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It's Krajenke Back-to-Back in Super Senior Masters

Defeats top qualifier McCleskey at Woodhaven Bowl-A-Rama

Joseph Krajenke of Clinton Township won the MDUSBC Super Senior Masters title and the top prize of \$1,000 at Woodhaven Bowl-A-Rama in Woodhaven with a 247-220 win over Michael McCleskey of Southfield. McCleskey settled for \$500.

As the defending champion, Krajenke was seeded fifth by tournament rule with a five-game total of 1,056. He remained in the winner's bracket with victories over Ralph Meisner of Waterford 239-201, Michael Lucente of Warren 244-196, McCleskey the first time 278-227 and last year's runner-up Larry Walker of Garden City 244-225. He then had to wait for McCleskey to emerge from the loser's bracket. Krajenke averaged 230.8 for 10 games of competition.

McCleskey was the top qualifier with 1,195 and a high game of 289. In match play he beat Nick Cipiti of

Clinton Township 257-160 before falling to Krajenke 278-227. In the loser's bracket he beat Cipiti the second time 223-171, Ed Halt of St. Clair Shores 185-178 and Walker 258-239 for the opportunity to avenge the earlier loss to Krajenke. McCleskey averaged 233.2 for 11 games.

Walker finished third for \$400 and Halt fourth for \$300.

Walker qualified third with 1,126. He won his first two matches over Arnie Goldman Warren 229-216 and Halt 236-139 before falling to Krajenke 244-225. He then lost to McCleskey 258-239 to end his day. He averaged 228.3 for nine games.

Halt qualified 10th with 1,065. In match play, he won his first two matches beating Tony Stipcak of Redford 202-181 and Jeff Suma of Clarkston 213-147 before losing to Walker 239-136. In the loser's bracket he beat Suma 181-169 before getting beat by McCleskey 185-



MDUSBC Super Senior Masters champion Joe Krajenke (l) is congratulated by MDUSBC President George Bresinski (c) and runner-up Mike McCleskey

178. He averaged 197.8 for 10 games.

Edward Flowers of West Bloomfield won the special competition for non-qualifiers over the age of 70 with a 232-164 win over John Clinton of Allen Park. Flowers took home \$175 and Clinton \$150 for their

efforts.

The MDUSBC Super Senior Masters Tournament is an USBC certified event operated by the Metro Detroit USBC.

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Krywy and Kovalova win MDUSBC Men's & Women's Series events at Mayflower

Stephen Krywy of Sterling Heights won the Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC) Men's Series event with a 244-205 triumph over Keith Caldwell of Detroit at Mayflower Lanes in Redford. Krywy took home the top prize of \$500, while Caldwell settled for \$250.

Krywy qualified seventh in the field of 43, with a four-game total of 833 on games of 182, 265, 178 and 208. In match play he beat Dennis Johnson of Wyoming 276-232, Steven Kenyon of Grosse Ile 205-196

and Ryan Land of Royal Oak 237-176 to advance to the championship match.

Caldwell qualified eighth with 828, including a high game of 228. In match play he defeated Mark Meinema of Zeeland 226-222, top qualifier Michael McCleskey of Southfield 205-202 and Lonnie Jones of Ann Arbor 233-226 on his way to the finals.

McCleskey led the field with 943 on games of 235, 253, 268 and 187. In losing his first match he took home \$75.

Dasha Kovalova of Muskegon won the Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC) Women's Series event with a 225-214 triumph over Lesia Lambert of Allen Park at Mayflower Lanes in Redford. Kovalova took home the top prize of \$500, while Lambert settled for \$250.

Kovalova qualified fifth in the field of 37, with a four-game total of 893 on games of 215, 203, 225 and 250. She earned a bye in the first round, but once match play began she beat Jenna Pollak of Fraser 258-194 and Kasey Eaton of Wyoming 254-207 to advance to the finals.

Lambert qualified sixth with 858, which included games of 241, 204, 209 and 204. She also earned a bye

and then defeated Stacey Timmer of Wayland 195-183 and last year's champion Sheri Verespej of Newport 259-237 on her way to the finals.

Last year's Cup Champion Robin Orlikowski of Grand Rapids failed to qualify for match play.

Krywy defeated Kovalova 279-248 in the "Battle of the Series" match at the end of the day.

Complete results are available at www.mdusbc.com under "Tournaments".

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**A Future FOR
THE Sport.**

Happy Holidays and on to the second half

From the Editor

Mark A. Martin
MDUSBC
Association Manager



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, especially this year. I hope that this holiday season is a joyful one for you and your family.

