



# News

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## Bowlero Corp. purchases the PBA

Bowlero Corp, the world's largest owner and operator of bowling centers, announced today its purchase of the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA), the pinnacle of professional bowling since 1958. The purchase brings unprecedented innovation to the sport as it combines Bowlero's industry expertise with the PBA's global talent pool and fan base, which together will elevate the sport of bowling to new heights.

Under the new agreement, Bowlero Corp establishes itself as the first media company in the sport, dedicated to growing and enhancing the PBA experience. All scheduled tournaments and programming will continue, with plans to build upon key initiatives including the PBA's groundbreaking FOX Sports partnership, featuring enhanced telecasts with new technology and deeper storytelling, while bringing an engaged community of fans further into the fold.

Bowlero Corp Chief Customer Officer Colie Edison will serve as the CEO; PBA Commissioner Tom Clark will continue in that role.

"The PBA is rich with history and home to the top players in the sport, with thousands of members and millions of fans throughout the world," said Edison. "This acquisition is about leveraging resources to give the PBA Tour the support and funding it deserves, building value for dedicated members nationwide, and expanding the brand's overall visibility."

Clark said the acquisition is a major step forward for the PBA and a watershed moment for the sport itself. "Bowlero Corp has proven itself

to be a champion for bowling in the entertainment world, enhancing the experience for the over 28 million guests who visit their bowling centers each year," said Clark. "They've transformed the game for a new generation of competitors and enthusiasts, and with this acquisition we will build on our current momentum and create more opportunities for our players and fans."

"Millions of Americans love to bowl and love to watch professional bowling," said Bill Wanger, FOX Sports EVP, Head of Programming & Scheduling. "Bringing Bowlero, the PBA, and FOX Sports together allows us to elevate the sport and meet a large and increasingly growing audience demand."

Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed. To learn more about the PBA, please visit PBA.com.

### About Bowlero Corp

Bowlero Corp is the largest owner and operator of bowling centers in the world, with more than 300 locations, across the U.S., Mexico and Canada specializing in corporate and private events as well as league and retail bowling. The company's portfolio of bowling center brands include Bowlero, Bowlmor Lanes, AMF Bowling Co., and Brunswick Zone, serving over 28 million guests each year. For more information, please visit BowleroCorp.com.

### About The PBA

The PBA is an organization of more than 3,000 members from 30 countries who compete in a multi-level competition program each year:



the Go Bowling! PBA Tour, PBA International Tour, PBA Regional Tour, PBA Women's Regional, and PBA50 Tour events. The 2019 season marked the 60th consecutive year of nationally-televised competition, reaching bowling fans around the

world who watch the PBA on FOX, as well as CBS Sports Network, and who follow PBA activities through the PBA's OTT platform, Flo Bowling. For more information on the PBA, please visit PBA.com.

## Eight Junior Gold bowlers receive Dahms Sportsmanship Award

ARLINGTON, Texas – Eight bowlers who participated in the 2019 Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International have been selected to receive the David Dahms Sportsmanship Award.

The award winners were determined by the International Bowling Campus Youth Committee based on nominations received from competitors during the Junior Gold Championships held in the Detroit area this past summer.

The David Dahms Sportsmanship Award is given to competitors who best exemplify sportsmanship, leadership, positive attitude and enthusiasm during the Junior Gold Championships and is awarded to one male and one female participant in each division.

Each U12 award winner receives a 50-point scholarship while the U15, U17 and U20 recipients each receive a 100-point scholarship. The 2019 winners:

### 12 and under division

Connor Reaney, Mount Vernon, Ill.  
Pilar Swinson, Lilburn, Ga.

### 15 and under division

Seth Colling, Chattanooga, Tenn.  
Mya Williams, Brighton, Colo.

### 17 and under division

Ryan Toffoli, Miami  
Taylor McBride, White Lake, Mich.

### 20 and under division

Dalton Kilner, Louisville, Ky.  
Kiara Abanto, Rock Hill, S.C.

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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 op-

rated 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.

### 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.

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## Bowling TV Schedule



Saturday, Oct. 5 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Adult Challenge - Rosebowl (Monopoly) vs Waterford
Saturday, Oct. 12 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Adult Challenge - Rosebowl vs Five Star
Saturday, Oct. 19 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Magazine show
Saturday, Oct. 26 - 10 a.m.	WADL-Detroit	Bowling Showcase Adult Challenge - Waterford vs Rosebowl

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# Are you a collector?

