

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



### **JANUARY 2018**

## McKay Event Raises Nearly \$11,000 Proceeds benefit Karmanos and Hall of Fame

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Tom McKay Pro-Am Invitational (formerly the Steve Cruchon Memorial Pro-Am) was held in December at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights and nearly \$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-eight 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.

Greg Sierzan and Don Szachta paced the qualifying field with 1,435. The Sierzan-Szachta duo won their first match, but lost their second to finish fourth. This was a turnaround from the previous year when they finished last on the toilet seat.

Qualifying second were Harold Alcini and Steve Charrette with 1,387. They won their first two matches to advance to the finals.

Steve Krywy and Dave Blahovec qualified fourth with 1,351 and won their first two matches to face Alcini and Charrette in the finals.

The match was close but the Krywy-Blahovec team prevailed with a 466-437 victory over Alcini-Charrette to take home the championship.

On the other end of the spectrum Ken Lotito and Bill Dewid 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 Scott Barker, 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.



### **Bercier claims Women's Series at Superbowl**

Valerie Bercier of Spring Lake won the Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC) Women's Series event with a 246-184 win over Lisa Bishop of Redford at Superbowl in Canton. Bercier took home the top prize of \$500, while Bishop settled for \$250.

Bercier was the top qualifier in the field of 37, with a four-game total of 882. She started a little slow with 185, but caught fire with games of 232, 228 and 237 to top the field and earn the top seed for match play. In match play she beat Robin Orlikowski of Grand Rapids 246-216 and Sekeithia Walters-Wright of Eastpointe 224-191 to advance to the championship match. She averaged 228.3.

Bishop qualified third with a steady 838 with a high game of 228. She earned a bye in the first round then beat Nicole Wilson of Livonia 224-208 and Jennifer Maples of Southfield 215-190 on her way to the finals. Bishop averaged 208.7.

With the win Bercier took the lead in the season long cup standings with 212 points, followed by Bishop (205),

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Champion Valerie Bercier (r) is congratulated by MDUSBC President John Vorpagel (c) and runner-up Lisa Bishop

Orlikowski (202), Ashley Denard of Southfield (200) and Sarah Dorow of Midland (193).

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

### LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR 2018 STATE TOURNAMENT

The Metro Detroit USBC will host the 2018 Michigan State USBC WBA Women's Championship at Airway Lanes and Century Bowl in Waterford.

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

MDUSBC is looking for volunteers to assist in these responsibilities.

There are also tournament staff positions available.

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

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#### January 2018

# Tournament Season here, get ready

From the Editor Mark A. Martin MDUSBC Association Manager



It is critical that league secretaries return the December 31st average sheets for adult leagues and December 1st and 31st average sheets for youth leagues to the MDUSBC office. This information is used when verifying the results of the various MDUSBC tournaments. If you haven't sent it in yet simply mail or fax the form to us. The fax number is (248) 443-2690.

Along with the December sheets a list of bowlers registered in their league who had not paid their membership fees in any league according to our records.

While many of these have been resolved some are still lingering. There are many reasons why this situation may have occurred.

One reason could be a lack of linking two bowlers with similar names together. One card may have been received with a first name of Charles, while the other may be Chuck or some other name the bowler goes by. Remember the Metro Detroit USBC Association database has over 350,000 names in it, so sometimes it is difficult for us to figure it out.

It also causes us extreme difficulty when the December 31st sheet comes in with added bowlers and no application cards for the bowler. Many times they only come in with a first initial and last name. Do you know how many J. Smith's there are in the MDUSBC? Believe it or not there are 365 of them.

League secretaries when you get this letter about the bowlers get the information requested and mail or fax it back to us. We want to make sure everyone is accounted for.

Now that the calendar has turned to 2018, it's tournament time!!! Here's a few to consider.

The Masters will be held at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, located at 4200 Allen Rd. The date for qualifying is Jan. 27 with match play on Jan. 28.

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. Andrew Anderson of Holly 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. 10 with match play on Feb. 11 & 17.

Bradley Gray of Farmington Hills 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.

Both events are sponsored by Turbo 2-N-1 Grips and Turbo Tech.

The Metro Detroit USBC will conduct Annual Women's & Open Championship Tournaments with both starting Sat., February 10 through March 11 at Shore Lanes in St. Clair Shores. 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. Entry blanks for both tournaments are on page 12.

All events, team, doubles and singles, for both tournaments will be contested at the same site. Handicap is based on 100 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 2016-17 season in the Metro Detroit USBC 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 2016-17 season in the Metro Detroit USBC 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.

The Michigan State USBC Women's Championship deadline is Jan. 10, 2018.

The tournament will begin Feb. 17 at Airway Lanes and Century Bowl in Waterford.

The cost is \$25 per person per event and \$5 for optional all-events. Also available is the optional scratch division, which is \$5 per person per event.

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For more information on reserveddates and times contact Michigan Women's Association Manager Sharon Schildroth at (616) 635-2032.

The Michigan State USBC Open Championship will begin Jan. 13 at Fairlanes in Grandville and Westgate Bowl in Comstock Park.

The cost is \$25 per person per event and a cost of \$10 for all-events. The optional actual division prize list is \$10 per person per event.

