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Hello Bowler,

Michigan State USBC Tournaments

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE ADULT STATE TOURNAMENTS

Be sure and check the MS USBC website prior to bowling.
Your lane assignments will be out there under tournaments. Find your squad time. Click on it.
The names of your teammates/partner will be listed on your lane. NO checking in at the tournament office is necessary UNLESS, of course, if you have changes (subs, averages) then please, report at least an hour prior so, these changes can be made.

Announcements start 20 minutes prior to squad times. Squad time is start time.

Brackets are on your tables and must be turned in to the centers/ associations table, not the state office.

Looking forward to seeing you at the tournaments!

FIRST 300 GAME OF THE OPEN STATE TOURNAMENT

In the Open Tournament - doubles event
at M-66 Bowl,
Cody Casada rolled the first 300 of the tournament.

Congratulations Cody!!

Cody chose the Pride Dynasty as his free ball
provided by Motiv.



Calendar of Events

2024 Dates

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

State Meeting and Adult Awards Meeting

(Click [here](#) for details)

Holiday Inn - Midland
June 22, 2024

Youth Banquet/Schildroth Invitational

Royal Scot - Lansing
July 27, 2024

2024 State Fall Workshop

Doubletree - Bay City
Saturday, August 10, 2024

Muskegon Hall of Fame



Vittorio (Vic) Cerchiori

got introduced to bowling at the age of five. His parents Julie and Victor would take him with them to Northway Lanes on Friday nights to watch them bowl in the "Eagles and Eaglettes" bowling leagues.

Vic joined the YABA leagues after that and his love for the game emerged. Vic said he would try new things to improve his game, learning some of it by watching the older youth bowlers who Vic said "had hand" like Rodney Maus and Tony Campagna Jr. While playing football Vic broke his wrist and even though he had a cast on for nearly a year, he anxiously waited to get back on the lanes. His injury did not deter him from bowling and soon after returning to bowling he realized he had a lot more power in his release. This developed his wrist into something we locals today call a "locaMOTIV" that likes to hurt pins.

Vic recorded his first 300 game in June of 1994 while bowling with Chris Durham (which just so happened to be Chris's birthday as well). Something I don't think he or Chris will ever forget! In Vic's first year of adult bowling, he averaged an impressive 195, and has since gone onto to average over 230 twice, and many years with a 220+. Vic has amassed eighteen 300 games and two 800s series. All this, while also playing competitive softball like no one else going to multiple ASA/NSA Nationals in the process.

Some of Vic greatest memories are winning Eagles State Tournament doubles event with Nate Foster. Taking second place in Eagles State, a couple Ravenna Team Event victories and of course beating Mark McNarland in Fight Club finals!



Lonnie (Lon) DeNio

was the "GO TO" guy when it came to fixing a machine at Northway Lanes. For fifty plus years he was the "behind the scenes" guy who kept the machines running smoothly and not breaking down!

Lonnie got his start in the bowling business when he got hired to work the snack shop at Northway Lanes in 1970. A position which required him to cook, do dishes, take orders, and bus tables (back then, the pay was a whole \$1.30 an hour). After working in the snack shop for a while, Lonnie quit and took a job at Brunswick where he worked for six months (in 1972) until the threat of a strike loomed, and he returned to the snack shop at Northway. One day Bob Jacobs approached Lonnie and asked if he would like to make more money? Of course he would, so he was promoted to bartender. After working that position for a while, Bob approached him again, this time asking if he would like to be a mechanic? He sure did, and that is where his career took off.

Jim Schaab mentored Lonnie teaching him all he knew about the machines and equipment, Lon caught on fast. After a while, Jim was able to spend more time drilling balls and Lonnie became head mechanic. A salaried position, and YES. More money. He went to many seminars and classes over the years with Jim and Brad learning the latest on new parts and fixing problems on the machine(s). Lon recalls one of the seminars back in the 90's being about the automatic scoring



Chris Durh

Right after Graduation Chris joined his first men's league, a summer league that led to his spectacular 176 average but the thing that Chris remembers about this season was his good buddy Vic Cerchiori shooting a 300 (Chris said he will always remember this because Vic doesn't let him forget it).

It took Chris a couple years to record his first 300 it came in 1998 in the Circle league at Northway. He said this is his most important 300. A close second was shooting 300 against Bob DeCheney in the finals of a scratch event.

Chris considers his biggest influences to be Bob DeCheney, Rick Daymon and Mark McNarland. These influences must have helped because Chris has gone on to average over 230 for six different seasons. He has registered 35 300 games and 15 800 series.