MDUSBC TOURNAMENTS

The Masters will be held at Westland Bowl in Westland, located at 5940 N Wayne Rd. The date for qualifying is Jan. 16 with match play on Jan. 17.

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. Ryan Van Hecke of Chesterfield 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. 13 with match play on Feb. 14.

Robert Sloma of Jenison 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 13 through March 21 at Super Bowl in Canton. 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.

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 2019-20 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 2019-20 season in the Metro Detroit USBC Association or have 21 games or more in the current season in MDUSBC as of the time of bowling.

In the Open Championship bowlers can bowl as many times as they wish in the team, doubles and singles events. They can even bowl with the same exact lineup twice, but only cash once with that lineup. To bowl other times a team can

compete by changing two bowlers. In doubles the same two players can bowl together twice, but only cash one. In singles a bowler can only cash once.

For more information on the MDUSBC tournaments call the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695 ext. 105.

MDUSBC MEN'S/WOMEN'S SERIES

The MDUSBC Women's Series has returned for the tenth season. The series is a scratch event for women only. In conjunction with the Women's Series will be the companion Men's Series in its second season.

Qualifying is four games and match play will be single-game single elimination to determine a winner. The competition is expected to last less than four hours.

The entry fee is \$45 (\$50 if paid on site) and first place will pay \$500 based on 24 entries.

The next event will be Sunday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. at Westland Bowl in Westland, depending on re-opening of bowling centers by the state of Michigan.

In conjunction with the five events will be a season long "cup" competition, where all competitors will receive points for each event they participate in. The top player in points will receive \$500 and the top 15 will cash.

Other events are scheduled for Jan. 10; March 14; and April 11.

These events will be held regardless of the number of entries.

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STATE TOURNAMENTS CLOSING DATES FAST APPROACHING

The Michigan State USBC Women's Championship deadline is Jan. 7, 2021. The tournament will begin Feb. 6 at Alert Lanes in Essexville and Monitor Lanes in Bay City.

The Michigan State USBC Open Championship will begin Jan. 23 at Bowlero Lanes and M-66 Bowl in Battle Creek.

For more information on reserved dates and times, contact Michigan State USBC Association Manager Sharon Schildroth at (616) 635-2032 or visit www.michiganstateusbc.com.



Bowling TV Schedule



Saturday, Dec. 5 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase
	2019 Youth Challenge - Cherry Hill North vs Century Bowl	
Saturday, Dec. 12 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase
	Magazine show	
Saturday, Dec. 19 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase
	2016 Adult Challenge Round 1 - Merri-Bowl vs Ansara-Shank	
Saturday, Dec. 26 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase
	2016 Adult Challenge Championship - Thunderbowl Lanes vs Mayflower Lanes	

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Every Saturday at 10 a.m.

Happy Holidays!

Personal Perspectives

Libbi Fletcher
MDUSBC Director



you who bought raffle tickets from the Board of Directors, online, over the phone, etc. We managed to sell all 1000 tickets, even though some people purchased all of the ones they could not sell...which I am very thankful for!

Last year, I sent out an envelope to all the certified leagues to pass down the lanes for BVL. It was not possible to do this year before November since many leagues had not been processed before November. Our amazing office staff is working on determining if leagues came back and just haven't sent in the certification yet, are waiting until after the holidays, or are taking this year off. The BVL committee will decide later if we will ask for additional support.

One of the tournaments cancelled this year was the McKay tournament. This tournament supports the Karmanos Cancer Center, as well the Bowling Hall of Fame. Tickets are now distributed to be sold and the numbers are good for January. Although it will be difficult to sell until the centers are open, please consider purchasing these for both great causes. They do make great stocking stuffers or slide one into a Holiday card!!!

Even through it all, we have so much to be grateful for. Please enjoy your family in anyway that you can safely. Have a blessed Christmas and Hannukah. Take care of yourselves and each other. We can get through this together!

Stay Safe! Mask Up! Wash your Hands!

We will Bowl Again!

To say this has been a trying year, especially in the bowling world, is an understatement. Our leagues were cut short in the spring, tournaments were shortened or cancelled, annual meetings and hall of fame dinners had to be cancelled. But we made it through it all. And now we are currently in a "pause" due to this pandemic that will not seem to go away.

Fall leagues began in September/October and now we wait...again. It is very hard on our bowling proprietors, and even on us as bowlers. We love our game, and we need to get out of the house and see our teammates and friends. I pray for all of us to continue to do the right thing so that we can emerge from this and continue to do what we love...BOWL!

