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All the bowling news that's fit to print in the Bowling Capital of the World

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# **MDUSBC Junior Masters titles decided**

Stephanie Schalk and Zakarey Geer victorious at Mayflower Lanes

Zakarey Geer of Madison Heights prevailed in the boy's division and Stephanie Schalk of Roseville won the girl's division of the Metro Detroit USBC Junior Masters at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

Geer was the top qualifier for the stepladder finals after qualifying with a six-game total of 1,469. He beat Jacob Kujawa of Sterling Heights 226-171 for the title. Kujawa qualified second with 1,296.

Schalk beat top seed Alexandria Smigiel of Clinton Township 218-202 to win the girl's title. Schalk qualified second with 1,242, while Smigiel's score of 1,251 paced the girls.

The boy's stepladder began with

Drake Bazzy of Flat Rock defeating Mark Meade of Waterford 188-177. David Winters of Livonia beat Bazzy 221-195 before falling to Kujawa 231-217.

Brooke Puckett of Roseville started the girl's stepladder with a 205-151 victory over Grace Meyer of Oxford. Puckett then fell to Schalk 167-144.

The event was a USBC Junior Gold qualifying event. Puckett earned the girl's spot, while Geer and Kujawa earned the boy's spots.

A total of 89 youth bowlers participated in the scratch event, 71 boys and 18 girls.

Sponsor of the MDUSBC Junior Masters is Turbo 2-N-1 Grips.



MDUSBC Junior Masters Girl's winner Stephanie Schalk (rc) and Boy's winner Zakarey Geer (Ic) are congratulated by MDUSBC Association Manager Mark Martin (c) and girl's runner-up Alexandria Smigiel (r) and boy's runner-up Jacob Kujawa (I)

## Orlikowski goes back-to-back in Women's Series



Orlikowski of Grand Rapids repeated her February win by winning the Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC) Women's Series

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Sunday with a 267-214 triumph over Lisa Bishop of Redford at Westland Bowl in Westland. Orlikowski cashed for \$500 and Bishop took home \$250.

Orlikowski qualified third in the field of 29, with a four-game total of 907. Her high game in qualifying was 250. In match play she beat January runner-up Brandie Reamy of Livonia 224-184 and December champion Valerie Bercier of Spring Lake 246-226 to advance to the finals. She averaged 234.8. Orlikowski now has a 47 point lead in the Cup standings with 562

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points. There is one event remaining where points are tripled.

Bishop, second in the Cup standings, was the top qualifier with 961 and a high game of 266. In match play she easily dispatched Lauren Krywy of Sterling Heights 242-170 and Nicole Harrison of Shelby Township 247-192 on her way to the finals. She averaged 237.7.

Lisa Bishop (515), Brandie Reamy (443), Ashley Denard of Southfield (438) and Haley Lundy of Windsor (428) round out the top five in the Cup standings.

Next month's event will be at Ford Lanes in Dearborn Heights on Sunday, April 8.

Complete results are available at www.mdusbc.com under "Tournaments" and Women's Series page.

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## Catchpole successfully defends **Senior Queens title**

Defending champion Teresa Catchpole of Macomb won the Metro Detroit USBC Senior Queens with a 279-247 triumph over Sandra

Macomb at Shore Lanes in St. Clair Shores.

Catchpole was top qualifier for the stepladder finals with a four-game total of 928 on games of 249, 227, 215 and 237. As the top seed, she had to wait for the challenger to emerge. She took home the top prize of \$200.

Schultz qualified fourth with 829. In

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the matches leading up to the finals she beat Denise Mintz of Canton 69-Schultz of

56 in a three-frame rolloff after tying at 201 and Krista Winbigler of Macomb 215-189. Schultz cashed for \$150, Winbigler \$125 and Mintz \$100.This was the 11th year of the MDUSBC Senior Queens. Initial qualifying was done by senior women 50 years of age and older with their actual all-events of the recently completed MDUSBC Women's Championship. The top bowlers advanced to the qualifying finals.

Other cashers for \$75 each were Toary Taylor of Redford, Michelle Turner of Detroit, Clystine Henderson of Detroit and Juana Torres of Detroit.

### Bowling Showcase News

April 2018

# Another season winding down

From the Editor Mark A. Martin MDUSBC Association Manager



### AVERAGES

Just a reminder to league secretaries, the averages to be submitted are the FINAL average of the league. This includes any special contests or playoffs. Additionally league secretaries are requested to submit a copy of the final sheet of the league for our records when filing the final averages. The cooperation of all is critical to complete this process and make sure the records are accurate.

### ALL CITY TEAMS

This is the time of year that we work on and finalize the process for the men's, senior men's, women's and

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senior women's all-city teams. This is a very laborious task and your help is needed. For the men's and senior men's categories games of 298, 299 and 300 receive points as does all 800 series. For the women's and senior women's categories games of 279 and better and series above 700. In order that we don't miss any honor scores in the calculations please contact the MDUSBC office if you think we're missing some of yours.

### TOURNAMENT CHECKS

Prize checks for the Women's and Open Championship were mailed to the team captains on March 29. Prize checks for the Senior Team Tournament were mailed to the team captains on April 3. Congratulations to all of the winners.

### YOUTH AWARDS BANQUET

The MDUSBC Youth Awards banquet will be held on Sunday, June 3 at DeCarlo's Banquet Center at 1 p.m. The banquet will honor youth tournament award winners, honor scores, scholarship winners and all-city recipients. Tickets are \$15 and can be ordered from the Association office at (248) 443-2695.

### AWARDS RECEPTION

The Metro Detroit USBC Association will conduct their adult awards ceremony at DeCarlo's Banquet Center on Tuesday, June 12. Dinner will be served first buffet style from 5:30 until 7 p.m. followed by the awards presentations. Tickets are available for

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\$15 by calling the Association office at (248) 443-2695.

### USBC CONVENTION

The United States Bowling Congress annual convention will be held from April 23-26 in Reno. During this time delegates elected from their respective local and state associations will vote on legislation affecting leagues, tournaments and bylaws in addition to electing three new members of the board of directors. Additionally there will be several workshops to inform the delegates about happenings at USBC.

Representing the MDUSBC at the annual convention will be Ann Block, George Bresinski, Mike DeRousie, Libbi Fletcher, Mark Hurttgam, Vera Johnson, Michael Lewis, Martha Marshall, Jessica Tyler, John Vorpagel and Doug Williams.