For information on reserved dates and times call MSBAAssociation Manager Richard Loughlin at (517) 788-9135 or cell (517) 914-5437.

Entry blanks for both tournaments are available in your local bowling center and also at the MDUSBC office.



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# 90 Years Young

### Personal Perspectives Libbi Fletcher MDUSBC Director



Recently, the Metro Detroit USBC has been receiving notifications of leagues that have persevered through the downward trend of league bowling. Again, this past month we are honored to recognize yet another league that has survived for 90 years in the Bowling Capital of the World.

In 1927, a group of 8 men standing on a corner near St. John Berchmans Church with little to do, decided to start a bowling league. They were Leo Krass, Frank Schebil, Martin Koch, Ed DeCoster, George Schnorr, Leo Gaines, Williams Gaines, and Laurence Rife.

On December 5, 1928, the first organized bowling of the Servite of St. John Berchmans Bowling league took place.

Four teams of four men each participated including; Leo Krass, Frank Schebil, Edmund DeCoster, Sr., and Laurence Rife. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team was Edward Andrysiak, Adam Andrysiak, Henry Boeding, and Mr. Downey. The 3<sup>rd</sup> team consisted of Fr. Wiehl, Martin Koch, George Schnorr and Leo Gaines. The final team was William Blames, Clarence Tesens, Schimmer and Corfis.

George Schnorr was selected as acting secretary and treasurer to keep the records.

The league began bowling at the Royal Recreation until 1947, then moved to Chandler Lanes until 1961, then to Maple Lanes until 1993, and Rosebowl until 1999. The league currently bowls at Fraser Star Lanes.

In 1936, as a joke, a small wooden potty-chair, with the names of the league champions, the Camels, was presented to the team as their championship trophy. Traditionally, the names of the subsequent champions have had their names placed on the potty-chair. Once room was no longer available, a new chair was built by league member John Megge.

In 1978, the league created the Leo Krass Sportsman Award and has been honoring a member for sportsmanship, fellowship and a credit to the league each year since. The plaque hangs at Fraser Star honoring all of the past inductees.

Currently the league donates to the Servants of Mary Sisters in the name of past bowlers and is proud to help the many retired sisters who taught at St. John Berchmans School.

Congratulations to this fine league who has seen many generations of family members participate in this league over the past 90 years!

Metro Detroit USBC salutes you and wishes you many more!

If you have a league celebrating years of success, please let us know! We are so proud of all of our leagues, but would love to honor those longstanding leagues, bowlers and officers!



Don Poley, MDUSBC President John Vorpagel and Dennis Gryka, league president

### Congratulations to the 77 leagues below that raised \$6,759.75 by passing around the envelope for BVL in November

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Look for your league Bowl For The Cure envelope in February and pass it around!!!

# **Develop Your Shotmaking Routine**

#### Pro Tip Michelle Mullen USBC Gold Coach



Great bowlers learn how to repeat shots. It's not about being perfect, but about being able to repeat a similar motion from shot to shot. It is part of a sound mental game and cultivating this ability begins with a good shotmaking routine.

Some might refer to it as their ritual before the shot. The important thing to note is that a pre-shot routine is as mental as it is physical. While you can see the physical routine, as important is the invisible thought process that goes along with it.

If you've ever watched golf, you see many players go through a meticulous routine as they approach the shot. They are preparing their bodies, *and minds*, to make the next shot. A shotmaking routine is a physical ritual paired with a mental process to harness your energy, and focus, from one turn to the next. Develop yours to enhance your ability to repeat shots.

The major benefit to having a routine is that you can control your environment in 3 important ways to improve your shot making ability. You: • shift your focus as you transition

into your turn to bowl · eliminate outside distractions

· develop the same focus, regardless of the situation or score

Your routine will help you make the transition from socializing to shotmaking when it is your turn to bowl. And, if you've ever been distracted by a bowler who steps up on you (or anything), that is a good time to step off the approach and re-initiate your pre shot routine. If you are nervous or need an important shot, getting absorbed in your routine will settle you and help you focus on your performance.

#### PRE SHOT ROUTINE

There are 3 basic stations to your pre-shot routine: initiating your turn, preparing your shot and visualizing the outcome. As you enter the bowlers area, determine where your turn, and thus routine, begins. This is where you begin to develop your focus. Then, prepare yourself for the shot. This is where you pair your physical routine with mental clarity. Clarify your thoughts, whether you are to focus on a specific part of your technique, or create a general thought to relax. Finally, face the lane and visualize your outcome before you step up in the stance to go.

While your routine will be unique to your game, consider these tips to develop a sound pre-shot ritual:

• As you approach the bowler's setee area, imagine a curtain drops behind you to separate you from everyone else. Begin to channel your focus on the upcoming shot.

Use the same ritual every time to prepare your hand and pick up the ball as you prepare to get set your stance.

· Clarify and simplify your thoughts and completely commit to your strategy.

· Visualize the path of the ball to the pocket or spare, before you step up on the approach.

