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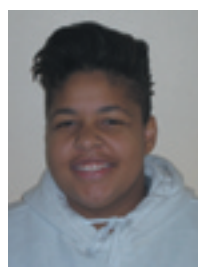


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Nicole Wilson claims MDUSBC Queens

Final match goes to overtime in double-elimination format



Nicole Wilson of Westland defeated Jordan Richard of Tipton 188-183 in the final match to win the MDUSBC Queens at Merri-Bowl in Livonia.

Wilson had lost to Richard 202-195 to force a final and deciding match. Wilson won the title and \$1,000, while Richard settled for \$500.

Wilson qualified seventh with a six-game total of 1,231 on games of 177, 191, 170, 269, 219 and 205. In match play she beat Brandie Reamy of Livonia 188-157, Latasha Marks of Detroit 210-172 and Richard the first time 179-178. She then had to wait for a challenger to emerge from the loser's bracket in the double-elimination format. She averaged 199.2 for 11 games of competition.

Richard was the top qualifier with 1,441 with a high game of 295. In

match play she beat Tanisha Burris of Lansing 236-166 and defending champion Cathleen Maes of Westland 177-154, before falling to Wilson the first time 179-178. In the loser's bracket she beat Brandie Reamy 218-173 for the opportunity to avenge the earlier loss to Wilson. She averaged 219.6 for 12 games.

Reamy finished third for \$400 and Burris fourth for \$300.

The entire qualifying field averaged 186.9.

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

The event was sponsored by Turbo 2-N-1 Grips.

The MDUSBC Queens Tournament is operated by the Metro Detroit USBC, which serves nearly 40,000 adult and youth bowlers in the Metropolitan Detroit market and is the largest local association of the United States Bowling Congress.



MDUSBC Queens champion Nicole Wilson (r) is congratulated by MDUSBC President George Bresinski (c) and runner-up Jordan Richard

Prize List

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|-------------------|---------|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Nicole Wilson | \$1,000 | 5. Cathleen Maes | \$250 |
| 2. Jordan Richard | \$500 | 6. Latasha Marks | \$250 |
| 3. Brandie Reamy | \$400 | 7. Michelle Keirns | \$175 |
| 4. Tanisha Burris | \$300 | 8. Ashley Denard | \$175 |

Amanda Barry and David Reaume take the Baker Mixed Doubles at Thunderbowl

Amanda Barry of Clinton Township and David Reaume of St. Clair Shores won the MDUSBC Women's Series / Men's Series Mixed Baker Doubles Sunday with a 457-371 two-game Baker Style win over Mykaela Mitchell of London, Ontario and Dylín Hunter Tecumseh, Ontario at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. The Barry-Reaume team took home the top prize of \$800, while the Mitchell-Hunter duo settled for \$400.

The Barry-Reaume team qualified ninth in the field of 42 with an eight-game total of 1,595. In match play they beat Toary Taylor of Redford and Brandon Bingham of Oak Park 431-369, top qualifiers Robin Orlikowski and Bill Orlikowski of Grand Rapids 374-365 and Anna Heichel of Orion and Mason Brantley of Detroit 453-410 to advance to the finals.

The duo of Mitchell and Hunter qualified third with 1,721. They



Amanda Barry and David Reaume (r) are congratulated by MDUSBC President George Bresinski (c) and runners-up Dylín Hunter and Mykaela Mitchell (l)

advanced to the finals with a 444-352 triumph over Tanecia and Travis Wilson of Detroit 444-352 and Jackie and Steve Kosier of Sylvania, Ohio 452-401.

A total of 42 teams participated in the Women's / Men's Series Mixed Baker Doubles event. The MDUSBC

Women's Series is now in its ninth year of operations and the second year for the Men's Series by the Metro Detroit USBC.

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

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Tournament time is just around the corner

From the Editor

Mark A. Martin
MDUSBC
Association Manager



The Metro Detroit USBC needs your help in increasing the entry into the state tournaments.

Metro Detroit USBC proudly will be hosting the Michigan State USBC Open Championship at Merri-Bowl in Livonia for team event and Westland Bowl in Westland for doubles and singles.

The tournament will start Jan. 18, 2020. The entry deadline is Dec. 1, 2019.

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.

The Michigan State USBC Women's Championship deadline is Jan. 8, 2020.

The tournament will run Feb. 15 through May 3, 2020 in Muskegon at Northway Lanes (team) and Sherman Bowling Center (doubles and singles).

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.

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

Entry blanks for both tournaments are available in your local bowling center, at the MDUSBC office or online at www.mdusbc.com.

MDUSBC TOURNAMENTS

The MDUSBC 500 Club tournament, which is open to all MDUSBC female members who have bowled a 500 series in their career, will take place on Sunday, Dec. 1 at Bowl One Lanes in Troy at 12:30 p.m.

The entry fee is \$22.

The MDUSBC Masters Championship will take place Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020 for qualifying and Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020 for match play at Astro Lanes in Madison Heights.

The format is six games of scratch qualifying, cutting to the top players for two-game double-elimination match play. The cost is \$150.

Justin Knowles is the two-time defending champion.

The MDUSBC Senior Masters Championship will take place Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020 for qualifying and Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020 for match play at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

The format is six games of scratch qualifying, cutting to the top players for two-game double-elimination match play. The cost is \$120.

Bill Kazimierski is the defending champion.

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

MCKAY TOURNAMENT

The Metro Detroit USBC will once again conduct the annual Tom McKay Invitational Tournament (formerly the Steve Cruchon Memorial Tournament) on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum and the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Over \$290,000 has been raised since 1990.

We are looking for interested individuals who may be interested in competing in the invitational event.

The cost is \$20 and entrants are expected to raise at least \$100 for the causes by either soliciting donations for \$100 or selling \$200 of 50/50 tickets or a combination.