## Personal Perspectives

### Libbi Fletcher MDUSBC Director



I always have admired people who collect things. Back in the day, I used to collect Owls. Everyone got me one for my birthday or Christmas. It was all sorts of things; ceramic owls, rugs, glass owls, everything! Then I stopped with the owls when I began traveling and bowling in tournaments all over the country. I then moved into shot glasses. I have a shot glass from all 50 states, many countries, many Hard Rock Cafes and Planet Hollywood Restaurants and sports teams and events and so many more...over 300 for sure!

When I began bowling national tournaments, I started collecting 3 things from each WIBC Tournament; a pin with that city's name and year of the tournament, a "rock" glass from that tournament and the patch given to each participant. For a time, I would staple the pin and patch in a Pendaflex folder which had a tab containing the year and city. Then the pins were no longer available, or how many Reno pins do I really need? Then the glasses were not available each year, which ruins the collection, right?

Another great collecting item was trading our local pins with delegates at each of the WIBC Conventions and, also, with the teams we crossed with during the WIBC team event. Wilma "Billie" Cogan collected all 50 state pins, but the pin had to be in the shape of the state! She placed all these pins on a map of the United States and presented to the Association for safekeeping before she passed. What an amazing gift!

And then there are the pictures! Of course, you bought your picture

from each local, state and national tournament and kept it. Looking back at some of those are great fun. There are people no longer bowling, or no longer with us, but you immediately think back to the fun times we had each and every year. And of course, the hairdos!!! Oh My!

I have found so many bowling pins from other associations, most of which are now merged into new ones, patches, little gifts I have received and more

Then I began collecting Wizard of Oz memorabilia...and boy, do I have a ton of it. This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this movie which I used to watch every year when it came on, still scared of the forest and still crying at the end every time! The trip to Wichita in 2004 did not disappoint, I bought a lot of stuff!!!! I still love the story and the meaning behind it...there is no place like home.

Why am I sharing this story? Because I am moving! And I have ran across every owl, bowling pin, patch, glass, shot glass, Glinda the Good Witch, etc. that kids today have no interest in collecting, buying or even wanting. The newer generations seem to be more about instant gratification, recording it on their devices (phones), and moving on to the next thing. There is truly a very small market for any collectibles, be it Hummel, Precious Moments, coins, stamps, or any of my stuff!!!!

So, I have many boxes tagged "Bowling Stuff" and "Oz" that will make its way to the new place, likely in storage. It is sad, in a way. It would be so nice to share the joy that owls, traveling, tournaments and bowling has brought to my life.

I feel both blessed and cursed to have been able to receive all of these special gifts, attending all of the wonderful conventions and tournaments I have been able to compete in, and pretend I am a little girl from Kansas...bubble wrap roll #4 now being used.



# Thunderbowl mania!

## (Ann)ouncements

### Ann Block MDUSBC Director



On Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park will be really busy from 8 am until approximately 5 pm. The center is hosting both a youth event and a event for long time female bowlers. The Michigan State USBC will be holding their annual Youth Masters. The Youth Masters showcases the state's best youth bowlers. The Youth Masters is also a Junior Gold qualifying event. The second event is the 71<sup>st</sup> annual Pioneer Women's Club of Detroit Tournament. This tournament features competition for female bowlers who have reached the 20 year mark in (sanctioned) certified bowling.

The Youth Masters will begin the 8 game qualifying round on Saturday at 11 am. The bowlers will bowl 8 games crossing 16 lanes. The tournament is limited to 128 bowlers. After the 8 games, the field will be cut to the top 16 competitors. On Sunday, the bowlers will bowl 2 game total pin double elimination match play competition. Two oil patterns will be used for the tournament. The patterns will be announced before competition begins each day. Competition is in male and female divisions. The entry fee is \$65.00 for the tournament. Walk-ins will incur a \$10.00 fee and will be subject to lane availability. Junior Gold memberships may be purchased or renew at an additional cost of \$30.00. For additional questions please, contact Randy Tambourine 586-755-3935. Entries can be obtained from the Michigan State USBC website.

The Pioneer Tournament will begin at 1:30 pm and will bowl in the historic Thunderbowl Arena. The cost for the tournament and club dues is \$19.00. The club has a meeting and

dinner following the tournament and the cost for the dinner is \$12.00. The complete package of tournament, dues, and dinner is \$31.00. Each bowler will receive a gift for coming to the tournament.

The tournament is a handicapped event. The handicap is 90% from 210 scratch. The tournament winner will receive a plaque. The bowler who bowls the highest actual game and series will receive a cash prize. The tournament will run jackpots and a 50/50 drawing with proceeds going to the Capuchins Kitchen.

In the past, the Pioneers brought gifts to exchange during the dinner social. Last year, it was decided by the group to do a service project instead. Each participant is being asked to bring new, unused winter goods. The mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves collected will be donated to a local charity. If a bowler donates they will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize.

