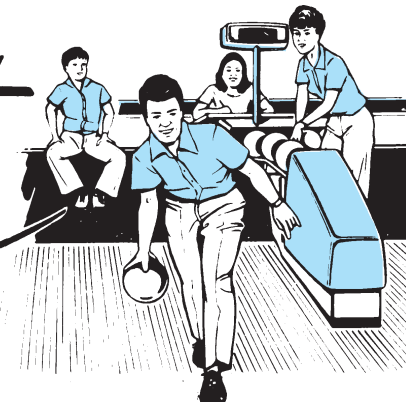


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CHAMPIONS HONORED AT ANNUAL METRO DETROIT USBC RECEPTION

• THE DETROIT area's top bowlers for the 2013-14 season were honored at the Metro Detroit USBC Awards Reception at DiCarlo's Banquet Center in Warren on Tuesday, June 17.

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 — Ronnie Sparks.

Senior Masters Champion — Harold Sullins.

Super Senior Masters Champion — Ed Austreng.

Men's All-City Teams — First Team: Ronnie Sparks Jr., George Juszczak Jr., John Kelley, Kenneth Wyatt, Mark Milasinovich Jr. Second Team: Christopher Nielson, Jonathan Murphy, Edward Mintz, Mark Lobdell, John Robertson.

Senior Men's All-City Teams — First Team: Harold Sullins, Kenneth Wyatt, Edward Mintz, Mitchell Jabczenski Sr., Charles Graddick Jr. Second Team: Michael Atkins, Daniel Emmett, Marcus Spigner, Gerald Johnson, Jeffrey Smith.

Women's All-City Teams — First Team: Angela Wilt, Michelle Keirns, Sara Litteral, Sandra

Schultz, Erica Ewald. Second Team: Erin Williams, Novella Daniels, Lisa Bishop, Lauren Roberts, Carleta Poydras.

Senior Women's All-City Teams — First Team: Sandra Schultz, Carmeletha Allen, Diane St. Louis, Melinda Hylton, Carolyn Wilson. Second Team: Tanya Colvin, Karen Whitmore, Susan Labiak, Karol Bogues, Gwendolyn Finley.

MDUSBC Volunteer of the Year — George Bresinski.

Metro Detroit USBC Open Championship

Actual Team — "Mags" (captain)
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PBA Introduces Women's Regional Tournament Program in July

SEATTLE — The Professional Bowlers Association has created a new PBA Women's Regional Tour program that will begin in July and culminate at the PBA World Series of Bowling VI in Las Vegas this fall, Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

The PBA Women's Regional Tour will provide women bowlers with opportunities to compete against other women in the same kind of affordable, close-to-home tournament structure that has given thousands of male bowlers an opportunity to develop their skills since the PBA introduced its regional program 1969.

"Women bowlers have been without a formal tournament structure for too long," Clark said. "The PBA took steps to address that problem when we introduced the PBA Women's Series in 2007. The program was suspended after three seasons, but we have always wanted to provide women with a place to compete. This new program is a step in that direction. Our sincere hope is that it will evolve into something more substantial in the future."

Visit pba.com for complete details.

IN THE NEWS



Michelle Ewald 'Hall-of-Famer'

• MICHELLE EWALD's induction into the Michigan USBC WBA Hall of Fame led a parade of honorees from the Metro Detroit USBC at the annual State awards banquet. Pictured above are brother and sister, David and Michelle Ewald. See page 5 for complete story.

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Team Record
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Even with a half game to go, there was little doubt Artistic Expressions 1 of Oklahoma City was going to finish the day atop the standings at the 2014 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships with the highest score in 111 years of tournament history.

The only question being asked at the National Bowling Stadium was how high the bar would be raised. The group answered with a 1,277 final game and 3,720 team tally, 159 pins better than Motion Plus Lanes of Cudahy, Wis., which previously held the lead and top spot in the record books with 3,561.

