



# News

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## Krajenke wins MDUSBC Super Senior Masters



**J o s e p h** Krajenke of Clinton Township won the MDUSBC Super Senior Masters title and the top prize of \$1,200 at Harbor Lanes in St. Clair

Shores with a 220-193 win over Larry Walker of Garden City. Walker settled for \$600.

Krajenke qualified fourth with a five-game total of 1,079. He remained in the winner's bracket with victories over Roderick Grimes of Clinton Township 269-221, Charles Richardson Jr. of Southfield 192-161, Edwin Peart of Southfield 217-192 and Walker the first time 227-195. He then had to wait for Walker to emerge from the loser's bracket. Krajenke averaged 220.4 for 10 games of competition.



Walker qualified 15<sup>th</sup> with 1,007. He stayed in the winner's bracket with wins over Jeffrey Suma Sr. of Clarkston 190-127, Fred McClain of

Allen Park 199-155, Julius Bierkamp of Ferndale 245-189 before falling to Krajenke 227-195. Once in the loser's bracket he beat David Eatmon of Ferndale 228-175 for the opportunity to avenge the earlier loss to Krajenke. Walker averaged 205.2 for 11 games of competition.

Eatmon finished third for \$500 and Peart fourth for \$400.

Eatmon qualified 16<sup>th</sup> with 1,004. He won his first match over top qualifier Ted Hannahs of Reynoldsburg,

Ohio 204-172 before losing to Peart 235-191 to fall into the loser's bracket. In the loser's bracket he beat 2016 champion Robert Michaux Jr. of Detroit 209-176, Peter Minaudo of Chesterfield 256-168 and Bierkamp 192-145 before avenging the earlier defeat to Peart 197-180. He then lost to Walker 228-175 to end his day. He averaged 202.3 for 12 games.

Peart qualified eighth with 1,025. In match play he won his first two matches beating Arnie Goldman of Warren 228-200 and Eatmon 235-191 before falling into the loser's bracket with the loss to Krajenke 217-192. In the loser's bracket he beat Michael Lucente of Warren 191-177 before falling to Eatmon 197-180. He averaged 205.1 for 10 games.

Ted Hannahs was the top qualifier with 1,137, but lost his first two matches getting knocked out of the competition. He cashed for \$200.

Edwin Austreng of Waterford won the special competition for non-qualifiers over the age of 70 with a 203-198 win over Robert Szachta of Macomb. Austreng took home \$200 and Szachta \$175 for their efforts.

Sponsors of the MDUSBC Senior Masters are Turbo 2-N-1 Grips and Turbo Tech.

The MDUSBC Super Senior Masters Tournament is an USBC certified event operated by the Metro Detroit USBC, the largest local association of the United States Bowling Congress with nearly 40,000 adult and youth members.

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MDUSBC President George Bresinski (c) congratulates MDUSBC Super Senior Masters Champion Joseph Krajenke (r) and runner-up Larry Walker

### Dylin Hunter and Sheri Verespej win Men's and Women's Series Events

Dylin Hunter of Windsor won the Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC) Men's Series event Sunday with a 237-232 triumph over Gerald Johnson of Taylor at Mayflower Lanes in Redford. Hunter took home the top prize of \$500, while Johnson settled for \$250.

Hunter qualified sixth in the field of 47, with a four-game total of 907 on games of 288, 182, 179 and 258. In match play he beat Justin Knowles of Okemos 254-222, Joshua Ison of Southfield 239-219 and Leandre Thomas of Dearborn Heights 204-163 to advance to the championship match.

Last year's Cup champion Johnson qualified fourth with 922, including a high game of 257. In match play he defeated Brian Odom of Romulus 238-216 and Trey Raynes of Westland 226-213 on his way to the finals.

Mason Brantley of Detroit led the field with 1,024 on games of 247, 274, 225 and 278. He then lost his first match to Raynes 251-226 and took home \$75.

Sheri Verespej of Newport won the Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC) Women's Series event Sunday with a 224-206 triumph over Julie Oczepek of Vassar at Mayflower Lanes in Redford. Verespej took home the top prize of \$500, while Oczepek settled for \$250.

Verespej qualified second in the field of 36, with a four-game total of 911. She was consistent with games of 218, 223, 235 and 235. She earned a bye in the first round, but once match play began she beat Robin Orlikowski of Grand Rapids 224-193 and Trisha Reid of Romulus 234-232 to advance to the finals.

Oczepek was the top qualifier with 919 on games of 239, 247, 232 and 201. She earned a bye and then defeated Shannon Rowe of Westland 266-234 and Amanda Barry of Clinton Township 224-182 on her way to the finals.

Last year's Cup Champion Brandie Reamy of Livonia failed to qualify for match play.

### Upcoming events

**Dec. 8 @ Westland Bowl**

**Jan. 12 @ Thunderbowl**

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# Next up: the Annual Meeting

## From the Editor

**Mark A. Martin**  
MDUSBC  
Association Manager



The annual meeting of the Metro Detroit USBC will be held on Sunday, Jan. 5 at 2 p.m. at Bowl One Lanes in Troy.

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 three youth representatives to the board of directors, electing state delegates and electing delegates to the USBC Annual Meeting.

There are no proposed bylaw changes for the meeting.

Anyone desiring to run for any of the positions should visit [www.mdusbc.com](http://www.mdusbc.com) to obtain an application to be forwarded to the nominating committee. You can also call the MDUSBC office for an application. The deadline for submitting an application to the nominating committee is Dec. 15.

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE MDUSBC

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Officers and Office Staff of the Metro Detroit USBC Association, I would like to extend holiday greetings

to all of you. This is the time of year when we all enjoy family related activities, while celebrating the holidays in our own way. I hope that this holiday season is a joyful one for you and your family.

### MDUSBC TOURNAMENTS

The Masters will be held at Astro Lanes in Madison Heights, located at 32388 John R Rd. The date for qualifying is Jan. 18 with match play on Jan. 18 & 19.

The entry fee is \$150 with a first prize of \$2,500, second place \$1,250 and final match play spot pays \$300 based on 120 entries. Justin Knowles of Okemos 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 Mayflower Lanes in Redford, located at 26600 Plymouth Rd. The date for qualifying is Feb. 8 with match play on Feb. 9.

William Kazmierski of Pinconning is the defending champion. The entry fee is \$120 with a first prize of \$2,000, second place \$1,000 and the final match play spot \$250 based on 120 entries.

The Metro Detroit USBC will conduct Annual Women's & Open Championship Tournaments with both starting Sat., February 8 through March 8 at Woodhaven Bowl-A-Rama in Woodhaven. Squad times are 12:30 p.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. of bowling.

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 2018-19 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 2018-19 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.

