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From: Mark Martin

Re: Bowler's Digest Column

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ANNUAL MEETING SET

The annual meeting of the Metro Detroit USBC will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

All members of the Metro Detroit USBC Association are eligible to attend the meeting. All adults and youth over the age of 14 are eligible to vote.

On the agenda are reports on the progress the MDUSBC has made during the previous year, electing six adult members of the board, electing two youth representatives to the board of directors, electing state delegates to the respective state meetings and electing delegates to the USBC Annual Meeting.

Anyone desiring to run for any of the positions should visit www.mdusbc.com to obtain an application to be forwarded to the nominating committee. You can also call the MDUSBC office for an application.

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, Jan. 10 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 March 13; and 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.

MICHIGAN STATE TOURNAMENTS CLOSING DATES FAST APPROACHING

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

The Michigan State USBC Women's Championship deadline is Jan. 16, 2016.

The tournament will begin Feb. 20 at Northway Lanes and Sherman Bowling Center in Muskegon.

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. 9 at Waterford Lanes and Century Bowl in Waterford.

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. 28. While the bowling season seems to have just begun these deadlines are fast approaching to 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.