The event is always a good time where the top eight teams qualify for match play.

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

MDUSBC WOMEN'S/MEN'S SERIES

The MDUSBC Women's and Men's Series has returned for the ninth season for the women and second season for the men. The series is a scratch event.

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

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

The first event will be Sunday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

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

Other events are scheduled for Dec. 8; January 12; March 8; and April 5.

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LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR 2020 STATE TOURNAMENT

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

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

MDUSBC is looking for volunteers to assist in these responsibilities.

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



Bowling TV Schedule



Saturday, Nov. 2 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase
	Adult Challenge - Woodland vs Waterford	
Sunday, Nov. 3	FOX	PBA Clash
Saturday, Nov. 9 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase
	Magazine show	
Saturday, Nov. 16 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase
	Youth Challenge - Woodland vs Cherry Hill North	
Saturday, Nov. 23 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase
	Youth Challenge - Merri-Bowl vs Thunderbowl	
Saturday, Nov. 30 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase
	Youth Challenge - Oak vs Five Star	

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Every Saturday at 10 a.m.

BVL Month in America

Personal Perspectives

Libbi Fletcher
MDUSBC Director



November is BVL Month in America. With Veteran's Day on November 11th, BVL feels this is a great time to take a minute to reflect on our freedom provided to us by the many sacrifices our men and women serving now and, in the past, have made for our country.

BVL continues to provide support to our Veterans Administration Centers and Homes throughout the United States because of the support primarily from the bowling community. Recreational therapy is key to assisting our veterans on a daily basis. BVL also supports many national programs, such as the Golden Age Games, the Tee Tournament, the Winter and Summer Sports Clinics, and Veterans Day Ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, and the Creative Arts Festival which will be held this year in November in Kalamazoo.

Here in Metro Detroit, our bowlers never disappoint! We raised over \$16,000 last year from our raffle ticket sales and donations from our leagues. BVL is so very thankful, as is the John Dingell VA Center downtown that receives support each and every year from Metro Detroit USBC on behalf of all of those who support us through our fundraising efforts.

State Association	Amount
California	\$107,027.18
Michigan	\$ 84,972.44
Texas	\$ 46,141.52
Arizona	\$ 38,162.17
Illinois	\$ 33,607.34
Minnesota	\$ 30,100.00
Virginia	\$ 27,944.21
Georgia	\$ 20,237.45
Maryland	\$ 19,722.25

Local Association	Amount
Metro Phoenix USBC	\$37,000.00
Minneapolis USBC	\$21,000.00
Metro Detroit USBC	\$16,037.66
Nation's Capital Area USBC	\$16,000.00
Citrus Belt USBC	\$14,161.19
San Diego USBC	\$12,849.20
Green Bay Area USBC	\$11,083.47
Lansing (MI) USBC	\$11,000.00
Virginia Peninsula USBC	\$ 9,561.00

As you can see below, Detroit and Michigan are truly stepping up to support our veterans, and we will continue to try to make a difference by Brightening Veterans Lives in anyway that we possibly can.

League secretaries will be receiving an envelope and letter from me in the next week or so. Please consider donating a night of your league 50/50 and/or passing the envelope down the lanes one night. Ask your league to pick a league session this month to wear their patriotic red, white, and blue. Ask veterans in your league to step out on the approach and be recognized and thank them for their service. It is the least we can do for all they have done for us.

The Metro Detroit USBC Board of Directors will be selling the \$10 raffle tickets again this year until October 31st. Please purchase some tickets when asked.

We are the largest local association in USBC, so it would great if we climbed up that list to the top!

Thank you all so very much for your support then and now!

I am so proud of our association and our State Association for all of the support for BVL.

God Bless you, God Bless our Troops, and God Bless America.



Shoes, shoes, shoes

(Ann)ouncements

Ann Block
MDUSBC Director



I am a girl who likes shoes. I have many, so many pairs of shoes. I love them all. Shoe shopping is cathartic for me. My motto is "One can never have too many shoes". However, when it comes to my bowling shoes it is a different story.

Back in the beginning during youth leagues my sisters and I like all the kids used rental shoes each Saturday afternoon. They never fit right and smelled like disinfectant. It was the prudent thing to do for all the kids whose feet were not done growing.

Around the age of thirteen I got my first pair of ladies bowling shoes. They were functionally and so pretty. I wore them until they fell apart. When I joined the Ward-Bonanza Youth Travel Classic my dad wanted me to have good bowling equipment. He bought me my first pair of Lind's for Christmas. They were custom made. We traced my feet on the papers and the sheets were sent to the manufacturer. I loved those shoes. They fit better than any pair of shoes I have had before or since. They were off white with extra slide on my left shoe.

These were the shoes I wore when my teams won youth city and state tournaments. I wore these shoes and bowled my first 600 series. I wore those same shoes and bowled in my first adult league. I bowled in those shoes three to four times a week and in countless tournaments for years. I wore those shoes to my first WIBC Tournament. I had that pair of Lind's reconditioned three separate times. In 2008, my favorite bowling shoes were permanently retired as they literally came apart at the seams. I still could not bring myself to throw them away. I considered having them bronzed.

During the 2008 USBC Women's Championship the pro shop at Super Bowl had a sale on shoes. I found a new pair of white Lind's for a great price. During a recent tournament in an ironic twist of fate the person who sold me the new shoes so long ago saw a tear in my sliding pad. She offered me some crazy glue to fix the problem. I guess I should fix it. I feel a little sad my companions of eleven years are starting to show their age. I bowled my 37th National USBC Women's Tournament in those shoes. This pair of shoes could have seen their last flight.

