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Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame Welcomes Four New Inductees

Induction ceremonies set for Oct. 14 at DeCarlo's



Edwards

The Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame Committee, a committee of the Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC), has elected four new members to its Hall of Fame and named three others for special awards. This will increase the number of hall of fame members to 271.

Nicole Edwards of West Bloomfield, Scott Bowersock of Dearborn Heights, Edwin Peart of Southfield and Larry Paladino of Warren earned their place in the prestigious Hall. Michael DeRousie of Livonia, Vera Johnson of Detroit and JoAnn Taylor of St. Clair Shores will receive special awards.

Edwards began her bowling career at a young age by winning four Michigan Junior Masters Association (MJMA) titles, the Michigan State Youth Girls Singles title in 2001 and was a member of the Michigan State High School Girls champion with Sterling Heights Stevenson in 2001.

She then joined the University of Nebraska women's bowling team, which won the NCAA title in 2004 and 2005.

She's been named to the MDUSBC

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Bowersock

Women's All-City team four times (2008, 2010, 2011 and 2012), including captain in 2012.

In Michigan State competition, he won the 2006 Doubles with Nicole Idziak-Owsley; Team titles in 2009, 2010 and 2012; Singles in 2012; and All-Events in 2010.

She won the MDUSBC All-Events in 2010; Doubles with Kim Maddy sin 2012 and Team in 2012.

Her resume includes four 300 games and two 800 series.

Bowersock has been named to the MDUSBC Men's All-City team four times (2011, 2012, 2015 and 2017).

His titles include the MDUSBC Team in 2011, 2012 and 2017; and Doubles in 2013 and 2017.

Twice he's been named the winner of the Joe Paulus Sportsmanship Award in the Detroit All-Star Classic.

He and partner Edward Mintz have the third highest doubles series in MDUSBC history with 1,567.

He is the proud owner of forty-one 300 games, forty-nine 800 series including a high of 869 and a career high average of 246.

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Peart

Peart began bowling at the age of 8, recording his first honor score of 299 at 17.

He led the Detroit All-Star Classic in average in the 1977-78 season with 219.32.

He joined the famed Stroh's Beer team, under the captainship of Harry Campbell, in 1979. While on the team, Stroh's won the 1980 American Bowling Congress Championship with Peart leading the team with 676.

The following year the Stroh's Beer team nearly repeated the 1980 title, finishing in third place.

Peart's other titles include one Michigan Majors, two Mid-State Masters titles, one Senior Singles Open title and two TNBA Bill Rhodman Central Division championships.

He has over twenty 300 games, six 800 series with a high of 842 and a career high average of 235.

Paladino earns his place in the Hall, not as a bowler but as a bowling writer, in the Meritorious Service Category.

During his career, he covered bowling for the Detroit News, Sports Fans' Journal, Bowling Digest, Gannett News Service and Detroit Free Press. As editor of the Birmingham Eccentric, he successfully fought for coverage of bowling in the Observer-Eccentric newspapers. He was the Michigan Sports Editor for the Associated Press from 1968-79, which included responsibility for coverage of all state, major



Paladino

city tournaments and pro bowling tours,

While writing for *Gannett News* Service he wrote a story on the top 10 men and women bowlers of all time. For the Sports Fans' Journal, he got Aleta Sill, Marshall Holman and Chuck Pezzano to be regular columnists.

Awards he's won include the Judge John D. Watts award in 1998; Michigan Majors Bowling Association tournament dedication in 1998; media award from the Southeast Michigan Bowling Centers Association in 1987; Pro Bowlers Marketing Corporation service award in 1992; Greater Detroit Bowling Association meritorious service award in 1988; was President of the Detroit Old-Timers Bowling Association and received its 2007 tournament dedication.

Michael DeRousie will be honored with the Thomas W. McKay Award for a lifetime of service to the sport of bowling.

Vera Johnson will receive the Judge Watts Award for making outstanding contributions to the promotion of bowling.

JoAnn Taylor will receive the George Prybyla Industry Award presented for someone involved in the ownership or management of a bowling center that has contributed to the promotion of the sport.

Induction ceremonies will take place Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018.

wling Showcase News

September 2018

From the Editor Mark A. Martin MDUSBC Association Manager



Welcome to the 2018-19 season of our favorite sport, **BOWLING!** This year will be a great season once all of us get in the swing of it and invite our friends, family and co-workers to join in the fun.

Creating new bowlers is everyones job, so take it seriously and introduce someone new to the game or re-introduce someone who "used to bowl".

It's our job to grow our sport and create a "A Future For The Sport".

CERTIFICATIONS COMING IN

Has your league certified on time this year? Each year a number of leagues don't attend to this requirement and lose precious benefits as a result. This is the time of year that all leagues should be sure that your certification application, membership application cards and money has been turned in to the Metro Detroit USBC Association. One of the key points for leagues to be eligible for full bonding and award protection is to file your certification application within 30 days of the league start date. If you have a question about whether your league application has been filed please call the Association office at (248) 443-2695.

Watch

The call for league bowling is in the air.

If you are not signed up for a league yet, why not call your local bowling center and inquire about openings. Every bowling center will help place you in a league, which matches your skill and interest level.

League bowling is the most reasonably priced recreational opportunity a person can have. For an average of \$14-\$20 each league session you can enjoy the physical exercise the sport provides, the camaraderie of being with others with like interests and the competition.

Speaking of the physical exercise the game provides, make sure to stretch those muscles before competition so you don't end up on the disabled list. Be sure to get to your league session a few minutes early and throw a few practice balls.

If you haven't bowled for a while, like since last spring, visit your local bowling center and work on your mechanics. By doing this, you won't be surprised when that first league session comes.

If you are unsure about joining a league, encourage one of your friends to join with you. This can make the experience much more pleasant.

Bowling centers offer leagues at every level of competition. There are leagues for all women, all men, mixed and youth leagues at virtually all local centers.

