



McKay Pro-Am Invitational Raises Over \$11,000 for charity

The 26th Annual Tom McKay Pro-Am Invitational (formerly the Steve Cruchon Memorial Pro-Am) was held in December at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights and over \$11,000 was raised for two charities.

This event began in 1990 organized by Tom McKay, Ken Charrette and the late Lou Ivancik to raise money in Steve Cruchon's name to fight cancer and honor Cruchon with a memorial at the national Bowling Hall of Fame. While the causes are the same the event was re-named several years ago.

Twenty-seven doubles teams gathered for some friendly competition and raising money for Karmanos Cancer Institute and the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum. After three games of qualifying the top eight teams squared off in single-game single-elimination match play to determine who would be the champions.

After qualifying Rick Schultz and Mike Lotito Jr. paced the field with 1,368. The Schultz-Lotito duo won their first two matches to get into the final match.

Qualifying second were Jay Lang and Joe Baxter with 1,344. They also won their first two matches to face the Schultz-Lotito team in the finals.

The Lang-Baxter team came out smoking in the final match defeating Schultz-Lotito 506-435 to win the championship.

On the other end of the spectrum Greg Sierzan and Don Szachta ended up in last place, which will put their names on the toilet seat.

The top eight teams won a bowling ball. The bowling balls were donated by manufacturers and pro shops in support of the cause. Thanks to all and a great deal of thanks to Kevin Wojcik and Chris Wissinger for working with the manufacturers and pro shops to round up the balls.

Much thanks to the McKay Committee and the MDUSBC Board for their support of the event. Members of the McKay Committee are Roy Biggs, George Bresinski, Ken Charrette, Tom McKay, Scott McLeod, John Vorpagel and Kevin Wojcik.

Next year's event is scheduled for early December at Sterling Lanes.

Final Standings McKay Pro-Am Invitational Sterling Lanes Dec. 10, 2016

1. Jay Lang-Joe Baxter
2. Rick Schultz-Mike Lotito Jr.
3. Kevin Wojcik-Joel Sand
4. Jack Teholis-Ken Lotito
5. Bill DeFrance-Mark Martin
6. Robert Szachta-Hank Giacona
7. Gary Zarick-Tom Strobl
8. Andy Charrette-Robert Kenward

Brandie Reamy Prevails in Women's Series event at Regal Lanes

Brandie Reamy of Livonia won the Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC) Women's Series event with a 208-191 triumph over Kimberly Maddy of Utica at Regal Lanes in Warren. Reamy took home the top prize of \$500, while Maddy settled for \$250.

Reamy qualified third in the field of 27, with a four-game total of 853. After a slow start in qualifying with a 171, she caught fire with games of 212, 239 and 231 to move up the qualifying list. In match play she beat last month's champion Lisa Bishop of Redford 220-216, when Bishop opened the door with a foul and a failure to spare. Reamy then struck out in the 10th to win the match. She then beat Sandra Schultz of Macomb 223-191 to advance to the finals. This was Reamy's second career Women's Series title, as she was cheered on by her mother and daughter.

"After the first game of qualifying I moved left and played the track area of the lane and it just came to me," said Reamy. "I was fortunate in match play to win today."



Maddy was the top qualifier with 876. She also started slow with a 166 game, but then found her touch with 213, 264 and 233 to lead the qualifying. In match play she was dominant in her first two matches beating Sheri Verespej of Monroe 218-189 and Jenna Law of Milford 227-203 on her way to the finals.

The next Women's Series event is Sunday, Jan. 8 at Super Bowl in Canton. The cost is only \$45 and the event is open to all USBC certified female bowlers.

(Standings on page 4)



MDUSBC President John Vorpagel (c) congratulates Women's Series champion Brandie Reamy (l) and runner-up Kim Maddy (r).

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Hey Members, It's Tournament Time!!!

The Masters Championship will be held at Bowl One Lanes in Troy, located at 1639 E. 14 Mile Rd. The dates for qualifying are Jan. 21-22 with match play on Jan. 28-29.

The entry fee is \$170 with a first prize of \$3,000, second place \$2,000 and final match play spot pays \$350 based on 120 entries. John Nolen 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 Championship will be held at Regal Lanes in Warren, located at 27663 Mound Rd. The date for qualifying is Feb. 11 with match play on Feb. 12 & 18.

Terry Bialkowski of Windsor is the defending champion. The entry fee is \$140 with a first prize of \$2,500, second place \$1,500 and the final match play spot \$300 based on 120 entries.

The Metro Detroit USBC Association will conduct Annual Women's & Open Championship Tournaments with both starting Sat., February 11 through March 12 at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights. Squad times are 11 a.m. for the first three weekends of the tournament and 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for the final two weekends. (See the entry blanks on the back page).

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 2015-16 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 2015-16 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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Bowling TV Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 7 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Challenge Edition - Woodland vs Thunderbowl
Sunday, Jan. 8 - 1 p.m.	ESPN	USA versus The World
Saturday, Jan. 14 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Challenge Edition - Ansara/Shank vs Skore
Saturday, Jan. 21 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Challenge Edition - Cherry Hill North vs Merri Bowl
Saturday, Jan. 28, - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Magazine Edition

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9. Awards
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A Time of Thanks

Personal Perspectives

Libbi Fletcher
MDUSBC Director



As we finish up 2016, there is time for much reflection.

First, thanks to the MDUSBC Board of Directors and Mark Martin for all of their hard work and commitment to our bowlers here in the Bowling Capital of the World. As a network of volunteers, we all work for the future of the sport and especially for the good of our nearly 40,000 members.

