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Robin Orlikowski claims Queens title Downs Lauren Krywy in the decisive final match

Robin Orlikowski of Grand Rapids defeated Lauren Krywy of Sterling Heights 256-248 in the final match to win the MDUSBC Queens at Classic Lanes in Rochester Hills.

Orlikowski qualified second in the field of 38 with a six-game total of 1,382 on games of 245, 247, 207, 265, 226 and 192.



In match play she beat Kimberly Maddy of Utica 234-158, Sarah Lokker of New Baltimore 237-181 and Lauren Krywy the first time 208-207. She then had to wait for a challenger to emerge from the loser's bracket in the double-elimination format. When Krywy came out of the loser's bracket she defeated Orlikowski 269-259 to force the final match. Orlikowski averaged 234.2 for 11 games of competition.

Krywy qualified ninth with 1,261. She remained in the winner's bracket with victories over 2015 Queens champion Shannon Rowe of Detroit 193-158, top qualifier Kathleen



Bishop of Westland 190-164 and Jennifer Maples of Warren 235-194 before falling to Orlikowski the first time. In the loser's bracket she narrowly beat Kimberly Maddy 226-224 for the opportunity to avenge the earlier loss

to Orlikowski. Krywy averaged 217.6 for 13 games.

Orlikowski took home the top check of \$1,000 plus a tiara pendent necklace compliments of Chinn Jewelry. Krywy settled for \$500.

Maddy finished third for \$300 and Maples fourth for \$250.

The entire qualifying field averaged 194.

Complete results are available at www.mdusbc.com under "Tournaments".

The event was sponsored by Turbo 2-N-1 Grips and Chinn Jewelry.

The MDUSBC Queens Tournament is operated by the Metro Detroit USBC, which serves over 40,000 adult and youth bowlers in the Metropolitan Detroit market and is the largest local association of the United States Bowling Congress.

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Queens champion Robin Orlikowski (r) is congratulated by MDUSBC President John Vorpapel (c) and runner-up Lauren Krywy

Jennifer Maples and Ashley Denard capture Women's Series Baker Doubles

Jennifer Maples of Warren and Ashley Denard of Southfield won the Hamtramck Singles Classic Women's Series Baker Doubles with a 513-424 two-game Baker Style win over Robin Orlikowski of Grand Rapids and Sarah Pettenger of Kentwood at Hazel Park Bowl in Hazel Park. The Denard-Maples team took home the top prize of \$500, while the Orlikowski-Pettenger duo settled for \$250.

The Maples-Denard team qualified third with an eight-game total of 1,494. In match play they beat Tanisha Burris of Holt and Elaine Wright of Eaton Rapids 426-392 and Jessica Zissler of Saginaw and Julie Oczepek of



Jennifer Maples and Ashley Denard

Reese 385-360 to advance to the finals.

The top seeded duo Orlikowski-Pettenger qualified with 1,607. They advanced to the finals with a 469-346 triumph over Cathleen Maes of Westland and Annette Wilson of Novi.

A total of 15 teams participated in the inaugural Baker Doubles event

that was designed to introduce new players to the Women's Series, now in its seventh year of operations by the Metro Detroit USBC. Of the 30 competitors 13 had never competed in the series.

Complete results are available at www.mdusbc.com under "Tournaments" and Women's Series page.

Hamtramck Singles Classic is Michigan's richest bowling tournament operating at Hazel Park Bowl from January through July each year. 2018 will be the 68th year of the tournament.

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Metro Detroit USBC has something for everyone

From the Editor

Mark A. Martin
MDUSBC
Association Manager



Metro Detroit USBC presents Bowling Showcase, a half-hour television show, airing on WADL-Detroit every Saturday at 10 a.m. and on mdusbc.com and YouTube.

Each month is a magazine show featuring bowling events around the Bowling Capital of the World. On the other weeks there is fierce competition through the Challenge series.

The next magazine show will air on Nov. 11, followed by three consecutive weeks of the Bowling Showcase Youth Challenge. There are four teams competing for the title. The teams are from the Merri-Bowl, Cherry Hill Lanes North, Mayflower Lanes and Oak Lanes. The format is a one-game Baker style scratch event with the losing team being knocked out of the competition.

This show is made possible by the generosity of our sponsors. Please patronize them as they make it possible to produce and air the show. Tell them that you appreciate their support of the promotion of our sport.

The MDUSBC Super Senior Masters is fast approaching Nov. 4-5 at Hazel Park Bowl in Hazel Park.

Entrants must be 60 years of age as of Nov. 4 for the scratch tournament. The cost is \$100.

The format is five games of qualifying cutting to the top 16 players

including defending champion Robert Michaux Jr. for one-game double elimination match play.

The MDUSBC 500 Club tournament, which is open to all MDUSBC female members who have bowled a 500 series in their career, will take place on Sunday, Dec. 3 at Airway Lanes in Waterford at 12:30 p.m.

The entry fee is \$22.

The MDUSBC Women's Series, presented by Hamtramck Singles Classic, is returning for the seventh season. The series will be a scratch event for women only.

Qualifying will be four games and match play will be single-game single elimination to determine a winner. The competition is expected to last less than four hours.

The entry fee is \$45 (\$50 if paid on site) and first place will pay \$500 based on 24 entries.

The first event will be Sunday, Nov. 19 at 10 a.m. at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

In conjunction with the five events will be a season long "cup" competition, where all competitors will receive points for each event they participate in. The top player in points will receive \$500 and the top 15 will cash.

Other events are scheduled for Dec. 10; January 14; March 11; and April 8.

These events will be held regardless of the number of entries as we try to establish competitive women's bowling in the Bowling Capital of the World.

For more information on all MDUSBC tournaments call the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695 ext. 105.

The Metro Detroit USBC needs your help in increasing the entry into the state tournaments.

The Michigan State USBC Women's Championship deadline is Jan. 10, 2018.

The tournament will run Feb. 17 through May 6, 2018 at Airway Lanes and Century Bowl in Waterford. The

Metro Detroit USBC is the proud host of this event and it's dedicated to Libbi Fletcher, MDUSBC Director and *Bowling Showcase News* contributor.

The cost is \$25 per person per event and \$5 for optional all-events. Also available is the optional scratch division, which is \$5 per person per event.

For more information on reserved dates and times contact Michigan Women's Association Manager Sharon Schildroth at (616) 635-2032.

