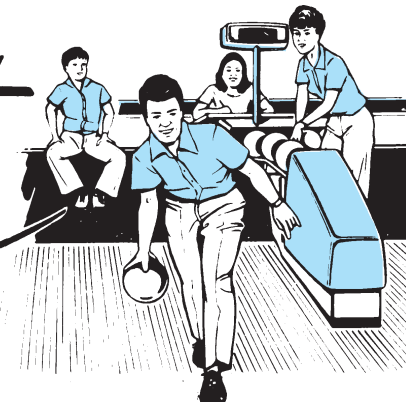


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50th Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions Set for Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS — Woodland Bowl, the host for some of the most memorable championships in Professional Bowlers Association history, will continue that tradition as host of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, the second major of the 2015 season, Feb. 11-15.

The 50th anniversary Tournament of Champions will culminate

with the live ESPN stepladder finals at 1 p.m. ET on Sunday, Feb. 15, as part of an ESPN "tripleheader" to conclude the historic week.

Throughout its history, Woodland Bowl has hosted 30 PBA Tour events including four U.S. Opens, two PBA World Championships, two PBA Touring Players Championships and, most recently, the

2013 PBA Tournament of Champions which was won in historic fashion by PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber. Weber also won the 1991 U.S. Open and 1992 PBA Touring Players Championships at Woodland.

Weber tied Earl Anthony for most PBA majors when he defeated Australia's Jason Belmonte,

224-179, to win the 2013 Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, becoming the oldest player ever to win at the TOC at age 50 and becoming the only player in PBA history to complete the PBA Triple Crown (TOC, U.S. Open and PBA World Championship) twice. Belmonte, who recently earned his

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IN THE NEWS

Ohio Bowler Rolls 900 Series

ARLINGTON, Texas — Earon Vollmar of Toledo, Ohio, didn't have the best weekend on the lanes, but a few adjustments put him back on track in time for his Monday night league, where he rolled three consecutive 300 games for a 900 series.

The 26-year-old right-hander had 36 consecutive strikes during the Monday Night All-Stars league at Toledo's New Glass Bowl Lanes, making him the 25th bowler in history, and third from Ohio, to record a perfect series. The achievement is pending approval from the United States Bowling Congress and would be the 26th USBC-approved 900.

Vollmar struggled with his footwork and timing in a disappointing performance at a local event Sunday, but he tried a few things at the end of that tournament that helped get his game back in the right tempo.

"It was an uneventful weekend, but I learned a few things
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Bowling World Mourns Death of Hall-of-Famer Chuck Pezzano

Bowler's Digest columnist Chuck Pezzano of Clifton, N.J., a charter member of the Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame and widely recognized as the dean of bowling journalists, died recently of cardiac arrest while undergoing a stent procedure St. Mary's Passaic, N.J. He turned 86 on Jan. 14.

Since the formation of the PBA in 1958, no one has contributed more to the organization in so many different ways than Pezzano, a founding member of the organization.

Born in Paterson, N.J., in 1929, Pezzano lived his entire life in New Jersey. After graduating from Rutgers University, he started his writing career with the Paterson Morning Call in 1952 and continued writing for *The Record* in Bergen County until his death, more than 60 years later. Over the years, he contributed to more than 100 publications round the world and he authored or co-authored more than a dozen books about bowling.

Pezzano first became involved with the PBA as a top-flight competitor. He was the first collegiate bowler in the United States to bowl an 800 series. One of his proudest accomplishments as a bowler was joining his four sons — Charles Jr., Craig, Curt and Clay — as the first father and four sons to bowl 300 games.

But his legacy off the lanes far surpassed his credentials as a player
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Chuck Pezzano

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USA's Barnes,
Colombia's
Guerrero Win
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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second consecutive Player of the Year honor, will return to Indianapolis as defending TOC champion after winning the 2014 title in Allen Park, Mich.

Also among the champions competing in the season's second major will be two-time PBA Tour winner and Indianapolis native Ronnie Russell who now makes his home in Marion, Ind., and 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind. Russell had a productive 2014 season winning the Bear Open, and most recently, a fourth-place finish in the PBA World Championship. He also made PBA history by becoming the 24th player to bowl a televised 300 game in the Viper Championship where he finished second. Tackett, an emerging star in professional bowling, is a four-time PBA Regional champion, but is still trying for his first win on the national tour.

