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Hello Bowler,

## *Michigan State USBC*

The last tournament ball has been thrown, ... the Michigan State Office has been working on getting those checks "in the mail" and if not already sent, will be soon.

A BIG thank you to our host houses and the associations that helped us throughout the tournament.

**For the Women:** Station 300, Westgate and the Greater Grand Rapids USBC

**For the Open:** Bowlero, M- 66 and the Battle Creek USBC

**For the Youth:** Merri Bowl, Plaza Lanes and the Metro Detroit USBC

**and for the Pepsi:** Royal Scot and the Lansing USBC

We cannot run these tournaments without our local help and we also appreciate all of the monitors/scorekeepers that worked tirelessly weekend after weekend to help out.

Of course, we would need to thank all of the board members, who also are there every weekend and again the office staff who get score sheets ready for the bowlers, and deliver them to the centers.

THANKS to all the bowlers who participated....

One of the biggest joys I have every season, while working the tournaments, attending banquets, or at the state meeting is to see members of our "Bowling Family"

.. it may be only a couple times a year we get to see each other but bowling friendships are so very special and seeing these friends makes my day!

We hope to see some of you at the Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet, and again at the Fall Workshop. BUT, we do wish all of you a great summer and don't forget, the online reservation system will be available right after Labor day.

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# Calendar of Events

## 2024 Dates

### State Meeting and Adult Awards Meeting

Holiday Inn - Midland  
June 22, 2024

..Invites have been sent out to Association Managers/Presidents.

### Youth Banquet/Schildroth Invitational

Royal Scot - Lansing  
July 27, 2024

### 2024 State Fall Workshop

Doubletree - Bay City  
Saturday, August 10, 2024

## Welcome !!



Please join us in welcoming the newest Michigan State USBC Board of Directors member:  
Jacob Darnell of Shepherd, MI.

Jacob worked the last weekend of the Women's State tournament so, he is ready for next season!!

## WOW !!!!



On the last day of the Pepsi State Finals Tournament as a final exclamation point on our bowling season, it is with great pleasure that we recognize Emmett Larson of Three Rivers, MI.

Emmett bowled games of 277, 277, and 259 for a fantastic 813 series.

Did we mention that Emmett is only 10 years old?

***Congratulations Emmett!***

## BVL Contributions for 2023



Special thanks to our state delegates for allowing Karen Hagan and myself, Merry DeBoer to attend the National meeting so we were able to accept this plaque for OUR state's contribution to BVL.

**MICHIGAN ROCKS!!**  
Libbi Fletcher...your help in "asking" for donations is wonderful !!

BVL's BEST	STATE ASSOCIATIONS
Texas State USBC	\$133,910.12
Michigan State USBC	\$110,781.94
California State USBC	\$100,189.03
Virginia State USBC	\$62,045.59
Florida State USBC	\$50,091.48

## 2024 Michigan State Hall of Fame

*The Class of 2024 will be honored at the Awards Banquet on June 22, 2024.*

Our Congratulations to ALL for a well-deserved honor.



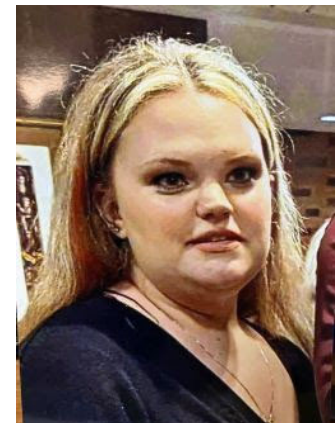
**STACEY TIMMER**

A funny thing happened on the way to the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame for Stacey Timmer. A chance opportunity one night to sub in a league with her then best friend and her mother would lead this former collegiate basketball player down a very different road. Stacey



**JOHN RUGGIERO III**

John Ruggiero III is joining his father in the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame. John is extremely proud of this fact. This son of a bowling pioneer grew up having legends like Buzz Fazio and Joe Joseph in his kitchen sharing their knowledge. John's road to the Michigan State Hall of Fame has been a long time in the making. John III did not start his bowling career until the age of 12 following his father's philosophy. He bowled as a youth in the



**KIMBERLY MADDY**

Kimberly Maddy's journey to the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame started at the age of two. She went regularly with her grandparents to watch them bowl their leagues. At age 5, Kim would begin bowling in the youth program at All-Star Lanes (formerly Colonial), the same program in which her father had started his bowling career. Kim fell in love with bowling as a youth bowler. Her father would take her to practice weekly. Kim hated leaving the