The Michigan State USBC Open Championship will begin Jan. 13 at Fairlanes Family Entertainment Center in Grandville and Westgate Bowl in Comstock Park.

The cost is \$25 per person per event and a cost of \$10 for all-events. The optional actual division prize list is \$10 per person per event.

Reserved entries are due by Nov. 25. While the bowling season seems to have just begun these deadlines are fast approaching so act today.

For information on reserved dates and times call MSBA Association Manager Richard Loughlin at (517) 788-9135 or cell (517) 914-5437.

Entry blanks for both tournaments are available in your local bowling center and also at the MDUSBC office.

The Metro Detroit USBC will once again conduct the annual Tom McKay Invitational Tournament (formerly the Steve Cruchon Memorial Tournament) on Saturday, Dec. 9 at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights.

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Proceeds from the event will be donated to the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum and the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Over \$270,000 has been raised since 1990.

We are looking for interested individuals who may be interested in competing in the invitational event. The cost is \$20 and entrants are expected to raise at least \$100 for the causes by either soliciting donations for \$100 or selling \$200 of 50/50 tickets or a combination.

The event is always a good time where the top eight teams qualify for match play.

If you are interested please contact the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695.



Bowling TV Schedule



- Saturday, Nov. 4 - 10 a.m. WADL-Detroit Bowling Showcase 2016-17 Challenge Edition - Championship Match
- Saturday, Nov. 11 - 10 a.m. WADL-Detroit Bowling Showcase Magazine Edition
- Saturday, Nov. 18 - 10 a.m. WADL-Detroit Bowling Showcase Youth Challenge Edition - Round 1
- Saturday, Nov. 25 - 10 a.m. WADL-Detroit Bowling Showcase Youth Challenge Edition - Round 1

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Personal Perspectives

Libbi Fletcher
MDUSBC Director



We all know that bowling people are the best, but some are just more special than others. One such person is John Bunetta.

I had the pleasure to tag along with MDUSBC President John Vorpapel and Vice-President George Bresinski to witness a presentation of a lifetime.

John and George were on their way to Regal Lanes to make a special presentation to John Bunetta recognizing his 75 years of bowling in the Local 58 Men's league...that's right 75 years on the same league!

John, who turned 96 years old on October 20th, 2 days after the presentation, has not only bowled all those years in this league, but was their league secretary for 46 years! He became their secretary in the 1971-1972 bowling season and continued until 2 years ago.

John was "invited" to bowl in 1943 by his brother Bill, who is a member of the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame. John, who was a member of the IBEW began bowling in this league and at one time bowled in as many as 3 leagues. His highest average he said was a 185 and he is currently averaging 126...yes, he is still bowling! I asked him what ball he was throwing...he said, "let me check I just got it 2 years ago". He went to the ball return, turned around and said, "it's a STORM!" Now I really love this man...#stormnation.

In speaking with John, when he mentioned he started in 1943, of course my mind went to the war, so of course I asked if he served. He had attempted to enlist, but due to a spot they saw on his lung, he was not accepted.

On this very special bowling night, John was surrounded by a league who supports him, his daughter Vickie Kowalski (thank you for those yummy toll house cookies!) and his son John.

And to prove the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, John's granddaughter is Cathleen Maes, who is a great bowler in her own right. She has averages listed in 7 different leagues from last year, with a composite average of 219. We have watched her compete in the Rip 10 women's series as well as the MDUSBC Queen's tournaments.

Mr. Bunetta, first of all, it was an absolute pleasure to meet you and sit and chat for a while. Secondly, thank you for your dedication to this league and to bowling. WE SALUTE YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the Hall of Fame inductees and award winners celebrated on October 15th. Unfortunately, it is one of the few I have ever missed. I had already booked a vacation with friends long before the date was set. I tried to reschedule my flight, but to no avail. I was so disappointed I could not be there for all of the hugs, as it is one of my favorite nights of the year!

You are all very deserving of your accolades and I would like to welcome you all to this very elite "club".

Happy Thanksgiving to all. I am very thankful for the sport of bowling for all the wonderful people that have been brought into my life. Enjoy time with family, friends, and teammates.

Protect Your Equipment

The Youth Angle

Ashley Krywy
MDUSBC Youth Director



brought into a cold environment from a warm one and vice versa. What this means for bowling equipment not stored properly, is that they can crack, making them not useable.

Another downside to leaving your equipment in a vehicle over night, when it gets colder, besides the bowling balls possibly cracking, is that they will be too cold to use at the time of bowling. Just like any other object, that is left in the cold, they become cold, and unusable for a short amount of time. It can take bowling balls anywhere from five minutes to a half hour for them to warm up. I do not know this from personal experience, but I know from having team members who leave their equipment in their cars who have faced this issue.

I know it can be annoying to have to bring in your equipment after every time you get home from bowling, but in the long run it is worth it. By taking the extra couple of minutes to bring your equipment in, it can save one a decent amount of money. People who take the risk of leaving their equipment in the vehicles in the cold weather, risk the chance of having to have bowling balls repaired or buying a brand new bowling ball, depending on where the bowling ball cracked. Not saying that if you leave your equipment in your vehicle once, that a bowling ball will crack in the cold; but the more one leaves their equipment in the cold, the greater risk they face.

As the weather starts to cool down, and the season begins to switch to winter; there are a couple of equipment standards that should be followed. The most important equipment standard that should be followed, is not leaving any of it outside in a vehicle.

If one is to leave their equipment outside in a vehicle after bowling until, the next time they bowl, there are major risks in doing so. One risk that a bowler faces is their equipment cracking, and no longer being useable. The reason for this is that, as the weather gets colder, bowling balls have the tendency to shrink and contract, when they are constantly



MDUSBC President John Vorpapel (r) and Vice-President George Bresinski (r) present John Bunetta with a plaque recognizing his 75 years in the league.

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Performance vs Outcome

Pro Tip

Michelle Mullen
USBC Gold Coach



If I've heard it once, I've heard it 1000 times, "Susie was in the cut with a game to go, but then her mental game got it the way." Or, "I had a good shot in practice, but then I couldn't strike."

Does this happen to you? Have you ever been bowling well in competition and realize that you might shoot your first 200 game, or your highest game ever only to fall just short of the feat? Have you ever needed a mark in the 10th frame to pull off the win for your team, but focus more on the pressure than on the shot you make? If so, consider focusing on your performance, rather than on the outcome.

