



# News

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## USBC adjusts timeline for new bowling ball specifications

ARLINGTON, Texas – After reviewing feedback from industry partners, the United States Bowling Congress Equipment and Specifications Committee has revised the implementation dates for the new bowling ball specifications announced earlier this year.

The Equipment and Specifications Committee determined the specification allowing increases in static weights for bowling balls without balance holes will begin this fall to allow for a smoother transition for bowlers.

Starting Aug. 1, 2018, bowling balls weighing more than 10 pounds will be allowed to have up to three ounces of static side, thumb or finger weight and up to three ounces of top or bottom weight, provided the ball does not have a balance hole.

Bowlers still can have a bowling ball with a balance hole until Aug. 1, 2020, but any balls with a balance hole must stay within the current static weight specification of one ounce for finger, thumb or side weight, and three ounces for top or bottom weight.

The specification eliminating the use of balance holes still will go into effect Aug. 1, 2020.

"After hearing from all stakeholders, the committee decided it was the right move to make the static weight specification an option starting this fall," Andrew Cain, chair of the USBC Equipment and Specifications Committee, said. "Bowlers now have a two-year window to work with their pro shops to ensure their equipment will meet specifications on Aug. 1, 2020."

With the elimination of balance holes as of Aug. 1, 2020, bowlers may have up to five holes for gripping purposes and all gripping holes must be used on every delivery. A bowler who chooses not to use a thumb hole would need to mark by scribe, engraver or tool their intended center of palm with a plus (+) mark to indicate their grip orientation.

Bowlers who do not use their thumb for delivery and decide to use the higher static weight specification cannot have a thumb hole – it would be classified a balance hole – and immediately will be required to follow the specification requiring them to mark their intended center of palm.

The USBC Equipment and Specifications Committee did decide the gripping rules that become effective Aug. 1, 2020, will have an exception for house balls, for bowlers who use house balls and might not have the strength to use all gripping holes.

House balls are defined as balls supplied by the center where the competition is taking place, have a polyester or basic urethane cover, a differential RG of less than 0.025 inches and the ball is not specifically drilled to fit the bowler.

The dates for implementing the new specification for the oil absorption rate of bowling ball coverstocks do not change. The initial step on the oil absorption specification will begin Aug. 1, 2018, when bowling ball manufacturers are required to submit oil absorption data as part of the USBC

bowling ball approval process. The specification requiring a bowling ball's oil absorption rate to be more than 2 minutes, 15 seconds (2:15) for the ball to be approved will take effect Aug. 1, 2020.

However, because all current bowling balls will be grandfathered in regardless of oil absorption rate, the Equipment Specifications Committee determined the production of balls that

do not meet the 2:15 oil absorption time limit must be stopped as of Jan. 31, 2022.

The new bowling ball specifications announced in April were designed to sustain the playing field both currently and in the future.

The Equipment and Specifications Committee has delegated authority from the USBC Board to make changes to equipment specifications.

## Hall of Famer Marsh finishes her final frame



Hall of Famer Rose Marsh passed away peacefully on Sept. 25, 2018.

Marsh, 95, was Secretary of the Detroit Women's Bowling Association from 1959 until her retirement in 2003 and Treasurer from 1963 until 2003.

During her storied career she was honored numerous times for her outstanding and tireless contributions to the game of bowling. She was inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame in 1986 and the Michigan Women's Bowling Hall of Fame in 2001.

Other honors she received include the Judge John D. Watts award for outstanding contributions to the promotion of bowling (1981), Thomas McKay award for lifetime achievement in furthering the advancement of bowling (1996) and Secretary of the Year by the Michigan Women's Bowling Association.

She served on the Michigan Women's Bowling Association Board of Directors for many years and served as Vice-President of the organization. She was bestowed the honor of "Life Member" of the organization.

She will be dearly missed by her friends in the bowling community and especially by her dedicated office staff and her many nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 11 a.m. at St. Lucy Catholic Church located at 23401 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores.

Always a big supporter of the Capuhins, contributions can be sent in Rose's memory to:

Capuchin Missions  
1820 Mt. Elliott  
Detroit, MI 48207

Solanus Casey Center  
1780 Mt. Elliott  
Detroit, MI 48207

Thank you Rose for everything you did to further the sport of bowling in Metro Detroit!

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# Things to attend to in your league

## From the Editor

**Mark A. Martin**  
MDUSBC  
Association Manager



With the season already several weeks in it's time to attend to some items such as the prize list.

USBC Rule 117a specifies that the league prize committee shall submit one or more prize lists for consideration within five weeks after the start of the season. While there is not penalty to non-compliance the longer a league waits to resolve this issue potentially the worse it can get. Many leagues specify in their league bylaws that prize money is paid on a per point basis and in this case this rule has already been addressed. For those leagues that have no such protocol for prize lists in their bylaws this needs to get done.

Speaking of prize lists, when developing a prize list make sure it's not too top heavy. Making a prize list too top heavy isn't necessarily in the best interest of the league. Just because your team finishes on top doesn't necessarily mean that your prize money should cover all of your expenses for the entire year. Bowlers need to remember that part of the weekly fee you pay goes for lineage to the center. Much like when you bowl in a tournament only a portion of your entry fee goes towards a prize list, same in a league. Ideally a well constructed prize list will return the prize fee portion of your weekly fees to teams that finish in the top one-third or top one-half of the league.

League officer salaries should be specified in the league bylaws. If they are not it is something that needs to be addressed for next year. League officer salaries should be based on either the number of teams or the number of bowlers. This way the officers get compensated for increased number of teams and the league gets protected if there are less teams than expected.

Generally league secretaries and treasurers should be paid in the neighborhood of \$20 to \$30 per team or \$3 to \$5 per bowler for the season. This amount may change also if the bowling center is doing the league sheets. If the bowling center is doing the league sheets, league secretaries should receive less.

The bottom line is that leagues should try to keep their expenses to a minimum in order to maximize the return to the bowlers.

### JACKPOTS

There was a time in this great sport of ours when competition derived from league bowling was enough to satisfy the competitive juices in all of us. Times have changed, however not necessarily for the better.

In many leagues today the cost to enter all of the optional jackpots has become greater than the actual cost to compete in the league (weekly fees). As a result the "total" cost to compete in the league has become more than many bowlers can afford resulting in both loss of bowlers and members.

Under USBC Rule 103b(1) the league board of directors has control of activities within the league which would include jackpots.