Artistic Expressions 1 started Monday's team event with games of 1,255 and 1,188 before closing with the sixth-highest game in USBC Open Championships competition. Team Turbo Grips of Fort Wayne, Ind., owns the single-game record of 1,318.

Ted Pritts led the way for Artistic Expressions 1 on Monday with a 768 series and was followed by Thomas (758), Xeno Garcia (752), Jimmy McMartin (736) and Anthony Lavery-Spahr (706).

The 2014 Open Championships will end its 136-day run on July 13.

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By Association Manager
Mark A. Martin

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distribution has dwindled dramatically.

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

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

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BIG NEW CHANGES COMING

• THE METRO Detroit USBC Board recently met and approved the following actions:

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

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

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS ANNOUNCED

Effective June 2 the MDUSBC 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 Wednesday.

John Vorpapel has been elected as MDUSBC President for the next two-year term, effective Aug. 1, 2014.

George Bresinski has been named as Volunteer of the Year and Denise Gunter has been named as Secretary of the Year.

Two scholarship winners were named. Each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from MDUSBC. The winners are Ashley Krywy and Ryan Winters. Congratulations to both.

For the Masters, Senior Masters and Super Senior Masters qualifying will be on one squad only. This will create a more equitable condition for all competitors.

The average cap for the Senior Team tournament will be raised to 1125 with handicap based on 100 percent from 1125. Also the entry fee is increased to \$20 per person (\$100 per team) with the additional money put into the prize fund.

In the Women's Championship the age to be eligible for the Senior Handicap All-Events has changed to 50, to be consistent with eligibility for the Senior Queens.

In the MDUSBC Adult/Youth tournament the format will change to a Baker-style format.

The 2015-16 tournament sites have been awarded as follows: *Adult/Youth* — Park-

way Lanes, *Junior Masters* — Airway Lanes, *Super Senior Masters* — Garden Bowl, *Queens* — Hazel Park Bowl, *500 Club* — Waterford Lanes, *Youth City* — Wayne Bowl, *Masters* — 300 Bowl, *Senior Masters* — Woodhaven Lanes, *Open and Women's Championships* — Century Bowl, *Senior Team* — Pampa Lanes.

Just a reminder on the sites for the upcoming 2014-15 season. *Adult/Youth* — Salt River Lanes, *Junior Masters* — Indian Lanes, *Super Senior Masters* — Shelby Lanes, *Queens* — Ford Lanes, *500 Club* — Century Bowl, *Youth City* — Sunnybrook Lanes, *Masters* — Shore Lanes, *Senior Masters* — Airway Lanes, *Open and Women's Championships* — Sterling Lanes, (Continued on Page 4)

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Senior Team — Thunderbowl Lanes.

NEW AWARDS PROGRAM FOR 2014-15

• THE METRO Detroit USBC has developed a new awards program for the 2014-15 season to include recognition for members of all averages. This will also include an optional premium honor score awards program with crystal awards.

The following accomplishments will be recognized with a pen: 200 Game for bowlers averaging 150 and under 500 Series for bowlers averaging 135 and under 600 Series for bowlers averaging 165 and under 700 Series for bowlers averaging 200 and under

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

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

Each of the following will be recognized

with a lapel pin: Triplicate series, Stepladder series, Clean series, Dutch 200 game, All-Spare game, 7-10 split conversion, 4-6-7-10 split conversion.

MDUSBC members who purchase a Premium Award upgrade option for an additional \$15 are eligible to earn crystal awards for an 11-in-a-row, 300 game and 800 series (limited to one per season in each category). If a bowler doesn't purchase the upgrade, they can still get the crystal award for \$30 for each honor score achievement.

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

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

• Volunteers — MDUSBC has volunteers to visit bowling centers, tournaments, leagues and members presenting awards, helping resolve problems and communicating programs. Want to help? We are always

looking for dedicated people willing to volunteer their time. Just gives us a call.

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

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

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

• Michigan Kingpins — MDUSBC is the proud leading supporter of the monthly bowling magazine show for everything bowling in the Bowling Capital of the World. The show is broadcast locally and online. Look for a new twist to the show in the fall of 2014.

