



# News

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## VanHecke captures MDUSBC Masters

### Defeats two-time defending champion Knowles in finals

Ryan VanHecke of Chesterfield remained in the winner's bracket and beat the two-time defending champion Justin Knowles of Okemos 475-402 in the final two-game match to win the Metro Detroit USBC Masters Tournament at Astro Lanes in Madison Heights Sunday. VanHecke claimed the title and the \$2,000 first prize, while Knowles settled for the second place check of \$1,000.

"Beating Justin the first time put me in a comfortable position in case I was on a bad pair. This is what happened, which gave me a chance to redeem myself on the second pair," said VanHecke.

VanHecke averaged 212.8 for 18 games of competition. He was runner-up in the 2017 MDUSBC Masters to Andrew Anderson at Bowl One Lanes.



VanHecke qualified seventh with a six-game total of 1,254. By virtue of qualifying seventh he was seeded into the second round as 24 players advanced to match play. In match play



Knowles was seeded ninth by tournament rule, qualifying with 1,207. In match play he defeated James Koss of Brighton 418-309, Harold Sullins of

Chesterfield 437-351, 2015 Masters champion Corey Miller of Waterford 414-381 and reigning Michigan State Masters champion Nicholas Cooper of Flint 567-358 before falling to VanHecke the first time 429-377. He then came back to beat VanHecke 512-372 before eventually losing to him 475-402. Knowles averaged 217.8 for 22 games.

Lorincz qualified 11<sup>th</sup> with 1,225. In match play he lost his first match to Jacob Howell of St. Clair Shores 395-383, which made for a long day. In the loser's bracket he defeated Christopher Nielson of Livonia 399-372, Gerald Johnson of Taylor 446-405, 1999 Masters champion Joseph Krajenke of Clinton Township 445-380, Jeffrey Roche 417-399, Nicholas Cooper 435-412 and Franklin

Snodgrass of Centerline 424-415 before falling to Knowles 457-362 ending his day. He averaged 206.2 for 22 games of competition and took home \$700.

Snodgrass qualified sixth with 1,271 with a high game of 235. In match play he remained in the winner's bracket with triumphs over Jacob Howell 450-433, Krajenke 456-486 before falling to VanHecke 444-412. Once in the loser's bracket he beat two-time Masters champion Jeffrey Austreng of Waterford 424-374 before getting knocked out by Lorincz 424-415. He averaged 214.2 for 16 games and took home \$500.

Austreng qualified 13<sup>th</sup> with 1,219 and took home \$450 for his fifth place finish. Nicholas Cooper finished sixth

for \$450, Darren Alexander seventh for \$400 and Jeffrey Roche eighth for \$400.

Top qualifier Trey Raynes of Westland led the field of 81 bowlers with 1,314 with a high game of 290. In match play he lost his first match, then won his next two matches before losing and getting knocked out and took home \$350 for his 10<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Turbo 2-N-1 Grips and Red Robin Restaurants of Michigan are co-sponsors of the MDUSBC Masters.

The MDUSBC Masters Tournament is a USBC certified event operated by the Metro Detroit USBC, the largest local association of the United States Bowling Congress with nearly 40,000 members.

## Canadians capture Series Events

Mykaela Mitchell of London, Ontario won the Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC) Women's Series event with a 221-208 triumph over high school student Melanie Straub of Chesterfield at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. Mitchell took home the top prize of \$500, while Straub settled for 50 scholarship points.

Mitchell qualified fourth in the field of 32, with a four-game total of 850. After a slow start with 185, she surged back with games of 207, 247 and 211. In match play she beat Darlene Dysart of Southfield 235-185 and top qualifier Trisha Reid of Romulus 212-160 to advance to the finals.

Straub qualified seventh with 820 on games of 192, 212, 223 and 193. After she finished qualifying she thought she missed the cut, but made it. In match play she was victorious over second seed Madalyn Klein of Whitmore Lake 194-161 and last year's Cup champion Brandie Reamy of Livonia 216-202 on her way to the finals.

Michael Snow of Windsor, Ontario won the Men's Series event Sunday with a 210-172 triumph over Dan MacLelland

of Kitchener, Ontario at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. Snow took home the top prize of \$500, while MacLelland settled for \$250.

Snow qualified third in the field of 50, with a four-game total of 911 on games of 267, 234, 208 and 202. He was seeded into the second round, but in match play he beat Conner Weber of Wayne 238-206 and fellow Canadian Darren Alexander of Essex, Ontario 210-193 to advance to the championship match.

MacLelland was the top qualifier with 954, including a high game of 279. In match play he defeated David Owens of Mason 229-172 and fellow Canadian Dylin Hunter of Tecumseh, Ontario 217-211 on his way to the finals.

Dylin Hunter seized the lead in the season long Cup race with 304 points, after previous leader Justin Knowles didn't compete.

Mitchell moved up into second place in the season long Cup race with 295 points, only one point behind leader Sheri Verespej of Newport.

Mitchell won the "Battle of the Series" by defeating Snow 188-151.

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# Make sure to apply for these!

## From the Editor

**Mark A. Martin**  
**MDUSBC**  
**Association Manager**



### USBC CONVENTION

The United States Bowling Congress annual convention will be held from April 27 - May 1 in Las Vegas.

During this time delegates elected from their respective local and state associations will vote on legislation affecting leagues, tournaments and bylaws in addition to electing three new members of the board of directors. Additionally there will be several workshops to inform the delegates about happenings at USBC.

Representing the MDUSBC at the annual convention will be Richard Banks, Robert Black, Ann Block, George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Libbi Fletcher, James Horton, Vera Johnson, Patricia Klix, Ashley Krywy, Stephen Krywy, Anita Maiorana, Diane Maluzhinsky, Martha Marshall, Mark Martin, Hubert Sawyers, Rosie Sawyers, Kurt Suokas, John Vorpapel and Doug Williams.

Anyone else that would like to be appointed a delegate please contact the MDUSBC office.

More to come...

### AWARDS DEADLINE APPROACHING

Each year the Metro Detroit USBC Association selects deserving individuals for a number of year-end awards. Those awards include the Secretary of the Year, Coach of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. Selections are made from the nominations received from anyone who sees a deserving person from within the association. All applications are due to April 1, 2020.

To be eligible for Secretary of the Year a person must be a current league secretary in the MDUSBC. To be Coach of the Year the coach must be a current youth coach in the MDUSBC.

To be considered for Volunteer of the Year a person must be a MDUSBC Board Member or Officer; or Association Representative Coordinator or Association Representative.

### ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

Reports were given from the President and Association Manager. Also reports from the Awards, BVL, Bowl For The Cure, Finance, McKay, Nominating, Tournament and Youth committees.

Elected to new two-year terms on the MDUSBC Board are Ann Block, George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Libbi Fletcher, Mark Hurttgam, Ashley Krywy, Anita Maiorana, Kurt Suokas and Doug Williams.

Delegates to the Michigan State USBC Annual meeting are George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Mark Hurttgam, Patricia Klix, Martha Marshall, Mark Martin and John Vorpapel.

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The MDUSBC will award up to eight \$1,000 scholarships this year to male and female youth bowlers. Applicants must be at least 14 years of age and can only win once.

