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Bowling's Popularity Soaring

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

Almost two million compete regularly in league play certified by the United States Bowling Congress. Staff at USBC Headquarters in Arlington, Texas, works closely with about 3,000 local associations to serve its many members.

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 utilizing 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 Washing-

ton 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, Chi-

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IN THE NEWS

Robin Romeo Wins Senior Queens

RENO, Nev. — United States Bowling Congress Hall-of-Famer Robin Romeo of Newhall, Calif., made her way through the stepladder finals to capture the coveted tiara at the 2014 USBC Senior Queens presented by Storm.

The 57-year-old right-hander defeated fellow hall-of-famer and top seed Tish Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colo., 241-188, to take home the \$3,500 top prize at the National Bowling Stadium. It was her first victory in more than 30 years of USBC Queens and Senior Queens competition.

Romeo opened Thursday's stepladder finals with a 217-191 victory over USBC Hall-of-Famer and defending champion Lucy Sandelin of Tampa, Fla. She then bested 2011 Senior Queens champion Paula Vidad of Sun City, Calif., 234-191, to set up the meeting with Johnson, who was the No. 1 seed for the second consecutive year.

The final match was tightly-contested until the seventh frame, when Johnson left the 4-6-10 split and was unable to convert it. As she stepped up for her final frame, Johnson still had the chance to put pressure on Romeo, but a 7-10 split gave Romeo the win and Johnson her second runner-up finish in her three Senior Queens appearances.

USBC Women's Championships Comes to a Close In Reno

RENO, Nev. — The two-year run of the United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center came to a close as the final squad of the 2014 event stepped off the championship lanes.

The 81-day event kicked off April 11 and ushered in a new era in the tournament's 95-year history, switching from five-player to four-player teams for the first time. The 2014 USBC Women's Championships also featured new divisions and an all-scratch format for the first time since 2009. During the 2014 event, six competitors joined the exclusive 50-Year Club, and five bowlers rolled perfect games, the most in tournament history, bringing the all-time total to 25.

Two of the five bowlers who rolled perfect games, USBC Hall of Famers Lynda Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, and Jeanne Naccarato of Tacoma, Wash., used the momentum from their big games to put themselves in position to capture titles at the 2014 tournament.

The 2014 event marked the second consecutive year the Women's Championships was held at the RSCC and third of four consecutive visits to The Biggest Little City in the World. The 2015 tournament will be held at the nearby National Bowling Stadium alongside the new USBC Mixed. Registration for both events now is open.

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Pete Weber Wins
4th 'Best Bowler'
ESPY Award

PBA Hall-of-Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., won his fourth Best Bowler ESPY Award during the 22nd annual ESPY Awards ceremony at the Nokia Theater in downtown Los Angeles.

Weber was the leading vote-getter among Best Bowler candidates Jason Belmonte, Wes Malott and Sean Rash, who attended the event with his wife Sara and father Gene Rash. ESPN awards for a variety of sports categories and special moments are determined by fan voting on espn.com.

Weber, who previously won the Best Bowler ESPY in 2002, 2004 and 2013, won after completing the PBA's Triple Crown for a second time, winning the USBC Senior Masters title — a PBA50 Tour major — and earning PBA50 Rookie of the Year honors.

"It's not necessarily based on whoever did the best bowling because Belmo should have won, hands down," Weber said, "But that just goes to show I have more fans around the world than he does."

"That said, it's absolutely a nice thing," he added. "I'm honored, I'm humbled, I'm grateful, all of the above. It's neat to see I actually do have that many fans."

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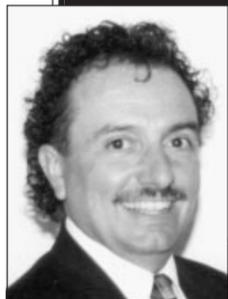
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METRODETROIT USBC NEWS

By Association Manager
Mark A. Martin

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wide distribution has dwindled dramatically.

