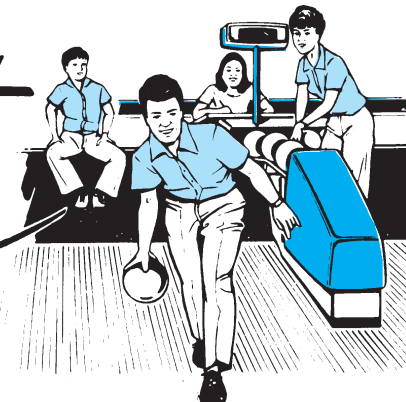


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## Jeffrey Roche Tops Metro Detroit USBC 'Masters' at Thunderbowl

Jeffrey Roche of Dearborn won the Metro Detroit USBC Association Masters Tournament at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park Sunday when he defeated James Koss of Brighton, 723-550, in the three-game match to win the

\$4,000 first prize and the title. Koss settled for the second-place check of \$2,000.

Roche qualified 22nd with a 10-game total of 2,059. He averaged 214.6 for 31 games of tournament competition. In match play he re-

mained in the winner's bracket with victories over Trey Raynes of Westland, 612-519, Kerry Kreft of Warren, 605-601, Richard Wayne of Westland, 675-604, Michael Lucente of Warren, 654-590 and Koss, the first time, 676-629, before falling to Koss, 684-648, to extend the tournament.

"This is my favorite tournament of the year," said the 35-year-old Roche. "The closest I previously came was third place in 2006 at



JEFFREY ROCHE

Taylor Lanes, so this is very satisfying."

Koss qualified eighth with 2,123. He averaged 211.4 for the entire tournament. He remained in the winner's bracket by defeating David Schumacher of Rochester Hills, 670-650, defending champion Rick Capaldi of Canton, 580-565, Kevin Trumbull of Romulus, 618-550, and Leo Scantamburlo of Riverview, 682-606, before falling to Roche the first time, 676-629. In the loser's bracket he defeated Robert Cham-

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### BROOKLYN STyLES Top N.Y. City WTT KingPins to Win PBA League Debut

Reigning Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year Sean Rash threw two strikes in the 10th frame to clinch a 225-215 victory for his BROOKLYN STyLES team over the New York City WTT KingPins in the debut of PBA League team bowling on ESPN Sunday, Jan. 27 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

The STyLES, owned by Grey's Anatomy actor Jesse Williams, held a two-pin lead heading into the 10th frame. After KingPins' anchor bowler Pete Weber struck and spared in his half of the 10th frame, Rash answered with two strikes to lock up the win.

"It's a great feeling winning by yourself, but winning as a team never gets old," said Rash, who served as franchise player for his team and drafted an all-star lineup that included PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., veteran Tour champion Ryan Shafer and promising young players Ryan Ciminelli and Jason Sterner.

Sunday's win gave the STyLES 18 points in the race for the top five positions for the end-of-season PBA League Elias Cup finals. Owner Billie Jean King's KingPins earned 12 points as runners-up.

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## IN THE NEWS



### February Bowl for the Cure Month

USBC and Susan G. Komen "Bowl for the Cure" have teamed up to raise funds for cutting-edge research and awareness. Exclusive "Bowl for the Cure Month" t-shirts will help bowlers look their best while they help fight for a cure. See page 8.

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Lynda Barnes and Jason Couch have been elected to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in the Superior Performance category.

The two will join six other inductees who were elected in November by the USBC Hall of Fame Committee. They are Rick Steelsmith, Shirley Levens, Sandra Postma and Frank Santore in the Outstanding USBC Performance category, Don McCune in the Veterans category and Tamoria Adams for Meritorious Service.

The induction ceremony will take place May 2 at the 2013 USBC Convention in Reno, Nev.

A USBC panel of veteran bowling writers, hall of famers and board members vote on USBC Hall of Fame nominees. This year's ballot also included Steve Cook, Doug Kent, David Ozio, Danny Wiseman and Larry Laub.

The USBC Hall of Fame was created in 2005 by merging the former ABC and WIBC Halls of Fame. With the eight new inductees, there will be 402 members of the USBC Hall of Fame — 267 in Performance, 115 in Meritorious Service and 20 Pioneers.