Thanks to the league officers out there who do the work to fill their leagues, manage the paperwork for the leagues, as well as supporting our tournaments, charities and events. We appreciate all that you do!

Thanks to the certified bowlers who support USBC and the sport of bowling so there is a Future for the Sport.

Bowling is such a huge part of my life and has been for over 30 years. I just returned from an amazing vacation in Australia and New Zealand and I kept seeing street signs that said "BOWLING" with an arrow pointing down a street. I would be so excited until I realized it was lawn bowling... bocce ball as we know it! I did however find a Super Bowl in Dunedin New Zealand...even though it is closed on Tuesdays, which is when we were there!

As the year ends, we have said goodbye to some incredible volunteers, hall of fame members, and bowlers who are gone way too soon. So, when you hear thunder, you know someone is striking up there!

Thanks to the volunteers who supported the Golden Age Games for veterans from across the United States. The bowling portion of the games was held at Skore Lanes and Thunderbowl and there were plenty of volunteers to help. So Proud!!!

As we embark on 2017, one thing is certain and that is change. We have an annual meeting on Saturday, February 4th and all members are invited to attend and listen to what your association is doing and plans to do to enhance your membership, as well as address any questions or concerns you may have regarding your leagues or our tournaments or our association in general. I hope more of you plan to attend this year. It is our privilege to serve you.

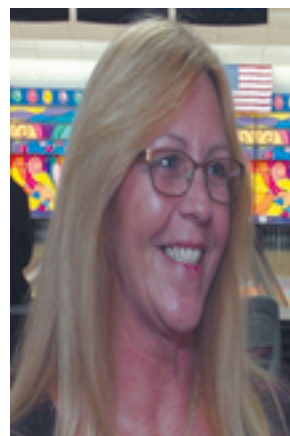
If you would like to serve on a committee, help with a tournament, or volunteer at a fundraising event, please let us know! We can always use the help and commitment of our bowlers.

May God bless you all in the coming year. God Bless our Troops, and God Bless the United States of America.

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MDUSBC BVL Chair Libbi Fletcher (l) presents \$10,000 check to Detroit VAMC representatives Shelley Knoodle (c) and Sharon Moore (r)



MDUSBC 500 Club Results Held at: Mayflower Lanes

Winner: Gidget Vercruysse

Place	Team name	Score	Hcap	Prize	From
1	Vercruysse, Gidget A	800	143	\$200.00	Macomb, MI
2	Walters-Wright, Sekeithia D	782	102	\$150.00	Eastpointe, MI
3	Frances, Paulette A	766	234	\$87.50	Hazel Park, MI
3	Stade, Anne	766	124	\$87.50	Sterling Hts, MI
5	Morris, Teresa G	763	180	\$50.00	White Lake, MI
6	Carter, Kelly L	752	232	\$50.00	Southfield, MI
7	Hunter, Valerie L	751	237	\$45.00	Macomb, MI
8	Cichewicz, Lori L	749	156	\$45.00	Commerce Twp, MI
9	Gunter, Denise	745	124	\$35.00	Ferndale, MI
10	Hester, Lavern	743	164	\$35.00	Detroit, MI
11	Dickerson, Debra M	736	105	\$15.50	Detroit, MI
11	Jodway, Marsha L	736	221	\$15.50	Dearborn Hts, MI

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Lighten Up Your Grip For Success

Pro Tip

Michelle Mullen
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I am continually amazed by the impact that a bowler's grip pressure has on performance. Generally, the better the bowler, the lighter the grip pressure.

Relaxing your grip is the quickest way to improve your swing, and release. But, too many bowlers squeeze the ball, applying excessive grip pressure. Do you? You may not even know.

Excessive grip pressure can simply be due to extra (unnecessary) effort to bowl better. Or, it may be due to a poor ball fit. Typically, it is related to the latter. If your ball fits properly, you should not have to squeeze it.

Up-to-date fitting techniques have come a long way over the years to improve bowler performance and avoid injury. The three variables involved in ball fit are hole size, span and pitch. While hole size is obvious, span is the distance between the thumb and finger holes; pitch is the angle each hole is drilled into the ball. When all three variables work together, the ball fits your hand so well that you can relax your grip, and swing.

The holes should be snug. Many bowlers want the thumbhole too big so "they can get out of it". This is the source of many tight swings! A hole too big requires excessive grip pressure in order to hold onto the ball. A tighter hole is better, so you can relax and let the ball swing effortlessly, without fear of it coming off your hand.

As for span, your fingers should be seated all the way into the ball (to the first joint in a fingertip grip or the second joint in a conventional grip) while the thumb easily drops all the way in to its base.

It should not be a challenge to put both your fingers and thumb all the way into the ball! If you have to choose between putting your thumb or fingers all the way in, have your span checked.



The least obvious (but hugely important) aspect of ball fit involves pitch. The angles at which the holes are drilled profoundly affects grip pressure, and the swing. Drilling toward the center of the grip is forward pitch; drilling at an angle away from center is reverse. In a fingertip grip, we often find too much forward pitch (or not enough reverse pitch) in the fingers and too much reverse in the thumbhole. These are old-fashioned fitting techniques that impair the grip, leading to a muscled swing, or even injury.

With too much forward (or not enough reverse) pitch in the fingers, you can feel your nails hitting the back of the holes, rather than feeling your pads on the front of the holes. Or worse, your fingers won't stay all the way in once you put your thumb in. This often happens with too much forward pitch and/or too long of a span. Too much reverse in the thumb creates excessive grip pressure to hold onto the ball. *If you feel like your fingers are stretched, that the nails (rather than the pads) are touching the holes, or you have to squeeze the thumb to hold on,* your span and/or pitches are off.

