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Three New Bowlers Elected to 2015 USBC Hall of Fame Class

ARLINGTON, Texas — The United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame will induct three new members in 2015 — all in the Outstanding USBC Performance category — after their election by the USBC Hall of Fame Committee this week.

Four-time USBC Open Championships titlist Gus Yannaras of

Waukesha, Wis., and two-time champion Sam Lantto of Eden Prairie, Minn., will join some of their teammates in the USBC Hall of Fame, while the late Fritzie Rahn of Chicago, an eight-time winner at the USBC Women's Championships, was elected posthumously.

The committee also slated

seven bowlers for the Superior Performance national ballot to be voted on by a panel of USBC Hall of Fame members, board members and veteran bowling writers.

On the men's ballot are Larry

Laub, Lincoln, Calif.; David Ozio and Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas; Randy Pedersen, Clermont, Fla.; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas; and Danny Wiseman, Bal-

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Harry Sullins Wins PBA50 Midwest/Central Open

Five-time PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour winner Harry Sullins, who also goes by the moniker "The Legend," isn't letting the grass grow under his feet.

Recently, Sullins defeated Tim Kauble of Marion, Ohio, 218-188, to win the PBA50 Victory Lanes Midwest/Central Open in Kankakee, Ill., for his sixth PBA50 Regional title of the year and a \$1,600 payday.

When not competing full time on the PBA50 Tour, the Chesterfield Twp., Mich., resident is a weekend warrior who fills his schedule with regular and PBA50 Regional tournaments. During his years as a PBA Tour regular, Sullins competed in 403 national tour stops, but since becoming eligible for PBA50 competition in 2007, he has experienced a resurgence in his professional career, especially at the regional level where he is his trying to build another "legendary" resume.

At the regional level, he has bowled in 14 PBA50 events this year (plus two standard regionals against "the kids").

"I still want to win every tournament I bowl in," said the 57-year-old Sullins, who won the PBA50 World Championship during the first PBA World Series of Bowling in 2009. "My goal is to get to 20 PBA50 regional titles before anyone else and see how far I can take it after that."

Sullins, who plans to bowl one more PBA50 Regional in December, now has 17 PBA50 Regional titles including his win in Kankakee, Ill., on Sunday, Nov. 9. He also has won 12 regular PBA Regional titles.



IN THE NEWS

Larry Walker Tops 'Old-Timers'

• LARRY WALKER of Garden City, 58, topped the 84th annual Detroit Old Timers Tournament at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park on Nov. 29. Walker had games of 246-300-290 for a whopping score of 836.

There were 351 entrants and seven age brackets. The winners in each bracket win a watch and the others a plaque. The oldest bowlers this year were Jack Dahlstrom and Otto Sash, both 90 years young.

The winners in each bracket: 40-49 — Garrett Nagle 779, Robert Chuba 749, Darrin Oliver 740; 50-59 — Larry Rychart 735, Steve Shaw 726, Keith Caldwell 717; 60-64 — Chuck Graddick 772, Mike Raleigh 695, Robert Slayden 693; 65-69 — Ed DeBlock 737, Dennis Muller 719, James Burroughs 699; 70-74 — John Parafinowicz 707, Robert Szachta 676, Garrett DeMeulenare 674; 75-79 — Millard Whittaker 643, Joe Sachowski 641, Gary Nagle 626; 80-plus — Gil Weems 639, Gerald Cole 617, Ernie Segura Sr. 617.

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World Cup Titles

WROCLAW, Poland — Team USA's Chris Barnes put on a dominant performance in the final round as he claimed the 50th QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup men's title.

Entering the finals as the No. 3 seed, Barnes swept the semifinal and the final, 2-0, in the best-of-three format at Sky Bowling Center. Clara Guerrero of Colombia won the women's title.

In the championship match, Barnes took down top seed Tobias Bording of Germany in consecutive games, 269-248 and 231-216. Needing two strikes in the final frame for the shut out, Barnes tossed a perfect first shot and came up light but carried the 8-pin late for the second strike.

