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Bradley Gray Wins MDUSBC Senior Masters at Regal Lanes

Bradley Gray of Farmington Hills beat Joseph Buffa of Macomb 431-383 in the two-game title match to win the MDUSBC Senior Masters title at Regal Lanes in Warren and take home the top prize of \$2,500. Buffa settled for the runner-up check of \$1,200.



28th with a sixgame total of 1,314. In match play he remained undefeated with triumphs over M it c h e I I Jabczenski Sr. of Novi 456-422,

Gray qualified

George Forsey Jr. of Milford 567-439, Larry Walker of Garden City 554-408, Buffa the first time 526-400 and Michael Chapman of Garden City 483-453 to advance to the title match. He averaged 240.6 for 18 games of competition.



Buffa was the top qualifier with 1,415. He stayed in the winner's bracket with victories over Michael Mahrle of Warren 441-369, William Froberg of St. Jo-

seph 523-467, Michael McCleskey of Southfield 416-395 before losing to Gray the first time 526-400. Once in the loser's bracket he beat Jimmie Garner of Taylor 492-406 and Michael Chapman 452-430 for the opportunity to avenge the earlier loss to Gray. Buffa averaged 226.3 for 22 games.

Chapman qualified sixth with 1,382. He stayed in the winner's bracket with

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After qualifying seventh with 1,377, Jimmie Garner lost to Michael Matteini of Commerce Township 427-380 to fall into the loser's bracket. Once there he ran off an impressive string of six wins over Michael Litz of Clarkston 440-401, Gerald Johnson 429-379, Joseph Glaser Jr. of Macomb 425-375, Michael McCleskey 433-405, Larry Walker 504-478 and Richard Wayne 461-411 before finishing his day with a loss to Buffa 492-406. He settled for \$500 after averaging 220.7 for 22 games.

Forsey finished fifth for \$450 and averaged 228.7. Wayne finished sixth for \$450 and averaged 2228.6. Walker ended up seventh for \$400, averaging 230.8 and Lee took home \$400 for his eighth place finish, averaging 217.2.

Defending champion Terry Bialkowski of Windsor won his first match, then lost his next two to finish 19th for \$325.

Robert Edwards of Lima, Ohio won the Super Senior competition for nonqualifiers 60 years of age and older. He defeated Leonard Kersten of Clarkston 189-186 for the title. Edwards won \$225 for his efforts and Kersten walked away with a check for \$200.

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MDUSBC President John Vorpagel (c) poses with Senior Masters Champion Bradley Gray (r) and runner-up Joe Buffa

Members Approve Bylaw Changes, Elect Board and Delegates at MDUSBC Annual Meeting

The Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC) held its annual membership meeting on Feb. 4 at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center.

There were reports given by President John Vorpagel and Association Manager Mark Martin. Additionally there were committee reports from Awards, Nominating, Finance, Tournament, Youth and the various charities that MDUSBC members support such as BVL, Karmanos Cancer Institute, International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum and Bowl For The Cure.

Two bylaw proposals were approved. The first bylaw proposal is effective immediately changing the quorum requirements for the board to a majority of sitting board members to conduct business.

The second bylaw proposal approved will increase the local dues from \$9 per year to \$11 per year effective August 1, 2017. USBC had previously announced that the national dues would increase from \$10 to \$13 effective August 1, 2017. The net effect of these changes will establish the standard dues at \$25 for the fall leagues.

It was pointed out at the meeting that the annual dues are effectively less than \$.50 per week. This is the first change in the national dues and only the second change in the local dues since 2005. The dues were increased in 2013 by one dollar.

MDUSBC also announced that with the dues change, the local awards program would be enhanced and each member will receive a member handbook, which includes the USBC rule book in the upcoming season. The MDUSBC Board will also look at other member enhancements.

Richard Banks, Debra Dickerson, Patricia Klix, Tammy Quinn and John Vorpagel were re-elected to the board along with Penny Breen, who was elected as a Youth Representative. Martha Marshall also was elected to the board.

MDUSBC is entitled to send seven delegates to the Michigan State USBC WBA meeting, this year in Sterling Heights in early June. Elected as delegates were Debra Dickerson, Libbi Fletcher, Sue Hyvonen, Patricia Klix, Rose McCall, Carol Roberts and Dorothy Thompson.

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From the Editor Mark A. Martin MDUSBC Association Manager



The members at the MDUSBC annual meeting last month approved an increase in the local dues from \$9 to \$11. Coupled with the previously announced increase in national dues from \$10 to \$13 will make the standard dues \$25 effective August 1, 2017.