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## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR 2020 STATE TOURNAMENT

The Metro Detroit USBC will host the 2020 Michigan State USBC Open Championships at Merri-Bowl in Livonia and Westland Bowl in Westland.

MDUSBC will be responsible for conducting the 50/50, merchandise, brackets and jackpots for the run of the tournament. The tournament starts in January and ends in May.

MDUSBC is looking for volunteers to assist in these responsibilities.

If you are interested, please contact the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695.



## Bowling TV Schedule



Saturday, Dec. 7 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Magazine show
Saturday, Dec. 14 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Youth Challenge - Merri-Bowl vs Century
Saturday, Dec. 21 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Youth Challenge - Cherry Hill North vs Thunderbowl
Saturday, Dec. 28 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Youth Challenge - Five Star vs Century

# Watch



# On



# Every Saturday at 10 a.m.



# Happy Holidays!

## Personal Perspectives

Libbi Fletcher  
MDUSBC Director



As many of you are reading this article, preparations are underway to celebrate the holidays with family, friends and teammates. It is a time of joy, celebration, reflection, and thankfulness.

We are all so very blessed to live in the Bowling Capital of the World, the beautiful State of Michigan and these United States of America where we are free to celebrate, compete and worship if we choose, in our own ways.

So, as we approach our holidays, let's be thankful for all that we have. Let's be kind to each other by lending a hand to those less fortunate, donating to help feed and clothe those who need it, remember those

who are struggling in their own ways, whether it be loss of job, health issues, loss of family and friends, addictions, PTSD from protecting our freedoms, and please remember our first-responders who run in when others run out.

Since our first big snowfall has already happened, we should all prepare for our next one. Look around your neighborhood to see who may need your help during the next storm, because we all know winter is just getting going in Michigan.

Bowling people are the best people in the world. Let's not forget that and let's not forget that we are all a big wonderful family. So, if someone needs a hand, a kind word, a call, text, or email, make it a point to reach out every now and then to just say hello. You never know who may just need to hear from you that day.

This is a New Year's resolution I am putting out there for all of us...let's get in touch with people we may not have talked to in a while. Maybe it is an old teammate that can't bowl anymore for whatever reason but would love to know they are thought of from time to time. Invite them to come visit the league and visit their old friends. As we all know, sometimes people just need to be asked...to bowl, to visit, to know they are thought of.

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season to you and yours.

Stay Safe! Bowl Well! Be Kind!

## (Ann)ouncements

Ann Block  
MDUSBC Director



First, I would like to extend at this time my wishes for a wonderful holiday season to all who read these words. The holiday season is a great time to reflect on the closing year and plan for the new one. Whatever your plans I wish you a happy one.

In planning for the new year, please think about attending the Metro Detroit USBC Annual Membership Meeting. It is your chance to be heard at the local association level. Metro Detroit USBC cannot operate without our members and their input. MD USBC is your association. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> and will be at Bowl One in Troy.

In closing for the year there are a few tournament champions and tournament to tell you about.

The Detroit Women's 600 Bowling Club held their annual tournament on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Ford Lanes in Dearborn Heights. The tournament champion was first time participant Carla Carmen with a handicap score of 766. The actual high game and series were bowled by Rachel Lawrence. She had a 289

game and a 728 series. The 75<sup>th</sup> annual tournament had 52 entries. Next year's event is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2020 at Ford Lanes in Dearborn Heights. For more information contact Ann Block at 313-292-6538.

The Detroit Women's Pioneer Club took to the lanes on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and bowled in the historic Thunderbowl Arena. It was the 71<sup>st</sup> annual tournament for the group of female bowlers who have been certified for 20 years or more. The tournament champion was Jill King-Daniels with a handicap score of 726. Her actual scores of 240 and 648 were the tournament's actual high game and series. The Pioneers had 40 members and friends share a dinner after the tournament. The club, in addition to their annual contribution to the *Capuchin Kitchen* collected winter items (mittens, gloves, hats, scarves) for distribution to the charity "Mittens for Detroit". Next year's event is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2020 at Thunderbowl in Allen Park. For more information contact Ann Block at 313-292-6538

The Pontiac Women's 600 Club held their annual "Best 3 out of 4 Tournament" on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 300 Bowl in Waterford. The tournament champion was Kenya Hillie with a handicap score of 805. Her actual score of 694 was the tournament high series. High actual game honors were shared by Anna Heichel and Kristel Adams. The next Pontiac event will be in February/March timeframe and will feature the best 3 out of 4, members/non-members competition, and movement after two games. For information contact [pontiac600bowlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:pontiac600bowlingclub@gmail.com)

Again, my best wishes to all for a happy, healthy Holiday season.

Until next time!

## MDUSBC Super Senior Masters Prize List

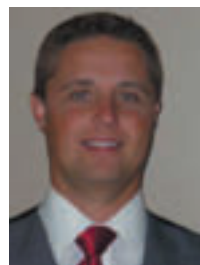
PL	NAME	CITY	AVERAGE	WINNINGS
1	Joseph Krajenke	Clinton Twp	220.40	\$ 1,200
2	Larry Walker	Garden City	205.18	\$ 600
3	David Eatmon	Ferndale	202.33	\$ 500
4	Edwin Peart	Southfield	205.10	\$ 400
5	Michael Lucente	Warren	208.10	\$ 350
6	Julius Bierkamp	Ferndale	200.89	\$ 350
7	Arnie Goldman	Warren	206.89	\$ 300
8	Peter Minaudo	Chesterfield	198.33	\$ 300
9	Robert Michaux Jr	Detroit	199.50	\$ 250
10	Charles Richardson Jr	Southfield	194.63	\$ 250
11	Fred McClain	Allen Park	193.50	\$ 250
12	Ronald Burgess	Westland	182.00	\$ 250
13	Ted Hannahs	Reynoldsburg	214.14	\$ 200
14	Jeffrey Suma Sr	Clarkston	202.71	\$ 200
15	Roderick Grimes	Clinton Twp	202.86	\$ 200
16	Richard Schultz	Macomb	200.14	\$ 200
17	George Humphry	Grosse Pointe Farms		\$ 100
18	Richard Kurt	Clinton Twp		\$ 100
19	Leonard Kersten	Holly		\$ 100
20	Edward Mintz	Canton		\$ 100

## 70 AND OVER ROLLOFF

PL	NAME	CITY	WINNINGS
1.	Edwin Austreng	Waterford	\$ 200.00
2.	Robert Szachta	Macomb	\$ 175.00
3.	Leonard Cianciolo	Warren	\$ 150.00
4.	William Schepke	Shelby Twp	\$ 150.00
5.	John Ruggiero III	Canton	\$ 125.00
6.	David Bernhardt Sr	Romeo	\$ 125.00
7.	George Reeves	Detroit	\$ 125.00
8.	Fred Hrobowski	Oak Park	\$ 125.00
9.	James Coleman	Clinton Twp.	\$ 125.00

## MICHIGAN STATE USBC ADDS SIX TO ITS HALL OF FAME

The Michigan State USBC is proud to welcome six new members into their Hall of Fame. Robin Orlikowski of Walker, Mark Moore of Macomb and Jeff Austreng of Waterford were elected for Superior Performance; Jan Matson of Sheridan for Meritorious Service; and Jerry Held of Monroe and the late Ruth Johnston for Pioneers of Bowling.



