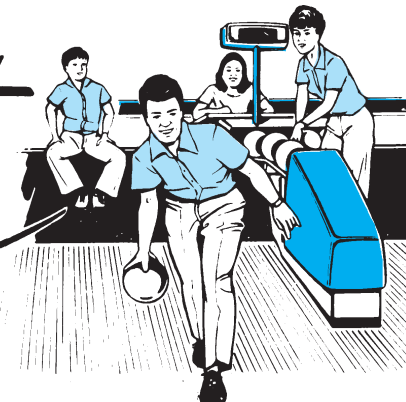


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SUNNYBROOK FEATURES FAMILY TEAMS

Family Tradition Alive and Well

• Families bowling together on the same league team is one of the great traditions of the game of bowling. Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights, one of the Detroit area's premier bowling centers, features several families that have

kept that tradition alive and well over the years.

According to Sunnybrook proprietor Randy Shank, "Through my 20 some years at Sunnybrook, I have seen many youth bowlers come up through the ranks of

bowling and eventually become adult league bowlers. And now their children are in the youth programs.

"When I was growing up and going to the bowling center with my parents, I often thought about how great it will be when I can bowl with them in an adult league. When it finally happened, it felt great. I now see it time and time again that our great sport brings family, friends and generations together."

One team at Sunnybrook features three generations of family members. The "Sunnybrook Misfits" team, which features Armando, Mike and Matt Papais, competes in the Thursday Bowl-

ing IQ Men's league.

According to Mike, 55, "Its fun for a couple of reasons. Foremost, it lets us be together on a regular basis. Then it lets us compete in a fun way and always have a common activity to talk about. At various times my mom, dad, wife, brothers, sister-in-laws and children have bowled with or against me. The family aspect includes a number of people that have created an extended bowling family."

Also on the team are Tom Moenaert, Jerry Sroka, Jim Stirnemann and Joe Lemiesz. Mike speaks fondly of his father, Armando, known to league bowlers as "Armi."

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IN THE NEWS

Pay Early, Earn Rewards at 2014 USBC Open, Women's Event

ARLINGTON, Texas — Teams entering the 2014 United States Bowling Congress Open and Women's Championships will be eligible for some great rewards just for signing up early.

Each member of teams paid in full by July 1, 2013, will receive \$20 in Championships Cash upon check-in at their respective tournaments in Reno, Nev., in 2014.

The vouchers can be used toward Bowling Ball Express, yearlong brackets products, merchandise at the USBC SportStore or at any of the USBC-run side tournaments being held in conjunction with the USBC Open and Women's Championships.

The 2014 Open Championships will be held at Reno's National Bowling Stadium. The cost for each bowler is \$55 per event and \$15 for all-events for a total entry fee of \$180. Registration already is underway.

The 2014 Women's Championships will be held at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center, and registration will begin May 1, 2013. The event will feature four-player teams for the first time, a new divisional structure and an all-scratch format.

For more information about the Open or Women's Championships, visit BOWL.com.



• FROM LEFT: Sunnybrook proprietor Randy Shank with three generations of the Papais family — Armando, Mike and Matt Papais. Their "Sunnybrook Misfits" team competes in the Thursday Bowling IQ Men's league.

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In order to give players an additional way to earn spots on Team USA in 2014, the United States Bowling Congress will conduct the inaugural Summer Team USA Trials this July.

The limited-entry event will award two men's and two women's spots on Team USA in 2014 and will be conducted at the International Training and Research Center, which is the home of Team USA, from July 5-7.

"Holding Team USA Trials exclusively in January creates schedule conflicts for some top bowlers, so we thought it was important and worthwhile to offer another opportunity to compete for a place on the team," USBC Managing Director of National Governing Body Neil Stremmel said.

The field for the Summer Team USA Trials will be limited to 40 men and 40 women. Invitations will first go out to current Team USA and Junior Team USA members, Team USA members from the past three years, and the top 25 men and women at the 2013 Team USA Trials.

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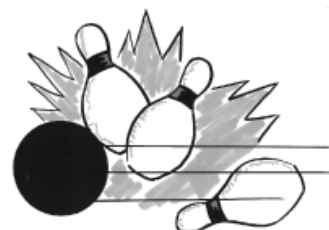
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METRODETROIT USBC NEWS

By Association Manager
Mark A. Martin

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• THIS IS the time of year that we work on and finalize the process for the men's, senior men's, women's and senior women's all-city teams.

