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Hello Bowler,

Calendar of Events

2024 Dates

Pepsi Entries Due (No Exceptions)

January 18, 2024

Closing date for the Open State Tournament

Online registration-January 19, 2024

Closing date for the Women's State Tournament

Online registration- February 2, 2024

State Open Tournament begins

(Battle Creek- M-66 and Bowlero) February 3, 2024

Final date for Youth State entries

February 16, 2024

Women's State Tournament begins

Grand Rapids- Westgate and Station 300- February 17, 2024

Youth State Tournament begins

Plymouth- Plaza Lanes and Livonia- Merri Bowl

March 9, 2024

Pepsi State Finals

Royal Scot- Lansing- May 4-5, 11 & 12

Michigan State Masters Tournament



Second Place - Nick French



**2023 Masters Champion
Kristopher Warner**

Kristopher Warner of Jackson won the 2023 Michigan State USBC Masters Tournament held at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth by defeating Nick French, also from Jackson, 429-412.

In addition to the top prize of \$2,500.00, Warner also earned a free entry into the 2024 Michigan State USBC Masters, and the 2024 USBC Masters.

Warner qualified tenth with a six-game score of 1143. He worked his way through the winner's bracket by defeating Ian Wright of Westland 421-390, Alec Keplinger of Lagrange, IN 374-373, Charles Easton of Toledo, OH 402-378, and French 371-358.

French, who qualified fifth with 1213, defeated Brian Thompson of Flat Rock 395-376, Shawn Goshorn of Battle Creek 385-325, and Ed Burbo of Belleville 433-357 before getting sent to the loser's bracket by Warner. In the losers bracket, he defeated Keplinger 365-323 and returned to the winner's bracket to face Warner. French earned \$1,250 for second place.

Keplinger finished third and earned \$900, and Goshorn finished fourth and earned \$750.

Devin Osborn of Farmington Hills was the top qualifier with a six-game score of 1261. Osborn was sent to the losers bracket by Burbo 425-378 and was knocked out by Wright 362-356.

The oil pattern for this event was the toughest in Masters history. Sixty-three bowlers averaged 174.

The twelve who advanced to match-play averaged 197

The cut to make it to match-play was 1115 (-85). The average score during match-play was 379.76 for two games. Warner averaged 199.7 during match-play and 196.25 for the tournament.

Dave Wodka of Muskegon was the top senior non-qualifier with 1086 and earned \$200.

Michigan State Queen's Tournament



OUR FINAL FOUR

Standing- Left to right
Jenna Pollak, Stacey Timmer,
Victoria Giardina
and our Queen-Dasha Kovalova



2023 Queen- Dasha Kovalova

The 38th Annual Michigan State USBC Queens Tournament was held on November 4 and 5 at 5 Star Lanes in Sterling Heights. The 62 entrants, some of the best bowlers in the state, are up for the challenge in this yearly "marathon".

High games of the tournament were bowled by: Stacey Timmer - 277, Victoria Giardina - 277 & 296, and Lisa Doss - 268 & 278.

On Saturday, they rolled two five-game blocks, to have a chance to qualify for the "Sweet 16" on Sunday morning. Lunch was provided by the MSUSBC in between the squads. Making the cut were: Victoria Giardina, (top qualifier) Jenna Pollak, Stacey Timmer, Dasha Kovalova, Chelsey Klinger, Nicole Wilson, Ashley Denard, Lauren Krywy, Lisa Doss, Denisyha Waller, Latasha Cole, Brianna Andrew, Brandie Reamy-Johnson, Bailey Gipson, Samantha Knight, and Kristin Truszkowski.

Coming back Sunday morning, the bowlers rolled another 4-game block, and then cut was made to 8. Those bowlers moving on were Victoria Giardina, Stacey Timmer, Dasha Kovalova, Jenna Pollock, Chelsey Klinger, Lisa Doss, Ashley Denard and Brandie Reamy-Johnson. Four more games were bowled to qualify for the step ladder finals.