November is BVL Month in America. I would like to thank all of

2020 METRO DETROIT USBC SUPER SENIOR MASTERS WOODHAVEN BOWL-A-RAMA

PL NAME	CITY	AVE	WINNINGS
1 Joseph Krajcenke	Clinton Twp	230.80	\$ 1,000
2 Michael McCleskey	Southfield	233.18	\$ 500
3 Larry Walker	Garden City	228.33	\$ 400
4 Ed Halt	St Clair Shores	197.80	\$ 300
5 Jeffrey Suma Sr	Clarkston	216.67	\$ 250
6 Nick Cipiti	Clinton Twp	200.80	\$ 250
7 Michael Lucente	Warren	220.00	\$ 200
8 Arnie Goldman	Warren	210.33	\$ 200
9 Anthony Stipcak Jr	Redford	208.71	\$ 150
10 James Coleman	Clinton Twp	206.29	\$ 150
11 Ralph Meisner	Waterford	204.71	\$ 150
12 Eric Helgemo	Detroit	202.43	\$ 150

70 AND OVER ROLLOFF

PL	NAME	CITY	WINNINGS
1.	Edward Flowers	West Bloomfield	\$ 175.00
2.	John Clinton	Allen Park	\$ 150.00
3.	Edwin Austreng	Waterford	\$ 125.00
4.	Daniel Mayer Jr	Davisburg	\$ 125.00
5.	Larry Franz	Redford	\$ 100.00
6.	John Fryer	Washington	\$ 100.00
7.	John Watkins	Canton	\$ 100.00
8.	Fred McClain	Allen Park	\$ 100.00

MDUSBC Men's Series



Stephen Krywy (r) is congratulated by MDUSBC President George Bresinski (c) and runner-up Keith Caldwell

MDUSBC Women's Series



Dasha Kovalova (r) is congratulated by MDUSBC President George Bresinski (c) and runner-up Lesia Lambert





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
BOWL ONE LANES (40)	1639 E 14 Mile Rd	Troy	48083	(248) 588-4850
BOWLERO LANES (16)	4209 Coolidge Hwy	Royal Oak	48073	(248) 549-7500
CENTURY BOWL (52)	7345 Highland Rd	Waterford	48327	(248) 666-4700
CHERRY HILL LANES (52)	300 N Inkster Rd	Dearborn Heights	48127	(313) 278-0400
CHERRY HILL NORTH (36)	6697 Dixie Hwy	Clarkston	48346	(248) 625-5011
CLASSIC LANES (32)	2145 Avon Industrial Dr	Rochester Hills	48309	(248) 852-9100
COLLIER LANES (32)	879 S Lapeer Rd	Oxford	48371	(248) 628-2851
COUNTRY CLUB OF DETROIT (6)	2220 Country Club Dr.	Grosse Pointe Farms	48236	(313) 881-8000
COUNTRY LANES (32)	30250 W 9 Mile Rd	Farmington	48336	(248) 476-3201
DETROIT ATHLETIC CLUB (8)	241 Madison St	Detroit	48226	(313) 442-1003
ESCAPE (Formerly TROY LANES) (30)	1950 E Square Lake Rd	Troy	48085	(248) 879-8122
FERNHILL COUNTRY CLUB (12)	17600 Clinton River Rd	Clinton Township	48038	(586) 286-4700
FIVE STAR LANES (50)	2666 Metropolitan Pkwy	Sterling Hts	48310	(586) 939-2550
FORD LANES (24)	23100 Van Born Rd	Dearborn Heights	48125	(313) 292-1700
FRASER STAR LANES (16)	33042 Garfield Rd	Fraser	48026	(586) 293-5590
GARDEN BOWL (16)	4120 Woodward Ave	Detroit	48201	(313) 833-9850
GROSSE PTE YACHT CLUB (6)	788 Lake Shore Rd	Grosse Pointe Shores	48236	(313) 884-2500
HARBOR LANES (20)	25419 Jefferson Ave	Saint Clair Shores	48081	(586) 772-1200
HARTFIELD LANES (52)	3490 12 Mile Rd	Berkley	48072	(248) 543-9338
IMPERIAL LANES (80)	44650 Garfield Rd	Clinton Twp	48038	(586) 286-8700
INDIAN LANES (32)	4500 13th St	Wyandotte	48192	(734) 283-4700
LAKESHORE LANES (16)	31025 Jefferson Ave	Saint Clair Shores	48082	(586) 293-2722
LANGAN'S ALL STAR LANES (18)	257 Ladd Rd	Walled Lake	48390	(248) 669-5400