With a proper fit, the final adjustment to maintain proper grip pressure requires using tape in the thumbhole. Too many bowlers would bowl better by simply using bowler's tape. Putting tape in and taking it out as needed is your way to keep up with the natural fluctuations in your thumb size so that you can keep your grip pressure constant from shot to shot. *Never give up a shot if the size of the hole is not right.*

Pay attention to your grip pressure during the swing. Does it increase? Do you squeeze the ball? If so, why???



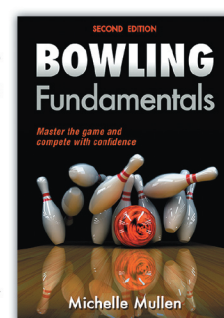
Figure 5.11 Use bowler's tape to maintain proper grip pressure.

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Women's Series Regal Lanes Dec. 11, 2016 Final Prize List

1	Brandie Reamy	\$	500
2	Kimberly Maddy	\$	250
3	Jenna Law	\$	100
4	Sandra Schultz	\$	100
5	Natalie Miskiel	\$	50
6	Robin Orlikowski	\$	50
7	Lisa Bishop	\$	50
8	Sheri Verespej	\$	50

Women's Series Cup Standings Through 2 events

Pl	Name	City	Points
1	Lisa Bishop	Redford	214
2	Brandie Reamy	Livonia	208
3	Natalie Miskiel	Toledo	205
4	Jenna Law	Milford	194
5	Sandra Schultz	Macomb	192
6	Kim Maddy	Sterling Heights	192
7	Julie Oczepek	Reese	188
8	Sheri Verespej	Monroe	184
9	Haley Lundy	Lasalle, Ontario	180
10	Cathleen Kowalski	Livonia	178

BVL All-Star Leagues

These 112 MDUSBC leagues

passed the BVL envelope in November and raised \$9,116.25 to push the MDUSBC BVL contribution to \$15,921.25

<u>Center Name</u>	<u>League Name</u>	<u>Center Name</u>	<u>League Name</u>
AIRWAY	FRIENDS OF CHARLIE	PLAZA	FOMOCO THURSDAY NIGHT
ASTRO	CHRYSLER ELKS	PLAZA	FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE
ASTRO	HAZEL PARK EAGLES	PLAZA	PLAZA WED NITE MEN
ASTRO	WEDNESDAY NIGHT STRIKERS	PLAZA	PLAZA MEN
ASTRO	BTI SUNDAY MIXED	PLAZA	TUESDAY NITE LADIES
ASTRO	HOOSIER MENS LEAGUE	RENAISSANCE	TUESDAY RETIREES TRIO
ASTRO	SAT NITE MIXED	ROSEBOWL	OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
ASTRO	C A M EVENING	ROOSEVELT	EARLY BIRDS
ASTRO	GOODTIMERS	SHELBY	TUESDAY NITE LADIES
ASTRO	FRIDAY FAB FOUR	SKORE	R H JONES TUES MEN
BEECH	R & M MENS	SKORE	KNIGHTS & LADIES
BEECH	MON MORNING MIXED 4SOME	SKORE	BOB SPARKS T V N
BONANZA	METRO CAUM	SKORE	FRIDAY SENIORS
BONANZA	LOCAL 961	SKORE	SILVER FOX SENIORS
BONANZA	TUESDAY NITE MIXER	SKORE	DOWNRIVER SR MENS
BOWL ONE	GUS PONDER MEMORIAL	SKORE	DEARBORN RECREATION LADIES
BOWL ONE	SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIALS	SKORE	FRIDAY FUNSTERS
BOWL ONE	ADAMS & EVES	SKORE	POWERTRAIN MENS
BOWL ONE	G M MENS #1	SKORE	BON SECOUR HOSPITAL MIXED
BOWL ONE	CLAWSON TROY ELKS	SKORE	SHORE LANES MIXED
BOWL ONE	LADIES NITE OUT	SKORE	WEDNESDAY NIGHT BELLES
BOWL ONE	BUSINESS WOMENS	SKORE	JAS GALS SINGLES
BRONCO	FRI NITE DPL MIXED	SKORE	E O W
BRONCO	WEDNESDAY MORNING EARLYBIRDS	SKORE	OLDTIMERS
BOWLERO	STARS & STRIKES	SKORE	EASTSIDE SR CLASSIC
BOWLERO	BOWLERO SUNDAY MIXED	SKORE	OVER THE HILL
BOWLERO	FALL SPORTS LEAGUE	SKORE	C J MIXERS
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CHERRY HILL	ST BARBARAS MIXED FUN	SKORE	STERLING PIN UPS
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CHERRY HILL NORTH	DIXIE ALL STARS	SKORE	FR SAYLOR K OF C
CHERRY HILL NORTH	SKIRTS N SHIRTS	SKORE	LOU LAVAGNINO SR CITIZENS
CHERRY HILL NORTH	SAT NITE STRIKERS	SKORE	HIS & HERS
FORD	FORD SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH	SKORE	WED AM MIXED DOUBLES
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FRASTER STAR	SERVITE OF ST JOHN BERCHMAN	SKORE	WEDNESDAY NITE RIDERS
FIVE STAR	ST JANE MEN	SKORE	THURS MORNING MENS
FIVE STAR	JOB SHOP	SKORE	SUNDAY FUNTIMERS
FIVE STAR	MIXED NUTS	SKORE	CRITTENTON MIXED
FIVE STAR	SAT NIGHT LEFTOVERS	SKORE	TROY EXCHANGE
FIVE STAR	THURSDAY MORNING FRIENDS	SKORE	SAT NIGHT KINGS & QUEENS
GARDEN BOWL	GARDEN BOWL RETIREES	SKORE	TUESDAY JR HOUSE
LUXURY	FRIDAY NIGHT TRIO	SKORE	FRIENDLY SENIOR MIXED
MADISON PARK	WAYNE COUNTY MIXED 4SOME	SKORE	MICHIGAN ANG
MERCURY	MON NIGHT MXD TRIO	SKORE	UNIVERSAL BOOM
MERRI BOWL	COVENANT COMM CHURCH	SKORE	WOODLAND THURS NIGHT MEN
MERRI BOWL	NOTTINGHAMS MIXED	SKORE	SATURDAY NITE MIXED
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NOVI	MONDAY JR HOUSE	SKORE	MONDAY NITE MENS
NOVI	WED MIXED	SKORE	AMERICAN LEGION MIXED
NOVI	MENS LUTHERAN	SKORE	SATURDAY NIGHT CRAWLERS
NOVI	NORTHVILLE WOMEN	SKORE	MONDAY MENS
NOVI	WEDNESDAYS WONDER WOMEN	SKORE	EASY ROLLERS
PLAZA	VFW-VVA MIXED	SKORE	TUESDAY TOPPLERS