Qualifying for the step ladder finals were:
Victoria Giardina (18 game total 4054)
Stacey Timmer (3969)
Dasha Kovalova, (3912)
Jenna Pollak (3828)

On to the Finals...

In the first round, Stacey defeated Jenna, 267 to 191. A couple of splits marked the difference in this round.

In the 2nd round, with a very close call, Dasha defeated Stacey, 227 to 226. Stacey ended with 5 in a row, and Dasha had to strike out to beat her by that one pin
In the final round, Victoria had a few issues with that miserable 10 pin and Dasha continued her excellent bowling, claiming the Queen's crown, rolling a 237 to Victoria's 169 game. Dasha also took home the \$2000.00 check for first place.

It was a great tournament, and we thank all the entrants.
Hope to see you next year; and bring a friend.

Special thanks to 5 Star Lanes
and their staff for helping make this tournament successful.

Queen's committee:
Libbi Fletcher, Anita Maiorana, Ann Block
Melanie Newton, Scott Barker, Merry DeBoer

Detroit Hall of Fame



Ronnie Sparks Jr. of Southfield has won titles at the local, regional and national levels. He was a member of Team USA in 2005, 2006 and 2007. In 2006, Sparks was the Collegiate Rookie of the Year, First Team All American Collegiate and on the Gold Medal Team at the World Championships. State titles include the Masters in 2014 and 2015 as well as the Team title in 2017. At the local level, Sparks won the 2014 Masters Tournament. He has 1 PBA Regional title and two national titles including the 2015 Singles and 2022 Team All-Events with a record setting score. In TNBA Tournament play, Sparks has won the Bill Rhodman Central Region Championship and the Bacardi Classic. In Michigan Majors play, Sparks was named Rookie of the Year in his first season and Bowler of the Year later on. Sparks has a high average of 248 with 55+ 300 games and a high series of 869. Since 2013, Sparks has one 2nd Team All City selection and six first Team selections. He was the First Team All-City Captain on three occasions.



Carleta Poydras of Southfield, won her first title at the State Queens Tournament in 2012. Her other State Title is the Women's Championship Team event in 2015.

In addition, Poydras won the MDUSBC Women's Championship multiple times including the All-Events, Doubles and Team in 2013 and two other team titles.

Her highest season game average is 232 in 2012. In addition, she has bowled four 300 games and her high three game series is 811. She has made the All-City team on four occasions,



. Terence Dockery of Fraser won his first local title, GDBA Masters, in 1993. Prior to this win, he won the Pro Tour Qualifier for the Detroit Open in 1992. In All-Star Classic participation, he was on the team that were both the Spring Season and Overall Champions in the 1995-96 season.

The following season, Dockery was on the Winter Season Championship team. Additional recognitions have come from the Fantastics Inc Bowling Club as the Bowler of the Year in 2017-18 as well as two awards from the Detroit Traveling All Stars. Dockery has a high average of 234, 19 300 games and eight 800 Series. Dockery has earned three All City selections.

Lane Dressing Committee

Hello Bowlers,

The Michigan State USBC board has decided to create a lane dressing committee to come up with lane patterns for all state sponsored tournaments. In the past we have asked the houses to put down a pattern a little more difficult than their normal house pattern for the Open and Women's tournaments. Hence the reason for a state tournament average instead of a house average.

As this is a new committee to the board, we have been working with USBC to develop lane patterns that take the centers lane surfaces, oiling machines, and type of oil used to develop a pattern for each tournament. This is our 1st year doing this, so we expect a little learning curve as we develop patterns that will be fair for all our tournaments.

We would like to hear some feedback, both positive and negative, about the patterns you bowled on this year at the different tournaments. We understand that this will affect every bowler a little differently, some will like it, and some won't. The feedback will help us for future year's tournaments.

Thank you
Kevin VanNortwick
Chair of the Lane Dressing Committee

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