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Mrs. Velinda Stenson - an army veteran rolled out the first ball of the tournament.

Rich Glomb, owner of Merri-Bowl, pledged \$150.00 per pin, for BVL. When Velinda was done bowling, Rich wrote out a check for \$1500.00. A great way to contribute to our favorite charity !

Velinda served 10 years in the US Army reserves and completed basic training at Ft Jackson South Carolina, where she held the position of squad leader and earned the expert ratings for grenades and sharp shooting.

Her advanced training came as a medical supply and stock accounting specialist. Velinda was selected to be one of the founding members of the New Blue Devils Horse platoon, the only reserve mount in the US.

She is a 2-time commendation medal recipient and was honorably discharged in 2000.

Thank you Velinda for giving our state tournament a great beginning.

ALSO....

Thank you to all the bowlers on March 4 and 5 for their patience and their understanding during the loss of electricity in the centers. We did manage to get some of the bowlers on the lanes, but it was nice for the centers and the state board to have such great responses.

'Thank You' to the state board members that rolled with the punches (and sat in the parking lot) to keep our bowlers informed, and for the way they jumped right in to getting The squads on the lanes once the power was restored.

'Thank You' to the proprietors of Merri Bowl and Westland Bowl for the lines of communication that were opened so that we were all kept up to date with the progress of things. (Even if those texts started at 4am).

Thankfully we were able to floor both squads at Westland today at their scheduled times. Rich at Merri Bowl was great in that he moved his league for us so that the 9am squad could bowl - even if it did get started at 11. This allowed the 1pm squad to start on time.

And oh boy, what we put the Metro Detroit Association volunteers through; but they shined like the great organization that they are. All jackpots and raffles ran smoothly even though at team event they had 2 squads running at an overlap. We are so thankful to be working with such a fine group of people.

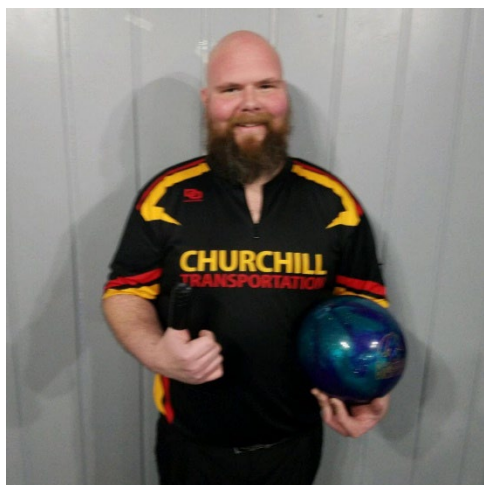
If you want to reschedule the event that you missed, please call the office during the week at **616-635-2032** to see about availability. If you want a refund for the missed event, there is a form on our website(see below as well) that you can fill out and send back. Once the missed events are verified, the captain will be mailed a check.

For a refund-Team Captains, please complete this fillable form:

[Refund form](#)

(All submissions must be received by May 1, 2023)

Open State Tournament Hi-Lites



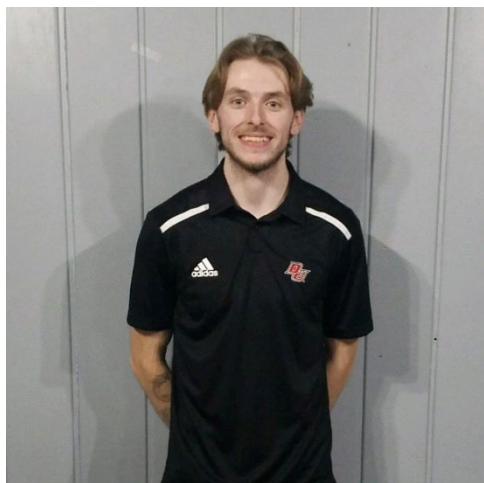
Trey Raynes - 300



Matt Roskoski - 300

Each of these bowlers received a bowling ball from our sponsor, Motiv.

We thank Motiv for their support.



Nick Luther - 812



Ronnie Sparks - 300-833

BVL donations



Need a little motivation to make a difference?

Meet [Alexander Eby](#), an 11-year-old youth bowler from Southwest Michigan whose heart is even bigger than his game (and he's got a pretty big bowling game).

After this rising star learned about BVL last summer at Junior Gold, Alexander decided he wanted to help raise money for veterans through BVL. The motivation for Alexander, who has family members who are veterans, was simple — “I wanted to help veterans in need... It

makes me proud to know there are people in my family who served our country.”

Alexander is just as determined off the lanes as he is on. He asked friends, family and other bowlers for pledges and donations, including a donation from a tournament based on his scores. In just a short time, Alexander raised more than \$1,000 for BVL.

Josh Eby, Alexander's father, credits their local and state bowling associations with laying the groundwork due to their ongoing support of BVL. “Our local association does a collection each November for BVL, and the state association does them at the state tournaments so most bowlers in our area are aware of BVL and what they do. So that made it easier when he was explaining what he was raising money for.

“Everyone he talked to was very supportive and a number of those that contributed were veterans or family of veterans. While the majority of the donations were from local bowlers and family here in Michigan, because of social media we were able to collect pledges and donations from family, friends and others all across the country, including Ohio, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Florida, Arizona, and Washington. It was pretty neat to see how far it reached.”

Last week, Alexander received a Johnny Petraglia BVL bowling ball in appreciation of his efforts to bring awareness and raise money for veterans. He's already thinking of ways to use that ball to help collect donations again this fall. Thank you, Alexander, for your commitment and support of BVL and America's veterans.

Michigan is proud of our youth bowlers, and you, Alexander are a great example!!!

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.

Please, consider giving back to the sport we all LOVE.

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We welcome your articles, comments, and suggestions for the "Ten Pin Topics"

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