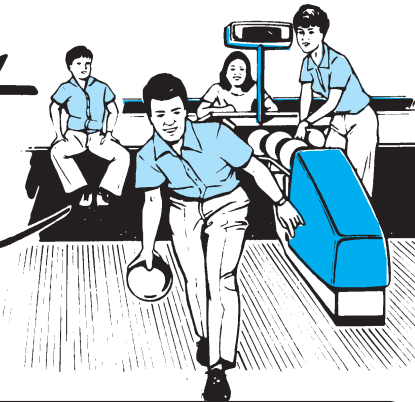


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'Junior Golds' Set Record in Detroit

The 2013 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, recently held at six bowling centers in the Detroit area, established a record for number of participants.

For the first time in tournament history, the Junior Golds, presented by Track, Columbia 300, Ebonite and Hammer, broke the 2,000-participant mark as 2,080 United States Bowling Congress Youth bowlers took to the lanes, an eight-percent increase over last year's total.

The North Pointe Junior Gold Championships took place at six bowling centers in suburban Detroit. The boys competition was held at AMF Rose Bowl in Roseville and Sterling Lanes and Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights. The girls competed at Astro Lanes in Madison Heights and 5 Star Lanes and Bowl One in Sterling Heights. The final two days for all competitors was held at Sunnybrook Lanes.

The tournament added an Under 15 division in 2012 and that division experienced tremendous growth in 2013. The U15 Boys division grew by 101 bowlers, from 213 to 314, while the U15 Girls division drew 169 participants after having 99 the previous year.

The North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, along with the Survivor Tournament presented by xbowling, had a \$300,000 scholarship pool this year. It is the most scholarships awarded in tourna-

ment history.

"The addition of the U15 division, and the opportunity to earn scholarship awards and possibly a spot on Junior Team USA, has made the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships the premier national singles event for youth bowlers," Chad Murphy, International Bowling Campus Managing Director of Youth Development, said. "Many people, from Junior Gold tournament and league coor-

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IN THE NEWS



First MMBA Title at Galaxy Lanes

• TOBY SIDLE (right) won his first Budweiser MMBA title at Galaxy Lanes in Grand Blanc. Also pictured: runner-up Lonnie Jones (left) and Galaxy Lanes proprietor Ken Hochstein. See page 7 for full story.

PBA Returns to Thunderbowl for Central Region Players Invitational

The Professional Bowlers Association will return to Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park for the 2013 PBA Central Region Players Invitational (RPI).

Expected players to attend are Chris Loschetter, Ronnie Russell, Brian Kretzer and Tom Smallwood. Detroit area bowlers have a chance to meet the 48-man invitational field at the practice session from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13, 2013 at Thunderbowl Lanes, 4200 Allen Rd. in Allen Park.

Competition begins Saturday, Sept. 14 with all entrants bowling six games at 9 a.m. then returning at 1:30 p.m. for six additional games. The top 16 bowlers return Sunday morning, Sept. 15 for match play (best of five games) beginning at 9 a.m. with the qualifying players 1-4 receiving a two-round bye and qualifying players 5-8 receiving a one-round bye.

The round of 12 (best of five games), the round of 8 (best of five games), the round of 4 (best game) and Championship Match (best game) will be immediately following.

First place will receive \$6,000, a 2013 "World Series of Bowling" entry at South Point in Las Vegas as well as advancement to the ESPN telecast to compete for a 2014 Tournament of Champions berth.

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Beginning Aug. 1, 2014, the new USBC Youth membership will be offered by International Bowling Campus (IBC) Youth Development at a price of \$4. The new membership includes a membership card, a certified average and the eligibility to participate in USBC certified events.

The \$5 million BPAA and USBC investment will come over several years. Plans call for all major IBC Youth programs such as tournaments, in-school bowling through Bowlers Ed, Bowlopolis, and USA Bowling to continue with a new field staff dedicated to growing those programs and membership.

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By Association Manager
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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

• THE CALL for league bowling is in the air.