The scholarships are a result of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, Detroit Women's Bowling Association and Pontiac Women's Bowling Association restricting funds for this purpose.

Applicants must write a minimum 100 word essay about their future educational plans and submit a completed application signed by their coach.

Applications must be submitted to the MDUSBC office by April 1, 2020.

Applications can be obtained by calling the MDUSBC office or visiting [www.mdusbc.com](http://www.mdusbc.com) and clicking on forms.

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## Bowling TV Schedule



Saturday, Feb. 1 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Adult Challenge - First round from Merri-Bowl Woodland vs Rosebowl "Family Affair"
Saturday, Feb. 1 - 4:30 p.m.	FS1	PBA PBA Greater Jonesborn Open
Saturday, Feb. 8 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Adult Challenge - First round from Merri-Bowl Thunderbowl vs Ansara
Sunday, Feb. 9 - 5 p.m.	Fox	PBA PBA Tournament of Champions
Saturday, Feb. 15 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Adult Challenge - Semi-Final round from Merri-Bowl Merri-Bowl vs Mayflower
Saturday, Feb. 15 - 5:30 p.m.	FS1	PBA PBA Players Championship
Saturday, Feb. 22 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Magazine show
Sunday, Feb. 23 - 1 p.m.	FS1	PBA U.S. Open
Saturday, Feb. 29 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Adult Challenge - Semi-Final round from Merri-Bowl Woodland vs Ansara
Saturday, Feb. 29 - 8:30 p.m.	FS1	PBA PBA Indianapolis Open

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# Think Pink!

## Personal Perspectives

Libbi Fletcher  
MDUSBC Director



During the month of February, the MDUSBC Board members sell the \$10 raffle tickets to benefit Bowl for the Cure. Just a heads up that these tickets will be for the **April** Michigan Lottery evening 3-digit drawings, not March as in the past. Also in February each league secretary will receive their pink envelope asking leagues to donate a night of 50/50 and/or pass the envelope down the lanes. Please make sure you get your pink envelope from the counter that we send in the blue bucket from our office, especially if the center is doing your secretarial work for your league. After your night of collection, please send it back to the office as soon as you can so we can forward to USBC Bowl for the Cure.

This year, why not schedule a **PINK OUT** for your league? Take pictures of your league and send them to me so we can get it up on the website!!! Unfortunately, we all know someone who is battling or has battled this dreadful disease. Let's help eradicate breast cancer, because...

**EVERYONE DESERVES A LIFETIME!**

**THANKS FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT!**

Libbi Fletcher



It is time for our annual Bowl for the Cure 9-pin No Tap event at Bowl One Lanes in Troy on February 29<sup>th</sup> at noon. Last year we nearly sold out the center with 191 participants and many more supporters...so let's make that happen this year. The entry form is posted on our website under the events tab. You may want to enter early so you have a spot! It is a great event of fun and celebration.

Last year we had 4 tables of raffle gifts, duck adoptions, 50/50 and "someone" brings out her tutu each year! (I hear "she" is adding on to the outfit this year). This event made over \$10,000 last year due to the generosity of all the fun-loving bowlers and friends who came to support the event.

If you cannot make it, but you or your company would like to donate a gift, basket, gift card, cash, please just let me or a board member know, and we would be happy to pick up. You can also send entries or gifts via the blue buckets at any of our bowling centers!

## ROBERT MICHAUX JR. WINS 89<sup>TH</sup> OLD TIMERS TOURNAMENT

By: John Vorpagel

Robert Michaux Jr., 63, of Detroit emerged as the winner of the 89<sup>th</sup> Greater Detroit Old Timers Bowling Association tournament held on November 30 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. Leading the field of 244 bowlers, Michaux's 755 on games of 258, 274 and 223 brought him to the victory. He won by 28 pins over 51 year old Chris Michalec of Warren who bowled 727. With no honor scores bowled this year, Michaux's 274 was the high game of the tournament. Michaux was awarded a wristwatch and plaque for his win.



This year's tournament was dedicated to the memory of Ken Charrette and George Zainea. Both were past presidents of the association and remained on the board until their passing.

Opening ceremonies included awarding two high school seniors with \$500 scholarships. The two were Logan Hoyt of Crosswell Lexington High School and Marisa Bacon of Muskegon Mona Shores High School. And recognizing members of the association that have passed away since the last tournament.

The following are the top three scores in each age bracket. First place received wristwatches and second and third received plaques.

### Age 60 - 64

1. Ed Houghtailing 695
2. David Eatmon 676
3. Jim Jesson 675

### Age 65 - 69

1. Juan Perez 649
2. Kenneth Gennette 638
3. Larry Best 629

### Age 70 - 74

1. Charles Graddick Jr 690
2. Angelo Camilleri 682
3. William Schepke 677

### Age 75 - 79

1. Sonny Jones 687
2. Ken Boczek 616
3. Dick Bond 589

### Age 80 - 84

1. Gilbert Phelps 717
2. Phil Horowitz 610
3. Bill Haynes 575

### Age 85 and over

1. Ernie Segura Sr 608
2. Gil Weems 555
3. Armando Papais 553

### Age 40 - 49

1. Chad Davis 661
2. Derrick Balczerzak 647
3. James Gilbert 637

### Age 50 - 59

1. Chris Mihalec 727
2. Keith Caldwell 683
3. Warren Waller 682
3. Russell Vollmers 682



## USBC Board of Directors announces contract extension for executive director Chad Murphy

ARLINGTON, Texas - Chad Murphy has agreed to a contract extension to continue as Executive Director of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

The agreement extends Murphy's tenure as executive director through the end of 2024. He first was named executive director in June of 2014.

"Through Chad Murphy's leadership, USBC has continued to deliver more new initiatives and greater value for our members," USBC President Karl Kielich said. "I am especially proud of the stronger relationships developed between USBC and our association leaders, as well as the bowling industry. The USBC Board of Directors has great confidence in the staff, and this extension shows our desire to continue this positive trajectory for years to come."

Reporting to the USBC Board of Directors, the USBC Executive Director serves as an officer of the corporation and has overall operational responsibility for staff, programs, finance and execution of the strategic plan.

Murphy first joined the International Bowling Campus (IBC) in 2010 as Director of Youth for the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA). He became IBC Director of Youth Development in 2011, at which time he also assumed management of USBC's youth programs.

He is a former member of Team USA, and his playing honors include a silver medal at the 1998 World Tenpin Team Cup in Amsterdam. He also was part of the Ebonite Nitro/R's team that won two Grand Championships in the Brunswick World Team Challenge Series in 1994 and 1996.

## Upcoming tournaments for the ladies

### (Ann)ouncements

Ann Block  
MDUSBC Director



Ladies, just a couple of quick notes regarding two tournaments that there is still time to enter for this season.

The Michigan Women's 500 Bowling Club will be holding their 44<sup>th</sup> annual tournament on Saturday, June 6, 2020. The club will be going for the first time to Lapeer. The 500 Club will hold their event this year at Gerlach's Bowling Center. The 500 Club is a tournament, which can go to venues with fewer lanes. This tournament will be a great opportunity to visit a different area in the state.

The Michigan Women's 500 Bowling Club is open to any certified female bowler who has bowled a 500 or greater series in a certified league.