Raising dues is an action that both the USBC Board and the MDUSBC Board take very seriously whenever faced with financial challenges.

On the national level the national dues have remained at \$10 since 2005. Further the USBC Board has taken the position that another national dues increase will not be considered until at least the 2022-23 season, five years in the future. During these 12 years many services and staff have been cut to keep the dues affordable. As stated in USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy's column in the December 2016 edition of *Bowling Showcase News*, "Membership dollars provide resources so you can have effective state and local associations, that in turn serve all bowlers. In fact, almost all the membership revenue goes directly or indirectly to that support." The three dollar national increase averages out to be 2.5% annually since 2005.

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Further Murphy states that, "USBC also is a data organization that requires a great deal of technology." We've all become accustomed to information at our finger tips such as bowl.com and the USBC smart device app. Supporting these items comes at a cost, that never used to exist, but does today.

On the local level MDUSBC members approved a \$1 dues increase in 2013, which is the only change in the local dues since 2005. With the recent increase the local increase averages out to be 3.1% annually since 2005.

MDUSBC is committed to providing the services and support that you've come to expect from this leading local association. After several years of deficit budgets this increase will put MDUSBC on solid financial footing into the future.



HELP WANTED

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Bowling TV Schedule

- Saturday, March 4 10 a.m. WADL-Detroit Bowling Showcase Challenge Edition - Plaza Lanes vs Ansara
- Saturday, March 11 10 a.m. WADL-Detroit Bowling Showcase Challenge Edition - AMF Rosebowl Lanes vs Lady Liberty
- Saturday, March 18 10 a.m. WADL-Detroit Bowling Showcase Challenge Edition - Woodland Lanes vs Ansara-Shank
- Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m. WADL-Detroit Bowling Showcase <u>Magazine</u> Edition

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Showcase News

Annual Meeting

(Continued from page 1) John Vorpagel, Mike DeRousie, George Bresinski, Randy Tambourine and Libbi Fletcher were elected to represent MDUSBC at the Michigan State USBC BA meeting in Lansing in June.

Penny Breen, Mark Hurttgam, Tammy Quinn, Kurt Suokas and John Vorpagel will represent the association at the Michigan State USBC Youth meeting in late July in Lansing.

MDUSBC is entitled to 45 delegates to the United States Bowling Congress Annual Meeting in Las Vegas from April 24-27. Elected as delegates to represent MDUSBC were Katrina Banks, Richard Banks, Ann Block, Mary Block, George Bresinski, Mike DeRousie, Debra Dickerson, Libbi Fletcher, Mark Hurttgam, Patricia Klix, Ralph Lake, Tammy Quinn, Jessica Tyler and John Vorpagel. Others that wish to be delegates should contact the MDUSBC office seeking appointment by the president.

While the turnout for the meeting was low, all league secretaries were duly notified of the meeting and the bylaw proposals in order to communicate to their league members.

The MDUSBC annual membership meeting, as required by the USBC bylaws, is generally held in January or February each year.

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Top Reasons to be a member of the Metro Detroit USBC

- 1. Average Recognition
- 2. Bonding of league funds
- 3. Rules of the game
- 4. Assistance in resolving league issues
- 5. Equipment standards of the game
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Where Did They All Go?

Personal Perspectives Libbi Fletcher MDUSBC Director



I absolutely love tournament time. I am not a BIG tournament bowler, but I have supported my local, state and national women's tournaments for 35 years now. I have also bowled the Open Championships at the state and local level in the past 10 years, once we became Metro Detroit USBC, a merged organization.

From the beginning, as a director and volunteer, I have worked weekend after weekend at the tournament doing whatever was required to help it be successful. In the beginning, the women's city tournaments ran 4-6 weekends, usually double shifts. Yes, of course, bowling was huge in the 1980's when I started, and I could not understand then how we had 100,000 women bowlers, but could only get 1000 teams! Well, we are down to about 100 teams in the women's championships now. It is so sad.

Ever since I became more and more involved at every level, I have always believed the key to some of the success of the tournaments have been squad leaders. Just like league bowling in general, if you invite them they will come. Well, it seems no one is asking anymore. No one wants to "handle it".

I know bowlers participate in tournaments for all different reasons. My squad is made up of all those reasons. Some are there for the titles, some are there for the jackpots and prize money, some are there for the camaraderie of friends and family, and some are there because "someone asked". Tournament bowlers are just as diverse as our membership, also. Auto executives, women who own their own businesses, various types of professionals, surgical nurses, stay at home moms, former high school and collegiate bowlers, and so many more. I try every year to convince a league bowler who did not come last year to give it a try. They usually have fun, and even come back again the following year. Not always.