#### POST-SHOT ROUTINE

As part of your mental process, you should also have a post-shot routine to analyze the outcome and determine your strategy/adjustment for the next shot. Your post-shot routine should involve your analysis of what happened and include your upcoming strategy for the next shot, based on that analysis. It also involves refocusing if you have a second shot to make. Organize your thoughts to consider these important aspects to a post-shot routine:

· Assess the outcome. Note ball reaction and/or any flaws in execution.

· Immediately refocus if you left a spare to shoot.

• Strategize your next strike shot before you leave the bowler's area, and decide what adjustments, if any, you will make on the next shot to make itmore successful. Do this before socializing again while the shot is fresh in your mind. You may have determined that you simply did not focus properly on the last shot, so you resolve to do so on the next one. Or you may have determined that the ball hooked too much because you drifted, and so rather than adjust where you stand, you resolve to walk straighter next time. Or you may decide that you made a good shot, but need to make an adjustment because of the lane condition. This is the time to engineer any move you will make for the next frame and commit to your decision.

#### DEVELOP YOUR DISCIPLINE

Don't be too concerned if at first you realize that you just don't feel like doing your shot making routine. I get it. This stuff takes a lot of energy to do every time! You might be too upset from your last shot or distracted by the lucky shot your opponent got, or you might just feel lazy. Again, working on the mental game is just as hard as working on the physical game; it just happens to be invisible.

Some of the greatest bowlers I competed against on tour stuck relentlessly to their routines. This does not mean that it was easy to do. It means that they had trained themselves to do so, so that it had become automatic. Because of this discipline, their mental games were very strong and their shot making was superb.

There are many possible thoughts that can go through your mind at any time.

Using your pre and post shot routine to harness your energy and strengthen your focus will help you create an effective thought process to help you develop your strategy and repeat your motion from shot to shot.

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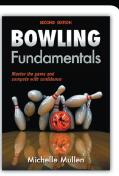
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# Everything you ever wanted to know about upcoming tournaments!!

(Ann)ouncements Ann Block MDUSBC Director



Happy New Year to everyone who reads these words. Having said that this New Year brings with it new chances for competition in this season's championship tournaments. Being a bowling geek I love tounaments. Tournament competition has literally taken me around the world. Tournaments are a chance for anyone to compete in a different venue with slightly different stakes. Most events are multiple day competitions which offers the opportunity to challenge people from across the bowling spectrum. In bowling anyone has the potential to be a champion. The sport of bowling offers competitions to fit a multitude of skill sets. The tournament offerings in Detroit and the State of Michigan are the best in the country.

The first national tournament I will address is a little different in its design. The National 600 Bowling Club offers a mail-o-graphic (MOG) singles event format tournament each winter. A MOG is by definition a tournament in which scores from all over the country are matched against each other and it is all done by mail. You use your league night scores. No extra travel time or expense. The tournament offers three average divisions, two age divisions, and one scratch division. The cost is a mere \$10.00 per entry. To make matters easier yet the Michigan State USBC Women's Bowling Association (WBA) has offered as an award for years a lifetime membership in the National 600 Bowling Club. This is the easiest tournament competition on the planet. For more information website visit the www.national600.com.

The state bowling championships will soon take to the lanes in Grand Rapids and in Waterford.

The Michigan State USBC Bowling AssociationGrand Rapids area this

year. The will hold their annual tournament at Fairlanes Family Entertainment Center and Westgate Bowl. The tournament starts in January and will run weekends thru May. This tournament does offer walk-in entries. Competition is held in team, doubles, singles and all-events. The events are \$25.00 per person per event. For more information visit their website www.mistatebowl.com.

The Michigan State USBC WBA will hold their annual tournament in Waterford at Century Bowl and Airway Lanes. Tournament entries close for this event on January 10th but late entries at an additional fee can be made by contacting the office by phone. The office number is 616-635-2032. The cost per person per entry is \$25.00. Competition is held in four women teams, five women teams, doubles, and singles. An all-events division in both scratch and handicap is offered as well. More information and a fillable entry can be obtained on the MS USBC WBA website www.michiganwba.com.

The Midwest Women's Tournament (MWT) will complete its first six state rotation this year in Green Bay, Wisconsin. This tournament is offered by the Midwest Women's Association which is comprised of women from Michigan, Illinois. Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The sixth annual tournament will offer bowlers competition in four women teams, doubles, singles, and an all-events division. The cost is \$25.00 per person per event. More information regarding the MWT can be obtained on the website at www.midwestwomensbowling.com. The 2019 tournament will return to Michigan soil and will be held in the Battle Creek area.

The National USBC Championships this year will be held in Reno, Nevada and Syracuse, New York. The Women's Championships will be held at the National Bowling Stadium. The Open Championships will be held at the Oncenter Convention Center in downtown Syracuse. For more information on both events visit www.bowl.com.

The Michigan State Youth Championships will be held in the Lansing area at Royal Scot Lanes and Char Lanes. Events are held in team, mixed team, doubles, mixed doubles, and singles divisions. All-events competition is also offered in the tournament. The tournament is average based and handicapped in all events. The tournament also offers scratch competition for both male and female entrants. The cost per person per event is \$11.00. To participate in all three events and all-events is \$35.00. Late entries can be made in this tournament with prior contact and consent of the tournament manager. An additional fee is incurred for late entries. No walk-ins are allowed in this tournament. A fillable form can be found on the

www.michiganstateyouthbowling.org website.