On the women's side, Guerrero won a hard-fought match against Malaysia's Li Jane Sing, 2-1, to take the title.

Guerrero won the first game, 239-234, dropped the second game, 257-243, and won the deciding game, 265-211.

The World Cup is considered one of the sport's most prestigious singles titles and drew bowlers from 85 countries, making it the largest event in the sport in terms of number of countries competing.

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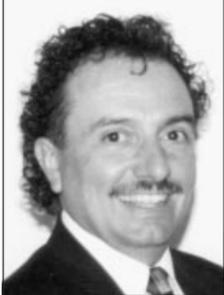
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METRODETROIT USBC NEWS

By Association Manager
Mark A. Martin

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board, electing two youth representatives to the board of directors, electing state delegates to the respective state meetings and electing delegates to the USBC Annual Meeting.

Anyone desiring to run for any of the positions should visit www.mdusbc.com to obtain an application to be forwarded to the nominating committee. You can also call the MDUSBC office for an application.

• THE ANNUAL meeting of the Metro Detroit USBC will be held on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 5 p.m. at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center in Warren.

All members of the Metro Detroit USBC Association are eligible to attend the meeting. All adults and youth over the age of 14 are eligible to vote.

On the agenda are reports on the progress the MDUSBC has made during the previous year, electing six adult members of the

LEAGUE 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.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE MDUSBC

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Officers and Office Staff of the Metro Detroit USBC Association, I would like to extend holiday greetings to all of you. This is the time of year when we all enjoy family related activities, while celebrating the holidays in our own way. I hope that this holiday season is a joyful one for you and your family.

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.

As of this writing there are still 109 leagues that existed in the 2013-14 season that have not filed their certification for the 2014-15 season.

STATE TOURNAMENTS CLOSING DATES

• THE METRO Detroit USBC Association needs your help in increasing the entry into the state tournaments.

The Michigan State USBC Women's Championship deadline is Jan. 14, 2015.

The tournament will begin Feb. 7 at M-66 Bowl and Nottke's Bowl in Battle Creek.

The cost is \$25 per person, per event and \$3 for optional all-events. Also available is the optional scratch division, which is \$5 per person, per event. This year, in addition to the five-person team event, there will be a four-person team event.

For more information on reserved dates and times contact Michigan Women's Association Manager Sharon Schildroth at (616) 635-2032.

The Michigan State USBC Open Championship will begin Jan. 10 at Bay Lanes and Monitor Lanes in Bay City.

The cost is \$25 per person, per event and a cost of \$10 for all-events. The optional actual division prize list is \$10 per person per event.

Reserved entries are due by Nov. 29. While the bowling season seems to have just begun these deadlines are fast approaching to act today.

For information on available dates and times call MSBA Association Manager Barney Eagan at (231) 733-5599.

Entry blanks for both tournaments are available in your local bowling center and also at the MDUSBC office.

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Steve Novak Captures First MMBA 'Major' Title at Cherry Hill Lanes

• THE BUDWEISER Michigan Majors Bowling Association Championship Tournament was held on Nov. 15-16 at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights. This is a special weekend for the Michigan Majors, which begins with qualifying for our biggest event of the year on Saturday morning.

The format this year featured eight games of qualifying on Saturday with the top eight bowlers returning Sunday for round robin match play. After Sunday's match play the top four bowlers headed to the stepladder finals to determine the champion. Steve Novak of Bay City, already with two wins in 2014, came out firing strikes in the championship match and never looked back, defeating Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Township, 289-236.