The league board of directors should review each of the jackpots that are run in the league to determine if those jackpots are in the best interests of the league. Also the league board of directors should insure that the jackpots are being operated properly. If there is a cut being taken from the jackpots by the collectors this should be made clear to those bowlers who pay their money. If there is any question regarding the operation of the jackpots the board of directors should

get the answer and see to it that everything is being run properly.

The league board of directors has a huge responsibility to make sure the league remains strong and maintaining the league in the spirit that it was intended by the membership. This is a key ingredient to that responsibility.

### MDUSBC AWARDS PROGRAM

MDUSBC has one of the best award programs in USBC which includes recognition for members of all averages.

The following accomplishments will be recognized with a pen:

- 150 Game (110 and under)
- 175 Game (125 and under)
- 200 Game (150 and under)
- 250 Game (190 and under)
- 400 Series (120 and under)
- 500 Series (135 and under)
- 600 Series (165 and under)
- 700 Series (200 and under)

A deck of cards will be awarded for those bowlers bowling a game 75 pins over average, while those 100 pins over average in a game will receive an embroidered towel.

For those bowling a series 150 pins over average will get a keychain light and those 200 pins over average in a game will be awarded a watch.

Each of the following will be recognized with a lapel pin:

- Triplicate series
- Stepladder series
- Clean series
- Dutch 200 game
- All Spare game
- 7-10 split conversion
- 4-6-7-10 split conversion

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MDUSBC members who purchase the Premium Upgrade option for an additional \$15 are eligible to earn crystal awards for an 11-in-a-row, 300 game and 800 series (limited to one per season in each category). If a bowler doesn't purchase the upgrade, they can still get the crystal award for \$30 for each honor score achievement.



## Bowling TV Schedule



Saturday, Oct. 6 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase
	Merri-Bowl region - First round	
Saturday, Oct. 13 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase
	Magazine show	
Saturday, Oct. 20 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase
	Merri-Bowl region - First round	
Saturday, Oct. 27 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase
	Merri-Bowl region - First round	
Wednesday, Oct. 31 - 8 p.m.	CBS Sports Network	
	U.S. Open (live)	

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Every  
Saturday  
at 10 a.m.

# Renewing Friendships

## Personal Perspectives

Libbi Fletcher  
MDUSBC Director



While working the Michigan State USBC WBA State Tournament at Century Bowl last spring, I had the joy of seeing a very familiar and joyful face...Mrs. Mattie Gunn.

I remember seeing Mattie for years while working the Detroit WBA City Tournament. She came over and told me that she had just bowled her 55<sup>th</sup> City Tournament!!!!

Mattie started bowling in 1963 at Selfridge Air National Guard base while her husband was in the Air Force and was a Master Sergeant. Because of his service to our country, Mattie had the opportunity to bowl not only in Syracuse, New York, but also in England and Bangkok Thailand with the local bowlers in those countries. While back here in Michigan, she bowled at the Clinton Gables lanes in Mt. Clemens, which is the city where she currently resides.

Mattie and Edgar would have been married 65 years this Valentine's Day, and they have 4 children, 6 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Their son served in the Air Force for 37 years as an engineer and their daughter also served in the Air Force. Thanks to all the Gunn family for your service!

She lost her husband Edgar in 2008 from complications of Agent Orange, and she also lost her mother who lived to be 97, whom she cared for. Her goal is to live longer than her mother did! No doubt in my mind she will accomplish this!

She currently bowls in the Dirty Dozen League at Imperial Lanes where she has a yearbook average of 137, and she has bowled in the past at Continental and Fountainview. She remarked to me on the phone, "all of these centers are closing, but I am still going!"

September 12<sup>th</sup>, Mattie turned 87 years young! She said they honored her at her league, and the men from the other league came down to see who was celebrating. She had thrown a double, then the guys came so she had to throw a third one! They could not believe this was the lady who was 87!

Her greatest bowling accomplishment was picking up the 7-10 split in the St. Joseph Hospital League back in the day.

When asked what advice she would give young people just starting out to bowl, Mattie said, "just bowl! Even if you aren't very good, someone will give you advice, so you will get better!"

I told her this article would be out in the October edition and she informed me she would see it when she got back from her Casino trip to West Virginia!!! Good Luck! What a Blessing!

Mattie, thank you for sharing your story and for your dedication to this wonderful game of ours.

### Special Honor Roll recognition

Jordan Richards - PWBA Rookie of the Year

Ryan Winters - Jr. Team USA

Andrew Anderson - Team USA and USBC Masters Champion

Toary Taylor - TNBA Female Bowler of the Year

We are so proud of all of our bowlers in the Bowling Capital of the World...

next up - Hall of Fame!!



Mattie Gunn

# Bowl to your capabilities

## On The Lanes With Shane

Shane Ferris  
MDUSBC Director



Now that the season has started, how's your game? Did you bowl all summer? Are you finding that the ball is heavier than you remember? Or maybe as we all get older we don't quite throw it as hard as we used to. We see some of the younger kids coming up throwing pins all over the place and think, I remember when I used to be able to do that. Maybe you've even got a new ache or pain in the arm, hand, fingers or elbow. Is the pain due to an injury? Have you ever considered dropping a pound in weight? Or maybe talking to your pro shop operator about the new aches and pains? With today's technology there are plenty of options nowadays to help give you better results on the lanes and correct discomfort.

The biggest misconception I see is that of the, "Man Weight" aka 16 pounds. "If you can throw 16 pounds you should" or "I've been throwing 15 pounds my whole life". With today's technology though, it's just not necessary. There are other options. Now there are people that are firm believers that 16 pounds hits harder, common physics. To that point I would say if you can throw it and you are still scoring with it absolutely. Why not? But what if you're not scoring with it anymore? What if your ball speed is

declining? What if you've got some pain? To that I say what is the definition of insanity? To do the same thing over and over again and expect a different result.

If you're beginning to think about it, think about this first. Sometimes discomfort in the hand or forearm can be corrected with a simple span change or pitches in your fingers or thumb, maybe even dropping the ring finger in your span or not using grips in your finger holes. Talking to your local pro shop about this can be the initial answer. What if it's not though? I see far too many people that continue to struggle with declining ball speed from getting older or injury that refuse to consider a lighter ball. Most of the time, these same people still have a really good rev rate but without the ball speed they simply can't stop the ball from hooking. This is another reason to consider going to a lighter ball. Ball speed matching your rev rate is very important when it comes to pin carry. There are more people throwing 14 pounds or lighter than you may think for those very reasons.

