



# News

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## Cathleen Maes claims MDUSBC Queens



Cathleen Maes of Westland defeated Lesia Lambert of Allen Park 192-149 in the final match to win the MDUSBC Queens at Garden Bowl in Detroit. Maes won the title

and \$1,000, while Lambert settled for \$500.

Maes was the top qualifier with a six-game total of 1,277 on games of 172, 268, 175, 212, 181 and 269. In match play she beat Cassandra Daleski of Royal Oak 245-155, Ashley Denard of Southfield 199-183 and Lauren Roberts of Warren 179-161. She then had to wait for a challenger to emerge from the loser's bracket in the double-elimination format. She averaged 209.2 for 10 games of competition.

Lambert qualified third with 1,242 with a high game of 254. She lost her first match to Sandra Schultz of Macomb 200-168 which put her in the loser's bracket and made for a long day. In the loser's bracket she beat Tanisha Burris of Lansing 190-149



and avenged the earlier loss to Schultz 277-151. The next match she tied Rachel Davis of Canton at 182, which was settled with a ninth and tenth frame roll

off which Lambert won 37-29. She then dispatched Lauren Roberts 215-180 to advance to the championship match.

Roberts finished third for \$300 and Davis fourth for \$200.

Roberts advanced from qualifying after being four spots out of the eight-person cut after four games and closed with 236 and 269 to qualify second.

Schultz started slow also, sitting in 14<sup>th</sup> place after four games, but had 209 and 246 in the last two games to qualify sixth.

The entire qualifying field averaged 189.4.

Complete results are available at [www.mdusbc.com](http://www.mdusbc.com) under "Tournaments".

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



Queens champion Cathleen Maes (l) is congratulated by MDUSBC President George Bresinski (c) and runner-up Lesia Lambert

## McKay Invitational looking for bowlers

The Metro Detroit USBC will once again conduct the annual Tom McKay Invitational Tournament (formerly the Steve Cruchon Memorial Tournament) on Saturday, Dec. 8 at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum and the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Over \$280,000 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.

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## USBC publishes Open Championships survey findings

ARLINGTON, Texas - Survey findings from a third-party research firm show that participants at the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships support recent changes to the tournament, including the addition of a third average-based division and withholding publication of lane conditions to improve fairness.

The USBC Open Championships survey was reviewed and analyzed by Victus Advisors. Victus concluded the survey has a margin of error of +/- 1.6 percent.

In 2017, USBC introduced significant changes to the Open Championships designed to improve the experience and competitive environment of the event, including a new division intended to increase peer-to-peer competition. Now that bowlers have experienced the changes for two years, USBC conducted a survey to determine the acceptance and approval of the changes.

Victus found bowlers responded with an overwhelming acceptance and approval of the change in division structure for competitiveness (85 percent) and a strong positive majority (76 percent) about overall changes to the division structure and average requirements.

Registration trends for the 2019 Open Championships in Las Vegas also support these findings. To date, 8,230 teams have registered for the event.

Victus' key findings from the Open Championships survey data include:

- The overwhelming majority (85 percent) said that the new division structure allowed them to be more competitive or made no difference to the competitiveness of the Open Championships. This is a clear indication that the addition of a third average-based division at the tournament had its intended effect of increasing peer-to-peer competition at the event.

- Overall, 76 percent of respondents said they think the three-division structure is positive for the long-term success of the tournament or that they agree with the goals of the changes. This is indicative of the generally positive view of the new division structure.

- A total of 65 percent of respondents indicated they agreed with or had no opinion about keeping lane patterns secret until after the conclusion of the event. This majority shows a positive leaning toward the changes made in lane condition communications in 2017 and 2018.

# Get ready for tournament season

## 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., 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. 10, followed by seven weeks of the Bowling Showcase Youth Challenge. There are eight teams competing for the title. The teams are from the Century Bowl, Cherry Hill Lanes North, Five Star Lanes, Merri-Bowl, Oak Lanes, Thunderbowl Lanes and Woodland 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, listed down the side. 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.

### MDUSBC TOURNAMENTS

The MDUSBC Super Senior Masters is fast approaching Nov. 3-4 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

Entrants must be 60 years of age as of Nov. 3 for the scratch tournament. The cost is \$100.

The format is five games of qualifying cutting to the top players 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. 2 at Bowl One Lanes in Troy at 12:30 p.m.

The entry fee is \$22.

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

### MDUSBC WOMEN'S SERIES

The MDUSBC Women's Series, presented by Hamtramck Singles Classic, has returned for the eighth 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. 11 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. 9; January 13; March 10; and April 7.

A Men's Series will be held in conjunction with the Women's Series on the same dates, same time, same center and same price.

### STATE TOURNAMENTS CLOSING DATES FAST APPROACHING

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. 9, 2019.

The tournament will run Feb. 16 through May 5, 2019 at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing.

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.

The Michigan State USBC Open Championship will begin Jan. 12 at Grand Blanc Lanes in Grand Blanc.

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. 1, with other entries due by Dec. 1. While the bowling season seems to have just begun these deadlines are fast approaching so act today.

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

Entry blanks for both tournaments are available in your local bowling center, at the MDUSBC office or online at www.mdusbc.com.

Has your league certified on time this year? Each year a number of

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leagues don't attend to this requirement and lose precious benefits as a result. This is the time of year that all leagues should be sure that your certification application, membership application cards and money has been turned in to the Metro Detroit USBC. One of the key points for leagues to be eligible for full bonding and award protection is to file your certification application within 30 days of the league start date. If you have a question about whether your league application has been filed please call the Association office at (248) 443-2695.



## Bowling TV Schedule



- Saturday, Nov. 3 - 10 a.m. WADL-Detroit Bowling Showcase Championship round
- Saturday, Nov. 10 - 10 a.m. WADL-Detroit Bowling Showcase Magazine show
- Saturday, Nov. 17 - 10 a.m. WADL-Detroit Bowling Showcase Youth Challenge - First round from Merri-Bowl Oak Lanes vs Cherry Hill Lanes North
- Saturday, Nov. 24 - 10 a.m. WADL-Detroit Bowling Showcase Youth Challenge - First round from Merri-Bowl Merri-Bowl vs Century Bowl

# Watch



# On



# Every Saturday at 10 a.m.

# A night of greatness!

## Personal Perspectives

Libbi Fletcher  
MDUSBC Director



The Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame dinner is another one of those special evenings here in the Bowling Capital of the World.