• MDUSBC app — Yes there's an app for that. Download the free app from your local app store and get up to speed with all MDUSBC events.

• Tournaments — MDUSBC provides tournaments for all ages and skill levels. While bowling is a sport, it can also be fun and we make sure of it. Tournaments include MDUSBC Women's Series, Adult / Youth Tournament, Queens Super Senior Masters, MDUSBC Youth Championship, 500 Club, Masters Senior Masters, MDUSBC Women's Championship, MDUSBC Open Championship, Senior Team, Junior Masters.

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 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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DATE	CENTER	TIME
1/25/14	PAMPA LANES	10 AM
2/22/14	ASTRO LANES	10 AM
3/22/14	300 BOWL	10 AM
4/26/14	WAYNE BOWL	10 AM
5/31/14	COUNTRY LANES	10 AM
6/28/14	OAK LANES	10 AM
JULY	STERLING LANES	10 AM
8/23/14	WONDERLAND LANES	10 AM
9/27/14	HAZEL PARK BOWL	10 AM
10/25/14	CHERRY HILL LANES	10 AM
11/22/14	THUNDERBOWL LANES	10 AM
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PBA regional events. She is being recruited for adult leagues for fall... and I know my two women's leagues would LOVE to have you, Brandie!

Brandie has a 4.0 at Schoolcraft Community College and still has plenty of time for her beautiful daughter Sophia and fiancé, Tyler Street. Congratulations, Brandie! MDUSBC is so very proud of you and I know you will continue to bowl well, and serve the sport that has given you so much!

Michelle Ewald, Hall of Fame inductee, needs no introductions here in the Detroit area. Michelle was the Michigan Star of Tomorrow in 1993, the WIBC Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow in 1996, Detroit Hall of Fame, 2012 (only because she waited on her brother to come of age to join her!), has won Detroit Queens tournaments in 2004, 2007, 2009. She has many awards, and gave so many praises to her amazing family of bowlers, and her partner Harmonie Ponder, her biggest fan!

Michelle has coached Bishop Gallagher High School's bowling teams and is constantly coaching "on the lanes." This I know from personal experience! She is an awesome competitor, coach, teammate and friend to so many bowlers. Her speech was amazing and is up on youtube.com if you want to laugh for a while! Great job, Michelle! We are so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments... now go get that State Queen's tiara... I want to try it on!

I would also like to congratulate Karen Russell who received the 2014 Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service. I was blessed to have received this honor and know how proud you must be to be honored for something you absolutely love doing! And you do it well, my friend!

Michigan USBC WBA also honors a Future Leader. This year's recipient was

• IT IS ALWAYS a joy to attend the awards banquet portion of the Michigan USBC WBA weekend. It is even better when those honorees hail from the Metro Detroit USBC!

As the chairman of the Awards and Recognition committee, I search each and every year for applicants that I can submit... we should ALWAYS have someone to submit from the bowling capital of the world, right?

This year is no exception. Congratulations to the 2014 Star of Tomorrow Brandie Reamy and 2014 Hall of Fame for Superior Performance inductee Michelle Ewald.

Chances are you have heard of Brandie. On April 26, 2006 she became the youngest YABA female bowler in history to roll a 300 game at the age of 12. Her record would stand for seven years. Brandie has many accolades and could not accept her Star of Tomorrow as she was competing in the MJMA championship tournament in Monroe.

Brandie is currently a Level 1 Coach and Registered Volunteer for Skore Lanes and hopes to continue to follow in her mother's footsteps in working with our youth. She has a high average of 206 and high series of 758. She looks forward to competing in the Metro Detroit Women's Series, Queen's and



• THE METRO Detroit USBC was well-represented at this year's Michigan USBC WBA awards banquet.