Anyone else that would like to be appointed a delegate please contact the MDUSBC office.

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Another season is nearly in the books. I hope you'll consider sharpening yours skills over the summer by joining a USBC certified summer league and getting ready for another exciting fall season.

Bowling Showcase will start up again on the Saturday after Labor Day. We hope you've enjoyed the show, in fact tell your friends and family about it.

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This completes my 22<sup>nd</sup> complete season as your Association Manager. It is a pleasure to serve all of the members and thank you for being a member of the Metro Detroit USBC and the United States Bowling Congress.





### Saturday, May 5 - 10 a.m. WADL-Detroit Bowling Showcase Merri-Bowl region - Finals Sunday, May 6 - 1 p.m. ESPN

PBA League Semi-Finals

- Saturday, May 12 10 a.m. WADL-Detroit Bowling Showcase
- Bowling Showcase Challenge Finals Sunday, May 13 - 1 p.m. ESPN
  - PBA League Finals
- Tuesday, May 15 9:30 p.m. CBS Sports Network
- PBA Tour Finals Saturday, May 19 - 10 a.m. WADL-Detroit Bowling Showcase Magazine Edition
- Saturday, May 26 10 a.m. WADL-Detroit Bowling Showcase Bowling Showcase Challenge Finals (re-air)



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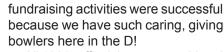
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# Thanks for making a difference





Once again, the Bowling Capital of the World does not disappoint! February was the opportunity to support Bowl for the Cure through raffle ticket sales, league donations and our great bowling event held at Bowl One again this year. All our



All 1000 raffle tickets were sold and we are in the final days of March being paid off to the lucky winners (still waiting).

Our league donations this year exceed \$9000!!! This is up from last year and it is so appreciated. Thank you to all the league secretaries who take the time to pass the envelope down the lanes, or the league officers who encourage leagues to donate one of the league 50/50 collections. Please see the list in this publication of all of you who deserve to take a bow!

Please understand each and every dollar is so appreciated, no matter how big or small. But I do want to recognize a few leagues who always go above and beyond with their donations: Hal Brenizer Memorial League at Bowl One, San Marino Men's league at Sterling Lanes, as well as Metro East Men at Sterling. Thanks guys for your support. Also, the Ladies Majors at Troy Lanes and my "favorite" league, S&B Ladies Classic at Bowl One! You women are awesome supporters for a great cause.

Special thanks to Bowl One for hosting our Bowl for the Cure event again this year! Michael Tafanelli and staff are incredible supporters all month long, but especially on the day of the event. We always have a great time and things seem to be getting easier!

There would be no event without our special "squad" leaders, Linda Prill and Melanie Falk, who basically brought in HALF of the bowlers to the event! These groups have an amazing time and are now dressing the part, which I LOVE!!! I hope you will bring everyone back next year and a few more to fill the house!

This year we had 140 bowlers, and raised about the same money as last year with our duck adoption ran by Michele Chaney, our raffle tables conducted by Cindy Kainz, Kelly Scalici, Kelly Sinz, and Jessica Tyler, and our 50/50-man Lyle Hnidy.

A special thank you to those who

donated for our prize tables. Please consider supporting the companies who contributed, such as; National Ladder and Scaffolding, Red Robin Restaurants, Motiv, Morning Star Restaurant in Warren, Joan Warner State Farm, Raising the Bar Detroit, Office Max, Pepsi, Thirty One, Turbo Grips and your Scentsy dealer. Much thanks to all of you who PERSONALLY donated gift cards, baskets and gifts.

Thank you to MDUSBC President John Vorpagel and the MDUSBC Board of Directors for entrusting me to continue to chair this committee and thanks to Aileen Hnidy and Liz Ross for saving me every year with your amazing expertise!

Your support in any way possible is so very appreciated. You have assisted MDUSBC in donating over \$200,000 in the past 11 years! Hope to see you at the event next February...because EVERYONE DE-SERVES A LIFETIME!









# Shooting the "other" corner pin

Pro Tip Michelle Mullen USBC Gold C<u>oach</u>



While the last column focused on picking up the the 10 pin (7 pin for the lefties), including the suggestion to use a plastic ball, there are 3 reasons to also consider using a plastic ball to pick up your 7 pin (10 pin for lefties).

For one, on today's typical house shot (THS), while your balls hooks in the dry part of the lane, there is a huge buildup of oil in the center of the lane. This makes it more challenging to know how much the ball will hook as you cross the lane condition.

Secondly, you might bowl on many different lane conditions, experience inconsistent lane conditions in league from week to week or have a variety of strike balls in your arsenal. This can make it challenging to shoot your spares on the left side, again leaving you to guess how much your ball will hook toward the spare.

Finally, it is difficult to move to the right from your strike position if you have to play far outside on the lane (as in the first arrow). You simply run out of enough room to move enough boards to the right from your strike position to pick up your 7 pin.

When you get tired of guessing how far to adjust or running out of room to move far enough over using your strike ball, consider using a plastic ball to shoot directly at your 7 pin. It is an excellent strategy to take reaction out of the equation by creating an angle independent of lane conditions and ball reaction.

Since you will be using a separate ball altogether, determining where to stand will not depend upon your strike position. Just like you established an optimal angle toward the 10 pin angle using an arbitrary angle (independent of the strike line), so it will be for the 7 pin.

However, establishing where to stand for the 7 pin is a little trickier, given that your shoulders will be *closed* to face the pin on the left side of the lane. Since your swing is on the right side of your body and your shoulders are closed, you will actually walk *slightly toward* the target to keep your swing on the target line. Determining where to stand will depend on how much you walk toward your target as you keep your shoulders closed throughout the approach to face the spare.

**Establish your angle**. Try standing to the right of center on the approach where it looks right for you to target between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th arrow to shoot the 7 pin. Make sure you turn, or *close your shoulders*, to face the 7 pin (figure 11.4). You might start with your slide foot somewhere around board 15.

Where to stand for this side is less clear because, unlike the 10 pin shot, you will drift slightly toward the target to keep your shoulders closed and the swing lined up to the target line. So, the amount of you drift will affect where you have to start on the approach. This varies from bowler to bowler. If you drift more, you might start more to the right. If you drift less, you will start more to the left. You will end up somewhere around the middle dot at the foul line.