Personally I can tell you that after the past three seasons of injuries that included damage to my UCL, a bicep strain and a forearm strain my doctor told me something had to change. Specifically, that I was bowling on borrowed time. With the help of my local pro shop operator I dropped to 14 pounds, changed my pitches and started bowling without grips in my finger holes. The result was I bowled injury free last season for the first time in three years. Yes it took some getting used to but bowling pain and injury free with more ball speed was well worth it. Like anything else it took some practice but the ability to be able to practice was great in itself.

Now with all this said, everyone is different and some injuries are more serious than others. As always, I'll never claim to have all the answers but I hope I've given you a different perspective.

See you on the lanes.

## USBC Board has four new members

The USBC Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 season, which started Aug. 1, has four new directors.

Josie Barnes of Nashville, Tennessee, was elected by Team USA athletes earlier this year, while Dennis Hacker of Longtown, Missouri, is in his first year after his election by the delegates at the 2018 USBC Convention. Randy Thompson of Des Moines, Iowa, is the president of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America and takes over for previous BPAA president Nancy Schenk. Joe Spain Jr. of Alpharetta, Georgia was appointed as an at-large director.

Karl Kielich of El Paso, Texas, and Karen Jost of Tumwater, Washington, started their first seasons as USBC president and vice president, respectively, for the 2018-2019 season.

# Board of Directors of the Metro Detroit USBC

## 2018-2019 season



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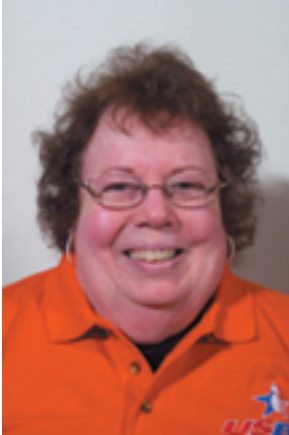
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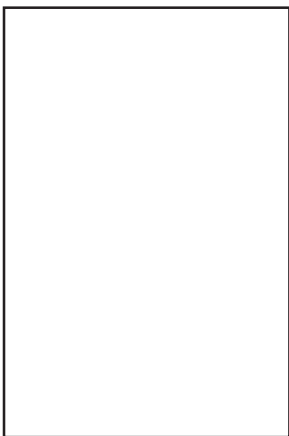
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John Vorpagel

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This could be you

Director



This could be you

Association Manager



Mark Martin

# Tournaments Galore

## Midwest Women's coming to Michigan

### (Ann)ouncements

Ann Block  
MDUSBC Director



Welcome back to the lanes everyone. I hope the bowling season has started off well for you. The physical landscape of our game has changed in our area. We will miss Airway Lanes, Bronco Lanes, Hazel Park Bowl and Mercury Lanes and cherish the memories all fourcenters gave us through the years. Our sport is ever changing and it is up to us to keep it alive for future generations. Invite someone back to the game or introduce someone new to it. I love this game of ten pins. I know you do too. Let's support our game.

Now some random thoughts:

The bowling capital of the world has a lot going on this season. The Metro Detroit USBC has a plethora of events. There is literally something for everyone in the form of a tournament or bowling event. Check out our website. The "new" Michigan State USBC will be hosting new and improved versions of all three championship tournaments. Check out the new website and sign up for the e-newsletter "Ten Pin Topics".

About twenty years ago a group of lady bowlers from six Midwest states started talking at the WIBC meetings. These ladies had many of the same concerns, issues, and thoughts about the game of bowling. They compared notes on tournaments, discussed new initiatives, and offered each other remedies for sticky situations. The idea of a regional tournament was born of some of those discussions. A little more than 8 years ago that idea became the "Midwest Women's Tournament". The tournament would be hosted once every six years by each of the six states. The conception was for each state to host the MWT and run it like their state tournament. The MWT started its rotation of states by picking straws and the first tournament was hosted by Michigan. Michigan set the standard for future tournaments. That was 2013. The MWT has made it through the first six year rotation and will start the next go around back in the mitten state.

The 2019 Midwest Women's Tournament will be held in Battle Creek. The centers for the tournament are M-66 Bowl and Bowlero (formerly Nottke's) Lanes. The team event will be held at Bowlero and the doubles/singles will be hosted by M-66. The tournament competition is a four women team and has an optional scratch prize fund. Tournament fees are \$25.00 per event/per person. The MWT opens May 17, 2019 and ends June 16, 2019 unless it is necessary to extend it. Friday squads are available for this tournament. If you are looking for a fun time this is a great tournament. If you thought about bowling in this tournament before this is the year to do it. For more information visit the website: [www.midwestwomensbowling.com](http://www.midwestwomensbowling.com)

The MDUSBC Board of Directors and BVL committee members are selling \$10.00 raffle tickets to benefit the association's fundraising for BVL. This initiative is based on the three digit 7:30 pm Michigan Lottery. This raffle has been an overwhelming success through the years for the association. BVL is the acronym for Brightening Veteran Lives. BVL is the bowler funded charity for veterans. BVL has been a consistently highly rated charity by watchdog groups. Read more about BVL at their website: [www.bowlforveterans.org](http://www.bowlforveterans.org)

See you on the lanes.

Until next time!!!

## SMART adds four board members, names new chairperson

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Scholarship Management and Account Reporting for Tenpins (SMART) has expanded its board of directors with the selection of four new members and also selected a new chairperson.

The four new members of the SMART Corporation Board of Directors are Darlene Baker of Mahomet, Illinois, Tom Bluth of Davie, Florida, Andrew Cain of Phoenix, and Joe Schumacker of Davie, Florida.

Current board member Steve Moehrle, left, has taken on the role of chairperson. Wally Hall, who has served as chair since 2010, will remain on the board along with John Walker, the president and CEO of the Greater Richmond ARC and former CEO of Qubica AMF Worldwide.

"On behalf of the providers and recipients in the SMART program, I welcome our new board members and I appreciate the opportunity to serve as chair," Moehrle said. "I also want to thank Mr. Hall for his continued service. With the excellent SMART team and the addition to the board of these high-quality professionals, I am confident SMART will have great leadership for many years to come."

In 2018, the SMART Board has delivered more than \$4 million to provider accounts from income earnings distributions and expired accounts. SMART has approximately 3,500 providers, and nearly 200,000 scholarship recipients have their scholarships in the SMART program.