For parents this is the chance to get your children involved in the game that you probably enjoyed in your youth. In addition to youth leagues there are also many family leagues, where youth bowl with adults. There is much flexibility built into these league structures to accommodate every family's needs.

Nearly all bowling centers offer a youth program. Even if your local center has not had one in the past, check with the center personnel about their current programs.

Local bowling centers have done a tremendous job of keeping up with the times. The summer time is when your local bowling center prepares for the

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busy fall winter season.

The United States Congress (USBC) offers certified organizational support for leagues. The annual cost is very nominal and only has to be paid in one league to be covered in your other local leagues.

Annual membership in the USBC through the Metro Detroit USBC is \$25.

The USBC through the MDUSBC offers league structure support, standardized rules, bonding; standardization of the equipment used and recognized league averages. The MDUSBC also offers our own brand of local awards program and other opportunities only available to our members.

Your best value in sports is still certification, as it has been for over 100 years.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR 2019 JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPI-ONSHIPS

The Metro Detroit USBC will host the 2019 USBC Junior Gold Championships at nine centers in the association and volunteers are needed as score monitors at each center.

The event will be held July 13-20, 2019.

The bowling centers involved include AMF Rosebowl Lanes, Astro Lanes, Bowl One Lanes, Century Bowl, Merri-Bowl Lanes, Skore Lanes, Sterling Lanes, Superbowl and Thunderbowl Lanes.

All volunteers must be Registered Volunteer Program (RVP) approved.

Come volunteer and see the greatest youth bowlers USBC has to offer.

	Bowling	TV Sch	edule
Saturday, Sept.	8 - 10 a.m. Magazine Editio		Bowling Showcase
Saturday, Sept.	15 - 10 a.m.		Bowling Showcase
Saturday, Sept.	22 - 10 a.m. Merri-Bowl regi	WADL-Detroit on - First round	Bowling Showcase
Saturday, Sept.	29 - 10 a.m.		Bowling Showcase



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





Back to Bowling!!!

Personal Perspectives Libbi Fletcher MDUSBC Director



What a wonderful summer we have had in Michigan this year! But now it is time to lace them up and begin another season in the Bowling Capital of the World!

The 82nd Annual John Gavie Tournament kicked off the season on August 20th at Thunderbowl and it was a full house again! I love this tournament and love this night – a definite HUG FEST for me!

It is so good to see so many people support this tournament as it supports our youth bowlers through MJMA and other youth events. As a member of the Gavie Committee, I have the honor of selling raffle tickets alongside Lori Mraz, President of Turbo and Laura and Nino Messina! Thanks to all the bowlers for their support as well as our sponsors who donated 30 prizes, such as bowling balls, bags, shirts, Red Robin dinner/movie passes, Turbo lessons, Dexter shoes, etc. We could not support our youth bowlers without you all! I believe this is the most money we have raised maybe ever for our young athletes!

Special shout out to Ronnie Sparks who began the night with a 299, and Marcus Spigner on a fine 800!! There were many more, which will be reported in another column. Congrats to our honorees this year, Kevin Wojcik, Vicki Ingham and Jay Lang!!! You are all so deserving and thank you for your commitment to bowling! Thank you also to Mr. Charles Gray for his incredible rendition of our National Anthem – Luther Vandross is alive and well through you, sir! (Fear the Beard).

On another note, as most you know, we have lost some centers this year after losing NONE last season. These are typically business decisions that are not easy for any proprietor. What we CAN do is try to embrace the bowlers who need a place to go!

My first experience with this was when Satellite Bowl closed. I was new on the DWBA Board and I realized that if bowlers cannot bowl on their original night, or they are required to drive too far from their homes, they will just stop bowling. We do not want or need to lose more bowlers! Reach out to leagues, officers and bowlers and help them fit into your centers or leagues so they don't disappear! If you need assistance, please call the Metro Detroit USBC office.

Special congratulations to all the Hall of Fame Inductees and award winners that will be honored October 14th!!! Another wonderful night of hugs!

I have been elected to the newly merged Michigan State USBC Board of Directors. I will continue to serve our Metro Detroit Bowlers, as well as the bowlers in the state to the best of my ability.

If you have stories of your leagues, or centers, or bowlers, please let me know! If there is anything I can do to make you enjoy our sport just a little bit more, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am here to serve.

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Good luck with the new season in the Bowling Capital of the World!



Bowling lost a legend of the game recently when Ken Charrette passed away.

Charrette was inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame in 1985. He was the longtime Executive Director of the Michigan Majors Bowling Association and also served as Treasurer of the Detroit All-Star Classic. He also served on the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame committee.

He received the Greater Detroit Bowling Association Meritorious Service Award in 1977 and the Bowlers Man of the Year in 1987.

He was the loving father of nine children, 26 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

It's the environment

On The Lanes With Shane Shane Ferris MDUSBC Director



As league season begins here in Michigan and more than that in Metro Detroit, the bowling capital of the world. I wanted to share my thoughts on something that I see every day running a bowling center and even in my own league and tournament experiences. Atmospheric conditions. Now I know that's a big word for such a simple game like the game of bowling and almost sounds like something that happens outside, we don't bowl outside. I get it. But it actually plays a bigger role in your bowling experience than you may think.

Temperature and humidity both inside and yes even outside can affect the performance of the lane oil machine, oil pattern breakdown and the topography of the lane itself. Now from the bowlers perspective this will be most evident in ball motion. Think of a time, (And I'm sure we all can) when the house you bowl in week to week seemingly plays different. Almost every week sometimes. Have you been there? It's something I experience both as a bowler myself and also running bowling centers and have tried to gain knowledge on. I can't tell you how many times bowlers have come up to me and asked the magic question, "What did you do to the shot?" I even asked it myself to centers growing up. Well when the guy behind the counter or the mechanic says, "I just pushed the button, like I do every week." they really may be telling the truth.