More information regarding the Pioneer Tournament can be obtained by calling the club's Executive Director, Ann Block at 313-292-6538.

I am sure elsewhere in this issue someone is addressing BVL raffle tickets. Here are my thoughts. BVL raffle tickets are on sale for the month of November. For several years the association has sold month long raffle tickets based on the 7:30 pm three digit Michigan lottery numbers. This effort has proven to be a very successful form of fundraising for the charity. The Metro Detroit USBC believes in the BVL and is 100% behind the charity. Our fundraising efforts benefit our veterans locally at the John D. Dingell Veterans Hospital. To learn more about the BVL please, read more at [www.bvl.org](http://www.bvl.org).

FYI: The Michigan State USBC reinstated as a state award lifetime national 600 club memberships and first year 700 Le Dames de 700 Club memberships for female certified bowlers. If you have your first one please the state website for forms. Until next time!

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# What's the value of league bowling?

## Bowling, etc.

Phil Goodman  
Figure 8 Networking



In performing the google search on the word "Value," two forms of the noun format of the word were found. First, value is described as a "person's standard of behavior." This article will not cover the standard of behavior of league bowlers unless snuck in very discretely. The second definition refers to the importance or worth of something and is the focus of this article.

The premise of describing the value of league bowling for our purpose is limited to a process to get more league bowlers to join up with you and having no shame in telling others why they should join your league. Zingerman's Deli in downtown Ann Arbor several blocks off

main street and with zero on-site parking expresses value through excellent customer service, very artistic décor with embedded messages and a smile. Telling you the annual revenue for this business would amaze you but would also distract from the message. What we will note is the fact this business sells a sandwich for \$17 and does not hesitate to tell you why. They want you to "meet the meats" because they only include the best. The same thing happens with the bread, cream cheese, sliced cheeses and more. People line up out the door to not buy this \$17 sandwich but to enjoy the best sandwich in town and tell everyone they know about it. Are you able to present to others the best thing to do on the night you bowl is to join your league?

If value is in the eye of the beholder, do you have to send the same message to everyone? This was obviously a rhetorical question and of course not. In my first year of management in a bowling center, one of our "money leagues" had a variety of bowlers. Most were looking for competitive bowling but not always for money. Some league members wanted competition and to hang out with friends while others were looking for jackpots, pot bowling after league and a way to pay their bills. One person in particular stood out in terms of the value in bowling leagues beyond my expectations and led me to understand your league no matter the dynamics has meaning to its members. This bowler was an engineer by trade, a fairly competitive bowler and brought his children to our youth leagues. He was professional, calm and a family man. About one month into the season, he was acting out of his typical character and I asked him the typical question for this type of situation, "What's Up?" He took me aside and said he knows I am new to the business

and went on to explain his reasons. He said "I am here for good bowling and to act in way that I can't at home, work, or anywhere else. It's my only outlet." From that point of time through the present (23 years later), it is clear bowling more than any other recreational activity or sport has value to every possible person.

Many league opportunities still exist from the novice bowler through the traditional league participant. The short season leagues are still considered "feeders" for the full season ones. We should be talking about the value of league bowling to everyone. Most bowling center proprietors, whether traditional oriented or leaning toward the family entertainment approach to the business still place the highest of value to the league bowler. They will often create flyers and add to their social media pages for new leagues and openings in current ones. Whether as a parent of a bowler in youth leagues or in one yourself, let others know bowling has value to them. Remember to include some of the following values:

- It is a lifelong sport. Don't hesitate to tell them about Rolle who at 105 years old shot a 220 game at an in-house tournament in North Oakland County.
- It is a family sport. Recently, there seems to be a resurgence of Adult/Youth Leagues with some being very competitive.
- It is an official sport at the middle school, high school and collegiate levels. We all know a high school bowler who as received a bowling scholarship to college.
- It is a sport offering many tournament opportunities, especially through the MDUSBC.
- Equipment is available for those joining your leagues who have not previously bowled.
- Many new friends and sometimes marriages originate in bowling leagues.
- Everyone can bowl.
- Money leagues still exist in many locations.
- And more

What is the value of bowling in your league? For any comments on this article or other topics you would like to see addressed, please contact us by phone at 248-210-3953 or email, [f8nLeaders@gmail.com](mailto:f8nLeaders@gmail.com).

## O'Keefe caps banner year with win at 2019 PWBA Tour Championship

RICHMOND, Va. - Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, put the finishing touches on a dream season by winning her second career Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour Championship.

O'Keefe rolled eight consecutive strikes on her way to a 268-179 win over Ukraine's Dasha Kovalova in the title match to claim the \$20,000 top prize and her third major championship.