This is a very laborious task and your help is needed.

For the men's and senior men's categories, games of 298, 299 and 300 receive points as does all 800 series.

For the women's and senior women's categories games of 279 and better and series above 700.

In order that we don't miss any honor scores in the calculations please contact the Metro Detroit USBC office if you think we're missing some of yours.

TOURNAMENT CHECKS

• PRIZE CHECKS for the Women's and Open Championship are scheduled to be mailed to the team captains on March 13. The prize list will be posted on

www.mdusbc.com.

In the past some of the calls we've gotten are from bowlers who placed high in both the actual and handicap prize lists. According to tournament rules, except for the Division 1 Team event in the Open Championship, If a team or individual qualifies for both actual and handicap, they can cash for the higher amount only. In the event both amounts are the same, the prize will come from the actual prize list.

Also if a bowler or team wins the actual division of an event, but received a prize

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

• THE METRO Detroit USBC will award four \$1,000 scholarships this year to two male and two female bowlers. Applicants must be at least 14 years of age and can only win once.

The scholarships are a result of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, Detroit Women's Bowling Association and Pontiac Women's Bowling Association restricting funds for this purpose.

Applicants must write a minimum 100-word essay about their future educational plans and submit a completed application signed by their coach.

Applications must be submitted to the MDUSBC office by April 5, 2013.

Applications can be obtained by calling the MDUSBC office or visiting www.mdusbc.com and clicking on forms.

check from the handicap division the bowler or team will be honored as the association champion in that event.

Congratulations to all of the winners.

USBC CONVENTION

• THE UNITED States Bowling Congress annual convention will be held from May 1-3 in Reno, Nev.

During this time delegates elected from their respective local and state associations will vote on legislation affecting leagues, tournaments and bylaws in addition to electing four new members of the board of directors. Additionally there will be several workshops to inform the delegates about happenings at USBC.

Representing the MDUSBC at the annual convention will be Katrina Banks, Richard Banks, Jordan Barber, Shirley Beard,

Terrance Bell, Ann Block, George Bresinski, Miquelle Christian, Clifford Davis, Michael DeRousie, Debra Dickerson, Eric Fisher, Constance Fordyce, Ina Herbert, Lavern Hester, Alisa Hudgins, Mark Hurtgam, Vera Johnson, Patricia Klix, Anita Maiorana, Diane Maluzhinsky, Rose McCall, Jeanette Myers, Tammy Quinn, Rosie Sawyers and John Vorpapel.

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Bo Goergen Wins \$2,300 Top Prize in Michigan State Senior Masters

• BO GOERGEN of Sanford won the fifth annual Michigan State Senior Masters at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing when he defeated Paul Kwiecien of Lansing, 474-357, in the final two-game total pins match to win the \$2,300 first prize and the title. Kwiecien settled for the second place check of \$1,200.

Goergen qualified 17th with a six-game total of 1,259 on games of 211, 184, 223, 213, 223 and 205. His run in the winner's bracket included wins over James Senchuk of Richland, 509-441, top qualifier Peter Kaczmarczyk of Warren, 427-393, Brian Dimuzio Sr. of Eastpointe, 544-371, Kwiecien the first time, 518-342, and Rick Vittone of Tecumseh, Ontario, Canada, 497-401, leading to the final match.

Goergen averaged 234.9 for the entire tournament. He also wins a paid entry into the 2013 USBC Senior Masters tournament.

"This is awesome to win this prestigious event against the best seniors in the State of Michigan," said Goergen. "This is a great format with challenging lane conditions to prepare for the USBC Senior Masters tour-

nament."

Kwiecien qualified 29th with 1,215. He remained in the winner's bracket with triumphs over Lester Gentry of Hartland 392-346, Ed Deblock of Maidstone, Ontario, Canada, 398-359, David Silverman of Farmington Hills, 56-37, in a two-frame tiebreaker after tying at 392 before falling to Goergen the first time, 518-342.

In the loser's bracket he defeated Dale Strike of Saginaw, 429-411, Harold Sullins of Chesterfield, 453-429, and Vittone, 420-373, to advance to the title match. He averaged 199.9 for 22 games of competition.