Okay so maybe you're buying into this a bit. Maybe I've at least got your attention. So how do you manage it as a bowler? Having knowledge of it is key. Now there are things I do as a manager of a center to try to offset atmospheric conditions but let's focus more on what you the bowler can do primarily. First it's important to know and understand how temperature effects ball motion. I find that the colder it is outside with lower humidity, typically your lane conditioner will become thicker. This will give the appearance that the oil will hold longer. On the other side of the coin if you are in a warm center or even in the middle of winter in a full house league with the heat blasting you may see the lanes dry up faster. Especially depending on where a centers heat ducts are.

With me so far? Now let's talk about topography, crowns and depressions in the lane. Crowns and depressions are raised or lowered parts of the lane that occur over time for various reasons. There are articles you can Google and find that state, a change in the weather can affect a depression in the lane up to 70/1000 of an inch. To put that in perspective, USBC allows a 40/1000 of an inch one way or another. So what !? You may be saying? Stay with me, most depressions occur in the front part of the lane and on the right side or center of the lane due to the majority of bowlers being right handed. So with this in mind, a right hander with counter clockwise rotation (The way a right hander would rotate a ball to hook it) in a lane that has a depression greater than normal due to an atmospheric condition would see the ball have the appearance of trying to roll uphill and thus, losing energy. Yet another factor to take in consideration.

So now you've got knowledge, how do you use it? Now every bowler is different, what works for one may not work for another. Maybe you keep a pearl bowling ball to retain energy down lane to increase carry when you start leaving a lot of corners to offset possible depressions in the lane that maybe due to a rainy or snowy humid day. Or if you bowl in a center that is routinely a little warmer in early fall in those late September warm days that happen from time to time you are now aware that the oil pattern may play lighter increasing the amount the ball hooks meaning put something in the bag that doesn't hook as much. Even if you are a small league that doesn't produce a lot of body heat and a center is routinely a little cold in the winter, you may see the oil pattern may play a little longer and a piece that hooks a little more may be the answer.

Knowledge is key. You can never have too much of it. You can find many articles on this topic online. I'll never say I have all the right answers but I hope I've given you a different perspective. Good luck and good bowling this season. I'll see you on the lanes.

It's was a "Fantastic" evening

The Fantastic's Inc. Bowling Club celebrated their 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in July and it certainly was a "fantastic" event.

Detroit is home to several bowling clubs, but none as revered as the Fantastic's.

The Fantastic's Inc. Bowling Club was founded in 1968 and incorporated in 1969. The club was the brainchild of five bowlers who called themselves "The Fantastic Five" who began bowling together in 1967. Those original five bowlers (Tommie Burton, Archie Denard, Bertha Denard, James Hudson, and Lou Ellen Washington) formed a bowling club named the Fantastic's. The club officers would meet at the home of Willie and Louise Denard on Detroit's east side. Archie was elected as its first president. It is certain that none of those original members nor many of those who joined the fledgling club would believe what the organization has become in the many years since its inception. This group of bowlers began an odyssey that today boasts more than 65 members and has made them one of the most successful and recognized bowling club in Detroit and Southeast Michigan.

Today the Fantastic's remain one of the most respected clubs of its kind in a region of the United States where bowling is king. They have operated and supported a youth bowling league since 1971 that has introduced thousands of young people from the Detroit area to the game of bowling. This league, in fact, has turned out many of Detroit's bowling stars over the years. The youth league now has more than 30 members and offers a scholarship program for graduating seniors. The focus of the youth bowling league has always been to learn the fundamentals of the game, teach teamwork, and foster competition. The youth league bowls every Saturday most recently at Bronco Lanes in Warren, Michigan and the exploits of their youth bowlers in local tournaments is well documented.

If you bowl in leagues in or around the City of Detroit, you will see Fantastic's Club members participating. Not only are they present but they will make a mark and challenge for the championship. The number of league championship they own is remarkable. The number of 300 games and 800 series bowled by club members is unrivaled. The Fantastic's stand for high levels of competition, integrity, and class both on and off the lanes. When they arrive at a tournament, they come in style with color-coordinated uniforms and jackets that are the envy of the bowling community. Speaking of tournaments, it is estimated that the Fantastic's Club members have traveled over 250,000 miles participating in bowling tournaments. They stand alone in levels of participation and prize money won. Several of their members have achieved the level of 25 years or more of participation in the USBC Open and Women's Championship Tournaments. This in itself is a tremendous accomplishment at tournaments that once barred black bowlers. The Greater Detroit Bowling Association, Michigan State Bowling Tournament, TNBA Events, USBC Championships, and the Hoinke Classic have seen club members pass the 30-year participation mark. Many of these tournaments have seen Fantastic's Club members crowned champions in team and individual categories.

Twenty years ago, the club introduced the Libert Gregory Memorial Mixed Team Tournament, which has grown to become one of Detroit's premier and most anticipated bowling events. Eight years ago, they were able to begin a Club vs. Club Battle, which has grown to include 12 local clubs competing for bragging rights in this unique event. Each year's event has been a success with all of the clubs in full uniform participating for their respective clubs while shooting for a chance at the title. While the champions of each division has generally moved from club to club, one division has been dominated by the Fantastic's ladies. They were able to claim the crown in their division the first 5 years of the tournament. No small accomplishment considering the competition.

The Fantastic's Inc. Bowling Club is celebrating 50 glorious years. They will continue their charitable outreach in the community and continue to strive for excellence in all that they do on and off the lanes. Take a look at their rich history and the roster of quality people, not just bowlers. If you desire to be part of not just the best, but a history making organization, join Detroit's premier bowling club. **The Fantastic's.**







Pictures from the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Fantastic's









Summer in the 'D'

World Youth come to Thunderbowl



What a summer it was in the "D". We had the normal great stuff from Memorial Day to Labor Day like the downtown fireworks, the Dream Cruise, and the Tigers. Well, I know but we love the Tigers. Right? The summertime in the "Bowling Capital of the World" is a little slower but this summer the bowling world came to see us.