MDUSBC offers incentives to squad leaders who bring in (6) or more teams. This has not proven to be a catalyst to encourage additional squad leaders. Many of us who are still bringing squads have done it for years, but are falling by the wayside. It is work, but it is so worth it to me.

We have so much fun! In the case of state tournament, the ladies get away for the weekend doing the things they love; bowl, shop, gamble, adult beverages, or just hang out with the ladies.

There was an amazing lady who I served on the WIBC board with, Nancy Chapman, who used to bring a squad to the national tournament. There was a time that she chartered a plane for her group from Wisconsin to go to the tournament! Amazing!

Ebsen Smart, former President of GDBA, used to bring TWO squads to the city tournament...where are these bowlers? Why are they not coming?? Why didn't someone take over the SMART Squad?? It is so nice to see the Bowling Clubs still supporting our city tournament, such as the Elite Bowling Club, the Fantastics, and more! Thank you for your continued support.

The Tournament Committee and I would love to hear any feedback you may have as to why you no longer bowl the tournaments or have never bowled the tournament. If you would like to become a squad leader and are not quite sure how to go about it, let me know! I would love to help you organize your first squad. But be careful...it can be addicting!

See you at the Tournament!

Senior Masters update



MDUSBC President John Vorpagel (c) congratulates Super Senior Masters champion Robert Edwards (I) and runner-up Leonard Kersten.

Prize List	
Robert Edwards	\$225
Leonard Kersten	\$200
Alphonso Clark	\$180
Carl Harden	\$180
Nick Beelaard	\$160
Michael Lucente	\$160
William Neiman	\$160
Jimmy Magolan	\$160
Edwin Austreng	\$150
James Millen Jr	\$150
Robert Michaux Jr	\$150
Jack Daniels	\$150

2017 METRO DETROIT USBC ASSOCIATION SENIOR MASTERS Regal Lanes

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PL	NAME	CITY	AVERAGE		PRIZE
1	Bradley Gray	Farmington Hills	240.61	\$	2,500
2	Joseph Buffa	Macomb	226.32	\$	1,200
3	Michael Chapman	Garden City	235.78	\$	800
4	Jimmie Garner	Taylor	220.68	\$	500
5	George Forsey Jr	Milford	228.65	\$	450
6	Richard Wayne	Westland	228.63	\$	450
7	Larry Walker	Garden City	230.75	\$	400
8	George Lee	Dearborn Heights	217.19	\$	400
9	David Eatmon	Ferndale	227.31	\$	375
10	Michael McCleskey	Southfield	215.21	\$	375
11	Frederick Bauss III	Eastpointe	214.93	\$	375
12	Michael Mahrle	Warren	210.00	\$	375
13	William Froberg	St Joseph	233.86	\$	350
14	Lawrence Ryckaert	Sterling Heights	223.50	\$	350
15	Troy Stus	South Lyon	218.57	\$	350
16	Joseph Glaser Jr	Macomb	203.43	\$	350
17	Robert Schulz	Macomb	221.67	\$	325
18	Gerald Johnson	Taylor	219.92	\$	325
19	Terry Bialkowski	Windsor	218.08	\$	325
20	James Deplanche	Taylor	217.08	\$	325
21	Jeffrey Suma Sr	Auburn Hills	214.25	\$	325
22	Floyd Speer	Waterford	213.92	\$	325
23	Michael Matteini	Commerce Twp	209.83	\$	325
24	James Bo Goergen	Sanford	208.58	\$	325
25	Mitchell Jabczenski S	SrNovi	228.90	\$	300
26	Ronald Burgess	Plymouth	219.80	\$	300
27	Timothy Baker	Shelby Twp	219.20	\$	300
28	Michael Litz	Clarkston	216.70	\$	300
29	Joseph Krajenke	Clinton Twp	216.70	\$	300
30	Charles Richardson	Ir Southfield	208.60	\$	300
31	David Schumacher	Bloomfield Hills	205.60	\$	300
32	Darin Russ	Fraser	201.80	\$	300

