



Hello Bowler,

### **Michigan State USBC Queens**

The Queens tournament was held at Royal Scot in Lansing on November 2 & 3. (Mark your calendars, it's the first weekend in November, every year) 64 bowlers participated in the event, we refer to it as a "marathon, not a sprint" The competitors bowl two 5 game blocks to make the "sweet sixteen" on Sunday

The top sixteen ladies who advanced this year were: Jordan Snodgrass, Brandie Reamy-Johnson, Ashley Gluba (who claimed our only 300 game on the last game of qualifying) Latasha Cole, Valerie Bercier, Jenna Pollak, Victoria Giardina, Hannah Post, Sarah Litteral, Brianna Andrew, Sarah Pettinger, Tanisha Burris, Julie Oczepek, Lisa Doss, Amanda Berry, and Elizabeth Payeur.

After four more games on Sunday, there was a tie for 8th place. In the three-way deadlock were Julie Oczepek, Sarah Litteral, and Lisa Doss. The Queens Tournament had never experienced a 3-way tie, so a one-game roll-off decided the fate of the competitors. Lisa rolled a great 266 game to advance to the "elite eight". Others advancing were: Jordan Snodgrass, Victoria Giardina, Valerie Bercier, Jenna Pollak, Brandie Reamy-Johnson, and Latasha Cole. Four more games were bowled, with the top four advancing to the step ladder finals.

The first match of the ladder found 3rd place bowler, Victoria Giardina defeat 4th seed Jenna Pollak, 215-180. Victoria then defeated 2nd seed, Valerie Bercier 228 to 210. In

the final match top seed, Jordan Snodgrass started with a split but gained momentum and continued her dominance and defeated Victoria 225 to 172. Our Queen had only one game under 200 throughout the whole tournament, rolling her tournament high game 298 in the qualifying. The top (senior) non-qualifier, Sandra Schultz also received a check from the MSUSBC for her efforts on the lanes.

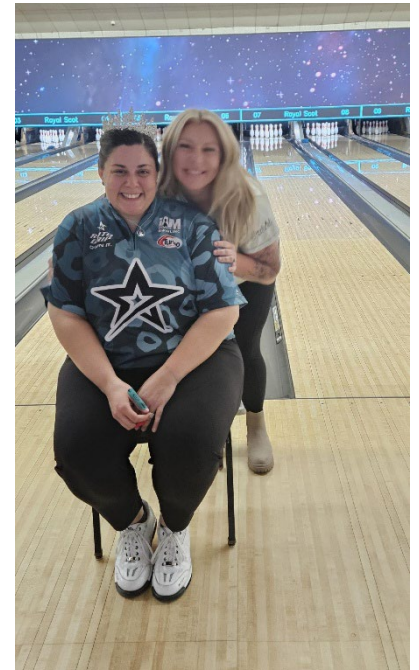
Many women's scratch events are no longer being held, the Michigan State USBC applauds the women who are up for this challenge, whether it is for the first time or the 15th time. THANK YOU!



Our 2025 Queen  
Jordan Snodgrass



"Paying homage to the Queen"  
Her court!  
Valerie Bercier, Victoria  
Giardina, and Jenna Pollak



Former Queen, Brandie Reamy-  
Johnson was on hand to help  
us crown this year's Queen

## **Senior Masters**

### **MIKA KOIVUNIEMI WINS MICHIGAN STATE SENIOR MASTERS TOURNAMENT AT CONTINENTAL LANES IN KALAMAZOO**

Mika Koivuniemi of Traverse City won the 2024 Michigan State USBC Senior Masters Tournament and the \$2,000.00 first prize at Continental Lanes in Kalamazoo. In the championship round, he defeated Gerald Johnson of Taylor, 414-384.

Koivuniemi reached the championship by defeating Phil Zocharski of Chelsea, 376-334, before being sent to the loser's bracket by Johnson, 426-398. In the loser's bracket, Koivuniemi defeated Clifford Crawford of Marysville, 468-373, Stephen Krywy of Warren 430-338, and Michael Calvin of Warren 429-410. Back from the loser's bracket, Koivuniemi defeated Johnson 445-361, and then 414-384 in the final title match. Johnson earned \$1,000 for his second-place finish. Johnson defeated Crawford 405-394, Koivuniemi 426-398, and Calvin 429-391 before losing Koivuniemi 445-361 and 414-384.