This year was no exception. The class of 2018, which has been covered in this publication previously, was an amazing group of bowlers and ambassadors of our sport.

We were blessed enough to have Paul Gross, WDIV Meteorologist, and bowler in his own right, be our emcee for the evening. Paul always does an amazing job and is so well loved and respected by the bowling community.

Prior to dinner and speeches, it is so great to see all the "greatness" in the room. Hall of Fame members, proprietors, representatives from the state and local organizations, and families who are so proud of the inductees and honorees.

Dinner at DeCarlo's is always wonderful, and then it is on to the festivities, beginning with a short video from each inductee.

These videos, as well as video from the presentations will be up on our website soon. [www.mdusbc.com](http://www.mdusbc.com)

Nicole Edwards was presented by her BFF Nicole Idziak-Owsley who flew in from her current home of Charlotte, North Carolina. These ladies go back to MJMA days when they bowled together as former MJMA and current MJMA members. After Nicole finishing her bowling career and degree at Nebraska, she joined our S&B Ladies Classic with Nicole Owsley. It was so wonderful to hear the stories, especially involving her parents getting her everywhere she needs to be and the support of her husband through her career.

Scott Bowersock was presented by Hall of Fame member Mitch Jabczynski. Scott is so humble, but

now he truly knows he is a member of the Hall of Fame along with his buddy and mine, Vernon Peterson!

Edwin Peart was presented by his son, who did an amazing job presenting his dad. Mr. Peart was the first African-American to bowl on the Stroh's team. His stories remind us all what a trailblazer he truly is. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments with Stroh's but more so, as your son stated, your bowling spanning generations speaks volumes.

Larry Paladino was presented by former editor of the Bowler's Digest Rick Strobl. Thank you, Larry for getting bowling into the papers, especially in our sports market.

The Thomas McKay Award honoring Michael Derosie for a lifetime of service to the sport of bowling was presented by Tom himself. Mike is so deserving of this award as he continues to promote our sport as a member of the Board of Directors and many committees.

The Judge John D. Watts Award was presented to Vera Johnson for making outstanding contributions to the promotion of bowling, by Judge Chmura from Warren. Vera was the first Queen of TNBA from the Detroit Senate, and does so much for bowling through Plum Hollow Lanes.

Our final recipient of the night was Jo Ann Taylor, formerly of Hazel Park Bowl, receiving the George Prybyla Industry award. Jo Ann is still working hard with her partners and getting the Hamtramck Singles up and going at Wayne Bowl. She is a tireless worker for this sport from the proprietor/manager side.

It was a wonderful evening of hugs, laughter, tears and pride. Our recipients are always so humble, they all share how those of us in this sport miss birthdays, anniversaries, soccer games, etc. for this sport we all love. And how thankful we are for the people in our lives that understand.

That is the dedication of a Hall of Fame member, be it for Superior Performance or Meritorious Service or from the proprietor side of the sport.

If you know someone who is worthy of Hall of Fame recognition or any of the special awards, please go to our website for the applications or notify Mark Martin at our office.

It is an honor to bowl in the bowling capital of the world and be surrounded by GREATNESS!

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# Practicing with purpose

## On The Lanes With Shane

Shane Ferris  
MDUSBC Director



With tournament time on the horizon I wanted to ask a question. Do you practice with a purpose? I know what you're thinking, of course I do. But do you really? Often times I get people in my center that practice a lot but on their league day or in their tournament they were preparing for they bowl poorly. When I ask them why they thought they didn't carry their practice over to the real thing their answer usually is, I don't know. I ask this, how many spares did you miss? How often did you have to move and did you switch balls during the league or tournament? Usually the answer is that they missed some spares, of course I had to move and they tried that other ball too. So then I ask, did you practice any of those things?

It was taught to me long ago, to practice with purpose. Just trying to strike on a house shot all by yourself can be okay if it's your final practice drill of the day or if you're working with a new ball. But practice can be and should so much more impactful and beneficial. Now by yourself you can't simulate having two full teams bowling on your pair like a league experience or moving pairs after every game in a tournament by yourself. Or can you? A practice drill I often do is to find a decent look and get to the pocket with my go to ball, maybe even throw a couple strikes. Once I've done that, I will switch balls. Usually to

something more aggressive that hooks more. This for me, simulates having to move left as I am right handed when the oil pattern breaks down. It also gets me practice at hitting a different mark, changing my trajectory and challenges me to be consistent. Not only that but it allows you to get to know your equipment so when you do need to change balls you have a good idea how much more one ball hooks than another. Equally, I will also switch to a ball that hooks less and move to the right (again being right handed) and try to line up that way. For the more advanced player, using the same ball moving left or right and changing hand positions or your target closer and further down the lane is a great practice drill as well especially if you are in between bowling balls through a transition.

Spares can really be a lot of fun. No really they can! I was taught a game long ago called golf with spares. The goal being to have the lowest score in 10 holes or frames. If you throw it in the gutter or miss a pin on your second ball it's worth 10. So picking off the 7 pin and then the 10 pin each frame would be worth 2 points a frame and a perfect score would then be 20. No I've never done it. Getting the fewest amount of pins as possible is what you're trying to do. What I can tell you is playing this with a couple people is not only fun but it really can improve your spare shooting. Lastly there is the 15 drill. Put your practice to the test at the end of your practice session by trying to shoot 4 games in a row 15 pins higher than your current average. So 215 if your average is 200. If you fail one game, you have to start all over. This will really make you try just a bit harder when you need a strike so you don't have to start over and simulate when you need a strike during real competition.

There are so many other things you can work on when practicing. So next time you're going to go practice ask yourself first, what am I going to work on today? I never claim to have all the right answers but I hope I've given you a different perspective.

See you on the lanes.