Novak has a chance to tie the record for most titles in one year with a win at the Tournament of Champions to be held Dec. 20th at Westland Bowl in Westland. The only



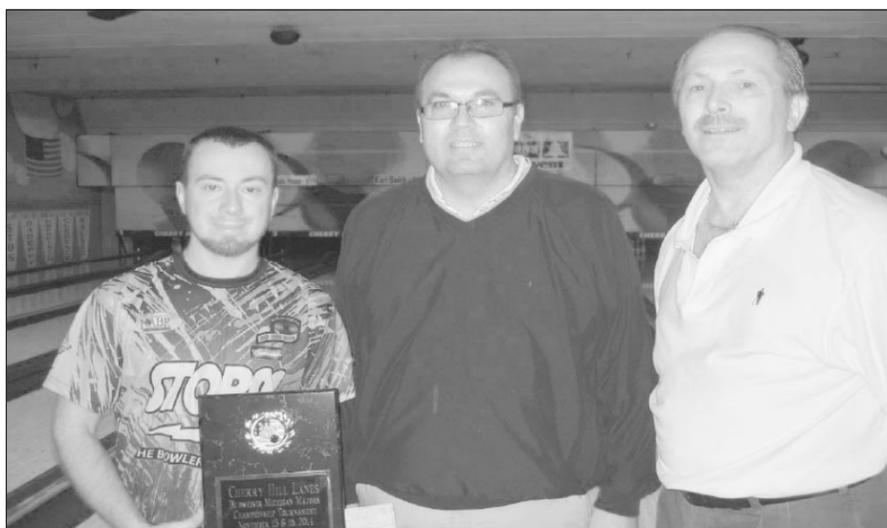
By KEN WYATT

*Executive Director,
Michigan Majors
Bowling Association*

other winners of four titles in one year are Bob Stempien (1985) and Ronnie Sparks Jr. (2013).

Sullins, a member of the MMBA Hall of Fame and winner of five titles, led the qualifying on Saturday with an eight-game total of 1878. Sullins received \$100 and a beautiful plaque provided by Cherry Hill. The cut score to make the eight-man finals was 1753.

The stepladder finals began with fourth seed Mason Brantley of Detroit meeting Novak. Brantley, who earlier in the day fired the only 300 game of the tournament, had carry issues early while Novak was able to take the lead with a three-bagger in frames 3-5. Brantley lost valuable count down the stretch and Novak took advantage. Needing only good count in the 10th frame, Novak doubled to end Brantley's day, 226-201. Brantley received the fourth-place check of \$400 for his efforts.



• **TOURNAMENT CHAMPION Steve Novak (left) and runner-up Harry Sullins (right) are pictured with Cherry Hill Lanes General Manager Dave Hamilton.**

Novak then met second seed George Juszczuk of Dearborn Heights. Juszczuk, who led the eight-game match play most of the day until the final position round game, started strong but ran into opens in frames four and six to even up the match. Novak then put strikes together in frames 7-9 to pull away, 202-177. Juszczuk received \$450 for his third-place finish.

Next up for Novak was No. 1 seed Harry Sullins. Sullins, who overtook Juszczuk on the final game of round robin match play to claim the No. 1 seed, threw nine strikes in the championship match for a score of 236.

Novak, however, saving his best for last, fired out with the front 10 leaving a 10-pin on his 11th shot for 289-236 victory. Novak received the first-place check of \$1,100 and a plaque provided by Cherry Hill Lanes. Sullins received \$550 with his second-place finish. Novak's name will also be engraved on the Ken Charrette trophy.

At our annual banquet that followed qualifying on Saturday, Tony Stipcak was inducted into the Michigan Majors Hall of Fame. A couple other special awards were presented including this year's tournament dedication to Lou and Beryl Ivancik. Lou and Beryl unexpectedly passed away in 2014, a huge loss not only for the Michigan Majors but the Detroit bowling community

as well. Long time MMBA member Ken Ulicny was also presented the Bob Garrett Sportsman Award, given to the member that exemplifies congeniality, neatness and open sportsmanship for his fellow members.

• **THANK YOU** to our sponsors Westside Beer, General Maintenance and Storm Bowling for sponsoring another successful tournament. Our next event will be the third leg of the triple crown — the Tournament of Champions — to be held at Westland Bowl in Westland on Dec. 20th with a starting time of 10 a.m.

• **THE FINAL** standings of the Championship Tournament at Cherry Hill Lanes: Steve Novak (Bay City) \$1,100, Harry Sullins (Chesterfield Twp.) \$550, George Juszczuk (Dearborn Hgts.) \$450, Mason Brantley (Detroit) \$400, Trey Raynes (Westland) \$300, Corey Miller (Grand Blanc) \$275, Kerry Kreft (Warren) \$250, Scott Christie (Southgate) \$225, Mike Norris (Melvindale) \$120.