Moore has four Michigan State titles to his credit winning the Team event in 1994 and 2011; Doubles in 2009 and All-Events in 2007.

Nationally he was on the winning Team in the USBC Open Championships in 2004 and a member of Team All-Events champion in 2012.

Locally he's won the Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC) Masters three times (2001, 2003 and 2004). Additionally he's won the MDUSBC Team (1994, 2001, 2004, 2006 and 2011), Doubles (1998), Singles (2005) and All-Events (2005). Eight times, he's been named to the All-City team. He was inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame in 2010.

His high career average is 246 to go along with thirty-seven 300 games and thirty-six 800 series with a high of 846.



Austreng won the Michigan State Masters tournament twice (2008 and 2011).

He bowled a 300 game in the 1999 USBC Open Championships in Syracuse.

He won the Metro Detroit USBC Masters twice (2005 and 2007). He was inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame in 2008. Twelve times, he's been named to the All-City team.

He has at least eighty-six 300 games and fifty-nine 800 series, including a high of 879. His career high average is 253.

Induction ceremonies will be held in June 2020.

## FOX Sports, PBA Announce Expanded Television Schedule for 2020

**LOS ANGELES** – FOX Sports and the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) announced the 2020 Go Bowling! PBA Tour television schedule, which includes more shows on the FOX broadcast network, the first show featuring women bowlers and more live telecasts. The announcement was made today by Bill Wanger, FOX Sports' EVP, Head of Programming and Scheduling and PBA CEO Colie Edison.

The second year of the PBA-FOX Sports agreement features six telecasts on FOX, the most PBA action on network broadcast TV since 1999. Plus, there will be 25 shows on FS1 and a total of 23 live broadcasts, the most in 12 years (up from 19 live shows last year). Altogether, the 2020 TV schedule includes more than 60 hours of coverage.

"We are delighted to expand our Go Bowling! PBA Tour offerings," says Wanger. "In our first season, we brought new energy and excitement to the tour, highlighting the star bowlers and enhancing the broadcasts with Kegel's Specto ball-tracking technology StrikeTrack to provide real-time ball tracking during all events."

Kicking off the 2020 PBA on FOX season will be a bonus event - PBA Clash - on Sunday, Nov. 3 on FOX. The 90-minute telecast will feature top PBA stars in a unique, \$50,000 winner-take-all competition, plus a look at the new year and upcoming events on FOX and FS1.

"We're making major investments in the PBA and the future of the tour by expanding TV coverage and increasing prize money across our tournaments," said Edison, the PBA's CEO and Chief Customer Officer of Bowlero Corp, its parent company. "Bowlero Corp purchased the PBA with the goal of strengthening its presence throughout all media and our partnership with FOX is an essential part of that objective."

The full schedule can be found at [www.pba.com](http://www.pba.com).

## USBC TO IMPLEMENT A TIERED CENTER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

**ARLINGTON, Texas** – Following a recent study of the lane certification process and analyzing data from lane inspections, the United States Bowling Congress determined it will implement a center certification program, featuring tiered levels of certification and a national staff of lane inspectors, over the next five years.

Details of the tiered center certification program will be announced at the 2021 USBC Convention. The USBC Equipment and Specifications Committee, which made the decision to implement the program, has delegated authority from the USBC Board to make changes to equipment specifications.

USBC also determined it will not require local associations to perform annual lane inspections as the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications team continues its work to fully develop the program. The decision means all bowling centers will be certified until the national staff begins center certifications in 2022.

Once the tiered center certification program is in place, centers will be inspected and assigned to a tier based on the level it meets in regard to USBC specifications. The decision to make any necessary improvements, based on the results of an inspection, will be left to the center and no longer mandated by USBC.

"The research and the discussions with stakeholders made it clear that a tiered center certification program is the right direction for USBC," said Andrew Cain, chair of the USBC Equipment Specifications Committee. "It is our responsibility as the National Governing Body to deliver efficient and consistent inspections for all centers and allow members to see the certification level of the center."

During the last three years, as USBC began to compile data from lane inspections, it also looked at how a national program could manage the inspection of the nearly 4,000 centers. It required evaluating staff needed and the tools required. During the evaluation, the focus turned to the time required for an inspection.

The USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications team is examining the tools to streamline the inspection process. Additional testing of the tools will continue.

USBC also plans to hire and train a small team of national inspectors, who will coordinate with centers to efficiently conduct lane inspections throughout the country.

In recent years, USBC set out to improve the center certification process, studying the process over a three-year period and publishing its study of 64 centers and more than 1,000 lanes across 20 states. The results led to changes in the center certification process that were announced at the 2017 USBC Convention.

Data collection and analysis, including spot-checks to determine the accuracy of the data collected, confirmed a new approach to center certification was needed.

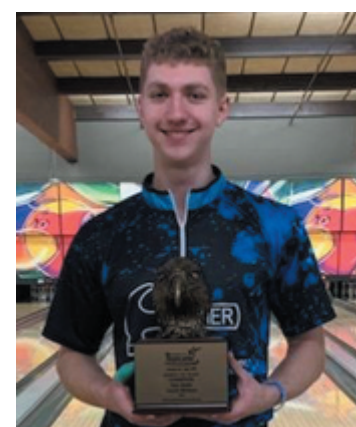
The USBC Equipment Specifications team, in coordination with the committee and a third-party consultant, then spent the next 12 months working on a tiered center certification model. It enlisted several focus groups of industry stakeholders to evaluate and build the model.

Additional education and awareness, including an ongoing dialogue with all stakeholders, will be important as the process moves forward.

Ken Kloth Jr. poses with his "Eagle" symbolic of his winning the 2019 USBC Youth Open Doubles with David Winters.

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## Brunswick Acquires Ebonite International

*By: Bob Johnson, Senior Editor, Bowlers Journal International*

Brunswick Bowling Products announced today that it has acquired the assets of Ebonite International, including all of Ebonite's brands, trademarks and technologies.

According to a report in Kentucky New Era, Ebonite's bowling ball manufacturing plant closed its doors today, and approximately 170 people will lose their jobs.