The 2019 PWBA Tour Championship was held inside the Old Dominion Building at Richmond Raceway, and the knockout-style championship round was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

The 40-year-old right-hander won her fifth title of 2019, after securing her second consecutive PWBA Player of the Year award earlier in September. She made seven championship-round appearances in 13 events and finished the season with an 11-2 record in those appearances.

"This is beyond any of my wildest dreams," said O'Keefe, who won the 2017 Tour Championship. "To have a season like this - to win five titles, come back to Richmond Raceway, where I won my first major, and be able to win again, to be player of the year - it's mind boggling to me, and I'm so humbled and grateful."

After delivering in a must-strike situation to defeat Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, in her semifinal match, 234-223, O'Keefe elected to make

a ball change heading into the title tilt against Kovalova.

O'Keefe's first shot against Kovalova crept high on the head pin, leaving a 4-7 combination, which resulted in a spare. Her adjustment from the first frame helped her quickly distance herself from Kovalova, who opened twice in her first seven frames.

"Going off the first match, Dasha's ball motion was really good and her ball was hitting like a ton of bricks," said O'Keefe, who now owns 13 career PWBA Tour titles. "We felt like I could shoot 220 with the ball I used in the semifinals, but it was starting to get lazy downlane. We thought the other ball, with a little surface, would still retain through the front part of the lane and still come off it. The first shot was really good, so I made a one-and-one move on both lanes, and it was such a good choice."

The victory also was amplified for O'Keefe as she celebrated the win with her husband, Bryan, on their 15th wedding anniversary.

"He's been in the fire with me, and it's so awesome to be able to share moments like this with him," O'Keefe said. "I wouldn't be the player I am today without him, and to win this on our anniversary is very special."

The 16-player field at the Tour Championship included all of this year's eligible PWBA Tour champions, and the final spots in the bracket were filled in using the 2019 PWBA points list.



## 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
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
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
LAKESHORE 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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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
RENAISSANCE FAMILY CTR (40)	19600 Woodward Ave	Detroit	48203	(313) 368-5123
ROOSEVELT LANES (20)	6701 Roosevelt Ave	Allen Park	48101	(313) 381-0222
ROSEBOWL LANES (48)	28001 Groesbeck Hwy	Roseville	48066	(586) 771-4140
SHELBY LANES (24)	50721 Van Dyke Ave	Utica	48317	(586) 731-4800
SHORE LANES (40)	31100 Harper Ave	Saint Clair Shores	48082	(586) 293-0880
SKORE LANES (48)	22255 Ecorse Rd	Taylor	48180	(313) 291-6220
STERLING LANES (50)	33200 Schoenherr Rd	Sterling Hts	48312	(586) 979-5200
SUMMIT SPORT CENTER (36)	66600 Van Dyke Avenue	Washington	48095	(586) 752-7006
SUPER BOWL (60)	45100 Ford Rd	Canton	48187	(734) 459-6070
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# Anthony Simonsen wins second Bowlero Elite Series

## Roger Dalkin comes out of retirement

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Watching Anthony Simonsen win the second Bowlero Elite Series show on NBC Sports Network was a much different experience than watching Luis Gonzalez win the first one back in April.

And it had nothing to do with Simonsen being a PBA superstar with a compelling story and Gonzalez a previously unknown non-PBA member.

It was all about what Bowlero Corp. was in April and what it is now.

Serious bowlers are fully justified in heaping scorn on the concept for its treatment of the SPORT, while appreciating the money the company was delivering to a few of the best

bowlers in the world — and a few of its league bowlers.

It wasn't surprising coming from a company whose CEO Tom Shannon said in a 2011 interview, "I don't think anyone takes bowling seriously. Why would you?"

It was just Bowlero being Bowlero.

But Bowlero now is the owner of the most serious thing in bowling: the PBA Tour. The deal was announced a day after the BES show was taped.

And it's time for the company to move on from the BES and focus on making the PBA Tour everything it can be with investment that can help PBA capitalize on the momentum generated by the first year of its TV deal with FOX.

Make it so the best bowlers in the world bowl for BES level money many times a year, enabling them to make the kind of living that will cause kids to aspire to become pro bowlers in numbers not seen since I was young and PBA was in its glory days.

Do that and all PBA members and serious bowlers — including me — will be cheering for Bowlero and hoping it's making a big profit on PBA.

And take the BES concept and make it something that would do nothing to harm the sport while likely boosting Bowlero's league base: a true reality show for the company's league bowlers that puts them in competition for the opportunity to compete for big money on national TV.