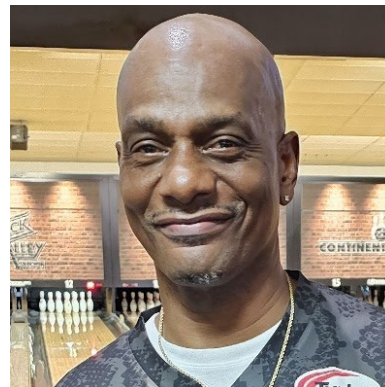
The cut to make it to match-play was +46. After six games of qualifying, the top eight bowlers advanced to double-elimination match play on Sunday. Koivuniemi led all qualifiers with his six-game total of 1453, an average of 242.1. The eight qualifiers averaged 219.2 in qualifying and 191.8 in match-play.

There was a tie for the high Super Seniors who didn't qualify for match play. Defending Champion Bo Goergen of Sanford and Michael Snow of Windsor, ON tied with +41, and each earned \$200.

The Senior Masters Tournament has six games of qualifying on Saturday, then 2-game, double-elimination matches on Sunday.



Senior Masters Champion 2024  
Mika Koivuniemi



Runner-up- Senior Masters 2024  
Gerald Johnson

### **Senior Tournament**

The Michigan State USBC held their Senior Tournament (or as we refer to it "The Vintage Youth Tournament") this year at Sherman Lanes in Muskegon.

We thank them for hosting.

Our All Events winners will have the opportunity to attend the National event at Cityview Lanes in Fort Worth, Texas.

This event will be held August 5th thru the 8th, 2025

Below are the standings:

[Open Tournament winners](#)

[Women's Tournament winners](#)

### ***Save the Dates***

#### **2025**

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

## ***Muskegon Hall of Fame***



### **David VanderStelt**

He has been involved in bowling for over five decades, bowling in leagues in Muskegon, Grand Haven, and Holland, Michigan. His bowling career started as a junior bowler in the mid-1960s. Growing up in East Muskegon, his home lanes were Northway. His parents would supply him enough money for his bowling games, shoes, a basket of french fries, and a Coke. As a junior bowler, he had the opportunity to meet and bowl with and against many current Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame members.

As an adult, Dave has bowled as many as four nights a week and participated in Muskegon and Ottawa County leagues. Dave has held many officer positions in several leagues in Muskegon and has had a lot of success on the



### **Mike Jacobs**

Many people believe that Mike Jacobs was born into bowling. The truth is, Mike was born to promote bowling. At age 6, he began youth bowling and by age 11 he was doing the secretary work for his AJBC league, and also keeping scores for both the Men's and Women's State tournaments. At age 14, he promoted his first tournament bid in Traverse City for the women's state tournament with owner Ralph Kuris and his dad, Bob Jacobs. Mike began working the front desk in high school. He was getting to know both sides of the bowling business.. After graduation Mike was offered an accounting job with YEO/YEO in Kalamazoo but opted to work for Northway Lanes. Soon after, he began his magic setting up leagues and tournaments, many

lanes, with multiple 300 games and 800 series.

If you know Dave, his scores are not what matters to him. His love for the game is about the friendships he has gained, seeing new bowlers fall in love with the sport, and ensuring the integrity of the game is maintained by league members.

Dave involved his wife Debra and his children Michele and Marc in the sport, but one of Dave's favorite memories at the bowling alley was helping coach his granddaughter, Kayleigh. Every Saturday morning, you could find him sitting at Northway Lanes, with a cup of coffee, coaching her to success. His guidance led to Kayleigh winning the Michigan High School Division 2 state finals in 2015.

Today, you will find Dave at the Muskegon Eagles bowling on Wednesday nights and perhaps subbing in a few other leagues. In addition, if you ever need to see him on a Saturday during bowling season, he will be at Bob Hi bowling in the Dick Meisch Bud Light Shootout (he is always looking for new partners to make the leader-board) .

that still run today (for example, The Turkey Day Singles, Pepsi No-Tap, Sundae Singles, and the Pepsi/Mountain Dew team tournaments).