The Michigan State Seniors Tournaments will take to the lanes in Bridgeport (near Frankenmuth) later on this year. Competition is held in both Open and Women's divisions. The form is available and fillable on the MS USBC WBA website. The tournament is held in a doubles and singles format. The cost is \$18.00 per person per entry. Entries close May 2<sup>nd</sup> and late entries are handled for an additional fee by the tournament director. Participants must be age 50 by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. All competition is done by an age basis.

Tournaments are a great way to expand your bowling opportunities. You can bowl with different people than on league night. You can visit different areas of the state and the country. You can challenge yourself with different bowling conditions. Always keep in mind anyone can be a tournament champion. This is why tournaments are great competition and so much fun. Happy New Year and Happy Bowling. Until next time!

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		Final Prize Listing						
		Airway I	Lanes					
		Decemb	oer 3, 2017					
Place	Team name	Score	Нсар	Prize	From			
1	Walker, Andrea L	796	174	\$200.00	Livonia			
2	Bryson, Minnie L	785	195	\$100.00	Livonia			
2 3	Campbell, Brenda J	755	234	\$80.00	Detroit			
4	Hunter, Valerie L	750	267	\$60.00	Macomb			
5	Dickerson, Debra M	749	99	\$40.00	Detroit			
6	Spike, Kathryn	748	147	\$30.00	Rochester HIs			
7	Averett, April	738	216	\$30.00	Redford			
8	Brown, Landa B	737	210	\$30.00	Detroit			
9	Redmond, Elaine L	735	255	\$30.00	Detroit			
10	Ball, Virginia L	733	189	\$30.00	Clarkston			
11	Lewis, Mary T	732	273	\$30.00	Livonia			
11	McCants, Angelique L	732	144	\$30.00	Southfield			
13	Klein, Lisa C	731	174	\$30.00	Westland			
14	Bryson-Stubbs, Angela M	729	147	\$30.00	Clinton Twp			
15	Brown, Denise	728	138	\$30.00	Detroit			
15	Gatscher, Dionne M	728	141	\$30.00	Farmington HIs			
17	Carter, Kelly L	727	264	\$30.00	Southfield			
18	Williams, Ora D	724	315	\$30.00	Detroit			

#### 2017-18 MDUSBC Women's Series Superbowl December 10, 2017

#### Prize List

1	Valerie Bercier	Spring Lake	\$	500
2	Lisa Bishop	Redford	\$	250
3	Jennifer Maples	Southfield	\$	100
4	Sekeithia Walters-Wright	Eastpointe	\$	100
5	Sarah Dorow	Midland	\$	75
6	Nicole Wilson	Livonia	\$	75
7	Jenna Law	<b>Clinton Townsh</b>	ip\$	75
8	Robin Orlikowski	Grand Rapids	\$	75
9	Kathleen Bishop	Westland	\$	50
10	Angela Wilt	Westland	\$	50

Next Women's Series event, Jan. 14, 2018 @ Airway Lanes in Waterford **Bowling Centers** 

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

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Fraser	48026	(586) 293-5590
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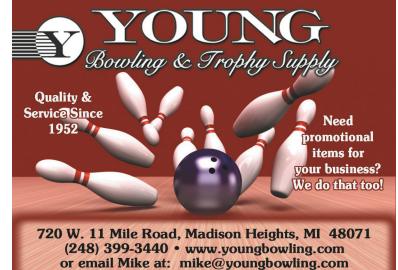


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## Current frame scoring to be used in 2018 World Bowling Youth Championships

Janawicz, Gaines, Mack and Edward elected to USBC Hall of Fame

The current frame scoring system used in the World Bowling Tour Finals and Asian Bowling Tour events in recent years will be used at the 2018 World Bowling Youth Championships at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

That decision was made by the World Bowling Congress by a vote

of 34-23, according to World Bowling CEO Kevin Dornberger. (There were 35 countries present and 22 had proxies for other countries who could not attend; each federation is allowed one proxy, as has been the organization's policy since its inception. Voting is by electronic card, with voter identities private.)

Under current frame scoring, a strike is worth 30 pins; a spare is worth 10 plus the first ball count, meaning 9-spare is 19, for example; and an open is the total pins knocked down for the frame, meaning 6-3 is worth nine, for example.

The biggest impact is that strings of strikes don't matter as could be seen in this year's WBT Finals, which will air Jan. 7 on ESPN. (I won't divulge details for those who don't know and didn't watch the show live on ESPN3.com or the WatchESPN app.)

For example, a Dutch 200 with alternating 9-spares and strikes is a 200 in normal scoring, but would be 245 in current frame scoring as it would go 19-30-19-30-19-30-19-30.

Most players and fans I have talked to prefer traditional scoring, but acknowledge that if it helps bowling get into the Olympics — the reason for its invention and use — it is worth using.

Jason Belmonte registered his reservations after the WBT Finals at GEICO World Series of Bowling IX last month in Reno.