If you love the PBA, you have no choice now but to pull for Bowlero to succeed: the more money it makes, the more it has to invest in the PBA.

If it fails and the PBA dies, the company will go down in bowling infamy. But no real fan of the PBA can hope for that.

Bowlero Chief Customer Officer and new PBA CEO Colie Edison mostly said all the right things when he told BJI that Bowlero will finish its contract with NBC for the Bowlero Elite Series — one more show is scheduled for Dec. 28 on NBC — but what happens beyond that has not been decided.

Hopefully by the time that show airs, the bowling world will be buzzing over what Bowlero is doing with the PBA Tour. (Just don't expect it to be a topic on the BES show since it will be on NBC, and the PBA Tour airs on FOX Sports and CBS Sports Network.)

The show itself was entertaining, with Simonsen and close friend and PWBA star Stefanie Johnson battling in an entertaining pro final.

The lone open was a 2-8-10 by Johnson in the sixth, but she rebounded to close with a 4-bagger to force Simonsen to mark for the win, which he did in a 258-227 win. (What the TV audience didn't see was that the rack came down on lane 8 near the end of Johnson's approach on lane 7 in the shot she left the 2-8-10 — certainly a tough break.)

The league bowler final was a train wreck that appeared to show a lot of nerves hurting shotmaking on the house shot lane pattern. Amy Brehm had a big lead on Lucas Leandro but whiffed a 4-pin in the 10<sup>th</sup> for 174, giving Leandro a chance to strike out in the 10<sup>th</sup> to win by a pin with 175. But Leandro went high on his first shot and left a 3-6 as he finished with 141.

In the title match, Simonsen jumped out to an early lead, but Brehm finished with six strikes in her final eight shots to make Simonsen get at least

7-1 in the 10<sup>th</sup> to win. He struck out for a 259-220 win.

It's a footnote to a resume that I expect to eventually be among the greatest ever: Simonsen is that good and still only 22.

The money difference of \$100,000 for first and \$65,000 for second was far different than the first BES where first was \$270,000 and second \$85,000.

The production of the show was improved over the first, with only one gaffe when the play-by-play announcer called a ball bouncing out of the gutter to knock over the 10-pin a spare.

The chemistry between Jason Belmonte and retired NFL star Jerome Bettis was better than between Chris Barnes and Bettis in the first show, as Belmonte is more toward the entertainment side ala Randy Pederson while Barnes is a premier technician more suited to PBA Tour telecasts — he does a superb job on FloBowling.

Long before he became an executive with the American Bowling Congress and United States Bowling Congress, Roger Dalkin was a "whiz kid" bowler.

Dalkin, who still lives in the Milwaukee area and bowls once a week, is the most accomplished bowler ever to head ABC/USBC.

He dominated college bowling while earning an engineering degree at Georgia Tech, winning national championships in doubles in 1969 in Madison, singles and all-events in 1971 in Detroit, and doubles and all-events in 1972 in Long Beach.

The all-events wins earned him the "Morehead Patterson Award," which essentially was college bowling's Heisman Trophy, and the right to represent the U.S. in the World Cup, which he won in 1971. He also won a silver medal competing for Team USA in the 1974 FIQ American Zone Championships in Caracas, Venezuela.

Dalkin was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service in 2008, and might have made it in Superior Performance if he had focused on competing.

Dalkin retired as head of USBC in 2008, but is coming out of retirement to give back to bowling with the Bowling Centers Association of Wisconsin, the trade group announced.

BCAW has hired Dalkin as program manager responsible for the Wisconsin High School Bowling Club and Middle School Bowling Club programs, working in conjunction with committee chairs Pete Riopelle (HSBC), Dick Zierke (MSBC) and BCAW Executive Director Yvonne Bennett.

In what is a newly created position, Dalkin will work 15 to 20 hours per week during the club season and "as needed" throughout the rest of the year.

"Roger will bring his vast tournament experience to our on-site tournament management team at our HS & MS state tournament events, as well as the WI Pepsi USBC Tournament," Bennett said in the post. "As a past district coordinator and varsity coach in the WI HSBC, he is uniquely qualified to administer and help lead these programs into the future. We are very fortunate to have someone of Roger's background and passion on our team."

Dalkin said that "It's great to be back in the game. I look forward to working with the proprietors and volunteers of the BCAW. I hope to share my experiences and knowledge to continue the momentum of youth bowling in our state."

During his time with ABC and then USBC Dalkin was instrumental in the formation of the Intercollegiate Bowling Program, and he was an active volunteer with the Young American Bowling Alliance, and center manager of the 16-lane Bowling and Billiards Center at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois.

Obviously, having someone with Dalkin's experience working with the club programs should be a huge benefit for them.

