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Final Frame

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Sharon Schildroth.

How can we begin to say everything about the dedication to the sport of bowling that she conveyed throughout most of her life? Over 50 years she was involved in the sport.

Starting in the Detroit office, adding scores for their tournaments (all done by hand at that time) Under the guidance of Rose March, she quickly became as assist there. She went on to serve on the Detroit WBA and Detroit YABA.

However, upon meeting Roger, her real love of working with the youth became her life's passion.

Moving to Grand Rapids, she then served on the local WBA and the YABA board for many years.

There was nothing she loved more than working those youth tournaments and encouraging our next generation of bowlers. Roger served as President of the Michigan State Youth, and she served as secretary for many years. She attended the annual Youth meetings for over 40 years. Sharon also served as Michigan's gatekeeper for the SMART accounts.

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One of the most difficult tasks she was a part of, was taking three large organizations (Women, Men and Youth) and making them ONE...It was accomplished in a little over a year, thanks to monthly meetings, her organizational skills, and a dedicated committee.

Serving as the first Association Manager of the New Michigan State USBC, she put many long hours into making sure our bowlers were taken care of. Many an email came from her at 1:00 am.

To share some of the accolades that she received: In 2008 she was elected to the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame, in 2010 she entered the Greater Grand Rapids Hall of Fame. In 2012 she was the Michigan State WBA Tournament Honoree, and she received the Thomas W McKay Award (Detroit) in 2013.

On the National level, she served as a WIBC teller, she was USBC Volunteer of the Year in 2014. She served on the USBC On-Line Tournament Registration Committee. She also was proud of the fact that she had bowled in 47 (consecutive) national tournaments.... bowling in her last one in April of this year.

Sharon's eyes would light up when an adult bowler would come up to her and say "Mrs. Schildroth, I remember you from junior bowling." This was all the accolades that Sharon ever needed...

She will be missed, and our sympathy goes out to family and friends. In honor of Sharon, share a hug today, tell someone you love them, and remember how fleeting life is.

Rest in peace, my friend, your work on earth is done.
Forever in my heart
Merry DeBoer/ President Michigan State USBC



Metro Detroit Hall of Fame



Sonia Butler

Butler was named to the Women's All-City team eight times since 2001. First team honors were earned in 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017 (Team Captain) and 2018. Second team honors were earned in 2001, 2007 and 2019.

She won four titles since 2015. Her first win was the 2015 Michigan State Singles. Her second state title is in the 2018 Team Events. Butler's 2 other titles were won in the Metro Detroit USBC Women's City Championship Doubles Events in 2016 and 2018.

Butler has a significant record in league play. She has bowled 16-300 games along with six-800 series throughout her career. In both the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 seasons, Butler bowled her highest average, 229, in each season.



Cody Miller

Miller has been named to the All-City team 4 times. First team selections were earned in 2012, 2015 and 2021 while he earned 2nd team honors in 2019.

His tournament titles include the 2015 Metro Detroit Masters Tournament, the Flint City Tournament Doubles in 2006 and the National 700 Club Tournament, All Events, in 2009. In addition, he has won 4 Michigan Majors events from 2012-2016 and was the All-Star Classic Rookie of the Year in 2014. This past season, Miller was the Metro Detroit USBC Men's Series Cup Winner including a win in the 3rd event.

Miller has bowled 70 plus 300 games and nearly 50-800 series. His high average, 251, was bowled during the 2016-2017 season.



Michael Lucente

Lucente began his bowling career at 7 years old at Chandler Lanes in Detroit. Throughout high school, he bowled in travel leagues. In 1979, he began bowling in tournaments and in 1981, Lucente was on the first team to win \$100,000 in Las Vegas and won the event again in 1982. From 1983 to 1986, Lucente was a professional bowler and is currently a PBA Senior bowler.

He earned selection to the Senior All-City Second Teams in 2005, 2006, 2012 and 2013. Other bowling accomplishments include 3 All-Star Classic team titles, 2 NSBA Championships (2005 and 2013) and the 2013 Bowling This Month Magazine 50 and over Championship. In addition, Lucente holds Michigan State titles including the 2014 Mixed Scratch All Events and 2015 Scratch and Handicap Doubles Champion. Lucente also holds a Michigan Major's Match Game title, a SSO title and is a member of the SSO Hall of Fame.

His high average is 233 achieved in the 2010-2011 season. He also has 29-300 games and 10-800 series.

Lucente is also a well-known coach, bowling proprietor and tournament operator.



Kimberly Maddy

Maddy has been an active bowler since her youth. She bowled youth leagues from 1993-2003 and has continued in adult competition since 2004. Maddy has earned All-City honors 6 times with 4 being on the First Team (2009, 2011, 2012 and 2020) and 2 times on the second team (2017 and 2019).