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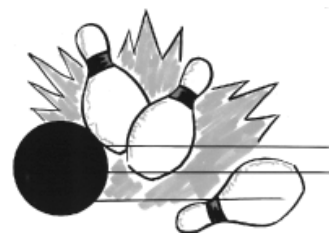
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# Senior Masters at Shore Lanes in February

## METRODETROIT USBC NEWS

By Association Manager  
**Mark A. Martin**

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• THE SENIOR Masters will be held at Shore Lanes in St. Clair Shores, located at 31100 Harper Ave. The date for qualifying is Feb. 9 with match play on Feb. 10 and 16.

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. 2 through March 3 at Bowl One Lanes in Troy. 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 orga-

nized. 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 three average divisions (149 and under, 150-169 average and 170 average and up). The cost is \$22 per person per event and a \$2 all-events fee. The Women's Championship is open to all female members of the MDUSBC who bowled

at least 21 games in the 2011-12 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 \$150 per team for teams with a team average of 1001 or more and \$125 for teams with a team average of 1000 or under. Doubles and Singles are \$25 per person per event and a \$10 all-events fee. The Open Championship is open to all members of the MDUSBC who bowled at least 21 games in the 2011-12 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

### MDUSBC BOWL FOR THE CURE FUNDRAISERS

• THE METRO Detroit USBC will host two fundraisers for Bowl for the Cure during February.

The first one was held at Mayflower Lanes in Redford on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 1 p.m. and the second one will be at Astro Lanes in Madison Heights on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 12 noon.

The cost of the Astro event is \$25 (\$20 if paid at least four days in advance of the event) which will include 9-pin, no-tap bowling, pizza and shoe rental.

The events are open to everyone. Why not get a group of your friends together for a fun event and help raise funds to fight breast cancer? Over 200,000 new cases of breast cancer are discovered every year.

You can download the flyers at [www.mdusbc.com](http://www.mdusbc.com) or call Vicki Ingham at Mayflower Lanes at (313) 937-8420 or call Diane Maluzhinsky at (248) 835-9518 to enter.

other times a team can compete by changing two bowlers. In doubles the same two players can bowl together twice, but only cash once. In singles a bowler can only cash once.

The MDUSBC Senior Division Team Tournament will be held at Bronco Lanes in Warren on Saturday, March 2, Sunday, March 3 and Saturday, March 9 at 12 noon.

The event is a five-person team event. Teams are limited to 1,100 average and handicap is determined based on 100 percent from 1,100.

The entry fee is \$90 per team (\$18 per person) and entry is limited to USBC members 55 years of age as of March 2.

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

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### ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

• THE ANNUAL meeting of the Metro Detroit USBC was held on Sunday, Jan. 20 at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center in Warren.

Reports were given by President Mike DeRousie outlining the progress the association, Association Manager Mark Martin reporting statistics, Finance Committee chairman John Vorpagel with the financial report, Anita Maiorana reporting on tournaments and Ann Block with Youth Committee activities.

All members of the association were invited to attend the meeting and the attendance was as expected. The meeting lasted one hour and 58 minutes.

There were three proposed bylaw

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## DETROIT ALL-STAR CLASSIC

### Seven Teams Battle for Top Spot

• THE DETROIT All Star Classic into its 78th season of competition is witnessing the tightest race in years. Seven teams are within three points of the top spot as we roll into the final 10 weeks of match play. Cozy Inn holds down the top spot followed by Storm/Thunderbowl Lanes just one point back. Plaza Lanes and 2 Booli/Maximum Potential Pro Shop are just two points back of first place. Ansara's Restaurant Group and Columbia 300/Eastown Printing and Red Robin/Sunnybrook Lanes are all hanging tough just three points behind the leaders.

Some of the highlights last week from Regal Lanes were as follows — Derek Thompson from Red Robin/Sunnybrook Lanes led the festivities with 764. Paul Dalton paced Columbia 300/Eastown Printing with a 743 series. James Koss powered Cozy Inn into first place by stroking 716. Eddie Grace battled through injuries rolling 709 to lead his Plaza Lanes squad.