There is a \$5.00 club membership fee. For the fee, the member will receive a membership card, a club patch, and a club pin. There is an annual tournament held once a year in a different corner of the state. The Michigan Women's 500 Bowling Club is a member's only club and is not affiliated with the Michigan State USBC.

This year's tournament will feature two squads one at 10:00 am and another at 2:00 pm. The tournament entry fee plus dues for the season is \$23.00. The second squad can be added for an additional \$20.00.

The 500 Club Tournament offers a couple of special features: the tournament average is a composite average of all the bowler's certified averages, each participant can bowl in both squads, and is run in four average divisions. New this year the tournament is offering brackets. It has also been the tradition of the club to give a gift to each participant each year. The 500 Club is always looking for new and different ways to improve the tournament.

Entries to the tournament will be mailed to club members this month. Information to join the club is available by contacting the executive director, Ann Block at 313-292-6538.

The eighth annual Midwest Women's Tournament (MWT) will start May 23 and run thru June 28, 2020. The year's MWT tournament host state is Indiana. The tournament will take place in South Bend and Elkhart, Indiana. The team event will be held at Signature Lanes in Elkhart and is a new center to the tournament. The doubles and singles portion of the tournament will return to Chippewa Bowl in South Bend which hosted during Indiana's last round.

The tournament is open to all certified female bowlers. Each event is \$25.00 per person with an additional \$5.00 all-events fee. A scratch prize fund is available for \$10.00 per person per event.

Additional information and entries are available at the Metro Detroit USBC office and can be obtained on-line either through the MWT or the Michigan State USBC websites.

Hope to see some of you at these great tournaments.  
Until next time!

## Hammer named presenting sponsor of the 2020 Junior Gold Championships



**ARLINGTON, Texas** – Hammer will be the presenting sponsor of the 2020 Junior Gold Championships, the premier national youth bowling tournament, Brunswick Bowling Products and International Bowling Campus Youth Development announced.

"Brunswick's recent acquisition of the Ebonite International brands provided an opportunity to evaluate the Junior Gold Championships sponsorship," said Brunswick Bowling Products CEO Corey Dykstra. "Hammer is one of bowling's most popular brands, and we're pleased to provide the event with such a recognizable title sponsor."

The 2020 Junior Gold Championships will be held July 10-18 in Las Vegas. The Orleans will serve as the host hotel and site of the Opening Ceremony and trade show for the annual tournament.

Pro staff from Brunswick brands will be in attendance at the Opening Ceremony and trade show, and will be available to sign autographs during registration.

"Brunswick Bowling is committed to celebrating and promoting the sport of bowling with players of all ages," said Dykstra. "We look forward to providing an incredible experience for the youth bowlers at this event."

The Junior Gold Championships brings together the top youth bowlers in the nation to compete for scholarships and spots on Junior Team USA in four divisions – 12-and-under, 15-and-under, 17-and-under and 20-and-under. Athletes qualify for the event through Junior Gold leagues and tournaments.

"The support of sponsors, such as Brunswick Bowling Products, helps us to make the Junior Gold Championships a summer destination for youth bowlers and their families each year," said Gary Brown, IBC Youth Managing Director. "We're excited to work alongside the Brunswick team leading up to and during this year's Junior Gold Championships."

All previous agreements between Ebonite International and IBC Youth Development have been upheld to ensure a memorable experience for all participants. Brunswick will sponsor the Hammer Survivor tournament, a companion event to the Junior Gold Championships, that allows participants to take part in an additional scholarship event.

Brunswick also will support the Pepsi United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Youth Championships sponsored by Columbia 300, and the Track brand will continue to sponsor the Junior Gold Road to College Scholarships, which awards \$20,000 in scholarships.

Visit [BOWL.com/JuniorGold](http://BOWL.com/JuniorGold) to learn more about the Junior Gold Championships.

## Team USA member Nick Pate joins USBC Board

**ARLINGTON, Texas** – Nick Pate of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, has been elected as an athlete representative to the United States Bowling Congress Board of Directors.

Pate takes over the position held by former Team USA member Rhino Page, who stepped down to focus on new business opportunities within the bowling industry. Page has served on the USBC Board for five years.

"I appreciate the opportunity given to me by my fellow athletes to serve on the USBC Board," Pate, 25, said. "Bowling has given me so much, and I'm

excited to take part in helping lead our sport in the future."

Pate was selected by the USBC Athletes Advisory Council to complete Page's three-year term, which runs through July 31, 2020.

USBC Bylaws, in accordance with United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) requirements as the National Governing Body of the sport, state at least 20 percent of the USBC Board must be comprised of Team USA athletes, who are to be elected by Team USA athletes.

## Women's Championships survey shows all-time high satisfaction; event averages to be used in 2021

**ARLINGTON, Texas** – Satisfaction with the United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships is at an all-time high and, because survey results from 2019 participants show a majority favor using Championships Average as the entering average at the event, that change will take effect for the 2021 tournament in the Chicago area.

The survey also showed more than 91 percent of respondents plan to bowl the 2020 event in Las Vegas. The 2020 Women's Championships will be held at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas from April 18 through July 6 and more than 4,500 teams already have registered.

The 2019 Women's Championships, the 100th edition of the event, was contested at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kansas, and was the first to be held in a bowling center since 2008.

For the survey, bowlers were asked if they would be in favor of using their Women's Championships average, instead of league average, as the entering average for the event. While the majority (53%) were in favor, an increase from last season (47%), the highest percentages came from participants in the top two divisions – Diamond (71%) and Ruby (64%). The Diamond Division is for bowlers who average 190 or higher, while the Ruby is for averages between 175-189.

With the majority in favor of using Championships Average, that change now will be put in place starting in 2021. The USBC Open Championships began using Championships Average for its event last year and a survey of participants to the 2019 event showed 87% either agree or didn't have an opinion regarding the use of Championships Average as the entering average.

For the 2019 Women's Championships survey, bowlers also were asked about the difficulty of the lane patterns and whether the lane patterns should be kept secret until after the event.

Regarding the lane conditions, 81% of bowlers agreed or didn't have an opinion as to whether the lane pattern was appropriate for the national tournament. As for keeping the lane patterns secret, 85% of bowlers agreed or did not have an opinion.

Overall, satisfaction with the event operations is at an all-time high with 84% to 96% of bowlers either satisfied or neutral when asked about key areas such as customer service, pace of play, online registration, event operations, schedule, lane conditions, and host city and venue.

Looking ahead to the move to Championships Average in 2021, bowlers will use their Women's Championships tournament average, for the most recent 27 games, as their entering average. The event will maintain the same division structure (Diamond, Ruby, Emerald, Sapphire, Amethyst, Topaz) but the average parameters will be adjusted to align with the use of Challenge averages.

For bowlers who do not have a qualifying Championships Average, their qualifying league average will be converted to Challenge using the appropriate Challenge Average Adjustment Chart that is available on BOWL.com/SportBowling.

The average range for each division will be posted when the 2021 Women's Championships rules are released, and coming soon, the Find A Member application on BOWL.com will show Championships Average for Women's Championships participants.

The 2019 Women's Championships survey was conducted between April 21 and Sept. 1, 2019. With 16,432 bowlers in the Women's Championships, 2,746 responses to the survey, and a confidence interval of 95%, it is estimated the survey has a margin of error of +/- 2%.

