

September 2024



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Hello Merry,

Michigan State USBC Fall Workshop



We had a great turn out for the Fall Workshop.

It was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Bay City.

Attendance was up, the food was excellent, and our new

USBC Field Rep, Hugo Cartagena

did a great job with his presentation.

Thanks to all who attended...and if you missed it this year,

we hope your association will be able to attend next year.

State Mixed Doubles

The Michigan State Mixed Doubles is held every Saturday and Sunday in October and moves around the Greater Bay Area. Team event consists of 2 men and 2 women. Doubles event is 1 man and 1 woman.

No singles.

This Years event will be at:

Monitor Lanes/ Bay City

Saturday and Sunday

October 5 & 6, 12 & 13, 19 & 20...

[State Mixed Tournament Entry 2024](#)

Save the Dates

2024 -Entries are below for all of these tournaments

October 18,19,20,25,26 & 27

Senior Tournament - Sherman Lanes - Muskegon

SENIOR ENTRIES ARE DUE October 11....

October 26 & 27

Senior Masters - Continental Lanes - Kalamazoo

November 2 & 3

Queens Tournament -Royal Scot - Lansing

November 9 & 10

Youth Masters - Jax60 Lanes - Jackson

November 16 & 17

Masters Tournament - Continental Lanes - Kalamazoo

2025 State entries were passed to associations at the Fall Workshop,
and are onlinein a fillable format

January 18-April 27

MSUSBC Open State Tournament – Monitor and Alert Lanes - Bay City

No Bowling - Super Bowl weekend (Feb 8 & 9) Easter (April 19 & 20)

January 25- April 27

MSUSBC Women's State Tournament - Royal Scot (Lansing)

and Char Lanes (Charlotte)

No Bowling: Collegiate NCAA weekend - April 5 & 6 Easter weekend (April 19 & 20)

March 15- April 27

MSUSBC Youth State Tournament - B's and Richfield Lanes - Flint

No Bowling Easter weekend – April 19 & 20

May 3 & 4, 10 & 11

Pepsi State Tournament – Jax 60 - Jackson

National USBC Senior Tournament

The 2024 USBC Senior Championships were held July 30 - August 2nd in Cincinnati, Ohio at Western Bowl Strike and Spare Lanes.

One of "our" winners sent us some pictures of the shirts that our All Events winners receive for bowling in this tournament .

Thank you Loretta Simon for these GREAT Pictures

Loretta let us know: " I had a great time at the Tournament. I didn't bowl well, but had a chance to meet ladies from all over the United States. It was a wonderful experience. "



Lansing Hall of Fame



Pamela A. English-Armstrong is being inducted into the Greater Lansing Hall of Fame in the Accomplishment category for her achievements in the sport.

I started bowling in 1973 when I came back from college. I bowled in college with friends for fun, but softball was my favorite sport at the time. I had not thought seriously about bowling until I went by Metro Bowl to see some friends who were bowling. I found the game of bowling exciting and decided that I wanted to try it. I remember my first bowling ball was a green metallic like ball. Yes, it only weighed 10 pounds that I bought at K-Mart, shoes and all. Now I was



Richard "Rick" Clark is being inducted into the Greater Lansing Bowling Hall of Fame in the Accomplishment category for his achievements in the sport.

Rick was born in Lansing in 1955. His interest in bowling began in the late 60's, his profits from his paper route financed his practice and pot game matches at Cedarway Lanes. He was employed by Cedarway Lanes on a high school co-op program at \$2.00 per hour. Rick bowled in his first ABC national tournament in 1973 and has now bowled 51 consecutive tournaments and has averaged 191. He started competing in the Capitol City Classic league during



Valerie "Val" L. Jackson is being inducted into the Greater Lansing Bowling Hall of Fame in the Accomplishment category for her achievements in the sport.

Born in Lansing on October 2, 1958 to Louise and Norman Jackson. She does not recall when her interest in bowling began but remembers that her dad would bowl at Westlawn Lanes and she would accompany him to the lanes. She graduated from Sexton High School in 1977. After graduating she began working at General Motors and retired in April 2009. Valerie is an avid golfer acquiring her love for golf from her father.

She would go to Cedarway Lanes to practice and bowled leagues at Metro Bowl. She met Jerry Holt in

ready to bowl or so I thought.

I started bowling at Lansing Recreation on Washington Avenue and Cedarway Lanes on a league. Bowling then became a passion and I really wanted to learn the game. I bowled in leagues around Lansing and surrounding area even bowling double shifts at every bowling center. Bowling became my favorite sport.

I joined The National Bowling Association (TNBA) in 1980 bowling in their Regionals, Central Regionals, the Annual TNBA Bill Rodman Memorial and TNBA National Tournaments. My first bowling tournament was in Louisville, Kentucky and bowled an 87 for my first game. I will never forget that day and decided to become the best bowler I could be. In 1997 the TNBA Tournament was held in Las Vegas where my partner Chuck, from California, and I won the mixed doubles for

the 1973-1974 season, Invitational Classic 1974-1975 continuous through 2022-2023. He also competed in All Star Majors/Metro Majors Classic for many years. High average of 202 in the Capitol City Classic 1975-1976 at the age of 20 and making the All City Team that year and in 1979. High average in All Star Majors 1978-1979 of 210. High average Metro Majors Classic (same league new name) in 1983-1984 of 207. High series in the 1998 City Tournament of 779.j

Rick bowled on the first team to break 3700 in the state of Michigan in 1987 with a score of 3709 which was the 2nd highest team score in the country that year and at the time was the 14th highest team score ever bowled. He may have been the only Lansing bowler to have bowled on teams that exceeded 3700 twice. On October 26, 2005, his Indian Hills team, Ray Kemmer, J. C. Petersen, Gary Stoneham, and Rick Patzkowsky bowled a 3777 that was a city record at the time.

the late 80's who provided some bowling instructions and continued to bowl for recreation. She bowled in various leagues at Metro Bowl - Metro Women, Metro Swingers, at Royal Scot – Royal Scot Peterson Point, and at Pro Bowl West – MI Dept of Public Health.