In the previous week's matches contested at Madison Park Bowl, Ed Burbo from Cozy Inn whacked out 300 and 779. Ed had an unfortunate split and missed spare that would have given him an 800 series which hasn't been done at Madison Park Bowl since the early '90s. Storm Products/Thunderbowl Lanes had plenty of help from Jeff Hicks 764 and Jeff Roche 753. Chris Neilson 731 and Harry Sullins 716 led Ansara's Restaurant Group. Scot Woodward stroked 722 for Eastridge Insurance.

We will kick off February with a stop at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights at 7:30 p.m. The All Stars return to the East Side on Valentine's Day at Sunnybrook Lanes with a late start of 9:30 p.m. The league will be closing out February with 7:30 p.m. starts at Mercury Lanes in Dearborn on the 21st, then in Waterford at 300 Bowl on the 28th.

Make your plans to come out on Thursday evenings to watch the best bowlers in the State of Michigan compete.

— Art Schroeder, Secretary, Detroit Traveling All-Star Classic

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## 'Team Bud Light' Roars to Top of Ebonite All-Stars at Thunderbowl

• THE PBA televised finals for the 2013 Winter Swing were hosted by Thunderbowl Lanes in the Arena and played to a sold out crowd. In addition to the live television show, four other taped shows will be shown on ESPN as follows:

• Carmen Salvino Classic Finals will be on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.;

• Mark Roth Classic Finals will be on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013 at 3 p.m.;

• Don Carter Classic Finals will be on Sunday, March 3, 2013 at 3 p.m., and

• Earl Anthony Players Finals will be on Sunday, March 24, 2013 at 1 p.m.

Several members of the All Star League and other local bowlers distinguished themselves in the PBA event. Ronnie Sparks Jr., who is the captain of the Thunderbowl Lanes team, led the 93 entrants in the Pro Tournament Qualifier with a eight-game total of



**By TOM STROBL**  
*Bowler's Digest Contributor*

1957, which was a 244 average on the 50-foot Don Carter pattern. Keith Caldwell came in third and Mike Calhoun, with the benefit of a 280 last game, came in 10th. The top 10 players were automatically seeded to the main event. Other notable performances included Alex Robinson Sr., who finished 12th, George Juszczak Jr. who finished 15th and Terry Haines who finished 24th.

Ronnie Sparks Jr. finished 10th overall in the Winter Swing after 41 games of qualifying. Just to give you an idea

of a few of the players who were ahead of Sparks — Sean Rash, Scott Norton, Eugene McCune, Ronnie Russell, Jason Belmonte, Wes Malott, Tom Daugherty, Mike DeVaney and Patrick Allen. That is a pretty elite company to be in. Congratulations, Ronnie. You represented the city, Thunderbowl and the All Star League well.

Speaking about the All Star League, there are three weeks remaining in the second third of the season. Team Bud Light is in the top spot with a record of 31-14, followed closely by both Thunderbowl Lanes and Random Budz, who were each one point behind. Another three teams were all within five points of the lead and with five points at stake each week, all have a legitimate chance at the top spot. There was some shuffling in the past week as Team Bud Light took four from the always-tough Random Budz team, who is anchored by “we don’t know what bowler is

showing up” Mike Norris.

High scratch games were Larry Walker at 299 and Ben Neuman and Keith Caldwell at 279. Keith Caldwell had the high series at 784 while Angela Wilt had the high ladies game at 248 and Tamika Glenn had the high ladies series at 669.

Just coincidentally, Team Bud Light bowls Thunderbowl Lanes in the next week (and it is not a position night). Random Budz will have their hands full taking on Mason Brantley and his star studded team.

Stay tuned for further updates.

## Six USBC Board Nominees Selected

ARLINGTON, Texas — Incumbent United States Bowling Congress Directors Karl Kielich of El Paso, Texas, and Mark Martin of Waterford, Mich., along with Anthony Colangelo of Helmetta, N.J., Barbara Council-Armstead of Philadelphia, Jan Schmidt of Hales Corners, Wis., and Scott Zeidman of Culver City, Calif., form the 2013 slate of candidates for the USBC Board of Directors.