Also in the field will be 81-year-old Carmen Salvino of Chicago, the only living player who bowled in the original TOC (he finished third) and 66-year-old Johnny Petraglia of Jackson, N.J., the 1971 TOC winner and the only player in PBA history to win national titles in six different decades.

The return of the TOC to Indianapolis is significant because the tournament originated at Play Bowl in 1962 in Indianapolis and Indianapolis was the home to title sponsor Barbasol when it was invented as the first commercial shaving cream in 1919.

Tournament of Champions week will begin with PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Indianapolis Marriott North. It will conclude over the Feb. 14-15 weekend with not only the live TOC finals on

Sunday at 1 p.m., but with the finals of the PBA Players Championship on Saturday at 7 p.m. and the finals of the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship on Sunday at 4:30 p.m. Both of those finals will air on a delayed basis on ESPN.

The PBA Players Championship finalists, determined during preliminary qualifying rounds in Milwaukee last week, will be top qualifier Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J.; No. 2 Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind.; Jason Belmonte, Australia; Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., and Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla.

The Roth/Holman Doubles finalists will be No. 1 Duke and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas; Dino Castillo of Carrollton, Texas, and Daugherty; Belmonte and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.; DJ Archer of Friendswood, Texas, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, and England's Dom Barrett with Osku Palermaa of Finland. Roth and Holman, both PBA legends, are expected to be in attendance.

A field of more than 100 PBA champions will begin competition on Wednesday, Feb. 11, with eight-game qualifying rounds at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Every PBA member who has ever won a PBA title - PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, PBA International Tour, PBA Regional or PBA Women's Series - will be eligible to participate.

After a third qualifying round Thursday morning, the top 24 players will advance to eight-game round-robin match play rounds Thursday and Friday to determine the five step-ladder finalists.

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John Vorpapel were elected as adult directors. Penny Breen was elected as youth representative director.

Debra Dickerson, Libbi Fletcher, Alyce Graves-Kirk, Patricia Klix, Anita Maiorana, Tammy Quinn and Dorothy Thompson were elected as delegates to the Michigan State WBA Annual Meeting.

Richard Banks, George Bresinski, Mike DeRousie, Mark Hurttgam and John

Vorpapel were elected to represent the MDUSBC at the Michigan State BA meeting.

Bresinski, Hurttgam, Quinn, Suokas and Vorpapel were elected as delegates to the State Youth meeting.

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

The MDUSBC is entitled to 50 delegates to the USBC Convention. At the meeting 17 were elected to represent the association and the president was empowered to appoint additional eligible delegates.

The delegates elected were Katrina Banks, Richard Banks, Ann Block, George Bresinski, Landa Brown, Durand Capers, Michael DeRousie, Debra Dickerson, Eric Fisher, Constance Fordyce, Marilyn Horne, Mark Hurttgam, Patricia Klix, Hubert Sawyers, Rosie Sawyers, Dorothy Thompson and John Vorpapel.

The minutes of the annual meeting along with all board and committee minutes are posted on www.mdusbc.com

Bowling Community Mourns Death of Al Harrison

The entire Detroit Area Bowling community is mourning the death of Al Harrison, who passed away on Jan. 14 after a six-month fight with a rare form of cancer.

Harrison, who grew up on the north side of Detroit and attended Cass Technical High School, worked as a manufacturer's representative for companies such as Norelco and Body Glove, sold sporting equipment, boats and windsurfers, and had an arcade game business with long-time friend and business partner, Bob Seeley.

Harrison, who grew up on the north side of Detroit and attended Cass Technical High School, actively bowled in Metro Detroit leagues until the few months before his death. One of his proudest moments was when he rolled a perfect 300 game on March 15, 1985 at Country Lanes. For many years he wrote "Ten Pin Alley," a weekly column published in the *Observer & Eccentric* newspapers.

He served as director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, was president of the Old Timer's Board, and director of the Senior-Youth Bowling Challenge. In 2007, he was inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame.



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

Reports were given by President John Vorpapel outlining the progress the association; Association Manager Mark Martin reporting statistics; Finance Committee chairman George Bresinski with the financial report; Mike DeRousie reporting progress on awards; Mark Martin 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 23 minutes.