It was at Sherman Lanes in 1998 that Chris had his first 800 series an 823. Then he shot the first 800 ever at the downtown Eagles in 2000 with games of 267-259-279. Durham's highest series to date came at AMF Muskegon Lanes when he lit up the place with 268-300-300 for a whopping 868.

In 2007 Chris was bowling with Tony Glazek, Joe Kolanowski Jr, and Keith Messenger when

Vic loves to help people get better, this is why he along with Jason Bowen helped to organize Orchard View and Oakridge bowling teams before it became a Varsity sport. He has helped coach Oakridge High School bowling for six years and coached along with Billy Bowen over at Muskegon Community College for three years. One season the girls took second in Nationals in Division 3!

Vic wants to say thanks to so many bowlers that helped him along the way but especially Bob DeCheney and Jeff McManus who helped teach him how to spot bowl. He wants to thank all the teams he has bowled on over the years, and to Motiv Bowling for all their years of support. He said using their equipment elevated his game.

machines which were installed at Northway Lanes not long after that seminar.

Lonnie took a lot of pride in his position and it showed in his dedication to keeping the machines running smoothly for 40+ years for the league and tournaments that are held at Northway Lanes. You very seldom see breakdowns! The most incredible streak saw no break downs through eight state tournaments over a twelve-year course. Lon's responsibilities were not limited to keeping the pinsetters running smoothly, he was also responsible for the purchase of all the necessary products to keep the machines, bathrooms, and all the facilities at Northway Lanes the cleanest possible, and to many people probably the most important task, he was also in charge of ordering the liquor for the bars to keep the bowlers happy!

For Lonnie, his success was not only for his 50 years of making a huge difference behind the scenes, but also in front. His dedication to his job and making sure things run smoothly not only at Northway Lanes, but his dedication for improving the equipment in the sport of bowling have landed him a very deserving place in the Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame.

they recorded the highest total of the year for a four-man scratch score in the nation, and the sixth highest ever recorded when they shot an 1126, which is an average of 281 per game, per man. Chris would help set other records as well, while bowling with legendary team "Mills Distributing" he helped set the city record with a team score of 3569.

Speaking of titles, the list is long! Some highlights are: Muskegon Masters 2017 when Chris beat Mark McNarland in the finals (then losing the finals the following year when Bob got his revenge by defeating Chris for the title). Chris has been on teams which won events such as Christmas Bash and the Pepsi Team Tournament. He is a "Sundae Singles" scratch champion. He won an MSBS title beating Charlie Brown in the finals (only to lose to him later in the "Manistee Open"). In 19xx, in the Michigan State Tournament, Chris and his doubles partner Mark McNarland held onto the first-place position for the majority of the tournament only to be beat out the last weekend. He includes in his list of highlights, having the leagues high average of 225, high series with 823 and shooting a 300 when the Red Triangle-A went to a sport shot.

Grand Rapids Hall of Fame



Jeff DeKubber

is being inducted into the Grand Rapids Bowling Hall of Fame for his achievements on the lanes. Jeff's accomplishments are many. And they started when Jeff was a junior bowler in the 1970's. Early on it was apparent that Jeff was a passionate competitor.

Jeff has always been a talented bowler. His accomplishments as a youth bowler include two All City Teams (1987 and 1988); two All-State Teams (1987 and 1988); high average in the City (207) in 1988; high average in the State in his age division (165) in 1984. Jeff also competed in Michigan's MJMA tournaments and was secretary of the Grand Rapids All Star Travel league for two seasons.

As an adult bowler, Jeff participated in numerous leagues and competed in tournaments locally and all over Michigan for over 30 years. His honor scores are numerous --- over 45 – 300 games, dozens of games 11 in a row, almost 20 – 800 series with a career high of 839 in 1989 at Sparta Lanes which was a City record at the time; and a career high average of 243.

Jeff's City Tournament actual titles include: 10 Teams helping to set a City record of 3,731 in 2011 with Chad Pyne, Eric Montgomery, Steve Austin and John Slott; two Doubles titles; one Singles title; and two All Events titles. Jeff earned a spot on the Men's All City Teams in 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993.

On the State level, Jeff's 740 series partnered with Darryl Slaughter's 652 series won the actual Doubles title in the Michigan State Tournament in 1991. That same year Jeff finished 2nd in actual Singles with a 752 series and 4th in actual All Events with 2,084. In 2001 his team finished 5th place with an actual team score and in 2003 a 2nd place actual team score.

Jeff has competed in many Michigan tournaments. In 2008 he earned a title in Owosso in the Lansing Mini Match. Jeff has five titles with the Lakeshore Singles Classic. He also has one title and 4 top 5 finishes with the Michigan Majors where he also served on the Board of Directors.