It may sound a bit contradictory to the notion of walking straight, but you do not walk straight when your shoulders are closed, aligned to the 7 pin. Because your arm swing is on the right side of your body, you need to walk toward your target to keep your swing on the intended target line toward the 7 pin and still follow through at a 90degree angle to your shoulders. (Note: To be consistent on the concept of drift; never drift toward your armswing. You will walk straight or slightly away from your swing as you drift left toward your target on to keep your swing perpendicular to the shoulders and lined up to the desired target line.)

Walk straight when your shoulders are open; walk slightly toward target when your *shoulders are closed*. On this side, your feet follow the shoulders.

**Close your shoulders**. The plastic ball does not hook; so you are throwing it directly at the pin. Adjust your stance to close your shoulders toward the pin, also closing up your hips and feet so to face the target line. Avoid twisting your upper body toward the spare. This helps your spine to stay relaxed and makes it easier to stay in alignment throughout the approach.

Closing your shoulders to face the spare will line up your swing directly at it. Closing your shoulders can be a very awkward feeling at first. This is because on most all other shots, your shoulders are either parallel to the foul line or slightly open, as when you throw a hook ball or when you shoot at spares on the other side. It feels odd to close your shoulders because it is so different from what you are used to doing on other shots.

Be sure to maintain your shoulder angle. Once you preset your shoulders in the stance to face the spare, make sure your shoulders do not open during the approach. The key is to set your shoulders in position and lock your core in place to face the spare throughout the entire approach. Even as the momentum of the swing passes your body, do not let the force turn your shoulders. If you do, your shoulders will open and your swing will no longer be lined up to get the spare.

**Overcome Obstacles.** Forget about any notion to open your shoulders or stay parallel to the foul line. In fact, how it feels to close the shoulders is the biggest obstacle I see bowlers face and is typically why so many end up abandoning this strategy. It simply feels weird at first to stick to it and benefit from the advantages of shooting directly at the spare. This, and how very different it is to see the ball go so straight!

In fact, many bowlers are not actually facing the spare like they think they are. I cannot tell you how many times I have to stand behind the player to line them up properly. Where they think they are facing and where they are actually facing are often two very different things!

Almost everyone who tries this for the first time feels as though they are facing the wall! But rest assured—you are not. It is just that the feeling of closed shoulders feels so drastically different from what you are used to on all other shots. The most closed you will ever have to be is when shooting the 7 pin (or the 10 pin, if you are left-handed) with a plastic ball.

And, I know when I first learned to use this system, I always felt as though I wanted to pull the ball across my body when my shoulders were closed. It is simply a matter of getting used to turning your body, but still following through with your swing at a 90-degree angle to your shoulders.

So often it only takes going directly toward a spare with a plastic ball in league play and missing it to make a bowler want to quickly abandon the system. This is especially true when pushed over the edge by a coach or teammate who comments, "If you would have hooked at it, you would have gotten it!" I beg to differ; they missed it because something went wrong in the execution. Rather than give up on it, you just need to execute better or adjust your angle. It takes practice to get comfortable executing at this direct angle.

I really believe that using a plastic ball is the way to go. There is a reason professional bowlers go more directly at spares, whether they flatten their wrists or use a spare ball. It is to take the lane condition out of play. It is how I shot my spares on tour. And it is why I added an additional chapter on spare shooting in my 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of BOWLING FUNDAMENTALS. I believe that getting used to how it feels and seeing your ball go direct a small price to pay for the success you will have making more spares.

Commit and become proficient at shooting straight at your spares! You may have to be a bit more accurate, but the advantages often outweigh the challenges to change. I encourage you to stay the course. Afterall, if pros go straight at their spares, it just might be a good idea.



# A Tale of a 300

(Ann)ouncements Ann Block MDUSBC Director



On Wednesday, March 14<sup>th,</sup> I got to do one of my favorite things in the world and I got to do it for a friend of mine. I am talking about presenting a 300 ring. Nothing that I do for bowling compares to presenting one. This particular ring was important because I know the story behind it.

This ring started its journey many years ago in Wyandotte when the oldest Stempien daughter learned how to bowl. Through the years, she bowled with her parents, brothers, and sisters. Her oldest sibling Robert would go on to accumulate an impressive bowling resume, which included time on the pro tour. The siblings would grow up and have families of their own. The next generation would learn to bowl. The oldest daughter would work, raise three kids, and bowl for fun. The idea of being a better bowler took to the backburner for a while. The kids grew up and life took a different direction for the eldest daughter. The oldest daughter would turn her attentions back to bowling. She would bowl in more competitive leagues and enter more tournaments. She met and married for a second time. This man is a good bowler with lots of elite tournament competition. Bowling becomes more than a little family hobby. She works hard and improves her game. She starts to think it is possible to bowl a 300 game. She watches others bowl their first ones. She buckles down and tries harder. She gets closer to the perfect game. She beats the boys in their summer leagues. She gets closer.

On Wednesday, November 15, 2017 Debbie (Debra A.) Reed bowled her first 300 game. She bowled her perfect game in the Woodland Rollers Women's League. It was her last game after a less than spectacular first two. It was however, a dream come true. Debbie finally had her 300 game.

It is always a pleasure to present a 300 ring but to present to a friend is a great gift. Debbie and I bowl tournaments together. She is also the secretary of the Foxy Ladies at Cherry Hill Lanes. I have known her for over 20 years. She was one of the dedicated moms whose kids bowled in the Skore Lanes youth leagues in the 80's and 90's. I know how much she wanted this perfect game. She sent me picture of the game that night. Her excitement was a fantastic thing to witness firsthand. Debbie's ruby ring is a beautiful thing. If you see her on the lanes ask her to see it.

Until next time!



Debra Reed (I) receiving her 300 ring from MDUSBC Director Ann Block

## Missouri bowler to receive Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow award

**ARLINGTON, Texas** – Alex Olendorff of St. Louis, a senior at Lindbergh High School, has been selected as the 2018 Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow Award recipient.

Presented each year to a male high school senior or college student, the award recognizes star qualities in a United States Bowling Congress Youth member, including distinguished bowling performances on the local, state and national levels, academic achievement and community involvement.

The International Bowling Campus Youth Committee selects the award winner based on submitted applications, and the winner receives a \$6,000 scholarship.

