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## **BOWLING SHOWCASE COMING IN DECEMBER**

The Metro Detroit USBC is presenting the Bowling Showcase, a 13 episode television show set to air Saturdays at 10 a.m. on WADL-TV beginning Dec. 26.

Bowling Showcase will feature MDUSBC and other bowling events with a magazine show each month through May.

Additionally the Bowling Showcase Challenge will air in February and March on the other Saturdays.

The Bowling Showcase Challenge will pit two teams in a one-game Baker format knockout on the show. The winning team will move on to the next round with the loser going home.

All told there will be eight teams in the Bowling Showcase Challenge with the winner receiving the Bowling Showcase Challenge trophy and bragging rights for a year.

Teams will primarily come from bowling centers so if you're interested check with your center so see how you can join their team.

An exciting and fun experience for all!!

## **MDUSBC TOURNAMENTS**

The MDUSBC Super Senior Masters will be contested on Nov. 7-8 at Garden Bowl in Detroit.

Entrants must be 60 years of age as of Nov. 7 for the scratch tournament. The cost is \$100.

The format is five games of qualifying cutting to the top 16 players including defending champion Greg Cohen 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. 6 at Waterford Lanes in Waterford 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 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 first event will be Sunday, Nov. 22 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. 13; January 10; 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.

## **MCKAY TOURNAMENT**

The Metro Detroit USBC Association will once again conduct the annual Tom McKay Invitational Tournament (formerly the Steve Cruchon Memorial Tournament) on Saturday, Dec. 12 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 \$250,000 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.

## **MDUSBC APP**

The Metro Detroit USBC Association has an app. Yes the MDUSBC app is available for iPhone, Android and other Smart Phones and Devices.

The app has the rule book, map of all MDUSBC bowling centers, video and other items of interest. More is planned as time goes along.

Download it today and get in on the action.

## **LEAGUE CERTIFICATIONS COMING IN**

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

## **PRIZE LISTS, OFFICER SALARIES, ETC.**

With the season already several weeks in it's time to attend to some items such as the prize list.

USBC Rule 117a specifies that the league prize committee shall submit one or more prize lists for consideration within five weeks after the start of the season. While there is not penalty to non-compliance the longer a league waits to resolve this issue potentially the worse it can get. Many leagues specify in their league bylaws that prize money is paid on a per point basis and in this case this rule has already been addressed. For those leagues that have no such protocol for prize lists in their bylaws this needs to get done.

Speaking of prize lists, when developing a prize list make sure it's not too top heavy. Making a prize list too top heavy isn't necessarily in the best interest of the league. Just because your team finishes on top doesn't necessarily mean that your prize money should cover all of your expenses for the entire year. Bowlers need to remember that part of the weekly fee you pay goes for lineage to the center. Much like when you bowl in a tournament only a portion of your entry fee goes towards a prize list, same in a league. Ideally a well constructed prize list will return the prize fee portion of your weekly fees to teams that finish in the top one-third or top one-half of the league.

League officer salaries should be specified in the league bylaws. If they are not it is something that needs to be addressed for next year. League officer salaries should be based on either the number of teams or the number of bowlers. This way the officers get compensated for increased number of teams and the league gets protected if there are less teams than expected.

Generally league secretaries and treasurers should be paid in the neighborhood of \$20 to \$30 per team or \$3 to \$5 per bowler for the season. This amount may change also if the bowling center is doing the league sheets. If the bowling center is doing the league sheets, league secretaries should receive less.

The bottom line is that leagues should try to keep their expenses to a minimum in order to maximize the return to the bowlers.