She has an extensive tournament record with her first win in the Michigan State 600 Tournament, Doubles Events, in 2006. Since then, Maddy has been on the winning team in the 2009, 2010 and 2019 Michigan State Tournaments. Other Michigan State Tournament wins include Women's Doubles in 2012 and Mixed Doubles in 2015. In Metro Detroit USBC Women's Championship events, Maddy was on the winning doubles teams in 2011 and 2012.

Maddy has bowled 8-300 games with her first one thrown as a sixteen-year old youth bowler. She has 2-800 series thrown with an 827 being the highest one. Maddy's highest season league average is 226 in the 2019-20 season.

In addition to bowling, Maddy has an extensive coaching career being the Girl's-Varsity coach at Utica High School from 2004-2007 and Stevenson High School since 2012. Currently, she is a MHSIBC Board member. Maddy is also known to participate in and support charity bowling events.



Ann Block

Ann is being honored for her Meritorious Service to the sport of bowling. In 1981, she became a youth coach at Skore Lanes in Taylor. Youth bowling would become and remain a major part of her world. Along this journey, she served as a youth director, tournament director, and a Silver Level USBC Coach. Ann has dedicated over 40 years of service to the bowlers of the Metro Detroit and Michigan State USBC Associations. In addition, Ann is serving as the President of the National 600 Bowling Club and sits on the Board of Directors for the International Bowling Media Association serving as the Chuck Pezzano Scholarship chair.

Her record of service includes roles as a director, officer, committee member, bowling writer, and secretary/treasurer of the Detroit 600 Club and Detroit Women's Pioneer Club as well as Executive Director of the Michigan Women's 500 Bowling Club. Ann's current roles include being 1st Vice President of the Michigan State USBC. In that association, she has chaired the Finance, Hall of Fame, and Tournament

Housing committees. As a director with the Metro Detroit USBC, Ann served on the following committees: Youth (Chair), Bowl for the Cure, Publicity, Transition, and Awards. She has attended over 25 WIBC/USBC national conventions.

Ann has been recognized and earned the following awards: 1997-1998 Greater Detroit YABA Coach of the Year, 2005 Howard J. McCullough Memorial Award for Distinguished Service and Performance to Junior Bowling, 2006 Detroit WBA "Woman of the Year", 2006 Michigan State Bowling Council Journalism Award, 2006 National Women Bowling Writers-Herta Kissel Bowling Writer of the Year, and the 2014 Greater Detroit Hall of Fame Thomas McKay Award.

A bowler on the lanes as well, Ann Block has participated in over 38 national tournaments, over 40 state tournaments, and well over 30 local tournaments. In league play, she has been the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, sergeants at arms, and has been a squad organizer for multiple tournaments.

Greater Muskegon (West Michigan) Hall of Fame



Shannon Pomeroy

Shannon Pomeroy had a little different start in bowling than most. It wasn't until he graduated in 1991 when his Aunt Kim asked him to bowl in the Sunday Mix-Ups at Northway Lanes, Shannon found his competitive nature coming out as he didn't like being low average on the team with a 142. That summer, he practiced bowling nearly 10 games a day. The next season, he would finish with a 177 average.

Shannon said he was very grateful to be able to bowl for several years with his dad Bob, his brother Arnie, and a couple uncles in leagues at Bob-hi (and if I know Shannon, he takes bowling with his family very serious).

Early in his career, he would go to the bowling centers and watch various "Proprietors Tournaments". He paid particular attention to Bob DeCheney and Chuck Majeski, but there were other local players that caught his attention as well. It didn't take watching too many tournaments for him to begin participating in these events and making good runs at winning all while making huge improvements in his game. He then started bowling on Wednesday nights at Northway and loved getting advice from, and competing with his teammates, Bud Labarge, Jay Langler, Chris Durham and Scott Pranger.

While subbing with friends on April 8, 1993, Shannon shot his first 300 game! His first 800 series came years later while bowling in the Eagles State Tournament. To date, he has a high series of 821 and has since racked up another fourteen 300's (I'm quite sure he will add to that).