"To receive this award is immense satisfaction," Olendorff said. "It tells me that all of my hard work has paid off, and it gives me the support to continue my ambitious endeavors. I am both honored and blessed to be receiving this award!"

Olendorff has taken 12 Advanced Placement courses, plus nine honors classes, to post a 4.6 weighted grade-point average. He is a member of the National Honor Society, serving as vice president, and the National Society of High School Scholars. He won the Medical Scientists Award of Excellence that is presented for outstanding academic achievement, leadership and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine.

He is president of the Lindbergh Liberals Club, is in the National Science Honor Society, Student on the GO! Half-Marathon Club, Gay-Straight Alliance and the St. Louis Children's Hospital Youth Council.

He has volunteered through NHS, setting up classrooms for kindergarten teachers at Monett Elementary since 2011, worked for the St. Louis County Election Board for three years, ran the Lindbergh High School Boonanza since 2015 and worked the Crestwood Elementary Fall Festival the last two years. After the devastating tornado that hit Joplin, Missouri, in 2011, he started a toy drive in his community.

On the lanes, he took third at the Missouri USBC State Tournament in 2017 and was second as the St. Louis USBC Youth Championships in Class 2 singles.

He started bowling at age 6, despite the fact no one in his family competed in the sport. He joined the Saturday league at Crestwood Bowl and says he fell in love with the sport. He has competed in the Saturday league since 2007.

Olendorff, the first bowler from Missouri to be selected as the Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow Award recipient, will attend Washington University in St. Louis starting in the fall. He plans to major in medicine and also pursue a major in fashion and design.

He will be presented Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow Award during the 2018 USBC Convention, set for April 23-26 in Reno, Nevada. BowITV, the YouTube channel for USBC, will live stream the presentation.

#### CHUCK HALL STAR OF TOMORROW AWARD WINNERS

Year, winner, hometown 1980 Chris Whitty, Simonton, Texas 1981 Drew Barthle, Tampa, Fla. 1982 Ricky Corona, Oakland, Calif. 1983 Dan Nadeau, Las Vegas 1984 Robert Beck, Houston 1985 Justin Hromek, Andover, Kan. 1986 Pat Healey, Wichita, Kan 1987 Mark Fisser, Buena Park, Calif. 1988 Bradley Joinetz, San Antonio, Texas 1989 Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan. 1990 Jason McCarty, Fultondale, Ala. 1991 Chris Williams, Anchorage, Alaska 1992 Robert Smith, Moorpark, Calif. 1993 Vince Biondo, Hoffman Estates, III. 1994 Michael Mullin, New City, N.Y. 1995 John Miller, Wichita, Kan 1996 David Eisenberg, Kendall Park, N.J. 1997 Todd Filter, Cedarburg, Wis. 1998 James (Eddie) Kirtley, Bowling Green, Ky. 1999 Andrew Cain, Glendale, Ariz.

Year, winner, hometown 2000 Scott Norton, Cypress, Calif. 2001 Sean Rash, Anchorage, Alaska 2002 Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas 2003 Marc D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y. 2004 Patrick Haggerty, Weimar, Calif. 2005 Brandon Temple, Tempe, Ariz. 2006 Eric Helmrich, Saint Leonard, Md. 2007 Jonathan Buckert, Rochester, N.Y. 2008 Kyle Kahlden, Houston 2009 Chris Bardol, Brockport, N.Y. 2010 Andrew Koff, Miami, Fla. 2011 Brent Bowers, Mulvane, Kan. 2012 Kyle Anderson, Lockport, III. 2013 Joey Kopera, Orland Park, Ill. 2014 Derick Holmes, Wichita, Kan. 2015 Anthony Sidari, Hazleton, Pa. 2016 Jack Cook, Denville, N.J. 2017 Carson Opela, Rio Rancho, N.M. 2018 Alex Olendorff, St. Louis, Mo.

# Bowling Centers of the Metro Detroit USBC



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**BOWLING CENTER NAME (# of Lanes)** 300 BOWL (52) **AIRWAY LANES (32)** ALLEY 59 (24) **APOLLO LANES (14) ASTRO LANES (48) BEECH LANES (16) BELMAR LANES (16) BIDDLE BOWL (8) BONANZA LANES (44) BOWL ONE LANES (40) BOWLERO LANES (16) BOWLING IQ (8) BRONCO LANES (32) CENTURY BOWL (52) CHERRY HILL LANES (52) CHERRY HILL NORTH (36) CLASSIC LANES (32) COLLIER LANES (32) COUNTRY CLUB OF DETROIT (6) COUNTRY LANES (32) DETROIT ATHLETIC CLUB (8) DRAKESHIRE LANES (40) FERNHILL COUNTRY CLUB (12) FIVE STAR LANES (50)** FORD LANES (24) FRASER STAR LANES (16) **GARDEN BOWL (16) GROSSE PTE YACHT CLUB (6)** HARBOR LANES (20) **HARTFIELD LANES (52) HAZEL PARK BOWL (24) IMPERIAL LANES (80) INDIAN LANES (32)** LAKESHORE LANES (16) LANGAN'S ALL STAR LANES (18) LUXURY LANES (16)

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## Women's handicap, fee compromises helped bring USBC back into World Bowling Tour

Compromises on women's handicap rules and event fees helped bring the United States Bowling Congress back into the World Bowling Tour, World Bowling CEO Kevin Dornberger said Monday.

"I think it's a good example of entities coming together and agreeing on the future," Dornberger said in a phone interview a day before heading to Munich, Germany, for

the Brunswick Euro Challenge, the first event of the 2018 WBT.

The agreement means the U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open, USBC Masters and USBC Queens again are part of the 2018 WBT schedule posted at WorldBowling.org.

While USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy didn't answer a message seeking comment, Dornberger explained that the return stemmed from a meeting during the Euro Challenge last year.

"We invited our stakeholders — the event owners, PBA and USBC — to come to a meeting to talk about the future of the Tour because our committee was considering some sweeping changes — adding lower tier events, doing some different thing with finals and so forth," Dornberger said.

Murphy came for USBC and Deputy Commissioner Kirk von Krueger represented PBA.

Both organizations don't like the rule used in some WBT events that allows women to get 8 pins of handicap per game, which has occasionally helped women win tournaments, Dornberger said.

(PBA awards PBA Tour titles to PBA members who win WBT stops that are part of the 2018 PBA International-WBT, but female PBA members who accept the handicap are ineligible for titles.)