Moehrle, a Certified Public Accountant who received a Ph.D. in business from Indiana University in 1998, currently is a Professor and the Chairman of the Accounting Department at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He served as the Vice-President - Finance for the American Accounting Association from 2014-2017.

He was named to the SMART board when it became a financially and legally independent entity in 2010. Moehrle also served on the United States Bowling Congress Board of Directors from 2008-2010.

Baker, the CFO at the Piatt County Mental Health Center in Monticello, Illinois, served on the USBC board during its first nine years and was the first female president of USBC during the 2010-2011 season. She served as chair of the Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL) board from 2007-2014 and currently serves as a BVL Ambassador. She previously served as a director on the Women's International Bowling Congress, Young American Bowling Alliance and USA Bowling boards.

Cain was an athlete representative on the USBC Board for nine years, serving as president from January 2012 through the 2014-2015 season. He also served on the Legal and Legislative, National Policy, Nominating, Finance, and Strategic Planning committees during his time on the board. He currently serves as chair of the USBC Equipment Specifications committee and is the owner/operator of a distributing company.

Bluth currently serves as chair of the USBC Finance committee. A board member from 2008-2016, he is president of SFO Management, LLC, where he oversees investments and planning for a single-family office. He earned his bachelor's in business administration at Washington University in St. Louis and earned advanced degrees in law (J.D. and LL.M.) in 1982 and 1987.

Schumacker, the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America president from 2006-2008 and chair of the Strike Ten Entertainment board from 2005-2012, is the owner of SpareZ bowling center in Davie, Florida, and is president and CEO of WinJeff Enterprise, which provides entrepreneurs with effective coaching. He earned his master's in business administration (MBA) at the College of William and Mary in 1982. He currently serves on the board of Junior Achievement of South Florida, is the Youth Services Chair for Rotary District 6990 and president of the Rotary Club of Coconut Creek.

SMART is an independent entity dedicated to the management and protection of scholarships for youth bowlers. SMART provides effective and convenient access, and prudent management of all scholarship funds earned by youth bowlers until distributed in compliance with required regulations.





# Bowling Centers of the Metro Detroit USBC



BOWLING CENTER NAME (# of Lanes)	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP CODE	PHONE
300 BOWL (52)	100 S Cass Lake Rd	Waterford	48328	(248) 682-6300
ALLEY 59 (24)	44925 N Groesbeck Hwy	Clinton Township	48036	(586) 469-6411
APOLLO LANES (14)	29410 Gratiot Ave	Roseville	48066	(586) 772-2070
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
BOWLING IQ (8)	7023 E 14 Mile Road	Sterling Heights	48312	(586) 268-4001
CENTURY BOWL (52)	7345 Highland Rd	Waterford	48327	(248) 666-4700
CHERRY HILL LANES (52)	300 N Inkster Rd	Dearborn Heights	48127	(313) 278-0400
CHERRY HILL NORTH (36)	6697 Dixie Hwy	Clarkston	48346	(248) 625-5011
CLASSIC LANES (32)	2145 Avon Industrial Dr	Rochester Hills	48309	(248) 852-9100
COLLIER LANES (32)	879 S Lapeer Rd	Oxford	48371	(248) 628-2851
COUNTRY CLUB OF DETROIT (6)	2220 Country Club Dr.	Grosse Pointe Farms	48236	(313) 881-8000
COUNTRY LANES (32)	30250 W 9 Mile Rd	Farmington	48336	(248) 476-3201
DETROIT ATHLETIC CLUB (8)	241 Madison St	Detroit	48226	(313) 442-1003
ESCAPE (Formerly TROY LANES) (30)	1950 E Square Lake Rd	Troy	48085	(248) 879-8122
FERNHILL COUNTRY CLUB (12)	17600 Clinton River Rd	Clinton Township	48038	(586) 286-4700
FIVE STAR LANES (50)	2666 Metropolitan Pkwy	Sterling Hts	48310	(586) 939-2550
FORD LANES (24)	23100 Van Born Rd	Dearborn Heights	48125	(313) 292-1700
FRASER STAR LANES (16)	33042 Garfield Rd	Fraser	48026	(586) 293-5590
GARDEN BOWL (16)	4120 Woodward Ave	Detroit	48201	(313) 833-9850
GROSSE PTE YACHT CLUB (6)	788 Lake Shore Rd	Grosse Pointe Shores	48236	(313) 884-2500
HARBOR LANES (20)	25419 Jefferson Ave	Saint Clair Shores	48081	(586) 772-1200
HARTFIELD LANES (52)	3490 12 Mile Rd	Berkley	48072	(248) 543-9338
IMPERIAL LANES (80)	44650 Garfield Rd	Clinton Twp	48038	(586) 286-8700
INDIAN LANES (32)	4500 13th St	Wyandotte	48192	(734) 283-4700
LAKE SHORE LANES (16)	31025 Jefferson Ave	Saint Clair Shores	48082	(586) 293-2722
LANGAN'S ALL STAR LANES (18)	257 Ladd Rd	Walled Lake	48390	(248) 669-5400

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LUXURY LANES (16)	600 E 9 Mile Rd	Ferndale	48220	(248) 544-0530
MADISON PARK BOWL (16)	25023 John R Rd	Madison Heights	48071	(248) 541-9305
MAYFLOWER LANES (32)	26600 Plymouth Rd	Redford	48239	(313) 937-8420
MERRI-BOWL LANES (40)	30950 5 Mile Rd	Livonia	48154	(734) 427-2900
NORWEST LANES (16)	32905 Northwestern Highway	Farmington Hills	48334	(248) 626-2422
NOVI BOWL (40)	21700 Novi Road	Novi	48375	(248) 348-9120
PERFECT GAME (Formerly DRAKESHIRE) (32)	35000 Grand River Ave	Farmington Hills	48335	(248) 478-2230
PLAZA LANES (40)	42001 Ann Arbor Rd E	Plymouth	48170	(734) 453-4880
PLUM HOLLOW LANES (24)	21900 W 9 Mile Rd	Southfield	48075	(248) 353-6540
PREMIER LANES (34)	33151 23 Mile Rd.	Chesterfield	48047	(586) 725-2228
RECREATION BOWL (8)	40 Crocker Blvd	Mount Clemens	48043	(586) 468-7746
REGAL LANES (34)	27663 Mound Rd	Warren	48092	(586) 751-4770
RENAISSANCE FAMILY CTR (40)	19600 Woodward Ave	Detroit	48203	(313) 368-5123
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# Could electronic voting be in USBC's future?