Melissa Sleda from Sandusky High School. Melissa will be attending Lawrence Technological University studying molecular and cell biology (yuck). Her future plans include a forensic career with the FBI. She will also bowl for the Lady Blue Devils at LTU and looks forward to bowling next year in the MJMA as well as in Metro Detroit. Welcome to our area Melissa! We welcome your great leadership skills and good luck in all of your endeavors.

The tournament honoree this year was Sandra Schultz, also from Metro Detroit USBC. She was unable to attend while nursing her shoulder back from surgery, but I know Sandy will be out there competing as

strong as ever when the season starts. Congrats, Sandy, you are so deserving of this honor.

The Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame is taking applications for this year's inductions. Do you have a bowling resume? Please have someone submit you for consideration into the hall of fame of the Bowling Capital of the World for the category of Superior Performance, Veteran's category or Meritorious Service.

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Matching Up' is Having the Right Combination

TIPS FROM THE PROS



By **CHERYL DANIELS**

Member of the Professional Women's Bowling Association

• IN TODAY'S bowling environment the term "matching up" is commonly used. What does it mean and how important is it?

The factors involved in matching up include selecting the right coverstock, the right core or weight block, considering the bowler's style of play and the proper ball layout. Having the right combination is what allows a bowler to maximize their scoring potential. The more advanced the bowler is the more important having the right combination becomes.

The most commonly used coverstocks are reactive resins and particle coverstocks that come in a solid and pearlized version. Each ball manufacturer has their own proprietary blends and additives that they use to create their coverstocks.

On a heavily oiled lane the proper cover match would be a solid shell resin or solid shell particle with a duller finish that would get into an earlier roll. Believe it or not, some manufacturers' equipment match up better for some players than for others.

The second factor would be the core or weight block design. Weight blocks come in all shapes, sizes, and densities including symmetrical and asymmetrical designs. Weight blocks fall under the category of "low RG," "medium RG" and "high RG."

In addition to these factors these weight blocks have high, medium or low differentials. A high differential core will produce more track flare. A low RG weight block will roll sooner than a high RG weight block. For heavy oil the proper match up would be a dull or semi-dull solid shell coverstock and a low or medium RG core.

On dry lane conditions a bowler with a high "rev" rate should avoid asymmetrical low RG cores with high differentials. The better match up would be a pearlized or polished coverstock with a high or RG ball with a low differential.

The third factor to be considered would be the ball layout. The proper layout is determined by the style of play of the bowler and the conditions that the player is competing on. Pin placement, center of gravity and balance holes are paramount for controlling the break on the back end or how early the ball gets into a roll.

For a low rev player on an oily lane, a strong pin placement, preferably a leverage pin and stacked c.g. with a balance hole, would get the ball in an early roll and is usually a safe drill pattern. Avoid placing the pin high above the fingers on real heavy oil for low rev players because it will tend to skid too far. Remember you can tweak your ball reaction by using polish and sanding products.

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Chad Murphy Named USBC Exec

ARLINGTON, Texas — Chad Murphy has been named Executive Director of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) by the USBC Board of Directors. Murphy had been serving as USBC Interim Executive Director since February, 2014.

Reporting to the USBC Board of Directors, the Executive Director serves as an officer of the corporation and has overall operational responsibility for staff, programs, finance, and execution of the strategic plan.

"Chad Murphy is a highly capable leader that emerged as a natural fit for USBC," USBC President Andrew Cain said. "Through his management of IBC Youth Development and in his recent role as USBC Interim Executive Director, Chad has demonstrated that he is a bold innovator with remarkable business acumen."

"He also possesses a depth of industry knowledge, a lifelong passion for bowling, and an admiration for our volunteers that will allow USBC to flourish as bowling's National Governing Body and premier membership organization. I am excited for our future and pleased to have Chad serve as our Executive Director."

Murphy first joined the International Bowling Campus (IBC) in 2010 as Director of Youth for the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA). He became IBC Director of Youth Development in 2011 at which time he assumed management of USBC youth programs as well. In January of 2012, Murphy earned promotion to IBC Managing Director of Youth Development.