Bowling shoes are a prized piece of equipment for any bowling geek. Street shoes can pull together an outfit. Great bowling shoes can determine success on the lanes. Before I got my first pair of Lind's I was jamming my knee on my slide. The extra slide on my shoe made my knee felt better. Knee feels great and the games were better. A great pair of shoes makes a difference. Here's to a great pair of shoes.

Until next time!



DIAMOND PROPERTIES ACQUIRES THE SIX REMAINING PROPERTIES OF COMMUNITY BOWLING CENTERS

By Mark Martin, editor



DIAMOND PROPERTIES

Community Bowling Centers has been a staple in the Metro Detroit USBC for many years, but the six remaining bowling centers in the company have been acquired by Diamond Properties of Mount Kisco, New York.

The six centers are Bowl One Lanes in Troy, Century Bowl in Waterford, Plum Hollow Lanes in Southfield, Skore Lanes in Taylor, Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights and Super Bowl in Canton.

The bowlers haven't noticed much change, as the managers of the centers and other key employees have been retained.

The Voight's began the bowling business in Michigan when they purchased Satellite Bowl in Dearborn Heights in 1985, an 84-lane center that was well known for tournaments and leagues. In the early years, other Detroit area centers acquired were Skore Lanes in Taylor and Century Bowl in Waterford and this was just the beginning. The company eventually operated 23 bowling centers at one time in Michigan and northern Indiana. In recent years, they had downsized their portfolio to the six remaining centers.

As many in this bowling community are aware, Mark passed away this past February 11th, leaving the company for Diane to run. With other family members not involved in the business, Diane decided that the best course of action was to find a buyer that would be committed to keeping the centers as bowling centers...and that's where Bill Diamond of Diamond Properties (www.dpmgt.com) comes in.

The acquisition of the six centers by Diamond Properties increases the number of bowling centers in the company's portfolio to 13.



"We spent 35 wonderful years in the business," said Diane. "We loved the challenge."

When asked what she'd miss most she replied, "Mostly I'll miss the people. This is a people business and it was exciting to entertain people and see them have fun and a good time."

Some of the more challenging aspects were "The hours were long and we were always on call. The late night and early morning phone calls were always tough, but they had to be answered."

Diane served on the Board of the Bowling Proprietors Association of America (BPAA) for five years and will miss all the people she got to know over those years.

With his accounting background, Mark served as Treasurer of the BPAA and also as President of the Multi Unit Bowling Information Group (MUBIG) among the many hats he wore over the years. He was inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame in 2012.

"Now I'll have more time to spend with my three daughters and six grandchildren," Diane said.

Here comes Bill Diamond with answers to some of my questions:



What made you pick the Metro Detroit market to invest in?

As a company, we are extremely entrepreneurial and look at every opportunity that crosses our desks. So when this opportunity came to us we took a serious look at it and we were pleasantly surprised by the demographics. Some of these venues are in extremely dense areas, and I am confident that the modernizations and amenities we plan to add will be warmly received by the surrounding communities and our existing customer base. Before

visiting the area for the first time to visit the centers I had actually never been to Detroit. And I have to say that I was quite impressed by the resurgence of the downtown and especially pleased with the neighborhoods around many of the properties in the portfolio.

What future plans do you have for the centers?

Typically, whenever we have acquired a traditional bowling center in the past we have looked to modernize the venue with updated scoring, equipment, and facility renovations which could include the addition of other amenities such as large redemption arcades, upgraded f&b, laser tag, etc. At this point, we have no concrete plans, and will most likely operate these venues 'as is' for the duration of the 2019 – 2020 season, and then decide which centers warrant full upgrades. As a company, we are presently undergoing the addition of 5 or 6 new venues and renovations at the moment, so we'll need to complete those projects prior to renovating the Detroit portfolio.

When might any future plans start to take shape?

Most likely spring 2020.

The league base is quite strong in the Metro Detroit market. How do you see that in conjunction with any future plans for the centers?

As a group, we are very dedicated to the league business and our goal is to grow and expand the leagues where we can. Any changes we make, such as adding large redemption arcades and modernizing the venue, will have zero impact on the league business. In fact, we anticipate the leagues will welcome the transition as we begin to upgrade to modern scoring for example, and make other improvements around the venues. Some of these centers are quite large, including underutilized areas that can be better used for additional amenities without affecting lane count.

As renowned bowling center broker Sandy Hansell is famous for saying, "The times are a changin'". Yes they are and it's very refreshing that these bowling centers will remain bowling centers.

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CANADA'S LAVOIE WINS 2019 U.S. OPEN

MOORESVILLE, N.C. - For the second time in his short professional career, Canada's Francois Lavoie donned the coveted green jacket at the U.S. Open.

The 26-year-old right-hander defeated 14-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour champion and top seed Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, 221-172, on Wednesday night to become the 12th bowler in history to win the prestigious title multiple times.

His first time hoisting the U.S. Open trophy was in 2016 on the way to PBA Rookie of the Year honors.

The latest win gave Lavoie his fourth PBA Tour title and made the fourth-year professional the first foreign-born player to win the U.S. Open more than once. Finland's Mika Koivuniemi (2001) and Dom Barrett of England (2018) also have won the event.

Wednesday's star-studded stepladder at Victory Lanes was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

Along with the iconic outerwear, Lavoie also earned a \$30,000 top prize. The U.S. Open was the fifth, and final, major of the 2019 PBA Tour season. The win was Lavoie's first since 2017.

"This is so surreal, and I don't even know where to begin," Lavoie said. "To win the first one was unbelievable and a dream come true. Winning the second one, wow. Especially with the way the season started, I never could've expected this. It's not something you think will happen again, and definitely not this year of all years. I feel so fortunate."

Lavoie started the final match with five consecutive strikes and cruised to the title. Rash opened with a strike but did not throw another until the ninth frame when his third major title already was out of reach.