Despite getting opposition from the USBC Board of Directors and being rejected 717-111 by delegates at the 2018 Annual Meeting, Doug Sass of Walkersville, Maryland is back for 2019 with a modified version of his proposal to allow delegates to vote electronically and not be at the convention.

"Of course, I'm disappointed," Sass said after the Annual Meeting in April. "The optimist in me wanted to see this thing pass today. The realist in me saw the tough climb. But at the same

time, we made large strides from the last time this was voted on years ago."

Sass said then that he wouldn't be giving up: "I think we've laid the groundwork and there's obviously things I can improve on that proposal. And a lot more work on the ground that needs to be done to educate people."

"This year's proposal is very similar, but at the same time the necessary changes are simpler to understand, and the introduction is far more detailed," Sass said. "I definitely took to heart the information that USBC put out there to help their delegates shoot down the proposal, and believe that those issues have been amply addressed here."

"It would be very interesting if the Annual Meeting was held in, say, Michigan or somewhere nearby, where the East Coast crew could more easily be a part of the process. My opinion is that this vote would go differently if they were given a reasonable opportunity to get to the meeting."

"I refuse to give up on something I deeply believe in, and can only benefit our sport."

It's impressive work, although I'm still skeptical that USBC delegates who travel to the Convention and Annual Meeting would vote to dilute their power with e-voting, even if the idea has merit.

As I have said, I see both sides of this issue, and think ultimately it will be decided by technological advancements that will make having an interactive electronic Convention a routine possibility.

The United States Bowling Congress Annual Meeting and Convention will take place in Las Vegas April 29 - May 2, 2019.

### PROPRIETORS CUP RUNS INTO IRS ISSUES

Even if some of the bowlers who competed in his tournaments took the low road, Billy Eysoldt is taking the high road.

Based on his Facebook posts, Eysoldt has a lot to sort out with the IRS — and a few of the bowlers his Proprietors Cup tournaments have delivered a lot of money to are to blame, though he declines to name them.

**Eysoldt made this Facebook post:** "Keep Moving forward..."

**IMPORTANT** - The events for 2019 are NOT affected! In light of today's incident, we will be postponing the Sport Cup. We currently do not have access to our Paypal account/ business account until a audit is done. IRS does not give timetable but says average audits COULD last 90-120 days. Over the past 4 years, 31 - 1099's mailed to bowlers came back as having an inaccurate social security numbers.

Please note that while we go through this process there will be a delay in refunds. My priority is to run great events for the players. I will do my best to continue that with a few tweaks including paying using check and not cash. You never think something like this is going to happen, then it does

And later that day this post: "False social security numbers on tax forms? Are you freakin kidding me? Thanks to those who tried to save a few bucks and dodge a 1099 form. It's going to take me months to resolve all this. Smh.. Haha I guess the jokes on me. I will not reveal the bowlers who did this, I am appalled at how many there are."

(The Sport Cup was scheduled for Oct. 19-21 in Beavercreek, Ohio.)

Earlier this week, Eysoldt made another post with a picture stating that it was more than \$60,000 that was at issue. That post was removed shortly after it was posted.

Quite understandably, on the advice of counsel, Eysoldt has declined my offer of an interview and a story.

So I have no more knowledge than anyone else who follows Facebook.

But if Eysoldt is being straight with his posts, we can conclude a couple of things:

— As cool as it was to pay out huge wads of cash that made for great pictures, it was not a wise business decision — and I'm sure he regrets it and won't be doing that going forward.

— No one could ever overestimate how dirty and dumb bowlers can be. Fake Social Security numbers? Did these idiots think the IRS wouldn't eventually get contacted or figure out something was up?

As someone with wise parents who reads a lot and a career journalist who covered cops and courts for five years, I learned early that there is nothing about the IRS that anyone should trifle with. I have always tried my absolute best to report every penny I win bowling — even cash brackets, pots and prize money in league, no matter how little.

It just makes no sense to take any chances with the IRS! It has powers beyond almost any government agency and if you end up in trouble with the IRS, you are in a world of hurt.

Here's hoping Eysoldt got signed tax forms from all his players, and declared all his income from the tournament, brackets, etc., and/or has records on all of it that the IRS will accept.

If that's the case, he hopefully should be back in the tournament business next year.

If it's not ...

Bowlers who won money in his tournaments and used fake Social Security numbers deserve whatever punishment they get: that kind of fraud victimizes all honest taxpaying citizens.

Meanwhile, Eysoldt says he has met with what he says is a potential huge sponsor and has posted about the Proprietors Cup being televised. Here was his post last month after meeting with the potential sponsor: *"The meeting in Vegas went good. While the company is pondering its options, my very good friend has a deal for the bowling community. The deal is simple, He will match dollar for dollar EVERY donation up to \$25,000."*

Stay tuned!

### BEUTHNER STRIPPED OF GOLD DUE TO DOPING VIOLATION

Germany's Laura Beuthner will face no additional penalty for the doping violation that cost her the singles gold medal at the 2017 World Games, World Bowling announced.

World Bowling announced that there was a hearing July 30 with Beuthner before World Bowling's Anti-Doping Hearing Panel to determine any further actions that may be taken.

"Following a thorough study of the case and the evidence put forward by the athlete" the panel found "that there was no intention to dope or significant fault on behalf of the athlete," the release states.

As a result, Beuthner was reprimanded but received no further period of ineligibility for the violation.

Beuthner was stripped of the gold medal she won in singles after testing positive for hydrochlorothiazide, a drug taken to treat high blood pressure that is a diuretic considered to be a masking agent for performance-enhancing drugs by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Beuthner's disqualification meant the gold medal went to American Kelly Kulick. Beuthner beat Kulick 287-165 and 222-207 in the gold medal match, while Colombia's Clara Guerrero earned the bronze by sweeping Ukraine's Daria Kovalova 239-170 and 228-216. Those players were awarded the silver and bronze, respectively.

Following the positive test, World Bowling placed Beuthner on a provisional suspension and a later hearing with the International World Games Association resulted in the gold medal being revoked.

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# Special Olympics Update

## Bowling, etc.

Phil Goodman  
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Prior articles in this journal have focused on development of new league bowlers. More specifically from my end, the partnership with the Bowling Centers Association of Michigan and Special Olympics Michigan has been touched upon several times. It's now fall and time for an update as well as noting some opportunities with MDUSBC.