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# MDUSBC 300 August 2019

Name	Date	Center	League
Bradley Short	Aug 5 2019	Vision Lanes	Monday Double Trouble
Deandre Blackman	Aug 8 2019	Skore Lanes	Thurs. Inv. Trio
Rick Parschen	Aug 10 2019	Five Star Lanes	North American Super Seniors
Rickey Anthony Jr	Aug 12 2019	300 Bowl	300 Summer Doubles
John Tovar	Aug 13 2019	Century Bowl	Tues. High Roller Trios
Theon Tinker	Aug 18 2019	Bonanza Lanes	Sunday Afternoon Mixed Travelers
Daima Taylor	Aug 20 2019	Mayflower Lanes	Nite Train Express Mixed
CJ Edward Harris III	Aug 22 2019	Renaissance Bowl	World Traveler's Mixed
Rodney Meadows	Aug 24 2019	Plum Hollow Lanes	
James Thomas	Aug 27 2019	Skore Lanes	Downriver Sr Mens
Anthony Thomas Jr	Aug 28 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Larry Jackson	Aug 28 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Robert Truszkowski	Aug 28 2019	Woodland Lanes	Senior Mens Classic
Rolonda Brown	Aug 30 2019	Bonanza Lanes	Friday Nite DPL
Maurice Duck	Aug 30 2019	Plum Hollow Lanes	Friday Nite Out
Marcell Anderson	Aug 30 2019	Plum Hollow Lanes	Friday Nite Out

# MDUSBC 800 August 2019

Name	Score	Date	Center	League
Matthew Coleman	804	Aug 13 2019	Century Bowl	Tues. High Roller Trios
CJ Edward Harris III	801	Aug 26 2019	Westland Bowl	T.C.A.C.
Brad Grayson	823	Aug 28 2019	Country Lanes	Country Keglers
Larry Jackson	814	Aug 28 2019	Thunderbowl Lanes	Semi Seniors Invitational
Robert Truszkowski	818	Aug 28 2019	Woodland Lanes	Senior Mens Classic

## Bercier wins 2019 PWBA Rookie of the Year award

ARLINGTON, Texas - Valerie Bercier of Spring Lake, Michigan, planned to bowl just the first four events of the 2019 Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour season, but a strong start encouraged her to continue and she now has won the PWBA Rookie of the Year award.

The 28-year-old right-hander paced all rookies in points during the 2019 PWBA Tour season, which determines the PWBA Rookie of the Year. Her 21st-place finish at the QubicaAMF PWBA Players Championship in Raleigh, North Carolina, helped her secure the honor.

"To be mentioned alongside the players who have won this award and to be a part of history is pretty incredible," Bercier said. "Knowing my name will be announced next year, and in five years, for being the 2019 PWBA Rookie of the Year is an amazing feeling."

Bercier started her 2019 campaign with seventh-place finishes at the Nationwide PWBA Greater Cleveland Open and PWBA Lincoln Open, and she posted her best showing of the season at the PWBA Sonoma County Open, advancing to the stepladder finals and recording a fourth-place finish.

Her 2019 campaign did come to a close at the PWBA Players Championship, as she fell short of advancing to the season-ending PWBA Tour Championship.

"My expectations were to just bowl those events and see what happens," said Bercier, who made the televised finals at the 2017 U.S. Women's Open as a non-member, finishing in fourth place. "As soon as I decided to commit to the rest of the season, I set my sights on rookie of the year. I felt it was a pretty good season, but I'm sad I didn't give myself enough of a chance to make the top 16 because I struggled at the majors. I'm looking forward, though, and know the things I have to work on for next season."

Bercier made the decision to join the tour season after establishing her business, Berberry Health & Wellness, in 2017. Bercier, a registered dietitian and certified health coach, managed the challenging lane conditions and responsibilities of work from week to week throughout the season, and she hopes she can inspire others through her efforts in both.

"I started my business in April of 2017, and we moved to Michigan in November that year," Bercier said. "I felt last year wasn't the right time to

come out on tour, because I wanted to get that off the ground and create a solid foundation. It was a lot to manage both, but I love it. I want to help people get healthy, so if I'm able to come out here and bowl and create inspiration for others to take their health seriously, that's my mission."

Bercier has represented Canada in international competition since 2013 and was part of the junior team from 2008-2010. She also was a collegiate standout for the University of Nebraska, helping the Cornhuskers win the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Women's Bowling Championship.

Since the relaunch of the PWBA Tour in 2015, the honor of PWBA Rookie of the Year has been awarded to Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas (2015); Singapore's New Hui Fen (2016); Poland's Daria Pajak (2017); and Jordan Richard of Tecumseh, Michigan (2018).