Rash was in a familiar position as the No. 1 seed, having won the 2007 United States Bowling Congress Masters and 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions from there.

"I'm great, honestly," Rash said. "I led the U.S. Open, which is a dream come true. I've always wanted to make this show. Frankie bowled unbelievable. He started with the front five on a pair that was extremely brutal. He's a two-time champion at this event for a reason. It was a great performance, and he out-bowled me. I'm happy with my preparation and thought process and everything that was going on. I have no regrets from today, and I feel like this still was one of my best seasons overall."

Despite the loss, Rash indeed is winding down one of his best seasons in a career that began in 2005. His 2019 campaign includes two titles and more than \$145,000 in earnings. He took home \$15,000 for Wednesday's runner-up finish.

In the night's four matches, there only were three strings of strikes longer than a double, and Lavoie had two of them on what he considered the most challenging of the week's four oil patterns.

His keys to success on all the patterns were surface management and different hand positions.

"I wasn't ever really comfortable on this pattern for the 32 games we bowled on it, and going into match play, I was pretty nervous about holding onto a spot on the show for another 24 games," said Lavoie, who averaged less than 200 for his first eight games on the week's final oil pattern. "I had a hard time getting my hand to do what I wanted to get the right ball motion, but we stuck with it and stayed in it. Throwing the front five in the final game was huge, especially since our plan was just to try to hit the 1-3 every time. That pair was really hard."

On the way to his first U.S. Open title in Las Vegas, Lavoie also managed to string strikes in what is considered one of the sport's toughest environments. That year, he also was the second seed and advanced to the title match by becoming the first bowler in history to roll a perfect game on a U.S. Open television show.

Lavoie rolled into this year's championship match simply by filling frames, another key to success on the demanding conditions at the U.S. Open.

The Team Canada member posted a clean 214-164 win against two-time major champion Anthony Simonsen, 22, of Little Elm, Texas, who was looking to earn his eighth PBA Tour title and become the youngest player to win three majors.



Simonsen, who won the 2016 USBC Masters and 2019 PBA Players Championship, advanced to Wednesday's semifinal with a 187-148 win against 11-time major champion and 2019 PBA Player of the Year front-runner Jason Belmonte of Australia.

After three solid shots to start the match, Belmonte failed to get more than six pins on four of his next five first balls. The 36-year-old two-hander tried everything to get back in the match, including a switch to a urethane ball in the seventh frame and moving from the left side of the lane to the right.

The move worked on the right lane, but the 22-time PBA Tour champion split twice on the left lane, including the 2-8-10 combination in his final frame. A missed 10 pin from Simonsen in the ninth frame gave Belmonte an opportunity to at least force Simonsen to mark, but the final split ended his chances for a fifth title in 2019.

A win Wednesday would've given Belmonte his first U.S. Open title, and he would've joined USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Mike Aulby as the only players to win the Super Slam.

Belmonte has four wins at the USBC Masters, three PBA Tournament of Champions titles, two victories at the PBA World Championship and two wins at the PBA Players Championship.

His 148 game was the lowest he has bowled on TV. His previous low came in a 214-156 loss to Wes Malott in the title match of the 2013 U.S. Open.

In Wednesday's opening match, neither Simonsen nor Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, looked immediately comfortable on the fresh 40-foot oil pattern, but two rolled 10 pins early in the game gave Simonsen a small advantage over O'Neill, who didn't deliver his first strike until the fifth frame.

A 2-8-10 split from O'Neill in the sixth frame widened the deficit, and Simonsen followed the first commercial break with four consecutive strikes to pull away for a 226-193 victory.

O'Neill, the 2010 U.S. Open winner, also was looking to become the 12th bowler in history to win the event multiple times. The 38-year-old right-hander owns 11 PBA Tour titles, including two this season.

The field this week started with 144 players, all of whom bowled 24 games of qualifying over three days (eight games each day). Each round featured a different oil pattern, and a fourth lane condition was introduced for the cashers' round, match play and championship round.

All rounds leading up to the TV show were broadcast live at BowlTV.com and simulcast on FloBowling.

The U.S. Open is conducted jointly by USBC and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America.

For more information on the U.S. Open, visit BOWL.com/USOpen.

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Bowling Centers of the Metro Detroit USBC



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ALLEY 59 (24)	44925 N Groesbeck Hwy	Clinton Township	48036	(586) 469-6411
ASTRO LANES (48)	32388 John R Rd	Madison Heights	48071	(248) 585-3132
AVON NORTH HILL LANES (32)	150 W Tienken Rd	Rochester Hills	48306	(248) 651-8544
BEECH LANES (16)	15492 Beech Daly Rd	Redford	48239	(313) 531-3800
BELMAR LANES (16)	4035 Fort St	Lincoln Park	48146	(313) 381-4242
BIDDLE BOWL (8)	708 Biddle St.	Wyandotte	48192	(734) 283-0660
BONANZA LANES (44)	24600 Hoover Rd	Warren	48089	(586) 756-3000
BOWL ONE LANES (40)	1639 E 14 Mile Rd	Troy	48083	(248) 588-4850
BOWLERO LANES (16)	4209 Coolidge Hwy	Royal Oak	48073	(248) 549-7500
CENTURY BOWL (52)	7345 Highland Rd	Waterford	48327	(248) 666-4700
CHERRY HILL LANES (52)	300 N Inkster Rd	Dearborn Heights	48127	(313) 278-0400
CHERRY HILL NORTH (36)	6697 Dixie Hwy	Clarkston	48346	(248) 625-5011
CLASSIC LANES (32)	2145 Avon Industrial Dr	Rochester Hills	48309	(248) 852-9100
COLLIER LANES (32)	879 S Lapeer Rd	Oxford	48371	(248) 628-2851
COUNTRY CLUB OF DETROIT (6)	2220 Country Club Dr.	Grosse Pointe Farms	48236	(313) 881-8000
COUNTRY LANES (32)	30250 W 9 Mile Rd	Farmington	48336	(248) 476-3201
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ESCAPE (Formerly TROY LANES) (30)	1950 E Square Lake Rd	Troy	48085	(248) 879-8122
FERNHILL COUNTRY CLUB (12)	17600 Clinton River Rd	Clinton Township	48038	(586) 286-4700
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The complete history of women's pro bowling champions and awards by bowling historian Eric Hartman lives now on 11thFrame.com

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Click on the fourth item on the navigation bar to access Eric Hartman's women's pro bowling database.