The USBC Nominating Committee selected the six candidates for the four open positions on the board. The committee may slate up to two candidates for each open position. Additional candidates still may run from the floor if they provide notice of their candidacy to the committee more than 30 days in advance of the USBC Annual Meeting.

USBC Convention delegates will vote on the four open positions May 3 during the USBC Annual Meeting in Reno, Nev. Biographies of the slated candidates will be available on BOWL.com by March 15.

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*If you don't like something change it; if you can't change it, change the way you think about it.*

— Mary Engelbreit

Bowling is struggling in nearly every aspect of the sport. The bowling centers are saying that their open play is down, their leagues are flat. The associations are saying that membership is still at a decline and that their tournaments are more than struggling.

Serving on the national level, and working on the strategic plan for USBC, we know that all of these things are definitely true and are a challenge at each and every level.

It is not a one-size fits all problem; therefore, it cannot be a one-size fits all approach. There are many aspects that will need to be addressed and changes will definitely have to be made to our approach to membership products, the delivery system of those prod-

ucts, embracing open play bowlers, coaching, tournaments, etc.

Hopefully, you have provided the association with your email address so you are receiving all of the updates coming from USBC. This will provide insight to all of the changes that will be coming or are already here.

One of those news items will be a change in the USBC Women's Championship Tournament. Hopefully this will be something

that will suit women bowlers to the point of attending this tournament before the numbers do not support the tournament any longer.

Many leagues are now at four-person teams, so when participating in a tournament, many have to try to find that fifth person to make up their team. Having four on a team also helps with room arrangements as well.

This decision was not made lightly by USBC. There is incredible tradition with the WIBC/USBC Women's Championship. Many surveys and phone calls were made to participants who are still attending, as well as those who are not attending any longer. The age demographic to the tournament is getting older, so we need to find a way to attract younger women to compete in tournaments at all levels.

Another change will be going back to a scratch event, but within divisions. We have our youth bowlers competing in scratch events, then they become adults and they are in a handicap tournament.

I am inviting all of you women bowlers to seriously consider bringing a team to Reno in 2014 to take part in this "new" and exciting format. Reservations will begin this April 1st for the 2014 Tournament. If I get enough interest and the dates work for everyone, I would be willing to try to put a squad together... who's going?

Ladies, let's not lose our national tournament!

Speaking of tournaments, the Metro Detroit USBC Women's and Open tournaments are going on now at Bowl One in Troy. Entry blanks are on our website, and there are still good times available. Grab a few teams from your league and come and support your loca-

tion association. Check with Holly at our office for reservations and times available.

Stay tuned for additional announcements regarding tournaments coming up soon! Until then, enter the city tournament and bring someone who has never competed and make sure they have a great time so they will come again!

## Roche Tops Metro Detroit USBC 'Masters'

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berlain Jr. of Holly, 651-631, before beating Roche, 684-648, to force the final match.

Chamberlain qualified third with 2,223 and took home \$1,500 for third place. He lost his first match to Richard Wayne of Westland, 603-574, and then won seven matches in a row. He defeated Anthony Wright of Detroit, 621-570, Larry Walker of Garden City, 636-587, David Ewald of Macomb, 621-583, Kevin Trumbull, 688-570, Harry Sullins of Chesterfield, 627-601, Michael Lucente, 607-574, and Craig Nidiffer of Trenton, 634-602, before losing to Koss, 651-631.

Nidiffer qualified sixth with 2,147 and cashed for \$1,000 for fourth place. He lost his first match to Kerry Kreft of Warren, 570-520, before reeling off six straight wins. The wins were over Shane Dufresne of Flint, 668-506, Ken Wyatt of Sterling Heights, 677-591, George Juszcyk Jr. of Dearborn Heights, 636-622, Richard Wayne, 712-494, John Nolen of Grand Blanc, 729-633, Leo Scantamburlo, 649-632, before getting knocked out by Chamberlain, 634-602.

Defending champion Rick Capaldi of Canton was seeded ninth by tournament rule with 1,945 and took home \$275 for 23rd place. He won his first match over Jerome Penxa of Romeo, 606-513, before falling to Koss, 580-565, and George Juszcyk Jr., 652-577, to get knocked out of the tournament.