"Regretfully, the [Western Kentucky] Workforce Board is aware of the Ebonite closure that occurred today," the workforce board posted on its Facebook page. "Response plans are in the works at this time. Expect more detailed information to be released Monday regarding assistance for employees."

The acquisition includes the Ebonite, Hammer, Columbia 300 and Track brands.

"Ebonite and its associated brands have an extraordinary history in bowling," said Corey Dykstra, Chief Executive Officer of Brunswick Bowling Products, in a news release. "We look forward to continuing the tradition of producing outstanding bowling products for loyal Ebonite, Hammer, Columbia 300 and Track consumers."

Brunswick said it will continue to market products under all the Ebonite brands and will honor all warranties on existing Ebonite International bowling balls.

"The Ebonite acquisition allows us to leverage all our consumer products resources and will allow us to continue to invest in the development of new bowling ball technology," said Brian Graham, Brunswick's Vice President of Consumer and Aftermarket Products.

Randy Schickert, Ebonite International's CEO, said, "Ebonite International has built a strong 109-year legacy in the bowling industry. We believe that Brunswick Bowling Products is the right partner at the right time for continuing the traditions of the Ebonite, Hammer, Columbia 300 and Track brands."

Mark Lindsey, Executive Director of the Southwest Kentucky Economic Development Council, said in the statement that the council is "saddened to learn about the closing of Ebonite International. The EDC, along with other supporting agencies, stand ready to [help] the employees of Ebonite find new career opportunities."

"For decades, these hard-working employees have demonstrated a world-class skill set and work ethic. We will market their world-class skill set to the companies in our region as well as the new industry prospects that we meet with."

Josh Blanchard, who signed a two-year contract extension with Columbia 300 in October, wrote in a Twitter post, "As someone who has been to the plant many times, my heart goes out to the hard-working men and women who lost their jobs today. They are some great men and women and I hope they find a new job quickly."

Hammer Pro Staffer Bill O'Neill tweeted that, "This is a tough day for everyone at Ebonite International. Nobody should be feeling sorry for me. Whatever happens from here I will be fine. The people that worked at the plant, the office and on the road are the ones that truly need your thoughts."

Christian County Judge Executive Steve Tribble said that all employees would receive their salary and benefits until Jan. 13.

**Brunswick**



## Brunswick CEO Corey Dykstra on Ebonite Acquisition

*by Gianmarc Manzione, Editor, Bowlers Journal International*

When the opportunity arose for Brunswick to purchase the assets of Ebonite International, Brunswick CEO Corey Dykstra pondered two prevailing thoughts: His enthusiasm for Ebonite International's brands, and a lingering numbers concern that reflected the challenges of the consumer products side of the bowling industry.

"The four brands that we acquired are amazing consumer products with a great heritage, and we are really excited to be able to drive innovation with now seven brands of bowling balls," Dykstra said of adding Ebonite, Hammer, Track and Columbia 300 to Brunswick's fold of brands that includes its DV8, Radical and Brunswick lines of balls, "and I am confident we're going to deliver outstanding products to the bowlers."

In his conversation with BJI about a transaction that has generated considerable buzz throughout the industry and on social networks since it was announced Friday night, Dykstra also addressed that numbers problem.

"I don't know how many people are aware of this, but both manufacturing plants [Ebonite's in Hopkinsville, Ky., and Brunswick's in Reynosa, Mexico] were operating at less than full capacity," Dykstra said. "That certainly creates challenges."

When Brunswick began planning its Reynosa plant more than 15 years ago, Dykstra said, "the market was well over 2 million bowling balls, whereas today it's probably in the 1.6 to 1.7 million range at best. If you go back even further, into the 1990s, it was well over 3 million."

"The decline in league bowling over the past 20 years certainly has made it a challenging business, and challenging businesses are hard to invest in," Dykstra added. "When you have more efficient use of manufacturing capacity, it enables us to invest more in people and technology than we did in the past."

The "people" side of that equation very much involves EBI employees who lost their jobs when the Hopkinsville plant shut down Friday afternoon. Adding four additional brands to Brunswick's line puts the company in a position of needing people to manage, market and deliver those brands. Who better to do that than the people who know them best?

"We need help in sales, marketing, and research and development to try to manage those brands now," Dykstra said. "We're certainly excited to bring many of the Ebonite International team onto our team if they're interested and it works for them. We are certainly open to and excited about talking with as many of those folks who are interested in working for Brunswick as we can and plan to do that as soon as possible."

In addition to expressing an interest in bringing aboard EBI employees with experience in sales, marketing and research and development, Dykstra emphasized that part of Brunswick's purchase of EBI's assets specifically includes "bowling-related contracts, which includes pro-staff contracts." He said those contracts will generally be honored and that, "We are excited to work out the details with the outstanding team of professional bowlers EBI has."

Those employees Dykstra is open to bringing aboard from EBI would fill U.S.-based positions.

"Brunswick's got well over 200 people that are in the U.S., and we're going to continually expand upon that number," Dykstra said, a number that includes some who work at the Mexico plant, which is located just across the border from McAllen, Texas — employees living in McAllen but commuting to Mexico each day to work there.

"I've seen those concerns on social media [about EBI production being based in Mexico going forward] and I'm certainly sympathetic," Dykstra said. "There are a lot of people who lost their jobs as a result of Ebonite closing that plant," a decision EBI made after selling its assets to Brunswick, reportedly offering severance pay to the 171 employees who worked there through Jan. 13. "They've got a long heritage, with a lot of incredible products, and I want to be as sensitive as we can to the people who lost their jobs ... It is unfortunate that the timing came up right around the holidays, especially for the 171 people affected."

(Continued on Page 11)



## Bowling Centers of the Metro Detroit USBC



BOWLING CENTER NAME (# of Lanes)	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP CODE	PHONE
300 BOWL (52)	100 S Cass Lake Rd	Waterford	48328	(248) 682-6300
ALLEY 59 (24)	44925 N Groesbeck Hwy	Clinton Township	48036	(586) 469-6411
ASTRO LANES (48)	32388 John R Rd	Madison Heights	48071	(248) 585-3132
AVON NORTH HILL LANES (32)	150 W Tienken Rd	Rochester Hills	48306	(248) 651-8544
BEECH LANES (16)	15492 Beech Daly Rd	Redford	48239	(313) 531-3800
BELMAR LANES (16)	4035 Fort St	Lincoln Park	48146	(313) 381-4242
BIDDLE BOWL (8)	708 Biddle St.	Wyandotte	48192	(734) 283-0660
BONANZA LANES (44)	24600 Hoover Rd	Warren	48089	(586) 756-3000
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# A look at the decision to limit the 2020 U.S. Open field to 108 players, 36 fewer than recent years

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When it was announced that 32-lane Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Nebraska, would host the 2020 U.S. Open, I wondered what adjustments USBC might make due to Sun Valley having eight fewer lanes than any U.S. Open host center I can remember in modern times.