# PBA Champions Patrick Allen, Mika Koivuniemi Elected to Hall of Fame Along With Bob Johnson, Jim Doty

**CHICAGO** – Professional Bowlers Association champions Patrick Allen of South Salem, N.Y., and Mika Koivuniemi of Finland have been elected to the PBA Hall of Fame along with veteran bowling journalist Bob Johnson of Las Vegas and long-time Indianapolis tournament host Jim Doty in the Meritorious Service category, PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

The 2019 PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5, at the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas, as part of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic tournament that will be contested at the International Research and Training Center Jan. 2-6. The finals of the first tournament on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season will be televised live on FS1 on Sunday, Jan. 6, at 11 a.m. EST.

Allen, a 13-time PBA Tour title winner, and Koivuniemi, one of the most successful international players in PBA history, were elected by an elite panel of veteran bowling writers, industry leaders and PBA Hall of Famers in the Superior Performance category.

Allen won PBA's 2004-05 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year after becoming the second player in PBA history to finish among the top five in all four PBA majors during the same season – finishing second in the USBC Masters and U.S. Open, fifth in the PBA Tournament of Champions and winning the PBA World Championship.

"I don't know exactly how I feel yet," Allen said. "People are always saying you're a lock (for hall of fame election), but you don't know until it happens. I'm just happy I finally got there. I'm going to embrace it, and now I'll have to figure out a speech.

"It was a helluva ride," the 48-year-old left-hander said. "It just went faster than I would have liked. You blink your eyes and wonder, where did it go? But the time comes for every professional athlete, and the results show that. Your mind says you can do it, but your body won't respond. You have to know when to say when."

Koivuniemi, who now resides in the United Arab Emirates where he is coaching the UAE national bowling team, is a 14-time PBA Tour champion who earned his nickname – Major Mika – after winning two majors before he won his first "standard" PBA Tour title. In his first PBA television appearance, Koivuniemi defeated PBA star Pete Weber by a pin to win the 2000 USBC Masters. A year later he won the U.S. Open, and he claimed the crown jewel of his PBA career in 2011, when he won the \$250,000 first prize in the \$1 million PBA Tournament of Champions.

"I'm having a really good day," the 51-year-old Koivuniemi said. "It was a really great call (from Tom Clark).

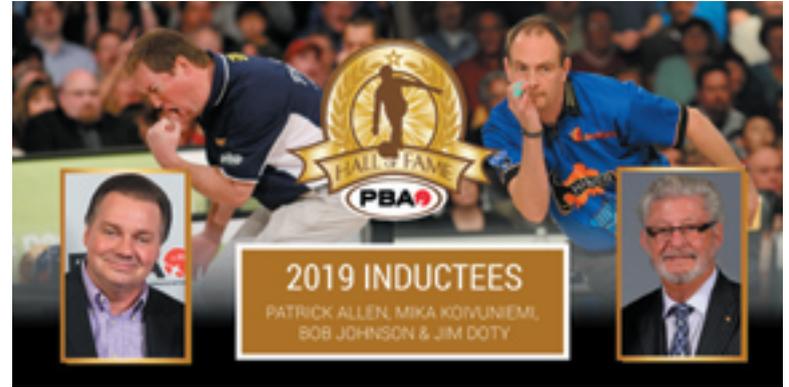
"I was 32 when I joined the PBA, but I had my experience around the world before I joined. But back then bowling on tour was something you needed to learn about. To bowl every week and to realize how good the players really were was different. Even when you had a good week, making the top 24 or a (TV) show was really hard. I knew I had to get better.

"It's amazing how fast time goes," he added. "I can't believe it's been almost three years since I bowled on tour for the last time. But being in the hall of fame now is a great, great honor."

Johnson, who began his journey into bowling journalism at age 15, is the only person in the bowling family to serve as editor of four national bowling magazines, winning 75 national writing awards for his news, feature and editorial compositions, many of which directly involved the PBA. Currently Senior Editor of *Bowlers Journal International* and editor of the *BJI Cyber Report*, he is a recipient of both the International Bowling Media Association's Luby Hall of Fame Award and the Mid-America Bowling Writers Golden Quill Award.

"I have been blessed to be able to cover bowling competition at the highest level, to see the best players bowl in the most pressure-packaged situations, and to be able to talk to them and write about them is a privilege I've never taken lightly," Johnson said. "To be honored for the work I've done is really something I don't have the words to describe. If I was talking about someone else, I could describe, but myself? Well, that's difficult."

Doty, who has served as general manager of Indianapolis' Royal Pin Leisure Centers chain since 1996, has served as host for every major championship tournament conducted by the PBA at least once over the past two-plus decades. The 1971 Indiana University graduate joined the Royal Pin group in 1978, working under Royal Pin founder and 2018 PBA Hall of Fame inductee Don Mitchell as marketing manager until his promotion to general manager.



"It's a nice way to start your week," said Doty of his congratulatory call from Clark. "It was a surprise. I wasn't thinking about it, actually. I don't think you do what you do with the hopes of someday being put into the hall of fame, but it's always nice to be recognized for what you do."

"It's not only me; it's having a great staff of people who make these things happen," Doty added. "It's a continuing process. At Woodland Bowl, we have endeared ourselves to the PBA over the years. The bowling industry is changing, but traditions need to be retained and honored, and that's what we try to do."

Additional career details for the four inductees are included below.

The 2019 PBA Hall of Fame ceremonies will be live streamed by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling.

## PATRICK ALLEN CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Patrick Allen, affectionately known as "P.A." among his peers, had 40 top-five finishes in the 300 PBA Tour events he entered, cashing in 214 of them and averaging at a 218.9 pace for more than 6,300 games. He finished in the top 10 in PBA earnings six times, and won the 2005 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award after earning \$350,740 – the second highest total in PBA history (behind only Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s \$419,700 for the 2002-03 season).

Allen won his first PBA Tour title in the 2001 Greater Detroit Open, and has two majors in the 2005 PBA World Championship and the 2009 PBA Tournament of Champions. The 2004-05 season was especially memorable because he became the second PBA player ever to place in the top five in all four majors in a single season (second in the USBC Masters, 2nd in the U.S. Open, first in the PBA World Championship and fifth in the PBA Tournament of Champions).

As a full-time competitor, the New York native also won 30 PBA Regional titles including posting victories in the PBA's East, South, Central, Southwest and West Regions. He has earned \$1,539,260 during his career.