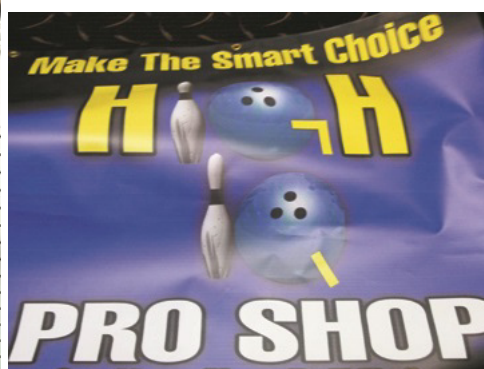
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MAYFLOWER LANES (32)	26600 Plymouth Rd	Redford	48239	(313) 937-8420
MERCURY LANES (16)	7630 Schaefer Rd	Dearborn	48126	(313) 846-4900
MERRI BOWL LANES (40)	30950 5 Mile Rd	Livonia	48154	(734) 427-2900
METRO DETROIT BOWLING & RESOURCE CENTER (8)	7023 E 14 Mile Road	Sterling Heights	48312	(586) 268-4001
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USBC makes restrictive video policy official for the 2017 Open Championships and a walkway to boot

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The United States Bowling Congress has confirmed what was hinted at and widely expected: with lane patterns being secret, the video policy for the 2017 Open Championships will be far more restrictive than in the past.

When the changes for the 2017 Open Championships were announced in October 2016, USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said that if someone was seen webcasting competition with a phone or other device they likely would be asked to stop.

"But we're not going to ask everyone to drop their phone in a bucket when they walk into the venue," he said at the time.

USBC said at the time that

webcasting was ending and in the new policy it confirmed that.

It also made official what has been discussed at times over the past few months: DVD taping will be offered, but those who pay for the service will not get their DVDs until after the tournament concludes.

Here is the policy:

Please note that video streaming or recording during practice or competition at the USBC Open Championships strictly is prohibited. Anyone found recording the event will be subject to removal from the venue without warning. This rule also applies to spectators in the stands.

We understand competitors may want to record the final frame of a possible 300 game or other noteworthy accomplishment, so short highlight videos will be allowed. We appreciate your cooperation.

Please note that any team or individual who signs with USBC Photography to have their competition recorded will not receive the DVD until after competition ends in July.

Erik Vermilyea, who has two Eagles, may have put it best:

"I'm just as against this as I am about not releasing the pattern beforehand. Only going to create conflict and conspiracy, and is just a giant step back in my opinion."

The problems of enforcement were a hot topic, with Mason Sherman among those pointing that out:

"Honestly this is taking it a bit too far. The volunteers and workers of the USBC open championships have enough going on during the tournament (making scoring changes etc) and now are going to be watching every bowler and spectator that no video is occurring.

Good luck.

Today's world is about access to information and overall social media. I said earlier last year there should be more live streams of the tournament. Now there is no video allowed? Flabbergasted at this rule."

And others pointed out the unfairness in the difference between those who live close to the tournament site and those who live far away, as Walter Pekovitch noted: *"If you're not going to allow video, then only allow competitors in the venue. Isn't fair to allow the locals to do their homework but penalize me because I live 1000+ miles away. This does not make anything more fair! Transparency is fair- if people don't want to take the time and effort to do homework, that is their fault! These rules are simply stupid!"*

Couldn't have said it better myself than those folks.

As I've said, it boggles my mind that anyone thinks that the playing field is fairer with secret patterns over transparency, but if the masses truly do believe this way, USBC should be educating them, not bowing to their misguided wishes.

What our sport needs is measures to make the playing field visible so outsiders — like the officials who run the Olympics — can understand the difference between elite bowling and recreational bowling.

If the patterns were openly posted in advance like they have been, there would be no reason for a different video policy and the hassles that obviously are going to come with trying to police it.

My biggest fear is that all of the changes USBC has come up with for the Open Championships in an effort to boost entries instead are going to make them fall more, which is a disaster for USBC and the thousands of bowlers who love the tournament.

If that happens, it would make the task force that produced these changes one of the colossal failures of bowling history.

As I've detailed previously, South Point Bowling Plaza is a magnificent facility geared for bowlers.

But it does have one drawback — the long distance, some of it slightly uphill, to get from a public casino entrance to the Plaza.

