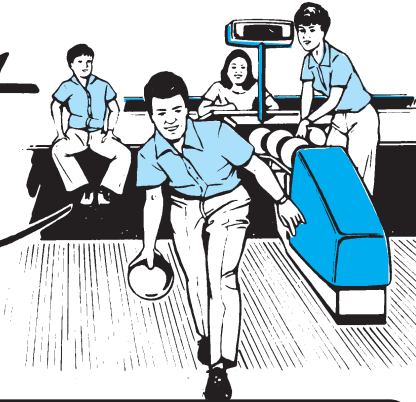


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Champions Honored at Annual Metro Detroit USBC Reception

• THE DETROIT area's top bowlers for the 2011-12 season were honored at the Metro Detroit USBC Awards Reception at DiCarlo's Banquet Center in Warren on Tuesday, June 19.

The annual celebration featured a jam-packed hall of all-stars, Hall-of-Famers, tournament champions, award-winners, proprietors and other tenpin dignitaries.

• HONORED AT this year's

banquet:

Masters Champion — Rick Capaldi.

Senior Masters Champion — Harold Sullins.

Super Senior Masters Champion — John Fryer.

Men's All-City Teams — First Team: Christopher Nielson, Craig Nidiffer, Corey Miller, Scott Bowersock, David Ewald. Second Team: Jeffrey Austreng, Jeffrey Edwards, Ryan VanHecke, Rick

Capaldi, John Kelley.

Senior Men's All-City Teams — First Team: Charles Graddick Jr., Rick Capaldi, Edward Mintz, Joseph Krajenke, Harold Sullins. Second Team: Kenneth Wyatt, Edwin Austreng, John Bennett, Fred McClain, Michael Lucente.

Women's All-City Teams — First Team: Nicole Edwards, Michelle Ewald, Erin Williams, Kimberly Maddy, Sonja Butler. Second Team: Arica Jackson, Sara Litteral, Lauren Roberts, Carleta Poydras, Altramese (Mickey) Webb.

Senior Women's All-City Teams — First Team: Denise Gunter, Nancy Dietrich, Melinda Hylton, Patti Bryans, Wanda Jones. Second Team: Debra Dickerson, Karen Whitmore, Terri Robertson, Gwendolyn Finley, Clystine Henderson, Valorie Dunlap.

MDUSBC Volunteer of the Year

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Metro Detroit USBC Open Championship

Actual Team — "Supreme Deck III" (captain Michael Koslowski, Scott Bowersock, Edward Mintz, Mark O'Connell, Joseph O'Connell).

Handicap Division I Team — "The Bilski's Are Back!" (captain Paul Bilski, Joseph Krajenke, Thomas Bilski Jr., Scott Brown, Bruce Wright).

Handicap Division II Team — "Clique 1" (captain Lawrence Richardson, Leonard Hampton, Wesley Williams, Darrall Garner, Korian Dye).

Actual Doubles — Nathan Adams & Christopher Nielson.

Hdcp. Doubles — Paul Bilski & Thomas Bilski Jr.

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Mike Edwards Tops Senior Masters

Mike Edwards' 701-691 victory over Hugh Miller to lock up his first PBA Senior Tour title — and first major — in the USBC Senior Masters on June 15 at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas threw both the PBA Senior Tour Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year races into a tizzy heading into the final three events of the 2012 season.

Edwards, who turned 50 in December, ran the table in the Senior Masters, posting a 7-0 record in the three-game, double-elimination match play event in becoming the first Native American to win a PBA Senior Tour title. The victory came a week after Edwards finished third in the Etonic PBA Senior U.S. Open in his debut as a senior player, and 18 years after winning his only PBA Tour title in the 1994 PBA IOF Bowling for Miracles Open in Toronto, Ontario.

IN THE NEWS



Sunnybrook Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Sunnybrook Lanes will be celebrating its 50th anniversary July 9-14 each day from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., offering special prices on bowling, rental shoes, hot dogs, french fries, ice cream, pop and chips. They will also be holding daily drawings for 50 percent off vouchers to Sunnybrook and several local area businesses.

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"Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter" and the "Michigan Animal Adoption Network." The event has raised nearly \$100,000 during its first six years.

According to event organizers Michelle Mullen and Aleta Sill, "Whether you bowl or not, you can still help animals in need by becoming a sponsor, making a donation, donating an auction item or by getting pledges from family, friends and co-workers."

For more information, call (248) 615-9060.