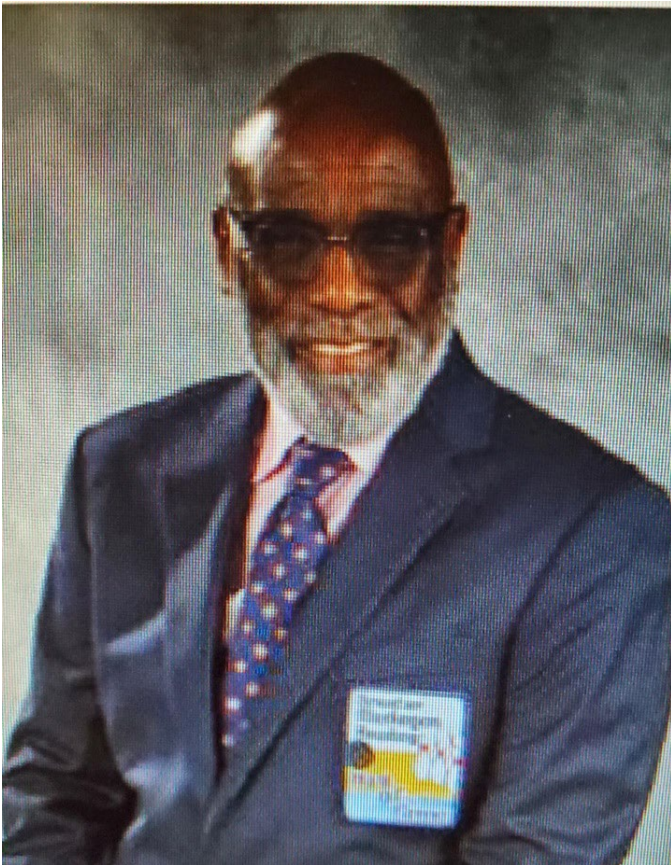
In 2005, he joined a team with friends Ted Boltz and Scott Pranger in the infamous "Red Triangle A" league. It was during this time he averaged his highest average to date, a 228 (Shannon has averaged over 220 at least 10 times since then).

One highlight Shannon recalls happened while bowling with his "Team Motiv" team consisting of Vic Cerchiori, Scott Pranger, Nate Foster and Mark McNarland. They had the night of their life he said as the team rolled a whopping 3732, a city team record which is still the highest team score bowled to date.

What Shannon enjoys most about bowling? his passion for team tournaments. He has wins in the Pepsi Tournament, the Christmas Bash, the Ravenna Finals (twice), as well as City Team, and at least two City Doubles (with Nate Foster) and a City All Events win. Shannon also has an Eagles State All Events win shooting a 2190 which included an 800 series! Shannon has made some good runs at the Muskegon Masters but a win he says, is on his list to accomplish.

It is with great pleasure we welcome Shannon Pomeroy into the Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame.

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Ben Lewis Jr

Ben started bowling when he was about 29 years old when his friend John Thornton asked him to bowl on a team. He didn't know anything about bowling, how to start or how to throw the ball! John encouraged Ben and he started getting the hang of it. To help him improve, Ben would watch the pro bowlers on television. He would also sit in the back at local centers watching bowlers, their styles, how they released the ball, how many steps they took, and learning all the fundamentals of the game. He took that information to his many practices to improve his own game.

While bowling at Bob-Hi Lanes, Rick Huggett watched Ben bowl and talked him into getting his own ball and to try to go fingertip. Shortly after that Steve Danicek told him that he had won a ball of his choice. Not knowing what to get, he went around and asked some of the bowlers what they were using. Sue Ellis, Bob DeCheney and Bob Flowers, all told him they liked the Blue Hammer so Ben went back to Steve and told him he wanted the Blue Hammer. It didn't take long for him to get used to rolling that fingertip ball and as he became more consistent, the strikes started to come and so did the high scores.

To date, Ben has rolled five 300 games, many 290+ games as well as many 700 series. His high series came on February 9, 1994, when he rolled an 813 (He was the first African-American rolling an 800 in Muskegon). Since mastering the game, he has consistently averaged in the 190's-200's with his highest average being 217.

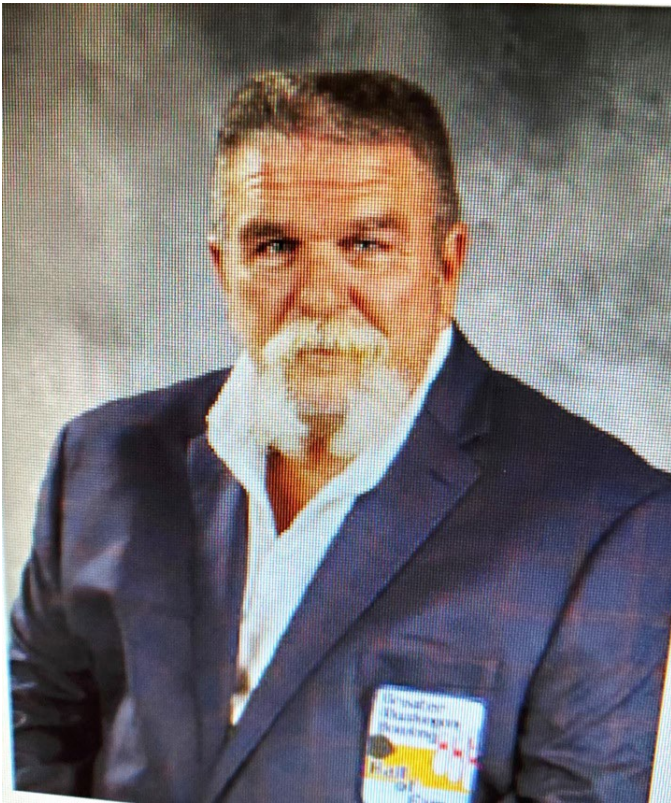
One of Ben's memories about bowling is when he was bowling against Jay Langler. He told Jay that the only way he could beat Ben was to roll a 300. Ben then rolled an awesome 290 game but yes, Jay rolled that 300! A fun and striking match for both.