That drawback will be less for the 2017 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships than it was for the 2016 USBC Women's Championships, as South Point is building airport-style moving walkways covering the roughly 120 feet that is on a slight incline. For those who have been there, that is the area leading up to the escalators from the main floor of the facility.

Mike Monyak, manager of bowling operations for South Point, said in an interview that the walkways are coming on a boat from Spain and will be finished early in the 2017 Open Championships.

"The inbound should be set up by probably the first week of March, and the other one might be a couple of weeks later," Monyak said.

Monyak said his understanding was that walkways to the arena — in the same area before the Plaza and added equestrian space were built — were originally in the plans when what was then South Coast was built, but got chopped out.

South Coast opened in 2005 and in 2006 Michael Gaughan sold his Boyd Gaming stock to Boyd in exchange for full ownership of the property, which was re-named South Point.

Monyak said the 2016 Women's Championships "went fairly well. But some of the women did say it was a long walk. Distance-wise it's not that far. It's longer from the 4th Street entrance to the squad room at the (National Bowling) Stadium in Reno than from the (South Point) hotel rooms to (the Plaza). But that incline with the carpet is a little tedious."

After the Women's Championships ended, Monyak said, "Mr. Gaughan called me and said, 'We're putting the walkways in.' It will help the people getting in and out. Plus, we're doing a lot more out in the arena with the equestrian. And our bingo galas have grown huge and a lot of folks who play bingo are senior citizens so it will help them too."

Monyak said South Point didn't really get that many complaints from Women's Championships competitors, "but we watched and observed people with balls."

"I think Mr. Gaughan looked at it and just thought it was the right thing to do," he said. "Knowing him he probably took a bag and rolled it up there and said, yeah they're right."

The walkways will be extra important for the Open Championships with the Bowlers Journal Championships and Showcase Lanes being at South Point's bowler center, which is a long haul from the Plaza.

Monyak acknowledged the obvious reason there is no extra close entrance for the Plaza — casinos want people walking through their gaming areas — but he said that's not the only reason.

"The other is because of the equestrian arenas — both the main and the pre downstairs. We have a lot of equestrian events going on at the same time as we're doing bowling. And we've got a lot of horse trailers out there, a lot of horses, a lot of traffic. In terms of safety, we don't want to mix bowlers and equestrian together. It's just safer that way."

Any women who compete in the Open Championships after competing in the Women's Championships last year won't notice any other major changes.

"Everything else went pretty good," Monyak said, adding that there just would be some behind-the-scenes systems changes to make things run smoother.

The Plaza is split into two sides of 30 lanes with the seating in the middle, so there is no middle aisle to walk down.

Monyak said the walk with music before team event will form at lane 60 and go across the approaches from 60 to 31, then across the back and over to 30 to 1.

"It's not that much more distance than walking the (National Bowling) Stadium for lane 1," Monyak said. "It will look pretty cool."

The 2017 Open Championships begin on Feb. 18 and end with the last team squad on July 9 and last minors squad on July 10.

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Moonlight at Midnight

When Time Stood Still for Five Minutes

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With the exception of a brief couple rounds of double duty, it's been 15 years since managing a bowling center. However, the last 2 weeks of the year always brings back memories. After numerous family, community, and company parties between Thanksgiving and Christmas, there was usually a day or two to reboot the energy level and prepare for the longest day of the year, New Year's Eve.

The beginning of the New Year's Eve day always started off with excitement and hope for a great upcoming year. So much fun was planned for the bowlers of all ages and abilities. The day most often consisted of an early day senior event, usually a tournament, along with open bowling. We then went through all 52 lanes being filled with 3 shifts of 2-hour center parties that included family bowling, pizza, soft drinks, contests, prizes, and more. Somewhere in the middle of all this, the vending machine money had to be emptied and counted. Often times they had to also be restocked from earlier purchases. In addition, the snack bar and lounge inventories had to be counted. At this point, our excellent staff handling much of these activities was truly appreciated. Then the following other thoughts came to mind regarding the day: completing the New Year's Eve expense report and hoping the estimated number of guests or more came to the center; the daily report; the weekly report; the monthly report; and the traveling all night youth church party coming from 5am-7am to finish their night/morning. After the third shift of 2-hour bowling parties, it became preparation time for the late night Moonlight Doubles party.

We then closed the center for 2 hours to prepare for the late night Moonlight Doubles party. This gave us time to blow up balloons and spread them across the floor, get the door prizes to the back of the counter, change clothes, make sure karaoke was set up, get any line-up changes done, and make sure the buffet was hot/smelling good. During this time, a special feeling came about. We knew the next 6-7 hours was going to be spent with our league bowlers, incredible people who came to the bowling center often for their own play as well as getting their children involved in bowling. Few venues offer this type of opportunity to develop relationships with so many people. Bowling centers are far more special than anyone from the outside can imagine.