## MIKA KOIVUNIEMI CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Mika Koivuniemi, who didn't join the PBA until he was 32, quickly earned the nickname "Major Mika" after winning the 2000 USBC Masters and 2001 U.S. Open before winning his first "standard" PBA Tour title in 2003. His most memorable feat might have been his historic 299-100 victory over Tom Daugherty in the semifinal match of the 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions, followed by a victory over Tom Smallwood in the title match of the \$1 million event, winning the richest first prize in PBA history (\$250,000).

Despite his reasonably-late start in PBA Tour competition, the native of Finland bowled in 405 PBA Tour events and finished in the top five 45 times on his way to \$1,851,503 in career earnings. He finished in the top 10 in earnings eight times, averaged 219.21 for 6,774 games and won the Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award in 2004 and 2011.

A member of the World Bowling Writers and Finland Bowling Halls of Fame, Koivuniemi has won titles and bowled 300 games in 21 different countries. He bowled the 17th nationally-televised PBA 300 game during the finals of the 2003 Cambridge Credit Classic – the first standard PBA Tour event he won. He is the only foreign-born player to win both the USBC Masters and the U.S. Open, and he was the first European bowler to win the Japan Cup.

In his second year as a PBA50 Tour competitor, he added another major – the 2018 Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open.

# Random thoughts



Just a few random thoughts this month:

The bowling season is in full swing now. How are your leagues going so far? Is your prize list set for the season? Are you in the one of the state tournaments? Did you sign up for one of the great local tournaments? There is still time to participate in one of them.

Update on the new Michigan State USBC:

The new website [www.michiganstateusbc.com](http://www.michiganstateusbc.com) is up and should be consulted for any state questions, forms, or averages. The websites of the former men, women, and youth are not being updated and contain old information. All the old websites are being taken down and will direct you to the new website. The new website contain all the forms and entries for state awards, recognition, and tournaments.

Some of the things you will find on the new website:

- o Hall of Fame Applications
- o Scholarship Forms
- o Youth Honor Award Forms
- o Adult First 300/800 Forms
- o BVL Information
- o Tournament Rotation Map
- o Fillable Tournament Entries

The website will contain Hall of Fame biographies and pictures for Superior Performance, Meritorious Service, and Special Recognition (Star of Yesteryear). Watch the new website and visit it often as it will be added to all year long.

If you have not signed up for the e-newsletter from the Michigan State USBC do it today. The award winning Ten Pin Topics is published every month and contains timely news from around the state. Sign up for it today on the website.

The Michigan State Queens Tournament will travel to Northern Lanes in Sanford this year. The tournament will be held on April 13 and 14. The entry fee is \$100.00. This is the premier scratch event for female bowlers in the state.

The Michigan State Masters Tournament will be held on April 6 and 7 in Battle Creek at M-66 Bowl. The entry fee is \$150.00 and new this year the entire fee will be added to the prize fund.

Veteran's Day is Sunday, November 11 this year and will be observed on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> by the government and most financial institutions. Thank a vet for their service this year. Help the Metro Detroit BVL fundraising efforts this year. All the funds stay here and are used by the veterans at the John D. Dingell Hospital.

Happy Thanksgiving!!  
 Until next time...

**MDUSBC Queens**  
**Garden Bowl**  
**Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018**  
**Six-game qualifying results**

PI	Name	City	Total	High game
1	Cathleen Maes	Westland	1277	269
2	Lauren Roberts	Warren	1254	269
3	Lesia Lambert	Allen Park	1242	254
4	Ashley Denard	Southfield	1233	218
5	Rachel Davis	Canton	1203	246
6	Sandra Schultz	Macomb	1201	258
7	Tanisha Burris	Lansing	1192	225
8	Cassandra Daleski	Royal Oak	1175	218
9	Brandie Reamy	Livonia	1164	223
10	Julie Halstead	Redford Twp	1144	203
11	Jennifer Maples	Roseville	1138	210
12	Kimberly Sisk	Brownstown	1131	275
13	Kimberly Maddy	Utica	1123	222
14	Michelle Keirns	Lansing	1122	209
15	Nicole Harrison	Clinton Twp	1116	235
16	Lauren Krywy	Sterling Heights	1110	217
17	Nicole Wilson	Livonia	1108	217
18	Angela Wilt	Westland	1100	223
19	Charmaine Denard	Detroit	1084	223
20	Renee Radtke	Lincoln Park	1062	212
21	Kathleen Bishop	Westland	1036	193
22	Tracey Distel	Lansing	1023	192
23	Colleen Skaug	Sterling Heights	899	174

**QUEENS FINAL PRIZE LIST**

PI	Name	Prize
1	Cathleen Maes	\$ 1,000
2	Lesia Lambert	\$ 500
3	Lauren Roberts	\$ 300
4	Rachel Davis	\$ 200
5	Ashley Denard	\$ 175
6	Sandra Schultz	\$ 175
7	Cassandra Daleski	\$ 150
8	Tanisha Burris	\$ 150

**Finnish Brewery Recognizes Mika's Election to PBA Hall of Fame**



Election to the PBA Hall of Fame is a big deal no matter who the individual or where he comes from, but it was an especially memorable honor for native Mika Koivuniemi who will become the first bowler from Finland inducted into the PBA Hall in January.

To celebrate Koivuniemi's election, Finland's Tornia Brewery created a "special edition" case of its Original Lapland Lager, Koivuniemi's favorite, with a neck label recognizing his election.





# 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
APOLLO LANES (14)	29410 Gratiot Ave	Roseville	48066	(586) 772-2070
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
BOWLING IQ (8)	7023 E 14 Mile Road	Sterling Heights	48312	(586) 268-4001
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
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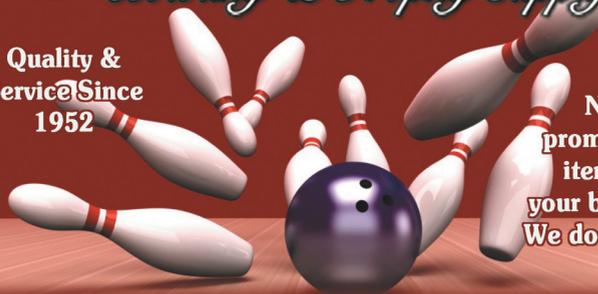
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# 3 cheers for the JPBA for moving to ban wrist devices

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Almost every time I see someone posting about how 2-handed bowling is cheating and should be banned, I reply along these lines: 2-handed bowling is the Fosbury Flop of bowling — a better way to do something using nothing but your body — while few seem concerned about the use of mechanical devices that impact/control how a person releases the ball.