The World Bowling Youth Championships came to Detroit this summer. The competition lasted nine days at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. This event was awarded to Detroit Sports Commission in 2014. In 2016, it was announced Thunderbowl would be the host center. The competitions took place from July 26th to August 3rd. The tournament saw athletes from 37 nations compete in team, doubles, singles, and masters' competition. The athletes were both female and male. The athletes from the USA were members of Junior Team USA. The youth bowlers were the elite from around the world.

Local volunteers were used as score monitors for the events. The lead onsite volunteer coordinator was our own Kurt Suokas. Kurt spent all nine days working the tournaments, coordinating the volunteers, and handling all the unexpected little things that come up during a competition. Kurt did an excellent job in this important position. Hats off to you, Kurt.

Each team had at least one person who spoke English. In most cases the kids all spoke some version of our language. I was fortunate enough to be able to work the weekend as a score monitor. What a wonderful opportunity to see the world's youth in our sport. All of the athletes and coaches that I had the privilege to spend a little time with were excellent ambassadors for their nations. It seemed the world enjoyed our piece of the planet too. The coach from Singapore discovered "Five Guys" while he was here and wanted to know how many times a week I ate there. Team England went to the "M Den" for Manchester souvenirs from the Big House. Team Japan brought back a large take out order from Mickey D's and found a full sheet cake from Kroger's for dessert. The female coach from Soctland was such a sweet lady. The younger Australian coach was my vote for most enthusiastic. I may have lost some hearing in my left ear but what a great accent. Aussie, Aussie, Aussie!

The last event on the kid's schedule was the awards dinner at the Henry Ford. The Detroit Sports Commission hosted a top tier banquet for the athletes, coaches, sponsors, and volunteers. The dinner was held in the museum and ended with an ice cream bar. Ice cream is universally enjoyed by all people. All dinner guests were free after the meal to explore our world famous museum. (Author's note: I worked in the museum for a year during college so I could go to the WIBC Championships in Orange County and made life-long friends so I love the museum.) After dinner I watched the kids take pictures. The Japanese girls giggled while snapping pics of the German boys. The Finnish kids took selfies with the Norwegian kids. The Columbian girls were asked to pose for several pictures. Wouldn't it be great if world diplomacy could be as simple as a week-long bowling tournament? Some of the teams left that night for home and some left later in the weekend. All the kids took home life-long memories of a great place named Detroit. Thank you world for coming to visit us.

Until next time!

From the President Greetings To All MDUSBC Members

Let me introduce myself. My name is, George Bresinski and for the last 3 years I have held the position of Vice-President of the Metro Detroit USBC. Effective August 1, 2018, I became the President following in the footsteps of John Vorpagel.

I fully intend on giving our association the same exceptional service as John did the past four years. I will make every effort to maintain the integrity of our sport, promote our association tournaments, support our youth, support our charities and, hopefully, increase our membership.

It is my wish that our entire membership has an enjoyable 2018-2019 season.

Thank you for being a member.

George Bresinski MDUSBC President



Bowling Showcase, the television show presented by the Metro Detroit USBC is looking for supporters. There are several ways to support the show.

The show airs every Saturday at 10 a.m. on WADL-Detroit from Sept. 8, 2018 through May 25, 2019, a total of 38 weeks. Once the show airs, it is uploaded to YouTube and embedded on mdusbc.com so even if you missed it you can enjoy it online.

This is the fourth year of the show that is professionally produced by Kelly Marcott, a very talented producer who makes the show look great.

The total cost of the show, including production and airtime, is over \$90,000. The show can only go on with support from the local bowling community.

If you own a business and want to reach over 9,000 households a week the, being a sponsor for \$4,000, about \$100 per show, is the way to go. In addition to having a commercial on every show your business name will appear in the show credits and e-mail blasts about the show.

Sponsoring a team in the *Bowling Showcase Challenge* is another way to support the show. For \$1,000, you can enter a team into the competition appearing on television in the Baker Style format. When your team wins, you appear again. Last year's champion Sterling Lanes had a great time, just ask any of them. Teams can come from bowling centers, other businesses or individuals.

A very cost effective way to supporting the show is to be a Patron Sponsor for \$500. This level affords the individual or business into the credits of every show and on the e-mail blasts. Show everyone that you're a supporter.

Individuals can be individual patron sponsors for \$100.

So how do you get involved? Call Mark Martin at 248.443.2695 ext. 100 to get signed up and support the only locally produced bowling shows in the United States.

Eastside Senior Classic League Elects New Member to its Hall of Fame

The Eastside Sr. Classic League Hall of Fame Committee, a committee of the Eastside Sr. Classic League (Sterling Lanes) has elected Gerrit DeMeulenaere to its Hall of Fame. This will increase their number of hall of fame members to 15.

The 78-year-old DeMeulenaere is the long-time president of the league with a 17-year league average of 204. His team won the league championship in the 2010-2011 season. The 2017 USBC Open Championship Tournament in Las Vegas was his 50^{th} year in the tournament.

On another note, members of the league voted to award John Vorpagel the "Tony Lindemann Sportsmanship Award". It's awarded annually to those members who exhibit professionalism, class, and dedication to the game of bowling. Vorpagel is the 7th league member to receive this prestigious award.

Both bowlers accepted their awards at their bowling banquet.

Bowling Centers of the Metro Detroit USBC



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

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Any bowler who was around in 1989 will never forget that year's American Bowling Congress Tournament (now the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships).

Every Eagle-winning record was smashed as the huge scores rolled in: 3,481 in team beating the record of 3,327, 1,499 in doubles surpassing the record of 1,453, 813 in singles crushing the record of 782, 2,227 in all-events routing the record of 2,142, and 10,107 in team all-events obliterating the record of 9,695.