Scantamburlo and Lucente each earned \$750 for their efforts. Sullins and Nolen took home \$500 each for seventh and eighth respectively.

Former champions Jeffrey Austreng of Waterford Township finished ninth for \$400, Jerome Penxa of Romeo 12th for \$400, Joseph Krajenke of Clinton Township 13th for \$325, David Ewald of Macomb 14th for \$325 and Kerry Kreft of Warren 20th for \$275.

Top qualifier 2012 MDUSBC Senior Masters champion Harry Sullins of Chesterfield lost his first match to Larry Franz of Redford before winning his next four matches. He then lost to Chamberlain to get knocked out of the competition.

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# Correcting Some Common Bowling Mistakes

**TIPS FROM THE PROS**



**By CHERYL DANIELS**

*Member of the Professional Women's Bowling Association*

• THIS ARTICLE covers a few common mistakes that I see many bowlers make.

**1) Not adjusting target as you move your feet on the approach.**

Learning to line up properly allows a bowler to repeat good shots. One common mistake that I observe when coaching is watching bowlers move their feet on the approach and never move their target.

Whenever you move your feet at least two boards on the approach you should

move your target a board in the same direction that you move your feet. If you do not move your target along with your feet you will have to reach away from your body to hit your target provided you walk straight.

Some bowlers develop an exaggerated drift to the right (for a right hander) because they will move their feet several boards left and never move their target.

**2) Not bending knee at release point.**

Getting lower at release point puts you in a stronger leverage position. When a bowler bends their sliding knee it enables them to lengthen their stroke point or flatten the bottom of the swing. This enables better extension through the ball increasing pin action and better accuracy.

To improve your knee bend, start with some flex in your knees in your stance and try to feel as though you are walking slightly down hill as you approach the foul line. You will also need to make sure your last step is not too short. If the length of the last step is too short it will be much more difficult to get low at release point.

**3) Late timing.**

Many bowlers carry the ball through the first step of a four-step approach resulting in the swing arriving late at release point. If you are using a four-step approach you must get the ball in motion on your first step.

When you are in your stance position you should anticipate moving the ball in unison with your first step. Don't wait until you

have moved your foot and then get the ball in motion — start them together. Visualize the proper motion when you are in your stance position and it will make it easier for your body to do it.

◆ *Send Questions to Cheryl Daniels, P.O. Box 252, Novi, MI 48376 or e-mail me at "shebe@freeway.net" or visit [www.cheryldaniels.com](http://www.cheryldaniels.com).*

## GDUSBC Annual Meeting Results

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changes and all passed by the required two thirds majority. The first removed the term limits for directors and the second allows for election of the officers by the board of directors. Both were effective immediately. The third bylaw change changed the local membership dues from \$8 to \$9, which changes the standard annual adult membership fee from \$19 to \$20 effective Aug. 1, 2013.

After the business portion of the meeting was concluded, elections were held for six adult Directors, two Youth Representative Directors, delegates to the various state meetings and delegates to the USBC Convention.

Richard Banks, Debra Dickerson, Patricia Klix, Anita Maiorana, Tammy Quinn and John Vorpapel were elected as adult directors. Kurt Suokas and Penny Breen were elected as Youth Representative Directors.

Debra Dickerson, Celeste Forsythe, Libbi Fletcher, Patricia Klix, Anita Maiorana, Diane Maluzhinsky and Dorothy Thompson were elected as delegates to the Michigan State WBA Annual Meeting.

Richard Banks, Mike DeRousie, Libbi Fletcher, Anita Maiorana and John Vorpapel were elected to represent the MDUSBC at the Michigan State BA meeting.

Mark Hurttgam, Tammy Quinn and Kurt Suokas were elected as delegates to the Michigan State Youth meeting.

The MDUSBC is entitled to 50 delegates to the USBC Convention. At the meeting 27 were elected to represent the association and the president was empowered to appoint additional eligible delegates.