As far as I know, the PBA, PWBA and World Bowling have never had any rules restricting the use of such devices.

To be crystal clear, I am talking about mechanical devices with metal and hard plastic that literally control the movement of the wrist,

with some having the ability to dial up release changes. I am not talking about anything made out of cloth or soft plastic that does not control the movement of the wrist.

I've had three wrist operations stemming from breaking my wrist playing football at age 10 and not going to the doctor for about 10 days, which resulted in it not healing correctly.

I tried some of the mechanical devices many years ago and didn't like them because they took away my ability to control how I released it, and nothing I've ever tried lessened any of the ever-present pain in my wrist.

Regardless, it always bothered me when I saw someone at the top level of bowling using such a device: It just seemed obviously wrong for competitors at the top level to have the essence of bowling — the release — controlled by a device rather than the player.

Things like knee braces have never bothered me because they don't involve the release.

I put things like tape, finger grips, etc. in the category of things that can help the player make a release — good or bad — but don't control it. If you want to ban those things, you logically should extend your ban to the grip itself — just ban all holes and make people palm it. That's obviously absurd.

Golfers can choose from a myriad of mechanical devices for practice — some are hilarious — but they are banned from top level competition. Golfers can use a simple glove, just as Pete Weber and a few others use one in PBA competition.

While PBA, PWBA and World Bowling haven't taken the logical step of a ban for their competition, the Japan Professional Bowling Association (JPBA) has decided to take the step, voting to ban devices "for supporting and improving performance" effective Jan. 1, 2020.

What exactly the JPBA means by devices "for supporting and improving performance" is uncertain from what I could determine.

Robert Takahiro Lee, who manages Steel Sports, and is on the JPBA Tournament Advisory Committee, did make this post on my Facebook thread that provides more details:

*"The objective when this rule was brought up was to validate the ability, physical talent of the professional bowler. I sit on the JPBA Tournament Advisory Committee and was one of the first advocates of this rule. I'm a military brat that came back to Japan after college and took the JPBA test 20 years ago. I worked for Kegel here in Japan for 16 years. I guess I was molded by the John Davis "keeping the passion for the sport alive". Nobody is saying you can't use a wrist device. You just can't use it in competition. Use it to practice a release. Use it to practice a change in axis rotation. You just can't use it in competition (JPBA players only) to help you increase rev rate or to repeat shots. If a 16lb ball, 15lb ball is too heavy, maybe more training? Or better coaching? If that doesn't work, maybe it's time to hang it up. All other sports when you can't compete anymore, you retire. The head of the JPBA Tournament Advisory Committee uses a device because of pain in his wrist. We went at it pretty good the last day this topic came up. It's not personal. I would say the same thing if I used a device. But on a professional level, at least here in Japan, players are not going to see bigger paychecks, or more tournaments for that matter, if the average Joe can put on a device and become just as good as a professional. To re earn that respect, I believe the JPBA players are going to have to step up their game, both men and the women. Leave nothing to debate except that he/she was good. Not*

*because of this or that. Sorry just one person's thoughts. BTW, I think professional bowlers should be bowling with heavier pins also. But that's for another day....."*

JPBA sanctions both men's and women's professional bowling in Japan and its rule will have no impact on any other bowling in Japan, or any bowling outside Japan.

Again to be crystal clear, I would have zero interest in banning the devices beyond the professional/World Bowling level. I also would be OK with use of the devices in senior competition.

To me, this is solely about the top levels of bowling.

My concern is purely philosophical: players at the top level shouldn't have the essence of their skills — the release — impacted by anything but their bodies.

I don't think such a rule would have much impact on the PBA Tour, as I can't think of any significant top players who use such a device. (It has been relatively common at times in PBA history for players to use certain wrist devices to earn TV incentives on PBA shows with the metal/hard plastic removed so as not to impact their releases.)

The PWBA Tour is another matter, with several top players using devices that would be covered by the kind of ban I'd like to see and that the JPBA seems to be instituting.

But this shouldn't be a big issue as I think if you had a ban that covered all PWBA competition I wouldn't expect to see any huge shuffling in who ranks where among PBA Tour players: Does anyone think Liz Johnson or Stephanie Johnson would suddenly not be at the top of the PWBA if such devices were taken away?

I blame no PWBA Tour players for using devices when there are no rules against them: they are trying to earn a living and if a device helps them have a slightly better release, they shouldn't be blamed for using one.

The one slight change you might see with a ban is a rise for players who don't use them, as those who do may suffer some slight reductions in release power and consistency. But that's purely speculation.

And please let's not call such devices "crutches."

Crutches help people compensate for things like broken legs. Mechanical wrist devices at the professional level enable a player to have a more powerful and/or more consistent release — they don't compensate for something that is hindered by injury so much as add consistency and power to what is there.

For those who are injured — been there my whole career — I would submit that no one has the right to be a professional in a sport, and injury is a common cause of retirement in all sports.

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## USBC releases Member Satisfaction Survey findings

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress (USBC) has released results of its latest Membership Satisfaction Survey that shows overall member satisfaction has improved over the past two years, as 8.5% more members responded they are Extremely Satisfied or Satisfied overall with USBC compared to 2016.

USBC received 15,373 responses to the email survey about the 2017-2018 season that was sent to adult USBC members. Based on the response and a confidence interval of 95%, it is estimated the survey's margin of error is +/- 0.79%

Key findings of the USBC Membership Satisfaction Survey include:

- Membership satisfaction is improving. Compared to 2016, 8.5% more members say they are Extremely Satisfied or Satisfied overall with USBC
- The overwhelming majority of USBC members (84.5%) are Extremely Satisfied, Satisfied or Neutral overall with USBC
- USBC Customer Service received strong ratings with 95% of members reporting service satisfaction at either neutral or above

"I am really proud of our state and local USBC associations and believe they deserve tremendous credit for these great results," USBC President Karl Kielich said. "The data shows USBC as an association is providing value at all levels and membership satisfaction is improving because of it."