I've never met Eric Hartman, but he's like an old friend I can talk bowling history with forever. That's logical since Hartman might be the sport's pre-eminent historian.

Trust me when I tell you that if I get something wrong in a story, I will get an email from him. And I'm sure other writers and the folks at PBA, PWBA, USBC and other entities can tell you the same thing whenever they publish something.

Just as important is the work Hartman has done for me (and others) in researching and providing his-

torical context to stories.

For example, when Dasha Kovalova beat Liz Johnson 300-163 in the title match of the 2019 Pepsi PWBA Louisville Open, Hartman was quick to report that in the old PWBA Tour before it went defunct in 2003, the largest margin of victory in a telecast was 138 pins when Barbara Leicht defeated Betty Morris 297-159 in the title match of the 1987 Metroplex Open.

And after doing further research, Hartman discovered that in the 2007 U.S. Women's Open, which had a staggered telecast with 16 players in a bracket, Shannon O'Keefe defeated Stefanie Johnson (then Nation) 299-159 in the quarterfinals for a record 140-pin difference. That U.S. Women's Open was when the PWBA Tour was dark and wasn't an official PWBA Tour event and title until a ruling grandfathering the titles.

I own the book "Historical Dictionary of Bowling" that Hartman co-authored with John Grasso, and it covers about anything you can imagine wanting to know about bowling.

A few years ago, Hartman and I cooperated on a project analyzing USBC/ABC/WIBC records to find any great bowlers of the past never elected to the Hall of Fame who might be good candidates for the Outstanding USBC Performance Category that was created in 2011.

We turned the project into USBC but I'm not sure if the information was ever considered by the Hall of Fame Committee as I was not asked to serve again after 2015.

Somewhere in our long messaging history, Hartman and I got to talking about how hard it is to find complete women's professional bowling records.

The reason is there have been almost as many women's professional bowling groups as there have been professional football leagues, and some of the information is not easy to find, particularly when you go well back in time and with groups that now are defunct.

Hartman has some information in his book, but he concedes it's not complete. And in a book is not the same as an online database, updated, complete and easily accessible.

It's now done. And it's easily accessible and free at 11thFrame.com — not behind my paywall. The direct link is <https://www.11thframe.com/pwba/tournaments>.

I hope my subscribers will understand that my site is just the host for Hartman's work, which would make putting it behind my paywall simply wrong.

The database also is something that needs to be free because it's a gift to the sport and everyone who cares about it.

It includes tournaments back to the BPAA All-Star in 1949, with dates, locations, winners, runners-up and scores.

It includes lists of champions by total wins, standard tournament wins, and major wins.

And it includes the Players/Bowlers of the Year from the organizations and the media, the Rookie of the Year winners, and Robby Sportsmanship Award winners.

Hartman uncovered some interesting facts, including a discrepancy in Betty Morris' career titles, and found a 1977 tournament in Nashville that is not in the PWBA's official database that he feels should be.

He also found some bowling records where tournament names or other facts weren't correct and/or standardized, and did what he could to check all those using resources like newspaper databases.

The most interesting fact I found was in major tournament wins. Many know that Marion Ladewig with 14 and Liz Johnson with 10 are the leaders in major titles. But I concede I did not know who was third — it's actually a tie at six between Donna Adamek, Dotty Fothergill, Wendy Macpherson, and Aleta Sill, with Kelly Kulick deserving an asterisk with her five women's majors and the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions.

Johnson also deserves an asterisk in total titles as she won the 2017 PBA Chameleon Championship.

We welcome anyone who wishes to offer potential corrections or additions to the database, which we plan to keep updated in future seasons.

Anyone who wishes to reach Hartman can email him at erichartmanbowl@gmail.com.

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USBC, Kegel extend longstanding partnership

ARLINGTON, Texas — Kegel and the United States Bowling Congress extended their partnership agreement to have Kegel as the official lane maintenance provider for USBC championships events.

Since 2006, Kegel has provided lane maintenance equipment and supplies, along with technical and on-site support, for USBC events from the youth to professional level. Kegel also handles lane maintenance for the Professional Women's Bowling Association, which is supported by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) and USBC.

"The United States Bowling Congress is thrilled to continue its long-standing collaborative partnership with Kegel," said Nick Hoagland, who has led USBC's lane pattern development program for the last three years and works closely with the Kegel team. "Kegel's lane machines, lane care products, expertise, and on-site processes help to ensure fair and competitive championship environments for USBC and PWBA events. This announcement is not only great for our organization, tournaments, and members, but for the sport of bowling."

The USBC Open and Women's Championships, the premier events for USBC adult members, the Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships, plus the four sectional qualifiers, and the Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International and Survivor are among the events Kegel supports with its latest lane machines and cleaners.

"Kegel and USBC share the belief that providing bowlers with a fair and reliable playing field is the most important factor at every championships event," Kegel CEO Chris Chartrand said. "We appreciate USBC for entrusting Kegel with the responsibility as the official lane maintenance partner at the national events and we look forward to continuing our work with Nick Hoagland."

USBC determines lane conditions for every USBC tournament while Kegel provides equipment maintenance and technical support.