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2/22/14	ASTRO LANES	10 AM
3/22/14	300 BOWL	10 AM
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
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• THE BOWLING community in Metro Detroit and the state of Michigan is well known for their generosity. Bowling centers large and small as well as leagues big or tiny have always been at the forefront of fundraising for causes with huge or modest needs.

The Metro Detroit USBC Association takes their charity fundraising efforts as a serious aspect of the yearly objection. The MDUSBC raises funds for the Susan G. Komen Foundation through their Bowl for the Cure work.

Participants of the Tom McKay Tournament, formerly known as Steve Cruchon Memorial Tournament, raise funds annually for the Karmanos Cancer Center and the International Bowling Hall of Fame. Last month concluded the major push for BVL (Bowlers to Veterans Link with the new tagline Brightening Veterans Lives) fundraising with an event and lottery raffle sales.

The entire local BVL contribution benefits the John A. Dingell VA Hospital. The previous associations had strong ties to The Capuchin Soup Kitchen and PAL (the Detroit Police Athletic League) to name just a few. Bowlers have always been a generous group and that spirit continues at the holiday time of the year.

In 2007, the brother and sister team of Rob Woelkers and Judy Sadler, proprietors of Biddle Bowl, decided that they wanted to help in their community of Wyandotte. They had always held fundraisers for groups with needs great and small.

This new one however was something they wanted their entire bowling clientele to be able to participate in and to be able to contribute to for the greater community good. Rob and Judy decided to partner with the Wyandotte Goodfellows

and "No Kids without a Christmas." They decided their efforts should start outside of the Christmas season.

The duo held a "Christmas in July" fundraiser and the first year raised \$900. The event included bowling, pizza, and pop and had items for raffle. You probably think this effort was nice but did you know Biddle Bowl is only an eight-lane center? With such a positive result the fundraiser has become an annual event. Since that time a Christmas time raffle has been added to the initiative. This year it is for a 42-inch LED color TV and a \$50 Target gift certificate.

Rob and Judy also ask their leagues to donate a night of their 50/50 proceeds to the cause. Last year's total was a wonderful \$3,700 donation and this year Biddle Bowl and its bowlers are on course for an amount well over the \$4,000 mark. To date, the Biddle Bowl community of bowlers has raised over \$13,000 for the Wyandotte Goodfellows. A little idea from a little place has helped put a huge smile on a lot of little faces Christmas morning.

The bowling community is a generous one and one I am thankful to be part of as a bowler and a MDUSBC board member. Thank you for your generous contributions — big and small — to our efforts and others. To each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and may you roll big scores in 2015. Until next time!



• FROM LEFT: father Bob Woelkers, Judy Sadler, and Rob Woelkers

Three Elected to USBC Hall of Fame

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timore. Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., is the lone competitor on the women's ballot.

No one was elected in the Meritorious Service or Veterans categories this year.

The induction ceremony will take place April 29 at the 2015 USBC Convention in Omaha, Neb., and will include those elected for Superior Performance.

Through 2014, there are 407 members of the USBC Hall of Fame — 271 in Performance, 116 in Meritorious Service and 20 Pioneers.

The USBC Hall of Fame was created in 2005 by merging the former American Bowling Congress and Women's International Bowling Congress Halls of Fame.

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Good Timing Means Arm and Feet Work Together

TIPS FROM THE PROS



By **CHERYL DANIELS**

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ball in motion too soon and they usually lack leverage because they don't have their body set before they deliver the ball. Late timing is when a person carries the ball too long before they get it in motion and usually have a tendency to pull the ball through the downswing. Ideal timing or synchronization is to achieve the happy medium between the two and have the feet and arm work together and not against another.

Correction for Early Timing: If you take four steps, try to concentrate on feeling your heel make contact with the approach and then place the ball in motion fully extending your arm. You will feel like you are stepping under the weight of the ball.