Vittone qualified seventh with 1,300. In match play the 2011 champion remained in the winner's bracket with victories over Michael Lucente of Warren, 469-386, Robert Keller of Grand Ledge, 417-396, Martin Janeski of Wyandotte, 413-357, and Ernest Segura Jr. of Taylor, 474-387, before falling to Goergen, 497-401.

In the loser's bracket, Vittone was knocked out of the competition by Kwiecien, 420-373, ending his day. He averaged 213.7 for 18 games of competition

and took home the third place check of \$750.

Sullins qualified fifth with 1,328 and lost his first match to Douglas Weese of Carson City, 458-361. Once in the loser's bracket he reeled off six straight wins. His victories were over Jerry Maynor of Chelsea, 437-364, Jeffrey Suma Sr. of Auburn Hills, 480-440, Robert Keller, 432-384, David Silverman, 490-363, Brian Dimuzio Sr., 489-333, and Segura Jr., 424-392, before getting beat by Kwiecien, 453-429, to end his day. He earned the fourth place check of \$600, averaging 221.5 for 22 games of competition.

Top qualifier Peter Kaczmarczyk led qualifying by 26 pins with 1,398. He won his first match over Rick Wayne of Westland, 427-387, before getting knocked into the loser's bracket by Bo Goergen, 427-393. Once in the loser's bracket he was

beaten by Lester Gentry, 457-412, ending his run. Kaczmarczyk took home \$200 and an additional \$100 as high qualifier.

Defending champion Charlie Tapp was seeded ninth per tournament rule and shot 1,151 in qualifying. He was eliminated fourth round and cashed for \$250. He averaged 205.9 for 14 games of tournament competition.

Dale Strike recorded the top game during qualifying with a 279 in qualifying 14th with 1,269.

The field of 114 bowlers averaged 192 during the six games of qualifying.

The top 32 qualifiers averaged 210.5 during qualifying and 202.9 in match play.

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• LAST WEEKEND my squad of 30 teams went to compete in the Michigan State USBC WBA Tournament in Saginaw. You just never know what is going to happen on these weekends. This is a time for many of the women to get away from the stresses of job and home, and have a great time! And we usually do!

This year was no exception on and off the lanes. During the team event, the MSUSBCWBA presents participation awards to the ladies who have competed in the tournament for at least 25 years. In our squad, Anita Maiorana and Judy Saad were presented with their 35-year awards and Sue Veach received her 25th. Congrats to all of these ladies!

Although I couldn't bowl this year due to a hip problem I am having, I was there cheering on all of the ladies. We definitely have some great bowlers in Metro Detroit USBC. One of my favorite things is when Sharon Schildroth, Association Manager for the Michigan State WBA, asks for new bowlers to step out... I had a few!!! One of them, Tamara McNeil, won a few jackpots, too! I bet she will be back next year! Welcome to all of the new bowlers this year and

OPEN BOWL

I am saving you a spot for next year when we venture to Monroe.

A special thanks to Tracy Hannaford and Jamie Kelley for subbing on my team as both Linda Prill and I both went down to injuries in the past few months. Both bowled well, and we will hopefully find spots for these ladies to keep coming with my squad.

Kathy Lazenby, who runs all of the jackpots for my squad, did a spectacular job again! Thanks Laze... and sorry you had yet another possible "wardrobe malfunction." But so glad you are getting healthier. Saginaw was a challenge for our squad because the hotel didn't have enough double beds to accommodate our squad, and the Lefevre's didn't have enough lanes for doubles and singles for us in one squad.

Special thanks to Chrissy Wissinger who moved her teams over to another hotel and also volunteered them to bowl the 8 a.m. squad on Sunday. It is so appreciated. Hopefully we will not be in that position again... at least not for a while.

Special congratulations to Renita Merritt-Moore who came from Atlanta, Ga., and got married this weekend so some of us could attend. Renita used to bowl in my leagues, on my squad, and on my team for many years prior to moving away. We will bowl the national tournament together... see you in Reno!

For standings information, please go to www.miwb.com

I will be making reservations for the last weekend in March for next year in Monroe! (Hollywood casino will get some action I bet!)