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BOWLING CENTER NAME (# of Lanes)	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP CODE	PHONE
LUXURY LANES (16)	600 E 9 Mile Rd	Ferndale	48220	(248) 544-0530
MADISON PARK BOWL (16)	25023 John R Rd	Madison Heights	48071	(248) 541-9305
MAYFLOWER LANES (32)	26600 Plymouth Rd	Redford	48239	(313) 937-8420
MERRI-BOWL LANES (40)	30950 5 Mile Rd	Livonia	48154	(734) 427-2900
NORWEST LANES (16)	32905 Northwestern Highway	Farmington Hills	48334	(248) 626-2422
NOVI BOWL (40)	21700 Novi Road	Novi	48375	(248) 348-9120
PERFECT GAME (32)	35000 Grand River Ave	Farmington Hills	48335	(248) 478-2230
PLAZA LANES (40)	42001 Ann Arbor Rd E	Plymouth	48170	(734) 453-4880
PLUM HOLLOW LANES (24)	21900 W 9 Mile Rd	Southfield	48075	(248) 353-6540
PREMIER LANES (34)	33151 23 Mile Rd.	Chesterfield	48047	(586) 725-2228
RECREATION BOWL (8)	40 Crocker Blvd	Mount Clemens	48043	(586) 468-7746
RENAISSANCE FAMILY CTR (40)	19600 Woodward Ave	Detroit	48203	(313) 368-5123
ROOSEVELT LANES (20)	6701 Roosevelt Ave	Allen Park	48101	(313) 381-0222
ROSEBOWL LANES (48)	28001 Groesbeck Hwy	Roseville	48066	(586) 771-4140
SHELBY LANES (24)	50721 Van Dyke Ave	Utica	48317	(586) 731-4800
SHORE LANES (40)	31100 Harper Ave	Saint Clair Shores	48082	(586) 293-0880
SKORE LANES (48)	22255 Ecorse Rd	Taylor	48180	(313) 291-6220
STERLING LANES (50)	33200 Schoenherr Rd	Sterling Hts	48312	(586) 979-5200
SUMMIT SPORT CENTER (36)	66600 Van Dyke Avenue	Washington	48095	(586) 752-7006
SUPER BOWL (60)	45100 Ford Rd	Canton	48187	(734) 459-6070
TEN PINS OF TRENTON (32)	2591 Fort St	Trenton	48183	(734) 675-2695
THUNDERBOWL LANES (90)	4200 Allen Rd	Allen Park	48101	(313) 928-4688
TOTAL SPORTS LANES (20)	40501 Production Drive	Harrison Township	48045	(586) 463-2000
TURBO 2-N-1 RESEARCH FACILITY (2)	46460 Continental	Chesterfield	48047	(586) 598-3948
UNIVERSAL LANES (28)	2101 E 12 Mile Rd	Warren	48092	(586) 751-2828
VISION LANES (32)	38250 Ford Rd	Westland	48185	(734) 641-8181
WATERFORD LANES (40)	7100 Cooley Lake Road	Waterford	48327	(248) 366-4778
WESTLAND BOWL (60)	5940 N Wayne Rd	Westland	48185	(734) 722-7570
WONDERLAND LANES (40)	8265 Richardson Rd	Commerce Township	48390	(248) 363-7131
WOODHAVEN BOWL-A-RAMA (36)	20000 Van Horn Rd	Woodhaven	48183	(734) 675-3554
WOODLAND LANES (32)	33775 Plymouth Rd	Livonia	48150	(734) 522-4515

Bowling has an official beer again as BPAA signs deal with Boston Beer Company

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Jeff Richgels



Bowling has had some form of “official” beer at times in its history.

The allure is obvious: Get big money from a beer company for exclusive access to bowling and bowlers.

Unfortunately, it’s not quite so easy for a variety of reasons.

A key issue is the level of industry cooperation needed. Even if you can get BPAA, USBC, PBA and PWBA all on board together, the key thing any beer company would want is access to all centers, and BPAA doesn’t include every center and it doesn’t have total control its member centers.

And what does a center get if the money goes to BPAA or PBA or

PWBA? Some proprietors are hard to convince that there are benefits if money isn’t going directly in their pockets.

Then there is the fact that alcohol laws are mostly by state, making something that might work in some places not work in others.