It wasn't the balls, as urethanes had been introduced several years earlier and the Xcalibur launching the reactive

resin era was still a little more than a couple of years away.

Some pointed to the advent of the vacuum stripper, but long-time lane man and former Kegel technician Ted Thompson said it didn't get the back ends any cleaner than a good lane man, and scoring typically went up in that era after some carrydown of oil created some hold. (Fresh conditions with clean back-ends often are toughest in today's game as well.)

Because the carry was so good — "You can't leave a 10-pin," was something I heard rom more than one right-hander — there were theories about something being different with the kickbacks and flat gutters, and that was true, said Lou Trunk, stand-by service manager for the USBC Open Championships and Women's Championships ince 1987 and QubicaAMF bowling equipment installation contractor since 1977.

Trunk said that as part of the lane and machine installation for the 1989 ABC Tourna ment, he tightened the pindeck area, doubled the support under the pindecks, custom cut each flatgutter for an exact tight fit, and put a fourth flatgutter support under the flatgutters.

"Our theory was to keep the energy in the pins and not lose energy to the kickbacks and flatgutters," Trunk said. "It definitely helped, and it was the 'proximate cause' for the high scores as far as ABC was concerned."

Ultimately, though, the lane surface became widely accepted as the main reason for the high scores as the 1989 ABC marked the tournament debut of AMF's HPL synthetic

Most became even more convinced it was the HPLs when scores again were much higher in 1991 and 1993 with that surface at the ABC Tournament compared to 1988, 1990, 1992 and 1994 with Brunswick synthetics.

But it wasn't the surface itself, it was how the surface was installed, Trunk and Th-

ompson said. The 1989 ABC Tournament was the dawning of the age of topography, something that is being revealed on the record in print for the first time here by Trunk,

With USBC's embrace of the importance of topography in recent years and his career in the industry winding down, Trunk agreed to speak on the record about the discovery of the huge significance of topography in synthetic lanes and its gigantic influence on ball motion.

Trunk was with AMF for 40 years and was in charge of installing AMF lanes for the ABC Tournament starting in 1987, which was the last year of wood lanes for the tournament. AMF and Brunswick alternated tournaments for many years when it was a new install ever year — before the new National Bowling Stadium became a host in 1995. Brunswick first installed synthetics in 1980 in Louisville.

Trunk and Kegel founder John Davis, who died in 2013, bonded decades ago over a love of everything bowling, from pinspotters to lane machines. With the debut of AMF's HPL synthetics in 1989, Trunk recalled that "John and

talked and I said, 'I'm going to make these things so perfect.' Because there was too much luck of the draw in it for my preferences: you could get a good pair or you could get a crappy pair. As fair play minded as I've always been my whole life, this bothered me the most. I said, 'It's a national tournament. It shouldn't matter what lane you're on. It shouldn't matter what time you bowl.'

Topography has always been a factor in bowling, and was the reason why the ABC instituted standards for lane flatness decades ago,

"Those rules were not about higher scores but about giving everybody an equal chance no matter how you threw it," Thompson said. "And that's what it did — there's old writings that say that the lane level rule in 1939 actually did more to popularize the game of bowling than any rule before it."

Svnthetics aren't resurfaced and also aren't perfectly flat, as is commonly known today but wasn't in the late 1980s.

Trunk said he and Davis theorized that installing the lanes with slight dishes (sloping from outside to the middle) would create a good scoring environment, and making sure every lane was as close to the same as was humanly possible would make for the fairest environment.

"So I put them in and I had perfect little 15-thousandths dishes on every lane in Wichita," much flatter than the USBC standard of 40 thousandths, Trunk said, "We didn't have the lane mapper (machine) yet, but on my hands and knees I took down all the measurements with a USBC level. It took me three days just to measure the lanes, the same thing that the mapper would do in three hours today. And I didn't even do it every 21, or 42 inches like the mapper would. I did it every 5 feet at that time just to try to get what was going on. And it still took forever.

"There were no crowns (sloping from the middle to the outside) in the whole house anywhere. John and I thought to have a good scoring condition you need more oil in the middle and less on the outsides, and so we thought the same must be true about gravity. If we have a little bumper toward the outside, that's good. If you have a crown, it's going to play like the middle is dry and the outside is wet ... if you miss right and it's going to go right, that's bad!"

While a flat lane is fairest and makes friction the only factor bowlers have to deal with — as is the case with freshly resurfaced wood lanes — having the benefit of a bowl is better than the penalty of a crown was their theory, Trunk said.

at the 1989 ABC Tournament One benefit of leveled topography is that more challenging lane patterns will play as intended since the lane itself isn't impacting ball motion.

Trunk said he began to realize they were on to something at the 1989 Masters when Justin Hromek thrilled the hometown fans with consecutive 300s and then a long string to start his next game while moving pairs during qualifying. "It didn't matter what pair," Trunk said. "They were playing the same. Justin, having

extra hand, benefited from the carrydown hold he had to his left and the grip to his right. His percentage pocket carry was near 100 percent. The common thought was that the great carry was a result of the pindeck area enhancements we did. John and I even bought-in a little

Brunswick did the install again in 1990 in Reno and met the 40-thousandths rule, but all the lanes had crowns in them and they were "very haphazard," Trunk said. "Some would have big crowns, some small crowns, some a little depression.

coring paces went back to pre-1989 levels in 1990.

The untold story of why scores soared

Then came another AMF install by Trunk in 1991 in Toledo and "I'm putting my same little bowl back in there" and scores were in the 1989 range again, he said. Back to Brunswick in 1992 in Corpus Christi pre-1989 scoring pace. Back to AMF HPLs in 1993 Tulsa and scores in the range of 1989 and 1991.

During that time, "The only one who knows about this in the world is John Davis — I don't even tell AMF," Trunk recalls. "I don't tell ABC. I don't tell anybody. This is just theory.