was convinced to bowl that night as a "Girls Night Out". She used a house ball and rental shoes that first time and was hooked for life. After subbing in that league, Stacey started to practice, coaching herself by watching others bowlers at their craft. Within a year, Stacey would roll her first 299 game in a tournament. She now looks back at that first 299 game and laughs as all eleven strikes were Brooklyn's. Soon others noticed Stacey's talent and offered to help her with her game. Amos Mathis began coaching her in the finer points of the game. The Larabell Family, especially Michelle, who owned a bowling center in Grand Rapids offered her time and a place to practice. The young 20 something Stacey was now on her way to the Hall of Fame. In 2007, Stacey moved briefly to Chicago to follow her bowling dreams. She would find success in the Windy City, make lifelong friends, and become even more competitive with her game. Michigan would get Stacey back in 2014, when her family needed her. Her dedication to her bowling did not wane. Stacey looked for more competition and ways to challenge herself. The 40 hour a week product colorist is a dedicated bowler after hours and on most weekends. Her bowling schedule is exhausting. She logs many miles each week in her 2006 Silver Saturn Vue. Stacey bowls in Kalamazoo on Friday nights, Thunderbowl in Allen Park on Wednesday nights, and when her tournament schedule allows, she bowls in Chicago in a mixed league on Saturday night. Stacey has accomplished a lot of goals in her bowling career but she is still hungry. She would like to be the first woman to bowl a 900 series. Along the way, Stacey has collected a strong group of friends through bowling and she is appreciative for all their love and support on her journey. Highlights from Stacey's Hall of Fame career: 2021 Michigan Queens Title, 2022 Michigan State Women's Doubles Title, 2024 Michigan State Women's Singles Title, USBC National Record for most 800 series in one season (5) female.

Congratulations Stacey on your induction into the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame.

Cecil Ward Travel League. John went to Western University and bowled in collegiate competitions. He would then go on to be a very active tournament competitor. John would travel both nationally and regionally to bowl in various tournaments. Along the way he would take time to be an at large director for the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, John's current passion in bowling is for seniors. He became involved in the Senior Olympics Movement. Bowling is a part of the games. The Michigan Senior Olympics qualifying for bowling will be the last Sunday and Monday in July at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. The 2024 winners in the different bowling the opportunity to represent Michigan in different cities. John loves bowling for his state and relished the chance to continue doing it. He is proud to represent bowling for Michigan and our bowling community. John has lots of stories about the Senior Olympics and will gladly recruit as many seniors into the fold as possible. He has offered administrative help for the Senior Olympics. The state senior games are one route for bowling to convince the International Olympic Committee to bring the sport back to the Games.

As much as John loves the Senior Olympics movement, he can be found on the lanes most weekends bowling in a state or local tournament. He has been an avid supporter of the Michigan State Mixed, Michigan State Seniors, and Michigan State Open Championships. An annual competitor in the MSUSBC Senior Championships, John got the opportunity to represent Michigan at the National USBC Senior Tournament in his age category, in the Open division. He placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the 2021 Tournament in Henderson, Nevada.

Highlights of John's bowling career: 1975 Singles Actual Michigan BA Tournament, 15 300 games, 8 800 series, 61 years of average over 200, numerous Senior Olympic Gold Medals

Congratulations John, on your induction into the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame. There are two Ruggiero men now in the Hall of Fame.

bowling center after the practice sessions would end. All the practice however, would lead to a stellar youth career in the Metro Detroit area.

During the 2003 Metro Detroit Youth City Championships at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights, Kim would have a 300 game during the team event at age 16. She credits her brother who just happened to be bowling on the same pair of lanes with keeping her on track during that honor score game. Once Kim joined the adult ranks, she would find success on the lanes in the prestigious S & B Ladies League and the Luxury Ladies at Luxury Lanes. Kim even bowled in a men's league at Bowl One Lanes. In tournaments Kim would also find a niche. Kim was part of winning teams at the state and local level. In Metro Detroit USBC she would win several local titles and make many all-city team appearances.

The other side of Kim's bowling journey is she has been a high school bowling coach since her junior year. Michigan high school bowling was in its infancy when Kim was in high school. In those early years of high school bowling, youth bowlers were often given the choice between bowling for their school or staying in their YABA leagues and tournaments. Kim would pick the YABA route as her choice. She saw many more opportunities in her Ward Youth Travel League and various YABA sanctioned youth tournaments. Kim was asked to be a student coach for her school, Utica High School. This compromise would let Kim be part of high school bowling and keep her youth career rolling. It was during this time Kim caught the coaching bug. Now Kim coaches the Sterling Heights Stevenson High School bowling team. She has also become involved with the Michigan High School Bowling Coaches Association. Kim serves this organization as a board member.

Highlights of Kim's bowling career include: 3 - Michigan State USBC Women's Actual Team Championships, 2 - 800 series, 8 - 300 games, and 6 - 299 games including one in the 2024 MSUSBC Women's Championships, 1<sup>st</sup> place All-Events Actual in Michigan State Mixed Tournament.

Congratulations, Kim on your Induction into the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame.

## Junior Gold...Your HELP is needed...

**JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**DETROIT, MI • JULY 2024**

DETROIT WILL HOST THE 2024 JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (JULY 12-20)  
AT VARIOUS BOWLING CENTERS IN OUR REGION.  
THIS IS AN ANNUAL NATIONAL TOURNAMENT FOR THE TOP MALE  
AND FEMALE YOUTH BOWLERS IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE METRO DETROIT USBC IS THE HOST ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
2024 JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, USA BOWLING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS,  
AND THE YOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE  
IN THE FOLLOWING ROLES:

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- OPENING CEREMONY VOLUNTEERS
- SPECTATOR PASSES/DOOR ENTER & EXIT MONITORS
- TRADE SHOW PREP / REGISTRATION VOLUNTEERS
- TRADE SHOW EMERGENCY EXIT DOORS

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER**

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST GO THROUGH SAFESPORT TRAINING  
AND HAVE A BACKGROUND CHECK COMPLETED BY THE USBC REGISTERED  
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM. ALL EXPENSES WILL BE COVERED BY USBC.

**QUESTIONS?  
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