For first time readers or as a reminder to those familiar with the program, we are pairing Varsity/JV bowlers with Special Olympic Athletes just prior to the high school bowling season. The name of the program is the Michigan Unified Champion High (MUCH) School Bowling Team Challenge. The program includes bowling centers throughout

Michigan with match play from the second week of October through the start of high school tryouts. As noted in prior articles, we had a very successful pilot program at Skore Lanes in the Spring to base our efforts this fall. In working through some changes required with a more formalized program than the pilot one and season start ups from both bowling centers and schools, we have been focused on the upcoming start-up date. The response from schools has been fairly strong and the registrations are moving forward. Our first program begins a little earlier the others on September 26<sup>th</sup> in mid-Michigan. We'll definitely keep you up to date.

In discussing this program with your forever involved leader, Mark Martin, the emphasis on USBC Membership for Special Olympic organizations was strongly encouraged. The following benefits were noted: awards, rewards, certified average, participation in tournaments and more. More importantly, it is consistent with Special Olympics building inclusiveness into our culture through sport. From the USBC end, new pathways to membership is critical to sustainability. The question then becomes how Special Olympic athletes feel about another certification in a program with 24 sports. Therefore, we asked them. The response was overwhelmingly positive, especially regarding the opportunity for the more competitive athletes to compete against traditional league bowlers. In addition, awards are a huge motivator to Special Olympic athletes and the ones offered by USBC are bountiful. Some proprietors have also inquired about certification for their Special Olympic programs. The word is getting out.

It is highly likely the group interviewed above will begin a USBC Certified Special Olympics League this upcoming Spring. This is very cool but we have to continue finding more pathways to membership. What do you have in mind? Please share.

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## Rodriguez wins 2018 PWBA Tour Championship

RICHMOND, Va. - Colombia's Maria Jose Rodriguez capped the 2018 Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour season by winning her first career PWBA Tour title at the PWBA Tour Championship.

Rodriguez edged Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey, inside the Old Dominion Building at Richmond Raceway, 236-228, to collect a major championship and \$20,000 top prize. Kulick settled for \$10,000.

"I could only control what I could control," Rodriguez said. "I made great shots and was happy with how I threw it. When Kelly left the 10 pin, I couldn't believe it. I started to shake so bad, and I still can't believe it. I've worked so hard and fought so hard, and I'm so happy this happened."

Rodriguez advanced to the championship match by defeating Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, 237-224.

Kulick got there by beating defending champion and 2018 PWBA Player of the Year Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois 243-210.

# World Series of Bowling to Return to Its Detroit Roots

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — The Professional Bowlers Association's 10th anniversary World Series of Bowling will return to its roots at historic Thunderbowl Lanes in suburban Detroit, and will include a unique television package with the PBA's new broadcast partner, FOX Sports, PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark announced.

WSOB X, a multi-event tournament series, will be held March 11-21 as part of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour at the same site that hosted the inaugural World Series in 2009.

"The PBA World Series of Bowling has evolved over the past nine years in becoming the world's premier event in professional bowling," Clark said. "The 10th edition will be the most electrifying yet, with multiple PBA titles being won live in prime time on national TV on consecutive nights. None of this growth would have been possible without the shared vision of Thunderbowl Lanes proprietor Tom Strobl and the great bowling fans of Detroit, so it's with great pleasure that the PBA will return to the place of the WSOB's birth in 2019."

WSOB X will include four championship events that were part of the original event: the Cheetah Championship (won in 2009 by Norm Duke), Chameleon Championship (won by Bill O'Neill), Scorpion Championship (won by Mike DeVaney) and the PBA World Championship (won by Tom Smallwood). The finals of those four events will be televised live by FOX Sports in prime time on consecutive nights in March. A fifth event — a special USA vs. The World team match — will be the final event of WSOB X. Details will be announced soon.

Thunderbowl Lanes' unique arena bay, originally built to showcase team bowling in an era just before the PBA's formation in 1958, will be the site of the FOX Sports telecasts, continuing a WSOB tradition that has included events at premier bowling venues including South Point in Las Vegas and the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev.

Since its formation, the WSOB has become a magnet for both established and rising international bowling stars. Bowlers from 41 different countries have participated over the past nine years.

Because the PBA's new partnership with FOX Sports begins in 2019 and presents an opportunity to televise the entire World Series live, there is no 2018 WSOB. The PBA replaced the World Series on the 2018 schedule with the recently-announced PBA Fall Swing in Tulsa, Okla., in October.

Only PBA members will be eligible to enter the World Series. Detrails and a complete schedule of WSOB X events will be announced soon.

## 2019 PBA Hall of Fame Ceremonies Set for January 5 at International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas

CHICAGO — The Professional Bowlers Association's historic first live telecast under its new agreement with FOX Sports is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 6, as part of a PBA Hall of Fame week that will include the PBA Hall of Fame Classic tournament and the induction of the PBA's Class of 2019 Hall of Famers — all of which will take place at the International Bowling Campus, including the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, in Arlington, Texas.

The PBA Hall of Fame Classic, the first event on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, will include exclusive preliminary round live streaming on PBA Xtra Frame by PBA's new live streaming partner, FloBowling.com; live coverage of the PBA Hall of Fame induction dinner at the International Bowling Campus on Saturday, Jan. 5, and live broadcast television coverage of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic finals on FS1 on Sunday, Jan. 6, 11 a.m. EST.

The PBA Hall of Fame Classic will be contested at the International Bowling Campus' International Testing and Research Center in Arlington beginning Wednesday, Jan. 2. The tournament will be the first qualifying event toward the 2019 PBA Playoffs. Tournament details will be announced later.

Also to be announced soon will be the 2019 PBA Hall of Fame candidates in Superior Performance and Meritorious Service categories along with details regarding tickets for the Hall of Fame dinner.