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

## **MYTH#1: The option that gets the most votes wins.**

**PLAUSIBLE:** A majority is defined as one more than half of the votes cast. All decisions must receive a majority vote, unless otherwise stated in USBC Rules. A majority vote will always receive the most votes but the option/motion that receives the most votes does not always receive a majority. Motions normally are a yea or nay vote but still require a majority to be obtained. If a motion receives a tie vote for yes and no, the motion dies, because no majority was obtained. When three or more options are presented to the league to vote on, it is possible that the option with the most votes will not receive a majority. Common examples where this is possible include prize fund adoption and election of officers. When no majority is reached in this situation the option receiving the least votes is dropped and voting continues.

## **MYTH#2: A quorum is one more than half.**

**PLAUSIBLE:** For every meeting except the organizational meeting, a quorum is defined as one more than half of the appropriate voting body. For the organizational meeting, a quorum is defined by those present.

## **MYTH#3: The bowling center determines the length of the league schedule.**

**PLAUSIBLE:** The length of the league schedule is negotiated and contracted with the center by the league officers. Ultimately the center will decide how many weeks a league will bowl. If the league is interested in bowling fewer weeks, the league officers can use lineage rate or league perks as bargaining chips to negotiate a shortened schedule. For example: The league wants to shorten the season by four weeks. The officers could offer to pay an increase in lineage to at least cover the lineage the center would have received for the four weeks. Remember the center also loses income associated with bowling (food and beverages) when the league does not bowl, so you may need to increase your increased lineage offer or suggest eliminating center perks, like free practice, a pizza frame, awards or trophies.

## **MYTH#4: The center's secretarial service includes all the secretary's duties.**

**PLAUSIBLE:** When contracting with the center the league needs to ensure what exactly the center's service includes. Services range from simple score processing to award processing to year end average and end of season financial reports. Even though the center is contracted to complete the secretarial duties, the elected league secretary is responsible to ensure the duties are completed.

## **MYTH#5: A postponement request must be made 48 hours prior to the scheduled match.**

**BUSTED:** Rule 111c was changed by the delegates at the 2010 USBC Annual Meeting to allow requests for postponements to be made up to the time of the scheduled match, except for emergencies. Effective August 1, 2010.

## **MYTH#6: The league president must calculate weekly fees to verify the account.**

**CONFIRMED:** To know what should be on balance in the league account, the president must calculate the amount that should be on deposit weekly to know what should be in the league account when verifying the account monthly. Any variances, whether over or short, of what should be on deposit should be questioned.

## **MYTH#7: The league bank statement is sent to the treasurer.**

**BUSTED:** The delegates at the 2010 USBC Annual Meeting adopted a change to Rule 102c, requiring bank statements to be sent to the league president. Effective date: August 1, 2010.

## **MYTH#8: On position matchweeks, if the first-place team cannot move down in the standings, they bowl the team in last place.**

**PLAUSIBLE:** Position matches usually pair teams according to the league position standings, one versus two, three versus four, etc. However, a league can adopt a rule requiring first place to bowl last place if first place cannot move down in the standings. This would apply to all position matchweeks unless the league rule specifies which position matchweeks the rule applies.

## **MYTH#9: If my summer average is higher than my winter average, I must report it for tournaments.**

**CONFIRMED:** Bowlers must report their highest USBC average of 21 or more games regardless if bowled summer or winter, unless tournament rules state summer averages are not considered. Effective date: August 1, 2010.

## **MYTH#10: I can use a Scotch Brite pad to clean my ball during league play.**

**BUSTED:** Scotch Brite pads and other abrasive pads can be used before and after USBC competition. Once competition begins, these products cannot be used on bowling balls in competition or to be added to competition.

## **MYTH#11: I can put league funds into my personal account.**

**BUSTED:** League funds can only be deposited in an account in the name of the league or with the center in a trust account in the name of the league. League funds held in a savings account cannot be transferred to an officer's personal account to write checks for the pay out. If the league does not have a checking account the league should payout in cash following the Bonding Procedures in Chapter 7 of the USBC Playing Rules and Commonly Asked Questions.

## **MYTH#12: When there are three candidates on the ballot for an office, the candidate with the most votes wins.**

**PLAUSIBLE:** If the candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the candidate wins the election. A majority vote is one more than half the total votes cast. As with any meeting, a quorum must be present. For example, if 27 total votes are cast, one candidate must receive at least 14 votes to win the election. The vote count is 10 for candidate one, 9 for two and 8 for candidate three. Since none of the candidates received 14 votes, the candidate that received the lowest number of votes (candidate three) is dropped from the ballot. Balloting continues for the remaining two candidates, until one receives a majority of the votes cast. It is possible for the vote to be tied (9-9). In this case, balloting continues until the tie is broken. Remember, it is the majority of the votes cast, not the number of people eligible to vote.



