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From: Mark Martin

Re: Bowler's Digest Column

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ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

The annual meeting of the Metro Detroit USBC was held on Saturday, Feb. 6 at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

Reports were given by President John Vorpapel outlining the progress the association; Association Manager Mark Martin reporting statistics; Finance Committee chairman George Bresinski with the financial report; Mike DeRousie reporting progress on awards; Anita Maiorana reporting on tournaments; and Ann Block with Youth Committee activities.

All members of the association were invited to attend the meeting and the attendance was as expected. The meeting lasted one hour and 17 minutes.

After the business portion of the meeting was concluded elections were held for six adult Directors, three Youth Representative Directors, delegates to the various state meetings and delegates to the USBC Convention.

George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Libbi Fletcher, Mark Hurttgam and Kurt Suokas were elected as adult directors. Ann Block, Ashley Krywy and Randy Tambourine were elected as youth representative directors.

Debra Dickerson, Libbi Fletcher, Connie Fordyce, Anita Maiorana, Tammy Quinn and Dorothy Thompson were elected as delegates to the Michigan State WBA Annual Meeting.

Richard Banks, George Bresinski, Libbi Fletcher, Mark Hurttgam and John Vorpapel were elected to represent the MDUSBC at the Michigan State BA meeting.

George Bresinski, Mark Hurttgam, Ashley Krywy, Tammy Quinn and Kurt Suokas were elected as delegates to the State Youth meeting.

The MDUSBC is entitled to 50 delegates to the USBC Convention in Las Vegas in April. At the meeting 18 were elected to represent the association and the president was empowered to appoint additional eligible delegates.

The delegates elected were Shirley Beard, Terence Bell, Ann Block, George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Libbi Fletcher, Constance Fordyce, Lavern Hester, Mark Hurttgam, Anita Maiorana, Katherine Martin, Jacqueline McQueen, Jeanette Myers, Hubert Sawyers, Rosie Sawyers, Dorothy Thompson, Donetta Turner and John Vorpapel

The minutes of the annual meeting along with all board and committee minutes are posted on www.mdusbc.com

DECEMBER 31ST SHEETS

It is critical that league secretaries return the December 31st average sheets for adult leagues and December 1st and 31st average sheets for youth leagues to the MDUSBC office. This information is used when verifying the results of the various MDUSBC tournaments. If you haven't sent it in yet simply mail or fax the form to us. The fax number is (248) 443-2690.

Along with the December sheets a list of bowlers registered in their league who had not paid their membership fees in any league according to our records.

While many of these have been resolved some are still lingering. There are many reasons why this situation may have occurred.

One reason could be a lack of linking two bowlers with similar names together. One card may have been received with a first name of Charles, while the other may be Chuck or some other name the bowler goes by. Remember the Metro Detroit USBC Association database has over 350,000 names in it, so sometimes it is difficult for us to figure it out.

It also causes us extreme difficulty when the December 31st sheet comes in with added bowlers and no application cards for the bowler. Many times they only come in with a first initial and last name. Do you know how many J. Smith's there are in the MDUSBC? Believe it or not there are 365 of them.

League secretaries when you get this letter about the bowlers get the information requested and mail or fax it back to us. We want to make sure everyone is accounted for.

MDUSBC TOURNAMENTS

The Masters will be held at 300 Bowl in Waterford, located at 100 S. Cass Lake Rd. The date for qualifying is Jan. 16-17 with match play on Jan. 23-24.

The entry fee is \$150 with a first prize of \$3,000 and second of \$2,000 based on 140 entries. Corey Miller is the defending champion.

The field will be limited to the first 160 entries so it is critical for returning entrants to send their entry fee and blank in as soon as it is received.

The Senior Masters will be held at Woodhaven Lanes in Woodhaven, located at 20000 Van Horn Rd. The date for qualifying is Feb. 13 with match play on Feb. 14 & 20.

Ernie Segura Jr. of Taylor is the defending champion. The entry fee is \$120 with a first prize of \$3,000 and a second of \$1,500 based on 140 entries.

The Metro Detroit USBC Association will conduct Annual Women's & Open Championship Tournaments with both starting Sat., February 13 through March 13 at Shore Lanes in St. Clair Shores. Squad times are 11 a.m. for the first three weekends of the tournament and 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for the final two weekends.

All events, team, doubles and singles, for both tournaments will be contested at the same site. Handicap is based on 90 percent from 230. Squad organizers of 10 or more teams are eligible for \$10 per team organized. Spots can be paid for by check made out to MDUSBC, VISA or MasterCard. The prize ratio will be at least 1 in 10 entries.

For the Women's Championship there are two average divisions (165 and under and 166 average and up). The cost is \$25 per person per event and a \$5 all-events fee. The Women's Championship is open to all female members of the MDUSBC who bowled at least 21 games in the 2014-15 season in the Metro Detroit USBC Association or have 21 games or more in the current season in MDUSBC as of the time of bowling.

For the Open Championship the cost is \$25 per person per event and a \$10 all-events fee. There is an optional scratch feature in all of the events at a cost of \$10 per person per event. The Open Championship is open to all members of the MDUSBC who bowled at least 21 games in the 2014-15 season in the Metro Detroit USBC Association or have 21 games or more in the current season in MDUSBC as of the time of bowling.

In the Open Championship bowlers can bowl as many times as they wish in the team, doubles and singles events. They can even bowl with the same exact lineup twice, but only cash once with that lineup. To bowl other times a team can compete by changing two bowlers. In doubles the same two players can bowl together twice, but only cash one. In singles a bowler can only cash once.

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

MDUSBC WOMEN'S SERIES

The MDUSBC Women's Series has returned for the fifth 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 \$40 (\$45 if paid on site) and first place will pay \$500 based on 24 entries.

The next event will be Sunday, March 13 at 10 a.m. at Vision Lanes in Westland.

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.

The final regular season event is scheduled for April 10.

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.