The only concern was fairness in the form of lane-to-lane consistency, and they had no idea scores would be so much higher, Trunk said.

By 1993, "John and I knew that we were on to something really, really huge," Trunk said, adding that he knew AMFs ads about HPLs being the difference weren't true, "but who am I to say?

"So that's what started the whole (topography) thing," he added. "We had the best laboratory in the whole world — ninety games per lane, per day for 150 straight days. And I would spot check (lanes during the tournament) to see if there is any change going on. So that's how I gathered all my data.

Trunk said there was no depression for the tournament lanes whatsoever in 1989 1991 and 1993: the lanes were dead flat from about 12-12 with tiny .015-.020 curl-ups outside 12-board.

"We didn't know it then — although this was our gut feeling — but this is perfect scoring shape," he said. "Where balls are set-down (12-12), they are flat. At the breakpoint, there is a 'gravity bumper' outside of 12 - the more you miss right, the more help back toward the pocket you get from gravity."

They would later determine that any depression in the front of lanes is especially bad because it acts like dry area no matter how much oil there is and causes energy oss that keeps a ball from hitting strong.

Ultimately, the ABC hired Trunk, who persuaded the organization to have the rule for new installs for the tournament be 20 thousandths, tighter than the standing rule of 40

For the years Heddon lanes were used - 1997 in Huntsville (the year I won the allevents Eagle), 1999 in Syracuse and 2000 in Albuquerque — Trunk's friend Archie was the installer and he followed the dish shape Trunk suggested, which led to scores similar to the AMF years, he said.

years of 2002 in Billings and 2003 in Knoxville were Trunk's last as installer, and the scores were moderately high, but not the levels of prior Heddon and years because ABC made the lane patterns tougher, Trunk said.

"Because AMF was getting so much better scoring and ABC was very concerned about the politics of the situation, they clamped down on the oil pattern for those tourna ments," Trunk said, adding that it still wasn't known that lane shape was the real reason for the scoring differential. "They believed the hype in Bowlers Journal. And I didn't sa that wasn't true. I just said I think we need to have a tighter spec and they agreed

"Basically the pattern was very similar from year to year no matter whose surface vas on. And Brunswick started complaining to ABC that they must be putting an easier pattern out on AMF years. They said they weren't, but back then there was no pickup device and reader. So we're doing smear tests out there with our fricking fingers. Ther the pickup device and reader comes out in 1990-something and you could actually prove it to them.

What had been guesses about topography by Trunk and Davis had clearly been confirmed by the real-world experience of the ABC Tournament.

And Kegel had begun studying topography's influences at its Florida facility features lanes that can be tilted with a mechanical system.

The best evidence is stunning videos of Pete Weber, Norm Duke and Rhino Page throwing shots before and after the Kegel lanes were tilted without them knowin the lanes had been tilted.

The PBA Tour stars made virtually identical shots (measured by CA embedded in the videos) on lanes oiled the same, but with maximum legal in opposite directions. They got lined up on one lane and struct rolled essentially the same shot on the other and got huge differences in ball reaction For the right-handed Weber and Duke the ball appeared to be struggling up a hill or their second shots, with Weber taking three off the right and Duke hitting the 3-6, while the left-handed Page's ball had the opposite reaction and crossed over.

Weber said afterward in a now famous quote that "I owe a lot of lane men an apol ogy

In the months he's not working for ABC/USBC, Trunk still installs lanes and pinspotter for what is now Qubica AMF and the centers have "absolutely phenomenal" scores with a slight (legal) dish for topography and house shot lane patterns. Years of seeing that was further evidence to back what happened at the national tournament.

After the lane mapper was introduced, Trunk went to Brunswick and explained ev erything and USBC employee Trunk became their "quality control" for new installations Open Championships. (Trunk has nothing to do with the National Bowling Stadium in Reno or South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas since they aren't new installa-

"I would double-check behind them — everything they put in I was on my hands and knees double-checking because USBC wanted it to be as fair as possible and wanted the lanes to match up," he said.

Another Year!

Bowling, etc. Phil Goodman Figure 8 Networking



Upon entering my 3rd decade in the bowling business, one would think I know this industry better than before. However, this is not the case. In fact, this might be the most confused I have been since Year 1. This is not a complaint and may even have a positive impact for future growth. Let's note some of the changes that have been developing over time and then more specifically to today.

The first change developing over time is the nature of the business. Many bowling centers have been reducing lane beds and adding all the fun stuff of Dave and Busters and C.J. Barrymores. This is very cool on one hand but causes some confusion on the other one. In conversation with one proprietor, I mentioned "Your bowling center......"

There was no response. Thinking maybe they didn't hear me, the comment was repeated. After one more attempt, the decision to ask "What's going on?" was made. At this point I was told, "We are not a bowling center and therefore didn't know who you were talking too." Another proprietor was talking about a bowling center up north and the first thing they said was "You should see the incredible restaurant there. It does significantly more revenue than the bowling." With another proprietor, we were discussing the potential development of Youth Programs. His response was, "I don't have time right now, the Escape Rooms we just built are my focus." One additional ramification results from this change.

This summer, we had 4 bowling centers in the Metro Detroit area close as well as a couple others throughout the state. One was at the very last minute. Leagues struggled to find new houses as the surviving bowling centers are reducing the number of lanes. Fortunately, it seems most leagues were able to find a place to bowl but maybe not on the same night they are used bowling as well as having to drive a further distance. Though not directly affected myself, I am curious how bowlers facing this situation are adjusting to the new arrangements. Please let me know.

A huge surprise to me this summer is learning about the new and exciting bowling format for the open bowler. Instead of getting strikes and spares, the goal is to hit the bumpers as they provide multiplier points based on the flashing light colors. Scoring is in the thousands and is similar in nature to pinball games. This format is supposed to save the bowling industry.