Prior to joining the IBC, Murphy held management positions at Columbia Industries and Ebonite. Earlier in his career, he worked as a team member on the Professional Bowlers Association and Professional Women's Bowling Association tours for Columbia 300.

PRO BOWLING SPOTLIGHT

Australia's Jason Belmonte Wins PBA Oklahoma Open for 10th Career Title

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Australia's Jason Belmonte won four straight matches on a demanding Bear lane condition, including a 193-145 decision over top qualifier E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind., in the title match to win his 10th career title in the Professional Bowlers Association Oklahoma Open at the Grand Casino Resort Event Center.

In a competition that mirrored the United States Bowling Congress Masters held earlier in the year, the reigning PBA Player of the Year came into the Oklahoma Open finals as the No. 5 qualifier and won four consecutive matches for the victory. Belmonte also went from fifth to first in the Masters when he also defeated Tackett for that title.

The finals of the fourth of five Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing events, contested on the flat 40-foot Bear lane condition. The finals aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network. Tackett, as the leading qualifier, earned the right to select the lane condition for the finals and he opted for the demanding U.S. Open-style oiling pattern.

The difficulty of the scoring conditions resulted in the first PBA Tour finals in history without a 200 game.

Belmonte, who won \$18,000 and a berth in the end-of-series Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing special event, reached the 10 career titles milestone in only 80 PBA Tour events, the second-fastest in PBA history behind legendary hall of famer Dick Weber. Weber won 10 of the first 23 PBA events held between 1959 and 1962.

The Australian two-handed star's climb to the Oklahoma Open title — his third of the 2014 season — was even more impressive considering he was in seventh place going into the final game of match play at FireLake Bowling Center earlier in the week, and threw a 256 game to move up two places and qualify for the CBS Sports Network finals.

Belmonte began his march to the title with a 187-171 decision over Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., throwing three strikes in the 10th frame after failing to convert the 3-4-6-7-10 split in the ninth frame to clinch the win. Jones threw strikes on four of his five shots on the left lane, but his failure to strike on the right lane cost him a chance to win.

After struggling on the right lane throughout the second match, Belmonte threw two clutch strikes in the 10th frame to rally from a 25-pin deficit and eliminate Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., 199-191. O'Neill also could have won with a double in the 10th frame, but left a 2-pin after striking on his first shot.

In the semifinal match, Belmonte's error-free game was enough to get past Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, 194-175. Belmonte and Loschetter each threw only three strikes the entire game, but Loschetter's one open frame gave the Australian the margin he needed.

In the championship match, Tackett started with two strikes but then the challenging lane condition got the best of him. Belmonte broke open a 74-74 tie in the fifth frame with a string of three strikes and Tackett never challenged.

BELMONTE, MALOTT, RASH, WEBER NOMINATED FOR 'BEST BOWLER' ESPY

SEATTLE — Voting is underway for the 20th annual "Best Bowler" ESPY Award, presented by ESPN. Candidates selected by ESPN for 2014 ESPY consideration are Jason Belmonte of Australia; Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., and Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo. Brief bios for each player are listed in the voting section on espn.com.

To cast your vote, visit espn.go.com/espys. Click on the photo of each player to view the biographical information for that player. Click on the "submit" tab at the bottom of the player you'd like to vote for.

Voting ends on Wednesday, July 16, the date of the winners will be announced in the live ESPY telecast from Nokia Theater LA Live in Los Angeles.

Weber is the 2013 ESPY winner. He had previously won the fan voting competition in 2002 and 2004. Rash won the 2012 ESPY. Belmonte was the 2011 winner. Malott has never won the award.

PAST WINNERS

2013 — Pete Weber
2012 — Sean Rash
2011 — Jason Belmonte
2010 — Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2009 — Norm Duke
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1995 — Norm Duke

Steve Novak Wins Back-to-Back Michigan Majors Titles at 5-Star



By KEN WYATT

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• The Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Associations final tournament before our summer break was held at 5-Star Lanes in Sterling Heights on June 21. Steve Novak of Bay City, one of the hottest bowlers in the MMBA, continued to carry the hot hand as he defeated Justin O'Hara of Westland, 247-237, to win his second title.