If USBC kept the field at 144 players and stuck with the “practice range” concept it has used in recent years, there would be 48 players per squad. Assuming 24 lanes for the tournament, even using all of the other eight lanes for practice would make it six players per practice lane and 12 per pair, while using six lanes as USBC says it will to save a breakdown pair for competition would make it an untenable eight players per practice lane and 16 per pair.

In the three years the practice range has been used since USBC went to it and the 144-player limited field, the practice range has been either 6.8 or 8 bowlers per pair, much more reasonable than 6 or 8 per lane!

USBC could have ditched the range and gone from one ball per lane on starting pairs to 10 or 15 minutes, but it decided on moving to 108 players, which is 36 per squad, or six per lane for practice.

Moving to 36 bowlers on a squad means three on a pair for competition, which has the added benefits of reducing the long squad times and should help the lane patterns hold up better. However, if you think it will eliminate lofting from deep inside angles, I think you are mistaken — that happens every time you put out flat or close to flat patterns and put the PBA Tour’s best players out for 8-game blocks. The players were lofting midway through blocks this year and likely will be at some point next year without pattern changes.

In the PDF explaining its decision that is attached to the bottom of this story, USBC said that “What USBC learned over the past several years is that three competitors per pair are the most appropriate to maintain the integrity of the pattern as well as provide a more desirable delivery of on-time squad performance.”

That’s what was used in 2018 in Wichita, when USBC also went to all fresh oil and multiple patterns after the loftfest fiasco in Syracuse in 2017.

The smaller field also has an impact on another issue USBC and BPAA already were facing with both the U.S. Open and USBC Masters: the small prize funds in relation to the PBA’s majors, which are getting a big boost from new PBA owner Bowlero Corp.

The World Championship and Tournament of Champions will pay \$100,000 for first in 2020, while the Players Championships will be \$70,000.

The U.S. Open and Masters will pay just \$30,000, which raises issues such as whether they will fall in prestige and popularity, whether Bowlero will get involved in boosting those prize funds, or whether PBA may take back the U.S. Open and run it.

For the Open, the top five prizes will stay \$30,000, \$15,000, \$12,000, \$10,000 and \$8,000, as they were this year. The rest of the prize fund will fall, with sixth \$4,800 down to 36<sup>th</sup> at \$1,000, though with staying at 36 checks the cashing ratio will increase to 1-in-3 from 1-in-4.

USBC said in the explainer PDF that “With the ten regional qualifying sites in place for next year’s event, this allows everyone on the current invite list to participate as originally planned. Each year there are several competitors invited who choose not to compete, and therefore this will mostly result in a smaller number of bowlers advancing from the PTQ (pre-tournament qualifier). The list of bowlers invited is published on BOWL.com in coordination with this change-notice.”

For the record, as I have written many times, I don’t have strong feelings either way when it comes to a 400-plus bowler field or a limited field of 144 (or 108). So long as the people with a legitimate chance of competing for the

title can enter, that’s all that matters. And I see nothing in the changes that tells me that won’t be the case.

The 2020 U.S. Open will be Feb. 18-23, with the stepladder finals on FOX Sports as part of the PBA Tour package. That guarantees a lot more people will see the show than have in recent years on CBS Sports Network.

When Bowlero finally announced its acquisition of the PBA that I was the first media entity to report on. I told those with a dim view of Bowlero and/or the deal to wait to see what happens.

I wrote in the story that “I am keeping an open mind on this deal, hoping as a decades-long PBA member and fan of the sport that it works out great for PBA, that the players make a lot more money, and that Bowlero profits, too.”

I wrote that PBA CEO Colie Edison had mostly said all the right things in her pronouncements about the acquisition.

As the old saying goes, Bowlero is putting its money where its mouth is, announcing a \$400,000 increase in 2020 Go Bowling! PBA Tour prize money for the tournaments on FOX Sports.

There is only one logical response to the announcement: Three cheers for Bowlero.

This is just what anyone who loves bowling and the PBA and the best bowlers in the world hoped for when the deal was announced.

But history offers a cautionary lesson in the form of the PBA Tour of the first years under owners Chris Peters, Rob Glaser and Mike Slade.

That trio lost millions — up to \$30 million by some estimates I’ve heard — doing everything they could to make the PBA Tour big again, and hopefully even bigger than its heyday. The things they tried made perfect sense, but sadly did not work.

So it was a false prosperity for the players cashing the big checks of those years. And ultimately, it resulted in the owners telling CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark that the subsidizing was over and to at least break even, leading to painful cuts that really were just a reflection of the reality of PBA’s situation.

What the PBA really needs is for Bowlero to find a way to make way more than that \$400,000 off of the PBA — enough more than it can add hundreds of thousands of more in 2021, and hundreds of thousands more than that in 2022, and so on.

Having Bowlero pumping money into the prize funds of the PBA without turning a profit is just a repeat of the false prosperity of the early years of this century.

So what can bowlers and bowling fans do to help?

Watch PBA Tour TV shows. Attend PBA Tour tournaments. Bowl in PBA Tour pro-ams. And, most important, support the companies that support the PBA by buying their products and letting them know you appreciate their support of the PBA.

It’s really that simple. It’s just not something that has happened in large enough numbers for decades.

PBA said that every event on the schedule will enjoy prize fund increases, with the PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA World Championship paying \$100,000 for first. This year, the TOC paid \$50,000 for first and the World Championship \$60,000. The PBA Playoffs again will pay \$100,000 for first, the prize Kris Prather won this year. The PBA Players Championship will pay \$70,000 for first, up from \$50,000 this year.

The U.S. Open and USBC Masters are operated by USBC and BPAA and each paid \$30,000 for first in 2019. Their top prizes have not been announced for 2020.