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, Anita Maiorana, Patricia Klix, Tammy Quinn and

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

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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 a list of bowlers registered in their league who had not paid their membership fees in any league

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at the end that might have helped," said Vollmar, who works in a pro shop six days a week but competes in three leagues and Sunday tournaments whenever possible. "When I bowled in my morning league Monday, I wasn't quite where I wanted to be, but I felt better. At the end of league, I tried a few more things, and then everything seemed to fall into place."

Even as an accomplished bowler with 16 perfect games and nine 800 series before Monday's performance, Vollmar's game is a work in progress, and his focus lately has been on his slide technique. He also tends to be hard on himself at times, but that wasn't the case during his recent run at the record books.

When the strikes started to add up, he found himself in a place mentally he hadn't been since rolling his first career 800 (an 811 series) on bowling's biggest stage at the 2010 USBC Open Championships. That effort also helped him to a tie for second place in Regular Singles.

By the end of the third game, the 36-lane bowling center had grown quiet and two leagues worth of bowlers surrounded Vollmar's pair of lanes. That's when he turned to the experience of becoming one of 35 bowlers in history with a 300 game and 800 series at the Open Championships.

The other 900s in Ohio were rolled by Lonnie Billiter Jr. (Fairfield) in 2006 and Matt Latarski (Medina) in 2010.

The first USBC-approved 900 occurred Feb. 2, 1997 when Jeremy Sonnenfeld rolled three consecutive perfect games in Lincoln, Neb. There never has been a Sport-certified 900 series.

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Dale Hofmeister Wins 20th Budweiser MMBA Title at 300 Bowl

• THE BUDWEISER Michigan Majors Bowling Association's opened its 48th year of tournament action at 300 Bowl in Waterford on Jan. 10. Hall-of-Famer and all-time leading money winner Dale Hofmeister of Essexville won his record 20th title, defeating fellow Hall-of-Famer Ken Wyatt of Sterling Heights, 215-169.

Hofmeister received a check for \$1,000 along with the championship trophy while Wyatt settled for 2nd place and received a check for \$500.

Jeff Austreng of Waterford paced the field with a six game qualifying score of 1332. Austreng received a check for \$100 and a plaque as the high qualifier.

The stepladder finals began with fifth seed Bob Chamberlain Jr. of Holly facing fourth seed Ken Wyatt. Wyatt took an early 30 pin lead after Chamberlain opened the match with a pocket 7-10 split. Chamber-



By KEN WYATT

*Executive Director,
Michigan Majors
Bowling Association*

lain cut the lead to 20 with three strikes in frames 5-7, but opens in the eighth and ninth frames opened the door for Wyatt who went on to win, 218-184. Chamberlain received a check for \$300 with his 5th place finish.

Wyatt then met Mason Brantley of Detroit. Brantley struggled to find the pocket, opening with splits in three of his first 5 frames while Wyatt was solid the whole game defeating Brantley 220-186. Brantley, owner of three MMBA titles, received \$325 for his 4th place finish.

Next up for Wyatt was another MMBA Hall of Famer Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Township. Sullins, coming off a very successful 2014 on the senior PBA circuit, was looking for his 6th MMBA title. Sullins started the match with a double, however opened in three of his next five frames to hand Wyatt a 47 pin lead which he would never recover. Wyatt went on to



• **TOURNAMENT CHAMPION Dale Hofmeister (left) along with runner-up Ken Wyatt (right). Also pictured is 300 Bowl General Manager Jeff Austreng.**

win, 212-167. Sullins received a check for \$400 for his efforts.

Wyatt then met Hofmeister in the championship match. This match started like the previous matches for Wyatt as Hofmeister

opened early in the match leaving the 6-8 split in the third frame. This time it was Wyatt who struggled down the stretch, opening in three of his last four frames. Hofmeister struck in frames 4-7 and never looked back defeating Wyatt 215-169. Hofmeister becomes the first bowler to win 20 times on the MMBA circuit. Dick Beattie (15), Nick Wissinger (14), Wyatt (12), Dale Strike (10) and Larry Walker (10) are the only other double digit MMBA title holders.