"We talked about the options and arrived at a compromise," Dornberger said. "The new rules for the WBT are that women can get up to 8 pins handicap (per game) at the organizer's discretion until the last day — the finals — and then their handicap goes away. That wasn't perfect but it was OK with PBA and USBC.

"There's a couple of events this year that are not doing that because they already were committed under their Zone rules. So it's going to be a process that takes a little time to convert. Eventually we'll have women not winning on the last day because they got 8 pins per game. If they get there with 8 pins and win with nothing, people still might complain."

Dornberger said the handicap can't just be eliminated because for some tournaments the women's entries are vital: "They'd go from breaking even to losing money. Would no women enter without handicap? I'm not saying that, but a lot of them would not. And certainly they wouldn't keep re-entering. So rather than reduce our events and eliminate tournaments we're trying to find some middle ground."

The other major change is that instead of charging a straight \$5,000 fee for a tournament to be part of the WBT — a factor cited when USBC left the WBT — some will use a per-athlete fee, which some prefer, Dornberger said.

Using a per-athlete fee could lead to more or less money coming to WBT than the \$5,000 fee does, he said.

World Bowling has made a small profit one year out of the fees, "Otherwise, we're writing a check to pay the World Tour Finals prize fund," Dornberger said. "Every year but one it exceeded our gross income so we lost money. Someday we hope to have a broadcast contract so it does make money for us. In the meantime, the money goes back to the athletes."

The WBT also is adding Tier 3 and 4 events, and since the WBT initially posted its 2018 schedule, it already has added two Tier 3 events: The Luci mixed doubles and the New Mexico Open, both held in the U.S.

The Luci — officially the Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles July 26-29 at Copperfield Bowl in Houston, Texas — is part of the PBA International-WBT, and represents a new step for World Bowling.

"That's a change for us because in some parts of the world mixed doubles is not a preferred form of competition," Dornberger said. "Some members don't have women players and they're not going to have them for a while. But I think we have to start looking at options. The IOC is trying to add mixed events in their games. And (The Luci) is a prestigious championship."

Dornberger said more rules could be revised, although he couldn't predict what those changes might be. The goal, he said, is to be more inclusive, not restrictive.

The Euro Challenge, which was expected to draw around 400 players from 35 countries with a prize fund of about \$124,000, runs through Sunday.

World Bowling noted at the bottom of its schedule that "2-3 events may be added, at least 3 months' notice provided."

Missing from the schedule is the World Bowling Tour Finals, which often has been held during the PBA Tour World Series of Bowling, although the World Series is listed for November/December date and venue TBD.

That makes sense since PBA has not scheduled the World Series of Bowling as it negotiates a new media deal(s) for after the end of the current 5-year deal with ESPN that ends this spring.

PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark said the schedule and potentially format(s) of the Tour wouldn't be determined until the new media deal(s) was signed, but that if things worked out he expected the World Series to be back at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno in November.

The World Series would have to end in time for players to make it to the World Bowling World Men's Championships Nov. 24 through Dec. 5 in Hong Kong, or force many stars to choose between the World Series and representing their countries, something PBA has avoided in the past, including last year.

Holding the World Series after the World Men's Championships would mean some re-jiggering of the World Series schedule and likely would have the competition ending very close to Christmas.

### 2018 WORLD BOWLING TOUR SCHEDULE

(subject to minor revisions and possible additions)

\* indicates PBA International-World Bowling Tour event

\*March 10-18 – PBA-WBT Brunswick Euro Challenge, Dream-Bowl Palace, Munich, Germany

\*April 8-15 – USBC Masters, Oncenter Convention Center, Syracuse, N.Y. (PBA-WBT event)

May 16-22: USBC Queens, Reno, NV (women only)

\*May 20-26 – PBA-WBT Busan Cup, Rainbow Square Bowling Center, Busan, Korea

June 23-30: U.S. Women's Open, Orlando, FL (women only) \*July 26-29 – Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas (*PBA title to male partner, PWBA title to female partner if a member of his/her respective organization*) Aug. 17-19: New Mexico Open, Rio Rancho Lanes, Albuquerque, N.M.

\*Aug. 25-Sept. 9 – PBA-WBT Storm Lucky Larsen Masters, Baltiska Bowlinghallen, Malmo, Sweden

\*Sept. 22-28 – PBA-WBT Thailand, Blu-O Rhythm and Bowl Siam Paragon, Bangkok, Thailand

\*Oct. 24-31 – U.S. Open, Northrock Lanes, Wichita, Kan. (PBA-WBT event, tentative)

\*November/December – PBA World Championship, tba (PBA-WBT event, tentative)

\*Nov. 24-Dec 5 – World Bowling Men's World Championships, SCAA Bowling Centre, Hong Kong

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# What does the word "value" mean to bowling?

Bowling, etc. Phil Goodman Figure 8 Networking



The textbook definition of value paints a broad picture in terms of application to the word. Defining words include: something is held to deserve; the importance; worth; usefulness of something; and standard of behavior. Trying to pinpoint the definition as it relates to an "application of value" is a little complicated and quite situational. Let's start with the bowling center perspective leading to the bowler and ending with the "value" of associations.

A most simple yet complex debate among bowling proprietor's is the coupon. A common question is, "Does giving away a free game of bowling bring in new prospective bowlers that will participate more regularly (league or open play) or just people who want a free activity without returning when there is a cost?" The Kids Bowl Free program giving youth 2 free games

every day throughout the summer is the hottest topic in this debate. What is the value of this program? Participating bowling center operators will tell you some of the following benefits relating to value: it builds the data base to promote other activities (birthday parties, short season fun leagues, company outings, etc.); some revenue is generated by families purchasing family packs, shoe rental money, arcade revenue, etc.; and some centers who want to just look busy giving the appearance of bowling as a yearlong sport. Other proprietors, including a couple newer and younger ones, believe the value of bowling is strong enough to appeal to customers without giving it away. The balance of cost and experience must be examined to most effectively determine how value relates to the bowler.

One of the greatest values of bowling is the appeal to people of ages, abilities, genders, ethnicities, etc. This incredible component of bowling is a huge bonus but does complicate the dynamic of cost and experience. Some of the following factors need to be considered: time of highest per game rate during open play hours; times to turn on the cosmic lights; amount spent on adding more arcade games, laser tag, go karts, and more. Are the potential open bowlers looking for family time, party time, affordable activities, rainy day options and more?