"You have to stop trying to look at it like a conventional game of bowling," he said. "It's hard to wrap your head around. It's shot by shot, not a complete game. That's what I don't like about it. You don't necessarily have to build a solid game. You just need a couple of good shots at opportune moments."

Perttu Jussila, the president of the Finnish Bowling Federation who spoke out against some World Bowling policies, said Dornberger told the Congress that World Bowling didn't get any negative feedback.

"So someone maybe voted in favor with false information," Jussila said, referring to Belmonte's comments.

To be fair, Belmonte's comments were made just to a handful of media members in the PBA media area at the National Bowling Stadium after the WBT Finals, and Dornberger said in an interview via email that he was unaware of them.

And Dornberger reiterated that the overriding issue is that the impetus for current frame scoring remains bowling's quest to be accepted as a medal sport by the International Olympic Committee.

"It's purpose is to attract more casual spectator and mainstream media interest by allowing those parties to understand the relative scores of competitors at all times," Dornberger said. "If we attract more spectators and mainstream media, our Olympic opportunities increase.

"I support a system that does not impinge on the integrity of the sport, and is easily understood by casual fans and outside media. The current (traditional scoring) system is not easily understood, unless bowling is already part of your DNA. I reach that conclusion based upon the 8-10 conversations I have had with IOC and international sports administrators during major events over the last decade — these are people who were experienced sports leaders.

"I can't state for certainty that current frame scoring is the best system for this. However, it has been tested at the WBT Finals and the Asian Bowling Tour events over the last few years and it will be used exclusively in the 2018 Asian Games — the second largest multi-sport games behind the Olympics. It is fairly close to our current system and it is difficult not to understand the scoring equation.

"I realize there are those that want data to support the use of a new system, even though it is still limited to test events. My experience is anecdotal, however I am not aware of any data that indicates the current (traditional) scoring system retains current participants and more importantly, attracts new ones."

Dornberger said there aren't criteria to judge whether current frame scoring is a success at the Youth Championships and might then be used at other World Bowling Championships.

"I think it's incumbent on World Bowling to develop criteria to measure success or otherwise," he said. "Don't know what those will be."

The earliest that further change could occur is 2020, as voted by the 2019 World Bowling Congress.

"This decision was made based on opinions not data," Jussila said in a Facebook post after the Congress. "This really concerns me because we are changing one of the core things of the game based on nothing more than experiences from World Bowling Tour finals. I honestly cannot see our scoring system as a problem of bowling. It is the lack of promotion and marketing. That is an issue World Bowling cannot solve itself. This needs dedicated work from all of us."

One issue with current frame scoring is that it doesn't run on automatic scorers — the National Bowling Stadium scored by manual typing during the WBT Finals — but Jussila said talks are ongoing with Brunswick and AMF to change scoring systems to make it work.

Jussila, who would have preferred the World Bowling Singles Championships be the test event since just one medal is at stake, said he would be in favor of using current frame scoring if it does get bowling into the Olympics.

But, he added, "That's a very big if. I struggle with this because we haven't received any written statement from IOC if this really is a major issue or just someone's opinion. ... Big decisions should be made based on data. If the scoring system is the issue, why did bowling used to be bigger in the (United) States and still is very big in Asia?

"If this really is our only way to get into Olympics then yes, it's definitely worth trying. But this changes the fundamentals of the game. It doesn't matter anymore if you have six strikes separately in a game or six in a row — massive difference."

John Janawicz, Kendra Gaines, Tim Mack and Jeri Edwards have been elected to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame and six men and three women have been selected for the national ballot in action by the USBC Hall of Fame Committee on Nov. 1, USBC announced.

Janawicz and Gaines were elected in the Outstanding USBC Performance category, Mack in the Pioneer category, and Edwards in the Meritorious Service category.

The men's ballot includes repeat candidates Randy Pedersen, Dave Ferraro, Danny Wiseman, Mike Scroggins, Mark Williams, and first-timer Bryan Goebel. The women's ballot includes repeat candidates Marianne DiRupo and Tammy Turner, and new candidate Tennelle Milligan.

The voters on the national ballot — USBC Hall of Fame members, USBC Board of Directors members and veteran bowling writers — can vote for no more than three of the six men, and no more than two of the three women. Candidates must receive 70 percent of the votes to be elected. If no one gets 70 percent, any receiving less than 70 percent but at least 50 percent return to the Hall of Fame committee where they must receive 70 percent of the committee votes in straight yes/no individual votes to be elected.

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# Who might join your leagues?

Bowling, etc. Phil Goodman Figure 8 Networking



In a recently read article, the demographics of bowlers were broken down into specific segments noting a turn away from traditional league bowling with blue collar workers to a younger, more upscale, and hip clientele looking for entertainment. Repositioning and repackaging the industry were duly noted terms describing the ability to grow our markets. Though the numbers determined through surveys highlight and confirm these trends, does this mean we ignore the traditional bowlers of the past?