I think that if more tournament bowlers would become squad leaders for all of our tournaments, the tournaments would increase in participation. Yes, it is a little work, and I think I have about 20 years in with this squad. But I firmly believe that if you

ask them, they will come. Become a squad leader for next year's tournaments. If you need any help or assistance, send me an e-

mail, I would be happy to help in any way I can. Thanks again ladies... I think we need a good name for my squad... hmmm.

TOPS FIELD AT THUNDERBOWL

Scott Norton Wins Earl Anthony PBA Players Championship

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Scott Norton of Mission Viejo, Calif., defeated reigning Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 219-191, to win the Earl Anthony PBA Players Championship at Thunderbowl Lanes for his third career title and second of the 2012-13 season.

Back-to-back unconverted 4-9 and 4-6-7 splits in the fifth and sixth frames put Rash in a 35-pin hole. He rebounded with a string of three strikes, but Norton continued to fill frames to maintain the lead. When Rash failed to strike in the 10th, Norton only needed seven pins in his 10th frame and the California left-hander threw three strikes to seal the victory.

"I thought it was a lot to get one title in a year, let alone two," Norton said. "I don't even have the words. I knew I was throwing the ball well. I knew I was in a good place mentally."

Norton was frustrated that he was unable to put the match away early, given opportunities by Rash, but he said he has new-found confidence that he can ultimately get the job done.

Norton, a practicing attorney when he isn't bowling on Tour, knows it's very early to start thinking about the PBA Player of the Year race, but moving into a tie with Mika Koivuniemi as the only two-time winners so far in 2012-13 at least puts him in the conversations.

"If I win POY that's great," he said. "That's everyone's goal, but I can only do what I can do and the rest isn't up to me."

• PBA competition resumes with the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA League Elias Cup finals at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis. The two-hour, five-player Tournament of Champions stepladder finals will air live on ESPN next Sunday at 2:30 p.m. PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel will cover all qualifying and match play rounds of the Tournament of Champions, Wednesday-Friday. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

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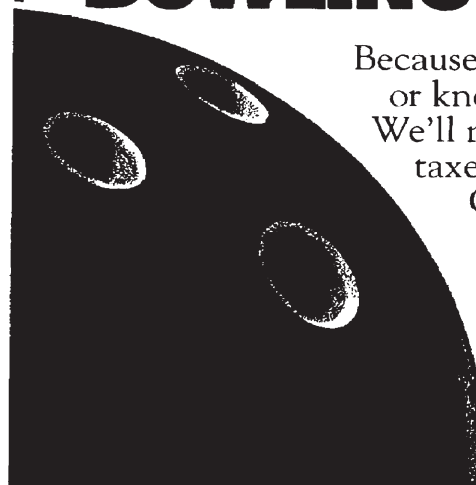
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'Wrong Weight' Ball Can Lead to Bad Habits

TIPS FROM THE PROS



By CHERYL DANIELS

Member of the Professional Women's Bowling Association

• FINDING THE proper weight bowling ball is very important. Using the improper weight can lead to some bad habits over time. I have some suggestions for finding the right weight for you.

For Junior Bowlers:

How do you know what weight ball to use? For young kids it is recommended that your age should match the pound ball that you can handle. Example: 6 years old equals a six-pound ball, 8 years old equals an eight-pound ball, 12 years old equals a 12-pound ball.

In most cases this is a good starting point to select the proper weight. You must factor in (1) the bowler's size, and (2) the bowler's strength.

Today's equipment is so aggressive now that a bowler gives up very little hitting power when using a 15-pound ball instead of a 16-pound ball.

For Women Bowlers:

After coaching hundreds of students, I commonly see women bowlers who consistently use extremely light bowling equipment. Most women should be able to handle a 12-pound ball without any problem if the ball is properly drilled.

Only in cases where the bowler has physical limitations such as arthritis or carpal tunnel or is an elderly adult should they use a ball lighter than 12 pounds. A woman of average strength should be able to handle a 14-pound ball when using proper technique.

A common fault of women bowlers who use very light equipment is to push the ball upward on the push away trying to generate momentum. If it is easy to push the ball above your head on your push away it is probably too light. When the ball is too light you can easily overpower the shot and when it is too heavy the ball will over power you.