After everything was set including handicap verification, a couple of line-up changes, and practice, the Moonlight Doubles party began. It almost always started off in the typical fashion with collecting jackpot money, mystery game and 50/50 tickets sales, and other miscellaneous items. The people who came just for the karaoke and buffet peeked in to see the bowling excitement. Everyone was happy. Then midnight would approach. In the last few minutes before the New Year's Eve ball came down everything started to slow down just a little bit. The upper monitors were changed to the TV mode and people were starting to look up instead of bowling. Champagne glasses were passed around and joy was in the air. When the ball came down, the level of noise increased for about 15 seconds and then everyone came together wishing each other the Best. For about 5 minutes, time stood still. Everything positive about the bowling center for the past year came to mind and for a while didn't seem to end. Many of these memories include: 300 games and 800 series being shot; a Saturday night bowler throwing a 300 game and should have been too tired to realize it was me calling on Sunday morning at 8am pretending to be Billy Bob from the USBC explaining their pair of lanes were 2" short/their 300 game doesn't count-then cussing me out; employees hanging in there for the past 2 weeks with day long waiting lists; the last league contract being signed;

the Young at Heart leagues bringing the best baked goods in the world at the holiday party and taking a collection for the 20 year old counter person going to college; Vegas and NASCAR leagues; league bowlers sticking around for weeknight pot games making completion of the late night paperwork feel a little safer; league bowlers getting married; Thursday night post-league play with the Molson crew bringing in hockey equipment (goalie equipment, net, hockey stick and puck/ball) for a little play in the Sports/Quickie Bar; having the arm twisted to sing one Karaoke song (With a Little Help from my Friends); employees being patient with the many youth and families there for the first time;

ping pong on the concourse during Monday night leagues for a little play in between shots; and the many bowlers who shared their lives week after week. Though in the past, these special times will never be forgotten.

It's probably ok to share one sentimental article per year. Hopefully, everyone had 5 minutes at midnight this past New Year's Eve when time stood still and all was good. May this upcoming year be filled with great peace and joy.