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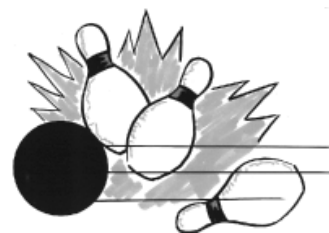
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METRODETROIT USBC NEWS

By Association Manager
Mark A. Martin

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• HISTORICALLY, the Metro Detroit USBC and former organizations have set aside dates to distribute supplies to leagues for the upcoming seasons. This year there will be no set dates for distribution.

Due to the fact that half of the centers within MDUSBC host their own distribu-

tion school for their leagues, the leagues which would attend the association-wide distribution has dwindled dramatically.

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

For those leagues where the center will not be hosting a center-only event, the supplies can be picked up at

the MDUSBC office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. If this is inconvenient please call the association office to make other arrangements.

HOW THE ASSOCIATION WORKS

• RULES ARE the foundation of the bowling game. The USBC and formerly the ABC and WIBC were founded to develop and enforce uniform rules for the game. Before the ABC and WIBC developed the

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS ANNOUNCED

- EFFECTIVE June 11 the Metro Detroit USBC office hours for the summer will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The office will be closed on Wednesdays.

rules and specifications, the physical aspects of our game could vary dependent upon the area of the country or bowling alley.

Once the specifications were established, the game became more of a sport, with which competitors from across the country could compete. By defining those rules and specifications, competitors could refine their "game" to compete with others on the same playing field.

The rules have changed throughout the 100+ years of the organized competition, but the physical characteristics have remained virtually unchanged. This is one of the items that makes our game great.

Rules have to be updated to keep up with some changes in society. Each year changes are proposed to the USBC Convention delegates for their action.

Each year the changed rules in the book are marked with brackets ([]) to denote a change. The MDUSBC is dedicated to helping members, league officers and leagues understand the rules. Because of this the office staff answers many questions surrounding the rules, which is one of our support functions to the membership.

Many of the rules questions we get center around league fee arrearages, postponements, forfeits, position rounds, etc. Each situation has its own merits and many times determinations need to be made whether a particular rule fits the situation, which is where the MDUSBC can be helpful in that determination.

It is important for all members to be aware of the rules, so that they can comply and enjoy the game of bowling more. If you are bowling in an unsanctioned league, think about the rules support you receive as a member of the MDUSBC that you'd miss. The real problem in bowling in an uncertified league is that you never realize what you're missing until you need it and it's not there.

The Metro Detroit USBC Association is committed to making the game more enjoyable for everyone involved. One of the ways we do that is to participate in the rules making process at the convention and by helping the members understand the rules. The final way we help is to resolve issues regarding the rules.

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Bowling 'Institution' John Jowdy Celebrates 92nd Birthday

• **IDLE BOWLING** thoughts:

If ever there has been an institution in bowling in the past half century it has gone by the name of John Jowdy. Make that 70 years. Jowdy has covered every part of the sport as completely as those freezing weather penguins who cover their single egg as the most important thing in the world.

Jowdy recently turned 92 and his birthday always has been a date to celebrate. At one of his birthday parties during the Firestone Tournament of Champions, I was given the assignment of keeping Jowdy busy while preparations were made for the fete. I took him for a soda, we checked out the local newspapers and I inspected his latest batch of new clothes because he always tossed me a beautiful tie or two.

Finally I figured the setting was ready and I took him to the hotel site. There were



By CHUCK PEZZANO

Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

more than 100 people there, competitors in the midst of the heat of the most heralded event of the time, officials from practically every bowling organization and the top media people from the country. All there to pay tribute to the man who never refused to help any bowler who asked, early in the morning or late at night.

He helped all and that included bowlers who represented firms other than his own. The assemblage presented him a classic watch as well as classic compliments.

"I consider that birthday party one of the highlights of my life because so many went out of their way to say thank you in such a unique way in such a once-in-a-lifetime setting," fondly recalls Jowdy

Happy 92nd, John, from all of bowling.

• **YOU DON'T** hear much about righty-

lefty battles much anymore and at the completion of the PBA Tour slate, no lefty won a tournament on the regular slate. First time that has happened in almost 50 years. When the controversy boiled, the late Andy Varipapa, with tongue in cheek and adding fuel to the fire, suggested bowling be conducted only as a right-handed sport.

• **ON ANY** bowling tele-cast, the scores and the projected scores should be mentioned as often as possible.

• **HACKENSACK** High School in New Jersey is believed to be the first school to have varsity bowling at the high school level — back in 1937.