I've been there, bowling for a major title. It was a very long week with over 56 games and it came down to the first strike in the 10th frame for the win. It's not like the title does not flash before your eyes, or that the money doesn't cross your mind. But, in the end, you have to focus, or shall I say re-focus, just one more time on the shot you are about to make, just like you did on all the shots leading up to that moment.

Besides, that is all that you can control. You cannot truly control the outcome. You can control the quality of the shot you make, with hopes that the outcome goes your way. You cannot control your opponent or how the pins actually fall.

Excerpt from **BOWLING FUNDAMENTALS:**

You can control your performance, but you cannot control the outcome. This is the reason for focusing on your performance, rather than on the outcome.

You can control making good shots, adjusting to the lanes, and making spares. These strategies are performance oriented. What you cannot control is the outcome. You may believe that you can focus on shooting 300, but in reality you can only make the best shots you can, every frame, and then look up at the end of the game to see the score. The goal of shooting 300 is outcome oriented; the goal of making the shots necessary to reach a 300 game is performance oriented.

That is a goal you can work on and control.

My roommate on tour, Liz Johnson, was interviewed as she approached her sophomore year on tour, after a spectacular rookie year. The reporter asked her how she would handle the sophomore slump that many seem to go through, especially after a strong rookie year. Her response was classic. Liz said, "I just have to focus on one tournament at a time. Actually, I can only focus on the next tournament." Thinking more, Liz continued, "Well, I really can only focus on the next block of games. No, I really just need to focus on each game." Finally, a pensive Liz nailed it: "I really just focus on making good shots and making my spares each frame; that's all I can control."

Her response was so thoughtful and truly a reflection of a great champion's mental game. Liz has gone on to have a prolific championship career, winning several professional titles, including three [now 5] U.S. Open Championships. She has represented the United States on Team USA and continues to bowl both nationally and internationally, among women and men. She is truly a great champion.

Trying to beat an opponent is another example of focusing on an outcome. You cannot control your opponent's performance. All you can really do is focus on the shots you make, create a strategy for adjusting to the conditions, and pick up your spares. When you look up, you hope that your score is better than your opponent's. Actually, each bowler is playing his own game against the pins, and whoever ends up knocking

down more pins is the winner. I have won with a 150 game, and I have lost with a 250 game.

Next time we'll take a closer look at your managing your thoughts and emotions, another thing you can learn to control. But, in the meantime, work on what you focus on when you bowl. Is it the guy with the crappy form who strikes while you work hard on improving your game and stone an 8 pin? Is it the lucky strike your opponent got while you pounded the hole to leave a corner pin? None of these thoughts lead you to focus in a way that helps you bowl better. They are only distractions to what you could be focusing on: your performance. Make the next shot a quality shot with the proper strategy on the lane. More often than not, you'll come out ahead.

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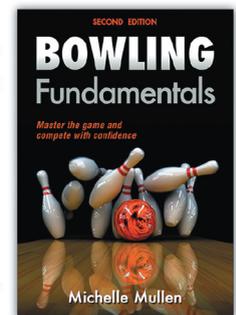
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CBS SPORTS NETWORK AND USBC REACH TWO-YEAR DEAL TO TELEVISION MAJOR BOWLING EVENTS

ARLINGTON, Texas – CBS Sports Network will remain the home of major bowling events in 2018 and 2019 after agreeing to a two-year deal with the United States Bowling Congress.

The stepladder finals of the 2018 U.S. Open and the 2018 Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) Tour majors – USBC Queens, U.S. Women's Open, PWBA Players Championship and PWBA Tour Championship – will be televised live in 2018.

In addition, the PWBA Tour will have expanded live coverage in 2018. The finals of three standard events will be shown live as part of the agreement that features live television coverage of the final six events of the PWBA Tour season.

The CBS Sports Network schedule will kick off with the women's finals of the Intercollegiate Singles Championships on April 24 and will be followed in successive weeks by the ISC men's finals, Intercollegiate Team Championships

women's finals and the ITC men's finals. The TV schedule will conclude with the live finals of the U.S. Open on Oct. 31.

The title matches of the Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite will be televised for the fourth consecutive year. Each division – under 12, under 15 and under 20 – will have a TV show dedicated to the boys and girls title matches.

The USA Bowling National Championships presented by Sixlets® once again will have TV shows for the under 12 and under 15 title matches. The national tournament for four-member youth teams has been part of the CBS Sports Network television package since its inaugural event in 2016.

The 2018 television schedule will show five Saturday finals live and additional events in primetime.

Eight of the 17 events on the 2018 television schedule will be televised live.

Women's Tourney update

Michigan loses two dedicated youth volunteers

(Ann)ouncements

Ann Block
MDUSBC Director



On October 7th the Detroit 600 Bowling Club held their 73rd annual tournament at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights. The field of 63 women took to the lanes with Rosilyn Florence coming out on top. Her handicapped score of 745 was enough for a repeat championship win. Rosilyn's actual 718 series included a 278 game. As the champion her name will appear on the perpetual plaque which is displayed at Strikes and Trophies Inc. which is located inside Cherry Hill Lanes. She will receive a championship plaque for her handicap score. The tournament also awards a plaque for the actual high game and actual high series. Only one plaque award can be earned by a participant. The high game score for the tournament was awarded to Dawn Williamson for a 256 and high actual series was awarded to Rachel Lawrence for a 672.

The Detroit Women's Pioneer Club will take to the lanes on November 4th at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. The event starts at 1:30 pm. The Pioneer Club is open to all Metro Detroit female bowlers with twenty years or more of sanctioned bowling. Youth years are included in the count for the twenty years. The tournament includes a dinner with the full fee of \$32.05. The option of only bowling the tournament is \$19.55. The closing date for the tournament is October 28th. Additional information can be obtained by calling the club secretary Elizabeth Ketterman at 313-701-6801.

The youth bowling world recently lost two very important state leaders. Wes "Dr. Hook" Gibson of Kalamazoo and Jane Ryefield of Muskegon died one day apart last month.

Wes, a native of South Dakota, moved to his beloved Kalamazoo in the late 70's. Dr. Hook as he was known by many did not pick up a bowling ball until he was eighteen years old. Once he picked up a bowling ball he rarely let it down. He would become a professional bowler, bowling center manager, pro shop owner, and finally a full service awards company owner. He served as a youth coach/director at various centers around the Kalamazoo area. Wes was a director on the Michigan State YABA/USBC Youth Board representing the southwestern zone for more than 20 years. He also served as the director on the Michigan Junior Masters Association. In tribute to Wes a donation 50/50 was conducted at his celebration of life. The proceeds of \$500 were donated to his beloved MJMA. Wes leaves behind his wife of 36 years, Lil and his four sons Stuart Selby, Jason, Brandon, and Tyler Gibson. Thank you, Dr. Hook for all your stories, advice, and friendship through the years.