Each league secretary should check with their center to determine if the center will be hosting a center-only distribution night. In those cases all of the supplies will be given out at that center by MDUSBC representatives.

For those leagues where the center will not be hosting a center-only event, the supplies can be picked up at the MDUSBC office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. If this is inconvenient please call the association office to make other arrangements.

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NEW AWARDS PROGRAM FOR 2014-15

- THE METRO Detroit USBC has developed a new awards program for the 2014-

15 season to include recognition for members of all averages. This will also include an optional premium honor score awards program with crystal awards.

The following accomplishments will be recognized with a pen:

- 200 Game for bowlers averaging 150 and under
- 500 Series for bowlers averaging 135 and under
- 600 Series for bowlers averaging 165 and under
- 700 Series for bowlers averaging 200 and under

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

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

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

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

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

upgrade, they can still get the crystal award for \$30 for each honor score achievement.

Here's what the Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC) provides as part of your annual \$20 membership in addition to the items that USBC provides:

Customer Service — MDUSBC has a full time staff to answer any questions that may arise in your league. Our staff can answer questions about rules, bonding and most everything else bowling you can think of.

Volunteers — MDUSBC has volunteers to visit bowling centers, tournaments, leagues and members presenting awards, helping resolve problems and communicating programs. Want to help? We are always looking for dedicated people willing to volunteer their time, just gives us a call.

Delivery System — MDUSBC delivers and picks up from each MDUSBC bowling center on a weekly basis during the months of August through May. This provides convenience and a savings to league secretaries in turning in their paperwork and getting their awards for their members in a timely manner.

Leading awards program — MDUSBC provides recognition to its members for their achievements. These are average-based awards that are designed to be real accomplishments.

mdusbc.com — The official website of the Metro Detroit USBC. A source for all local bowling events.

Michigan Kingpins — MDUSBC is the proud leading supporter of the monthly
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• HISTORICALLY the Metro Detroit USBC and former organizations have set aside dates to distribute supplies to leagues for the upcoming seasons. This year there will be no set dates for distribution.

Due to the fact that half of the centers within MDUSBC host their own distribution school for their leagues, only the leagues which would attend the association-

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4/26/14	WAYNE BOWL	10 AM
5/31/14	COUNTRY LANES	10 AM
6/28/14	OAK LANES	10 AM
JULY	STERLING LANES	10 AM
8/23/14	WONDERLAND LANES	10 AM
9/27/14	HAZEL PARK BOWL	10 AM
10/25/14	CHERRY HILL LANES	10 AM
11/22/14	THUNDERBOWL LANES	10 AM
12/6/14	PLAZA LANES	10 AM
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the entire state board of directors, as well as others, to a Tiger game on August 17th! Welcome to the "D" and Go Tigers!

Most importantly, August is a time of league officer workshops at many of our centers. If you are a league officer, please take the time to attend these workshops to learn of the changes from the local and national level.

USBC now awards 300 and 800 awards for first-time recipients only, but Metro Detroit USBC has a

new awards program, as well as a new membership package offering. Please see Mark Martin's column for more information, as well as attending a workshop at your center. If your center does not conduct a workshop, please review your league secretary packets provided and call our office if you have questions about this exciting offering.

August also brings about two very exciting tournaments in our market: the Thunderbowl Open tournament the weekend of August 15th and 16th which is managed by Novella Daniels and Angela Wilt, followed by the best kick-off tradition in bowling, the Gavie Tournament!

This tournament is always a sell-out and just a wonderful time to reconnect with the amazing people involved in the bowling industry in the Bowling Capital of the World! This year's honorees are Mike Derousie in the Senior Division, Dave Eatmon in the Open Division and Anita Maiorana in the Women's Division. Thanks to each of you for all you do for the sport of bowling.

If your league would like a representative at your league meeting, please notify our office and we will assist in any way that we can. If you are successful, we are all successful!