Visit [BOWL.com/WomensChamp](http://BOWL.com/WomensChamp) to learn more about the Women's Championships.

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## 2020 Bowl Expo to host PWBA-PBA Mixed Doubles special event with live coverage on FS1

**ARLINGTON, Texas** – International Bowl Expo, the bowling industry's largest annual gathering, will host a special made-for-TV event featuring the biggest names on the sport's professional tours.

Members of the Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) and Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) will team for a mixed doubles event at 2020 International Bowl Expo, which will be held at the Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center in Denver in July.

The PWBA/PBA Mixed Doubles will be televised live on Sunday, July 5, at 8 p.m. (Eastern) on FS1.

The two-hour show will have four mixed doubles teams representing the biggest brands in the sport – Brunswick, Hammer, Motiv, Storm – and Brunswick will build two lanes, featuring their new Spark™ technology, for the event.

"Bowl Expo is the biggest annual event for the bowling industry and what a great way to showcase the highest levels of competition in our sport," said Randy Thompson, president of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA), the host organization of Bowl Expo. "To have the best bowlers in the world on a nationally televised TV show, on a Sunday, allows the bowling community to celebrate the passion and commitment we all have for the sport."

The PWBA/PBA Mixed Doubles teams for the event are:  
 Brunswick – Dasha Kovalova and Dom Barrett  
 Hammer – Shannon O'Keefe and Bill O'Neill  
 Motiv – Maria José Rodriguez and EJ Tackett  
 Storm – Danielle McEwan and Jason Belmonte

O'Keefe won her second consecutive PWBA Player of the Year title while Belmonte was the PBA Player of the Year for the fifth time in 2019. Each of the eight participants has won a major title in their career, with Belmonte having a record 11 career major titles.

"This will be a fantastic event for Bowl Expo attendees, the national TV audience and for our sport," said Colie Edison, CEO of the PBA. "The PBA Tour has seen tremendous viewership growth through our partnership with FOX Sports and this special event is a tremendous addition to the schedule. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with BPAA and the PWBA Tour on this."

FOX Sports and its family of channels are the television partner for the 2020 Go Bowling! PBA Tour.

The PWBA/PBA Mixed Doubles will have two semifinal matches, with matchups determined by blind draw. The semifinals will be one-game matches using the Baker format, in which the bowlers will alternate each frame. The first competitor on the team bowls frames 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and the second team member bowls frames 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, with the winning teams to bowl for the title.

College bowling and the scholarships offered in the sport also will be featured at Bowl Expo during the television show. A special roll-off featuring the 2020 Intercollegiate Singles Championships (ISC) winners will be held between the semifinals and title match of the PWBA/PBA Mixed Doubles.

The ISC boys champion and ISC girls champion each will get one roll on the TV lanes. If the player rolls strike on their one attempt, they will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship.

International Bowl Expo will take place July 2-6 with the TV show to be held immediately following the first day of the event's trade show on July 5. All Bowl Expo attendees will be able to attend the event as part of their Bowl Expo registration.

The PWBA Tour is a collaborate effort of BPAA and the United States Bowling Congress (USBC). Visit [PWBA.com](http://PWBA.com) to learn more.

The PBA Tour has more than 3,000 members from 27 countries competing in its competitions each year. Visit [PBA.com](http://PBA.com) for more information.

Bowl Expo is the annual industry event hosted by BPAA, featuring educational seminars, trade show, national speakers, entertainment and more. Visit [BPAA.com/BowlExpo](http://BPAA.com/BowlExpo) to learn more.



## Bowling Centers of the Metro Detroit USBC



BOWLING CENTER NAME (# of Lanes)	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP CODE	PHONE
300 BOWL (52)	100 S Cass Lake Rd	Waterford	48328	(248) 682-6300
ALLEY 59 (24)	44925 N Groesbeck Hwy	Clinton Township	48036	(586) 469-6411
ASTRO LANES (48)	32388 John R Rd	Madison Heights	48071	(248) 585-3132
AVON NORTH HILL LANES (32)	150 W Tienken Rd	Rochester Hills	48306	(248) 651-8544
BEECH LANES (16)	15492 Beech Daly Rd	Redford	48239	(313) 531-3800
BELMAR LANES (16)	4035 Fort St	Lincoln Park	48146	(313) 381-4242
BIDDLE BOWL (8)	708 Biddle St.	Wyandotte	48192	(734) 283-0660
BONANZA LANES (44)	24600 Hoover Rd	Warren	48089	(586) 756-3000
BOWL ONE LANES (40)	1639 E 14 Mile Rd	Troy	48083	(248) 588-4850
BOWLERO LANES (16)	4209 Coolidge Hwy	Royal Oak	48073	(248) 549-7500
CENTURY BOWL (52)	7345 Highland Rd	Waterford	48327	(248) 666-4700
CHERRY HILL LANES (52)	300 N Inkster Rd	Dearborn Heights	48127	(313) 278-0400
CHERRY HILL NORTH (36)	6697 Dixie Hwy	Clarkston	48346	(248) 625-5011
CLASSIC LANES (32)	2145 Avon Industrial Dr	Rochester Hills	48309	(248) 852-9100
COLLIER LANES (32)	879 S Lapeer Rd	Oxford	48371	(248) 628-2851
COUNTRY CLUB OF DETROIT (6)	2220 Country Club Dr.	Grosse Pointe Farms	48236	(313) 881-8000
COUNTRY LANES (32)	30250 W 9 Mile Rd	Farmington	48336	(248) 476-3201
DETROIT ATHLETIC CLUB (8)	241 Madison St	Detroit	48226	(313) 442-1003
ESCAPE (Formerly TROY LANES) (30)	1950 E Square Lake Rd	Troy	48085	(248) 879-8122
FERNHILL COUNTRY CLUB (12)	17600 Clinton River Rd	Clinton Township	48038	(586) 286-4700
FIVE STAR LANES (50)	2666 Metropolitan Pkwy	Sterling Hts	48310	(586) 939-2550
FORD LANES (24)	23100 Van Born Rd	Dearborn Heights	48125	(313) 292-1700
FRASER STAR LANES (16)	33042 Garfield Rd	Fraser	48026	(586) 293-5590
GARDEN BOWL (16)	4120 Woodward Ave	Detroit	48201	(313) 833-9850
GROSSE PTE YACHT CLUB (6)	788 Lake Shore Rd	Grosse Pointe Shores	48236	(313) 884-2500
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# Patrick Allen, Marianne DiRupo make it through loaded national ballot to gain election to USBC Hall of Fame

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Patrick Allen and Marianne DiRupo made it through a loaded national ballot to gain election to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in the Superior Performance category, USBC announced.

The USBC Hall of Fame committee previously elected Patrick Healey Jr. in USBC Outstanding Performance, Bob Learn Jr. in Veterans, and Andrew Cain and Jim Zebehazi in Meritorious Service.

The men's national ballot included repeat candidates Allen, Randy Pedersen and Mark Williams, returning candidates Bryan Goebel and Mike Scroggins, and first-timer Wes Malott, while the women's national

ballot included repeat candidates DiRupo and Tammy Turner.