At times over the years, I’ve been involved in helping run tournaments and learned the painful fact that in Wisconsin it is against the law and/or violates distribution deals to give a beer company the one thing it likely wants for a big sponsorship: exclusive access, even if only for the weekend of a tournament.

I’m not sure if what I saw then is exactly how it is now (or is in any other state), but it was such that a center can give deals and promote a beer, but it can’t close down sales of other beers it offers.

(Wisconsin has a complex three-tier alcohol system involving beer and liquor producers, distributors, and retail sites, and a lot of complex and contentious regulations.)

A lot of this is why beer giants like the makers of Budweiser (now part of InBev) and Miller (now part of Molson) haven’t really been involved in big sponsorship deals with bowling: Why pay big money when there is little to gain and you already available at pretty much every center?

But that isn’t necessarily the case with alcohol companies below the giants, where access to more centers is a valuable carrot that can be dangled in a deal.

That seems to be the case with the deal announced in a news release Wednesday between the Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America and Boston Beer Company that makes the parent of Sam Adams an “Official Partner of Bowling.”

Boston Beer also includes Truly Hard Seltzer, Angry Orchard Hard Cider, Twisted Tea Hard Iced Tea and Dogfish Head.

All of those brands will come to BPAA centers across the U.S., and I’d wager that there are a significant number that do not carry some or all of those brands now — I know there are many I go to where I don’t see Sam Adams beers (I don’t consume the other products).

“The Boston Beer Company is the perfect partner to take us to the next level,” Jim Decker, president of the Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America, said in the release (no link available). “Their diverse portfolio of beers, ciders, teas and hard seltzers enables us to provide a wide variety of options for our customers. This, coupled with their best-in-class training and vast resources, just scratches the surface of why we’re so thrilled to have the Boston Beer Company as our official partner.”

BPAA said it plans to leverage the new partnership in many ways, including through marketing resources and programs initiated by Boston Beer.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed, but BPAA presumably will earn some much needed funds amid the COVID-19 pandemic and, speaking as a craft beer drinker who likes some Sam Adams beers, it will be nice for centers to offer more good choices.



“We couldn’t be more excited to partner with the BPAA and bring Boston Beer products to thousands of bowling centers and drinkers throughout the country,” Scott Hempstead, Senior Director of On-Premise Sales for the company, said in the release. “We look forward to growing our partnership and finding new ways to grow the beverage category at bowling centers, especially as the entire industry and specifically the on premise recover and grow from the effects of COVID-19.”

As a lot of folks say up here in Wisconsin, Prost!

15-year-old, 2-handed lefty Eric Jones breaks record as youngest to win a PBA Regional title

Eric Jones won the PBA Oklahoma City Southwest Open on Sunday to become the youngest ever to win a PBA Regional at 15 years, 263 days.

The 2-handed lefty who doesn’t turn 16 until Jan. 17 ran away with the win, averaging 231.38 and going 8-0 in match play as he finished 310 pins head of Shawn Maldonado, according to the results of the 66-player tournament.

Competing on the Mike Aulby 39 lane pattern, Jones fired games of 225, 205, 232, 247, 234, 192, 243 and 227 for 1,805 in qualifying, then 228, 269, 205, 212 and 244 for 1,158 in the cashers round, and 230, 235, 266, 227, 236, 257, 218 and 227 for 1,896 in match play.

Wesley Low Jr., another 2-handed lefty, previously was the youngest to win a PBA Regional when he won the PBA Non-Champion West tournament at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas on March 29, 2013, as 29 days shy of age 16.

However, Low’s record came with an asterisk in my book since it was a non-champions tournament.

Hall of Famer Pete Weber at 17 in 1979 was the youngest to win a PBA Regional open to PBA champions.

As a non-member, Jones won’t be credited with an official PBA Regional title, which continues to be the dumbest rule PBA has: If you win a PBA tournament you are a PBA champion. Period.

If you’re not a member, you just shouldn’t qualify for any of the perks members get in winning.

But you won the title. Period.