Thank you to Larry Crake, proprietor of 300 Bowl and Jeff Austreng, General Manager along with the rest of the 300 Bowl staff for opening a new season for the Michigan Majors. We're proud to have Budweiser again as our title sponsor. A big thank you to Hubert Distributors for sponsoring another successful tournament.

Again for 2015 Storm is our ball sponsor — thank you to Doene Moos for Storm's continued support of the MMBA. General Maintenance Works, another great sponsor of the MMBA is now joined by two new sponsors for 2015 — Eddie Grace of Grace Insurance Services and C-MAC Transportation, proprietor Scott Christie. Please support all our sponsors!

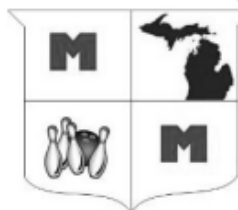
• THE NEXT Michigan Majors tournament will be held at Town N Country Lanes in Flint on Feb. 21 with a start time of 10 a.m.

• THE FINAL standings at 300 Bowl: Dale Hofmeister (Essexville) \$1,000, Ken Wyatt (Sterling Heights) \$500, Harry Sullins (Chesterfield Twp.) \$400, Mason Brantley (Detroit) \$325, Bob Chamberlain Jr. (Holly) \$300, Scott Christie (Southgate) \$190, John Robertson (Waterford) \$180, Corey Miller (Grand Blanc) \$170, Jeff Austreng (Waterford) \$250, Jason Overmyer (Jackson) \$140, Mike Keith (Woodhaven) \$130, Frank Snodgrass (Sterling Heights) \$120, Mike Norris (Melvindale) \$110, Brian Newcomb (Romulus) \$100.

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Each league secretary should have received a pink envelope so leagues can donate one night of their 50/50 or even just pass the envelope to support "Bowl for the Cure." Thank you all in

advance for your support of this very worth cause!

This year we have added an additional prize to be won by one very lucky person — our Ribbon Chair!

Larry Matson of Sheridan, Michigan was kind enough to build this chair for us to raffle. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from a Board Member or at our office.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Bowl One event on February 28th. Don't you have someone special who deserves this chair? Please support any and all of our fundraising efforts for Bowl for the Cure because EVERYONE DESERVES A LIFE-TIME!

February also kicks off the MDUSBC Open and Women's Championship tournaments at Sterling Lanes. We need more support of our city tournament. If you always bowl, ask another team to come with you.

If you haven't been in a while or ever, now is the time to come out and test your skill, as well as have a great time. Prime times are filling up, so get your entry in today! Entry blanks can be found on our website for both the Open and Women's events.

February only has 28 days this year we have to get through, and I have just covered about 10 of them for you — you are welcome! Happy Valentine's Day!

• FEBRUARY IS usually pretty gloomy, cold and dark in Michigan. But in the bowling capital of the world, there is a flurry of activity all month long!

On Feb. 7th, Mayflower kicks off "Bowl for the Cure" month with their family-oriented event, which is always fun for all. The event runs from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and for a donation of \$54.95, entrants are provided three hours of bowling, shoe rental, one large pizza, and one pitcher of pop for up to five people. Vicki and her staff always have incredible raffle baskets, duck adoptions, and prizes for young and old.

Later in the month, Bowl One will host a "Bowl for the Cure" event on Feb. 28th at noon. The cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door per person, and includes three games of 9-pin, no tap, pizza, pop, shoe rental along with raffle baskets, duck adoptions and prizes. It is always a great time, and we hope to fill up those 40 lanes, so reserve early! It is always a fun event!

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Vote Now in the 'Bowl For The Cure' Fabulous Four Essay Contest

ARLINGTON, Texas — The "Bowl for the Cure" Fabulous Four essay contest entries that have been submitted and approved now are online and voting is underway to determine the submission that will earn a bonus prize.

Bowl for the Cure is a year-round fundraising initiative sponsored by USBC in partnership with Susan G. Komen. The Fabulous Four essay contest, which opened earlier this month, is being held to raise awareness about breast cancer. Four grand prize winners will be selected for a five-day trip that will start in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and end at the 2015 USBC Women's Championships in Reno, Nevada.

The essay contest is open to women who have been impacted by breast cancer and/or have been involved in supporting the fight against breast cancer. To enter or to vote, go to BOWL.com/FabulousFour.