See you in the centers!

• THE SUMMERS sure go by quickly, don't they? The Metro Detroit USBC has already held our meeting for our lane representatives as well as our initial board meeting to prepare for the new season.

Although we provide a new delivery service to the centers, we can certainly still use some dedicated people who would like to represent MDUSBC on a more personal level to our centers. If you are interested, please contact Mark Martin at our office to see how you can help.

Congratulations to the six ladies who represented MDUSBC at the BPAA All-Star tournament in Rockford recently. We are very proud of all of you, and it sure was nice watching ladies bowling on bowlTV... more to come hopefully!

Congratulations to Mark Martin, Scott McLeod and the entire team who brought home the 2016 Michigan State BA state tournament! The tournament will be held at Century Lanes and Waterford Lanes in Waterford for about 17 weekends! We will be accepting help to make this tournament successful, but more importantly, let's get more bowlers to participate in the tournament!

Speaking of the Michigan BA tournament, as part of the bid Mark has invited

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Accessory Kit a Must for Your Equipment Bag

TIPS FROM THE PROS



By CHERYL DANIELS
Member of the Professional Women's Bowling Association

• THIS ISSUE I will cover learning to customize your ball surface for the lane conditions you bowl on. Every serious league bowler should have an accessory kit which includes scissors, bowler's tape, easy slide, a towel, sandpaper or "Scotch-Brite" pads of different grits and some kind of skin protector patch for calluses. Keeping an acces-

sory kit with these items will prepare you for most situations.

In bowling, the biggest influence in determining whether your ball is going to hook or not is the surface of your bowling ball. Learning to match your ball surface to the conditions is very important in controlling your hook or lack of hook.

When you buy bowling equipment, some balls have a shiny surface and some balls have a dull or semi-dull finish. Balls that have a shiny appearance have been polished or waxed and will skid longer. Wax or polish fills the pores in the shell of the ball and coats the ball surface reducing the lane friction, thus producing more skid. Whereas a dull ball finish is achieved by sanding the surface with sandpaper or "Scotch-Brite" pads. The dull surface is rougher and will produce more friction thus gripping the lane surface more and producing more hook.

If you bowl in a center that uses a heavy oil pattern, you should use a ball with more "surface." Most pro shops use different grits of sandpaper to achieve more or less hook. A sandpaper that is a 320 or 400 grit is used for oily lanes and a 500 to 600 grit is more for medium oiled lanes. When the lanes are very

dry, your local pro shop can use very fine grits of sandpaper like 1000 and 1200 grit along with different polishes to shine your equipment or you can put your equipment in a "Lustre King" (if you can find one that works).

When you need to scuff your ball on your own, I suggest using "Scotch-Brite" sanding pads that you can get from your local hardware store and keep in your accessory bag. "Scotch-Brite" pads can be found in a green pad (400 grit), burgundy pad (500 grit), grey pad (600 grit), and a white pad (1000 grit). During your warm-up before competition begins you can alter your surface by using the different pads.

When you sand or scuff up the ball surface, the WIBC and ABC rule requires you sand the entire surface of the ball. Sometimes just a little more "surface" can make a big difference in getting your ball to break at the right point. ABC and WIBC rules will not allow you to alter your surface once competi-



tion begins.

Q: What exercises are good for bowling?

A: If you are a serious bowler who competes in long format tournaments, I suggest incorporating a fitness workout program with a personal trainer. I have personally belonged to a gym or health club for many years and currently work with per-trainer Dave Davis at "Tel-Ex Powerhouse Gym" in Southfield.

Bowlers should focus on building strong legs (leg curls, leg extensions, leg press, etc.). Most women should do exercises to strengthen their wrists (wrist curls). Bowlers should try to do exercises that don't build a lot of bulk and inhibit mobility. Remember to always consult a physician before beginning an exercise program.