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MDUSBC 300 October 2020

Name	Date	Center	League	Name	Date	Center	League
Marty Murphy	Oct 1 2020	Astro Lanes	Thursday Nite Men	James Glazar	Oct 15 2020	Ten Pins Of Trenton	
Anthony Agrusa	Oct 1 2020	Astro Lanes	Thursday Nite Men	Michael Cameron	Oct 16 2020	Sterling Lanes	Fri Sr Trio
Ryan Hinman	Oct 1 2020	Country Lanes	Thursday Mixed	Randy Derewonko	Oct 16 2020	Sterling Lanes	Eastside Sr Classic
Daniel Maine	Oct 1 2020	Ten Pins Of Trenton	Thursday Invitational	Leonard Cianciolo	Oct 19 2020	Bowl One Lanes	Gus Ponder Memorial
Daniel Maine	Oct 1 2020	Ten Pins Of Trenton	Thursday Invitational	Kevin Klinefelter	Oct 19 2020	Sterling Lanes	San Marino Mens
Cory Young	Oct 3 2020	Rosebowl Lanes	Saturday Night Mixers	Kenneth Gennette	Oct 19 2020	Sterling Lanes	Fri Sr Trio
Timothy Braun	Oct 4 2020	Thunderbowl Lanes	Allied Towing	Demetrius Dyer	Oct 19 2020	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.
Joseph Buffa	Oct 5 2020	Bowl One Lanes	Gus Ponder Memorial	Steven McGartland	Oct 20 2020	Cherry Hill North	Dixie All Stars
Tom Doyon	Oct 5 2020	Cherry Hill North		James Gee	Oct 20 2020	Country Lanes	Tuesday Invitational
Raymond Halstead	Oct 6 2020	Woodland Lanes	Metro Bolt & Fastener Inv	Christian Ortwine	Oct 21 2020	300 Bowl	Pontiac Motor Inter Office
Jeffery Shears	Oct 7 2020	300 Bowl	Pontiac Motor Inter Office	Tierre Wright	Oct 21 2020	Bonanza Lanes	Wed Morning Earlybirds
Richard Wayne	Oct 7 2020	Woodland Lanes	Senior Mens Classic	Luke Humphreys	Oct 21 2020	Country Lanes	Country Keglers
Christopher Steward	Oct 8 2020	300 Bowl	3 Man Major	Gerald Johnson	Oct 21 2020	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
James Kulha	Oct 8 2020	Cherry Hill North	Guys & Dolls	Roger Relph	Oct 22 2020	Alley 59	
James Duncan	Oct 8 2020	Ford Lanes	Renaissance	Jerrold Cleveland	Oct 22 2020	Bonanza Lanes	D. W, S, D, Mixed League
Robert Diolordi	Oct 8 2020	Total Sports Lanes	I O S Bowling Lge	Christopher McEveney	Oct 22 2020	Shore Lanes	Shore Thursday Men
Richard Sabol	Oct 8 2020	Wonderland Lanes	Thursday 6:05 Men	Vincent Andrews	Oct 24 2020	Bonanza Lanes	
Paul Benedict	Oct 9 2020	Ford Lanes	Madden's Friday Five	Scott Opalewski	Oct 24 2020	Imperial Lanes	
Thomas Landy	Oct 9 2020	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men	Richard ODell III	Oct 24 2020	Universal Lanes	All My Rowdy Friends
Jeffrey Austreng	Oct 10 2020	300 Bowl	Strikers	Roderick Grimes	Oct 26 2020	Bowl One Lanes	Gus Ponder Memorial
Scott Opalewski	Oct 10 2020	Imperial Lanes		Cory Strange	Oct 26 2020	Woodland Lanes	Woodland Oddballs
Quentin Ireland	Oct 12 2020	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.	Frank Sopko	Oct 27 2020	Country Lanes	Tuesday Invitational
Rae'Ven Turner	Oct 12 2020	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.	Jerry Dismuke Jr	Oct 28 2020	300 Bowl	Pontiac Motor Inter Office
John Lingenfelter	Oct 13 2020	Five Star Lanes	Chrysler Central Engineering	Eric Donahue	Oct 28 2020	Country Lanes	Country Keglers
Eric Hoffman	Oct 13 2020	Perfect Game	Tuesday Night Farmington Men	David Alexander Jr	Oct 28 2020	Indian Lanes	Wyandotte Wed Men '19-20
Joseph Miller	Oct 13 2020	Shore Lanes	St Margarets Tuesday Early	Joseph Rolder	Oct 29 2020	Rosebowl Lanes	Suburban Industrial
Scott Bowersock	Oct 14 2020	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational	Aaron Damron	Oct 30 2020	300 Bowl	Friday 300 Mixed
Gerald Johnson	Oct 14 2020	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational	John Robinson Jr	Oct 30 2020	Shore Lanes	Friday Nite Men
Devin Dolecki	Oct 15 2020	Alley 59		John Sawyers	Oct 31 2020	300 Bowl	Friends Of Charlie