If there was any hesitation to answer the above question with a "NO," please take a close look at a market that represents both the new and the old. Similar to the bowling industry, the Building Trades organizations are repositioning their efforts and repackaging their marketing in some of the following ways:

\* Education is emphasized through quality training centers, bookwork, and on the job paid training

\* Building trade apprentices and members are required to be drug free

\* Significant media marketing through various outlets are bringing positive attention to the industry

\* Many building trade members are currently earning in excess of \$100,000 per year

\* A significant amount of building trade groups and unions are active in fundraising efforts

\* Various current contracts cover multiple years (i.e. the Hudson Site development is expected to be complete in 2022) and some have projects identified for as many as 10 years

After attending various county wide Building Trade agent meetings, it is very clear that many members have become "used to bowl" people after the downturn in the economy. Many members have indicated a league bowling history but are now one time per year bowlers. Through efforts with the proprietor's association, we are reaching out to this revitalized group of traditional league bowling blue collar workers who have discretionary income and a group activity mindset. Though plans are in the initial stages, we believe a long term relationship can be established with them.

One thing is very clear. The members of this group are loyalty based participants. They are not going to storm the doors overnight. It will take invitations from both bowling center management and bowlers themselves to bring them back. If this group returns to league bowling, we can count on their children becoming league members too. It may not be like the good old days, but can be significant in number. Oh yeah, don't forget the youthful apprentices who are also earning a decent wage. It is probable some of them were high school bowlers now looking for adult leagues and can afford it.

Hopefully, you had a great holiday season with friends, family, and other bowlers. As the new year begins, let's look at the past and figure out how it can become a part of the future as well. Have a great second half of the season.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact me by phone: 248-210-3953, or email: f8nLeaders@gmail.com.

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17	Cole, William D / Mahrle, Jill R	1,434	258	\$30.00	Warren, MI
18	Harris, Deana H / Harris, Michael J	1,432	267	\$30.00	Hazel Park
19	Woodward, Scot L / Maddy, Kimberly A	1,429	36	\$30.00	Fraser, MI
20	Podlaszuk, Paige N / Wilk, James E	1,427	123	\$30.00	Clinton Twp
21	Friedrich, Tammy D / Sage, Chris A	1,416	207	\$30.00	Chesterfield
22	Ciantar, Angela M / Ciantar, John A	1,412	324	\$30.00	Monroe
23	Plati, Eric S / Rospierski, Abigail M	1,410	141	\$30.00	Clinton Twp
24	Carter, Kelly L / Glenn, David E	1,409	423	\$30.00	Detroit
25	Williams, Erin B / Hornes, Jordan C	1,405	48	\$30.00	Dearborn Hts
26	Smith, Elizabeth R / Zagaiski, Edward	1,404	498	\$30.00	Clinton Twp
27	Clark, Patricia G / Cummings, Ricardo H	1,402	561	\$30.00	Detroit
27	Ciantar, Loretta M / Ciantar, Kenneth A	1,402	147	\$30.00	Monroe
29	Mitchell, Ronda L / Greenwade, Michael J	1,396	330	\$30.00	Garden City
29	Cleveland, Consuelo L / Harris, Eugene	1,396	189	\$30.00	Hazel Park
31	Lucente, Michael A / Madonia, Zoanne	1,395	129	\$30.00	Hazel Park
31	Mulliniks, Gina M / Como, Vincent J	1,395	213	\$30.00	Hazel Park
33	Smith, Jeannette / Greenwade, Michael J	1,392	384	\$30.00	Garden City
34	Barefoot, Danielle L / Karzynow, Evan N	1,391	198	\$30.00	Farmington HI
34	Daniels, Novella L / Hornes, Jordan C	1,391	24	\$30.00	Clinton Twp
34	Szachta, Susan M / Michaux, Robert A	1,391	156	\$30.00	Detroit

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Veterans enjoy Christmas dinner with Metro Detroit USBC



Each December, for at least the past 25 years, the Metro Detroit USBC treats veterans from the John Dingell Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Detroit to a Christmas dinner and bowling at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. Organized by Libbi Fletcher the veterans are sent home with a goodie bag with items necessary to get through a long Michigan winter. Thanks to Thunderbowl for their hospitality and most of all THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE to our veterans.