2017 MDUSBC SENIOR MASTERS QUALIFYING - REGAL LANES

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16	William Froberg	SS	2	1330	279	St Joseph
17	David Eatmon		1	1324	290	Ferndale
18	Joseph Krajenke		2	1324	257	Clinton Twp
19 20 21	George Lee Charles Richardson Jr Timothy Baker	SS SS	1 2 1	1323 1323 1323	296 268 256	Dearborn Heights Southfield Shelby Twp
22	Gerald Johnson	SS	2	1323	249	Taylor
23	Frederick Bauss III		1	1321	247	Eastpointe
24	Darin Russ		1	1319	277	Fraser
25	Michael McCleskey		2	1317	278	Southfield
26	Michael Matteini		1	1315	248	Commerce Twp
27	Troy Stus		2	1315	246	South Lyon
28	Bradley Gray		1	1314	268	Farmington Hills
29	David Schumacher		1	1311	257	Bloomfield Hills
30	Joseph Glaser Jr		1	1307	237	Macomb
31	Ronald Burgess	SS	1	1303	258	Plymouth
32	Michael Mahrle		1	1297	259	Warren

Timing Series, Part 1: Timing in the Start & Control

Pro Tip Michelle Mullen USBC Gold Coach



Timing affects all aspects of the approach, including your rhythm, posture, delivery, release and accuracy. When you improve your timing, these improve as well. Most all of us have a timing issue in the start, whether is it to be either early or late. As professionals, we would work on our starts practically every day to manage our tendency and develop better timing.

Last time we declared that "Swing is King", addressing the stance and the mechanics involved in developing a loose, relaxed armswing. While it is not an easy task to adjust your timing, improving your timing in the start will affect your overall feel as it relates to your sense of control and rhythm. My goal is to help you recognize how it will feel when as you work on your timing issue.

Once your swing arm is relaxed you are ready to begin your approach. How you start will affect both your swing and your timing. While supporting and moving the ball with your opposite hand will alleviate tension in your swing arm, *when* you move it and *how* you drop it into the swing will affect your timing and rhythm. Strive to start your swing with the key step; that is, the first step in a 4-step approach or the second step in a 5-step approach. As a right-hander, move the ball with your right leg; a left-hander, your left leg.

Moving your right arm and right leg together is a bit unnatural. When you walk, you naturally move your opposite arm with your opposite leg. You do not move the arm and leg forward on the same side of your body. So, focusing on moving the ball with *your opposite hand* will not only help you keep the swing arm relaxed, but will also feel like you naturally do when you walk. Still, most every one of us has an issue in the start, and there is a mentality to it. We either want to hold the ball too long (late start) or rush the ball (early) into the swing. The first is a matter of *too much control*, the latter is that of being *out of control*. The mentality of either is important to understand as changing it will require a different feel, to actually fix your timing.

Late timing is very common and fixing it is hard because it is counter-intuitive to give up your control. In a late start, you are essentially holding onto the ball too long, whether you don't want to push it or your arm tenses up. To fix it requires that you "lose" control and allow the ball to drop sooner into the swing.

It's hard to do because it's human nature to want to control. However, you were exerting *too much* control. Understanding this will help you get comfortable moving the ball sooner when you realize that this feeling of losing control actually means you are correcting your timing, however "out of control" and scary it feels.

Conversely, if you start the ball too soon, or rush (by pulling it back ahead of the feet into the swing), you are too fast and a bit out of control. Starting your swing later or delaying when the ball drops into the swing will feel way too slow, making it just as challenging to fix as timing is for a bowler who is late.

A great drill to develop good mechanics here is the 2-step drill (or 3step drill for 5-step approach). Pushing the ball out allowing it to drop to your side on the next step will help you lock in good timing. Think "out on 1, down on 2". Pay attention to how you use your opposite had to push the ball out and keep your swing arm relaxed, allowing the ball to drop down naturally once you withdraw its support. It should feel relaxed and more natural, swinging from the shoulder. Feel the difference by letting the ball swing vs. trying to swing it. [Note: if doing a 5step approach, do this exact drill after taking your first step, so manta will be "step on 1, out on 2, down on 3".]

Next time we will take a closer look at fixing the start and your rhythm. For more tips, visit

www.YourBowlingCoach.com.

Two-Step Timing: Out on One, Down on Two

Starting with your right foot, take only two steps to combine the out-on-one motion with the down-on-two motion. When you stop on the second step, the ball should be down by your side (figure 3.7).



Figure 3.7 Two-step timing: (a) out on one; (b) down on two. The ball ends down by the side.