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Name	Date	Center	League	Name	Date	Center	League
Allen Fleming	Oct 1 2019	Alley 59	Tuesday American Classic	Lindsey Covell	Oct 15 2019	Rosebowl Lanes	Classy Ladies Invitational
Thomas Kregear	Oct 1 2019	Country Lanes	Tuesday Invitational	Lisa Bishop	Oct 15 2019	Woodland Lanes	Metro Bolt & Fastener Inv
Scott Glenday	Oct 1 2019	Five Star Lanes	Corpus Christi	Willie Price Jr	Oct 16 2019	300 Bowl	Pontiac Motor Inter Office
Mark Flora	Oct 1 2019	Five Star Lanes	Chrysler Central Engineering	Ryan Merchak	Oct 17 2019	Belmar Lanes	Stempien Memorial
Marty Rush	Oct 1 2019	Ford Lanes	Ford Research	William Sennett	Oct 17 2019	Ford Lanes	Renaissance
Payne Dolby	Oct 1 2019	Merri-Bowl	Tues MerriBowl Classic	Conor Zuk	Oct 17 2019	Rosebowl Lanes	
Jeffrey Palazzolo	Oct 1 2019	Shore Lanes	St Margarets Tuesday Early	Matthew Lesmeister	Oct 18 2019	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men
Kacey Brezovsky	Oct 1 2019	Woodland Lanes	Metro Bolt & Fastener Inv	Marcus Zeoli	Oct 18 2019	Luxury Lanes	Young Bowling Friday Night Men
Cynthia Hayes	Oct 2 2019	Bowl One Lanes	Business Women's	Stanley Hughes Jr	Oct 18 2019	Mayflower Lanes	Eloise Mixed League
Ronald Peck	Oct 2 2019	Collier Lanes	Oxford Wildcats	Michael Fink	Oct 18 2019	Plaza Lanes	Friday Night Live
Bruce Wright	Oct 2 2019	Five Star Lanes	St Jane Men	Thomas Joseph	Oct 19 2019	Imperial Lanes	Balls & Bags
Reginald Travis	Oct 2 2019	Mayflower Lanes	Eloise Mixed League	Shawn Coogan	Oct 19 2019	Roosevelt Lanes	Ball & Chain
Aaron Whigham	Oct 2 2019	Mayflower Lanes	Eloise Mixed League	Jeffrey Roche	Oct 20 2019	Roosevelt Lanes	Roosevelt Sun Morn Men
Eric Gambrell	Oct 2 2019	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational	Timothy Peck	Oct 21 2019	Bowl One Lanes	Gus Ponder Memorial
James Henley	Oct 2 2019	Plum Hollow Lanes	Wen-Mixed	Matthew Coleman	Oct 21 2019	Century Bowl	Pop's Comets
Michael Dickerson	Oct 2 2019	Plum Hollow Lanes	Wen-Mixed	Scott Bowersock	Oct 21 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men
David Foster II	Oct 2 2019	Rosebowl Lanes	Suburban Industrial	Kristin Truskowski	Oct 21 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men
Darryl Smith	Oct 3 2019	Bonanza Lanes	D. W, S, D, Mixed League	John Belavek	Oct 21 2019	Shelby Lanes	Greater Utica Men
Reginald Ivory	Oct 3 2019	Renaissance Bowl	World Traveler's Mixed	Thomas Darichuk Jr	Oct 22 2019	Belmar Lanes	
Kevin Dawson	Oct 3 2019	Shore Lanes	Shore Thursday Men	Tien Quach	Oct 22 2019	Five Star Lanes	Chrysler Central Engineering
Jamie Adams	Oct 4 2019	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men	Brandon Henderson	Oct 22 2019	Mayflower Lanes	Nite Train Express Mixed
Martin Torres	Oct 4 2019	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men	James Holley Jr	Oct 22 2019	Merri-Bowl	Tues MerriBowl Classic
Ken Previle	Oct 4 2019	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men	Michael Witkowski	Oct 22 2019	Woodland Lanes	Metro Bolt & Fastener Inv
Corey Miller	Oct 4 2019	Gerlach's Bowling Center	MSBS Gerlach's 100th Extravaganza	Bryan Beatty	Oct 23 2019	300 Bowl	300 Tues House Lge
Todd Bengtsson	Oct 4 2019	Woodland Lanes	Grandale	Kenneth Bingham II	Oct 23 2019	Country Lanes	Country Keglers
Brian Manganello	Oct 5 2019	300 Bowl	Pontiac Community Mixed	David Alexander Jr	Oct 23 2019	Indian Lanes	Wyandotte Wed Men 2017-18
Gerald Labiak Jr	Oct 5 2019	Total Sports Lanes	Sat Nite Brew Crew	Kurry Crayton	Oct 23 2019	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational
Craig Wood	Oct 6 2019	300 Bowl	Sunday Trippers	Demetrius Dyer	Oct 23 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Donald Rossi III	Oct 6 2019	Astro Lanes	B T I Sunday Mixed	Dale Barger	Oct 24 2019	300 Bowl	300 Senior Classic Trio
Darrell Anderson	Oct 7 2019	Astro Lanes	Hoosier League	Anna Delmotte	Oct 24 2019	Bowl One Lanes	S & B Ladies Classic
Lawrence Rowe	Oct 7 2019	Bowl One Lanes	Gus Ponder Memorial	Matthew Winkel	Oct 24 2019	Rosebowl Lanes	
Darren Ervinck	Oct 7 2019	Imperial Lanes	Monday Mens Trio	Thomas Webster	Oct 24 2019	Total Sports Lanes	I O S Bowling Lge
Ernest Morrison Jr	Oct 7 2019	Mayflower Lanes	Mon Night Mxd Trio	Brian Patterson	Oct 25 2019	Plaza Lanes	Friday Night Live
Christopher Nielson	Oct 7 2019	Woodland Lanes	Monday Nite Mens	Andrew Harrold	Oct 26 2019	300 Bowl	Pontiac Rollers
Theodore Pavlosky	Oct 8 2019	Bowl One Lanes		Jeffrey Schulte	Oct 26 2019	Five Star Lanes	Gutter Dusters "C"
Scott Hansen	Oct 8 2019	Shore Lanes	St Margarets Tuesday Early	Ryan Elfline	Oct 28 2019	Merri-Bowl	Detroit Firefighters
William Mulvin	Oct 9 2019	Ford Lanes	Wednesday Night Men	Matthew Moskal	Oct 28 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men
Clifford Skinner	Oct 9 2019	Mayflower Lanes	Eloise Mixed League	Jerry Choate Jr	Oct 28 2019	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.
Matthew Howard	Oct 9 2019	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational	William Holmes	Oct 28 2019	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.
Robert Smith Jr	Oct 9 2019	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational	Shannon Rowe	Oct 28 2019	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.
Jonathan Murphy	Oct 9 2019	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational	Cole Muncy	Oct 29 2019	Country Lanes	Tuesday Invitational
Corey Miller	Oct 10 2019	300 Bowl	3 Man Major	Andy Kalka	Oct 29 2019	Fraser Star Lanes	Fraser Stars
Michael Caravello	Oct 10 2019	Imperial Lanes	Business & Industrial	Ryan Nelson	Oct 29 2019	Imperial Lanes	Knights & Guards
Ryan Jowske	Oct 10 2019	Ten Pins Of Trenton	Thursday Invitational	Eric Brownrigg	Oct 29 2019	Total Sports Lanes	Tuesday Jr House
Jason Caperton	Oct 11 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	26 Mixed	Richard Dolph III	Oct 29 2019	Wonderland Lanes	Tuesday Mens Invitational
Paul Benedict	Oct 13 2019	Skore Lanes	Bob Sparks T V N	Brad Grayson	Oct 30 2019	Country Lanes	Country Keglers
Brian Manganello	Oct 14 2019	300 Bowl	Pontiac Community Mixed	Thomas Grady	Oct 30 2019	Indian Lanes	Wyandotte Wed Men 2017-18
David Basch	Oct 14 2019	Detroit Athletic Club	Joe Paulus Classic	Nick Hidalgo	Oct 30 2019	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational
David Nikkila	Oct 14 2019	Merri-Bowl	Detroit Firefighters	Jack Daniels	Oct 30 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Wed Nite Mens
Bradley Kaufman	Oct 14 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men	Edwin Peart	Oct 30 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Scott Archer	Oct 14 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men	Sheryl Tillmon	Oct 30 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Steven Witkowski	Oct 14 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men	James Richards	Oct 30 2019	Vision Lanes	Mobil Men Wednesday Invitation
Matthew Overton	Oct 14 2019	Vision Lanes	Monday Foursome	William Bishop	Oct 30 2019	Woodland Lanes	Senior Mens Classic
Kirk Nagle Sr	Oct 14 2019	Woodland Lanes	Senior Mens Classic				

