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Michigan State USBC

The Women's state tournament began its run the weekend of February 19th & 20th. No opening ceremonies, but SNOW welcomed us all. Thankfully by the end of the weekend, bowlers could drive home in beautiful sunshine.

JUST A FEW REMINDERS FOR OUR TOURNAMENT BOWLERS

1. The online registration system is now closed for both the Open and Women's Tournaments. To enter after they are closed, you must submit paper copies of the entry form (complete with ALL information) and there are additional fees.
2. As last year, no check-in at the tournament office will be required. Bowlers can go directly to their lanes. The lane assignments will be posted at the house, or you can get your information prior to bowling on the website. Changes/Corrections/Subs must be reported to the tournament office at least one hour prior to bowling.
3. The local associations and/or the center will be running the brackets, merchandise sales, and cash raffles.
4. Bowlers have the opportunity to purchase tickets for MOTIV bowling balls. The state association makes a donation to BVL on behalf of our bowlers from the money collected for the ball raffles. In addition, donations for BVL can once again be made in the PINK PIG (Bacon Van Lean) at the Women's or the Fireman's Boot at the Open.
5. For those of you that are not currently bowling in a certified league, you may purchase a membership at: <http://www.bowl.com/Join/>
Please DO NOT click on "do not share, etc" – if you do we cannot verify your membership!
6. Squad Announcements will begin 20 minutes prior to the squad time, please make sure you are at your lanes so squads can begin on time.

Women's State Tournament



11 in a ROW

Donna Marcus had a great 290 game...11 in a row at the Women's State Tournament this past weekend.

Donna accomplished this feat in her first game of singles at Sherman Lanes.

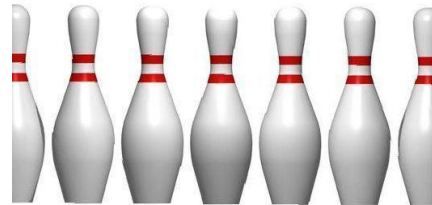
Open State tournament



First 300 game of the Open Tournament was bowled the weekend of Feb 19 & 20 at the Team house, Merri-Bowl Lanes.

Joseph Tetreault from Macomb claimed that honor.

Congratulations!



Le Andre Thomas claimed his 300 game in the Doubles and Singles portion of the state tournament at Westland Bowl, February 26.



Ryan Redmond also rolled his 300 game in the Doubles and Singles portion on February 26.

1st 800 Series

Libbi Fletcher, presented Samantha Weredick with her state award for rolling her FIRST 800 series.



This award, as well as an award for your **first** 300 game, are given out by the Michigan State USBC to our bowlers. However, your association manager needs to apply for them.

Youth Donations

The Associations listed below are now eligible for the 2021-22 Michigan State USBC Youth Awards Program and Invitational Tournament.

Bay Area USBC
 Belding USBC
 Charlotte USBC
 Gaylord USBC
 Greater Holland USBC
 Greater Kalamazoo USBC
 Greenville USBC
 Lakeview Howard City
 Lenawee County USBC
 Mason USBC
 Monroe County USBC
 Sheridan USBC
 Sturgis USBC
 Traverse City USBC
 West Michigan USBC

If your association would like to be part of the Youth Awards Program and be eligible to bowl in the Invitational Tournament and be eligible for youth awards. **Please get your donation in by April 1st, 2022.**

Volunteers needed

For the **Junior Gold Championships** hosted at centers in Grand Rapids, Lansing, and Muskegon on July 11-23, 2022

Volunteer Requirements

Need to be SafeSport certified if over age 18
 Background checks will be done if over age 18
 Both of these will be paid for by Junior Gold Tournament Management

Examples of Volunteer Roles:

Squad check-in
 Fix scoring/notify management of issues during competition
 Stuff or hand out trade show bags

Volunteers receive:

Food voucher (must work two-plus shifts)
 Vests will be provided for volunteers to wear
 Receive tickets to a minor league baseball game (must work two plus shifts)

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SCAN TO SIGN UP FOR GRAND RAPIDS

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SCAN TO SIGN UP FOR LANSING

Volunteers Receive:

- Food Voucher (must work two-plus shifts)
- Vests will be provided for volunteers to wear
- Receive tickets to a minor league baseball game (must work two-plus shifts)



SCAN TO SIGN UP FOR MUSKEGON

Arlington, Texas - United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Elvira Toepfer of Bradenton, Florida, died Feb. 5 at the age of 99.



Toepfer first made a name for herself as a Detroit-area standout and was selected as the Motor City's Queen of Bowling eight times, to go along with multiple appearances on the all-city team and a Woman of the Year Award from the Bowling Proprietors Association of Greater Detroit.

Her passion for the sport began while she was working at a local bowling center, and her career kicked off in 1940, when she was 18 years old.

In the decades that followed, Toepfer was part of the Brunswick Advisory Staff of Bowling Champions and was able to find success at the national level, too.

Her first noteworthy victory came with fellow USBC Hall of Famer Anita Cantaline at the 1956 Bowling Proprietors' Association of America Women's National Doubles, and Toepfer found the national spotlight again in 1957 and 1959 with team titles at the USBC Women's Championships.

In all, she participated in the Women's Championships 56 times from 1942-2001. She also collected top-five finishes at the World's Invitational Tournament and the BPAA All-Star and enjoyed a stint on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour in the organization's early years. The first PWBA Tour event was held in 1960.

Continued success earned Toepfer entrance into a trio of halls of fame for superior performance - Metro Detroit USBC (during the 1966-1967 season), USBC (1976) and Michigan State (1977).

Toepfer and her late husband, Meyrl, moved to Homosassa, Florida, in 1999, and she relocated to nearby Bradenton following his death in 2001. She had lived in an assisted living facility since 2016.

Entry blanks for tournaments

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