• **BOWLING WAS** laughed at as the sport that had the bowler's name on the back or front or sleeve of their bowling shirts whenever the top teams rolled in top competition, league or tournament. They don't laugh anymore. Almost every sport now has its athletes displaying names of participants.



JOHN JOWDY

And as far back as the late 1800s and early 1900s star bowlers wore long-sleeved shirts with starched collars and ties. Try it, if you dare. And many still predict the return of high topped bowling shoes, similar to those used by boxers.

• **SUMMER LEAGUES** and tournaments are important to any bowler's schedule. And when the so-called fall and winter events start coming up, the sorriest bowlers are the ones who gave their bowling ball too much of a vacation.

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May 5	Sunnybrook Lanes	10 am
June 2	300 Bowl	10 am
Aug. 4	Plaza lanes	10 am
Sept. 22	Mayflower Lanes	10 am
Oct. 6	Cherry Hill lanes	10 am
Nov. 3	5 Star Lanes	10 am
Dec. 1	Sunnybrook Lanes	12 pm
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Mich. Women's 500 Club Holds 36th Tourney

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• THE MICHIGAN Women's 500 Bowling Club held their 36th annual tournament on Saturday, June 9 at Taylor Lanes in Taylor. The tournament is run in four average divisions. The club members have a choice of two squads in this one-day event.

The tournament is \$20 and includes the club's annual dues. The tournament had 177 members bowl in this year's event. The 500 Club had members come from several areas including Kalamazoo, Lapeer and even Rockford, Ill.

The Class A Division (171 average and up) had 48 total entries and paid out 10 places. The Class A Division winner was Pamela Smith of Lincoln Park with a handicap score of 688.

The Class B Division (161-170 average) had 34 total entries and paid out eight places. The champion for this division with a handicap score of 721 was Kathryn Hearndon of Detroit.

The C Division (146-160 average) winner was new 500 club member Crystal Moncrief of Detroit who bested the field of 60 bowlers. Her score was a tournament high 807 with handicap. This class had the biggest division in the tournament and paid out 13 places.

The Class D Division (145 average and under) bowlers had a repeat champion.

Kathy Forma of Garden City was a first-time bowler and champion in 2010. Her handicap score of 674 was the best in this year's field of 35 bowlers. Class D paid out eight places in the tournament.

All champions received a \$100 check and a championship trophy.

The Michigan Women's 500 Bowling Club held their annual meeting after the second squad of the day. Some highlights of the meeting included by-law changes and board elections.

A new board of directors, led by first-year president Debra Dickerson, passed a revamped set of by-laws. Virginia Ball of Clarkston was elected to the position of Director No. 5.

It was the consensus of the club members to seek bids from centers for the purpose of rotating the tournament. Details of the next tournament will be available this coming fall season.

Joining Debra and Virginia are the following members of the newly re-energized board — Elizabeth Ketterman of Detroit, Sgt.-At-Arms; Ann Block of Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer; Erin Dobbins of Livonia, Director No. 1; Jennifer Bonner of Taylor, Director No. 2; Natalie Gerlach of Lapeer, Director No. 3 and Michele LaRouche of Westland, Director No. 4.

The Michigan Women's 500 Bowling Club is open to any female bowler who has bowled a 500 series in her bowling history and who obtains membership in the club. The membership fee is \$5 and annual dues are \$2. The membership fee includes a club patch, pin and membership card.

New membership forms will be available soon. They will be available by sending a request to the club secretary's e-mail at michwomens500club@gmail.com. The forms will also be made available at association offices around the state.

• ON THE national level, Michigan won a couple of awards from the National 600 Bowling Club. At the annual club dinner held Monday, May 21 at the Sands Regency Casino/Hotel in Reno, Nev., the club gave their annual incentive awards. The club gives the local and state 600 clubs having the largest increase in memberships during the previous bowling special recognition.

The Greater Grand Rapids 600 Club had an increase of 38 members. The Metro Detroit 600 Club had an increase of 28 members and the State of Michigan had an increase of members of 47 from the previous bowling season. The awards were presented during the Michigan State USBC WBA annual meeting held in Port Huron on June 2.

• SPECIAL KUDOS to Dionne Keaton of the Metro Detroit USBC for having her first 300 game at the recently completed Michigan State USBC WBA Championship Tournament. Her first perfect game came in the team event at Fairlanes in Grandville. Dionne's game was one of five perfects from this year's events.