The delegates elected were 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 Hurttgam, Vera Johnson, Patricia Klix, Anita Maiorana, Diane Maluzhinsky, Katherine Martin, Rose McCall, Jeanette Myers, Tammy Quinn, Marie Sawyers and John Vorpapel.

The minutes of the annual meeting along with all board and committee minutes are posted on [www.mdusbc.com](http://www.mdusbc.com)

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### 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](http://www.mdusbc.com) and clicking on forms.

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### DECEMBER 31st SHEETS

• IT IS CRITICAL that league secretaries return the December 31st average sheets for adult leagues and December 1st and 31st average sheets for youth leagues to the MDUSBC office. This information is used when verifying the results of the various MDUSBC tournaments. If you haven't sent it in yet simply mail or fax the form to us. The fax number is (248) 443-2690.

Along with the December sheets is a list of bowlers registered in their league who had not paid their membership fees in any league according to our records.

While many of these have been resolved some are still lingering. There are many reasons why this situation may have occurred.

One reason could be a lack of linking two bowlers with similar names together. One card may have been received with a first name of Charles, while the other may be Chuck or some other name the bowler goes by. Remember the Metro Detroit USBC Association database has over 350,000 names in it, so sometimes it is difficult for us to figure it out.

It also causes us extreme difficulty when the December 31st sheet comes in with added bowlers and no application cards for the bowler. Many times they only come in with a first initial and last name. Do you know how many J. Smith's there are in the MDUSBC? Believe it or not there are 365 of them.

League secretaries, when you get this letter about the bowlers get the information requested and mail or fax it back to us. We want to make sure everyone is accounted for.

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## Lane Conditions Hot Topic

• THE BUDWEISER Michigan Majors Bowling Association began its 47th season at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park on Jan. 12. Our first tournament of the season featured very tough lane conditions (the 2013 Detroit City Masters lane pattern) where 96 bowlers averaged 184 during the six-game qualifying round. Congratulations again to Ronnie Sparks Jr. for an impressive win.



**By KEN WYATT**

*Executive Director,  
Michigan Majors  
Bowling Association*

Lane conditions have become a hot topic in bowling circles nowadays. Is there a solution? Obviously lane patterns can be very easy or very difficult. If you ask 10 people their opinions you will probably get 10 different answers.

The MMBA has adopted a more logical approach to lane conditions for our first three tournaments. January at Thunderbowl we used the 2013 Detroit City Masters lane pattern. This decision was easy since the Detroit City Masters tournament was also being held at Thunderbowl on Jan. 26-27. This provided a great opportunity to not only win an MMBA title, but also prepare bowlers entered in the Masters tournament.

The second MMBA tournament at Astro

Lanes on Feb. 16 will feature the lane condition used by the upcoming Michigan State Bowling Association tournament being contested in Battle Creek. This year's pattern will be Kegel's Beaten Path which is part of Kegel's Challenge Series.

For the third MMBA tournament at Plaza Lanes on March 16, we will be using the USBC Open Championship oil pattern. This year in Reno the USBC will be using two different lane patterns — one for the team event and a different pattern for singles and doubles. The MMBA will be

using the singles and doubles condition. Look for this lane pattern on the USBC website (bowl.com) around March 1, which is the opening day for the tournament.

We hope to see you at Astro Lanes on Feb. 16. Starting time is 10 a.m., check in at 9 a.m.

◆ *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](http://www.michiganmajors.com)*

## Brooklyn Styles Wins PBA League Debut

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Sunday's PBA League round included the top five of eight five-player teams that had qualified over a span of four days and 32 team games on four different lane conditions as part of the PBA Detroit Winter Swing at Thunderbowl Lanes.

In the semifinal match, the KingPins and Jerome Bettis' Motown Muscle threw matching strikes and spares through five frames before the KingPins took the lead behind strikes by Tommy Jones and Jack Jurek. Open frames by Tom Smallwood and Mike Fagan in the eighth and ninth frames put Motown in a hole it couldn't escape. The KingPins advanced to the title contest, 226-191.