April 8, 2017 - 6pm-11pm Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi www.funraising4animalrescue.org/furball





(Ann)ouncements Ann Block **MDUSBC Director**



One of the hats I wear in the bowling world is as a director of the Michigan State USBC Women's Bowling Association. As Director #10 on that board, I represent the entire area of the Metro Detroit USBC. I have held this position for seven years and consider it a great honor. The state women's association tries to the best of their ability to represent the women bowlers within their boundaries. Annual dues at the state level are one dollar and have been that amount since the last century. In conversations with some lady bowlers there seems to be confusion as to exactly what the state does for your dollar. The state association is committed to providing information for its members, recognition, and tournaments. I will outline some of the state program.

The MS USBC WBA sends an enewsletter once a month. The electronic newsletter started four years ago in response to the rising costs of printing and mailing the paper "Ten Pin Topics". The upside of the electronic newsletter is its reach is a hundred fold. The 1,500 copy capacity for the quarterly printable version was dictated by cost factors. The e-version is currently being sent to 25,000 inboxes and can be shared infinite times by subscribers. The newsletter features people, events, and programs from around the state. Each association from around the state is invited to contribute to the newsletter. Local associations can highlight their Hall of Fame inductions, BVL and Bowl for the Cure fundraisers, and unique bowling stories from around their area. Individual bowlers can contribute points of interest as well. If you are not receiving the e-mailed "Ten Pin Topics" or would like to contribute to the publication please email the newsletter at tenpintopics@gmail.com.

That being said please do not use this email address to contact the state office concerning tournament or award questions.

The MS USBC WBA is the last state which offers the paid lifetime membership into the National 600 Club and the first year membership into the Les Dames de 700 Bowling Club. Any female bowler in the WBA who bowls her first 600 or 700 series is eligible for membership. Back in the day secretaries in ladies leagues always asked bowlers who bowled one of these scores if they were in the club. This practice is sadly overlooked by many league secretaries today. The lifetime membership into the 600 club is a \$15.00 award. For your membership you receive your lifetime card and the club patch. The Les Dames de 700 Club is a renewable membership for 25 years. The MS USBC WBA pays for the first year of membership. In addition to these series awards the state association has benefits for superior goals.

The MS USBC WBA awards first 300 games with a sterling silver pendant/necklace with the award date engraved on the back. The first 800 series bowled by a certified Michigan female is awarded with a sterling silver bracelet. In the not too distant past the 300 and 800 awards were gold but the cost of gold made a switch to silver the only possible solution.

The MS USBC WBA hosts one of the largest women's sporting event in the state. The Michigan State USBC Women's Bowling Association Championship Tournament is the largest state bowling tournament for women. Most state tournaments within USBC are conducted in two to four weekends. Our state tournament runs for twelve weekends and runs in centers with 32 lanes or more.

Most weekends run at capacity. The tournament committee reviews the rules and strives to better the tournament each year. In recent years the committee has introduced paying by charge card, four person teams, and this year tournament averages.

The tournament recognizes 200 games and clean games bowled, longevity of participation, and divides competition into average classes.

There are other perks for your single dollar but a single column could not cover everything. In future columns I will cover more aspects of the state association. The dollar you sent to the state association covers a lot of ground in continuing their message of communication, recognition, and tournament participation.

Until next time!



MICHIGAN MAJORS: Klingler defeats Juszczyk at Mayflower

Winters in the State of Michigan are usually brutal. From below zero wind chill to inches and inches of snow. But, on Sunday, February 19, Mother Nature was enjoying herself on a weekend cruise to the Bahamas. Because the thermometer reached a record breaking high of 66 degrees. While others were washing rock salt residue off their cars or working on their golf swing, 34 bowlers descended on Mayflower Lanes for the second event of the second tournament of the Michigan Majors Bowling Association's 50th anniversary season. One of these bowlers drove three hours to participate in the event. And since he took home the championship trophy and \$1,000 first place check, it was well worth the drive. Grand Rapids' Drew Klingler upset top seed George Juszczyk in the finals of the Mayflower Classic, 246-189. This was Klingler's first MMBA title after a couple of second place finishes.

"I had the same look that I had during qualifying on the fresh oil pattern," said Klingler after accepting his championship trophy. "But, after a couple of matches in the stepladder finals, I had to make a move. That helped me win today.'