# MDUSBC 300/800 August 2018

Name	Date	Center	League
Jonathan Murphy	Aug 1 2018	Five Star Lanes	Summer Trio Sweeper
Christopher Baylis	Aug 1 2018	Rosebowl Lanes	Wednesday Summer Bowlers
Mark Hansen	Aug 6 2018	300 Bowl	300 Summer Doubles
Andrew Bennett	Aug 7 2018	Five Star Lanes	Tuesday Trio
Larry Wilson	Aug 8 2018	Thunderbowl Lanes	Wed Inv Trio
Jonathon Anders	Aug 9 2018	Skore Lanes	Thurs. Inv. Trio
Anthony Mahone	Aug 13 2018	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.
Glenn Libtow	Aug 14 2018	Century Bowl	Tues. High Roller Trios
Michael Poore	Aug 14 2018	Woodland Lanes	Woodland Inv Sum Trio
Andrew Boyd	Aug 15 2018	Shelby Lanes	Tropical Doubles
Dion Walden	Aug 23 2018	Bonanza Lanes	D W S D Mixed League
Derrick Hill	Aug 24 2018	Wayne Bowl	Friday Night Live
Robert Hoernschemeyer	Aug 27 2018	Plaza Lanes	
Rodney Evans	Aug 27 2018	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.
Anthony Mahone	Aug 27 2018	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.
Jamie Garrett	Aug 29 2018	Plaza Lanes	
Roy Thompson II	Aug 30 2018	Rosebowl Lanes	Suburban Industrial
Gus Vallone II	Aug 30 2018	Shore Lanes	Shore Thursday Men
Drake Bazzy	Aug 30 2018	Vision Lanes	VS204S Teen Trio 2018

Name	Score	Date	Center	League
Jonathan Murphy	807	Aug 1 2018	Five Star Lanes	Summer Trio Sweeper
Anthony Mahone	800	Aug 13 2018	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.
Theartie Davis II	823	Aug 20 2018	Mayflower Lanes	Mon Night Mxd Trio

## A historical look at PWBA Rookie of the Year Jordan Richard's 2018 season

ARLINGTON, Texas - When Jordan Richard threw her first ball as a professional bowler at the 2018 United States Bowling Congress Queens, she didn't know she was embarking on what would become one of the best rookie seasons in Professional Women's Bowling Association history.

Richard, who is from Tecumseh, Michigan, missed the first three events of the PWBA Tour season because of commitments that included completing her collegiate career at Arkansas State. But the two-time National Tenpins Coaching Association Division I Player of the Year quickly showed she was ready to compete at the professional level.

She captured her first title in her fourth tournament and locked up the 2018 PWBA Rookie of the Year award at the final regular-season event of the year, the QubicaAMF PWBA Players Championship.

Richard is the second consecutive bowler to make the jump from college to professional and earn PWBA Rookie of the Year honors, joining Daria Pajak (2017), since the PWBA Tour resumed in 2015. Stefanie Johnson had more than a decade of experience on Team USA before earning rookie honors in 2015 while Singapore's New Hui Fen, also a veteran in international competition, won the award in 2016.

So, how does Richard's season compare to a few of the best seasons from past PWBA Rookie of the Year winners? Let's look at some of Richard's statistical season.

**Titles (1): Greater Harrisburg Open**

In just her fourth event as a professional, Richard captured her first career title at the Greater Harrisburg Open and became the ninth player in history to win a title in the same season as winning rookie of the year. The list includes Daria Pajak, New Hui Fen, Stefanie Johnson, Cara Honeychurch (2), Lisa Bishop, Liz Johnson, Wendy Macpherson and Anne Marie Duggan.

Honeychurch captured the PWBA Greater Orlando Classic and the Brunswick Women's World Open in 2000. Duggan holds the distinction of being the first player to win a title in her first tournament as a professional, when she won her debut in 1983. Bishop joined Duggan in that category after winning the 1997 Clabber Girl Greater Terre Haute Open in her first event as a professional.

Macpherson won the U.S. Women's Open in April of 1986 as an amateur prior to joining the PWBA Tour in August.

**Average (217.21):** In 2018, Richard was second to Erin McCarthy (217.86) in average after bowling 277 games across nine events. While Richard's average is the all-time highest amongst award winners, Honeychurch posted a 215.18 average for 774 games in 2000, and Liz Johnson's 212.23 over 831 games in 1996 was ninth in average.

**Cashes/events (9/9):** The PWBA Tour is the a highest level of competition, with the best bowlers in the world competing on a weekly basis, which makes the fact Richard, as a rookie, cashed in each of her nine events an impressive feat. Singapore's Joey Yeo, who competed in just two events, was the only other rookie to cash in every event they competed in 2018. Richard also advanced to the Round of 12 seven times.

Historically, there have been a few previous rookie-of-the-year winners with noteworthy cashing records: New Hui Fen 6/6 (2016), Stefanie Johnson 10/10 (2015), Kelly Kulick 19/23 (2001), Cara Honeychurch 21/22 (2000), Liz Johnson 19/20 (1996), Tammy Turner 18/19 (1994) and Kim Kearney 8/8 (1989).

**Championship-round appearances (5):** While Richard has at least one title, she's had the opportunity to capture multiple championships in 2018. Richard was on a roll the final month of the season, qualifying for the TV finals of all four August events (four consecutive).

She finished fourth at the Pepsi PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open, third at the BowlerX.com PWBA Twin Cities Open, fifth at the Nationwide PWBA Columbus Open and fourth at the QubicaAMF PWBA Players Championship. She'll still have a chance add to this streak if she can make the finals of the PWBA Tour Championship.

While five is good, it still checks in below the nine championship-round appearances Kulick and Honeychurch each made during their respective rookie-of-the-year campaigns in 2001 and 2000, and the six by Liz Johnson in 1996. Richard did tie Tammy Turner with five, while New Hui Fen and Stefanie Johnson each appeared in the championship round four times, respectively.

### PWBA Rookies of the Year

2018 - Jordan Richard	1993 - Kathy Edwards Zeilke
2017 - Daria Pajak	1992 - Marianne DiRupo
2016 - New Hui Fen	1991 - Kim Adler
2015 - Stefanie Johnson	1990 - Debbie McMullen
2002 - Sabrina (Duncan) Rose	1989 - Kim (Terrell) Kearney
2001 - Kelly Kulick	1988 - Mary Martha Cernigla
2000 - Cara Honeychurch	1987 - Paula Drake
1999 - Tiffany Stanbrough	1986 - Wendy Macpherson
1998 - Jody Ellis	1985 - Dede Davidson
1997 - Lisa Bishop	1984 - Paula Vidad
1996 - Liz Johnson	1983 - Anne Marie Duggan
1995 - Krissy Stewart	1982 - Carol Norman
1994 - Tammy Turner	1981 - Cindy Mason

# Rash's Event Proves That Everything Old Is New Again in Tournament Formats

## STRIKES ME

By Bob Johnson  
Bowlers Journal International



On the last day of June and the first day of July, a tournament with a supposedly unique qualifying format was conducted in Aurora, Ill. It was the PBA's Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open.