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Kenneth Hobson	11/01/2016	Ford Lanes	Ford Research 16-17	Ryan Baker	11/14/2016	Sterling Lanes	San Marino Mens
Robert Flournoy	11/01/2016	Luxury Lanes	Detroit Golf Club League	Antonio Righi	11/14/2016	Sterling Lanes	San Marino Mens
Benjamin Neuman	11/01/2016	Ten Pins Of Trenton	Tuesday Night Mens	Zack Huffman	11/14/2016	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men
Kerry Kreft	11/01/2016	Astro Lanes	Tues Goodtimers	Raymond Kujawa	11/14/2016	Cherry Hill North	Dixie All Stars
Brian Edwards	11/01/2016	Plaza Lanes	St Colette Mens	Thomas Karnes	11/15/2016	Belmar Lanes	Peace Lutheran
Joseph Miller	11/01/2016	Shore Lanes	St Margarets Tuesday Early	Raymond Kaiser	11/15/2016	Fraser Star Lanes	Fraser Stars
Ralph Gates II	11/02/2016	300 Bowl	Pontiac Motor Inter Office	Anna Moses	11/15/2016	Wonderland Lanes	Tuesday Mens Invitational
Jordan Hornes	11/02/2016	Plaza Lanes	Great 8 Invitational	Christopher Schneider	11/15/2016	Wonderland Lanes	Tuesday Mens Invitational
David Cryslar	11/03/2016	Woodland Lanes	Livonia Thurs Night Men	Michael Green	11/16/2016	Mayflower Lanes	Eloise Mixed League
Christopher McMichael	11/03/2016	Imperial Lanes	Business & Industrial	William Imbirowicz Jr	11/16/2016	Regal Lanes	Electrical Workers L U 58 Men
Billy Risse	11/04/2016	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men	Matthew Heichel	11/16/2016	Collier Lanes	Oxford Wildcats
Timothy Austin	11/04/2016	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Couples	Tony Grote	11/16/2016	Plaza Lanes	Great 8 Invitational
Brian Bester	11/05/2016	Woodland Lanes	Saturday Kings & Queens	Darryl McGhee	11/16/2016	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Paul Graczyk	11/06/2016	Total Sports Lanes	Sunday A M Beer League	Eugene Harris	11/16/2016	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Larry Witkowski	11/07/2016	Merribowl Lanes	Detroit Firefighters	Arthur Rumpitz	11/16/2016	Sterling Lanes	Wednesday Fun Timers
David Shanbaum	11/07/2016	Country Lanes	Brotherhood E-Jacobson	Michael Dickerson	11/16/2016	Cherry Hill Lanes	Wen-Mixed
David Derkacz	11/07/2016	Wonderland Lanes	St Williams Mens 16/17	Corey Olsen	11/16/2016	300 Bowl	Pontiac Motor Inter Office
Benjamin Neuman	11/07/2016	Ten Pins Of Trenton	Monday Nite Trio	Ralph LeBlanc Jr	11/18/2016	Woodland Lanes	Grandale
Jennifer Peretto	11/07/2016	Luxury Lanes	Luxury Ladies Inv. League	John Waterstraat	11/18/2016	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men
Steven Scherle	11/07/2016	Bowl One Lanes	Gus Ponder Memorial	Michael Bolus	11/18/2016	Astro Lanes	Detroit Architectural
Peter Minaudo	11/07/2016	Rosebowl Lanes	Chrysler Sandbaggers	Aaron Simms	11/18/2016	Astro Lanes	Detroit Architectural
Zachary VanVleet	11/08/2016	Five Star Lanes	Chrysler Engineering	Brian Esper	11/18/2016	Five Star Lanes	Sportsmens
Chris Christesen	11/09/2016	Roosevelt Lanes	Ford Traffic	Benjamin Neuman	11/19/2016	Plaza Lanes	Happy Kings & Queens
Steven Prykucki	11/09/2016	Five Star Lanes	Job Shop	Phillip Pack	11/19/2016	Luxury Lanes	Renaissance Rollers
Brian Busch	11/09/2016	Five Star Lanes	Job Shop	LaVern Walker	11/19/2016	Plum Hollow Lanes	Hartford Memorial Mx
Rich Abramski	11/09/2016	Five Star Lanes	Job Shop	Keven King	11/19/2016	Five Star Lanes	Saturday Night Leftovers
Mark StClair	11/09/2016	Troy Lanes	Troy Exchange	Scott McGlone	11/19/2016	Plaza Lanes	Happy Kings & Queens
Richard Pomaville	11/09/2016	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Wed Nite Men	Brian Gomez	11/20/2016	Thunderbowl Lanes	Lads And Lassies
Jim Samaan	11/09/2016	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Wed Nite Men	Terry Wilson Sr	11/20/2016	Skore Lanes	Bob Sparks T V N
Richard Pomaville II	11/09/2016	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Wed Nite Men	Michael Terenzi	11/21/2016	Rosebowl Lanes	Our Lady Queen Of Peace
Cory Inger	11/09/2016	Plaza Lanes	Great 8 Invitational	Erica Ewald	11/21/2016	Luxury Lanes	Luxury Ladies Inv. League
Michael Jacobs	11/09/2016	Plaza Lanes	Great 8 Invitational	Christopher Craft	11/21/2016	Waterford Lanes	Monday Mens
Willis McCauley	11/09/2016	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational	William Penson	11/21/2016	300 Bowl	Pontiac Community Mixed
Kyle King	11/09/2016	Alley 59	Wednesday Inv Bowling Lge	Brian Seiferlein	11/21/2016	Airway Lanes	Pop's Comets
Kyle King	11/09/2016	Alley 59	Wednesday Inv Bowling Lge	Paul Ban III	11/22/2016	Total Sports Lanes	Tuesday Jr House
John Robertson	11/09/2016	300 Bowl	Pontiac Motor Inter Office	John Kohler	11/22/2016	Wonderland Lanes	Tuesday Mens Invitational
Benjamin Matiglan	11/09/2016	Super Bowl	Wednesday Nite Men	Frank Spiga	11/22/2016	Shore Lanes	St Margarets Tuesday Early
Larry Walker	11/10/2016	Bonanza	Detroit All Star Classic	Michael Caples	11/23/2016	300 Bowl	Pontiac Motor Inter Office
Raymond Kaiser	11/10/2016	Rosebowl Lanes	City Lutheran	Alan Pittman	11/23/2016	300 Bowl	Pontiac Motor Inter Office
Wayne Boik	11/10/2016	Ten Pins Of Trenton	Thursday Invitational	James Richards	11/23/2016	Super Bowl	Wednesday Nite Men
Kenneth Ciantar	11/10/2016	Ten Pins Of Trenton	Thursday Invitational	Christopher Nielson	11/23/2016	Plaza Lanes	Great 8 Invitational
Christopher Karczewski	11/10/2016	Sterling Lanes	Thursday Mens Ind	James Owens II	11/23/2016	Ford Lanes	Wednesday Night Mens 16-17
John DeCruydt	11/10/2016	Shore Lanes	Shore Thursday Men	Michael Chism	11/23/2016	Country Lanes	Country Keglers
Martin Salyers	11/10/2016	Universal Lanes	Thursday Community	Joseph Baran	11/23/2016	Sterling Lanes	Eastside Sr Classic
Cory Young	11/10/2016	Universal Lanes	Thursday Community	Gary Moss	11/23/2016	Rosebowl Lanes	Guardian Angels
Ryan Mitter	11/10/2016	Harbor Lanes	Thursday Nite Mens	Gerald Brown	11/23/2016	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Fred Hrobowski	11/11/2016	Plum Hollow Lanes	Friday Morning Mixed Trio	Michael Fink	11/25/2016	Plaza Lanes	Friday Night Live
Justin Nelson	11/11/2016	Skore Lanes	SK207 10:00am Elite	Tom Treusch	11/25/2016	Sterling Lanes	Fri Sr Trio
David Vaughn	11/12/2016	Imperial Lanes	Imperial Margarines	Dean Goulette	11/25/2016	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men
Deshontae Whitaker	11/13/2016	Bonanza Lanes	Sunday Afternoon Mixed Travele	Zakarey Geer	11/27/2016	Travel	TZ202 Ward Travel Classic
Harold Alcini	11/13/2016	Total Sports Lanes	Sunday A M Beer League	Andrew Ruggero	11/27/2016	Total Sports Lanes	Sunday A M Beer League
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Terry Woodrough	11/14/2016	Sterling Lanes	San Marino Mens	Ralph Meisner	11/29/2016	300 Bowl	300 Tues House Lge
Mark Roden	11/14/2016	Airway Lanes	Pop's Comets	Patrick O'Neill	11/29/2016	Woodland Lanes	Tuesday Night Mix Inv'l
Victor Rossi Jr	11/14/2016	Ten Pins Of Trenton	Monday Nite Trio	Edwin Hargrave Jr	11/30/2016	Mayflower Lanes	Eloise Mixed League
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816	Christopher McMichael	11/03/2016	Imperial Lanes	Business & Industrial
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844	Charles Cassise Sr	11/10/2016	Cherry Hill Lanes	Ford Truck
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806	John Waterstraat	11/11/2016	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men
813	George Humphry	11/12/2016	Shore Lanes	Saturday Night Bold Ones
801	Kenneth Bannasch	11/15/2016	Five Star Lanes	Chrysler Engineering
834	John Taylor	11/16/2016	Collier Lanes	Oxford Wildcats
846	Darryl McGhee	11/16/2016	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
815	William Wittenberg Jr	11/17/2016	Sterling Lanes	Thursday Mens Ind
815	Tony Grote	11/17/2016	Plaza Lanes	Great 8 Invitational
804	Michael White	11/17/2016	Rosebowl Lanes	Suburban Industrial
802	Kevin Montalbano	11/18/2016	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men
857	Benjamin Neuman	11/19/2016	Plaza Lanes	Happy Kings & Queens
815	Michael Terenzi	11/21/2016	Rosebowl Lanes	Our Lady Queen Of Peace
824	Colin Zurenko	11/21/2016	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men
817	Christopher Schneider	11/22/2016	Wonderland Lanes	Tuesday Mens Invitational
804	Michael Caples	11/23/2016	300 Bowl	Pontiac Motor Inter Office
816	Christopher Nielson	11/23/2016	Plaza Lanes	Great 8 Invitational
800	Paul Haus	11/25/2016	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men
805	Michael Fink	11/25/2016	Plaza Lanes	Friday Night Live