# MDUSBC 300 Games / 800 Series November 2017

Name	Date	Center	League	Name	Date	Center	League
Jonathan Murphy	Nov 1 2017	Astro Lanes	Hazel Park Eagles Mens	Darren Becton		Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Leandre Thomas	Nov 1 2017	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational	Debra Reed		Woodland Lanes	Woodland Rollers
Brandon Teddy	Nov 1 2017		Bill Brown Ford Invitational	Jamie Poehlman		Universal Lanes	Thursday Community
George Zaratzian Jr	Nov 2 2017	300 Bowl	300 Senior Classic Trio	Ryan VanHecke		Bowl One Lanes	St Cletus Mens
Christopher Faber	Nov 2 2017		Hal Brenizer Memorial Leauge	Derek Jelsone		Harbor Lanes	Friday Night Invitational
Allen Couture		Five Star Lanes	Job Shop	William Bray		Harbor Lanes	Friday Night Invitational
Todd Starks	Nov 2 2017		Thursday Nite Mens	Joseph Wilson		Mayflower Lanes	Friday Nite Live
Douglas Kilian	Nov 3 2017		Detroit Architectural	Lantz Howard		Mayflower Lanes	Friday Nite Live
Robert Bate Jr	Nov 3 2017		Friday Night Invitational	Thomas Marcus III	Nov 17 2017		Friday Night Out
Justin Oderfer		Harbor Lanes	Friday Night Invitational	Lisa Bishop	Nov 19 2017		2018 Women's Series
Shaquonda Bembow-Bo				Tommy Szafran	Nov 20 2017	Merri-Bowl	Detroit Firefighters
Travis Willis		Wayne Bowl	Friday Night Live	Michael Modreski	Nov 20 2017	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men
James Woolford		Ten Pins Of Trenton	Saturday Mixed	William Holmes		Renaissance Bowl	World Traveler's Mixed
Paul Benedict	Nov 5 2017		Bob Sparks T V N	Christopher Nielson	Nov 20 2017	Woodland Lanes	Monday Nite Mens
Ulrich Pearce		Renaissance Bowl	Monday Morning Trio	Frank Hoffman		Woodland Lanes	Monday Nite Mens
Michael Crabtree		Ten Pins Of Trenton	Monday Nite Trio	Randy Kline		Cherry Hill Lanes	Tues Nite Men
Keva Sailor		Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.	Christian Massie		Collier Lanes	Oxford Merchants
Paul Loomis	Nov 7 2017		Tuesday American Classic			Shelby Lanes	Partytimers
Robert Gibbs		Cherry Hill North	Waterford Merchants	Kirk Damavolitis	Nov 22 2017	,	Bill Brown Ford Invitational
Jimmy Flentroy Jr	Nov 7 2017		Waterford Merchants	Leon Walsh Jr	Nov 22 2017		Bill Brown Ford Invitational
Christopher Smith	Nov 7 2017	Five Star Lanes	Chrysler Central Engineering	Charles See	Nov 22 2017		Plaza Wed Nite Men
Bryan Rishel	Nov 7 2017		Knights & Guards	Eric Williams		Renaissance Bowl	36th District Court
Jeffery Amato	Nov 8 2017		St Jane Men	Terrance Smith		Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Christopher Michalec		Five Star Lanes	St Jane Men	Blake Nottle		Bowl One Lanes	St Cletus Mens
Stephen Carrier		Bowl One Lanes	Hal Brenizer Memorial Leauge	lan Sosa	Nov 24 2017		Friday Five
John Baritche Jr		Cherry Hill Lanes	Ford Truck	Nathan Smith	Nov 24 2017		Friday Five
Larry Jackson		Country Lanes	T N T Mixed League	John Postl		Total Sports Lanes	Sunday A M Beer League
Brian Martin	Nov 9 2017		Thursday Nite Mens	James Ewald		Total Sports Lanes	Sunday A M Beer League
Brian Martin		Harbor Lanes	Thursday Nite Mens	Richard Wilson	Nov 27 2017	•	B T I Sunday Mixed
Lonnie Jones	Nov 9 2017		Detroit All Star Classic	Raymond Shinosky	Nov 27 2017		Detroit Firefighters
Jeffery Johnson	Nov 10 2017	0	Friday Five	Marcus Urban		Rosebowl Lanes	Chrysler Sandbaggers
Zachary Hreha		Luxury Lanes	Friday Night Trio	Brandon Birmingham		Sterling Lanes	EastSide Lutheran Mens
Thomas Wiedling		Vision Lanes	Friday Night Out	Frank Hoffman		Woodland Lanes	Monday Nite Mens
Dwayne Anderson		Plum Hollow Lanes	Hartford Memorial Mx	Christopher Nielson	Nov 27 2017	Woodland Lanes	Monday Nite Mens
Edward Mintz		Thunderbowl Lanes	Sr Motor City Cl	Frank Hoffman	Nov 27 2017	Woodland Lanes	Monday Nite Mens
Kien Trang		Five Star Lanes	Luz-Vi- Min	Ali Bazzy		Cherry Hill Lanes	Tues Nite Men
Shawn Mercer		Bonanza Lanes	Local 961	Jeffrey Schulte		Imperial Lanes	Knights & Guards
Robert Michaux Jr		Bowl One Lanes	Gus Ponder Memorial	Harvey Moorer		Mayflower Lanes	Nite Train Express Mixed
Randy Talis II		Cherry Hill Lanes	Ford Maintenance Local 600	John Robertson	Nov 29 2017		Pontiac Motor Inter Office
Jeanne Gebbia		Luxury Lanes	Luxury Ladies Inv. League	Mario Marguez	Nov 29 2017		Pontiac Motor Inter Office
Glenn Swain	Nov 13 2017		Detroit Firefighters	Luke Humphreys		Country Lanes	Country Keglers
Cole Muncy		Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men	Terry Barber		Drakeshire Lanes	Drakeshire Mens Sr House
Michael White		Rosebowl Lanes	Our Lady Queen Of Peace	Louis Stempien	Nov 29 2017	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational
Matthew Graham		Shelby Lanes	Greater Utica Men	Mark Smith	Nov 29 2017		Bill Brown Ford Invitational
Philip King		Vision Lanes	Monday Foursome	Richard VanTroostenber			Ford Trio League
Michael Richards		Plaza Lanes	St Colette Mens	James Coleman		Sterling Lanes	Eastside Sr Classic
Adam Piekarz		Shore Lanes	St Margarets Tuesday Early	Robert Kraus		Woodland Lanes	Ford L T P
Thomas Cyrul		Woodland Lanes	Tuesday Night Mix Inv'l	Deryl Pace	Nov 30 2017		300 Senior Classic Trio
Chris Mclarty		Collier Lanes	Oxford Merchants	Theon Tinker		Renaissance Bowl	World Traveler's Mixed
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# The Spitting Image of Success

STRIKES ME By Bob Johnson Bowlers Journal International



As one World Series ended with the Astros bringing some much-needed good cheer to the city of Houston, and another World Series began with 195 top bowlers from around the world converging on the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, I started to think.