While online voting will determine the bonus prize, a panel including last year's Fabulous Four winners, Professional Women's Bowling Association spokesperson Kelly Kulick, Susan G. Komen staff and USBC staff will determine the four essay contest winners that will receive the five-day trip.

For the essay contest, two of the Fabulous Four selections will be based on the essay writer's personal experience with breast cancer, and two selections will be for meritorious service in the fight against breast cancer.

The deadline to submit an essay in the Fabulous Four essay contest is Feb. 12. Go to BOWL.com/FabulousFour for complete details and to enter the contest.



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By CHERYL DANIELS

Member of the Professional Women's Bowling Association

• I DISCUSSED in some earlier issues about matching your equipment to the conditions you bowl on.

If you bowl in a bowling center that uses heavy oil you need to have the kind of equipment that works in heavy oil (particle shell coverstocks). Likewise if you bowl on dry lanes with very little oil you must use equipment designed for lighter amounts of oil

(pearl reactive resin coverstocks).

Not having the proper equipment means you are not prepared for what you bowl on. Think of bowling as a puzzle in which you must match up to the condition that is given to you. Your challenge is to choose the proper equipment and line up properly.

A golfer uses more than one golf club for a reason. If you are bowling in different centers or the lanes vary from week to week at the same center you may need to make a equipment change or have the surface on your ball altered. I hear a lot of bowlers complain about conditions, and we are all guilty of it, but remember you get back out what you are willing to put in.

If your ball is going left of the 1-3 pocket and you are standing on the center dot aiming at second arrow, move your feet left a few boards and your target left one or two boards, remember to move your target and feet in the same direction. One of the most common flaws I see bowlers make is to drift on the approach and finish at the foul line in a totally different spot.

Quick Tips:

1) Miss pocket to left, move feet and target left

2) Miss pocket to right, move feet and target right

3) Walk straight, If you start on center dot finish on center dot

4) Keep eight to 10 boards from center of body and target. e.g. stand on center dot aim at second arrow.

Before saying it is the lanes, try to match up your equipment and get in the right area.

Remember, bowling is a game and sport and requires some skill, technique and adjustments. That is the challenge.

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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

Metro Detroit USBC Holds Annual Meeting

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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.

MDUSBC TOURNAMENTS

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

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 & Open Championship Tournaments with both starting Sat., February 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 ext. 105.




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

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



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Mental Attitude Important to Pros' Success

• MOST AVERAGE bowlers and bowling fans don't realize that even the greatest pros choke the same as a low-average bowler looking for a 10th frame spare to break 200 for the first time.

"We all feel the pressure and we all choke a little or a lot," says one pro. "The trick is learning to win despite it."

Another pro insists, "Mental attitude accounts for at least 90 percent of a pro's success."

Though most wouldn't put the psychological side of the sport that high, it is universally agreed that success in bowling depends on the mind as much or more than it does on muscle.

Happy go lucky on the surface, the late Hall-of-Famer Steve Nagy was one of the first stars to admit that you had to own a "choke stroke" or you couldn't win.

"You're always going to feel the pressure, no matter how good you are, how hot

you are or who you are," said Nagy. "So you've got to build a swing you can rely on, a swing that won't fail you in the clutch."

Different pros face up to the pressure in different ways. One produces so much energy when he's keyed up that he knows he'll pull the ball.

"So I play for the pull I know I'm going to give the ball the last split second," he confesses.

Others have the opposite problem. When they are under pressure they don't give the ball enough stuff, so they must poke, force or almost push it up into the pocket or it won't carry.

All agree that slowing down helps and that a deep breath will help to calm and relax you under trying situations.

Colorful and controversial Ed Bourdase was one of the first stars to feel that the secret could be in some form of self-hypnosis. The main idea was to attempt to forget

the pressure and concentrate on the shot, a shot you might have made easily thousands of times when there was no pressure.

Said Bourdase, "I've seen many pros concentrate so deeply they wouldn't have recognized a close friend who spoke to them." Once a bowler has reached an advanced degree of physical ability and consistency in execution, the head side of the game is much more important than the technical side. A better bowler's main problem is not so much in developing and maintaining technical competence as it is in being able to keep emotional factors from interfering with natural performance.