It's now time to switch from only the cost and experience perspective to also include the first definition of value in the opening paragraph, "something is held to deserve." This is the focus of the newer and younger proprietors noted above. They truly believe bowling offers the best hangout for open bowlers and families. The value of league bowlers is huge. I know some people who are hesitant to ask people to join season long leagues because they are afraid people will say no due to the number of weeks involved and the cost. What is missing is the "why" not the cost. The value of league bowling for most is the comradery, 3 hours per league night per week of competition, for mixed and adult/youth leagues it's special time with family, friends, and new friends, and so much more. People are working very hard these days and deserve a night or two of bowling each week. Bowling should be promoted as something held to deserve. It would be nice to hear someone in the bowling center come up to an open bowler and say "You have earned the right to bowl each week, let's go over some of the options." This might work better than asking them is they would like to join a league.

Last but least, it's important to discuss the value of bowling associations. The national and state association provide huge cost savings for music licenses, group purchasing discounts on products and other fees (insurance rates, consulting, etc.). In addition, they have created an educational program second to none as well as providing support for other industry matters. Some local proprietor associations have also been formed for promotional purposes. Similar to league bowling, though competitors it is important to work together to keep the high value of bowling alive. In most circumstances, a bowling center's main competition stems from other forms of sport and entertainment, not each other.

This ending paragraph is based on experience and not used for misguided praise. The value of the USBC continues to be extremely high. This is especially true with Metro Detroit and the strong leadership put forth to keep bowling alive and strong in our region. They have reached out to other groups for support in putting bowling on television, placing signs on highway billboards, making sure tournaments are well planned and more. In addition, league matters continue to be addressed with urgency and professionalism. It is the binding organization for our sport. Through the changes in structure, tournament matters, awards, and other items, it is important to give them recognition for their services. We hope strong support for every level of membership builds in the years ahead.

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## Bowling...from a Proprietor's perspective

Guest Column Diane Voight Community Bowling Centers As a proprietor and former bowler, I speak often with those involved with bowling bowlers, proprietors, suppliers and employees. Each of us may look at things with a different perspective but we all have the interests of bowling as a high priority - some because it is their form of recreation or sport,

some because it is the source of their employment, some because it is the source of their customers and proprietors because it is the source of the revenue which supports their investment which, as a business owner, is significant.

We are all interested in the future of bowling and want the industry to survive and prosper.

A few years ago, I was speaking with the bowlers at a Center that would be closing permanently within a few weeks. One of the bowlers came over to ask "why are all these bowling centers closing?". The question was a good one and the answer is one which all bowlers should hear. Just as your personal expenses go

up every year (like groceries, insurance, clothing, etc.), Bowling Center's expenses go up as well. But each time Bowling Centers attempt to raise our prices so we can cover these increases, our bowlers react. Some just complain but others take their business to other Centers. As a result, when a business is pressured to not raise prices, there is not enough money available for proper maintenance, improvements and updates. Eventually the revenue of the business is not enough to cover the expenses. That is when the bank comes in and closes the doors - permanently. Similarly, if the revenue of the business is not at a profitable level, the property becomes more valuable for another use and the Bowling Center will eventually be closed and sold for another use. We have seen both these scenarios in Metro Detroit over the last several years.

If the bowlers continue to refuse to accept the fact that bowling will cost more just like everything else in life, there will be fewer and fewer bowling centers. And those which remain will not be able to keep their facilities up and provide improvements. And many of the sites traditionally used for tournaments will no longer exist. Although I can't speak for others, I can tell you that we, in our company, are simply working to stay in business by earning enough to cover our expenses. If we can't do that, we will lose everything. Of course, we would prefer to show a good return on our investment so when it comes time to retire, we have something of value to sell.

I'm sure most bowlers would prefer to bowl at a place that is clean and in good working condition. They would also like to see that the proprietor is putting money back into the Center for remodeling and updating. In order to do this, we must earn enough to pay for those things.

We are not on opposite sides of an issue. We, proprietors and bowlers, want the same thing...to have a nice place to enjoy our sport. We all like a bargain, but sometimes the bargain is way too expensive in the long run.

Respectfully submitted Diane Voight, Proprietor Community Bowling Centers

### Easton wins Men's Series event at Westland Bowl



Charles Easton (I) is congratulated by MDUSBC President John Vorpagel (c) and runner-up Darren Alexander

Charles Easton of Sylvania, Ohio won the inaugural (MDUSBC) Open Series Sunday with a 220-217 win over Darren Alexander of Essex, Ontario at Westland Bowl in Westland. Easton cashed for \$350 and Alexander took home \$175.

Easton qualified third with a four-game total of 918 with a high game of 279. He beat Justin O'Hara of Westland 256-179 to advance to the finals. He averaged 232.3.

Alexander qualified fourth with 908, including a high game of 278. He beat top qualifier Michael Calhoun of Wyandotte 249-221 to secure his finals spot. He averaged 229. Top gualifier Calhoun shot 1.016, with a high game of 289 averaging 247.4 and

Top qualifier Calhoun shot 1,016, with a high game of 289 averaging 247.4 and settled for \$75.

This inaugural event attracted 14 participants and will be continued in the 2018-19 season. The schedule will be announced next month.

Complete results are available at www.mdusbc.com under "Tournaments" and Women's Series page.