For Seniors:

As we get older we tend to lose some muscle strength. In this case I suggest se-

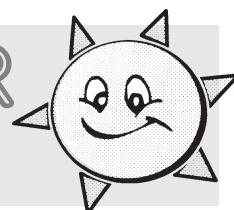
niors who use heavier equipment such as 15-pound and 16-pound balls consider dropping in weight. You probably will not give up that much hitting power and you will probably find that you can generate a little more ball speed.

Note: If you bowl a lot of tournaments with long formats you may find that lighter equipment will reduce wear and tear on your wrist over time. For most of my bowling

career I have used 16-pound balls, but I've had lots of tendonitis problems, as a result I switched to 15 pounds five years ago, which has taken a lot of pressure off of my wrists.

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• PHOTO AT left: (from left) The Bogden Family — Pam, Tara and Melanie. Photo at right: Hall-of-Famer Jerry Penxa (center) and his two children, Jerry II and Stephanie.

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"I've bowled with him in leagues for the last 37 years, but he first taught me to bowl around the fourth or fifth grade," Mike relates. "Bowling with three generations of my family is the fondest memory."

Also competing in the Bowling IQ league is the "Robinson Saw Service" team that features the father and son tandem of Daniel and Derrick Busch.

Daniel, 58, averages 220 and enjoys bowling with his 22-year-old son. "I enjoy bowling with my family because I enjoy being with them. It is an awesome feeling to watch your family improve their bowling game and to watch them grow. It's pretty amazing."

Rounding out the team are Ed Burnett, Wayne Colden and Ken Kulin.

"Over the 40 years that I have been bowling, I have made many friends," continued Daniel. "Bowling really is a small world. My sons have come home from their bowling leagues and are really surprised to find out that I know some of the parents of the friends they have made in bowling leagues."

Son Derrick, who was a member of the 2009 MHSAA High School State Champion Stevenson High School bowling team, agrees with his father. "I just enjoy spending quality time with my dad and friends. It's a night out and you can relax. It's always fun to try to beat your dad."

"Bowling is something I have done for a few years now. I enjoy it and it is fun to pass on knowledge of the sport. Being a coach for Stevenson now, I enjoy seeing how this sport can have such an impact on the kids. They grow not only as athletes but

as people, too."

The youngest Busch, Brian, currently bowls in the youth programs at Sunnybrook. He was also a member of the 2009 Stevenson High School Bowling team that won the MHSAA State Title. Brian will attend Lawrence Tech to finish his degree and bowl for the Blue Devils. And mom Wendi bowls on the Thursday Night Ladies League at Sunnybrook on Thursday evenings.

Women bowlers are well represented by the "Suite Seats" team that competes in the Tuesday Night Ladies league. Pam Bogden bowls with daughters Melanie Bogden and Tara Miller, along with teammates Claudette Kelley and Mary Dunlap.

"It's a night out with my daughters to do something we all enjoy," Pam explains. "That's one night a week we know we will see each other and be able to catch up on each others' busy lives."

Daughter Tara, who has bowled since the age of 3, agrees, "So many good memories have come out of bowling. I remember bowling Saturday mornings in a league when I was a kid and staying after to practice with my uncle Joe and my dad and my sister and my mom."

Tara was able to convince her sister Melanie to join the team and get back into bowling. "Having fun with the ladies is the best," Melanie explains. "Because you are able to get competition between yourselves. Even though you are on the same team it helps you bowl better."

"There's constant conversation and lots of laughing," Pam adds. "We have always been a bowling family, and to be able to

bowl with my daughters means a lot to me."

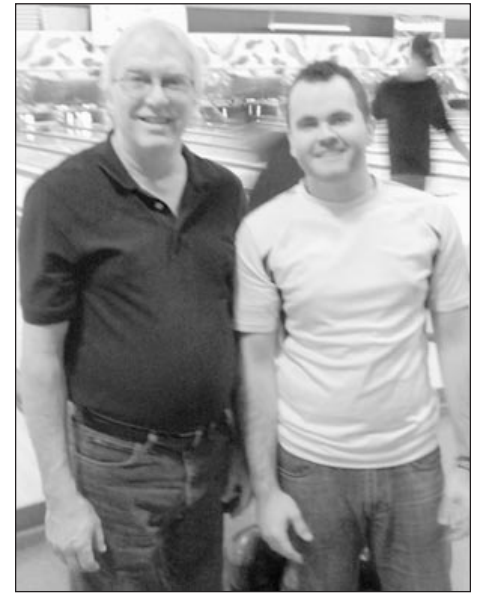
Perhaps the most famous bowling family at Sunnybrook is Detroit Bowling Hall-of-Famer Jerry Penxa and his two children, Jerry and Stephanie.