◆ Send Questions to Cheryl Daniels, P.O. Box 252, Novi, MI 48376 or e-mail me at "shebe@freeway.net" or visit my website at www.cheryldaniels.com.

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Day	League Name	Number of Bowlers	Time
Sunday	Sunday Gents — Mens (Individual Cap — 227)	3	9:45 a.m.
	S.A.M.T. — Mixed (Individual Cap — 210)	5 (2 Females Required)	1:45 p.m.
Monday	Local 961 — Mixed (Individual Cap — 210)	5	5:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Tuesday Night Mixers (Individual Cap — 210)	5	6:15 p.m.
	Post Office — Mixed (Team Cap)	5 (Any Combination)	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Mod Squad — Ladies	3	9:15 a.m.
	Pinstrikers — Seniors	4	9:45 a.m.
	Wednesday Night Mixed	4	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Early Risers — Seniors	4	9:45 a.m.
	Thursday Mixers — Mixed	4	
Friday	Silver Streaks — Seniors	4	12:45 p.m.
	Vegas — Mixed (Individual Cap — 205)	4	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Strike Force — Mixed	3-4	11:00 a.m.
	Metro Caum — Mixed	4	3:15 p.m.
	Saturday Special — Mixed	4	6:45 p.m.

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**ASK ABOUT OUR
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LEAGUES**



How Many Bowling Leagues Are Unsanctioned?

• **IDLE BOWLING** thoughts:
How many bowling leagues are unsanctioned? No one really knows, but every one should care. More sanction fees mean more money in the budget for worthy projects to keep bowlers, create more bowlers, meaning more interest in the sport, more business for bowling proprietors and more numbers to present to potential sponsors who then might spend more money in bowling.

...One of the not remembered enough major events in bowling TV history was the \$50,000 win of Carolyn Anderton in a winner-take-all match play feature nationally telecast by CBS. The announcers were Brent Musburger, Phyllis George and Telly Savalas.

...Before Mel Allen took over as the host of the popular Jackpot Bowling TV show, the lead announcer was another man of great baseball notice — Leo Durocher

...Take in a senior pro tournament, national or regional, and more often than not, there will be a sprinkling of all-time greats who still bowl well and with the same style as ever. "Only one problem," said one of the veterans. "I roll the ball a lot harder — and it goes slower."

...Mike Aulby has always followed a simple code, just try to bowl a little better every time you bowl.

...There is always a buzz when star bowlers blow what is considered an easy spare conversion. Too many average bowlers, and some good ones

too, have trouble in building confidence in shooting at single-pin spares — particularly the end pins. Top spare shooters advise that on single-pin spares to roll the ball faster and straighter.

...You can never tell about lane conditions and what effect they may have. There have been weeks on the national pro tour TV finals four top stars averaged a mere 201. And a week later, with four top stars again, they averaged 262.

...There is no bowling crisis, major or minor, local or national, to which bowling will not respond to with a meeting, a con-



By CHUCK PEZZANO

Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

ference or a seminar.

...Records are made to be broken though some can only be tied. But the Johnny Petraglia astounding career mark of at least one national title in the past six decades is one that could stand for a lot of years into forever. One of the first hurdles is to remain healthy enough over those many years.

...No sport brings male and female bowlers closer in competitive and social settings better than bowling, for people of all ages for amazing long times.

...My first heroes in bowling were Andy Varipapa, Junie McMahon, Lou Campi, Lindy Faragalli and Marion Ladewig. Who were yours?

...I like the story about the two men, one an ardent but struggling bowler and the other an average working man, who each won five million dollars in a lottery. When asked what they planned to do with the money, the working man said he was going to quit his job, spend a lot of time fishing and playing golf and take life easy, living on his new found wealth. The bowler scratched his head, thought a bit, then said, "I guess I'll just keep bowling in every tournament I can — until the money runs out."

Bowling's Popularity Soaring

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cago, Milwaukee and other cities with large German populations.

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.

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