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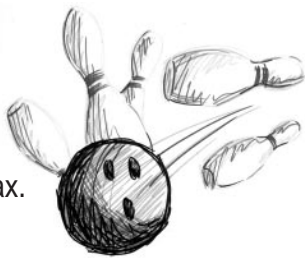
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leagues, where youth bowl with adults. There is much flexibility built into these league structures to accommodate every family's needs.

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 busy fall winter season.

I have visited several local bowling centers and I recommend that you do the same. Many have made improvements during the summer to enhance your bowling experience.

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BIG NEW CHANGES COMING

• THE METRO Detroit USBC Board recently met and approved the following actions:

Beginning in August, all awards and reports to leagues secretaries will be delivered to your bowling center. This change will improve response time to centers and league. Additionally once this service begins league secretaries can send in information that normally would be mailed by dropping off at the bowling center. This service will con-

tinue until May.

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Several tournament changes will take place in the 2013-14 season and others in the 2014-15 season.

The MDUSBC Youth Championship will move from its former January to February time frame to November to December. This change will allow more of our high school bowlers to participate, before the high school bowling season begins. There will be three handicap and one scratch division, down from four handicap divisions and once scratch division. Also, in the 2014-15 season the MDUSBC Junior Masters will move from October to March, for the same reason as above. Gregory Moncrief has also joined the Youth Committee.

Both the MDUSBC Women's and Open Championships will offer incentives for those teams bowling on the 8 a.m. squad on opening weekend, Feb. 8-9. No longer will bowlers have to change lanes between doubles and singles. This change will help speed up the squads. Also a new longevity recognition program will be available to bowlers who have bowled in the Women's or Open championships for at least 25 years. There will also be recognition to 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years.

The MDUSBC Women's Championship will go from three divisions to two divisions due to decreased demand. The entry fee will increase to \$25 per person, per event with added prize money. The handicap, actual and senior handicap all-events entry fee will increase to \$5, with the entire amount returned as prize money.

The MDUSBC Open Championship will be contested in only one division starting in 2014, but will add an optional scratch divi-

sion. The cost for the optional scratch division will be \$10 per person, per event. Those entering the optional scratch division will be able to cash in both handicap and actual prize lists.

The MDUSBC Queens format will change in the 2013-14 season. The event will become a two-day event, with qualifying on Saturday and match play on Sunday. Qualifying will be eight games of qualifying in two squads of four games each. The top 16 will return on Sunday for single game, double elimination to crown the champion. The entry fee will be adjusted to accommodate the additional games and be announced later.

Thanks to Turbo 2-N-1 Grips for sponsoring the Junior Masters, Super Senior Masters, Queens, Masters and Senior Masters. Red Robin Restaurants sponsors the Masters and Senior Masters. Their support is very much appreciated.

The 2014-15 tournament sites have been awarded as follows: *Adult/Youth* — Salt River Lanes, *Junior Masters* — Indian Lanes, *Super Senior Masters* — Shelby Lanes, *Queens* — Ford Lanes, *500 Club* — Century Bowl, *Youth City* — Sunnybrook Lanes, *Masters* — Shore Lanes, *Senior*

Masters — Airway Lanes, *Open and Women's Championships* — Sterling Lanes, *Senior Team* — Thunderbowl Lanes.

Just a reminder on the sites for upcoming 2013-14 season. *Adult/Youth* — Taylor Lanes, *Junior Masters* — Astro Lanes, *Super Senior Masters* — Belmar Lanes, *Queens* — Astro Lanes, *500 Club* — Wonderland Lanes, *Youth City* — Sunnybrook Lanes, *Masters* — Taylor Lanes, *Senior Masters* — Classic Lanes, *Open and Women's Championships* — Taylor Lanes, *Senior Team* - Sterling Lanes.

Many of you may have heard that the Special Achievement awards will become a responsibility of each local association in the 2014-15 season for adults and youth. The awards program for the 2013-14 season will remain unchanged, however there will be significant changes in the 2014-15 season. Look for a survey in your e-mail box at the beginning of the next season to help MDUSBC create a program that members are looking for. We can only do it with your help.

