in the 2020 – 2021 season when she was a member of the team with the highest score in the nation for a 1 – man, 4 – woman roster, a series of 3661. Sarah has three 300 games to her credit, a high series of 802, and has recorded a 221 as her highest average.

As part of the current induction class of the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame, what is left on Sarah's bowling bucket list? Sarah would still like to add the Michigan State USBC Queens title to her list but now, there is an even bigger title that she has in mind. At the USBC Women's Championships this year, Sarah and her teammates would take over the lead in the Diamond Division Team event for a short time. The taste of a national title has sparked a new goal, to win an Eagle.

**Congratulations, Sarah Pettenger and welcome to Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance.**

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