# Don't Discount the Impact of Awards Especially for Kids

## STRIKES ME

By Bob Johnson  
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I'm very proud of the fact that my much better half was a two-time Southern California Junior Bowler of the Year, and was named to the Southern California Junior All-Star Team on six occasions.

Those are factoids that are top of mind because they're symbolic of her greatest accomplishments on the lanes — honors that recognized performance over entire seasons. And while having the silver bowls and award certificates presented by the Southern California Bowling Writers Association are nice, they are no more important than some of the trophies and plaques she received for winning, or coming close to winning, a number of leagues and tournaments.

Michelle collected so many trophies during her junior bowling days that she

ultimately donated a vast majority of them to groups such as Special Olympics for repurposing. All those organizations had to do was replace the nameplate, and they had a trophy that was as good as new for presentation to their participants.

Michelle kept only the awards that meant the most to her, and I'm now in the process of having them restored as a collective Christmas present. Several have already been completed, and you can see them in the accompanying photo.

What made these specific trophies and plaques and even a group of tikis so significant? Each one has a story behind it and sparks a memory of an occasion that may be long ago in the rear-view mirror, but extremely important during her childhood.

Tikis? Yes. They were handmade and presented to the top performers in an annual competition hosted by the Aiea Whiz Kids in Hawaii. Each year, a group of top juniors saved up their money and took part in fundraising activities in order to be able to fly to America's 50th state and compete against Hawaii's best juniors. It was something of an "all-star" tournament and the competition was tough, and that's what made the awards so meaningful.

Among Michelle's other awards are some mini plaques that she won as a little girl in the Junior Amateur Tour's Farm Club division — competing against girls and boys. She enjoys recalling how the parents of many of the boys were none too happy that a girl was allowed to bowl in the Boys Division. Methinks they actually were upset that their boys were being beaten by a girl.

After advancing to the upper JAT division, Michelle made that organization's All-Star Team several years in a row, and also brought home JAT Bowler of the Year cups. They were presented at the same awards banquet at which the Bowling Writers' All-Star Teams were announced, and Michelle remembers it being the equivalent of prom night, with most of the girls donning fancy, frilly dresses for the occasion.

Back in those days, there was a rivalry between the top junior bowlers in Southern California and Northern California. It wasn't always a friendly rivalry, either, as this was in the age before scholarships and all the kids had to shoot for were trophies and bragging rights.

So when Michelle won a Bay Area Junior Club tournament, it didn't go over too well with some of the Northern California kids — nor their parents. Having the trophy for that triumph on display serves as a nice reminder of a coveted victory — one that she and one of her Northern California opponents, Fancy Williams (that would be Mrs. Walter Ray Williams Jr.) enjoy reminiscing about because it sparks memories of that old rivalry.

One of Michelle's most cherished trophies came from the Greater Los Angeles Junior All-Star Traveling League. It wasn't for winning the season title or rolling the girls' high game. It was for being voted the sportsmanship award by her fellow bowlers, one of only a few times that a girl garnered that honor.

While I'm certainly the No. 2 bowler in our marriage, I did have and gave away dozens of trophies as well. But mine were mostly for things like third-place finishes in adult-junior no-tap events.

I did keep three trophies, each for winning the media competition at Brunswick Recreation Center grand openings. Why keep those? Because of the memories they evoke. In each case, hall of famer Virginia Norton and the late Joe Norris — one of the greatest bowlers ever to call Detroit home — staged an exhibition to christen the center. Plus, they were occasions when I was bowling side-by-side with several of my writing mentors.

Other bowling memories are kindled by the various emblems I received as both a junior and adult bowler — ranging from numerous "I Beat My Coach" patches to my true favorites: ABC League Champion emblems.

Because most of the AJBC patches are stapled to cardboard folders that include the date, the site and the exact score involved, I can have very vivid memories of my favorite activity during the years I was growing up.

Some people will tell you that kids today aren't interested in such awards, but I don't believe it for a moment. I think most of the people who have that point of view are highly accomplished bowlers for whom the thrill of receiving an award emblem waned because they collected so many of them.

I applaud the Metro Detroit USBC Association for maintaining a wide-ranging awards program, particularly for youth bowlers. If you're not familiar with it, check it out at [mdusbc.com/awards](http://mdusbc.com/awards).

It may not be true of every youngster who receives one, but for many youngsters, these awards will become the symbols of cherished, lifelong memories.

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