The voters on the national ballot — USBC Hall of Fame members, USBC Board of Directors members and veteran bowling writers — can vote for no more than three of the six men, and no more than one of the two women. Candidates must receive 70 percent of the votes to be elected. If no one gets 70 percent, any receiving less than 70 percent but at least 50 percent return to the Hall of Fame committee where they must receive 70 percent of the committee votes in straight yes/no individual votes to be elected.

This year, I voted for Allen, Pedersen, and Malott for men and DiRupo for women.

USBC said in the release that both Allen and DiRupo fell short of the required 70 percent of the votes cast, but the USBC Hall of Fame Committee selected the two candidates for induction.

The situation again highlights what I believe is a flawed voting system, combined with a huge backlog of well qualified men due to the 2009 rule change that made a year as a touring pro equal to a year of USBC competition — Masters, Queens, Open Championships, Women's Championships — for the 20-year participation requirement. This made many stars eligible for the Hall of Fame, and created the current backlog for the men. (A bowler also must be at least 40 years old to be eligible.)

For years now, I have believed all six players on the men's national ballot were worthy of induction and would have voted for all six if the rules allowed it. That they don't is illogical because it forces a voter to grade on a curve, choosing candidates based on who else is on the ballot, instead of simply whether a voter feels a candidate has met their standard for what a Hall of Famer is.

I was part of the Hall of Fame committee for the new Madison Area USBC that was formed by the merger of the local men's, women's and youth associations, and one rule I pushed for that was adopted is that voters can vote for all of the candidates on the Distinguished Performance ballot if they wish. However, only a maximum of three can be elected from the ballot, to help keep our weeknight ceremony to a manageable size.

If more than three candidates receive more than 70 percent, the three candidates receiving the highest percentage of votes will be inducted. If no candidate receives 70 percent of the votes, no one will be inducted. Meritorious Service elections are done second and candidates are elected such that the total number of inductees is not greater than four.

(The one issue with having a maximum is that someone can get the 70 percent and not be inducted one year, then perhaps not get 70 percent another year, which would be unlikely but theoretically possible. The easy fix is to have someone who gets 70 percent but not be in the top three, be slated for induction the following year.)

USBC could easily use the same system but a higher maximum number of inductees, or no maximum.

Again, the bottom line in my reasoning is that as a voter I should be able to consider every candidate individually and decide whether they are a Hall of Famer, not have to weigh them against other nominees in a given year.

Imagine this Hall of Fame ballot: Don Carter, Dick Weber, Earl Anthony, Don Johnson, Carmen Salvino, Johnny Petraglia. Is it logical that you should not be able to vote for more than three of those all-time greats just because they are up against other all-time greats? Of course not. But that's how the rules are now.

I served on the USBC Hall of Fame Committee for five years starting with the elections for the Class of 2012, and I regret not pushing harder for discussion of the current voting system.

Allen, 49, won 13 PBA Tour titles, including two majors — the PBA World Championship in 2005 and the Tournament of Champions in 2009. The left-hander has earned more than \$1.5 million in his career, finishing in the top eight on the PBA money list six times, including leading in 2004-05 with \$350,740 that is second all-time to Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s \$419,700 in 2002-03.

Allen was elected to the PBA Hall of Fame last year.

The biggest victim of the voting system continues to be Pedersen, a PBA Hall of Famer with 13 PBA Tour titles that include one major, as well as a PBA50 Tour title. And he is that infamous solid 8-pin against Ernie Schlegel from 14 titles that include two majors.

Most telling is that when they rated the top 50 PBA players of all time a decade ago, Pedersen was 35<sup>th</sup> and Allen was 44<sup>th</sup>, and Allen's last titles came that season, while Pedersen already had won his last.

To be clear, I absolutely believe Allen belongs in the USBC Hall of Fame and voted for him this year; I just believe Pedersen (and others) do too.

DiRupo, 52, needed a medical exception to get on the ballot as she doesn't have the required 20 years and won't be able to get them. Bowling historian Eric Hartman put her nomination together and included documentation on the back problems that ended her competitive bowling career.

DiRupo, the PWBA Rookie of the Year in 1992, won eight titles that include three majors in her PWBA Tour career before it went dark in 2003. She also has one USBC Women's Championships title.

Prior to her stellar bowling career, she was on the South Carolina softball team from 1986-1989, leading the team in RBIs in her senior season. She was a four-time National Softball Coaches Association All-Region selection and earned a spot on the CoSIDA Academic All-America second team in 1989.

The 2020 USBC Hall of Fame Class will be inducted April 29, during the USBC Convention at The Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

Through 2019, there are 432 members of the USBC Hall of Fame — 223 in Superior Performance, 120 in Meritorious Service, 51 in Veterans, 22 in Pioneer and 16 in Outstanding USBC Performance. The USBC Hall of Fame was created in 2005 by merging the former American Bowling Congress and Women's International Bowling Congress Halls of Fame.

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## Five candidates slated for USBC Board election; 14 legislative proposals to be decided

ARLINGTON, Texas — The United States Bowling Congress Nominating Committee has slated five candidates for the USBC Board of Directors election, and delegates also will vote on 14 legislative proposals at the 2020 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting.

The 2020 USBC Convention will take place April 27-30 at The Orleans in Las Vegas, with the Annual Meeting legislative sessions to take place on the final day.

Delegates will vote to fill three open positions on the USBC Board of Directors. The USBC Nominating Committee, which may slate up to two candidates for each opening, set a slate of five candidates including Glenda Beckett, Palmetto Bay, Florida; Bruce Hall, Westborough, Massachusetts; Chrissy Lee, Tampa, Florida; Adam Mitchell, Centreville, Virginia and Tina Williams, Pflugerville, Texas.