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Why Bowlers Should Marry Bowlers

STRIKES ME

By Bob Johnson
Bowlers Journal International



This is a love story. Hey, all you men out there — wait! There's no need to turn the page. You're going to like this story, too. I promise.

I'll cut right to the chase, and then give you the back story. On Oct. 24, 2015, I got married. Michelle is a beautiful woman, inside and out. Anyone who knows her would tell you the same thing, so this is not the observation of some goo-goo-eyed teenager.

Michelle and I go way back — around 30 years would be our best estimate. I first met her when I would help emcee the annual All-Star Awards Banquet conducted by the Southern California Bowling Writers Association. There was always a celebrity master of ceremonies (Bob Barker... Roy Firestone... even Milton Berle, going way back), and the event culminated with the announcement of the Southern California All-Star Teams and Bowlers of the Year.

For several years, Don Snyder of the Los Angeles Times presented the men's and women's teams, and I would present the junior boys' and junior girls' teams. The honorees were not announced in advance, so the elements of suspense and surprise added to the fun of the evening. All of the kids cleaned up well for the occasion, but a number of the girls dressed like it was prom night.

On two different occasions, Michelle Garcia was named Southern California Junior Girl Bowler of the Year. I was married at the time, but I'm a guy and I still remember her dress.

There was no contact with her other than on those nights, but about five years later, by pure coincidence, I was bowling in a league with her dad and brother. By then, she was 21, and I was divorced and writing a syndicated wine column in addition to trying to eke out a living as a bowling writer.

Michelle would occasionally stop by the center to watch her dad and brother bowl, and on one of those nights, I asked her if she'd like to go to a wine-tasting event at the Ritz-Carlton in Laguna-Niguel, Calif. It wasn't a date, per se. I simply had been given two media tickets, was still stinging from the divorce and not dating, and didn't want the second ticket to go to waste. Michelle accepted.

Then, just a few days before the event, she called me, apologized, and said she couldn't go. The league season ended, and that would be the last contact I'd have with her for more than 20 years.

She was helping to organize a reunion of former Southern California junior bowlers and, through a mutual friend, found me on Facebook. She thought it would be cool to get a bowling writer involved, someone who could help publicize the event. We saw each other only briefly at the reunion because the turnout was so good; there were a lot of people to catch up with.

Afterward, however, we began chatting on Facebook, via email and eventually by phone. We had a lot in common, pretty much all dealing with bowling or family experiences.

As I was working on the 100th anniversary issue of Bowlers Journal, the nine-month period leading up to that 300-page magazine's printing consisted of 16-hour days, seven days per week, at the office; a daily one-hour, round-trip commute by train, which I used for proofreading; and a half-hour chat with either Michelle or my daughter before going to bed. I can't recall when I ate.

Getting to know Michelle during that period helped keep me focused and sane. And when she came to visit me in Chicago after that issue had finally been completed, I knew I wanted to spend the rest of my life with her. I had gotten to know the person inside that prom dress, and felt fortunate that someone like her would even give someone like me a second look.

She did not hear "bowling writer" and roll her eyes, just as I do not hear "bowler" and roll mine. Bowlers are often misunderstood because of the sport we play, and that's why bowlers should always marry bowlers.

It cuts down on in-law problems, too.

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2017 SCHEDULE

DATE	CENTER	TIME
1/7/17	THUNDERBOWL LANES	10 AM
1/28/17	300 BOWL	10 AM
2/25/17	IMPERIAL LANES	10 AM
3/4/17	BONANZA LANES (SENIOR / SS)	10 AM
3/18/17	WESTLAND BOWL	10 AM
4/8/17	ROSE BOWL LANES - WINDSOR	10 AM
4/29/17	ASTRO LANES	10 AM
5/20/17	NOVI BOWL	10 AM
6/3/17	OAK LANES (OVER / UNDER 50)	10 AM
6/24/17	TOWN & COUNTRY LANES	10 AM
7/22/17	WONDERLAND LANES	10 AM
8/5/17	MERRI BOWL (NON CHAMPIONS)	10 AM
8/26/17	WAYNE BOWL	10 AM
9/23/17	SUPERBOWL LANES	10 AM
10/28/17	PLAZA LANES	10 AM
11/18/17	5 STAR LANES	10 AM
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Entries close March 12 at 12:30 p.m.

Unless tournament extended.

Prize fee returned 100%. Prize ratio 1 in 10 entries.

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Team Name _____ Captain _____ Organizer _____

Address, City, State, Zip, Phone _____

Do you want to cross lanes with a specific team? Yes or No. Team Name _____

Team Event (Date/Time) 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

D/S Event (Date/Time) 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bowler's Name	Avg. per rule #3	ID #	\$25 Team	\$25 Doubles	\$25 Singles	\$5 Actual A/E	\$5 Hdgp A/E (50 & older)	\$5 Sr Hdgp A/E (50 & older)	\$5 Senior A/E (50 & older)	Optional Scratch Division	Total
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