Correction for Late Timing: If you take four steps, anticipate moving the ball sooner, don't wait until you have shifted all of your weight onto your first step and then start moving the ball, it will be too late. Think of moving the ball simultaneously as you take your first step. If you take five steps, nothing happens on the first step, you are just getting your body in motion and then you basically begin your four-step approach as stated above.

Think of a five-step approach as one-plus-four steps. The key is for your steps to be continuous without hesitation. Good timing requires practice and should match up to your style of play.

If you are a power player that hooks the ball a lot, you should probably be more to the late side to give you more time to turn and accelerate through the ball (example: Jason Coach, Robert Smith, Amleto Monacelli, Michele Feldman, etc.). If you are more of a stroker style player you should not be as late with your timing (example: Parker Bohn, Brian Voss, Kim Adler).

Remember to practice on these fundamentals to achieve good timing.

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• WHAT IS "good timing?" Timing is the relationship between the armswing and the footwork.

Good timing means that the arm and the feet work together or are properly synchronized.

If you use a four-step approach, you should be getting the ball in motion with your first step (key step). If you use a five-step approach, you should not get the ball in motion until your second step (key step).

Early timing is when a person gets the

Area's John Ruggiero III Finishes Second in 20th Forty Frame Game Event

Ten finalists from across the country were in Las Vegas, Nov. 7-8th., to compete in the 20th annual Forty Frame Game National Championship bowling tournament.

Players bowled two preliminary rounds narrowing the field to a final six who went head-to-head for the championship at Silver Nugget Casino Bowling Center.

The championship event awards more than \$19,000 to the finalists each year. Matt Wilson of New Marlborough, MA won first place with a score of 1132. The second-place finisher was John Ruggiero III, of Belleville, Mich., with a score of 1034.

Ruggiero qualified for the national finals as the second-place winner in The Forty Frame Game tournament in Toledo, Ohio. He won second place in the National Finals. Ruggiero bowls regularly at Mayflower Lanes, Redford, Mich. The Forty Frame Game is known worldwide for its unique format.

The Forty Frame Game is one game 40 frames long offering bowlers an opportunity to increase or decrease their score through various bonus and/or pitfall frames.

A perfect score in the tournament is 1305. Participants can qualify to bowl in the championship at one of two Forty Frame Game tournament sites — The USBC Open Championship or the original site in Toledo, Ohio.

In 2014, 9400 bowlers from all 50 states and seven foreign countries bowled in the tournament and won \$426,279 in prizes.

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2014 - 2015 Schedule Tournaments & Events



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Annual Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015 - 5 p.m.
DeCarlo's, Warren

Adult / Youth
Oct. 5, 12, 2014
Astro Lanes, Madison Heights

Queens
Oct. 18-19, 2014
Ford Lanes, Dearborn Heights

Super Senior Masters
Nov. 1, 2, 2014
Shelby Lanes, Utica

Youth Tournament
Nov. 9, 16, 23, 2014
Dec. 7, 14, 2014
Sunnybrook Lanes, Sterling Heights

500 Club
Dec. 7, 2014
Century Bowl, Waterford

Masters
Qualifying - Jan. 17, 18, 2015
Match Play - Jan. 24, 25, 2015
Shore Lanes, St. Clair Shores

Senior Masters
Qualifying - Feb. 7, 2015
Match Play - Feb. 8, 14, 2015
Airway Lanes, Waterford

Women's Championship
Feb. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 2015
March 1, 2015
Sterling Lanes, Sterling Heights

Open Championship
Feb. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 2015
March 1, 2015
Sterling Lanes, Sterling Heights

Senior Team
March 7, 14, 21, 2015
Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park

Junior Masters
March 21, 2015
Indian Lanes, Wyandotte

Women's Series
Nov. 9, 2014
Shelby Lanes, Utica

Dec. 14, 2014
Mayflower Lanes, Redford

Jan. 11, 2015
10 Pins of Trenton, Trenton

March 8, 2015
Ford Lanes, Dearborn Heights

April 12, 2015
Shelby Lanes, Utica

May 3, 2015 - Invitational
Woodland Lanes, Livonia



Kingpins 2014-2015 Schedule
Airing Saturdays at 9am on WKBD (CW50)

September 27	January 24
October 25	February 28
November 22	March 28
December 27	April 25



Annual Meeting Jan. 18 at DeCarlo's

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bowled a 500 series in their career, will take place on Sunday, Dec. 7 at Century Bowl in Waterford Township at 12:30 p.m.