Relentlessly marketing bowling, Mike targeted youth and off shift bowlers. Mike filled up all 50 lanes on Thursdays at Midnight with 2nd shift workers. He then started a program where McDonalds attached a flyer this passion to learn trends and share ideas for our sport led Mike to becoming a director on the Bowling Center's Association of Michigan board. He got to meet other proprietors throughout the state and country and helped set-up the state bowling proprietor conventions. Mike spent 10 years on the BCAM board culminating as vice-president in 2019.

Mike had some success on the lanes as well rolling two 300 games including his first in a city tournament in Ravenna. His high series is 781 and he carried a season high average of 216 twice.



### **Jeff Petroski**

Jeff started bowling in juniors leagues at age 6 at Muskegon Lanes where early on he would get help from numerous coaches especially, Clyde McKentry, his Dad Dave, and his Grandpa Joe.

Jeff had a phenomenal YABA career and recalls one of the highlights was winning state doubles with his younger brother Scott and having a 290 game at age 15!

After Juniors, Jeff started bowling the Tuesday Hecklers league at Muskegon Lanes (which most of his family was also in). Jeff battled Carl Grimm year after year for high average in the league and the house. Right out of juniors Jeff started his adult leagues with a 194 average and started bowling in tournaments where he was fortunate to win a doubles event



### **Billy Orlikowski**

Billy has been fortunate to have bowling as a central part of his life since he was 2 years old. His journey started at Clique Lanes in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the bowling center his grandparents built in 1953.

As a junior bowler, Billy won several city championships around the Grand Rapids area. In 1985, while bowling in the Michigan State YABA Championship his team won the Team Event Boys Open shooting 2959 with teammates Dennis Johnson, Terry Riley, Jim Rennick & Lars Virkstis.

He bowled on the PBA Tour from 1990 to 1999 while also working as part of Brunswick's Pro Staff, helping develop and test balls.

In 2001, Billy was lucky enough to be hired full-time by Brunswick as an R&D Technician, which brought

with his grandma Doris (which means a lot to him) and a City Doubles win with Ryan Mouw in 2010.

One of the things you will hear from anyone that bowls with Jeff is how competitive he is on every shot, every time out, and it's really one of the reasons guys like bowling with him. Guys like, Chris Churchill, Scott Babcock, Bob DeCheney, Dave Stowers, and Mark McNarland are just a handful of the guys that would choose Jeff, aka "Petro" first for an event.

In 2013, or as it has been referred to as the year of "Petro" is when Jeff finally broke out. He bowled his first 300 game. He partnered with Chris Churchill in the Men's City Tournament and scored his first 800, an 824 in the doubles event only to come back and shoot a whopping 854 in the singles event. He finished the tournament with a 730 in team event for an All-event total of 2408 and swept all the city tournament events that year!

To date Jeff has racked up 14 300 games (one of them at Eagles State Tournament) and 4 800 series. So, what are Jeff's future plans? Well, he would love to average 230 again (which he has done a few times through the years) but he is mostly looking forward to watching his

him to Muskegon. Over the years, he moved up through the ranks—first to International Product Manager, then Product Manager, and now Director of Product Management. In his 30+ years with Brunswick, he had a hand in developing some of the most influential balls in the sport, from the Rhino Pro series to the Zones, Quantums, Infernos, and many more.

In 2002, he started bowling leagues in Muskegon, joining the famed Red Triangle league at Northway Lanes. Competing alongside greats like Tom Tomaras, Mark (Doc) Lange, Mark McNarland, Bob DeCheney, and many others was an incredible experience.

On the PBA Regional circuit, Billy collected 6 titles and in 2000 was named the Central Regional Player of the Year

On the State level, he has earned 1 State Mixed Team Title. At the Muskegon city level, he has captured 6 Lakeshore titles and in 2024 won the Muskegon Masters. His highest Muskegon season average was 238 in 2012-2013 at Sherman lanes. In 2016, at Sherman Lanes, he shot a 300 and an 803 series in a Sport League on difficult lane conditions.

In 2016, Billy was elected to Greater Grand Rapids USBC Hall of Fame and in 2023, he was elected



sons Zach and Cody get better at bowling

to the Grand Rapids Sports Hall of Fame. Billy is only the 3rd bowler to be inducted into this group along with founding member Marion Ladewig (1972) and Billy Golembiewski (1976).

## Michigan State Tournament Entries

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