Jane Ryefield died October 19th after an extended battle with health problems. She was the long serving association manager/secretary of the Muskegon WBA and the Westshore Youth. Alongside her husband, Randy she managed the youth program at Sherman Lanes in Muskegon. Jane served as Director #1 on the Michigan State USBC WBA. She was the advisor from the women's board on the Michigan State Youth. Jane served as tournament manager for the annual Schildroth Invitational. She coordinated the award distribution during the annual meeting weekend following the youth banquet. Jane also worked on a part-time basis in the Michigan State WBA office in Grand Rapids. The consummate volunteer, she attended many WIBC/USBC meetings. Jane was a craft aficionado and often showered her wonderful creations with her fellow board members. Jane leaves behind her husband and high school sweetheart Randy and daughter Misty. Thank you, Jane for all the wonderful treats, the hard work, and your love and friendship.

Until next time!

MDUSBC Queens qualifying

Name	City	Total
1 Kathleen Bishop	Westland	1470
2 Robin Orlikowski	Grand Rapids	1382
3 Sarah Lokker	New Baltimore	1370
4 Lesia Lambert	Allen Park	1361
5 Cathleen Maes	Westland	1311
6 Kimberly Sisk	Brownstown	1294
7 Kimberly Maddy	Utica	1267
8 Shannon Rowe	Detroit	1262
9 Lauren Krywy	Sterling Heights	1261
10 Angela Wilt	Westland	1260
11 Julie Halstead	Redford	1256
12 Jennifer Maples	Warren	1231
13 Erica Ewald	Oxford	1230
14 Lauren Roberts	Warren	1218
15 Michelle Keirns	Holt	1203
16 Tanisha Burris	Holt	1189
17 Brandie Reamy	Livonia	1171
18 Nicole Harrison	Shelby Twp	1168
19 Sekeitha Walters-Wright	Eastpointe	1164
20 Carleta Poydras	Southfield	1158
21 Sandra Schultz	Macomb	1141
22 Annette Wilson	Novi	1138
23 Colleen Skaug	Sterling Heights	1130
24 Pamela Stogdill	Royal Oak	1126
25 Shaun Damron	Waterford	1126
26 Ashley Denard	Southfield	1124
27 Jessica Mitchell	Hartland	1114
28 Tracey Distel	Lansing	1113
29 Christine Wissinger	Clinton Twp	1070
30 Lisa Fogel	Warren	1051
31 Loretta Ciantar	Monroe	1051
32 Renee Radtke	Lincoln Park	1030
33 Colleen Hoffmaster	Royal Oak	1000
34 Sheila McIntyre	Redford	999
35 Dawn Mears	Detroit	982
36 Theresa Smith	Waterford	961
37 Anna Heichel	Orion	941
38 Rebecca Johns	Waterford	910

Match Play & Averages

Name	Record	Average
Robin Orlikowski	4-1	234.2
Lauren Krywy	5-2	217.6
Kimberly Maddy	5-2	203.4
Jennifer Maples	3-2	204.3
Sarah Lokker	1-2	218.9
Lesia Lambert	2-2	211.5
Kathleen Bishop	1-2	233.4
Julie Halstead	2-2	209.9
Cathleen Maes	0-2	216.0
Kimberly Sisk	0-2	204.7
Shannon Rowe	0-2	198.7
Angela Wilt	0-2	203.1

Final Prize List

PI Name	Prize
1 Robin Orlikowski	\$ 1,000
2 Lauren Krywy	\$ 500
3 Kimberly Maddy	\$ 300
4 Jennifer Maples	\$ 250
5 Sarah Lokker	\$ 200
6 Lesia Lambert	\$ 200
7 Kathleen Bishop	\$ 175
8 Julie Halstead	\$ 175
9 Cathleen Maes	\$ 150
10 Kimberly Sisk	\$ 150
11 Shannon Rowe	\$ 150
12 Angela Wilt	\$ 150



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
AIRWAY LANES (32)	4825 Highland Rd	Waterford	48328	(248) 674-0424
ALLEY 59 (24)	44925 N Groesbeck Hwy	Clinton Township	48036	(586) 469-6411
APOLLO LANES (14)	29410 Gratiot Ave	Roseville	48066	(586) 772-2070
ASTRO LANES (48)	32388 John R Rd	Madison Heights	48071	(248) 585-3132
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
BOWLING IQ (8)	7023 E 14 Mile Road	Sterling Heights	48312	(586) 268-4001
BRONCO LANES (32)	22323 Ryan Rd	Warren	48091	(586) 756-8200
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
DRAKESHIRE LANES (40)	35000 Grand River Ave	Farmington Hills	48335	(248) 478-2230
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
HARBOR LANES (20)	25419 Jefferson Ave	Saint Clair Shores	48081	(586) 772-1200
HARTFIELD LANES (52)	3490 12 Mile Rd	Berkley	48072	(248) 543-9338
HAZEL PARK BOWL (24)	24211 Hughes Ave	Hazel Park	48030	(248) 543-7303
IMPERIAL LANES (80)	44650 Garfield Rd	Clinton Twp	48038	(586) 286-8700
INDIAN LANES (32)	4500 13th St	Wyandotte	48192	(734) 283-4700
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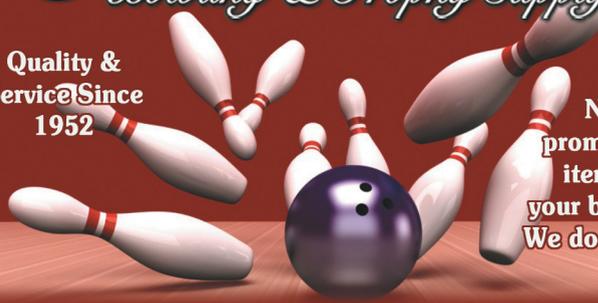
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**THE PROGRAM
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Storm Products has begun offering a new program called Spin that aims to entice recreational bowlers to rent high-tech balls for their open play, boosting center revenue and perhaps starting those bowlers on the path to becoming more serious about bowling.