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Name	Score	Date	Center	League
Shaun Schmidt	815	Oct 5 2020	Merri-Bowl	
James Kulha	805	Oct 8 2020	Cherry Hill North	Guys & Dolls
Paul Benedict	804	Oct 9 2020	Ford Lanes	Madden's Friday Five
Jeffrey Austreng	817	Oct 10 2020	300 Bowl	Strikers
David White	835	Oct 14 2020	Perfect Game	Wednesday Night Men's
Gerald Johnson	847	Oct 14 2020	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Michael Calhoun	814	Oct 18 2020	Skore Lanes	Sun Morn Inv Trio
Corey Miller	817	Oct 23 2020	300 Bowl	Friday 300 Mixed
Matthew Coleman	823	Oct 27 2020	Cherry Hill North	Waterford Merchants
Maurice Brunswick Jr	810	Oct 27 2020	Woodland Lanes	Metro Bolt & Fastener Inv
Eric Donahue	814	Oct 28 2020	Country Lanes	Country Keglers
Paul Tyll Jr	863	Oct 29 2020	Harbor Lanes	Thursday Nite Mens

Our Centers Need Their Own Bowl-A-Thons

Rolling Along

By Bob Johnson
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We learn new things about the COVID-19 virus every day, but one thing that has been apparent since the very beginning of the pandemic is that it is especially deadly to those with pre-existing conditions.

That certainly proved to be the case with Cloverleaf Family Bowl in Fremont, Calif., which shut down at the end of business on Sunday, March 15, two days before Alameda County ordered virtually all businesses to close as pandemic panic set in.

Cloverleaf already had been living on borrowed time, the victim of a predatory developer who wanted to raze the center in order to build luxury condominiums. Just three years remained on the center's lease, and although efforts had been made to get Fremont's City Council to intervene,

citing the center's value to the community, the countdown essentially had begun.

If it sounds as if we're describing Cloverleaf as we would a person, that's because, in a way, it was to its generations of customers.

"We've always taken the 'Family' in 'Cloverleaf Family Bowl' seriously," says Mike Hillman, who operated the center with 2016 BPAA Proprietor of the Year Jim Chambers for years.

Sitting in his office, its walls overflowing with civic awards and memorabilia, Hillman reflected on what had made Cloverleaf Family Bowl among the most successful centers in the country.

"The secret here has always been how we treated people, but it wasn't a conscious thing," he says. "We really do consider the people who come through our doors to be important. We know that people don't have to go bowling. But if we provide the right environment, people will come and be loyal."

"Loyal" certainly is a good word to describe the center's senior clientele, which packed the center several days a week. Cloverleaf also had a strong adult league program, and perhaps the best youth program in California, encompassing both leagues and tournaments. The center's best-known event for kids was the Hillman Memorial Scholarship Tournament, an annual adult-youth "Swiss" team competition that always rewarded the youth bowlers with scholarships worth more than their entry fees — a feat accomplished by rounding up lots of local sponsors and boosters.

Over the years, that tournament awarded more than \$700,000 in scholarships.

About 835 miles away in the Washington community of East Wenatchee, the residents are similarly passionate about their bowling center, known as Eastmont Lanes.

Ted and Barbara LeRoy operate The Suds Shack Soap Company in East Wenatchee. "I practically grew up at that bowling alley," Ted says of Eastmont Lanes. "My parents bowled league there. My mom got us in a youth league. I loved that place then and I love it now. It's part of what gives East Wenatchee that small-town feel."

Like so many centers forced to shut down during the pandemic, Eastmont has been hanging on by a thread. Proprietor Michelle Baugher operates the 16-laner with a lot of help from her father, Tim Bowers, from whom she purchased it in 2015. As the mandated closure dragged on, Michelle was forced to take on another job to make ends meet.

The bills kept coming in, but the center was not allowed by Washington Governor Jay Inslee to reopen, even at reduced capacity. With 30 years of experience either running or helping out at the center, Bowers knows the business inside and out. He cares about the customers — whom he considers friends — and says he believes he and Michelle can keep them safe.

"We have a 15,000-sq.-ft. building with plenty of room for people to separate," he notes. "But the health department told us if we tried to open they'd

go to liquor control and try to have our license pulled. There might even be a \$10,000 fine. We've been able to hold on, but we can't hold on with no revenue forever."

East Wenatchee is one of those communities where if everybody doesn't know everybody, they know almost everybody. Word about the plight of Eastmont Lanes was getting around.

"The league bowlers knew what was going on," Bowers says. "And so did the families that depend on us for birthday parties — Michelle does a great job with those — and the companies that have Christmas parties with us. The electric union here in the valley filled the center with 275 people for one party shift and 275 more for a second shift."

