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State Tournament Bowlers

First of all, THANK YOU to ALL the bowlers who have already entered.

There is still room...so contact the state office for availability.

Just a few reminders...

Squad announcements start 20 minutes prior to the beginning of bowling. We try our best to keep the squads on time, so your help is appreciated.

Lane assignments are posted on our webpage at Michiganstateusbc.com under Adult tournaments.

When you find your lanes...

PLEASE CHECK:

1.Membership is not marked paid (Y)

Make sure your bowlers are certified. No receipt forms (the end of the form you fill out) will be accepted as proof of membership. If certification cannot be found on bowl.com, the bowler will be required to pay membership prior to bowling. The bowler may purchase online prior to the date of competition but remember that it takes a couple of days to show on bowl.com.

2. Bowler has a 230 average listed

No tournament average, no USBC average. An individual record sheet or league sheet is necessary to confirm average.

The MSUSBC does not run brackets (the house or associations does) It is the bowlers responsibility to make sure that average is correct.

We will again have you report directly to your lanes

No need to check-in to the tournament office unless, you have a change to make.

Changes? Please, report to the office an hour before squad time.

Lane assignments will be posted near the tournament office.

We are looking forward to seeing you and hope we all have a great tournament this year.

Travel safe!

State Tournament Hi-Lites



The very first weekend of the tournament (Sunday squad, 2nd game) Tyler Wilds from Three Rivers rolled the first 300 game of the state tournament.

He finished the day (in Team event-Sherman Lanes) with a great 793 series.

Thanks again to Motiv, a bowling ball will be given to all bowlers for a 300 or 800 in the Open and a 300 or 750 in the Women's tournaments. ONE ball per bowler per tournament.

Don't think you can bowl a 300 or 800?

You also have a chance to WIN one in the bowling ball raffle at each house. Proceeds go to our charity, BVL which benefits our veterans. So, don't forget to buy a ticket or *several*.

Eagle Presentation



The Metro Detroit Association presented Eagles from the USBC National tournament to

Team "Di Laura Brothers 1" on Sunday, February 4th.

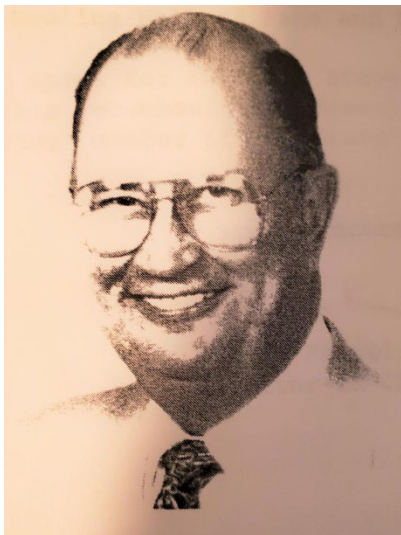
Pictured:

Jay Lang, Ronnie Sparks Jr., John Kelley, Joe Jozwick, (sponsor of the team) Ryan VanHecke, and John Buffa

They were "Team All Events" Champions with a record score of 10,585 and also finished in 2nd place in the team event.



Final Frame



Thomas W. McKay

In 1955, Tom started working for the Greater Detroit BA. He worked on committees to explore printing an association yearbook. The first copy of this yearbook was printed in 1963. He also worked on the development of the Association Masters tournament, and the first one was held in 1964. In 1965, he was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the association and started giving plaques to each league, he also wrote a regular column for the Modern Bowler (Digest) and started recognition for tournament squad leaders. In 1961, he was on the team that won the state tournament actual title. In 1962, he was elected secretary treasurer of the All-Star Classic. In 1966, his team "Coca Cola" won the Class A association team title which included a 299 game by Tom. The same year, he won 4th in state actual doubles with Tony Loiacano. In 1967, he was 2nd in state actual doubles with Bob Lukanowski. In 1974, he won state actual doubles again with Tony, the ABC team all events with Goebel Beer team, and won the Spring All-Star Class Championship with that same team. Tom was 2nd in ABC team all events in 1976. In 1982, he qualified for Association masters and led the tournament with a 215 average. Tom was 2nd in ABC team all events with Goebel Beer in 1976 and 3rd in 1979. In 1993, he bowled in the association masters for the 29th time, averaging 200 for 360 games. In 1982, he qualified for the Association Masters and led the tournament with a 215 average. In 1983, he rolled another 299 game in this same tournament. He carried his highest single season average of 221 in 2001 at the age of 70 in the Friday Trio League.

Tom continued to serve his association, being re-elected in 1967. At that time, he started the senior five-man tournament. In 1968, the Detroit association purchased a building for joint offices with the Detroit Women's Bowling Association. He also started 150 over average awards and chevron awards for games according to averages. In 1970, he chaired the committee that brought ABC Tournament to Detroit. Detroit hosted the tournament in 1971.

In 1974, he was appointed to ABC Board of Directors, he became ABC rules chair in 1981, 10th Vice President in 1982, also served as chair of these committees: Industry Relations, ABC New Equipment, ABC Equipment Specifications, Hall of Fame, and ABC Mixed Competition. In 1991, he became President-Elect of ABC and was installed as President in June 1992. There were almost 500 people in attendance and his daughter, Chris announced that on June 10th was his birthday and so she played Marilyn Monroe and sang "Happy Birthday Mr. President"

In 1995, he bowled in his 36th ABC tournament, averaging 194.7 for 360 games. Tom bowled in 47 ABC Tournaments, before stopping at the age of 75, in 2006. He was proud of his final ABC Tournament average of 192.94.

He also bowled an 822 series in April 1995. He rolled a 300 game in Association Senior Master tournament in April of that year and set the record for the highest four game block (1056) and the highest eight game qualifying block with a 2005 (250.6 average) He finished the year with his highest lifetime average of 214. Tom had six 300 games, four 299 games and four 800 series to his credit. He often told the story of his most enjoyable year bowling which was the 1974-75 season when he teamed-up for one year with his father Tom and his son Larry in the Eastland Senior House League. They won the championship in their only season together as Tom's father passed away two weeks after the conclusion of the season.

Tom was also involved in numerous charities, most notably running the Steve Cruchon Memorial Pro- Am Tournament, which has raised over \$78,000 for the Michigan Cancer Foundation and the National Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum.

Awards Tom received include "Bowler of the Year" in 1978, elected to Greater Detroit Hall of Fame in 1980, received the Judge John J. Watts award in 1982 and was welcomed into the Michigan State BA Hall of Fame in June 1996.

The best thing anyone could say about Tom was that "he was so very nice"

His contributions to this sport will continue his legacy for many years to come.

He truly will be missed by many. Rest in Peace, dear Tom.

Giving Back

Love the sport of bowling?

Enjoy the benefits

and events that your state association presents?

**We are looking for some dedicated individuals
to serve on the Michigan State USBC Board.**

The application is on the link below.

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