# MDUSBC 300 Games / 800 Series February 2018

Name	Date	Center	League		Name	Date	Center	League
Arthur(Riley) Mcnabb	Feb 1 2018 Feb 1 2018 Feb 1 2018	Airway Lanes	Thursday Night Men		John Lingenfelter	Feb 15 2018	Shelby Lanes	Thursday Night Men
Scott Kujawa	Feb 1 2018	Five Star Lanes	Job Shop 555 League		Ronald Bradley Jr	Feb 16 2018	Bronco Lanes	Friday Nite DPL
Richard Krebaum	Feb 1 2018	Five Star Lanes	5 5 5 League		Thomas Long	Feb 16 2018	Ford Lanes	Friday Five
Kenneth White	Feb 1 2018 Feb 1 2018	Sterling Lanes	Thursday Mens Ind		Jason Adams Joseph DuBois III	Feb 16 2018 Feb 16 2018	Ford Lanes Ford Lanes	Friday Five Friday Five
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Andrew Gury	Feb 1 2018 Feb 1 2018 Feb 1 2018 Feb 1 2018 Feb 2 2018 Feb 2 2018	Ford Lanes	Friday Five		Cory Strange	Feb 16 2018	Woodland Lanes	Friday Midnighters
Ryan Preston	Feb 2 2018	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men Friday Night Men Friday Nite Men		Melinda McDaid	Feb 17 2018	Bowl One	Lutheran Tournament
Adam McClanahan	Feb 2 2018	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men		Ronald Brown	Feb 17 2018	Bowl One	Lutheran Tournament
Andrew Janssen	Feb 2 2018	Shore Lanes	Friday Nite Men		Mary Puma	Feb 17 2018	Rosebowl Lanes	Saturday Nite Mixed
Ralph LeBlanc Jr	Feb 2 2018	Woodland Lanes	Grandale		Harry Barriger	Feb 17 2018	Rosebowl Lanes	Saturday Nite Mixed
Trae Bonds	Feb 3 2018 Feb 3 2018	300 Bowl Bowl One	Saturday Nite Fever		Douglas David David Greenslait	Feb 17 2018 Feb 18 2018	Sterling Lanes Skore Lanes	Saturday Funhouse
Eric Heigel James Mclaughlin	Feb 5 2018	Novi Bowl	Lutheran Tournament		Todd Mihalyfi	Feb 18 2018	Skore Lanes	Bob Sparks T V N Bob Sparks T V N
Derrick Jasper	Feb 5 2018	Plaza Lanes	Monday Jr House Plaza Men		Michael Phillips	Feb 18 2018	Skore Lanes	Bob Sparks T V N
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Mike Malandrucco	Feb 5 2018	Sterling Lanes	San Marino Mens		Logan Mills	Feb 19 2018	Plaza Lanes	Our Lady Of Fatima Mens Plaza Men
Kenneth Munson	Feb 52018	Ten Piñs Of Trenton	Monday Nite Trio		John Everett	Feb 19 2018	Woodland Lanes	Monday Nite Mens
Willie Smith	Feb 5 2018	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.		Allan Spike	Feb 20 2018	Cherry Hill North	Waterford Merchants
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Mike Barretta	Feb 6 2018	Plaza Lanes	St Colette Mens	Winter	Doug Ellison	Feb 20 2018	Vision Lanes	Big Money Tuesday
Karl Parafinowicz	Feb 6 2018	Sterling Lanes	Over The Hill		Paul Price	Feb 21 2018	Alley 59	Wednesday Inv Bowling Lge
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Thomas Brusseau	Feb 6 2018	Westland Bowl	Tues Men Invitational		Homer Conley	Feb 21 2018	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational
Paul Voegele	Feb 6 2018	Westland Bowl	Tues Men Invitational		Robert Rose Jr	Feb 21 2018	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational
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James Coleman	Feb 7 2018	Sterling Lanes	Eastside Sr Classic		Paul Loomis	Feb 22 2018	Five Star Lanes	Job Shop
Matthew Kurseth	Feb 7 2018 Feb 7 2018	Woodland Lanes	Eastside Sr Classic Ford L T P		Robert Bradley	Feb 22 2018	Renaissance Bowl	World Traveler's Mixed
Nelson Robinson	Feb 8 2018 Feb 8 2018 Feb 9 2018	Country Lanes Roosevelt Lanes	T N T Mixed League Roosevelt Thursday Mer Friday Nite Men		Michael Piccininni	Feb 22 2018	Sterling Lanes	Thursday Mens Ind
Jonathan Antal	Feb 8 2018	Roosevelt Lanes	Roosevelt Thursday Mer	n	Gary Quillico	Feb 22 2018	Ten Pins Of Trenton	Thursday Invitational
Edward Osak Jr	Feb 9 2018	Shore Lanes	Friday Nite Men		Leandre Thomas	Feb 22 2018	Wayne Bowl	Detroit All Star Classic
Ralph Lake Kevin Morse Sr	Feb 9 2018	Woodland Lanes Bowl One Lanes	Friday Midnighters Guys & Gals		Graylen Wright Christopher Klein	Feb 23 2018 Feb 23 2018	Bronco Lanes Ford Lanes	Friday Nite DPL Friday Five
John Kelley	Feb 11 2018	Bowl One	Lutheran Tournament		Shane Matthew	Feb 23 2018	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Man
Michael Ward	Feb 12 2018	Bowl One Lanes	Lutheran Tournament Gus Ponder Memorial Dixie All Stars		Thomas Landy	Feb 23 2018	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men Friday Night Trio Friday Night Trio Friday Nite Men
Anthony Perrino IV	Feb 12 2018	Cherry Hill North	Dixie All Stars		Travis Fura	Feb 23 2018	Luxury Lanes	Friday Night Trio
Richard Dolph III	Feb 12 2018	Cherry Hill North	Dixie Ali Stars		Brian Idzikowski	Feb 23 2018	Shore Lanes	Friday Nite Men
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Davis Vandercook Carl Gray	Feb 14 2018	Country Lanes Merri-Bowl	Country Keglers Wed AM Mxd Dbls		Cory Strange William Hatten	Feb 26 2018	Woodland Lanes Bonanza Lanes	Local 961
William Gray III	Feb 14 2018	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitation	nal	James Lauricella	Feb 26 2018	Bowl One Lanes	Gus Ponder Memorial
Michael Goike	Feb 14 2018	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitation	nal	Raymond Shinosky	Feb 26 2018	Merri-Bowl	Detroit Firefighters
Eric Gambrell	Feb 14 2018	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitation Bill Brown Ford Invitation	nal	Stephen Dodge	Feb 26 2018	Ten Pins Of Trenton	Monday Nite Trio
Alex Horden	Feb 14 2018	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Wed Nite Men		Ivie Shelton	Feb 26 2018	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.
Daniel Rose	Feb 14 2018	Super Bowl	Wednesday Nite Men		William Swanson	Feb 27 2018	Five Star Lanes	Chrysler Central Engineering Country Keglers
George Zaratzian Jr Kyle Hanson	Feb 15 2018	300 Bowl	300 Senior Classic Trio		Kenneth Bingham II	Feb 28 2018	Country Lanes	Country Keglers
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Mark Mieczkowski	Feb 15 2018	Rosebowl Lanes	Suburban Industrial		Robert Alexander Jr	Feb 28 2018	Summit Sport Center	Summit Wed Invitational
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Stephen Carrier	824	Feb 1 2018	Bowl One Lanes	Hal Brenizer I	Memorial League	
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Robert Maleszyk	812	Feb 1 2018	Troy Lanes	Metro North H	lighway	
John Brackett	806	Feb 1 2018	Universal Lanes	Thursday Cor	mmunity	
Ryan Mitter	803	Feb 3 2018	Bowl One	Lutheran Tour	rnament	
Jalen White	814	Feb 3 2018	Plum Hollow Lanes	Hartford Mem	orial Mx	
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Mark Strzalkowski	837	Feb 10 2018	Mayflower Lanes		nt Going Nowhere	
John Kelley	805	Feb 11 2018	Bowl One	Lutheran Tour		
Paul Benedict	836	Feb 11 2018	Skore Lanes	Bob Sparks T		
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Nevin Alexis	800	Feb 13 2018	Skore Lanes		es Tues Mens	
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Kyle Hanson	812	Feb 15 2018	Alley 59	Victory Leagu		
Jay Lang	815	Feb 15 2018	Five Star Lanes	Job Shop		
Vichael Phillips	816	Feb 15 2018	Ford Lanes	Renaissance		
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David Fritz	803	Feb 25 2018	Five Star Lanes	Luz-Vi- Min		
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Matthew Heichel	804	Feb 28 2018	Collier Lanes	Oxford Wildca		
Scott Bowersock	801	Feb 28 2018	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown For	rd Invitational	
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# **Anniversaries Worth Celebrating**