Michelle also devotes a great deal of time to working with special-needs individuals. The Sunshine League, which meets each Saturday when the center is allowed to be open, is the highlight of the week for most of the participants — and for Michelle as well.

Nobody — not the league secretaries, the birthday moms, the company party organizers — could envision their community without a bowling center, or without this particular bowling center's operators.

"Those were the kind of people who came in and basically said, 'What can we do?' They didn't want this place to go away, and they didn't want anybody else running it," Bowers says.

As ideas began to be tossed around by league secretaries and a few other center regulars, one of the bowlers came up with the concept of a "Save the Lanes" event. It was impossible — indeed, essentially illegal — to conduct a "typical" bowl-a-thon on the lanes, so the idea focused on what could be done outdoors. Specifically, in the center's parking lot. The weekend of Aug. 29-30 was selected.

The centerpiece was a community yard sale. As word spread, donations came in — enough to fill the center's concourse. Then on the day before the sale, with the weather gods cooperating, nearly 50 volunteers set up displays in the lot.

"When we opened up at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, there must have been 400 people waiting," Bowers recalls. "The [adjacent] Safeway and Bimart parking lots were full, and some people parked a quarter-mile away at the Little League park and walked."

Specific prices were not assigned to any of the items. People simply made an offer, and if it was reasonable, it was accepted. Hardly any were not reasonable. Bargain hunters quickly came to understand the purpose of the event.

A silent auction was conducted inside the center, with the number of people allowed in at any one time strictly monitored. Back outside, donated hot dogs, chips and sodas were sold as "combos" at a suggested price of \$5 — but some folks paid \$20 just because they wanted to help. A local bakery contributed buns, even though it had been struggling for its own survival.

Some people simply made cash donations, including one man who dropped off an envelope that contained ten \$100 bills. "I sure miss having breakfast here," he told the owners.

The organizers figured that between \$10,000 and \$15,000 might be raised if the weather was good. When all was said and done, the event had generated \$29,743.65.

"That's this community," Bowers says in wonderment.

That's also the "magic" that bowling, bowling centers, and bowling center owners provide.

"It has meant something different to everybody," Mike Hillman says of Cloverleaf Family Bowl. "It's amazing how many people had their first date, their first kiss, or met their spouse here. One woman said that her mom and dad had met in a singles league here, got engaged at a New Year's Eve party here, then got married here."

Adds Hillman with a smile: "I'm just hoping she wasn't conceived here. Then she mentioned she'd had her own baby shower here last year."

Those are the types of stories that define the bowling experience, an experience that governors in too many states — Michigan included — simply do not understand.

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QUEENS

Oct. 17, 18, 2020

THUNDERBOWL LANES, ALLEN PARK

ADULT / YOUTH BAKER

March 7, 14, 2021

WOODHAVEN BOWL-A-RAMA, WOODHAVEN

SUPER SENIOR MASTERS

Oct. 31; Nov. 1, 2020

WOODHAVEN BOWL-A-RAMA, WOODHAVEN

SENIOR TEAM

March 13, 20, 27, 2021

AMF ROSE BOWL, ROSEVILLE

500 CLUB

~~Dec. 6, 2020~~ - Postponed

MAYFLOWER LANES, REDFORD

JUNIOR MASTERS

March 20, 2021

MAYFLOWER LANES, REDFORD

MASTERS

Jan. 16, 17, 2021

WESTLAND BOWL, WESTLAND

YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

March 21, 28, 2021

April 11, 18, 25, 2021

SENIOR MASTERS

Feb. 13, 14, 2021

MAYFLOWER LANES, REDFORD

WOODHAVEN BOWL-A-RAMA, WOODHAVEN

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Feb. 13, 14, 20, 21, 28, 2021

March 6, 7, 13, 20, 21, 2021

SUPER BOWL, CANTON

WOMEN'S / MEN'S SERIES

Oct. 11, 2020 - THUNDERBOWL LANES

Nov. 8, 2020 - MAYFLOWER LANES

Dec. 13, 2020 - WESTLAND BOWL

Jan. 10, 2021 - THUNDERBOWL LANES

March 14, 2021 - STERLING LANES

April 11, 2021 - CENTURY BOWL

May 2, 2021 - SHELBY LANES

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Feb. 13, 14, 20, 21, 28, 2021

March 6, 7, 13, 20, 21, 2021

SUPER BOWL, CANTON



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