Founded in 1981, Kegel is based in Lake Wales, Florida, where it has a 74,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility and 12-lane training center.

Visit Kegel.net to learn more about Kegel.

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Name	Date	Center	League	Name	Date	Center	League
Keith Hearn	Sep 3 2019			Michael Dickerson	Sep 18 2019	Plum Hollow Lanes	Wen-Mixed
Jerry Dismuke Jr	Sep 3 2019	Classic Lanes	Untouchables Mixed	Tarus Gray	Sep 18 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Jeffrey Brown II	Sep 3 2019	Country Lanes	Tuesday Invitational	Jordan Born	Sep 19 2019	Century Bowl	Thursday Mens House
Paul Price	Sep 3 2019	Imperial Lanes	Knights & Guards	Willie Price Jr	Sep 20 2019	300 Bowl	Friday Morning Mix
Parshae Matthews	Sep 3 2019	Mayflower Lanes	Nite Train Express Mixed	Anthony Felix	Sep 20 2019	Bonanza Lanes	Friday Nite DPL
Jody Riddle	Sep 4 2019	Astro Lanes	Hazel Park Eagles Mens	Patrick Short	Sep 20 2019	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men
John Kurtz	Sep 5 2019	Merri-Bowl	Thursday Mens NFL	Kyle Howard	Sep 20 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	Friday Nite Quad
William Tabor	Sep 6 2019	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men	Brian Soderberg	Sep 20 2019	Woodland Lanes	Grandale
Lawrence Ryckaert	Sep 6 2019	Imperial Lanes	Friday Night Men	Larry Nathaniel	Sep 21 2019	Bonanza Lanes	Sat Night Mixers
Emmanuel Madden	Sep 6 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	26 Mixed	Amos Mathis Jr	Sep 22 2019	Bonanza Lanes	Sunday Afternoon Mixed Travelers
Latasha Marks	Sep 6 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	26 Mixed	Paul Hughes	Sep 22 2019	Skore Lanes	Bob Sparks T V N
Graylen Wright	Sep 6 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	Friday Nite Quad	Robert Bieganski	Sep 22 2019	Woodland Lanes	Painter's West Chicago
Roy Biggs	Sep 6 2019	Woodland Lanes	Grandale	Corey Miller	Sep 23 2019	Century Bowl	Pop's Comets
William Porch	Sep 7 2019	Bonanza Lanes	Sat Night Mixers	Michael Sullivan	Sep 23 2019	Rosebowl Lanes	Our Lady Queen Of Peace
Brandon Sawyers	Sep 8 2019	Bowl One Lanes		Brian Kuhfeldt	Sep 24 2019	Alley 59	Tuesday American Classic
Corey Obrien	Sep 9 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men	Jerry Dismuke Jr	Sep 24 2019	Classic Lanes	Untouchables Mixed
Brian Snapke	Sep 9 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men	Lyle Schaefer	Sep 24 2019	Country Lanes	Tuesday Invitational
Christopher Craft	Sep 9 2019	Waterford Lanes	Monday Mens	Glen Keely	Sep 24 2019	Merri-Bowl	Tues MerriBowl Classic
David Makowiec	Sep 10 2019	Country Lanes	Tuesday Invitational	Jeremy Cornwall	Sep 24 2019	Sterling Lanes	Metro East Men
Alex Adragna Jr	Sep 10 2019	Shore Lanes	St Margarets Tuesday Early	Frank Bezak	Sep 25 2019	Perfect Game	Wednesday Night Men's
Richard Osgan Jr	Sep 11 2019	Rosebowl Lanes	Kolping Keglers	Joseph Canzoneri	Sep 25 2019	Plaza Lanes	Bill Brown Ford Invitational
Corey Miller	Sep 12 2019	300 Bowl	3 Man Major	Samuel Alford Jr	Sep 25 2019	Plum Hollow Lanes	Wed Senior Inv. Doubles
Marvin Flemons	Sep 13 2019	Plum Hollow Lanes	Friday Nite Out	Timothy Evans	Sep 26 2019	Alley 59	Victory League
David Walker	Sep 15 2019	Bonanza Lanes	Sunday Gents	Demetrius Butcher	Sep 26 2019	Bonanza Lanes	D.W.S.D. Mixed League
Brandon Shepherd	Sep 16 2019	Renaissance Bowl	Monday Morning Trio	Brian Kin	Sep 26 2019	Ford Lanes	Renaissance
Cedric Mann	Sep 16 2019	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.	William Hill	Sep 26 2019	Renaissance Bowl	World Traveler's Mixed
David Makowiec	Sep 17 2019	Country Lanes	Tuesday Invitational	Jeffrey Buza	Sep 26 2019	Shelby Lanes	Thursday Night Men
Michael Makowiec	Sep 17 2019	Country Lanes	Tuesday Invitational	Juwan Sandifer	Sep 26 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	Sunkist Mx Lg
Alan Reich	Sep 17 2019	Country Lanes	Tuesday Invitational	Anthony Felix	Sep 27 2019	Bonanza Lanes	Friday Nite DPL
Christopher Kubiski	Sep 18 2019	Five Star Lanes	St Jane Men	Randy Finch	Sep 28 2019	Alley 59	Good Timers
Ryan Jowske	Sep 18 2019	Indian Lanes	Wyandotte Wed Men	Michael Churchill	Sep 30 2019	Astro Lanes	Hoosier League
Anthony Friday	Sep 18 2019	Mayflower Lanes	Eloise Mixed League	Gregory Gumtow	Sep 30 2019	Cherry Hill North	Dixie All Stars
Clifford Davis Jr	Sep 18 2019	Perfect Game	Wednesday Night Men's	Kerry McCue	Sep 30 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men
Mark Hizer	Sep 18 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Wed Nite Mens	Dustin Davidson	Sep 30 2019	Rosebowl Lanes	Our Lady Queen Of Peace