The thing that set her game apart from the others is the fact she won the high handicap game at the team event site with a 335. Yes, you can have more than 300 in bowling. There is also a rumor Dionne beat her husband to the 12 strikes in a row feat. Until next time!

Junior Gold Sets Tournament, Membership Records

ARLINGTON, Texas — A record number of youth bowlers will take part in the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships next month in Indianapolis, and the United States Bowling Congress Junior Gold program already has established a membership record for the 2011-12 season.

The 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships presented by Brunswick has sold 2,088 spots, shattering the previous record of 1,980 set in 2009, also in Indianapolis. It is a 14-percent increase over last year's mark of 1,821 entries.

The USBC Junior Gold program has more than 4,000 members for the first time in the program's 15-year history, a 12-percent increase over last season's total, also a record.

The North Pointe Junior Gold Championships was created by combining the Bowling Proprietors' of America North Pointe High School Championships and the USBC Junior Gold Championships into one national singles championship event with four divisions - U20 boys, U20 girls, U15 boys, U15 girls.

Chad Murphy, International Bowling Campus Managing Director of Youth Development, said while the change was dramatic, it allowed for a scholarship pool of \$250,000 and opened the field to more youth bowlers. More than 300 participants for this year's North Pointe Junior Gold Championships qualified in the new U15 division.

The 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships will be held July 14-20 at Woodland Bowl, Western Bowl and Expo Bowl in Indianapolis. In addition to the \$250,000 scholarship pool, participants also will be vying for spots on Junior Team USA.

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Rate Bowling Lane Conditions Like Golf Courses?

TIPS FROM THE PROS



By CHERYL DANIELS

Member of the Professional Women's Bowling Association

• IN BOWLING, "par" is considered 200.

Are you really a 200 bowler across a variety of lane conditions? Are you a good spare shooter and do you know how to play different angles to the pocket? A true par bowler has a complete game and can adjust his or her ball speed and utilize different hand positions.

But wait! You say you are averaging 212 in one house and 198 in the other house. I personally believe lane conditions should be rated just like golf courses. On some courses

par is 70 and on other courses par is 71 or 72.

There are usually at least three different tees, (a) ladies tees, (b) regular tees, and (c) championship tees. I think some lane conditions are so easy that 220 for par would probably be more realistic and a more accurate way of establishing a true average.

210 for par would be a semi-easy condition. For the more challenging lane conditions 200 would be par. This is just an idea of mine and through the growth of sport bowling and the PBA Experience leagues more bowlers are starting to realize that mastering different lane conditions is very demanding.

I believe that rating lane conditions will help people better understand bowling and some of the variables involved. I watch bowlers who carry 190-plus averages and miss five and six spares a night.

If you want to be a more solid player, I suggest every bowler learn the 3-6-9 spare shooting system and/or 2-4-6 spare shooting system. It becomes a reference point for shooting your spares and once you master it you will greatly increase your spare shooting percentage.

Remember, when lanes are more difficult, spare shooting is at a premium. Different lane conditions with different ratings would require you to anticipate and prepare

yourself accordingly thus employing a little more strategizing in order to score better. The ideas in this article is just a thought that is meant to get bowlers to consider what par really is meant to be.

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CHAMPIONS HONORED AT ANNUAL METRO DETROIT USBC RECEPTION

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Actual Singles — Henry Wess.

Hdcp. Singles — Leonard Hampton.

Actual All-Events — James Skierski Jr.

Hdcp. All-Events — Leonard Hampton.

Senior Handicap Team — "Power II" (captain Arnold Stark, Rod Taylor, Claude Whitley, Alvin Burch, Andrew Ratliff).

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Division I Team — "Gates' Girls" (captain Theresa Gates, Gail Felczak, Teresa Bissonnette, Sabrina Mikula, Amanda Frey).

Division II Team — "Gunter Girls" (captain Denise Gunter, Natasha Porter, Terri Robertson, Deana Harris, Vivian Williams).

Division III Team — "Rovers Sunday Trio II" (captain Sheila McIntyre, Judith Barnett, Jacqueline Chaney, Tamika Smith, Jilma Gibson).

Actual Team — "This Year It's for MK" (captain Michelle Ewald, Nicole Edwards, Felicia Goll, Melissa Lynch, Lisa Fogel).

Division I Doubles — Kathleen Bishop & Krista Davison.

Division II Doubles — Diane Searles & Pamela Wiggins.

Division III Doubles — Vivian Williams & Natasha Porter.

Actual Doubles — Nicole Edwards & Kimberly Maddy.