The man behind the format was PBA champion Sean Rash, who helped make the event special for players and fans by including a golf tournament and a barbecue with live music in between the bowling.

But one must always be careful when using words like "unique" or phrases like "first ever," because there's a good chance they'll come back to bite you. In my own reporting, I steer clear of them because there's probably someone out there who can tell you that something wasn't unique or the first ever after all.

And so it was with the qualifying format used at Parkside Lanes. With four bowlers assigned to each pair, the player rolling the highest game received 30 bonus pins, the player recording the second-highest game got 20 bonus pins, and the player notching the third-highest game picked up 10 bonus pins. Low on the pair? All you got was your score.

Different? Definitely.

Unusual? Undoubtedly.

Unique? Nope.

It turns out that 27 years ago, tournament promoter Gary Beck conducted a tournament at Celebrity Sports Center in Denver called Mile High Match-Play Madness. It was a scratch, all-match play event that utilized the very same 30-20-10-0 bonus pin system featured in the Parkside Lanes Open. He ran a few other events with the format over the years, including at the 2008 Teen Masters.

As the old saying goes, everything old is new again.

That got me thinking about tournament formats in general and how many events were conducted during bowling's competitive heyday of the 1970s. As Southern California Bowling Hall of Famer Larry Gray noted on a recent edition of the Phantom Radio podcast, high-level players had tournaments to enter on practically every weekend throughout the year.

In California, the operators of the PBA Western Region and the Professional Coast Bowlers made sure their monthly tournaments did not conflict, and on the weekends those organizations were off, many center operators conducted 8-Gamers or 10-Gamers. As Gray put it, "There was always something to bowl."

The same was true in Michigan, with events conducted by the Michigan Majors Bowling Association complemented by a wide array of scratch house tournaments in and around the Motor City.

An abundance of tournament choices was available for non-pros as well. A number of centers conducted weekly handicap and/or no-tap events — "Moonlight Bowling" was particularly popular in the Motor City — and tournament clubs offered lucrative first-place prizes and long prize lists.

It was that way in big bowling markets across the country with other clubs and other house tournaments. It was how competition-focused proprietors — typically bowlers themselves — filled lanes on weekends and at odd ours during the pre-Cosmic Bowling era.

During the summer months, many centers would stage beat-the-board

events — similar to the springtime USBC Open, USBC Women's and Bowlers Journal Championships — to fill dark lanes. Most notably, the Petersen Classic in suburban Chicago continues that tradition today during the summer months, but there aren't nearly as many such events as there once were.

Don't look for an upswing in tournament bowling, especially at the center level, anytime soon. More and more centers are being transformed into family entertainment centers, where more money can be made by hosting a two-hour children's birthday party than by hosting an entire weekend of tournament play.

Proprietors need to fill lanes and generate revenue in order to keep their doors open, and if it's not going to come from league bowlers — the people who bowl in tournaments —

then it needs to come from something else.

Bowling events in the future are much more likely to revolve around music, food, beverages, company team building and parties of various kinds.

Does that mean tournament bowling is dead? No, but it's certainly not as popular as it once was. And that means it's going to be less likely for us to see the introduction of a "unique" tournament format.

If there even is such a thing.

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## Team USA men selected for 2018 World Men's Championships

ARLINGTON, Texas - The Team USA men recently converged on the International Training and Research Center for a week of analysis, camaraderie, strategizing, team building and training.

While the teammates were honing their skills and getting to know each other on and off the lanes, the Team USA coaching staff was evaluating the players and discussing potential selections for two upcoming international events.

Six players will wear the red, white and blue at the 2018 World Bowling Men's Championships, where the United States is the defending champion in the coveted team event. The tournament will take place in Hong Kong from Nov. 24-Dec. 5.

Headed to the South China Athletic Association Bowling Centre in Hong Kong are Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan; Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas; Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona; Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina; EJ Tackett of Huntington, Indiana; and Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina.

Barnes, Butturff and Jones are returning members of the gold-medal-winning team at the World Championships, while Anderson, Tackett and Troup all will make their international debuts as members of the Team USA adult team.

The 2017 World Championships was a combined event - men and women - something that happens every four years. The last World Men's Championships took place in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in 2014. Team USA left that event without a gold medal.

The three first-timers may be new to the World Championships, but they've all proven themselves on the biggest stages and calmly handled a variety of pressure situations.

The difference in winning as an individual and winning with a team, especially while representing their country, definitely isn't lost on the players.

The 23-year-old right-hander had a chance to see Team USA in action during the 2017 World Championships in Las Vegas, and that not only fueled his desire to make the team, but also to make the World Championships roster.

"I've been online to watch every Team USA event over the last eight or nine years, and I've always wanted to feel that feeling," Anderson said. "You always wonder if all the hard work is worth it, and getting the phone call and invite to the World Championships was indescribable. Every time the phone rang, my heart dropped, and when it ended up being Rod (Ross) on the other end, I didn't even know what to say."



## 2018 - 2019 SCHEDULE OF TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

### **MIXED**

Nov. 3, 4, 10, 11, 2018  
WAYNE BOWL, WAYNE

### **QUEENS**

Oct. 20, 21, 2018  
GARDEN BOWL, DETROIT

### **SUPER SENIOR MASTERS**

Nov. 3, 4, 2018  
THUNDERBOWL LANES, ALLEN PARK

### **YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP**

Nov. 4, 11, 18, 2018  
Dec. 2, 9, 2018  
SUPERBOWL, CANTON

### **500 CLUB**

Dec. 2, 2018  
BOWL ONE LANES, TROY

### **MASTERS**

Jan. 26, 27, 2019  
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### **SENIOR MASTERS**

Feb. 9, 10, 2019  
INDIAN LANES, WYANDOTTE

### **WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP**

Feb. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 2019  
March 9, 10, 16, 17, 2019  
CENTURY BOWL, WATERFORD

### **OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Feb. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 2019  
March 9, 10, 16, 17, 2019  
CENTURY BOWL, WATERFORD

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March 3, 10, 2019  
THUNDERBOWL LANES, ALLEN PARK

### **SENIOR TEAM**

March 16, 23, 30, 2019  
STERLING LANES, STERLING HGTS

### **JUNIOR MASTERS**

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BOWL ONE LANES, TROY

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