Jeff also competed for a few years with the PBA on the national tour and in Regional events. He made stepladder finals once and 10 match play finals. In all, Jeff cashed 26 times.

Jeff had a lot of success in local Grand Rapids tournaments hosted by the various bowling centers --- Clique Lanes Christmas Eve Singles, Sparta Lanes New Year's Eve Singles, Spectrum Lanes New Year's Eve Doubles, Grand Rapids Bowling Council Doubles, the Fairlanes Invitational and the Stroh's/Coors Tournaments.

Jeff has stepped away from competing as a bowler and has been instrumental in organizing and serving as Tournament Director for the Spectrum Lanes New Year's

Robin Orlikowski

Born in Canada, Robin honed her skills in 5-pin from age 3 – 13. In 1992, her family relocated to Tennessee due to her mother's job. Despite the absence of 5-pin, Robin embraced 10-pin and swiftly became a standout player in Tennessee.

Her college journey unfolded at Morehead State University where she earned accolades of 4-time All-American, Rookie of the Year, and two National Championships. During her time at school, she achieved recognition as the WIBC Alberta E. Crowe Start of Tomorrow and secured spots on both the youth and adult Team Canada squads. Her senior year brought triumph with the ACUI Marion Ladewig Award – All Events Champion. And in that same trip she earned a spot on the WIBC Queens TV show, finishing 5th as the sole amateur.

Post-graduation, Robin ventured to Milwaukee as the Marketing Manager for the Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA). In Wisconsin, she succeeded in her professional role on the lanes clinching titles as National Sport Bowling high average (twice), the first woman to shoot a 700 series in a sport league (714), and the 2003 Wisconsin Badger Queen.

Robin's life took a turn when she met Hall of Famer Billy Orlikowski in Wisconsin. The two developed a long-distance relationship, leading to their engagement. Robin then moved to Grand Rapids in 2005 marking the beginning of her illustrious career in Michigan.

At the city level she has earned 11 Women's City titles, 5 City Mixed titles and a 700 Tournament title. Robin has been named to 8 All City Teams.

Robin, along with her Bunnies team, holds National USBC records: mixed four women, one man game (1,349), mixed three women, two men series (3,738), mixed four women, one man series (3,661).

On the state level Robin has won 6 Team titles in the Women's Championship and a Doubles title with Dasha Kovalova (1,506 record). In 2015, Robin became the Michigan State Queens Champion and was inducted into the Women's State Hall of Fame in 2020. Her prowess extended nationally with victories in the USBC Women's Championship National titles in the Diamond Division for Team (2021) and Doubles (2022). Robin and Billy also clinched the 2010 Bowler's Journal Mixed Champions (1,838 for 4 games) which as a National record.

Robin's international contributions include representing Team Canada for 13 years, winning a gold medal in singles in her first adult team showcasing in Argentina in 2001, and claiming several other medals throughout her career. As a youth player she secured the Canadian Youth title twice and

Eve Tournaments since 2008. These tournaments have consistently sold out. More recently Jeff has also taken on the Calder City Masters, Senior Masters and Queens tournaments.



Mike Horian

has been a member of the Grand Rapids bowling community for over 40 years. He began his bowling life at the age of 12 helping out at Lowell Lanes and bowling in the Youth leagues when Mike Marks was the Proprietor. At 17 years old he moved up and into the adult leagues. Mike gained his knowledge of bowling equipment while working in Mike Marks Pro Shops at Kentwood Bowling Center, Michigan Lanes and Comet Lanes from 1985-1991. He opened his own pro shop at Lowell Lanes --- Mike Horian's Pro Shop --- in 1991 and stayed until the center closed in 2014.

Mike also gave back to the sport of bowling by coaching the Lowell High School team when bowling first became a club sport in the late 1990's. He takes great pleasure sharing his knowledge of the sport and helping bowlers improve their game. Mike has also served as a league officer when needed.

Mike has a career high average of 240. He has had over 30 - 300 games and almost as many 800 series with a high of 858. Mike's 858 series was the first 800 series rolled at Lowell Lanes.

Mike's tournament accomplishments include first place actual team in the 1991 City Tournament with fellow inductee Jeff DeKubber. In 1990 Mike scored the only 300 game rolled in the City Tournament at Kentwood Bowling Center. In 2011 Mike's 804 series combined with Chris Clark's 688 earned them the actual City Doubles title of 1,492 at Fairlanes. Three more actual team event titles were 2014 (768 series), 2017 (747 series) and 2019 (720 series). In 2018 at Lincoln Lanes Mike's 716

was named the Canadian Female Bowler of the Year four times.