What makes super stars such as Don Carter, Dick Weber, Walter Ray Williams, Earl Anthony and Mark Roth is not their great margin in ability, but in their mental ability to psych themselves up for key tournaments, key games and key shots.



**Best of
CHUCK
PEZZANO**

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

Confidence, concentration, desire, resilience, temperament and courage all fit into the picture. Most pros feel confidence is the most important factor, but confidence can only truly come when it's based on good past performance or a strong hint of same.

It's not a dream or a fantasy when a bowler feels he is up on a certain day or for a certain tournament. There are on and off days for bowlers and the goal is to be up and on the great majority of time.

Sure, we all know that you must have the right mental attitude. How does an average bowler obtain it?

First, the bowler must study himself to discover and learn fully how he reacts in a pressure situation. This will help him develop the proper shot. Every bowler should have his own way of easing pressure. The pity of it all is that only the bowler himself can figure the best way.

Bowling World Mourns Death of Hall-of-Famer Chuck Pezzano

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as he evolved into the most prolific bowling writer in history.

In the 1960s, Pezzano and fellow New Jersey entrepreneur/PBA Hall of Famer Frank Esposito created the PBA Regional program, creating a close-to-home, affordable competition arena for thousands of would-be professional bowlers to develop their skills.

He was the first Meritorious Service inductee in the inaugural PBA Hall of Fame class in 1975, and later inducted into the United States Bowling Congress and Bowling Writers Association of America Halls of Fame, among his 12 halls of fames.

In addition to his prolific writing contributions, Pezzano was a television pioneer, working with hall of fame broadcasters Mel Allen, Chris Schenkel, Jack Buck, Brent Musberger, Al Trautwig and others. He worked as a consultant on television, movie and instructional videos, and traveled the country serving as an emcee and guest speaker at hundreds of bowling functions.

Pezzano also was heavily involved in PBA business affairs, running the PBA East Region for 20 years. He was secretary of the PBA Hall of Fame for nearly 20 years, and served as the organization's official historian for longer than that. He helped open the door for women bowling writers to join the previously all-male Bowling Writers Association of America (which later named its scholarship program in his honor) and he was a lifelong advocate for high school and collegiate bowling. He was actively involved in charitable fundraisers, and worked closely with curator Bruce Pluckhahn in planning exhibits for the "new" International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in St. Louis.

When the PBA dedicated its pressroom in his honor in 2011, Pezzano said, "It was Will Rogers who noted that he never met a man he didn't like. I won't go that far but I will say that I never met someone in bowling that I didn't like something about.

"Through bowling I have traveled more than three million miles, visited every state, and places such as Las Vegas and Reno more than 150 times, delved into the history of the sport, learning about the roles of women, minorities, bowling communications and halls of fame. Writing, broadcasting, speaking, serving on special committees (18 hall of fame committees) being involved in major innovations to and for the sport that provide endless fodder for all bowling involvements. The goal always is to just do everything a little better than it has been done."

Failing health had limited his travel in recent years, but Pezzano never stopped wanting to help.

"Chuck called me a week ago, still trying to help the PBA," PBA Commissioner Tom Clark said Friday. "He's an icon, prolific and multi-talented. There will never be another like him. He'll be greatly missed."

Pezzano is survived by his four sons, grandchildren Amanda Rose Pezzano and Jarod Charles Pezzano, and brothers Russell and Arnold Pezzano. He was preceded in death by his wife Lila (nee Grosser) in 1983, brother William and sister Joan.



Senior Singles Open

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All starting times are 10 a.m. unless noted otherwise.

Check-in time is 9 a.m. Generally we try to bowl on the fourth Saturday of every month. All Tournaments will be USBC Sanctioned events at Certified Bowling Centers only.

2015 Schedule

- January 3 — Thunderbowl Lanes**
- January 24 — 300 Bowl
(MDUSBC Senior Masters oil pattern)**
- February 28 — Westland Bowl**
- March 21 — Regal Lanes**
- April 25 — Novi Bowl**
- May 30 — Oak Lanes**
- June 27 — Country Lanes**
- July 25 — Wonderland Lanes**
- August 29 — Wayne Bowl**
- September 26 — Astro Lanes**
- October 24 — Cherry Hill Lanes**
- November 21 — Plaza Lanes**
- December 5 — 5 Star Lanes (Grand Finals)**