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Name	Score	Date	Center	League
Roger Folkema	803	Oct 1 2019	Five Star Lanes	Chrysler Central Engineering
Christopher Bochenek	812	Oct 1 2019	Ten Pins Of Trenton	Sams Club Men
Darin Flores	801	Oct 2 2019	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational
Joseph Rolder	803	Oct 3 2019	Rosebowl Lanes	Suburban Industrial
John Buffa	832	Oct 5 2019	Bowl One Lanes	Saturday Nite Mixers
Frank Hoffman	805	Oct 5 2019	Woodland Lanes	American Legion Mixed
Robert Michaux Jr	801	Oct 7 2019	Bowl One Lanes	Gus Ponder Memorial
Jodi Witchelhouse	802	Oct 7 2019	Ten Pins Of Trenton	Monday Nite Trio
Daniel Lenart	814	Oct 8 2019	Country Lanes	Tuesday Invitational
James Moore	826	Oct 9 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Anthony Wright	807	Oct 14 2019	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.
Michael Jacobs	819	Oct 16 2019	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational
Nick Komlenovich	800	Oct 16 2019	Sterling Lanes	Wed Night Mixed
Gregory Brown	803	Oct 16 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Matthew Lesmeister	801	Oct 18 2019	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men
Stanley Hughes Jr	812	Oct 18 2019	Mayflower Lanes	Eloise Mixed League
Steven Fogel	802	Oct 19 2019	Bonanza Lanes	Sat Night Mixers
Thomas Joseph	832	Oct 19 2019	Imperial Lanes	Balls & Bags
Derek Thompson	815	Oct 20 2019	Total Sports Lanes	Sunday A M Beer League
Ernest Segura Jr	820	Oct 21 2019	Bowl One Lanes	Gus Ponder Memorial
Dennis Miller Jr	809	Oct 21 2019	Century Bowl	Pop's Comets
Martin Torres	802	Oct 22 2019	Alley 59	Tuesday American Classic
Lamont Walters II	810	Oct 23 2019	Bonanza Lanes	Fantastics Inc Mixed
Jeffrey Schulte	814	Oct 26 2019	Five Star Lanes	Gutter Dusters "C"
Robert Rose Jr	822	Oct 26 2019	Ford Lanes	Saturday Nite Mixed
Mark Brown	822	Oct 27 2019	Bonanza Lanes	Sunday Afternoon Mixed Travele
Stephen Teart	803	Oct 28 2019	Bowl One Lanes	Gus Ponder Memorial
Matthew Moskal	821	Oct 28 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men
Cole Muncy	811	Oct 29 2019	Country Lanes	Tuesday Invitational
David Rozenbaum	803	Oct 29 2019	Vision Lanes	Big Money Tuesday
Kacey Brezovsky	813	Oct 29 2019	Woodland Lanes	Metro Bolt & Fastener Inv
Jerry Perkins	820	Oct 30 2019	Ford Lanes	Wednesday Night Men
Darin Flores	810	Oct 30 2019	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational

# The USBC Rules department busts some of the most common myths about rules and their interpretations

## **MYTH#21: Handicap fully equalizes competition.**

**BUSTED:** According to a four-year study of handicap leagues (mixed, all-women and all-men) the handicap percentages 75%, 80% and 90% do not fully equalize competition:

Handicap Percent	Championships won by team with average below median in the league	Championships won by team with average above median in the league
70	0 out of 100	100 out of 100
75	0 out of 100	100 out of 100
80	0 out of 100	100 out of 100
85	6 out of 100	95 out of 100
90	11 out of 100	89 out of 100
95	24 out of 100	76 out of 100
100	30 out of 100	70 out of 100

## **MYTH#22: At 100% handicap every team has a 50-50 chance of winning.**

**BUSTED:** Even at 100% handicap, as the chart above shows, the higher-average teams or bowlers still have a decided edge. Seventy out of 100 championships still are won by the higher-average team when 100% handicap is used. An exact 50-50 distribution of league championships would result only if a 116% handicap was used.

## **MYTH#23: It is harder for a higher-average team to win because the lower-average team gets so many pins handicap.**

**BUSTED:** You must always look at the difference in averages as well as handicap. In the table the higher-average team total is 73% or 223 pins higher than the lower-average team.

Base 200					Base 200				
Team A	Average	80%	90%	100%	Team B	Average	80%	90%	100%
Linda	120	64	72	80	Dave	150	40	45	50
Dick	115	68	76	85	Patti	167	26	29	33
Kathy	95	84	94	105	Scott	185	12	13	15
Sandi	142	46	52	58	Lisa	140	48	54	60
Jeff	135	52	58	65	Terri	188	9	10	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	607	314	352	393	<b>TOTAL</b>	830	135	151	170
Average + 80% = 921					Average + 80% = 965				
Average + 90% = 959					Average + 90% = 981				
Average + 100% = 1000					Average + 100% = 1000				

## **MYTH#24: If the 10 pin is left and the 7 pin slides from position and rests in the 8 pin position, it is not considered a 7-10 split.**

**BUSTED:** Splits are determined by the pin position before delivery, not by where they end up after delivery. If this spare is made, the bowler converted the 7-10 Split.

## **MYTH#25: If a team does not bowl at its regularly scheduled league time, its scores do not have to be shared with the team it was supposed to bowl against.**

**BUSTED:** Once scores are bowled, they are a matter of public record and can be seen unless the league rules or policy and procedures prohibit the sharing of scores. Any such policies should be added to the league rules.