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Name	Date	Center	League	Name	Date	Center	League
Ricardo Cortez	Dec 1 2019	Astro Lanes	Hazel Park Eagles Mens	Curtis Faulkner	Dec 12 2019	Renaissance Bowl	World Traveler's Mixed
Matthew Rappaport	Dec 2 2019	300 Bowl	Brotherhood E-Jacobson	Melvin Brandon	Dec 12 2019	Renaissance Bowl	Considine Seniors Mixed
William Isanhart Jr	Dec 2 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men	Matt DeFillippo	Dec 12 2019	Rosebowl Lanes	Suburban Industrial
Curtis Grant	Dec 2 2019	Renaissance Bowl	Monday Morning Trio	Matthew Rushlow	Dec 12 2019	Shore Lanes	Shore Thursday Men
Darrin Craft	Dec 2 2019	Waterford Lanes	Monday Mens	Jason Kaurich	Dec 13 2019	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men
Aaron Austin	Dec 3 2019	Alley 59	Tuesday American Classic	Shannon Redmon	Dec 13 2019	Luxury Lanes	Young Bowling Friday Night Men
Thomas Joseph	Dec 3 2019	Imperial Lanes	Imperial Businessmen	Jeffrey Krist	Dec 13 2019	Shore Lanes	Friday Nite Men
Frederick Page	Dec 3 2019	Merri-Bowl	Tues MerriBowl Classic	Russell Shubitowski	Dec 14 2019	Astro Lanes	Sat Nite Mixed
Billy Neal Sr	Dec 3 2019	Plum Hollow Lanes	Tuesday Mixed Foursome	John Kelley	Dec 14 2019	Bowl One Lanes	Saturday Nite Mixers
Charles Easton	Dec 3 2019	Vision Lanes	Big Money Tuesday	Ronald Peck	Dec 14 2019	Collier Lanes	Oxford Kings & Queens
Matthew Coleman	Dec 3 2019	Wonderland Lanes	Tuesday Mens Invitational	Michael Felcyn	Dec 14 2019	Imperial Lanes	Saturday Night Misfits
Ronald Blanchard	Dec 3 2019	Woodland Lanes	Metro Bolt & Fastener Inv	Charles Walker	Dec 14 2019	Plum Hollow Lanes	Hartford Memorial Mx
Richard Kimble Sr	Dec 4 2019	Shelby Lanes	League 2604	Edwin Peart	Dec 14 2019	Rosebowl Lanes	N American Super Senior
Lawrence Richardson Sr	Dec 4 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational	Ryan Zarnick	Dec 14 2019	Wonderland Lanes	Saturday Night Crawlers
Bradley Suchan	Dec 4 2019	Vision Lanes	Mobil Men Wednesday Invitation	Derald Penn	Dec 15 2019	Bonanza Lanes	Sunday Gents
Adam Dillard	Dec 5 2019	Classic Lanes	Classic Thurs. Night Mens	Teri White	Dec 15 2019	Total Sports Lanes	Sunday A M Beer League
Donald Dagenais	Dec 5 2019	Escape	Metro North Highway	Fleming Cook Jr	Dec 17 2019	Mayflower Lanes	Nite Train Express Mixed
Daniel Madison	Dec 5 2019	Ford Lanes	Mens Comedy Central	Gregory Brooks	Dec 17 2019	Total Sports Lanes	MI A N G
Thomas Spada Jr	Dec 5 2019	Imperial Lanes	Business & Industrial	Joseph Szarek	Dec 17 2019	Total Sports Lanes	Tuesday Jr House
Richard Kelof Jr	Dec 5 2019	Imperial Lanes	Business & Industrial	Brandon Thomas	Dec 17 2019	Total Sports Lanes	Tuesday Jr House
Steven Caris	Dec 5 2019	Super Bowl	Thursday Super Invitational	Scott Percha	Dec 18 2019	Alley 59	Wednesday Inv Bowling Lge
Mitchell Dziedzic	Dec 5 2019	Wonderland Lanes	Thursday 6:05 Men	Kenneth Amerson	Dec 18 2019	Mayflower Lanes	Eloise Mixed League
Marcus Giles III	Dec 6 2019	Astro Lanes	Detroit Architectural	Steven Bates	Dec 18 2019	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational
Dean Pitruzzello	Dec 6 2019	Harbor Lanes	Friday Night Invitational	Joseph Kamykowski	Dec 19 2019	Mayflower Lanes	TNT Mixed
Charles Thompson	Dec 6 2019	Mayflower Lanes	Lucky Four HDCP Mixed	Ryan Monks	Dec 19 2019	Universal Lanes	Thursday Community
Charlie Thompson III	Dec 6 2019	Mayflower Lanes	Lucky Four HDCP Mixed	Paul Geisler	Dec 20 2019	Bowl One Lanes	St Cletus Mens
Anton Bullock	Dec 6 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	26 Mixed	Kenneth White	Dec 20 2019	Harbor Lanes	Friday Night Invitational
Tyler Giddey	Dec 7 2019	Bowl One Lanes	Saturday Night Specials	James Gilbert	Dec 20 2019	Harbor Lanes	Friday Night Invitational
Mason Brantley	Dec 7 2019	Plum Hollow Lanes	Saturday Nite Elite Mixed	Richard Pribula Jr	Dec 20 2019	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men
John Merritt Jr	Dec 7 2019	Plum Hollow Lanes	Hartford Memorial Mx	Ryan Nelson	Dec 20 2019	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men
Walter Winfrey Jr	Dec 7 2019	Skore Lanes	Thursday Men's Sr. Classic	James Wilk	Dec 20 2019	Luxury Lanes	Young Bowling Friday Night Men
James Grant Jr	Dec 8 2019	Five Star Lanes	Aron Lipshy Sun Moring Classic	Marcell Anderson	Dec 23 2019	Bonanza Lanes	Local 961
Anthony Williams	Dec 8 2019	Merri-Bowl	Sunday Trio	Ernest Segura Jr	Dec 23 2019	Bowl One Lanes	Gus Ponder Memorial
Tyler White	Dec 8 2019	Skore Lanes	Sun Morn Inv Trio	Terence Dockery	Dec 23 2019	Bowl One Lanes	Gus Ponder Memorial
Daniel Briody	Dec 8 2019	Vision	December Team	Darrell Woodard	Dec 23 2019	Woodland Lanes	Monday Nite Mens
Jeffrey Potts	Dec 9 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men	Eric Hesterly	Dec 26 2019	Merri-Bowl	Thursday Mens NFL
Darin Flores	Dec 9 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men	Brandon Thompkins	Dec 26 2019	Renaissance Bowl	World Traveler's Mixed
Thomas Kopec	Dec 9 2019	Sterling Lanes	San Marino Mens	Michael Estep	Dec 26 2019	Universal Lanes	Thursday Community
Michael Dildine	Dec 9 2019	Sterling Lanes	San Marino Mens	Troy Franz	Dec 27 2019	300 Bowl	Friday 300 Mixed
Scott Berryman	Dec 9 2019	Total Sports Lanes	Monday Nite Football	Mike Stasyk	Dec 27 2019	Harbor Lanes	Friday Night Invitational
David Vaughn	Dec 10 2019	Astro Lanes	Eagles Nest Classic	Nicholas Melton	Dec 27 2019	Luxury Lanes	Young Bowling Friday Night Men
Kyler McDonald	Dec 10 2019	Astro Lanes	Eagles Nest Classic	Sherman Cole	Dec 27 2019	Plum Hollow Lanes	Friday Nite Out
Lenard Jackson II	Dec 10 2019	Bonanza Lanes	Tuesday Nite Mixer	James Holley Jr	Dec 27 2019	Woodland Lanes	Grandale
Thomas Cary	Dec 10 2019	Five Star Lanes	Chrysler Central Engineering	John Kelley	Dec 28 2019	Bowl One Lanes	Saturday Nite Mixers
Michael Berg	Dec 10 2019	Novi Bowl	Ultimate Sports Fall	Thomas Ferguson	Dec 28 2019	Ford Lanes	Saturday Nite Mixed
Charles Hrobowski	Dec 10 2019	Skore Lanes	Downriver Sr Mens	Alec Blackwood	Dec 28 2019	Imperial Lanes	Saturday Night Misfits
Brandon Thomas	Dec 10 2019	Total Sports Lanes	Tuesday Jr House	Scott Florin	Dec 28 2019	Roosevelt Lanes	Ball & Chain
Ethan Michaels	Dec 10 2019	Wonderland Lanes	Tuesday Mens Invitational	Barry Witkowski	Dec 29 2019	Bowl One Lanes	Sunday Moanin'
Brad Grayson	Dec 11 2019	Country Lanes	Country Keglers	Christopher Doughten	Dec 29 2019	Skore Lanes	Bob Sparks T V N
Eric Williams	Dec 11 2019	Renaissance Bowl	36th District Court	Robert Czuchra	Dec 29 2019	Skore Lanes	Bob Sparks T V N
Sheryl Tillmon	Dec 11 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational	Christopher Craft	Dec 30 2019	Waterford Lanes	Monday Mens
Nevin Alexis	Dec 12 2019	Belmar Lanes	GLSM Bob "Smokey" Belisle Me	Verlin Terry	Dec 30 2019	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.