# How do we showcase bowling?

## Bowling, etc. Phil Goodman Figure 8 Networking



It was approximately 20 years ago when we picked up our son from camp in Chicago and started heading towards the Upper Peninsula through Wisconsin. We spent the night having the intent on seeing the infamous Green Bay Packer's Lambeau Field before moving forward with the trip. When we arrived at the field, some cars were noted in the parking lot of their training facility. This caught our curiosity and we went to see what could possibly be occurring at the training facility before training camp opened. It was learned they were having a promotion day with activities and events. In fact, the first 100 people who showed up received a free entry. You guessed it, we were early in plan-

ning to go to the UP for a full day and went in for free. Inside the training facility they had some very cool activities allowing the public access to a football experience. Some of the activities included: a full size inflatable goal post in which field goals could be kicked from about 10 yards out; 30-foot running races occurred on a 2 lane track with bungee cords attached to our backs; throwing activities with targets were everywhere; weight lifting activities were included as well as interaction with players and much more.

Around the same time period as noted above, I was managing a bowling center with 2 lounges. We had a very active Thursday Night with both a mens and ladies league taking all 50 plus lanes. A significant number of these league bowlers stayed well after bowling was done. Most of the weeks, we had karaoke but occasionally added other activities. One of the activities included a Molson Night when they sponsored the NHL. A hockey net, goalie, hockey paraphernalia, stick and rubber ball (puck) were brought in and many bowlers stayed very late playing hockey and whatever else. Another night, if remembered correctly, it was the Bud Girls who brought a small inflatable goal post and inflatable football. Field goals were kicked and again they were there long after bowling ended. In each case, it was very easy to showcase the different sports in a small area.

Moving forward to this past week, I experienced two different showcased promotions with 1 ½ including our sport. In the first one, the director of the proprietor's association, Bo, and I attended the Michigan Restaurant Association Annual Show in hopes of gaining ideas on showcasing our industry at the proprietor's association convention as well as venues outside the bowling world. For the MRA, it was relatively easy for vendors to demonstrate their equipment through presentation and food tasting. Other food suppliers just brought samples of their very tasty food. A food truck conversion company brought 3 trucks, taking people through the stages of creating a viable food serving vehicle. The Pork Association had a food tasting contest among several restaurant members throughout the state which demonstrated the various ways pork can be prepared as entrees. Now the ½ promotion for the bowling industry. One of the food providing companies, Jiffy Services, had all their representatives wearing a retro bowling shirt. To them, bowling represented teamwork; their team. This was very cool.

Last and most important was the showcasing of bowling at a school. The in school bowling unit was being taught by the Physical Education Teacher. The class just prior to lunch had to end 15 minutes early as the gym is also the cafeteria. Fortunately, many of the gyms now have large Smart Televisions Screens as digital programs are now a major resource for PE programs. The teacher downloaded You Tube videos of professional bowlers with excellent angles and the ball traveling down the lane in slow motion before crashing into the pins. The rotation of the ball curving across the lanes and the flying pins had this 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class sitting still with eyes tuned on the screen for 15 minutes. It was exciting and not one word was spoken out loud for the entire time.

For the past however many years, various efforts have been made to showcase bowling in Michigan. We have taken the bowling pin and portable carpet lanes to high school football games, Detroit Tigers games and more. Using free games at these events to draw people to the bowling centers has been moderately successful. The Kids Bowl Free Summer Bowling program has gained both local and national attention. Does it have the same impact as other sports and industries with their efforts? Maybe.

The Bowling Showcase from MDUSBC has been planned extremely well. Targeting an existing customer base while bowling was wise and getting friends to watch as well has great intent. The bowling proprietor's convention committee joined the effort last year to showcase bowling by bringing some of the best professional bowlers to the event and having a Ball Demonstration activity. Tournaments are still alive and well in Michigan. However, we seem to be removing lane beds in centers. Some centers are talking about being restaurants with some bowling. Bowling center names are being changed to reflect entertainment. Do we continue this trend or can we bring bowling back to become the main event? Many ideas are being discussed.

Any and all suggestions to showcase bowling in the work place, public events, and more would be appreciated. We have much to offer participants in our sport. Let's show it.

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## Marshall Holman Addresses PBA Players About Their Roles as Entertainers



During the annual PBA players meeting prior to the start of the FloBowling PBA Fall Swing in Owasso, Okla., PBA Hall of Famer Marshall Holman accepted an invitation from the PBA to talk about the role of PBA players and all professional athletes as entertainers.

During a colorful career in which he won 22 PBA Tour titles over a span of more than two decades, the volatile Holman built one of the PBA's largest love-hate fan bases, but always respected the game and in retirement has continued to embrace the sport's fans through his involvement as an unofficial ambassador for the PBA.

The meeting also brought players up to speed on new media partners FOX Sports and FloSports, ushering in a new era of the PBA heading into the groundbreaking 2019 season.

## PBA OFFERS \$1MILLION BONUS FOR TITLE MATCH 300 GAME IN FOUR 2019 EVENTS

At the members' gathering in Owasso, PBA CEO-Commissioner Tom Clark announced that PBA players will have four opportunities to bowl for a \$1 million bonus if any of them can roll a 300 game in the title match of four PBA tournaments in 2019.

The 300 game bonus will be at stake during FOX Sports' live telecasts of the PBA Tournament of Champions on FOX on Sunday, Feb. 10, at 5 p.m. EDT from AMF Riviera Lanes in Akron, Ohio; the PBA Players Championship on FS1 on Sunday, Feb. 17, at 1 p.m. from Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio; the Go Bowling! Indianapolis Open on FS1 on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 1 p.m. from Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, and the PBA World Championship on FS1 on Thursday, March 21, at 8 p.m. from Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich.