Penxa, 49, who has enjoyed a stellar bowling career, is enjoying bowling with his two kids. "One of the biggest reasons I love this game is that I have met a lot of people that I can call my friends from all ages and places. Doing something together that my kids and I truly love to do is extra special."

Twenty-one-year-old Jerry II agrees, "Bowling is in my blood. I've grown up watching my dad, my role model, my inspiration. He's had a great impact on my life and bowling just made us closer. Bowling and family together can't get any better than that."

Daughter Stephanie adds, "It's fun to bowl with family because it is an opportunity to spend more time with the people you love. It is a pretty good feeling sharing a sport with your family that we all love doing which makes us even closer."

"Skip" Kelley, another Sunnybrook regular, raised his son to be competitive bowler. Skip coached the Stevenson High School Bowling boys team when John became the Detroit Free Press "High School Bowler of the year." That year they also won the Divi-



• DAN (LEFT) and Derrick Busch.

sion I MHSAA High School Championship.

The Kelleys went on to bowl together on the Tuesday Night Corpus Christy league at Sunnybrook, where they once both bowled 300 games during a single game. Claudette Kelley, John's mom, is also a bowler and continues to volunteer her time for many of the high school tournaments.

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'National Bowling Hall of Fame a Trailblazer'

• HALLS OF Fame in many sports have been making headlines in the past few weeks, most on the critical than praise side.

The major complaints are that too many or too few worthies are elected and that is in all sports. Numbers range from none to more than a dozen.

Many fans question the practice of some voters not to vote for a first-time eligible, or to associate some athletes with fellow stars in times of using substances or conflicting with rules, different for all halls.

With the state of the economy and its ups and downs, donations to sports hall needs dim in comparison to health and charity needs in other sectors. History is great, but you can't eat it.

When the American Bowling Congress started its hall back in 1941 it was a pioneer in the field, following baseball and golf. Now, practically all sports have halls, ranging from simple plaques in simple settings

to magnificent structures that need plenty of room for exhibits, displays that give basic historical facts, photos, films and whatever curators and committees determine would be inviting to visitors and donors.

The National Bowling Hall of Fame, after years of searching, found its first home in St. Louis, and remained there until the merge of the American Bowling Congress, Women's International Bowling Congress and other bowling groups to form the United States Bowling Congress, and resettle at the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas.

The move has been difficult because there is less display room and more and more to display. Once the national halls, in bowling and other sports were established, state, and local associations followed. And over the years, particularly in bowling, organizations of every description. Manufacturers, sponsors, coaches and the media have

come to honor persons with their own little piece of forever with a special bit of notice in a bowling hall.

The National Bowling Hall, because of space limitations in Texas, has created a hall display of women inductees in a special area of the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, a site which in some years draws 100,000 tournament competitors from around the world.

The most feedback I ever received was a hall exhibit which simply showed unique bowling apparel with the fantastic colors and themes that brightened so many eras. Those shirts, women's blouses and other types of dress reminded visitors of the days when almost every team at every level at least wore bowling shirts and in the late 1800s and early 1900s the old time stars often wore long sleeved shirts with stiff collars and ties. No hats were worn on the lanes.

Over the years I have served on every



By CHUCK PEZZANO

Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

major bowling organization's Hall of Fame committee, but it didn't stop there. I took the time to count bowling and other sports halls and they add up to 21, ranging from high school halls to the Polish-American Sports Hall. All have different constitutions, different requirements and different voters. Some are just for men, others just for women and most for both.

Many have different categories — for pioneers, meritorious service, and special accomplishments. The Polish Hall has one section for high visibility sports, football, baseball, basketball and hockey and another for all other sports standouts in such areas as sabre, swimming, bobsledding and trainers and coaches.

Despite whatever criticisms there may be, every sports hall deserves your attention and support. And if you can't give a brick, room or building, just donate a buck or two every now and then.



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