In the second match, Motown anchor bowler Mike Scroggins threw three strikes in the 10th frame to extend his team's string to five in a row, erasing a 14-pin deficit and forcing Strikers' anchor Rhino Page to strike on his first shot in the 10th for a chance to win. Page, however, left the 4-6-7-9 split and the Muscle advanced with a 214-194 win.

In the opening match, the Strikers roared out of the gate with six consecutive strikes while the Silver Lake Atom Splitters, owned by comedian Chris Hardwick, didn't have a strike until Josh Blanchard threw one in the eighth frame. Terrell Owens' Dallas-based team easily moved on with a near-perfect 278-171 victory.

The Detroit Winter swing included five rounds of PBA League competition, with points awarded after each round. The top four teams after five rounds will advance to the Elias Cup finals, named in honor of PBA founder Eddie Elias, which will be conducted March 31 at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis as part of PBA Tournament of Champions week.

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# Bowlers Are Amazingly Adept at Early Ages

• YOU CAN'T be more amazed than when you spend some time with today's younger generations.

Whether it is them displaying their flying fingers on computers, their flying feet in gymnastics or their rolling the ball and making parents and grandparents take a good second look at their talent, mentally and physically.

All sports and all fields have their child prodigies. There have been teenagers in every major sport, and many in their early teens, particularly in swimming and tennis.

Many of them have been great or gone on to greatness, at great sacrifice, being forced to grow up too quickly, being forced to choose between fame and fortune early, or after a suitable stretch of education.

In the dream world it would be wonderful if every young athlete in every sport was forced to obtain a high school education at a minimum, and college or other advanced training as a recommended path.

But the real world doesn't work out so neatly.

Some really young baseball, basketball, tennis and hockey phenoms can and do make millions of dollars before they can



By **CHUCK PEZZANO**

*Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist*

legally drink or vote. How and when do you tell them they are too young or too unprepared? At 17 they can be accepted into the armed services and put their lives on the line.

So how can you realistically ask any youngster talented way beyond their years to put a hold on opportunities and riches that may not be there later.

In many cases it is boys against men, and girls against women. But boys grow up fast these days and women aren't nearly as mere as they used to be.

Bowlers are amazingly adept at early ages. You can visit any junior program and see obvious talent. But, at 15 many bowlers have been bowling for a decade, and bowling at pro class calibre for years. By the time they are ready for college, many are ready for a shot at the pro tours or the big money tournaments.

Look at the Mark Roths, Johnny Petraglias and Pete Webers and a list of thousands and you could see superstars in the making at ages of 17 or younger.

Junior bowlers can't be reminded too often that a 200 game is fine, but an "A" in any subject is better. A tournament win is terrific, but the Honor Roll is more terrific. A 300 game or even a 900 series is great, but a diploma is the greatest.

In bowling there is no reason why both areas cannot be encouraged. A high school or college student can utilize his time, so

much can be spent on bowling and much can be spent on study. And students can map out a schedule that covers both sides, and gives them the best of both worlds.

Parents, bowling coaches and bowling officials have a duty to counsel young bowlers and not to put too much pressure

on them in either way, except to use common sense.

Education should always come first, but bowling is an education too, if used wisely, whether you're a shooting star or a struggler. But always hit the books as hard as you hit the pins.

## February is Bowl for the Cure Month

Are you ready to BOWL PINK this February?

USBC and Susan G. Komen for the Cure have teamed up to raise funds for cutting-edge research and awareness, but we can't do it without your help. We are dedicated to finding a cure and every donation will help us reach our goal.

Make an online donation of \$10 or more and receive an "I Bowl Pink" wristband to wear as a constant reminder of your support in the fight against breast cancer. Make your donation to make a difference today.

When you hit the lanes this month, make sure you do it in style. Our exclusive Bowl for the Cure Month tees will help you look your best out on the lanes while you help us fight for a cure.

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The easiest way to bowl pink is to find a Bowl for the Cure event in your area. Can't find the event you're attending? E-mail [marketing@bowl.com](mailto:marketing@bowl.com) and we'll get it listed right away. Get involved in the cause and let's strike out breast cancer together.

Who are you bowling pink for this month? We'd love to share your story to inspire others. E-mail us at [marketing@bowl.com](mailto:marketing@bowl.com) if you're interested.



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