It was only two weeks earlier that Novak won his first title with partner Brian McMahon of Saginaw at our annual doubles tournament at Lodge Lanes in Belleville. Novak started the qualifying round at 5-Star with astounding 851 series in games one through three, and went on to shoot an impressive 1524 six-game total to lead the way. Novak received \$1,000 for the win, \$100 for high qualifier, and a beautiful plaque and trophy for his efforts. Justin O'Hara settled for \$500 with his second place finish.

The stepladder finals began with two Hall-of-Famers meeting head-to-head — fourth seed Jeff Roche of Dearborn and fifth seed Ken Wyatt of Sterling Heights. This match was tight all the way. Roche, recovering from a bad break in the first frame leaving a pocket 7-10 split, needed the first strike in the 10th for the win but left a stubborn 10-pin.

Roche made the spare and needed a strike to tie but came up light for an eight count. Wyatt came away with a 237-235 victory. Roche received \$200 for his fifth-place finish.

Wyatt then met third seed Justin O'Hara of Westland in match No. 2. This match was as close as it could get, ending with a 248 tie after regulation. O'Hara was able to pull out a 57-49 ninth and 10th frame roll-off for the victory. Wyatt settled for fourth place and a check for \$250.

O'Hara met Brian Newcomb of Romulus in match No. 3. Newcomb fell behind early after missing a 7-pin in the third frame, while O'Hara continued his great bowling starting the match with the front eight. O'Hara

spared in the ninth frame sealing the match. Newcomb threw 10 strikes in the game, but the 7-pin miss was too hard to overcome. O'Hara defeated Newcomb, 252-247. Newcomb received a check for \$300 with his third-place finish.

Steve Novak was the final hurdle for O'Hara. O'Hara had carry problems early, leaving the 10-pin in frames one and two, then a devastating 4-9 split in his fourth frame. Novak built a commanding 53-pin lead after five frames, but also had some carrying issues down the stretch. Novak needed a spare in the 10th to shut out O'Hara and converted the 10-pin to seal the victory.

Novak defeated O'Hara, 247-237.

• Thank you to Rick Mocerri and the rest of his staff at beautiful 5-Star Lanes for their continued support of the MMBA. As always, a big thank you to our sponsors Petitpren Distributors, Storm Products and General Maintenance.

• The Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Associations next tournament will be Aug. 16 at Galaxy Lanes in Grand Blanc. Starting time will be 10 a.m. The MMBA staff and directors wish you and your family a safe and happy summer.

• The final standings at 5-Star Lanes: Steve Novak (Bay City) \$1,000, Justin O'Hara (Westland) \$500, Brian Newcomb (Romulus) \$300, Ken Wyatt (Sterling Heights) \$250, Jeff Roche (Dearborn) \$200, Corey Miller (Grand Blanc) \$150, Carl Boldt (Pontiac) \$130, Kerry Kreft (Warren) \$110.

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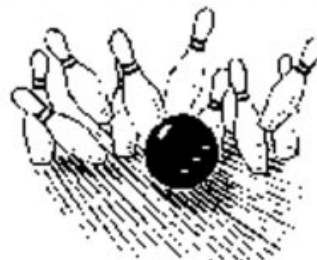
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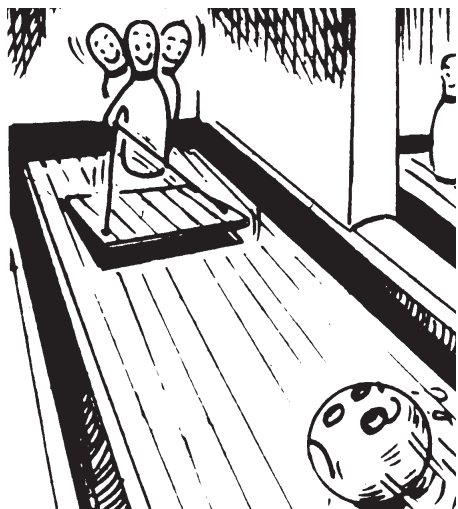
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Bowlers Historically Fought Every Advance

• LANES, BALLS, gutters, pits and everything else was anything goes. For an early ball you went to a carpenter or machinist because they were made of wood, though no metal was allowed. But the wooden ball wore out of a round and had to be evened around from time to time. Thus a ball return in the late 1800s and early 1900s had balls from the current size to some as small as a large softball.