There have been 26 perfect games bowled on national television throughout the PBA's history, but only two in title matches: the first by Bob Benoit in defeating PBA legend Mark Roth, 300-255, in the title match of the Quaker State Open in Grand Prairie, Texas, in 1988, and the second by PBA Hall of Famer Mike Aulby in the highest scoring title match in PBA history, topping David Ozio, 300-279, in the finals of the 1993 Wichita (Kan.) Open.

# MDUSBC 300/800 September 2018

Name	Date	Center	League
Alger Walker	Sep 2 2018	Mayflower Lanes	Sunday's Best
Jeffrey Peoples	Sep 4 2018	Imperial Lanes	Knights & Guards
Steven Jaciuk	Sep 5 2018	Indian Lanes	Wyandotte Wed Men 2017-18
Edwin Hargrave Jr	Sep 5 2018	Mayflower Lanes	Eloise Mixed League
Steven Wiseman	Sep 5 2018	Shelby Lanes	League 2604
Tommy Jackson III	Sep 5 2018	Westland Bowl	Wednesday Pride
Lonnie Jones	Sep 6 2018	Mayflower Lanes	
Tony Zaddach	Sep 8 2018	Ford Lanes	Saturday Nite Mixed
Charles Fleming	Sep 9 2018	Country Lanes	Country Keglers
Ali-Khan Harper	Sep 10 2018	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.
Stephen Tominac	Sep 11 2018	Shore Lanes	St Margarets Tuesday Early
John Paul Jr	Sep 12 2018	Indian Lanes	Wyandotte Wed Men 2017-18
CJ Edward Harris III	Sep 13 2018	Renaissance Bowl	World Traveler's Mixed
Eric Houvener	Sep 13 2018	Universal Lanes	Thursday Community
Franklin Snodgrass	Sep 14 2018	Harbor Lanes	Friday Night Invitational
Brian Gomez	Sep 16 2018	Thunderbowl Lanes	Lads And Lassies
John Spaeth	Sep 17 2018	Regal Lanes	Monday Night Football Trio
Frederick Daniels	Sep 17 2018	Rosebowl Lanes	Our Lady Queen Of Peace
Norbert Guznack	Sep 17 2018	Ten Pins Of Trenton	Monday Nite Trio
Mark O'Connell	Sep 18 2018	Wonderland Lanes	Tuesday Mens Invitational
John Nolen	Sep 19 2018	300 Bowl	Pontiac Motor Inter Office
Jason Ballard	Sep 19 2018	Astro Lanes	Hazel Park Eagles Mens
Zachary Kuzdzal	Sep 19 2018	Indian Lanes	Wyandotte Wed Men 2017-18
Darrin Greene	Sep 19 2018	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Ronald Bradley Jr	Sep 20 2018	Renaissance Bowl	World Traveler's Mixed
Scott Loundmon	Sep 20 2018	Renaissance Bowl	World Traveler's Mixed
Michael Calhoun	Sep 21 2018	Ford Lanes	Friday Five
John Robinson Jr	Sep 21 2018	Shore Lanes	Friday Nite Men
Kevin Long Jr	Sep 25 2018	Bonanza Lanes	Chrysler Tuesday Morn Mix
Joseph Bator	Sep 26 2018	Astro Lanes	Hazel Park Eagles Mens
Chris Frieders	Sep 26 2018	Regal	
Christopher Steward	Sep 27 2018	300 Bowl	3 Man Major
Steven Sadowski	Sep 27 2018	Harbor Lanes	Thursday Nite Mens
John Postl	Sep 27 2018	Rosebowl Lanes	Suburban Industrial
Joe Moore	Sep 28 2018	Ford Lanes	Friday Five
Christopher Meirow	Sep 30 2018	Harbor Lanes	Jack & Jills Fun League

Name	Score	Date	Center	League
Jeffrey Peoples	842	Sep 4 2018	Imperial Lanes	Knights & Guards
Steven Jaciuk	803	Sep 5 2018	Indian Lanes	Wyandotte Wed Men 2017-18
Sanford Chupp	804	Sep 5 2018	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Lonnie Jones	845	Sep 6 2018	Mayflower Lanes	
Brandon Thompkins	801	Sep 7 2018	Thunderbowl Lanes	26 Mixed
Jimmie Stowers Jr	804	Sep 8 2018	300 Bowl	Strikers
Marc Michaelian	826	Sep 12 2018	Novi Bowl	Mens Lutheran
Franklin Snodgrass	815	Sep 14 2018	Harbor Lanes	Friday Night Invitational
Brian Gomez	824	Sep 16 2018	Thunderbowl Lanes	Lads And Lassies
Jeffrey Buza	803	Sep 17 2018	Imperial	
Carl Boldt	811	Sep 20 2018	Century Bowl	Thursday Mens House
Michael Calhoun	824	Sep 21 2018	Ford Lanes	Friday Five
Darin Flores	805	Sep 22 2018	Plaza Lanes	Happy Kings & Queens
Cory Coffey	801	Sep 23 2018	Skore Lanes	Bob Sparks T V N
Garrett Nagle	806	Sep 24 2018	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men
Vito Gioia II	845	Sep 25 2018	Detroit Athletic Club	Tuesday 5:30
Christopher Steward	813	Sep 27 2018	300 Bowl	3 Man Major
Christopher Meirow	805	Sep 30 2018	Harbor Lanes	Jack & Jills Fun League

# When Bowling Scores Become Irrelevant

## STRIKES ME

By Bob Johnson  
Bowlers Journal International



Sports records are made to be broken, so the cliché goes, and virtually all such records are based on numbers.

In football, we think of the number of touchdowns thrown, or the number of yards gained. In basketball, we look at the number of points scored, or the number of rebounds grabbed. In baseball, the focus tends to be primarily on home runs and runs batted in.

Even in the so-called minor sports, numbers matter. Golf is all about sinking the ball in the fewest number of shots possible. In tennis, players win games by points, and matches by accumulated games. In racing — bicycle, horse, human — it's a race against the clock as well as fellow competitors.

And so it is in bowling, perhaps the most numbers-focused sport of all because of the way the numbers can be manipulated, and the fact that there is a cap on scoring.

To the latter point, even the most casual of bowlers or bowling fans knows that a "perfect score" in bowling is 300. They may not think beyond that to a 900 series (thank goodness), but for entire generations of bowlers, a 300 represented the ultimate accomplishment.

