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Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame Inductees

Lathrup Village, MI – The Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame Committee has elected six new members 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 above.

Two members in the Women's category have been voted into the Hall of Fame this fall. The first new inductee, Lisa McCurdy Hale of Monroe, has been winning state and local tournament titles since 1998. Her highest season average is 226, In addition, she has bowled 6 - 300 games and her high three game series is 813. She has made the All-City team on several occasions. The second inductee, Ashley Denard of Southfield, has won titles in both the Women's and Open categories since 2018. She has bowled 7- 300 games and her high three game series is 831. Her highest average is 220 and she has made seven All-City teams.

One member was elected in the Men's and three in Veteran's categories. In the Men's category, John Kelley of Clinton Township, has been bowling his entire life winning state and local titles since 2018 as well as an Eagle in the USBC Open Championship in 2022. Kelley has earned All-City honors multiple times and has bowled in excess of 80 - 300 games, 70 plus 800 series and has a high season average of 247. The first Veteran's category inductee, Val Mikiel, is a name from the past with a significant bowling history mid-1940s to the mid-1950s. She won titles at the national, state and local levels, was on six All-City teams from 1947-1953 and won the Detroit Free Press Top Average Awards two years in a row. The second inductee in the Veteran's Category, Gerald Sikora of Ecorse, has titles and won team tournaments locally, statewide and internationally as a member of Team USA. He has 40 plus – 300 games, a high series of 866 and a high average of 246. The third inductee, Ernie Segura Jr. of Taylor has won state and local titles since 1978 as a youth bowler. In addition, he has won two Regional Pro Tournaments, has 50 plus – 300 games, high three games series of 858 and high average of 240. In addition to the above honorees, Randy Tambourine of Warren, will be inducted in the Meritorious Service category for having a significant impact on the bowling community throughout Metro Detroit and the State of Michigan for many years. He has served on numerous committees, inspired many youth through both coaching as well as the running of travel leagues and has been a significant source of positive publicity for the sport of bowling.

Three people are receiving Special Awards for their contributions to the Metro Detroit USBC. Jerome Penxa of Shelby Township is receiving the Thomas McKay Award for serving the bowling community many years as both a promoter of tournaments and being the founder of JoPo Grips. Jeffrey Austreng, Manager of Three Hundred Bowl in Waterford, is receiving the George Prybyla Industry Award, for significant contributions as a bowler, center operator and promoter of bowling across the Metro Detroit area. Perry Farrell of Clinton Township is receiving the Judge Watts Award for his significant contributions to the Metro Detroit Bowling Family as a bowler, journalist for the Detroit Free Press and free-lance writer in excess of 30 years.

The Hall of Fame Banquet will take place on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Tickets are available for \$45. 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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