The entry fee is \$22.

The Masters will be held at Shore Lanes in St. Clair Shores, located at 31100 Harper Ave. The date for qualifying is Jan. 17-18 with match play on Jan. 24-25.

The entry fee is \$150 with a first prize of \$3,000 and second of \$1,500 based on 140 entries. Ronnie Sparks Jr. is the defending champion.

The field will be limited to the first 160 entries so it is critical for returning entrants to send their entry fee and blank in as soon as it is received.

The Senior Masters will be held at Airway Lanes in Waterford Township, located at 4825 Highland Rd. The date for qualifying is Feb. 7 with match play on Feb. 8 & 14.

Qualifying will be conducted on two squads. Bowlers will have their choice of 8 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

Harry Sullins of Chesterfield is the defending champion. The entry fee is \$120 with a first prize of \$3,000 and a second of \$1,500, based on 140 entries.

The Metro Detroit USBC Association will conduct Annual Women's and Open Championship Tournaments with both starting Saturday, Feb. 7 through March 1 at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights. Squad times are 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

All-events, team, doubles and singles, for both tournaments will be contested at the same site. Handicap is based on 90 percent from 230. Squad organizers of 10 or more teams are eligible for \$10 per team organized. Spots can be paid for by check made out to MDUSBC, VISA or MasterCard. The prize ratio will be at least 1 in 10 entries.

For the Women's Championship there are two average divisions (165 and under and 166 average and up). The cost is \$25 per person, per event and a \$5 all-events fee. The Women's Championship is open to all female members of the MDUSBC who bowled at least 21 games in the 2013-14 season in the Metro Detroit USBC Association or have 21 games or more in the current season in MDUSBC as of the time of bowling.

For the Open Championship the cost is \$25 per person per event and a \$10 all-events fee. There is an optional scratch feature in all of the events at a cost of \$10 per person per event. The Open Championship is open to all members of the MDUSBC who bowled at least 21 games in the 2013-14 season in the Metro Detroit USBC Association or have 21 games or more in the current season in MDUSBC as of the time of bowling.

In the Open Championship bowlers can bowl as many times as they wish in the team, doubles and singles events. They can even bowl with the same exact lineup twice, but only cash once with that lineup. To bowl other times a team can compete by changing two bowlers. In doubles the same two players can bowl together twice, but only cash one. In singles a bowler can only cash once.

For more information on the MDUSBC tournaments, call the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695.

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Bowling balls remain the most well received, and bowling shoes and bags are always popular. Bowling balls come in various weights, cover stocks and more than a dozen colors as well as balls that contain imbedded designs such as cartoon characters, skulls, boxing gloves, roses and other items. They have a price range from \$50 to more than \$200. Shoes also offer a wide variety and can be had for from \$30 to more than \$100.

Because balls and shoes should always be individually fitted, it is best to purchase gift certificates. The beauty of balls and shoes as gifts is that no bowler can ever have too many bowling balls or too many pairs of bowling shoes. And those that don't have any, should.

Bowling bags are available in all styles, colors and materials, and there are bowling bags designed to hold as many as six balls, complete with handles and wheels. Prices go from less than \$20 to more than \$200.

Bowling accessories are a welcome gift and can be easy on the budget. You can buy such useful items as resin bags and tape for

as little as a dollar. There are all types of wrist and arm supports, finger and thumb inserts, products to help you slide or prevent too much sliding, preparations that cover and toughen sore spots, targeting aids, and statistical charts and instructional helps of all kinds. Accessories can be purchased individually or in complete kits.