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Name	Score	Date	Center	League
Ronald Blanchard	815	Dec 3 2019	Woodland Lanes	Metro Bolt & Fastener Inv
Nevin Alexis	813	Dec 5 2019	Belmar Lanes	Stempien Memorial
Steven Caris	810	Dec 5 2019	Super Bowl	Thursday Super Invitational
Marcus Giles III	802	Dec 6 2019	Astro Lanes	Detroit Architectural
Richard VanTroostenberghe Jr	801	Dec 7 2019	Five Star Lanes	Pleasure Mixed
Alexander Poli	800	Dec 9 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men
Marcus Spigner	814	Dec 9 2019	Ten Pins Of Trenton	Monday Nite Trio
Troy Stus	825	Dec 12 2019	Madison Park Bowl	Detroit All Star Classic
William Hatten	816	Dec 18 2019	Bonanza Lanes	Fantastics Inc Mixed
Sawyer Verhamme	812	Dec 18 2019	Imperial Lanes	Clinton First
Kathleen Bishop	814	Dec 18 2019	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational
Steven Bates	837	Dec 18 2019	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational
Scott Glenday	802	Dec 18 2019	Sterling Lanes	EastSide Lutheran Mens
James Wilk	809	Dec 20 2019	Luxury Lanes	Young Bowling Friday Night Men
John Merritt Jr	840	Dec 21 2019	Plum Hollow Lanes	Saturday Nite Elite Mixed
James McPhail Jr	821	Dec 23 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men
Mike Stasyk	811	Dec 27 2019	Harbor Lanes	Friday Night Invitational
Nicholas Melton	833	Dec 27 2019	Luxury Lanes	Young Bowling Friday Night Men
Thomas Ferguson	836	Dec 28 2019	Ford Lanes	Saturday Nite Mixed
Christopher Doughten	813	Dec 29 2019	Skore Lanes	Bob Sparks T V N

# The USBC Rules department busts some of the most common myths about rules and their interpretations

**MYTH#43: Extra bowlers on the roster are substitutes.**

**BUSTED:** A roster is comprised of regular members of a team. Extra bowlers on a roster are additional regular players. Substitutes, even assigned substitutes should not be listed on the roster.

**MYTH#44: Lanes must be dressed before the league bowls.**

**BUSTED:** USBC rules do not require lanes be dressed prior to standard league play. This is something the league should address when negotiating the contract for the season.

**MYTH#45: A bowler must bowl before their absentee score can be used.**

**BUSTED:** The league absentee score is used for a rostered bowler who is absent. If the bowler does not have an entering average in accordance with the league rules, the absentee score is 120 (Rule 105-e). A league may adopt a rule stating the vacancy score is used until a bowler bowls.

**MYTH#46: No foul is committed if the buzzer or light did not go off.**

**BUSTED:** A foul occurs when a part of the player's body encroaches on or goes beyond the foul line and touches any part of the lane, equipment or building during or after a delivery. If the bowler does not release the ball, no foul is committed. The player's clothing and shoes are considered part of the body.

**MYTH#47: I should not vote if I do not like any of the prize lists.**

**BUSTED:** You do not have to accept any of the options, but not voting is not the answer. Your options are "YES or NO" for each of the prize lists presented. You should vote NO if you do not like the options presented. Unfortunately, most prize lists presented do not give a YES or NO option. Be sure to write NO on all prize lists submitted, showing that you do not approve any of the options. If you do not vote, the number of votes cast is decreased making it easier for one of the options to obtain a majority vote and be approved. For Example: The Prize Committee presents two top heavy lists for consideration by the league board of directors. There are 18 teams and four officers in the league. If everyone votes one of the options must receive 12 YES votes. If only 11 board members vote, one of the options must receive 6 YES votes.

**MYTH#48: A playoff and a roll-off are the same thing.**

**BUSTED:** A roll-off is conducted to break ties. A playoff is used to determine the league champion. For example, if there is a tie for the third segment, the tie would be broken by a roll-off. After the third segment winner is determined a playoff could be held by all the segment winners to determine the league champion.

**MYTH#49: A league can adopt a rule not to add roll-off, playoff and sweeper/fun night averages into final average records.**

**BUSTED:** Rule 113 requires these games be included in averages, when the American game of Tenpins is bowled. There is no option for a league to adopt a rule that these games are not counted in final averages.

**MYTH#50: A vacancy score counts toward a legal lineup.**

**BUSTED:** Neither a vacancy score or an absentee score can be used to meet the legal lineup requirement. Rule 105 states that a vacancy score or absentee score may only be used when a legal lineup is present. Therefore, actual bowlers must be present to meet the league legal lineup requirement. A league cannot adopt a rule allowing a vacancy score or an absentee score to count toward a legal lineup.

**MYTH #51: The president's verification of the league account is the league audit.**

**BUSTED:** The president verification of the league account is a monthly duty of the president to determine the funds deposited and the funds collected each month balance. The league finances must be audited at least once per season, per Rule 102c. This process is in place to provide checks and balances to protect league funds. The audit committee checks league records no earlier than one month prior to the league payout to verify league income, expenditures and balances. Audit Instructions and an Audit Worksheet can be found in League Resources section of the Rules page on BOWL.com.

**MYTH #52: All finger and thumb holes must be used when delivering the ball.**

**BUSTED:** Gripping holes are not required to be used during delivery. A bowler who does not use the gripping holes must be able to demonstrate, with the same hand, that each gripping hole can be used simultaneously for gripping purposes. A thumb hole that is not used becomes a balance hole.

**MYTH #53: A bowler using the two-handed approach cannot use a one-handed delivery.**

**BUSTED:** A bowler using a two-handed approach is actually delivering the ball with one hand. Therefore, a bowler is not required to use only the two-handed approach. One hand may be used, provided it is the same hand used when executing a two-handed approach.

**MYTH #54: League officers, including league managers, youth league supervisors and officials must have USBC membership.**

**CONFIRMED:** Rule 102a-3 requires all league officers to have current USBC membership.

**MYTH #55: A USBC Youth member can waive cash prizes and bowl as a member of a four-person team in adult leagues.**

**BUSTED:** A USBC Youth member can never bowl on a team of two or more players that pays cash or bonds as prizes.

**MYTH #56: If I paid membership in one league, I do not have to fill out a card for another league.**

**BUSTED:** Not only must a card be completed for each league you bowl in, you should show your payment receipt or membership card to the league secretary as proof of payment.

# Take Advantage of the Original Social Network

## STRIKES ME

By Bob Johnson  
*Bowlers Journal International*



I had just moved to Milwaukee to begin a new job as editor of *Bowling Magazine*, the official publication of the American Bowling Congress. I had just turned 21.

Growing up, all I wanted to do was write about bowling. At age 15, I was hired by Alan Post to assist Joe Lyou in producing the *Pacific Bowler*, a weekly tabloid that averaged 24 pages and occasionally bulked up to 32 when advertising was strong. I thought that was my dream job, until the offer from the ABC came along.

