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Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame Inductees

Lathrup Village, MI – The Metro Detroit USBC Bowling Hall of Fame Committee has elected three new members into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame as well as providing three other special awards to members who have made significant contributions to the association and industry.

In order to be eligible for the Women's and Men's Hall of Fame honors, the members must be at least 35 years old, have an outstanding record in national, state and local tournaments and been a member on leagues in the local association(s) for ten or more years. In the Veteran's category, members must be at least 55 years old with the same credentials as the Men and Women.

One member in the Women's category has been voted into the Hall of Fame this fall. Carleta Poydras of Southfield, won her first title at the State Queens Tournament in 2012. Her other State Title is the Women's Championship Team event in 2015. In addition, Poydras won the MDUSBC Women's Championship multiple times including the All-Events, Doubles and Team in 2013 and two other team titles. Her highest season game average is 232 in 2012, In addition, she has bowled four 300 games and her high three game series is 811. She has made the All-City team on four occasions,

One member in the Men's Category has been voted into the Hall of Fame this fall. Ronnie Sparks Jr. of Southfield has won titles at the local, regional and national levels. He was a member of Team USA in 2005, 2006 and 2007. In 2006, Sparks was the Collegiate Rookie of the Year, First Team All American Collegiate and on the Gold Medal Team at the World Championships. State titles include the Masters in 2014 and 2015 as well as the Team title in 2017. At the local level, Sparks won the 2014 Masters Tournament. He has 1 PBA Regional title and two national titles including the 2015 Singles and 2022 Team All-Events with a record setting score. In TNBA Tournament play, Sparks has won the Bill Rhodman Central Region Championship and the Bacardi Classic. In Michigan Majors play, Sparks was named Rookie of the Year in his first season and Bowler of the Year later on. Sparks has a high average of 248 with 55+ 300 games and a high series of 869. Since 2013, Sparks has one 2nd Team All City selection and six first Team selections. He was the First Team All-City Captain on three occasions.

One member in the Veteran's category has been voted into the Hall of Fame this fall. Terence Dockery of Fraser won his first local title, GDBA Masters, in 1993. Prior to this win, he won the Pro Tour Qualifier for the Detroit Open in 1992. In All-Star Classic participation, he was on the team that were both the Spring Season and Overall Champions in the 1995-96 season. The following season, Dockery was on the Winter Season Championship team. Additional recognitions have come from the Fantastics Inc Bowling Club as the Bowler of the Year in 2017-18 as well as two awards from the Detroit Traveling All Stars. Dockery has a high average of 234,19 300 games and eight 800 Series. Dockery has earned three All City selections.

Three additional people are receiving Special Awards for their contributions to the Metro Detroit USBC. John Vorpapel of Sterling Heights is receiving the Thomas McKay Award for serving the bowling community many years as a volunteer, MDUSBC Board of Directors member and association President. Vicki Ingham of Westland is receiving the Judge Watts Award for her significant contributions to the bowling community through serving on various boards, hosting tournaments at the local, state and national levels and being known as one of the most involved promoters of bowling throughout Metro Detroit. Steve Klein, Proprietor of Vision Lanes in Westland, is receiving the George Prybyla Industry Award, for significant contributions as a bowling center proprietor.

The Hall of Fame Banquet will take place on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Tickets are available for \$35. Your request for tickets and check can be sent to Metro Detroit USBC, Attn: Hall of Fame Inductions, 28200 Southfield Rd., Lathrup Village, MI 48076 or by calling, 248-443-2695, ext. 104.

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