Sarah Pettenger

was about 7 years old when she started youth league bowling along with her 3 sisters. Their parents introduced them to their favorite family sport first at Miracle Lanes and then at Michigan Lanes. Sarah's parents took them bowling each week and were their coaches, cheerleaders and staunch supporters. Sarah credits her success on the lanes to her Mom and Dad with all of their devotion and love. Sarah and her sisters would go on from youth bowling to become a real force of nature in Grand Rapids bowling. The Geske family joke is "if you want to be a part of the family, you have to bowl". Sarah even chose her spouse, Jeremy, from the bowling world. They met while bowling together in junior leagues.

Sarah's has many accomplishments at the City, State and National levels.

Sarah is a nine-time member of the Greater Grand Rapids Women's All City Team. She has won numerous women's actual Singles titles which include the 600 Tournament and the 700 Tournament twice. Sarah was won three women's actual Doubles titles with fellow Grand Rapids Hall of Fame member Robin Orlikowski.

As for the women's Team event, Sarah has been a member of nine teams that have won the actual Team Championship. Her first women's City Team actual title in 2008 was special because her teammates included her mother LuAnn and sisters Jennifer, Kimberly and Lisa.

At the State level, Sarah was a member of the 5-women and 4-women Teams that won the actual Team titles in 2019. She won the Michigan State Mixed Women's All Events title in 2021. And in 2022, Sarah was inducted into the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance.

singles series was 3rd place actual and his 2,070 actual all events was 2nd place actual. On the State level Mike rolled one of his 800 series in the 2006 Michigan State Tournament here in Grand Rapids and in 2008 when the Michigan State Tournament was in Westland Mike rolled a 300 game. In 2018 Mike, along with his wife Sue, captured the State Mixed Doubles actual title. Mike has earned an All City Team position in 2012, 2018 and 2020. Most recently, as a first time participant in the Grand Rapids Seniors Tournament, Mike won his age division this season with a 716 actual and 751 handicap score.

Sarah was a member of the team "Hustle & Flo" that not only captured the Grand Rapids City Women's Actual Team title in 2019, but their combined series scores of 3,568 was recognized by the USBC as the highest 5-women series in the nation for the 2018-2019 season. On January 26, 2021 Sarah was a member of "The Bunnies" team that bowled a series score of 3,661. USBC recognized this series as the highest in the nation for a 1-man, 4-women team for that season. Sarah has six 300 games to her credit, two 800 series and a high average of 221.

Final Frame

Robert Dunlap passed away in January of this year.

Bowling for over forty years Robert Dunlap had 17-300 games, 3-299 games, and three series over 800. His lifetime career high average is a 224.

On the local level Bob's accolades consist of leading the team "AFTERSHOCK" to a City record of 3715 with his 766 series. He had numerous local tournament championship titles including: Chez-Ami King & Queens 1981, 92, 93 and 94. Sparta Holiday Doubles 1983, West Michigan Bowling Association Sparta Classic 1983, the Actual Team Eastbrook Magic Score Open in 1986, the Chez-Ami 205 Scratch Singles in 1992, the Fairlane Open in 1995, the Amateur Bowlers Tour Memory Lanes in 1998, Actual All Events Grand Rapids City Tournament in 1985, Actual Doubles Grand Rapids City Tournament in 1999.



The Grand Rapids Bowling Council named Bob to the All-City Team in 2001 and the Senior All-City Team 5 times between 1997- 2002.

On the State level Bob captured the Denny Wiley Best Ball title in 1978 and the George Howard Adult Junior Tournament in 1999. Bob was also the champion in the national event of the TNBA mixed Actual Team with a score of 3236 in 1999.

On the National level Bob finished in the top ten in the Second Chance Tournament of the Senior Masters in Reno in 2001.

Bob participated in 4 ABC Senior Masters Tournaments. Bob bowled in over twenty-five ABC National Tournaments.

Bob was a Board member of the Grand Rapids Bowling Association, starting in 1983 and served as its President from 1993- 2000. He served on the Grand Rapids Bowling Council as well from 1992-2000. Bob gave of himself on the state level by serving as a Michigan State Zone 13 Director and on the Michigan State Bowling Council for the BA.

Bob sat on the transition committee which was tasked with merging the three state bowling associations. Bob served on that committee the entire time of its tenure.

Bob was inducted into the Michigan State BA Hall of Fame in 2006. He was also inducted into the Greater Grand Rapids Bowling Hall of Fame for both his superior performance on the lanes as well as his countless hours given to promoting the sport of bowling in the Greater Grand Rapids Area.

Bob, you will be missed... it was a privilege to have known you. Rest in peace, to a good friend.

Michigan State Tournament Entries

Links below for our State tournaments.... See you on the LANES!!

Michigan State Women's Tournament 2024

Michigan State Open Tournament 2024

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