In 1980, *Bowling* was written and edited by the ABC Communications Department, but outsourced to a design company for page layouts and printer preparation. So, as editor, my main tasks were to develop the

monthly storyboard, assign features that weren't staff produced, and edit stories once they were submitted.

On the day I started, the monthly editorial deadline was fast approaching. We needed to get the last of the copy to the design company right away. My first task was to quickly edit a short feature story that had been written by Chuck Pezzano.

I was familiar with Chuck's work because the *Pacific Bowler* ran his syndicated column. Alan and Joe felt it was important to have a mix of national and local news, as well as opinion pieces and columns, to engage readers and make them look forward to Fridays, when the paper was delivered to more than 100 centers in Southern California. In fact, the marketing slogan of the paper was, "Get the Friday habit."

My first contact with Chuck's column each week was during the proofreading process, when it had already been edited by Joe and typeset by Pearl Stevenson, the fastest and most accurate typist I've ever seen. By the time it got to me on a long strip of photographic paper, ready to be "pasted up" on blue-lined cardboard sheets, Chuck's column was in good shape.

So, imagine my surprise — no, make that horror — when I opened up the envelope containing Chuck's feature, unfolded it, began to edit it, and encountered an average of one typo for each two paragraphs. I had been taught that when one submits copy for publication, it should be "squeaky clean" — thoroughly fact-checked, and devoid of grammar errors and typos. Yet here was a story from one of my mentors... one of my heroes... littered with mistakes. And it wasn't just typos; the story itself needed some work.

Who was I, a wet-behind-the-ears upstart, to put a blue pencil to the work of a writer who already had attained iconic status in bowling? I took the story to my supervisor, Dave DeLorenzo, showed it to him, expressed my concern, and asked him what to do. I'll never forget his response.

"You're the editor," he said. "Do what you have to do."

So, I did. I fixed the typos, rearranged a few of the paragraphs and rewrote the conclusion so it tied in better with the lead. I kept Chuck's "voice" in the story, so the storytelling matched the byline, but the edited version barely resembled the original that Chuck had sent in.

It would be about three weeks before the magazine was printed and mailed out, and I recall thinking about my editing job, and what Chuck would think about it, at least once each day during that time.

About a week after the magazine hit homes in the East, I received a handwritten note from Chuck in the mail. "Thanks for fixing my story," he wrote.

Whew! From that day forward, I was honored and proud to call Chuck Pezzano not only a mentor, but a friend. In future years, we'd serve on various committees together, and I always learned something from him — whether it was about an old-time bowler, or a different way of telling a story.

I cherished the monthly phone calls we'd exchange through the years, often focusing as much on our families as on bowling.

It's hard to believe that we said our final farewells to Chuck five years ago. I have missed those calls more than he could ever imagine. And I will never forget the kind note he sent to a kid editor some 35 years ago.

The anniversary of Chuck's passing reminded me of the good deeds that one particular bowler does on an almost daily basis. Barry Asher, a member of both the PBA and ABC/USBC Hall of Fame, makes it a point to keep up with old friends.

Barry doesn't require an "excuse" for calling. It's just his way of letting people know he's thinking of them, and to see how they're doing. He doesn't have a set schedule or rotation; he simply gets out his phone and selects a few people to call each day.

Perhaps that's one reason Barry possesses a treasure trove of historical bowling information. Check out his archived appearances on Phantom Radio, and you'll hear some great stories about many of the bowlers many of us grew up watching on "Pro Bowlers Tour" every Saturday afternoon during the winter months.

I've often said that I've never attended a school reunion, but I went out of my way to attend a reunion of Southern California junior bowlers several years ago. Bowlers have always been my best friends, and I still keep in touch with several of my old junior bowling teammates.

If you haven't made an effort to catch up with old bowling friends, make this the year that you do so. If you've read this far, then it's safe to say that bowling is an important part of your life. Bowling is all about people, so take the time to re-connect with some of the people who have touched your life in special ways.

I've heard it said that bowling is the original social network. It was for Chuck Pezzano, it is for Barry Asher, it is for me, and it can be for you. Log on to Facebook and start searching.

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## PWBA opens registration for first four events; new member benefits, format in 2020

**ARLINGTON, Texas** – Registration for the first four events on the 2020 Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour schedule, including the 2020 United States Bowling Congress Queens, now are open along with PWBA member registration, which has added benefits in 2020.

The 2020 PWBA Tour kicks off with three events in the western United States, starting April 23 with the PWBA Tucson Open at Lucky Strike Bowl in Tucson, Arizona. It will mark the second consecutive year the tour makes a stop in Tucson, though in a different center.

The tour makes its first visit to Washington in more than 30 years for the PWBA Spokane Open at Lilac Lanes and Casino, April 30 through May 2, before a return to Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes in Sacramento, California, for the PWBA Sacramento Open on May 7-9.

The USBC Queens, the first major of the season, is set for May 13-19 at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, site of the 2020 USBC Women's Championships.

PWBA members will have added benefits in 2020, including special offers on bowling balls from PWBA partners. Additional benefits include \$100 entry-fee discount and priority entry to PWBA Standard events, a 30-percent discount on ShopPWBA merchandise, discounted practice rates at official PWBA Practice Centers, and much more.

PWBA membership is available to any woman who has a bowling average of 190 or higher in a USBC certified league. Bowlers who want to compete in a PWBA Regional event must have a 180 or higher average.

The PWBA format for standard events in 2020 will have 12 games of qualifying (two six-game rounds) before the field is cut to the top 32. Another six-game round will determine the top 12, who will bowl six more games to determine the top four for the stepladder finals. Last season, qualifying rounds consisted of eight games.



## **2019 - 2020 SCHEDULE OF TOURNAMENTS**

### **QUEENS**

Oct. 19, 20, 2019  
MERRI-BOWL, LIVONIA

### **SUPER SENIOR MASTERS**

Nov. 2, 3, 2019  
HARBOR LANES, ST. CLAIR SHORES

### **YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP**

Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019  
Dec. 8, 2019  
CENTURY BOWL, WATERFORD

### **500 CLUB**

Dec. 1, 2019  
BOWL ONE LANES, TROY

### **MASTERS**

Jan. 18, 19, 2020  
ASTRO LANES, MADISON HEIGHTS

### **SENIOR MASTERS**

Feb. 8, 9, 2020  
MAYFLOWER LANES, REDFORD

### **WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP**

Feb. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 2020  
March 1, 7, 8, 2020  
WOODHAVEN LANES, WOODHAVEN

### **OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Feb. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 2020  
March 1, 7, 8, 2020  
WOODHAVEN LANES, WOODHAVEN

### **ADULT / YOUTH BAKER**

March 1, 8, 2020  
BOWL ONE LANES, TROY

### **SENIOR TEAM**

March 14, 21, 28, 2020  
STERLING LANES, STERLING HGTS

### **JUNIOR MASTERS**

March 21, 2020  
WOODHAVEN LANES, WOODHAVEN

### **WOMEN'S / MEN'S SERIES**

Oct. 13, 2019 - THUNDERBOWL LANES  
Nov. 10, 2019 - MAYFLOWER LANES  
Dec. 8, 2019 - WESTLAND BOWL  
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