"Drew (Klingler) bowled great today. He deserved to win this title," said Juszczyk. "He was busy striking while I was screwing up choking on spares and splits"

Klingler was sitting in third place after shooting a 1,444 6-game qualifying block Abed Daher of Taylor was leading the field with a 1,544 series followed by Juszczyk with a 1,499 series. Other bowlers who made the cut when the field was chopped down to the Top 10 bowlers included: Lonnie Jones, Tim Mayer, Brian Ivey, Leslie Collins, Kurry Crayton, Jeff Roche

and David Danielak. Conner Webber was the odd bowler out, missing the cut by only 3 pins. Crayton posted the high game in qualifying stroking a 300

The remaining field of 10 was cut in half after the three-game position round. The biggest loser this round was Lonnie Jones. Jones, the owner of the pro shop inside Mayflower Lanes, tumbled down the leader board like a sack of grits. He fell from fourth place to eighth place after shooting a three-game block of 604 during the position round. The biggest winner was Kurry Crayton who leapfrogged from eighth place to the fifth seed. Along with Jones, Tim Mayer, Leslie Collins, Jeff Roche and David Danielak all miss the cut going into the stepladder finals.

The championship match featured a battle of the lefties, Drew Klingler versus top seed George Juszczyk. On paper, this match looked completely even. But, as it turns out, somebody took a knife to a gunfight and got their brains blew out. Klingler started out like a house a fire with a threebagger. Even though he was playing the same line as Klingler, the pins weren't showing Juszczyk any love. A solid 10 pin in the first frame and a 4-6-10 split in the second. This match was over before it got started. Klingler continued putting the pressure on with spare conversions in the fourth and fifth frames and a double in the sixth and seventh frames. Juszczyk fought valiantly with a double of his own and a couple of single pin spare conversions. But, The pins finally put Juszczyk out of his misery in the eighth frame when a 6-8 split jumped up and bit him. Klingler remained clean the rest of the match ending the mercy killing with a four-bagger. The final score, 246-189.



Klingler (I), Tournament Director Mike Norris (c), Juszczył

Along with a trophy, Klingler received a championship check for \$1,000. For his second place finish, Juszczyk received a hard earned check for \$500. Daher finished in third place and earned a check for \$300. Crayton finished in fourth place. He earned a check for \$250. And Ivey got a fifth place check for \$200.

The Michigan Majors Bowling Association continues it's 50th Anniversary Season on Sunday March 19 at Westland Bowl in Westland. Check in begins at 10:00am. The start time is 11:00am.

The entry fee drops to \$70 for members and \$90 for non-members. The membership dues has also been reduced to \$20. Also, any MMBA members who brings with them a new member will receive a \$20 referral fee. For all tournament news, information, announcements schedule, check and out: www.michiganmajorsbowling.com

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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) 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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USBC re-rate list another good step to fight sandbagging





There always will be cheaters in competition, especially if money is involved. Always.

That doesn't mean honest sportsmen and sportswomen and officials don't try to do everything they can to fight the cheating and the cheaters.

For bowling outside of scratch competition, the biggest scourge is sandbagging.

I have written numerous stories about the battle against sandbagging, much of it involving the Wisconsin State Tournament.

And I support every effort against sandbagging by bodies like the Wisconsin State Bowling Association

and the United States Bowling Congress.

The latest was recently announced by USBC: a process for managers of certified tournaments to share bowler re-rate information, which then will be available in a list on BOWL.com for tournament managers to access.

The re-rates will be those done under Rule 319c, and the list will include the reason for the rerate. Routine adjustment of Sport league averages per USBC rules are not a re-rate, USBC's Michael Spridco said.

"We must continue to look for ways to reduce average manipulation so tournament bowlers can be more confident they are competing on a level playing field when they enter an event," USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said in the USBC news release. "It will be important for those who operate events to share their information on rerates so that all tournament managers can have the tools to make informed decisions when it comes to rerates or adjustments of a bowler's average."

Bowlers who have been re-rated are required to report any adjustment under Rule 319c, which states that the average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event and if the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.

The rule also states that unless the tournament rules state otherwise, in a handicap or classified tournament, a bowler who has had his/her average adjusted/rerated in accordance with 319c is required at the time of bowling to report all previous re-rates, whether the bowler accepted the re-rate or not.

Prior to competing, a bowler must submit the name of each tournament they were re-rated in and what that re-rate was.

Failure to comply is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

I have heard numerous horror stories from bowlers who told tournament directors about bowlers who didn't report past re-rates and got nothing more than a shrug in return and the excuse of not being able to find such information. Those directors no longer will face that situation, or have that excuse.

Tournament managers will be provided access to an online form to submit information and also will be provided access to a list of bowlers who have received a re-rate.

USBC said its Rules team will be responsible for updating the information weekly during the tournament season, approximately December through May. During the remainder of the year, the information will be updated at least monthly.

USBC members can find the information they need to report their proper entering average at Find a Member on BOWL.com.

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The database will not include information on non-certified tournaments, Murphy said in response to a question on my Facebook page.