MDUSBC 800 September 2019

Name	Score	Date	Center	League
Rodney Evans	800	Sep 5 2019	Renaissance Bowl	World Traveler's Mixed
Guy Dufresne	801	Sep 5 2019	Wonderland Lanes	Tuesday Mens Invitational
John Buffa	800	Sep 7 2019	Bowl One Lanes	Saturday Nite Mixers
James McLeod	800	Sep 7 2019	Woodland Lanes	
Richard Dolph III	806	Sep 8 2019	Cherry Hill North	Dixie All Stars
Brandon Campbell	800	Sep 9 2019	Plaza Lanes	Plaza Men
Marcus Mitchell	801	Sep 11 2019	Mayflower Lanes	Eloise Mixed League
CJ Edward Harris III	817	Sep 12 2019	Renaissance Bowl	World Traveler's Mixed
Anthony Zelechowski	800	Sep 14 2019	Bonanza Lanes	Sat Night Mixers
Cole Muncy	817	Sep 17 2019	Country Lanes	Tuesday Invitational
Kenneth Bannasch	816	Sep 17 2019	Five Star Lanes	Chrysler Central Engineering
Trisha Reid	803	Sep 20 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	Friday Nite Quad
Kenneth Mitchell	804	Sep 20 2019	Woodland Lanes	Grandale
Ryan Staschke	809	Sep 24 2019	Alley 59	Tuesday American Classic
Jerry Dismuke Jr	834	Sep 24 2019	Classic Lanes	Untouchables Mixed
Frank Bezak	814	Sep 25 2019	Perfect Game	Wednesday Night Men's
John Tovar	824	Sep 26 2019	300 Bowl	Pontiac Motor Inter Office
Scott Gallus	824	Sep 26 2019	Harbor Lanes	Thursday Nite Mens
William Hill	803	Sep 26 2019	Renaissance Bowl	World Traveler's Mixed
Jeffrey Buza	815	Sep 26 2019	Shelby Lanes	Thursday Night Men

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

MYTH#13: The final prize list is the league financial statement.

BUSTED: A financial statement shows all income and expenses, it is not just a report of who won the prize money. A financial statement must show all the funds received and all the expenses of the league. A financial statement should be detailed and the bottom line is the money that is left in the bank. The following applies to financial statements:

- Must be completed annually - Rule 102f-5.
- Each team captain receives a copy when prizes are paid.
- League fees and all other income including but not limited to sponsor fees, fundraisers, banquet fees, membership fees, interest collected must be listed.
- Total income less normal expenses determine the amount available for the prize fund.
- The prize fund is part of the financial statement and should detail what was paid.
- The financial statement should be kept on file with the league records.

MYTH#14: I can clean my ball with nail polish remover.

BUSTED: Acetone and non-acetone nail polish removers can never be used on a bowling ball. Both products change the hardness of the ball. For a list of products that are acceptable and unacceptable in USBC competition please visit the equipment specifications section of bowl.com.

MYTH#15: When a league requires bowlers to prepay the last two weeks of bowling, a player who must withdraw from a league is credited the prepaid amount against the required two weeks withdrawal fees.

CONFIRMED: USBC holds all prepaid fees are applied to any indebtedness when a bowler withdraws from a league, including the two-weeks fees required when not replaced during the time period. The bowler would not owe any additional fees upon withdrawal.

MYTH#16: The two-week notice required for withdrawing from a league is based on the calendar.

CONFIRMED: The countdown for paying withdrawal fees (Rule 114a) starts on the day the bowler gives notice. Two weeks are calendar weeks not two league sessions. Any league sessions held within the two calendar weeks from the day of notice must be paid for unless the bowler is replaced in that time period. A bowler cannot be charged if no league sessions are scheduled during the withdrawal period.

Example 1, a bowler gives notice after bowling on February 7.

- In a league that bowls every other week, the bowler owes for February 21 only.
- In a monthly league, the bowler would not owe anything; the next session would be in a month.
- In a league that bowls weekly the bowler would owe for February 14 and February 21.

Example 2, a bowler gives notice on December 15.

- The league is on holiday break until January 2.
- The bowler does not owe fees, because the league is not bowling during the two calendar weeks after notice was given.

MYTH#17: Substitutes cannot be used for a position match or playoff.

BUSTED: USBC rules allow a team to use substitutes in both instances. Rule 107c states a substitute is a bowler who replaces an absent bowler or bowls in a vacant position. Leagues often adopt rules to qualify substitutes for position matches and playoffs. Some rules require substitutes to have a specified number of games, while others may require the average of a substitute to be within a specified number of pins of the bowler who is absent. The most stringent league rules disallow substitute participation in playoffs and position matches. All of these rules are acceptable and can be enforced by leagues. Team Captains are responsible to ensure all players entered in the line up each week are eligible. Team Captains must be sure all players meet all league qualification rules for position matches, playoffs and weekly play, including game requirements, cap rules and all players have current membership (Rule 104a).

MYTH#18: A team cannot be forced to use an absentee score for a position round or playoff.

BUSTED: A team who has an absent bowler must use the absentee score just like any other time in the season. The league does not have to allow the team to add a new player when a bowler is absent, only when a team has a vacancy (Rule 104a-9).

MYTH#19: Players can be added to a team roster anytime through out the season.

CONFIRMED: USBC does not have any rules stating when a roster must be completed. Team Captains have the authority to add players anytime during the season, but must do so in compliance with the league rules. Leagues may add restrictions for adding players however; a team must be allowed to add a player when the roster falls below the playing strength of the league (Rule 104a-9).

MYTH#20: If I write "PROTEST" on the recap sheet the board must act.