## **MYTH#26: USBC rules require bowling shoes to be worn during USBC competition.**

**BUSTED:** USBC's only rule relating to shoes is Rule 12, "Approaches Must Not Be Defaced." Rule 12 prohibits soft rubber soles and heels that rub off the approach. Today, many bowlers are wearing a tennis shoe on the push-away foot to give more momentum and keep from sliding. Tennis shoes that do not leave a residue on the approach may be worn. Bowling centers, leagues and tournaments may have their own rules regarding the use of bowling shoes.

## **MYTH#27: League rules supersede USBC rules.**

**BUSTED:** USBC rules are the foundation of the game of American Tenpins. Leagues may adopt rules as long as they do not conflict with USBC rules. Many USBC rules allow leagues to adopt options and in this instance adopted league rules would take precedence; otherwise, USBC rules are the default. The USBC General Playing Rules (Rules 1-18) are examples of rules that relate to the basics of the game and cannot be changed.

## **MYTH#28: A foul is committed any time a bowler crosses the foul line.**

**BUSTED:** A delivery takes place when a ball is released into fair territory, according to Rule 4a. Crossing the indefinite line including walls, flooring, posts and ball returns before a bowler is in position for the next delivery constitutes a foul. Conversely, a bowler who never releases the ball does not commit a foul. For example, if during the delivery, the bowler loses balance and steps into the lane but does not release the ball, no foul has been committed.

## **MYTH#29: USBC Rules are only guidelines.**

**BUSTED:** USBC Rules define the game. Rules 1 through 18 of the General Playing Rules have no options and cannot be changed by a league or tournament. However, there are many USBC League Rules and Tournament Rules that allow changes. Rule 100a allows leagues to adopt league rules that do not conflict with USBC Rules.



# How about something for everyone?

## STRIKES ME

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'Tis the season for receiving.... uh, I mean, giving. But on the receiving side, the greatest gift I have ever received for my home, without a doubt, is a Keurig coffee machine.

For the uninitiated, that's the machine that utilizes pre-measured, vacuum-sealed container/pods to brew one cup of coffee at a time. You simply pop the pod into its machine slot, make sure there's water in the reservoir, press the "brew" button, and in less than a minute you have a perfectly brewed cup of joe.

The two things I love about the Keurig are the convenience it affords, and the opportunity to select from a wide array of coffees — as well as other beverages. While writing this column, I've been sipping on a cup of Starbucks' French Roast. But I could

have opted for Starbucks' Holiday Blend, or San Luis Obispo Roasting Company's Morning Fog Lifter, or even Swiss Miss Hot Cocoa.

If only a bowling center could provide as much variety under a single roof. It would be filled to the rafters and turning customers away.

What brought this to mind was the description of a "bowling" venue that opened a few years ago. The owners described it as an "activity bar."

We already have traditional centers, family entertainment centers, bowling lounges and hybrid centers. And now we also have activity bars, which seek to keep customers eating, drinking and spending for longer periods of time by offering attractions such as vintage pinball and video games, miniature golf and, yes, bowling.

With so many business models in play today, any number of images may be conjured when someone says, "Let's go bowling!" As these new models have been introduced and evolved, bowling's image has undergone a transformation. I honestly believe that the "smoke-filled alley" perception has pretty much disappeared. But what has replaced it is anybody's guess, and largely dependent upon what's offered in the local marketplace.

Some centers seek to expand their customer base by installing sound

and lighting systems that can transform the atmosphere of the facility with a few computer keystrokes. That means a center can be senior-friendly by day and take on a nightclub atmosphere by night.

Family entertainment centers go after the family trade by adding attractions, providing today's short attention spans with an array of options.

Bowling lounges and activity bars focus on food and beverage sales, using bowling and other activities as social engagement tools.

Whether adult or family focused, all of these models position bowling as entertainment. That's fine from a short-term business perspective, but it does nothing to promote or proliferate bowling as a sport. And let's not forget that it is bowling's sport positioning and persona that keeps it in front of millions of American television viewers each year — and motivates a lot of those viewers to visit bowling-based FECs, bowling lounges, hybrid centers and, now, activity bars.

Many centers have expanded their customer base by segregating customers in different rooms with widely varying atmospheres, including what have come to be known as "VIP lanes." That's a great idea, as the last thing members of the twenty-something cocktail culture want is to be surrounded by noisy toddlers bouncing balls off bumpers or, God forbid, serious bowlers trying to concentrate before each delivery.

But while growing numbers of proprietors have created fun, dedicated environments for young adults and families, they have largely ignored serious players — those who embrace bowling as a sport.

Wouldn't it be great if the next new bowling-based business model included separate environments not only for families and party people, but also for those who are sport-focused?

Imagine a four- or eight-lane installation with video cameras, instant replay on monitors, CATS (a computer-aided ball tracking system), and other high-tech bells and whistles. Imagine that area constructed adjacent to a pro shop, so that the shop operator could provide assistance with coaching and selecting the right equipment. Imagine that space being filled with regularly scheduled learn-to-bowl and learn-to-bowl-better classes.

To attain its full potential, a bowling center needs to be more like a Keurig coffee maker — many different things to many different people... including those who view bowling as a serious sport.

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## Brunswick / Ebonite

Dykstra underscored that Brunswick "bought the brands and the intellectual property associated with those brands. We did not buy the business. We did not buy the plant."

For Dykstra, the deal presents an exciting opportunity for Brunswick to not settle for slapping its own coverstocks and cores onto EBI balls, but instead to learn as much as possible from Ebonite and to make informed investments in technology that will position Brunswick to ensure differentiation between EBI-brand balls and Brunswick's DV8, Radical and Brunswick equipment.

"I am extremely confident that we're going to develop outstanding new technologies," Dykstra said. "We're going to continue to differentiate our products across seven brands as we do now across three ... The more you invest, the more technology you have, the more you can differentiate. It certainly becomes more complicated with seven brands, but we have the ability to do that."

Dykstra added that, "Our plants operate a little differently. It's urethane casting and polyester casting. We just have equipment that is a little different [from EBI's], so we'd certainly love to learn from them what they have learned from more than 50 years in manufacturing ... I'm hoping that if we put the right people in the room, we can learn from each other, and that creates some pretty outstanding new products."

The bottom line for Dykstra, both as someone who works within the bowling industry and as someone who has observed its evolution over his 16-year career in bowling, is that having two major manufacturers each with plants operating at "double the size of the industry" was untenable.

"I've said many times, [the bowling industry] was ripe for consolidation, and it would be healthier for everybody — manufacturers and bowlers alike ... We all should thrive. We should be able to invest more. We all should be healthier and we should be able to produce outstanding products for the bowlers, which is our ultimate goal."



Taylor McBride (c) with her parents at her Ancilla College signing



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