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• I HAVE BEEN involved at the association level since 1985. Back then, the WIBC dues were probably \$6, not sure. But the question that we as leaders have always been asked is, "What do we get for our money?"

Why should leagues "sanction?" It has always been a challenge. And at that time, the associations and the proprietors were not on the same page; therefore, some proprietors did not support sanctioning of leagues, and even went as far as to provide their own awards to those unsanctioned leagues.

Well, as the saying goes, we've come a long way, baby! I do believe that the relationship between USBC and BPAA is the best it has ever been. This is evident by the joint efforts going on at the International Bowling Campus, and most strongly by the IBC Youth department and committee. This is of the utmost importance, since the youth are the future of this sport, if it is to have a future. And I believe it does. But that future cannot look as it has in the past.

We do not pay \$6 anymore to a women's organization. We now pay \$10 to an organization that services women, men and youth and is the national governing body for the sport of bowling. While many do not see value in being the NGB, but being recognized by the USOC as the governing body

of our sport is extremely important. Supporting the NGB of any sport is invaluable. Many belong to USGA as golfers, which I believe is about \$35 and you receive a bag tag for your golf bag. That is about it. But that money supports so much for the game of golf.

So what do we get for that \$10?

Rules of the game, equipment specifications and certifications of pins, bowling balls, lanes, lane conditioner, certified averages, bonding of our

leagues, national tournaments, member rewards, bowl.com, youth development and the SMART Fund which administers scholarships, BOWLTV, the Bowler's Journal interactive magazine.

Also, we support Team USA, provide an annual convention to association delegates, Registered Volunteer Program that keeps our kids safe from predators, field staff, webinars, group tax exemption for associations, IT support for Winlabs for processing membership, and supporting charities such as BVL (Brightening Veteran's Lives), Bowl for the Cure, Special Olympics, etc.

The biggest change of all, of course, has been the announcement of the elimination of special achievement awards. The "one size fits all" approach was not working. What works here in Detroit, may not work in Wyoming or Florida. Awards are perceived to have a low value. These awards will now be administered by the local associations. No one knows OUR bowlers better than we do. So in the fall, a survey will be sent out to the MDUSBC bowlers asking for feedback with regard to awards as we prepare for the 2014-15 season. When you receive this survey in your e-mail box, please take the time to respond so we know what you expect from your local association.

Change is never easy, but it is certain.

Bowling has been at a steady decline of around 6% each year for about 20-25 years. We can no longer keep trying to do business as we did in the 1980s when bowling was at its heyday. We need to move forward and be a strong national governing body of the sport. We have a responsibility to the youth who enjoy this sport and are better trained and equipped as athletes than some of us ever were! That was evident when the Junior Gold athletes were here last month.

I believe in supporting USBC and I cannot imagine what this sport would be like if we had no rules governing the sport, equipment, lanes, etc. It would not be a sport at all.

We lose 6% of our membership each year, but statistics show that we get 20-25%

new bowlers each year. We need to keep those new bowlers. We need to welcome them, teach them, and get them into leagues that fit their demographic and ability. If everyone brought in ONE new bowler who didn't bowl last year, we would double our membership.

Metro Detroit USBC will continue to serve our members to the best of our ability. We will listen to your suggestions with regard to all of the changes coming in the next year. As the Awards chairman, I welcome any and all suggestions and ideas that we can review on your behalf.

Please e-mail me at libbi.fletcher@mdusbc.com

Thanks for being a member of Metro Detroit USBC and USBC.

Walter Ray Williams Jr. Wins PBA50 Open Title

HAMMOND, Ind. (Aug. 8, 2013) — Reigning PBA50 Tour Player of the Year Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla., defeated Mark Williams — no relation — of Beaumont, Texas, 217-198, to win the PBA50 Tour South Shore Open presented by DV8 at Olympia Lanes.