Storm has not trademarked the idea and would subscribe to the idea that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, said Storm vice president of business development Gary Hulsenberg, noting that at a trade show this summer in Red Wing, Minnesota, he was asked by a proprietor why he should buy the program when he could just do his own version of it.

"I said, 'Great, you should do your own version of this,'" Hulsenberg said. "We're not monetizing this. We're bringing this product to the proprietors as a break-even kind of thing. ... The concept is bowling wins."

If Spin is successful, I would expect other manufacturers to copy it, which I think would be a great thing if it gets the program into more centers. It really should be about bowling winning, because when bowling wins, all companies and everyone involved in bowling win.

Spin gives consumers the chance to rent a reactive resin ball with root beer scent, then teaches them about it through their smartphone via the platform www.betterbowler.com.

Ideally, Spin consumers enjoy the game more, the centers gain revenue and potentially more dedicated — even league — bowlers, and pro shops, distributors and ball manufacturers gain business.

"I want people to bowl more," Hulsenberg said. "I want people that accidentally go bowling once or twice a year because the weather's brutal outside and there's no good movies. And they stumble into a bowling center and they have this experience and at the end of the videos we created we said, 'Go check out your pro shop to find your own gear.' So we're trying to drive people into the pro shop who would never consider a pro shop. They get a new customer and bowling gets a new bowler."

Hulsenberg said he was asked about the program increasing Storm's sales and his reply was that "It's going to increase all sales, because I can't control if they buy a Brunswick ball or an Ebonite ball. And frankly I don't care. All I care is someone gets their interest peaked enough and they go to a pro shop. If they sell them a Brunswick ball, bowling wins. They have their own gear and they will bowl more and they will bring a buddy or two because no one wants to go alone. The more people we have playing the game or the sport ... it's good for all brands."

For centers, Spin starts at \$125 per ball for one to four balls, down to \$90 per ball for 13 or more, with all the marketing materials included. That includes a point-of-sale display, table top graphics, and the BetterBowler.com materials.

The Spin balls come in 12, 14 and 15 pounds and feature a performance core (2.48 RG and .048 differential for 15 pounds) with the reactive resin coverstock. They are undrilled so proprietors can choose how to drill them: like standard house balls, or perhaps with interchangeable thumbs and fingers.

Storm suggests pricing the Spin balls at \$5 to \$20 per session (not game), depending on the center's location. For example, \$5 might be the right price for small town in middle America, while \$20 might be right for a big city like San Francisco.

And, of course, pricing can be different for low- and high-traffic times.

Centers also gain email addresses of Spin customers who use BowlBetter.com.

A have-a-ball program seems like the logical next step for a Spin consumer — and perhaps a bridge to being a traditional league bowler, and maybe even more ultimately.

"I think it makes sense," Hulsenberg said. "I think if people have a better experience their interest gets peaked. And I believe if you're a proactive enough center that offers small league commitments or call them clubs instead of leagues, people who don't traditionally bowl leagues can have the better experience, get a little interested, and join a club that lasts four to eight weeks. And a portion of those people will play more frequently."

Spin is Hulsenberg's idea and something he's been working on for some time and is passionate about.

"I thought this is a good way to bridge the gap between the casual recreational player who goes bowling once or twice a year but might want a better user experience than what a traditional house ball might give them," he said. "The concept I feel is much like Top Golf. I've never been to a Top Golf but I have buddies who are addicted to Top Golf. Callaway is the brand of choice in Top Golfs. They educate people who probably don't even care about the game of golf. And I kind of feel like there's a parallel with this and I wanted Storm to be that brand to give you a good experience with a really high performance bowling ball that smells like root beer — for people who don't bowl that's just the coolest thing ever when the bowling ball smells like something. They always get a little interested at that point."

Evidence for the potential of the program came at the TAT (True Amateur Tournament) after competition was done for the day, Hulsenberg said.

"Our crew would hang out and watch the recreational players come in and then go down to the lanes and talk to them about bowling," he said, "and then give them one of our balls to roll and explain the difference between a regular house ball and our ball. And their eyes would light up. They were like, 'I had no idea.' If you're not into bowling you don't even know bowling has technology in it. You don't even understand the difference between a house ball and a ball Jason Belmonte would use. It's trying to educate people in a fun, different kind of a way."

The program is just getting launched so Hulsenberg hasn't gotten any results yet. And he doesn't have specific expectations.

"I feel like if I was working the front counter at a bowling center I feel like I would rent a lot of them because I get it," he said. "So I think it's going to be dependent on the centers and their staff and how they interact with their guests. I think that will determine usage."

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In School Bowling: The Kids are Excited, but What About the Tournament?

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Earlier this month, in school bowling has started again in most locations. We look forward to this time of year for many reasons. First and foremost is the opportunity to engage youth in bowling. With 6 carpet lanes, plastic sand filled pins, and 4-5# rubber bowling balls we are able to bring bowling to approximately 5,000 students each week. Secondly, we are able to develop relationships with the schools and plan different ways to bring the students from the school to the bowling center. This occurs in various ways, including: free coupons for the students to practice the skills learned in class; field trips, donated parties for student achievement, fundraising events, family nights, general after school clubs and after school bus clubs from the school to the bowling center. In some situations, bowling centers will staff bowling lanes during open houses, school family nights, and develop relationships with parents and other community groups attending the event.

A variety of bowling centers will send us to the schools for ½ day to help new teachers learn the curriculum, teach students the fundamental skills, discuss bowling opportunities, and often to promote an after school club. One thing is very clear. The students love bowling. From the second they walk into the gym and see the equipment, almost every student's eyes widen and joy is abundant. The start of class is critical to gauge each student's current level of participation in this sport.

The first 2 minutes of each class are spent asking the student's questions. Question 1 refers to the number of students who have bowled in the last year. Amazingly, this number seems to be increasing. We then talk

about participation in fun activities like birthday parties, bowling with family, New Year's Eve bowling and more. Again, the number of hands being raised seems to be increasing over the last couple of years. This is followed by the question to see how many students have ever bowled in a club or league. Over time, this number has steadily decreased throughout the years.

It's now time to teach the basic skills. We let the students know if all goes well with them listening and staying on task that enough time will be left for a game. The students usually give a cheer knowing we may be playing Bingo Bowling, Nintendo Bowling, or another game they have played in prior years. Then the question, "How many want to have a quick tournament at the end?" is asked. Throughout the past however many years, this used to be the question that generated the most excitement in class. Almost everyone wanted the tournament and the energy level increased.