BUSTED: To simply write "PROTEST" on a recap sheet does not give the league officers any idea what is being protested. In order for the league board of directors (officers and team captains) to take action on a protest, the protest must be in writing, signed, detail what occurred and filed within the time lines of Rule 119; an anonymous protest does not require the board to take action. A proper protest should be dated, state why the protest is being filed and what rules were broken.

A Cure for Reno Fatigue: Bring the Kids

STRIKES ME

By Bob Johnson
Bowlers Journal
International



For the traveling bowlers who have sensed their cases of Reno Fever gradually transforming into Reno Fatigue, there's a good chance that the fever could return next year — if they decide to enter the 2020 USBC Open Championships.

As the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority prepares to commemorate the 25th birthday of the National Bowling Stadium, the "Taj Mahal of Tenpins" has been undergoing what Steve Markwell, Assistant General Manager of the stadium and Reno Events Center, calls a "major refreshing."

Markwell, who assumed oversight of the facility when Bob Thomas left in 2017, holds a Master's degree in Public Parks and Recreation Admin-

istration, and has worked in facility management for more than 30 years. His career included stops in Indiana, Kansas, New Jersey and Iowa before he made the move to Reno.

"I figured I'd be here for a few years," he says. "That was 25 years ago."

Markwell was working for the RSCVA when that government entity decided to engage the services of SMG to manage the stadium, Reno Events Center, Reno-Sparks Convention Center and the Reno Livestock Events Center. SMG manages a total of 248 facilities in eight countries.

When the transition was made, Markwell stayed on board, and new business cards (with the SMG logo) were ordered.

So what can bowlers expect when they step inside the doors of the "refreshed" National Bowling Stadium for the first time next spring? Well, the first thing they'll notice is that the bronze "family bowling" statue is gone (shipped to the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas, Markwell says), replaced by the eye-catching statue of a bowling ball, pin and scoring pencil that had been housed in the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame satellite location just off the stadium's entrance.

"It looks very cool at night when it's lit up," Markwell notes.

Up the escalator, the bowling level will still have its 78 lanes, but the bleachers on the low end have been taken down, with only the top two rows of seats remaining. Traditional table-and-chairs seating will line the full length of the concourse to accommodate spectators.

The bowlers' area also will be getting all-new furniture, and the area is being expanded to accommodate the added equipment that bowlers carry today compared to a quarter-century ago when the stadium opened.

Contrary to what may have been depicted in one artist's rendering, there will be no carpeting in the bowler's area. However, the concourse is getting all-new carpeting.

Also planned is a convenient "grab-and-go" foodservice concept, to be located at the mid-point of the facility. Markwell says it will be stocked with the kinds of items history indicates that the bowlers want.

Still to be determined, Markwell says, is the future of the stadium's pro shop, and what to do with the atrium at the high end of the facility through which tournament bowlers walk to get to the squad room.

"We want the atrium to be more comfortable," he says.

When we took a hard-hat tour a couple months ago, Markwell told us that the project is on schedule and will be completed in plenty of time for the start of the 2020 Open Championships.

Other contracted tournaments at the stadium include the USBC Women's Championships in 2022 and 2025, and the Open Championships in 2023 and 2026.

"We want to show the bowlers that Reno really loves them," he says. "We want the stadium to provide an outstanding experience for them. We're not being complacent."

A "refreshed" National Bowling Stadium isn't all that's new for bowlers and their families in the Carson Valley.

At the venerable Meadowood Mall, Round 1 Bowling & Entertainment has opened a new facility that includes 10 lanes among its many family-focused attractions.

And over in Sparks, another family entertainment center, Wild Island Coconut Bowl, has expanded its lane count to 46.

When Coconut Bowl opened in 2003, it had 20 lanes — 16 "traditional" to accommodate league play, and four in a VIP area dubbed the "Bowling Garage," a name suggested by the architect. The facility also had two outdoor miniature golf courses, a children's play structure, billiards tables, a small arcade, a snack bar and a full-service restaurant.

The place was a hit. League play — yes, leagues are an important aspect of Coconut Bowl's business — was strong, and there typically was a two-hour wait for lanes during prime-time hours.

So, in 2007, a 27,000-sq.-ft. expansion was undertaken, adding 20 lanes (including another four-lane "Garage"), two laser mazes, a nine-hole black-light mini-golf course and a massive party area with long tables and a play structure dubbed "High Ballocity" looming overhead. According to General Manager Craig Buster, 99% of the children's parties at Coconut Bowl utilize that structure.

The project turned out well, and Coconut Bowl's league bowler count swelled. The business was flourishing, Buster says, not only because of the multiple attractions, but also the almost fanatical emphasis on three no-budging and no-fudging points of emphasis: customer service, cleanliness and safety.

Coconut Bowl's owners undertook another expansion last year, adding a highly themed, immersive, blacklight go-kart course called Jungle Kart.

"I woke up at 3:12 a.m. on a Tuesday in January [2018] with this vision of the go-kart track," says Buster. "I called the owner to tell him about my idea, and he said, 'This better be good.' Then he told me to go back to sleep and meet him at the office at 8 a.m."

Buster did not go back to bed. Instead, he stayed up and began mapping out ideas for the track's layout, as well as a business plan.

"It was a five-minute meeting," he recalls. "The owner said, 'Let's do it.'"

It was the type of measured snap decision that could have come only through years of working together and building mutual trust and respect.

The 50,000-sq.-ft. addition also includes six more bowling lanes (bringing the total to 46), a two-level, 3,218-sq.-ft. laser tag arena, new arcade games, a redemption store and more.

So if you've been suffering from Reno Fatigue and wouldn't mind catching Reno Fever again, enter the 2020 Open Championships. And this time, bring the kids.

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