Helped by Mark's pocket 7-10 split in the 10th frame, Walter Ray completed a come-from-behind victory to win his third PBA50 Tour title of the year, the seventh PBA50 Tour title of his career, and he expanded his points lead to 18 points over Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli in the PBA50 Player of the Year race with only two tournaments remaining in the 2013 season. Walter Ray Williams, who owns a record 47-time PBA Tour titles, never led in the title match until throwing three strikes in a row in the eighth, ninth and 10th frames to erase Mark Williams' early lead.

The top three players in PBA50 Tour points also competing for earn berths in the ESPN-televised PBA50 Tour Finals, a new special event that will be conducted during the PBA World Series of Bowling V at South Point Hotel, Casino and Bowling Center in Las Vegas in early November.

The PBA50 Tour completes its 2013 season with the Decatur Open presented by Brunswick at Spare Time Lanes in Decatur, Ill., Sunday through Tuesday, Aug. 13, followed by the Treasure Island Resort and Casino Open presented by Motiv at Island Xtreme Bowl in Welch, Minn., Aug. 18-21.

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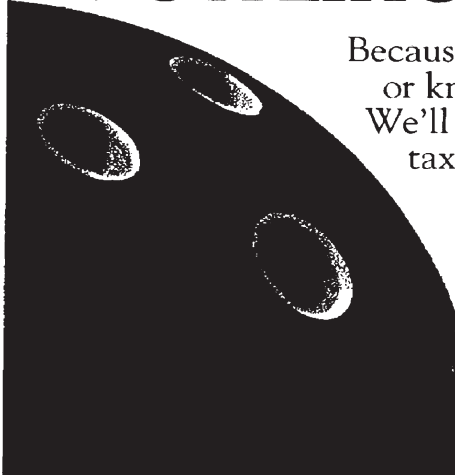
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Getting Your Equipment Ready for League Play

TIPS FROM THE PROS



By CHERYL DANIELS

Member of the Professional Women's Bowling Association

• THIS WEEK's tip column is covering equipment for league play. Obviously depending on your skill level and the type of competitive situation you are in will determine how much and what kind of equipment you will need. The higher the stakes

the more demanding your knowledge of equipment will become.

In most league situations, three to four balls is enough if the lanes you bowl on are fairly consistent. I usually keep a few more in the car, just in case. I suggest always having a harder plastic or shiny regular, less aggressive urethane ball for 10-pins for righties and 7-pins for lefties.

Today's reactive resin and now particle shell balls dominate the market. In terms of reactive resin and particle shell balls, they come in either solid coverstock or pearlized coverstock. Reactive resin balls have a very aggressive back end reaction, whereas particle shell balls tend to roll heavier in the mid-lane (the area just past the arrows and before the backend). The pearlized coverstock balls are naturally more shiny in appearance with swirls and give you more skid in the front of the lane.

When there is less head oil in the heads (first 15 feet), you will probably want to use a pearlized shell to get more length before it starts hooking. If you bowl on very oily lanes, you will need a more aggressive ball in a solid shell coverstock that is dull to semi-dull.

In the final analysis, your choice of equipment should be determined by the lane conditions you bowl on. I suggest: one reactive resin in a solid shell, one particle shell in a solid shell, one pearlized reactive resin

and one plastic or hard shell urethane.

Q: How do I keep from getting nervous when I am on a string of strikes and have a chance to shoot 300?

A: We all get nervous, it is a natural human reaction. The key is to remain in the same frame of mind you were in when you threw the first few strikes. Everyone has keys to their game, such as staying down, extending through your target, etc. Try to concentrate on what helps you to make good

shots and let that be your focal point. Re-play in your mind your good shots and capture what it feels like to your body. Don't focus on whether or not you carry your next shot, but on your execution of that shot. That you can control.

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USBC to Change High Score Awards

ARLINGTON, Texas — Starting August 1, 2014, the high score awards given to United States Bowling Congress adult members for a 300 game, 800 series or 900 series will become once-in-a-lifetime awards. This change comes as part of USBC's strategy to focus resources on national governing body services.