The tournament is very simple. Every lane shoots at the same time. The lane that gets the most pins down earns a point. The lane with the most points at the end is the winning lane. Everyone can do it and even the less athletically inclined used to be excited knowing they have the chance to help on a winning lane. However, this seems to be changing. When the questions about wanting a tournament is asked, only a few cheers are given. During tournaments in the past, many students were so excited they forgot about waiting to for us to say "go" and would shoot the ball early. Throughout the tournament almost every lane used to ask who was in the lead. At the end, all students inquire about the winning lane demanding an answer before the total was tallied. However, this has changed and more dramatically this year.

The in school bowling has just started and the quick tournament noted above has been run in approximately 12 classes. The good news is almost every student waited to hear the "go" before bowling. The concerning news is that few show a high level excitement about the tournament and not one class has asked about the winning lane. What does this mean and where do we go from here? It is difficult to identify the number one factor leading to the decline in tournament fever. One reason may be the

PE teachers are being mandated to fill in classes with absent teachers as the number of available substitutes is very low. One teacher hadn't seen his classes in almost 2 weeks and the school year was only 5 weeks old at that time. It's must be hard to generate excitement with inconsistent class time. Another reason could be the continued focus on everyone being a winner even during a competitively designed activity. Many other factors could come into play.

Bowling is a great opportunity for everyone to experience the benefits of both individual and team competitive play. Most of our readers are in

leagues as well as bowl in tournaments and understand the importance of athletic competition. We can teach this to our kids and the youth we interact with in school, the neighborhood and more. The very important question is, "How do we create a wide range appeal?"

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EXPANDED LIVE TV COVERAGE, FINALS IN HOST CENTERS HIGHLIGHT 2018 PWBA TOUR SCHEDULE

ARLINGTON, Texas - Seven events on the 2018 Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour schedule will conclude with live television coverage, including five Saturday shows, and all event finals will take place in the host centers.

The opportunity to give bowling fans additional live coverage, including live broadcasts each Saturday in August, meant the PWBA Tour had to adjust the 2018 schedule announced earlier this year. The PWBA has had a regular presence on network television since the women's bowling tour relaunched in 2015.

Also in 2018, the finals of each PWBA event will take place in the host centers. In the last two seasons, the championship rounds of standard events were taped for delayed broadcast in conjunction with one of the four major events on the PWBA Tour. In 2018, fans will be able to watch wire-to-wire action of a PWBA event.

"For the proprietors and the fans who come out to support us, they now will be able to watch the crowning of a PWBA Tour champion in their center, and it also will provide continuity for the bowlers," PWBA spokesperson Kelly Kulick said. "The 2017 season concluded with an incredible live show in Richmond, and the energy in the venue was amazing. We can't wait to capture that again in 2018."

A new element of the 2018 season will be three elite-field events that will take place during the second half of the season.

After eight events, the top 24 players on the 2018 PWBA points list will earn automatic spots into the elite-field events - the PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open, PWBA Twin Cities Open and PWBA Columbus Open. Those events will have 32-player fields, with remaining spots filled through an on-site eight-game qualifier each week.

All 32 competitors will bowl 16 games of qualifying, then the top 12 advancers will bowl six additional games. The top five after 22 games will advance to the TV finals.

The 2018 PWBA Tour season will kick off in Las Vegas in late April and hit locations across the United States, closing with six consecutive live TV shows, including back-to-back majors to end the season. Five of the live shows during the season will take place on Saturdays.

"The addition of the live telecasts gives the PWBA greater exposure and the opportunity to grow even more to build future stars," Kulick said. "We have so many amazing women competing each week, and I'm looking forward to another great season."

The finals of the six events not on TV will be livestreamed from the host center. All non-televised competition from every tournament will be livestreamed. Details on livestream distribution will be announced early next year.

The six standard events in 2018 will feature 16 games of qualifying before the field is cut to the top 32. After eight more games, another cut will be made to the top 12, who will bowl six more games. The top four after 30 games will advance to the livestream stepladder finals.

For more information visit www.pwba.com.