My Dad used to say that it always was dangerous when I'd think, but bear with me on this one. I believe one of baseball's grand traditions could be embraced by bowling to make our sport more challenging and certainly more interesting for television viewers. That tradition? Spitting.

When John Burkett was still pitching in the Major Leagues, I was assigned to write a story about his interest in becoming a pro bowler once his baseball days were over. The next time his team played in Los Angeles, the Dodgers organization was kind enough to allow me to interview Burkett on the field at Dodger Stadium, and then spend the first three innings

of the game sitting at the far end of the Dodgers' dugout.

By the end of the second inning, the cement ground of the dugout was almost totally covered with puddles of saliva. Some of the puddles were clear, some were brown, and some included remnants of sunflower seeds. Even to a long-time baseball fan and one-time Harbor Area Youth Baseball All-Star first baseman, it was pretty gross. I was ready to depart the dugout for a more sanitary sanctuary in the press box.

Today, Burkett is a regular competitor on the PBA50 circuit, and the tradition of baseball players spitting continues unabated.

The practice, many believe, can be attributed to the relatively slow pace of baseball, and the need for players to channel their nervous energy between pitches and between innings. Players of the early and mid-20th century typically chewed tobacco, and since they couldn't swallow the tobacco juice, they'd spit it out. Once the health dangers of that habit became known, many players switched to bubblegum.

Today, it's quite common for players to chew seeds and spit them out, or simply to store up their saliva until there's enough to let it fly. There's one outfielder who spits so often that were he to stay in one spot for an entire inning, the umps would have to call a rain delay because the field would be too slippery to play on.

So what does all of this have to do with bowling? Here's my idea (and I know my Dad would love it if he were he still around): During head-to-head match play on television, allow a player to spit on a lane up to three times per game. Just as announcers on football and basketball games remind viewers of how many timeouts a team has remaining, bowling's playby-play guys could remind viewers how many Strategic Spits (SS) a player has left.

It long has been lamented that there's no real defense in bowling, and that makes the sport less interesting to watch. Strategic Spitting would become bowling's defensive tactic, as a player would attempt to force his opponent to move on the lane through the use of a perfectly sized and wellplaced loogie. The idea would be to force the opponent to go around the loogie, or risk not having his ball enter its roll phase at the correct moment.

Rather than a player like Jason Belmonte being criticized, rightly or wrongly, for making a sound with a plastic water bottle during an opponent's approach, a player could use the water in a plastic bottle for a Strategic Spit.

This plan also addresses the topic

of lane topography, which can cause a given lane pattern to play quite differently than it was intended to do. For the versatile loogie hawker, this is where the use of seeds would come in. A well-placed Strategic Spit with seeds included in the puddle could actually make an opponent's ball jump — providing the ultimate "defense" for a bowler.

By now, you've probably figured out that this column was written with tongue firmly planted in cheek. Just be grateful that cheek wasn't filled with chewing tobacco.

#### WSOB NOTES

• Almost as impressive as Liz Johnson's victory in the PBA Chameleon Championship was her 14thplace finish in the PBA World Championship — the highest ever by a woman. That means she beat out 181 other players, all but five of them men. The previous best finish by a woman in the World was 34th in 2010 by Kelly Kulick, the only other woman to win a PBA national tour title.

• The 2017 World Championship telecast ranks among the most PBA TV shows ever. It doesn't get much better than two tie matches, forcing sudden-death rolloffs, and two others that went down to the 10th frame before being decided.

• Statistically speaking, the 2017 World Series featured 195 players (including six women and six PBA Hall of Famers) from a record 26 countries, who bowled 9,041 games, racked up scores totaling 1,951,511, and averaged 215.85.

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### Schedule

Date	Center	Time
1/6/18	Thunderbowl	10 am
1/20/18	300 Bowl	10 am
2/24/18	Waterford	10 am
3/3/18	Bonanza (Senior / SS)	10 am
3/17/18	Merri-Bowl	10 am
4/7/18	Rosebowl (Over / Under 50)	10 am
4/28/18	Astro	10 am
5/19/18	Novi	10 am
6/2/18	Oak (Over / Under 50)	10 am
6/23/18	Town & Country	10 am
7/21/18	Wonderland	10 am
8/4/18	Sterling (non-champions)	10 am
8/25/18	Century	10 am
9/22/18	Wayne	10 am
10/27/18	Plaza	10 am
11/17/18	5 Star	10 am
12/1/18	Westland (Grand Finals)	9 am

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