One more subject to cover is high school bowling. This past spring, we ran a program combining varsity high school bowlers with Special Olympic Athlete. Part of this program is mentorship. In week 2, the varsity bowlers were asked to teach the Special Olympic Athletes how to navigate a league sheet to know their team standings and lanes to bowl on that particular week. The response by some of the varsity bowlers was "What is this?" It turns out, they never bowled in leagues and learned about this sport after joining the high school team.

As noted in the opening paragraph, this confusion and transition period for our industry can have a positive impact on future growth. After all, my entry into this business resulted from a transition of traditional league bowlers to a focus on family and community. This was my area of experience. The goal of these efforts was to increase the frequency of someone who bowled once every 4 years to bowl 4 times every year. The person who bowled 4 times per year to increase to 10 times per year and so on. In others, we were creating programs for the families who came on a rainy day to now have birthday parties, fundraising events, etc. The focus of those having birthday parties and other events was encouraging them to join a short season bowling fun club then eventually feeding them into season long leagues. A study had been done shortly before starting in this business over 20 years ago showing that bowling was chosen as the 2nd favorite activity out of the twelve noted in the survey. However, it was almost last in this being the activity most likely to schedule ahead of time. Our efforts have always been to make bowling a "first choice" activity. Transition meant opportunity and this approach still exists today.

It appears the new Family Entertainment Centers, Hybrid Centers, and anything else new is drawing many people to our sport. It is becoming a first choice destination. The potential of future growth is huge with these developments. Hopefully, the mindset is still to encourage the people who come to the center for fun to consider bowling as a sport. Bowling will always remain the number 1 sport for people of all abilities.

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CHAMPIONS CROWNED AT 2018 BOWLING.COM YOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Livonia's Winters three-peats in U20 All-Events

ARLINGTON, Texas – Champions have been announced at the 2018 Bowling.com Youth Open Championships, which recently welcomed United States Bowling Congress Youth members to the Dallas area as part of the Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International.

The 2018 event was held at Cityview Lanes in Fort Worth, Texas, on July 12-13, 20-22 and 28-29. Bowlers competed for titles in four-player team, doubles, singles and all-events competition in four age-based divisions – 20-and-under, 15-and-under, 12-and-under, 10-and-under – with separate divisions for boys and girls. There also were optional handicap divisions in each event.

Ryan Winters of Livonia, Michigan, capped his Youth Open Championships career by winning his third consecutive U20 all-events title. Winters, a Junior Team USA member in 2018, posted sets of 730 in doubles, 714 in team and 702 in singles for a winning score of 2,146.

Olivia Farwell of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, and Alexis Neuer of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, successfully defended their doubles title in the girls U20 division, winning with a 1,371 total. Farwell, who will be a Junior Team USA member in 2019, led the way with a 750 series, while Neuer, who's on Junior Team USA 2018, added 621.

Madison Janack of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, rolled one of eight 300 games at the Youth Open Championships to claim the girls U20 singles title with a 716 total. Janack, also a member of Junior Team USA in 2018, had games of 190 and 226 before connecting for her perfect game.

Perfect games also were rolled by Zachary Burkhalter of Winona, Minnesota; Zachary Carter of Portage, Indiana; Cameron Hurwitz of Rochester, New York; Jordan Malott of Austin, Texas; Tyler Michel of Chesapeake, Virginia; Manuel Sanchez of Chicago; and Zach Singer of Buffalo Grove, Illinois.

Houston's Christian Garcia captured two titles in the U15 boys division, taking all-events with a 2,106 total and singles with a 752 set.

In the U15 girls division, Jennifer Loredo of Fresno, California, claimed three titles. The U15 girls champion at the 2017 Junior Gold Championships helped California's Nor Cal Rockstars to the team title with a 2,544 total. Loredo was joined by Alyssa Alexander, Jimmy Hunter and Harley Shene.

Loredo would team with Alexander to win the girls doubles title with a 1,338 score. Loredo rolled a 679 series in the effort, and Alexander added 659. Loredo added sets of 684 in team and 650 in singles to also win girls all-events with 2,013.

Karina Capron of Fremont, Nebraska, put together a similar effort as she collected three titles in the U12 girls division.

Capron, the 2017 U12 Junior Gold champion and 2018 runner-up, defended her doubles title with Keira Magsam, though they shared the 2018 title with their teammates, Paige Matiasek and Avery Domaguin, as both pairs posted 1,176 scores.

Capron won the singles title with 699, and she added scores of 599 in team and 572 in doubles to win all-events with 1,870.

In U10, Camden Malott of Austin, Texas, rolled to a second consecutive doubles title, but he did so alongside a different partner. Malott captured this year's title with Gage Baker of Yorba Linda, California, after taking the 2017 title with Jack Tebeau. Malott led the way with 556, while Baker added 488 for a 1,044 total.

Malott and Baker also would help Bohn & Crew 15 to the U10 team title with a 1,938 total. They were joined in the effort by Donaven Kline and Ronin Rivera.

William Cunningham of Newark, New Jersey, won three titles across two age divisions. He teamed with Jake Diaz of Manalapan, New Jersey, to win U12 doubles with a 1,334 total, and he claimed the U10 boys singles (657) and all-events (1,872) titles. Cunningham also captured the handicap title in each of the three events.

A total of 230 four-player teams competed at the 2018 event, which featured more than 1,100 bowlers competing for scholarship money.

The 2019 Bowling.com Youth Open Championships will head to Detroit. The tournament will be held on select dates from July 11-28. Registration will open for the 2019 event on Dec. 1, 2018.

The Youth Open is a non-qualifying tournament open to any USBC Youth member. The event is held in the same city as the Junior Gold Championships to allow youth bowlers the opportunity to compete in each event.

To learn more about the Bowling.com Youth Open Championships, visit BOWL.com/YouthOpen.

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Could owning and operating a bowling center be a calling? Steve Fred, the proprietor of V&S Lanes in Philadelphia, believes it is for him.