During the 1968-69 season — 50 years ago — the combined membership of the American Bowling Congress and Women's International Bowling Congress was approximately 7.3 million, and a then-record 918 perfect games were rolled in sanctioned play.

Over time, the number of 300s rolled each season began an ascent similar to a Saturn V rocket's. There were many reasons, including equipment technology and proprietors giving in to bowlers' demands for easy-scoring lane conditions. When league bowlers represented 80 percent or more of a bowling center's business,

they had the power to, effectively, extort owners, particularly in marketplaces with lots of centers. In some areas, proprietors put out challenging lane conditions at their own peril. It was little wonder that scores soared.

Keeping customers happy by helping them achieve high scores proved to be a double-edged sword for center owners, however. With the benefit of historic perspective, we now know that this benevolence may have cost proprietors as many league bowlers as it retained, while simultaneously damaging the bowling center business model.

For many bowlers, a 300 game was not only the ultimate achievement, but a lifelong pursuit. Once it was achieved — because of the changing scoring environment and the sport's "ceiling" on perfection — a bowler required other motivation, and many could not find it. In many cases, once-avid bowlers became former bowlers.

That more-forgiving scoring environment impacted centers in another way. As league bowlers at one level sought perfection, and at another level worked to increase their average, the need for practice was diminished. Blocked lanes virtually eliminated the need for precision shot making, a skill formerly honed only through regular practice. Lanes once filled on weekends with bowlers working on their games stayed dark until proprietors devised other ways to bring in customers (through children's birthday parties, food-and-beverage specials, et al).

As high scores became the norm rather than the goal, the scores themselves became less relevant. A 300 game no longer carried the cache it long had. Even an 800 series, the gold standard among high-level bowlers because it required precision shot making for not just one game but three, lost prestige.

Long-held and revered records began to tumble. The record five-man team series record of 3858, set by a team of future hall of famers known as the Budweisers, stood for just shy of 36 years before it was broken in 1994. It has since been topped numerous times, and most bowlers could not tell you what the current record is because, as we have noted, bowling scores have become increasingly irrelevant. (The record is 3986, in case you were wondering.)

The scoring genie has been out of the bottle for a long time, and nobody can envision putting him back in. So, what does all this mean for bowling?

To me, it means that the sport many of us grew up with — one built on accuracy and converting spares — is long gone and not coming back. Thus, each of us has a choice to make: join the millions who have left the game, or learn to adapt with the help of a qualified coach. I hope you'll choose

the latter.

November is BVL Month in America. Participating bowling centers will be selling and displaying "soldier pins" throughout the month, with proceeds supporting the programs and initiatives of our sport's oldest charity, the Bowlers to Veterans Link. BVL makes a difference in the lives of veterans, and BVL Month in America provides bowlers with an easy way to help in that effort. If your center isn't selling "soldier pins," you can make a direct donation at

<http://www.bowlforveterans.org>.

**Bob Johnson is the Senior Editor of Bowlers Journal International magazine, which this year is celebrating its 105th anniversary. For subscription information, go to <http://www.bowlersjournal.com/bowlers-journal-subscriptions/>.**

## SUPERSTARS OF BOWLING 5 STAR LANES Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Improve your game with one-on-one training from the USBC coaches and the following PBA & PWBA Superstars!!



Walter Ray Williams



Jodi Woessner

Professional Bowling Association (PBA) and Hall of Fame Bowler **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** along with PWBA member **Jodi Woessner** will headline a teaching clinic at 5-Star Lanes in Sterling Heights, MI. on December 8<sup>th</sup> 2018. **Walter Ray** and **Jodi** will work along with USBC Coaches to provide a comprehensive training package. The program will provide personalized instruction covering all phases of the game. Pictures and autograph will follow this event.

Only  
**\$69.00**

Session Time – 9:30am – 3:00pm  
(check-in starting at 9:00am)

Lunch  
Included

**Free Commemorative T-Shirt Included with all paid entries!!**

Saturday December 8, 2018 \* 5 Star Lanes \* 2666 Metro Pkwy \* Sterling Heights, MI. 48310 \*

Adult Program  
(\$69.00)

High School & Younger  
(\$59.00)

Full payment is required to secure your spot.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Paid \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Sizes Adult Sm \_\_\_\_\_ Med \_\_\_\_\_ Lrg \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_\_\_



## **2018 - 2019 SCHEDULE OF TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS**

### **MIXED**

Nov. 3, 4, 10, 11, 2018  
WAYNE BOWL, WAYNE

### **QUEENS**

Oct. 20, 21, 2018  
GARDEN BOWL, DETROIT

### **SUPER SENIOR MASTERS**

Nov. 3, 4, 2018  
THUNDERBOWL LANES, ALLEN PARK

### **YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP**

Nov. 4, 11, 18, 2018  
Dec. 2, 9, 2018  
SUPERBOWL, CANTON

### **500 CLUB**

Dec. 2, 2018  
BOWL ONE LANES, TROY

### **MASTERS**

Jan. 26, 27, 2019  
ROSEBOWL LANES, ROSEVILLE

### **SENIOR MASTERS**

Feb. 9, 10, 2019  
INDIAN LANES, WYANDOTTE

### **WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP**

Feb. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 2019  
March 9, 10, 16, 17, 2019  
CENTURY BOWL, WATERFORD

### **OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Feb. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 2019  
March 9, 10, 16, 17, 2019  
CENTURY BOWL, WATERFORD

### **ADULT / YOUTH BAKER**

March 3, 10, 2019  
THUNDERBOWL LANES, ALLEN PARK

### **SENIOR TEAM**

March 16, 23, 30, 2019  
STERLING LANES, STERLING HGTS

### **JUNIOR MASTERS**

March 23, 2019  
BOWL ONE LANES, TROY

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

Nov. 11, 2018 - MAYFLOWER LANES  
Dec. 9, 2018 - WESTLAND BOWL  
Jan. 13, 2019 - THUNDERBOWL LANES  
March 10, 2019 - MAYFLOWER LANES  
April 7, 2019 - FORD LANES  
May 5, 2019 - SHELBY LANES



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