"As far as we are concerned an uncertified event doesn't exist," he explained. "We certainly wouldn't prevent a tournament director from using the list assuming they are a member but they couldn't submit to the list. We can't govern something our rules do not recognize."

Murphy's answer is totally logical since an uncertified tournament could allow anything — illegal pins, illegal balls, illegal lane conditions — so how can the scores be valid to use. The most obvious example is the famous Petersen Classic, where the ultra-low scores due to off-spot pins and non-standard lane conditions could be used to lower a bowler's tournament average.



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What is our message?

Bowling, etc. Phil Goodman Figure 8 Networking



The inspiration behind this article stems from a combination of 4 scenarios and comments. Branding is a big business issue and conveying "the message" is critical to building sustainability for groups. The message must me clear and concise, or does it? The experts say yes. If this is true, we must be able to let everyone know, why bowling.

Scenario 1:

Many of us who were active in getting high school bowling started in Michigan from the beginning are very excited to say, "Bowling is the fastest growing varsity sport ever in Michigan." The statistics from the Michigan High School Athletic Association do confirm this to be true. Bowling is a sport. After managing the center which hosted the 2nd Michigan State Finals and helping to put together 2 NCAA Women's Final Tournaments, it is very clear bowling is as exciting sport as any. Many of the top bowlers are now promoting fitness and healthy lifestyles as being an important part of both life and bowling as a sport.

Scenario 2:

Early in my bowling center management career, a bowler was acting a little different than his usual self. This person was an engineer, active father who regularly brought his children to the bowling center, and faithful husband. On this night, he was not the same person. In the course of his outburst, he apologized and fully explained this was his one night per week where he can act out. He indicated this type of behavior would not be acceptable at home, work, with family, etc. The only place he said this can be done is at the bowling center. Very interesting.

Scenario 3:

In working with a potential client (outside the Detroit area), I asked the question, "How many people come to the Lanes on Tuesday evenings?" The proprietor did not answer the question. Therefore, I asked again and received no response. My next question was, "Why aren't you answering?" This question was answered in the following manner. "We Lanes. don't recognize _ We are Entertainment Center. We are not a bowling center. We are a family entertainment center. Ok.

Scenario 4:

A proprietor at the Bowling Centers Association of Michigan Annual Convention made the comment, "I am sick of all these marketing presentations that may be different but have the same effect. We need PR and to get the message out about bowling."

The notion of a clear message is a valid one. Buick is currently spending significant money to let the potential consumer know they are not the car for just old people anymore. The message is coming across very strong. Being in a Buick dealership for service a couple of weeks ago, many people in the 25-45 years old range were seen there looking at new cars. What is the message for bowling? Is bowling a sport, vehicle to act out, and not bowling; just entertainment?

Is it possible to be a master of all things? We tell people bowling centers are the place where all people can have fun, be active, and compete no matter your age or abilities. Can we promote effectively in this manner? I believe the answer is yes but we must be consistent in this regard. Inside the bowling center, this message is not very difficult as long as we are cognizant of the different people currently there. For example, oiling through open bowlers in preparing for leagues, it is important spend a minute explaining the competitive side of bowling and importance of preparing the lanes. Maybe they are unaware of this side of bowling. Just saying, "excuse me, we have to oil through you" does not make sense to many people and seems irritating. Many other examples exist similar to this one.

Sending the message about bowling centers being the place for everyone to the general public is a little more challenging. Vegas failed significantly when advertisers tried to promote the location as a place for both adults and families. It seems groups like the Tigers are able to effectively promote packages to corporate leaders and separate ones to families. The Detroit Zoo does the same thing with their dinner events, runs and walks for charities, and youth programs. Their advertisers convey the message about being for everyone very well. How can we effectively and efficiently do the same? We must answer one additional question, "Who is willing to pay for it?"

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Virginia Austin shows off her 300 game crystal at Luxury Lanes. She received the crystal because she purchased the Premium Upgrade for \$15 before she shot her 300 game on January 2, 2017. She can still receive the 11-in-a-row and 800 series crystals for her upgrade. Good luck in the rest of the season Virginia!!

Detroit To Host 2019 USBC Youth Events

Dallas, Detroit and Indianapolis will be the summer destinations for youth bowlers as International Bowling Campus Youth Development has determined sites for its national youth events for 2018 through 2020.

The Junior Gold Championships, USA Bowling National Championships and Bowling.com Youth Open will head to Dallas in 2018, Detroit will serve as the host city in 2019 and Indianapolis will be the site of the national events in 2020.