MDUSBC 300 Games / 800 Series

September 2017

Name	Date	Center	League
James Barner Jr	Sep 1 2017	Five Star Lanes	5 5 5 League
Mario Butler	Sep 1 2017	Thunderbowl Lanes	26 Mixed
John Bray Jr	Sep 5 2017	Renaissance Bowl	Tuesday Morning Goodtimers
Thomas Brusseau	Sep 5 2017	Westland Bowl	Tues Men Invitational
Christopher Schneider	Sep 5 2017	Wonderland Lanes	Tuesday Mens Invitational
Daniel Dzieszowski	Sep 6 2017	Imperial Lanes	clinton first
Andrew Smith	Sep 6 2017	Sterling Lanes	Eastside Sr Classic
Kyle Miller	Sep 7 2017	Bronco Lanes	D W S D Mixed League
Chad Hutton	Sep 7 2017	Harbor Lanes	Thursday Nite Mens
Roy Thompson II	Sep 7 2017	Rosebowl Lanes	Suburban Industrial
Justin Neiman	Sep 7 2017	Sterling	Thursday Mens Industrial
Jeffrey Schmidt	Sep 7 2017	Sterling	Thursday Mens Industrial
Jay Bennett	Sep 8 2017	Harbor Lanes	Friday Night Invitational
Steven Lovalvo	Sep 8 2017	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men
Verlin Terry	Sep 8 2017	Renaissance Bowl	World Traveler's Mixed
Robert Polite	Sep 8 2017	Sterling Lanes	Thursday Mens Industrial
Ronnie Sparks Jr	Sep 8 2017	Thunderbowl Lanes	B League
Kip Kiefer	Sep 9 2017	Shelby Lanes	Sat Night Crooners
James Latcha	Sep 9 2017	Shore Lanes	Friday Nite Men
Harold Sullins	Sep 9 2017	Towne Bowling Academy	PBA50 Regional Tournament
Nicole Chaffin	Sep 10 2017	Bonanza Lanes	Sunday Afternoon Mixed Travele
Frank Hoffman	Sep 10 2017	Woodland Lanes	Painter's West Chicago
Quincy White	Sep 11 2017	Bonanza Lanes	Local 961
Gerald Malcolm	Sep 11 2017	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.
Kyle Schwerin	Sep 13 2017	Astro Lanes	Hazel Park Eagles Mens
James Cousineau Jr	Sep 13 2017	Imperial Lanes	Clinton First
Robert Schepis	Sep 13 2017	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitioanl
James Lauricella	Sep 13 2017	Sterling Lanes	Eastside Sr Classic
Russ Garland	Sep 14 2017	Alley 59	Victory League
Derrick Baker	Sep 14 2017	Bronco Lanes	D W S D Mixed League
George Goscinski	Sep 14 2017	Cherry Hill Lanes	Ford Truck
Glen Fairman	Sep 14 2017	Five Star Lanes	Job Shop
Darius Barnett	Sep 14 2017	Mayflower Lanes	Detroit Diesel Trio
Eric Robertson	Sep 14 2017	Woodland Lanes	WoodlandThursday Night Men
Shayne Malecki	Sep 15 2017	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men
Larry Wilson	Sep 15 2017	Thunderbowl Lanes	B League
Rodney White	Sep 15 2017	Woodland Lanes	Friday Midnighters
Keith Haugen Jr	Sep 17 2017	Woodland Lanes	Painter's West Chicago
James Lewis	Sep 18 2017	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men
Vincent Imbier	Sep 19 2017	300 Bowl	300 Tues House Lge
Bryan Green II	Sep 19 2017	Cherry Hill North	Waterford Merchants
Justin Saputo	Sep 19 2017	Imperial Lanes	Imperial Businessmen
Andrew Boyd	Sep 20 2017	Alley 59	Wednesday Inv Bowling Lge
Edward Mintz	Sep 20 2017	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational
Jordan Hornes	Sep 20 2017	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational
James Jesson	Sep 20 2017	Woodland Lanes	Senior Mens Classic
David Huckabone	Sep 21 2017	Cherry Hill North	Guys & Dolls
Frank Robinson III	Sep 21 2017	Five Star Lanes	5 5 5 League
Kevin Wonch	Sep 21 2017	Five Star Lanes	Job Shop
Jeffrey Schulte	Sep 21 2017	Ford Lanes	Renaissance
Brad Beisiegel	Sep 21 2017	Rosebowl Lanes	Suburban Industrial
Cory Coffey	Sep 22 2017	Ford Lanes	Friday Five
Steven Fogel	Sep 22 2017	Harbor Lanes	Friday Night Invitational
CJ Edward Harris III	Sep 23 2017	Bronco Lanes	Unity Mixed
William Holmes	Sep 23 2017	Bronco Lanes	Chrysler Tuesday Morn Mix
Scott Eisele	Sep 23 2017	Five Star Lanes	Saturday Night Leftovers
Christopher Danowski	Sep 23 2017	Woodland Lanes	American Legion Mixed
Peter Jubb Sr	Sep 24 2017	Classic Lanes	Sunday Niters
Curtis Brown	Sep 24 2017	Regal Lanes	Friends And Family Of Fun
Ryan Vernier	Sep 24 2017	Skore Lanes	Bob Sparks T V N
Allen Bordui Jr	Sep 24 2017	Total Sports Lanes	Sunday A M Beer League
Andre Robinson	Sep 25 2017	300 Bowl	Pontiac Community Mixed
Lawrence Rowe	Sep 25 2017	Bowl One Lanes	Gus Ponder Memorial
Karl Parafinowicz	Sep 25 2017	Rosebowl Lanes	Super Senior Classic
Michael Kereluk	Sep 26 2017	Regal Lanes	Corpus Christi
Scott Glenday	Sep 26 2017	Regal Lanes	Corpus Christi
Kenneth Wyatt	Sep 26 2017	Regal Lanes	Corpus Christi
Scott Hansen	Sep 26 2017	Shore Lanes	St Margarets Tuesday Early
Andrew Anderson	Sep 27 2017	300 Bowl	Pontiac Motor Inter Office
Michael Dickerson	Sep 27 2017	Cherry Hill Lanes	Wen-Mixed
Mitchell Wiszowaty	Sep 27 2017	Five Star Lanes	St Jane Men
Michael Calvin	Sep 28 2017	Imperial Lanes	Business & Industrial
Kevin Moore	Sep 29 2017	Ford Lanes	Friday Five
Steven Messina	Sep 30 2017	Drakeshire Lanes	Digital Mixed



Lauren Roberts (c) is presented her crystal award from MDUSBC and pin from the Michigan Women for her 300 game at Luxury Lanes from her mother Carol Roberts (l). Lauren's daughter Madison is on the right.



Michael Matthews (r) is presented his 11-in-a-row crystal from MDUSBC Association Manager Mark Martin at Century Bowl.

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Name	Score	Date	Center	League
Scott Kujawa	802	Sep 7 2017	Five Star Lanes	Job Shop
Brandon Teddy	805	Sep 8 2017	Woodland Lanes	Grandale
Frank Hoffman	845	Sep 10 2017	Woodland Lanes	Painter's West Chicago
Kenneth Wyatt	824	Sep 12 2017	Regal Lanes	Corpus Christi
Robert Schepis	834	Sep 13 2017	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational
Frederick Daniels	833	Sep 18 2017	Rosebowl Lanes	Our Lady Queen Of Peace
Edward Mintz	836	Sep 20 2017	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational
Glenn Ludeman	800	Sep 24 2017	Total Sports Lanes	Sunday A M Beer League
Allen Bordui Jr	826	Sep 24 2017	Total Sports Lanes	Sunday A M Beer League
Richard Dolph III	835	Sep 26 2017	Wonderland Lanes	Tuesday Mens Invitational
Andrew Anderson	848	Sep 27 2017	300 Bowl	Pontiac Motor Inter Office
Matthew Heichel	801	Sep 27 2017	Collier Lanes	Oxford Wildcats
John Unger	814	Sep 28 2017	Astro Lanes	Thursday Nite Men
Justin Unger	814	Sep 28 2017	Astro Lanes	Thursday Nite Men
Timothy Weimer	803	Sep 28 2017	Plaza Lanes	Fomoco Thurs Night
Marcus Giles III	833	Sep 29 2017	Astro Lanes	Detroit Architectural
Steven Messina	821	Sep 30 2017	Drakeshire Lanes	Digital Mixed

The 'Lefthander Problem,' Revisited

STRIKES ME

By Bob Johnson
Bowlers Journal International



Gary Faulkner Jr. won the PBA World Championship during World Series of Bowling VII at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. Faulkner is left-handed.