What may surprise many of today's bowlers is that the better bowlers fought almost every advance. They were against going from two-fingered balls to three or more.

They were against the installation of dots and arrows on the approaches and lanes as targets and the use of darker colored boards on lanes that led to the pocket area. They fought for modifying the fat bellied pins and any pin that seemed to fall too easily. And

rather than have a foul calling person sit at either end of the line of lanes they positioned many foul judges in a coop-like structure erected into the wall at either side to give a great view of the feet if they inched over the foul line.

Most of today's bowlers never bowled with a wooden ball, had human beings setting up pins by hand and scoring and calling fouls. But they have had the benefit of rule books that were developed over long years and now are universally administered.

And yes, women were allowed to bowl in most centers. The way it is.

In the rush for entries some senior tournaments are lowering the minimum age to 45 or lower from the usual 50. There are super senior divisions for bowlers 60 and over and super super divisions for 70 and up. Is bowling going to get like boxing? Boxing once had eight divisions — period.

Now there are junior and super groupings added to the original, making 24. And there are at least three-sanctioning groups and that's why there are so many boxing champions, 72 and counting, as other newly created weight divisions and boxing asso-



By CHUCK PEZZANO

Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

ciations pop up. In bowling, in most cases, youngsters and oldsters, what counts is average, not age.

Whenever a so-called unknown wins a bowling event just remember that many a nobody who isn't known by anybody becomes a somebody and is known by everybody, and everybody tells him they knew him when he was a nobody and they knew he would be a somebody someday. Huh?

Pure fiction is the story of a head-to-head bowling match — as told by the participants two weeks later.

In the more than 50 years pro bowling has been on TV, the event that caused the most comment and excitement and got the most exposure was not a specific thrilling match or perfect game or a big money purse — it was Mark Roth's conversion of the 7-10 split.

All bowlers have their bad outings. It has been said that those bad times will be matched by an equal number of good times. Most bowlers I know have a lot of good days coming. In the meantime have a good bowling day — or at least a good day — every day.

Champions Honored at Annual Metro Detroit USBC Reception

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Michael Magolan, Michael Calhoun, Scott Christie, Jimmy Magolan, William Wittenberg).

Handicap Division — “J & D All Season” (captain Kenneth Harp, Michael Auten, Bruce Beyer, Terrance Kandes, Timothy Schaffer).

Actual Doubles — Jordan Born & John Nolen.

Hdcp. Doubles — Christopher McMichael & Daniel Wagner.

Actual Singles — Nyamekye Phelps.

Hdcp. Singles — Robert Greene.

Actual All-Events — George Juszcyk Jr.

Hdcp. All-Events — William Wittenberg Jr.

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Division II Team — “Bazinga” (captain Marlo Harte, Bonnie Dlugosz, Andrea Hall, Margaret Major, Patricia Sockow).

Actual Team — “LB's Precision Ball Motion” (captain Lisa Bishop, Kathleen Bishop, Tanisha Burris, Michelle Keirns, Jenay Kightlinger-Sharp).

Division I Doubles — Akira Turner & Michelle Turner.

Division II Doubles — Lynn Morehouse & Martha Stewart.

Actual Doubles — Akira Turner & Michelle Turner.

Division I Singles — Sara Litteral.

Division II Singles — LaTresha Phillips.

Actual Singles — Sara Litteral.

Division I All-Events — Sara Litteral (hdcp. & actual).

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