"We're excited to have Dallas, Detroit and Indianapolis play host to our youth events," said Gary Brown, IBC Managing Director of Youth Development. "These tournaments bring together the best youth bowlers in the nation and we appreciate the support of the leaders in these communities as we continue to build a future for the sport."

Detroit will play host to the Junior Gold Championships for the third time in 2019. The 2013 event in the Motor City marked the first time the Junior Gold Championships surpassed the 2,000-participants mark. The event also was held in Detroit in 2008. "Bowling is a big part of the Detroit sports landscape and it's great to be able to play host to these youth events," Kris Smith, Director of the Detroit Sports Commission, said. "We expect another great turnout and I'm sure the bowling community will be excited to see these outstanding youth bowlers."

The bowling centers where the competition will be held have not been announced as yet.

The Junior Gold Championships brings together the top youth bowlers in the country to compete for scholarships and spots on Junior Team USA in six divisions – U12 Boys, U12 Girls, U15 Boys, U15 Girls, U20 Boys and U20 Girls. Athletes qualify for the event through Junior Gold leagues and tournaments.

The USA Bowling National Championships feature U12 and U15 teams that qualify through regional events while the Bowling.com Youth Open is a non-qualifying event open to all United States Bowling Congress Youth members and features singles, doubles and team events.

All events are conducted by IBC Youth Development.

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Clara Guerrero: Making Up for Lost Time

STRIKES ME By Bob Johnson Bowlers Journal International



Clara Guerrero was 11 years old in 1993, when the homicide rate in Colombia's capital city of Bogota was 81 per 100,000 people. That translates to 4,352 murders, most of them the result of drug dealing. No wonder Bogota was thought of as one of the most violent cities in the world.

Fortunately, Guerrero did not live in Bogota. Her family resided in a medium-sized city to the west called Armenia. There, the economy is not based on drugs, but rather on plantains, bananas and coffee. There's even a theme park dedicated to America's favorite morning pick-meup

In many ways, Guerrero enjoyed an idyllic childhood, and she spent a good deal of time at the local Bolo Club.

"The Bolo Club is a country club and private social club that has a 12lane bowling center," said Guerrero, not long after winning the women's division of the QubicaAMF World Cup for the second consecutive year. "I started bowling when I was 9 years old."

Rather than fearing for her life, always wondering whether a stray bullet intended for a drug lord might accidentally hit her, Guerrero could play without fear at the club.

"The atmosphere was awesome because I was able to play with all my friends everyday," she recalled. "We did not have to pay per game, and we had a coach with us at all times. It was the perfect environment to learn a sport and practice for many hours without restriction."

It didn't take long for Guerrero to become hooked on bowling.

"I started to take it seriously when I was 11," she said. "I wanted to win the Colombian national youth tournament's under 12 division, and I practiced very hard for a year to do it. I won, and since then, I have always set goals to keep me motivated to work hard on the lanes."

Guerrero would represent her country on many more occasions in the years that followed, and by excelling in world and zone Federation International des Quilleurs (now World Bowling) events, in 2009 she became one of the youngest players ever elected to the World Bowling Writers' Hall of Fame.

While that was nice recognition, Guerrero knew she was losing prime years of her bowling career without a professional women's tour on which to display her skills. She had excelled as a youth bowler, on the international stage for Team Colombia, in college after moving to the United States and bowling for Wichita State, and even in the Professional Bowlers Association, beating the guys for a Southwest Region title. But without a women's tour, it was extremely difficult to make a living as a bowler, which is all Guerrero wanted to do.

"I did my best bowling on the PBA Tour, and I'm thankful the PBA let us [women] play on their tour," she said. "All those tournaments made me the player I am today, so I have no regrets."

Guerrero was ready when professional women's bowling returned in the summer of 2015, but did not make it to the winner's circle.

"I wasn't satisfied with how I bowled," she said. "To be honest, it was really frustrating because of my [leg] injury. Not being able to do some things with the ball and my game hurt my performance during competition, and my mental game as the weeks went on."

Successfully defending her title in the World Cup was not only a happy moment in an otherwise maddening year, but it also served to boost Guerrero's confidence and help her refocus on her goals.

"During the 2015 season, I learned that I have to trust my own game more," she said. "I need to get stronger physically, and I have to work more on speed control for [2016]. There are always things I can improve, and I'm working on them."

All the work paid off last summer when Guerrero won the \$20,000 first prize in the PWBA Players Championship at The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Wis.



It was the culmination of a dream dating back 23 years, when she first began taking the game seriously as an 11-year-old at the Bol Club.

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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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