STRIKES ME By Bob Johnson Bowlers Journal International



Please accept my apologies for this blatant commercial message. I know it will come across as such to some, but it really isn't meant to be. Rather, it is meant to honor the unparalleled history of the longest-running monthly sports magazine in the world.

I began subscribing to *Bowlers* Journal International in 1973, when it was still known as *The National Bowlers Journal and Billiard Review*. Because I was only 15, I got my dad to write a check for \$5, and I mailed it to Chicago just in time for my subscription to begin with the 60th anniversary issue of the magazine.

It included a story by the late Chuck Pezzano titled, "Eddie's Boys," and detailed how Eddie Eilas's Professional Bowlers Association had come of age. This year, we're celebrating the 105th anniversary of *BJI* by focusing on the 60th anniversary of the PBA.

My first contribution to a *BJI* anniversary issue came in the 75th. That was in 1988, and I was asked to write a story about Allie Brandt for the "75 Who Made a Difference" section. In researching the circumstances surrounding Brandt's record-setting 886 series, which he recorded on Oct. 25, 1939, I learned that the 300 game he rolled to close out the set cost him \$60 — big money in those days — because virtually every member of the Lockport City League joined Brandt at the nearby Riley's Grill to celebrate, with Brandt picking up the tab.

At the time that story was published, Brandt's record had been broken twice, first by Ray Orf with an 890 in 1972, and then by Glenn Allison with his infamous 900 in 1982 — although both had been denied official recognition by the American Bowling Congress. When the 80th anniversary rolled around in 1993, I was a single dad raising a daughter, and freelance writing wasn't paying the bills. So I accepted a full-time position with another magazine, and missed out on being part of a special *BJI* that included the re-telling of "80 Greatest Stories." Leafing through that edition, it saddens me that my byline isn't in it.

But a falling out with the owner of that other magazine made me a free agent again, and I was fortunate to be welcomed back to the Luby Publishing family in time to contribute to the 85th anniversary issue in 1998. I was honored to share a byline with Len "The Phantom" Nicholson in which we conjured "A 'Perfect' PBA Tourney," and demonstrated why, as Nicholson put it, "Lane conditioning is perhaps the most controversial subject in all of sports."

By 2003, when we published the 90th anniversary issue, I had relocated to the home office in Chicago and had an opportunity to tap the magazine's archives. I vividly recall having more fun than the bosses should know researching and writing detailed stories on technology and bowling accessories.

The 95th anniversary issue in 2008 was the skinniest with which I've been involved, a victim of industry consolidation and the financial crisis of that year and the year before. But we still managed to put out a great editorial product, including "50 Unforgettable Moments in PBA History."

The top five: 1. Don Johnson's 299 at the 1970 Firestone Tournament of Champions; 2. Earl Anthony topping the \$1 million mark in career earnings; 3-4. Del Ballard's \$100,000 victory in the 1989 Seagram's Coolers U.S. Open and, two seasons later, his fillball gutter ball that handed Pete Weber the title in Fair Lanes Open; 5. Bo Burton's record-breaking four-game set of 1050 in the televised finals of the 1984 Angle Open.

It has been interesting seeing where those feats rank in the "60 Greatest Moments in PBA History," compiled by the PBA for its 60th anniversary season.

It also was fun putting together the list of "95 Bowling Centers You Must Visit Before You Die" for that anniversary issue.

In 2013, it was my honor to quarterback the historic 100th anniversary issue of *BJI*, a "perfect" 300 pages in length. It was a year-long project that required 12 to 16-hour days seven days a week, but it was the most fulfilling project of my writing career. Thanks to the support of the industry, we were able to utilize many great writers, who brought their unique styles and talents to the assignments they tackled. **Now,** *BJI* is celebrating its 105th year. Editor Gianmarc Manzione has selected some wonderful PBA-focused stories from the morgue to share throughout the year, and we're planning a few special surprises for the 105th anniversary issue in November. I hope you're having an opportunity to read those stories as a *BJI* subscriber.

Meanwhile, every time an anniversary year rolls around, I find myself asking the same question: "Where did those five years go?"

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## Schedule

Date	Center	Time
4/7/18	Rosebowl (Over / Under 50)	10 am
4/28/18	Astro	10 am
5/19/18	Novi	10 am
6/2/18	Oak (Over / Under 50)	10 am
6/23/18	Town & Country	10 am
7/21/18	Wonderland	10 am
8/4/18	Sterling (non-champions)	10 am
8/25/18	Century	10 am
9/22/18	Wayne	10 am
10/27/18	Plaza	10 am
11/17/18	5 Star	10 am
12/1/18	Westland (Grand Finals)	9 am



# Bowl For The Cure All-Star Leagues These 91 MDUSBC leagues passed the Bowl For The Cure envelope in February and raised \$9,264.50



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