As part of the change to the high score awards program, any USBC member who received an award in one of the high score achievement categories as an adult prior to August 1, 2014, will not receive an award for that achievement again.

"With this change, USBC takes another meaningful step toward our vision of redefining the organization," USBC President Andrew Cain said. "I want to clearly emphasize that cost savings was only a small factor in the board's decision-making process approving the change. This is primarily about a philosophical shift to make USBC membership about supporting and protecting the sport.

"The board believes this adjustment to the high score awards program provides a good balance of preserving an organizational tradition while moving toward USBC's vision for the future."

The 11-in-a-row award also will be eliminated as part of the changes. All 300 games and 800 series at the USBC Open and Women's Championships will continue to be recognized and are not considered part of the once-in-a-lifetime policy.

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Toby Sidle Wins First MMBA Title at Galaxy Lanes in Grand Blanc

• THE BUDWEISER Michigan Majors Bowling Association's first stop after our summer break was at Galaxy Lanes in Grand Blanc on Saturday, Aug. 17.

There were quite a few first-timers who entered this tournament, and one bowler took full advantage of their opportunity. Toby Sidle of Saginaw, bowling in his first Michigan Majors event, led the six-game qualifying round and never looked back, defeating Lonnie Jones of Ann Arbor, 227-192, in the championship match.

Sidle received a check for \$1,000 and a beautiful plaque provided by Galaxy Lanes. Jones settled for second place and received a check for \$500.



By KEN WYATT

*Executive Director,
Michigan Majors
Bowling Association*

Sidle led the field of 49 entries with an impressive six-game qualifying round of 1343 on a demanding lane condition. This month's tournament featured a modified version of the 2011-2012 PBA World Championship oil pattern and proved to be a great test for shot making. The cut score to make the 12-man semifinal round was 1240.

The stepladder finals began with fifth seed Mike Norris of Melvindale, who has two titles to his credit, meeting J.R. Raymond of Bay City. This match was tight most of

the way until the seventh frame when Raymond left the 6-7-10 and failed to convert.

Norris meanwhile used a three-bagger in frames 5-7 and was able to hang on with a 210-190 victory. Raymond received a check for \$250 for his fifth-place finish.

Norris then met Executive Director of the MMBA Ken Wyatt in match two. Norris started strong with strikes in five of his first six frames and never looked back, defeating Wyatt, 247-177. Wyatt finished fourth and received \$300 for his efforts.

Lonnie Jones of Ann Arbor was Norris' opponent in match three. Both players started slow with opens early in the game, but Jones was able to catch a couple doubles down the stretch while Norris struggled all game trying to find the pocket. Jones came out on top with a 198-167 win. Norris received a check for \$350 for his third-place finish.

Jones, looking for his first MMBA title, met Toby Sidle in the championship match. Jones missed the 6-10 spare in the second frame and that proved to be a costly mistake as this match was close all the way. Sidle struck in frames 5-7 but left a 10-pin in the eighth. Jones struck in the eighth and ninth frames to tighten the match up.

Sidle stepped in the ninth frame and struck, setting up the important 10th frame. Needing a strike and good count to shut out Jones, Sidle got a great break as he came up light in the pocket and tripped the 2-pin for a strike. Sidle then got a nine count and a spare to finish with a 227-192 victory. A

disappointed Jones, just looking for a chance to step up and win in the 10th, settled for second place and a check for \$500.

Thanks again to Ken Hochstein and his staff at Galaxy Lanes for their continued support of the Michigan Majors. A Big thank you also goes out to Fabiano Brothers Distributor, who not only sponsored this tournament, also provided Budweiser t-shirts and other items for the bowlers and guests who attended.

Our next tournament will be held at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing with a start time of 11 a.m.