Division I Singles — Denise Gunter.

Division II Singles — George-Ann Howell.

Division III Singles — Kathleen Michaluk.

Actual Singles — Kate Featherstone.

Division I All-Events — Denise Gunter (hdcp. and actual).

Division II All-Events — George-Ann Howell (hdcp.), Carol Pilon (actual).

Division III All-Events — Natasha Porter (hdcp.), Angela Todd (actual).

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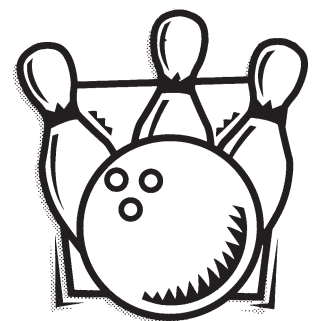


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Craig Nidiffer Wins 7th Career Budweiser MMBA Title at 5-Star Lanes

• CRAIG NIDIFFER continues his hot hand as he won his second Budweiser Michigan Majors title this year and No. 7 overall at 5-Star Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Nidiffer was also the leading qualifier as he paced the 54 entrants with a six-game 1474 score. He faded a little in the three-game semi-final to place fourth in the stepladder final. Nidiffer swept through four matches to win the title.

Nidiffer converted two splits in the opening match to keep a clean game. He then threw two strikes in his 10th frame for a 211-204 win over Mike Norris Jr.

The second match also went down to the final frame. Nidiffer got a strike but then



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only nine pins for a 225 game. Abed Daher needed three strikes for a tie game. He left a 10-pin on his first toss for a 211 game.

The semi-final match went to what else, the final frame. Bob Chamberlain Jr. with a three-pin lead came up light slashing through for only five pins which he failed to convert. Nidiffer needed only a spare which he got for a 216-206 win.

Chamberlain said, "I thought it came off my hand good. It just didn't bite like the other frames."

The final match had no 10th frame drama this time. Carleton Chambers started slow with an open in his first five frames. Nidiffer was not waiting this



• FROM LEFT: Tournament runner-up Carleton Chambers, 5-Star Lanes Manager Pat Cussick, tournament champion Craig Nidiffer.

time as he strung five strikes in a row for a 57-pin lead after seven frames. Chambers bounced back a little, but too late. Nidiffer won, 226-200.

Chambers said this is very frustrating as he finished second for the third time at 5-Star Lanes.

Nidiffer said, "I got lucky this time. As I said before it is never easy to win in the Michigan Majors. I'm just happy to get through these matches with a title."

• THE FINAL standings at 5-Star Lanes — Craig Nidiffer (Trenton) \$1,100, Carleton Chambers (Detroit) \$600, Bob Chamberlain Jr. (Holly) \$500, Abed Daher (Dearborn)

\$400, Mike Norris Jr. (Melvindale) \$300, George Juszcyk (Dearborn Hgts.) \$200, Rick Schultz (Warren) \$180, Ken Wyatt (Sterling Hgts.) \$160, Aaron Lorincz (Belleville) \$150, Cody Shoemaker (Warren) \$140, Mike Chism (Redford) \$130, John Kelley (Sterling Hgts) \$120, Julie Oczepek (Reese) \$110, Eddie Grace (Howell) \$100.

• THE MICHIGAN Majors will take a summer break. The next tournament is Aug. 18 at Galaxy Lanes in Grand Blanc. Contact the tournament office at (586) 775-2414 or go to the official web site at www.michiganmajors.com.

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Date	Bowling Center	Time
Feb. 25	300 Bowl - (over/under 50)	12:30
Mar. 24	Bowl One Lanes	12:30
Apr. 14	Cherry Hill Lanes - Mixed	12:30
Sept. 29	Plaza Lanes	12:30
Oct. 13	Pampa Lanes	12:30
Oct. 27	Westland Bowl	12:30
Nov. 24	5 Star Lanes - (over/under 50)	1:00
Dec. 22	Merri Bowl Lanes (Grand Finals)	12:30

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RULE CHANGES FOR THE FALL

• THERE ARE three new rule changes that may affect league operations in the 2012-13 season.

USBC Rule 113b and USBC Rule 113c under Procedures and Special Contests requires that games bowled in a playoff or special contest to count toward averages.

USBC Rule 118b under How Established allows the league board of directors to adjust a player's average upward during the season with a two-thirds vote.

USBC Rule 120 under Position Rounds will default to total pins plus handicap to be used to break ties for position matches for handicap leagues unless a league has a rule otherwise.

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