When Fred bought the 26-lane center in 2010, it was known as 73rd Street Lanes. It was not a purchase he had been planning.

"I was a bowler at the center," Fred says. "I'd been bowling league there for twenty-some years. I came to league one night and the lady who I thought owned the place — she actually was the manager — told me that the owners were shutting it down."

Fred recalls not only being taken aback by the news, but also saddened by it. Like so many mid-century bowling centers across America, 73rd Street Lanes was an important gathering place for the neighborhood.

At the time, Fred was a global network operations manager for Dow Jones, a company offering services that influenced purchases of a wide array of investable products. His job was stressful, but paid well.

"My wife, Vanessa, and I were blessed to be in a financial position to buy the center," Fred says. "We decided to take the leap."

Just like that, Fred had departed Corporate America and embraced Neighborhood America.

"You have your fun places like [Bowlero] that are glitzy and shiny," Fred says. "Then you have your Lucky Strikes, which are more like bars or taverns. Then you have us — the mom-and-pops. I inherited a bowling center that is more league and tournament based, and the people in the neighborhood have made it clear they want to keep it that way by supporting our programs. Business is good." During the traditional bowling season, Fred says V&S Lanes (the initials stand for Vanessa and Steve) "is packed with leagues seven days a week." During the summer months, most of the league linage is replaced by neighborhood day camps. About 30 day care and similar businesses use the facility for outings.

"Those camps — and our youth bowling program — provide an opportunity for me to connect with the kids and the counselors, and to mentor them and watch them grow. That's one of the things that makes our place unique."

Vanessa grew up in the neighborhood, and took part in the center's highly successful youth program, which was known as Jimmy's Juniors. The program was founded in 1972 not by anyone named Jimmy, but rather by a gentleman named Frank Harwel. When the Freds took over the center, one of Vanessa's first tasks was to reorganize Jimmy's Juniors to inspire young people through friendship and sportsmanship, creating not only good bowlers, but also good citizens.

Today, Fred says, Jimmy's Juniors once again is the largest youth bowling program in Philadelphia.

Adding to the family-friendly atmosphere is the center's no-alcohol policy. "It's just not my thing," Fred says.

Because the center is in the city of Philadelphia, Fred says he thinks of it differently than most proprietors think of their centers. "My center is more a platform than a bowling center," he explains. "Because we have such a large senior contingency and such a large youth contingency, a lot of mentoring takes place — not through any special programs, but just naturally. We connect with everybody.

"I have generations of people who have been bowling here forever," he adds. "Where would they have gone if this center had closed? It's a place where people in the neighborhood come to socialize and have fun. It's kind of like a barber shop in that way. People joke and talk trash, but it's all in fun."

A bit more "serious fun" takes place on Thursday evenings during the summer months when a league that Fred developed, the Summer Nationals, fills all 26 lanes. The weekly league fee is \$30 per person (not including the array of jackpots and brackets), and each team point is worth \$45. There's a waiting list for teams to get in.

"I was raised by old-school country folks," Fred says. "I take care of those that take care of me. I'm not looking to make a million dollars out of this. Money wasn't a driver when we bought this place."

If not money, then what?

"With the benefit of hindsight, looking back eight-and-a-half years, it's readily apparent to me that [purchasing the center] was a matter of divine intervention," Fred says. "Every once in a while, it's a heavy cross. But I understand how things have played out and why, and this was my calling at the time to do. I wouldn't change it."

Another proprietor even newer to the business is Rick Holland.

As a retired member of Colorado's Chaffee County Sheriff's Department, Holland saw a lot over the course of his career — some of it tragic, some of it comedic. As an example of both, he recalls one local homeless man who was an alcoholic.

"He was pretty smart in his own way," Holland recalls. "Every fall, as the weather was starting to turn cold, he'd commit a lot of crimes so he'd get thrown in jail and have a place to stay for the winter."

After concluding his 22-year law enforcement career, Holland says he was looking for something to do. As the 58-year-old puts it, "I'm too young to sit on a porch in a rocker."

One certainly wouldn't have blamed him had he chosen that course, considering his hometown of Salida, Colo., is postcard-worthy scenic. Bordered on all sides by mountains dotted with Aspen trees, it's straight out of a John Denver song.

A few years ago Holland, an avid bowler, had talked to a friend — the landlord of a liquor store his wife runs — about getting into the bowling business. Late last year. that friend approached Holland with an idea: He would buy the building that housed Super Bowl Lanes, while Holland would buy the bowling business. Holland liked the idea, approached the Super Bowl proprietor, and a deal was struck.

It was decided that with new owners and a new attitude, the center needed a new name. Holland and his wife polled family, friends and customers, and ultimately decided on Split Happens.

The 12-lane center needed some work, so Holland immediately began investing in upgrades. The center's four remaining wood lanes were upgraded to match the synthetic surface on the other eight. New monitors and TVs were installed. An air conditioning system was added. A lot of work was done on the pinsetting machines. Holland says he's now looking at a new scoring and point-of-sale system.

Getting to meet other proprietors through his membership in BPAA has made his tranition from law enforcement officer to bowling center owner a bit easier.

"I see the benefit of being able to talk to other owners and learning about the little nuances of the business," he says. "I love to bowl, but I had never owned a bowling center."

Adds Holland: "I'm all about not reinventing the wheel."

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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 ROSEBOWL LANES, ROSEVILLE

SENIOR MASTERS

Feb. 9, 10, 2019 INDIAN LANES, WYANDOTTE

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Feb. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 2019 March 2, 3, 9, 10, 2019 CENTURY BOWL, WATERFORD

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Feb. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 2019 March 2, 3, 9, 10, 2019 CENTURY BOWL, WATERFORD

ADULT / YOUTH BAKER

March 3, 10, 2019 THUNDERBOWL LANES, ALLEN PARK

SENIOR TEAM

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JUNIOR MASTERS

March 23, 2019 BOWL ONE LANES, TROY

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