• THE FINAL standings at Galaxy Lanes:

Toby Sidle (Saginaw) \$1,000, Lonnie Jones (Ann Arbor) \$500, Mike Norris (Melvindale) \$350, Ken Wyatt (Sterling Heights) \$300, J.R. Raymond (Bay City) \$250, Harry Sullins (Chesterfield Twp.) \$180, Jeff Grego (Fort Wayne, Ind.) \$140, Eddie Grace (Howell) \$130, Frank Snodgrass (Roseville) \$120, Steve Murnighan (Fowlerville) \$110, Corey Miller (Grand Blanc) \$105, Justin Crosby (Holly) \$100.

• FOR INFORMATION on participation or joining the Budweiser Michigan Majors, contact the tournament Office at (586) 871-7651 or visit the official website at www.michiganmajors.com.

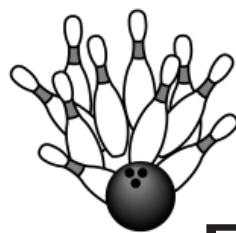


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Bowling's Origins Traced Back to Egyptian Times

Fact. Almost 70 million people in the United States bowl during a year.

Fact. More than three million compete regularly in league play certified by the United States Bowling Congress. Staff at USBC Headquarters in Arlington, Texas, works closely with about 4,000 local associations to serve the three million members.

Bowling has soared into the upper echelon of sports, setting a steady pace by blending strong organization with modern centers in which to participate. Although the

sport now appeals to people from all walks of life, entering a bowling center today would give few clues to its origin.

Bowling has been traced to articles found in the tomb of an Egyptian child buried in 5200 B.C. The primitive implements included nine pieces of stone at which a stone "ball" was rolled, the ball having first to roll through an archway made of three pieces of marble.

Another ancient discovery was the Polynesian game of ula maika, also utiliz-

ing pins and balls of stone. The stones were to be rolled at targets 60 feet away, a distance which today still is one of the basic regulations of tenpins.

Bowling at pins probably originated in ancient Germany, not as a sport but as a religious ceremony. Martin Luther is credited with settling on nine as the ideal number of pins.

The game moved throughout Europe, the Scandinavian countries, and finally to the United States, with the earliest known reference to bowling at pins in America made by author Washington Irving about 1818 in "Rip Van Winkle."

The game was being played throughout the world and rules were different almost everywhere. Even basic equipment was not the same. In fact, why and when the extra pin was added from the European game of ninepins to the American game of tenpins still is a mystery.

Regardless of how the game came into



being, it became so popular by mid-19th century that indoor lanes were being built throughout Manhattan and the Bronx and on westward, in Syracuse, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Chicago, Milwaukee and other cities with large German popu-

lations.

In 1875, delegates from nine bowling clubs in New York and Brooklyn met in Germania Hall in the Bowery and organized the National Bowling Association. This was the first attempt to bring order out of chaos.

Disagreement raged between East and West, principally the alignment of New York State bowlers against everyone else to the west. On Sept. 9, 1895, the American Bowling Congress was organized in Beethoven Hall in New York City.

A group of 40 women, encouraged by proprietor Dennis J. Sweeney of St. Louis, met at Sweeney's establishment in 1916 and formed what was known as the Women's International Bowling Congress.

'Junior Golds' Set Record in Detroit Area

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dinators, to the bowling centers and youth coaches, can take pride in helping push this tournament to new levels of participation. Our sponsors also have been an integral part of making these events tremendously successful."

The program also set several records in 2013. A record 4,376 youth bowlers were Junior Gold members, a nine-percent increase over 2012, and the program saw 507 bowling centers play host to 1,070 Junior Gold competitions — both records.

The first Junior Gold tournament, called the USA Junior Gold National Bowling Championships, was held in 1998 at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev., and drew 538 participants. The North Pointe Junior Gold Championships was created when the Bowling Proprietors' of America North Pointe High School Championships and the USBC Junior Gold Championships were merged into one national singles championship event with four divisions — U20 boys, U20 girls, U15 boys, U15 girls. The first North Pointe Junior Gold Championships took place in 2012.

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