In 1991 Valerie won the Lansing 600 Tournament Division A Handicap Doubles with Velma Watson with a score of $1482 + 244 = 1726$. In 1995 Valerie also won the Lansing 600 Tournament Division A Actual & Handicap Singles with a score of $928 + 76 = 1006$, Actual and Handicap All Events $1650 + 152 = 1004$.

Valerie continued bowling on numerous leagues always improving her average from 168-174 in the 80's to 175-198 in the 90's. From 2000 to present Valerie has averaged in the 200's with her highest average of 217 in 2010-2011 season where she earned a spot on the Lansing All City Team. Since then, she has been a member of the Lansing Senior All City Team in 2015 – 2020, 2022 and 2023 and

\$10,000. I am still a member of TNBA and continue to bowl in TNBA leagues and tournaments.

Going to WIBC National and State tournaments with so many great women bowlers from Lansing and bowling all around the world has been a wonderful experience. I've enjoyed bowling with great women teams, partnering with bowlers for the Kings & Queens Tournament, and Women's Match Game Doubles. Bowling in the State and Local 600 Club Tournaments and winning the 21st Lansing Bowling Association (LBA) Mixed Doubles Actual Tournament in 1996 with Melvin Coleman with a score of 1380.

Bowling in Battle Creek for over forty years and inducted in the Battle Creek Women's Hall of Fame in 2011. I was voted Secretary of the Year in 2018 for the Battle Creek Women Bowling Association. As a USBC Battle Creek Women's Board Director #1 from

BOWLING ACHIEVEMENTS
High Average 229 (2005-06)
High Series 804 (1)
High Game 300 (8)

CITY TOURNAMENT TITLES

1978 – Team Actual Pro Bowl East 3101
1985 – Team Actual Chuck's Pro Shop 3058
(Bereznoff, Clark, Gonda, Morden, Smith)
1987 – Doubles Actual with Mitch Bereznoff 1318
1996 – Team Actual Mike's Pro Shop 3551
1996 – Team Handicap Mike's Pro Shop 3566
(Beasley, Beckner, Gorman, Clark, Keller)
2007 – Team Actual Indian Hills Golf 3575
(Beachnau, Clark, Kemmer, Patzkowsky, Petersen)

STATE TITLES

named Captain from 2016-2020 and 2023.

In 2010 her Mancino's Team of Delores (Loli) Montalvo, Dora Nettleman, Merri Poineau, Dana Wolverton won the City Tournament Team Actual with a score of 3117. In 2011 she won the City Tournament Actual Doubles with Dora Nettleman which was a City Record actual score of 1458 and won the Handicap Doubles with a score of 1503.

Valerie would like to thank the Lansing Bowling Hall of Fame for their nomination and induction into the 2024 Lansing Bowling Hall of Fame and looks forward to many more years of bowling and golfing.

BOWLING ACHIEVEMENTS

High Average 217 (2011-2012)
High Series 783
High Game 300 (1)

CITY TOURNAMENT TITLES

2006-2019 I represented the Battle Creek Bowling Association as State Representative for 5 years.

My greatest accomplishments: two eleven in a row (strikes) plaques, my first 300 game bowled at Spring Lake Lanes (Battle Creek) in the 1986 City Tournament. My 300 bowled at Pro Bowl West on the Robert Young Thursday evening league, a 300 bowled at M-66 Bowl in Battle Creek and 300 bowled at Royal Scot on the Sunday Night Baker Dozens League. A total of four-300 games, my highest series of 792 bowled at Spring Lake Lanes in Battle Creek, and 772 series bowled at Holiday Lanes in Lansing. On December 19, 1996, I won the Women Actual Singles 3-6-9 Tournament at Pro Bowl West,

1983 – Team Actual Chucks Pro Shop 3057
(Clark, Cochran, Cushion, Morden, Gonda)

OTHER TITLES

1975 – Men’s Actual Doubles (Cadwell)

1976 – Men’s Actual Doubles (Cadwell)

Competed in over 50 consecutive ABC/USBC Open Championships

50 year average of 191 at the ABC/USBC Open Championships

2010 – Team Actual Mancino’s 3117

(Montalvo, Nettleman, Poineau, Wolverton)

2011 – Doubles Actual 1458 (Nettleman) City Record

2011 – Doubles Handicap 1503 (Nettleman)

OTHER TITLES

1991 – 600 Club Div A – Doubles Handicap 1726 (Watson)

1995 – 600 Club Div A – Singles Actual 698

1995 – 600 Club Div A – Singles Handicap 1004

1995 – 600 Club Div A – All Events Actual 1650

1995 – 600 Club Div A – All Events Handicap 1802

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