Free games of bowling or advance payment of league or bowling organization membership fees are always appreciated. And a special thought is to give a paid entry into a tournament. The bowler receives fun and competition that goes with tournament bowling and also a chance to win cash or merchandise prizes.

A gift of an entry into one of the pro-am tournaments preceding major events gives the added pleasure of bowling with the top names in the sport.

The National Bowling Museum offers commemorative coins, and copies of bowling paintings are available. There are all types of bowling figurines, clocks, sculptures and decorated bowling pins.



By CHUCK PEZZANO

Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

Most jewelry stores have gold and silver bowling charms, and some will custom design charms that portray a bowler's high game or series.

Some bowlers appreciate subscriptions to bowling publications or one of the many instruction books on the market.

For the bowler who has many trophies, a display case would be a thoughtful gift.

A novel gift to a bowling relative or friend is to offer them an incentive, a penny or a nickel per pin for every pin they exceed their average in league or tournament play over the next

year.

So the gift list is long, wide and can fit every pocketbook, but it pays to check out possible gifts in most bowling centers, and at every bowling pro shop.

And finally, if you have the big bucks, and the recipient has big space, any one of the major manufacturers will be happy to install a private regulation bowling lane, with all the trimmings, in a basement, or adjacent to your house.

USBC Concludes Re-Evaluation of Glenn Allison '900'

ARLINGTON, Texas — The United States Bowling Congress (USBC) recently concluded a re-evaluation of Glenn Allison's 900 series award application from 1982. Allison received national attention for rolling a perfect series at La Habra Bowl in La Habra, California, on July 1, 1982.

USBC's predecessor organization, the American Bowling Congress (ABC), after inspection of the lanes, did not approve the 900 series because of non-complying lane condition rules at that time. Allison's score would have been the first perfect series in history had it been approved. The ABC's decision was litigated before the United States District Court, Central District of California which upheld the ABC's determination in all respects.

"The bowling community is very passionate about this issue and we heard calls from a diverse group of voices asking USBC to re-consider Glenn Allison's award," USBC President Andrew Cain said. "The USBC Board of Directors has reviewed all historical documents on two separate occasions. While USBC has the highest respect and admiration for Glenn Allison, we can't turn back the hand of time and change the rules in 1982."

ABC rules for approving sanctioned award scores in 1982 were significantly different than current USBC rules. At that time, about eight percent of award scores were denied.

"Any official change to Glenn Allison's 900 would also impact thousands of scores in that era," Cain said. "As a National Governing Body with a legal responsibility to enforce rules uniformly, we simply can't re-write history for one score and apply a different standard more than 30 years later."

USBC's Board of Directors has agreed the issue is now settled given that all the evidence has been considered.

PRO BOWLING SPOTLITE

Korea's Kyung Shin Park Wins 28th Round1 Japan Cup

TOKYO, Japan — South Korea's Kyung Shin Park became his country's first Round1 Japan Cup winner Saturday when he defeated Japan's Akio Ishihara, 241-203, in the 28th edition of the international tournament.

Park, who ended Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s bid for history in the Round of 8 at Minami Suna Round1, earned \$51,700 along with his title. Park also eliminated Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, in the semifinal round, 244-166, ending the PBA's last hope for a title for the second straight year.

In the other semifinal match, Ishihara defeated Korea's Young Kwan Kim, 226-225, to prevent an all-Korea title match.

Williams, 55, entered the championship round seeking his third Japan Cup title, a record 48th PBA Tour title, and his first PBA Tour title since 2010. But Park's 278 made easy work of the Oxford, Florida, superstar.

PBA Rookie of the Year contender Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., and past Japan Cup titlist Mika Koivuniemi of Finland also were eliminated in the Round of 8. Ishihara ended Kent's hopes for his first PBA title, 216-203, and Kim knocked Koivuniemi out of the finals, 247-226.

PBA Tour players now travel to South Korea and the Middle East to complete the 2014 season with three PBA International-World Bowling Tour events: the It's Daejeon International Open in Daejeon, South Korea, the Qatar Open in Doha, Qatar, Nov. 22-27, and the eighth Kingdom International Open in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Nov. 28-Dec. 2.

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