Also during that World Series, Parker Bohn III won the Cheetah Championship. Bohn is left-handed.

Ryan Ciminelli won the Viper Championship. Ciminelli is left-handed.

Jesper Svensson won the Chameleon Championship. Svensson is a "two-handed" left-hander.

The only right-handed champion in the World Championship and four animal pattern events conducted at the World Series was Jon VanHees, a part-time pro who nabbed the Scorpion Championship.

Each of the five patterns was intended to play differently, offering unique challenges to overcome as well as opportunities for success. Yet 13 of the 21 available TV finals berths in Reno were claimed by southpaws, and lefties took home \$180,000 of the \$310,000 in prize money awarded on TV.

It may not have been like the 1971 Ebonite Open at Saratoga Lanes in San Jose, Calif., which saw the 16-

man match play field consist entirely of portsiders, but it was close enough for the right-handed bowlers who made the trek to Reno for WSOB VII.

The National Bowling Stadium has a long history of — how should we put it? — being kind to left-handers. A variety of theories have been proffered on the subject, but nobody has ever been able to explain, with certainty, why it is so.

So we put the question to a bowler who has done it all over the course of a pro career that has seen him win 35 national PBA titles — including the 2015 Cheetah Championship in Reno. Parker Bohn III, what sayeth you?

"As players, we don't do the lanes," he points out. "We only participate on what was put out on the lanes. There have been moments — hundreds of them — where I felt I had no shot whatsoever, so you have to go out and create something. Then there are times when you feel you have a little bit of an edge, and you go out and hit a home run. During the World Series, we were all products of the environment, and some did a better job of taking advantage of it than others.

"As the week unfolded, it looked like we had a distinct advantage," he adds.

"On an overall basis, I think we did. But there also have been World Series where we were on the short end of the stick."

The situation is magnified at events such as the World Series, during which multiple tournaments are conducted and titles awarded. Back when the PBA was a real tour, conditions could vary widely from week to week, which meant neither side would have an advantage for long. As an example, the week following the 1971 Ebonite Open, only one southpaw advanced to match play in Andy Granatelli's STP Classic at King Louie West Lanes in Kansas City — and Johnny Petraglia finished in a tie for 16th.

Some opined that the installation of new lanes at the Stadium prior to the World Series would solve the "problem," but that didn't prove to be the case.

"Nobody could know for sure how things would unfold," Bohn says. "I think there was some confusion on the right side, and that led to guys playing different angles and using different balls, which meant scores were going to go down on the right side. Meanwhile, on the left side, pretty much everybody got locked into the 5- to

10-board zone, and the lanes got a tad better for us as we went along. We knew our moves were going to be subtle. On the right side, I watched plenty of guys go from being lined up on one pair to completely missing the headpin on the next pair."

Bohn said he expected adjustments to be made to the patterns when the World Series of Bowling returned to Reno in 2016. "It's hard to know exactly what to do because the balls just keep getting more and more powerful." For the 2017 World Series this month, the PBA will be unveiling a revamped set of lane patterns. Will they have the impact intended? Will they help equalize the left and right sides?

Adds Bohn: "You could not pay me enough to be a lane man. That is the most thankless job in our sport."

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LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR 2018 STATE TOURNAMENT

The Metro Detroit USBC will host the 2018 Michigan State USBC WBA Women's Championship at Airway Lanes and Century Bowl in Waterford.

MDUSBC will be responsible for conducting the 50/50, brackets and jackpots for the run of the tournament. The tournament starts in February and ends in May.

MDUSBC is looking for volunteers to assist in these responsibilities.

There are also tournament staff positions available.

If you are interested, please contact the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695.



Senior Singles Open www.ssopen.org Schedule

Date	Center	Time
11/18/17	5 Star	10 am
12/2/17	Century (Grand Finals)	9 am
1/6/18	Thunderbowl	10 am
1/20/18	300 Bowl	10 am
2/24/18	Waterford	10 am
3/3/18	Bonanza (Senior / SS)	10 am
3/17/18	Merri-Bowl	10 am
4/7/18	Rosebowl (Over / Under 50)	10 am
4/28/18	Astro	10 am
5/19/18	Novi	10 am
6/2/18	Oak (Over / Under 50)	10 am
6/23/18	Town & Country	10 am
7/21/18	Wonderland	10 am
8/4/18	Sterling (non-champions)	10 am
8/25/18	Century	10 am
9/22/18	Wayne	10 am
10/27/18	Plaza	10 am
11/17/18	5 Star	10 am
12/1/18	Westland (Grand Finals)	9 am



2017 - 2018 SCHEDULE OF TOURNAMENTS

MIXED

Oct. 21, 22, 28, 29, 2017
Nov. 11, 12, 18, 19, 2017
HAZEL PARK BOWL, HAZEL PARK

QUEENS

Oct. 21, 22, 2017
CLASSIC LANES, ROCHESTER HILLS

SUPER SENIOR MASTERS

Nov. 4, 5, 2017
HAZEL PARK BOWL, HAZEL PARK

YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

Nov. 5, 12, 19, 2017
Dec. 3, 10, 2017
WAYNE BOWL, WAYNE

500 CLUB

Dec. 3, 2017
AIRWAY LANES, WATERFORD

MASTERS

Jan. 27, 28, 2018
THUNDERBOWL LANES, ALLEN PARK

SENIOR MASTERS

Feb. 10, 11, 17, 2018
MAYFLOWER LANES, REDFORD

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Feb. 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 2018
March 3, 4, 10, 11, 2018
SHORE LANES, ST. CLAIR SHORES

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Feb. 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 2018
March 3, 4, 10, 11, 2018
SHORE LANES, ST. CLAIR SHORES

ADULT / YOUTH BAKER

March 4, 11, 2018
COUNTRY LANES, FARMINGTON

SENIOR TEAM

March 10, 17, 24, 2018
SKORE LANES, TAYLOR

JUNIOR MASTERS

March 17, 2018
MAYFLOWER LANES

WOMEN'S SERIES

Oct. 14, 2017 - HAZEL PARK BOWL
Nov. 19, 2017 - MAYFLOWER LANES
Dec. 10, 2017 - SUPER BOWL
Jan. 14, 2018 - AIRWAY LANES
March 11, 2018 - MAYFLOWER LANES
April 8, 2018 - FORD LANES
May 6, 2018 - SHELBY LANES