Ben joined the TNBA and traveled all over the Midwest bowling in their tournaments. He bowled in Milwaukee, Cincinnati, and Toledo to mention a few. One memory from his TNBA travels was bowling in pro bowler Mike Aulby's center. Mike held the high series record at the time at that center with a 770. Ben went in and rolled a 778, beating that record!

Larry Pearce talked to Ben a lot on the Wednesday while bowling in the "Flannery League" at Northway and talked Ben into joining the Greater Muskegon Bowling Association as a director. He served as a director from 1997-2005 season, then became President for the 2005-2006 season. He was voted Director of the Year twice being co-director in 1997 with Tom Szczesny and in 2001 with Greg Miller. Ben has served on many committees while serving on the board and was instrumental with the start-up of the local web page by doing the research for starting it.

There is no doubt knowing his accomplishments, his years serving on the board and promoting the sport of bowling, Ben is most deserving of being inducted into the Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame. Congratulations and Welcome Ben to the Greater Muskegon Hall of Fame.

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Dick Strang Jr

In 1972, at the age of twelve, Dick Strang Jr. along with his brother Steve were introduced to bowling. Their mom took them to Northway to join the Junior leagues. Dick considers himself self-taught (with a little help from the Saturday afternoon PBA and staff at the bowling centers). Although extremely good on the lanes, it is what he does off the lanes that got Dick noticed and honored for.

Dick took the necessary classes through the American Bowling Congress (ABC) to become a certified coach (we can only assume at 16, he was one of the youngest to do so?) and thus his "Meritorious" story begins. He knew at an early age that he enjoyed helping the youth. He said he enjoyed watching them grow, coming through the ranks into high school bowling and beyond. To this day, he still coaches and continues to help with High School programs. In 2006 Dick Jr. joined the Greater Muskegon Bowling Association (GMBA) board and remained a director for eight years before becoming Vice President and then President during the 2015-16 season. During his stint on the board, Dick Jr. worked at many Men's State Tournaments doing check-ins and running recap

sheets. He took a short break from the board but realized they needed help with the "merge." The United States Bowling Congress decided to merge what had been known as the GMBA and the Women's (Greater Muskegon Women's Bowling Association) or (GMWBA) associations into one group. The newly formed/combined groups are now known as the "West Michigan United States Bowling Congress" (WMUSBC). Dick continues to serve as President of this newly formed/merged group. As for his bowling career, Dick Jr. said he got his first trophy for bowling in the old "Seaway Festival" bowling a tournament with his grandfather, Burt. He joined the "Circle" league at Northway in the early 80s and has been in that league ever since. He said he loved hanging out afterwards with his dad (who, was in that league for 50 years), and fellow Hall of Famer Kim Vanderwest (who is also his aunt) as well as teammate and cousin, Kitty Cowins. Even though he enjoyed bowling with his dad, he actually shot his first 300 in 2002 while subbing in the Twin Cities league for his dad!

His biggest success to date came while bowling in the men's Christian league. He started the night off with a 300 game and said he called a friend right after to share his good news. He then shot another 300 the second game and had to call and tell his friend again. He finished the night with a 242. Simply put, he strung together 32 out of 36 strikes for a whopping 842 series! In 2012, while bowling on the Circle league, he once again shot 800. He put together games of 268, 297 and 237 for an 802 series.

Although Dick Strang Jr. is being inducted today for his many years of Meritorious service, not only for his years of dedication to the youth, but to ALL Muskegon area bowlers as a coach, mentor, and leader, let that not supersede his presence on the lane as a fabulous bowler. Without further ado, Dick Strang Jr. it is with the utmost respect and praise for your dedication to the sport of bowling that we welcome you to the Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame.

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