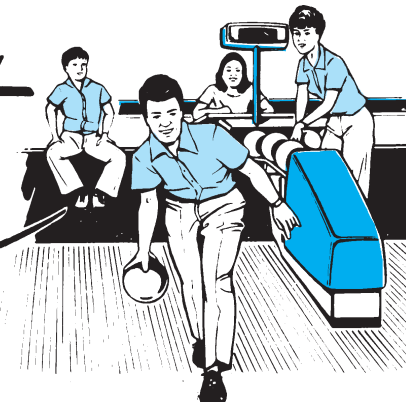


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Michigan Bowlers Highlight 2013 Dexter/USBC All-American Teams

ARLINGTON, Texas — For a fifth time, the Dexter/USBC High School All-American Team features a repeat selection as 2011 honoree Eric Swanson of Vernon Hills, Ill., was named to the squad once again.

Swanson, who first earned recognition as a sophomore, leads a group of 10 high school bowlers selected to the team for the 2012-2013 school year. Five of this year's recipients have finished or are finishing their senior years, while five members are juniors.

"These student-athletes are being recognized not only for their accomplishments as bowlers, but also for their roles as leaders in the classroom and community," said Bud Clapsaddle, vice president of Dexter Bowling. "We had a very strong applicant field again this season and Dexter Bowling is proud to honor these 10 youth bowlers."

The student-athletes selected to the Dexter/USBC High School All-American Team were nominated by their coach or athletic di-

rector. The student-athletes had a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade-point average (based on a 4.0 scale), and had to provide a letter of recommendation and a 500-word essay. Each student-athlete will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for being named to the team.

The 2012-13 school year marks the eighth consecutive year Dexter and USBC have selected five boys and five girls to their All-American team.

"Selection to the Dexter/USBC All-American Team is one of the most prestigious honors a high school bowler can receive," International Bowling Campus Managing Director of Youth Development Chad Murphy said. "We value the tremendous support of high school bowling Dexter Bowling has provided for so many years."

The five female athletes selected to this year's team:

Shelly Goodwin (Palm City, Fla.) — A standout at Martin County High School, she led her team to a state title in 2011 while setting the Florida state record for highest qualifying score. She holds the Florida high school record for high average (213.6). She won seven events and was named Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers' All-Area Girls Bowler of the Year in 2011 and 2012. A member of the National Honor Society, she has worked as a bible school counselor and volunteered at the Humane Society.

Sierra Kanemoto (Dayton,

Ohio) — A three-time conference champion at Walter E. Stebbins High School, she won the Ohio High School 10th grade championship in 2012. She has finished in the top 14 in all-events at the USBC Youth Open on three occasions and also added a sixth-place finish at the Ohio Junior Masters tournament in 2012. A Society of Academic Excellence, she has done community service projects at the YWCA Women's Shelter and Make-A-Wish Foundation, among others.

Lauren Krywy (Sterling Heights, Mich.) — She was the team captain of her squad at Adlai E. Stevenson High School and also served as captain at Cousino High School for a year. A regional champion in 2012, she led two different schools to Macomb County titles in 2011 and 2012. She is a three-time selection to the all-county, all-academic and all-state teams. A member of the National Honor Society and the marching band, she has volunteered her time with Serenity Animal Hospital and raised money for cancer awareness through the Health Occupations Students of America.

Giselle Poss (Montgomery, Ill.) — A four-year member of the varsity bowling team at Oswego East High School, she served as team captain the last two years and capped her high school career with an individual state championship in 2013. She also added a title at

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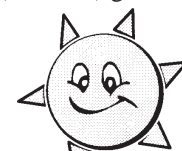
Nebraska put the finishing touches on a dominant week at the NC Bowling Championship, defeating Vanderbilt at the Canton Super Bowl to clinch its fourth national title.

But it was hardly easy.

The match went into seven grueling games. Only Nebraska's clinching 246 was above 215.

In the end, the Huskers were victorious 4.5-2.5.

Nebraska grabbed the early lead with a 211-199 win in the opening game, but Vanderbilt answered with a 197-186 win in Game 2. The Commodores continued with a 169-156 win in Game 3. The two teams then split the fourth game 190-190, before Nebraska roared back with consecutive victories in the sixth (196-189) and seventh (246-200) games.



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IN THE NEWS

Kelly Kulick Inducted Into Boys and Girls Clubs National Hall of Fame

• Kelly Kulick, who won the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions to become the only woman ever to win a PBA Tour title, became the first bowler inducted into the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's National Alumni Hall of Fame.

Kulick was inducted along with Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Frank Robinson, Rosen Hotels and Resorts founder Harris Rosen, Astronaut Winston Scott, Paralympian Blake Leeper, Coast Guard Commander Robert L. Smith, Congressman Joaquin Castro and entertainer Raphael Saadiq.

Kulick will be enshrined among a "Who's Who" list of Boys and Girls Clubs Hall of Famers including entertainment and sports stars Smokey Robinson, Magic Johnson and Bob Lanier.

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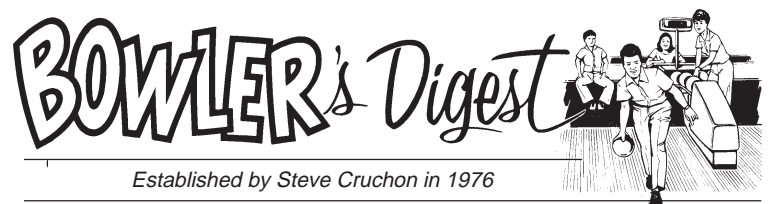
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By Association Manager
Mark A. Martin

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• THE METRO Detroit USBC Association will conduct their adult awards ceremony at DeCarlo's Banquet Center on Tuesday, June 18.

Dinner will be served first buffet style from 5:30 until 7 p.m. followed by the

awards presentations. Tickets are available for \$15 by calling the Association office at (888) 753-6350. * * *

DELINQUENT AVERAGES

• THERE ARE several leagues that have not turned in their April 1st averages in accordance with the requirements of the league secretary. An updated list is posted on www.mdusbc.com.

If you are a bowler in one of these leagues you risk not having your average published in the MDUSBC year-book because of inaction by your league secretary. Contact your league secretary today to assist in getting these situations resolved.

League secretaries were mailed an aver-

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS ANNOUNCED

• EFFECTIVE JUNE 3, 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.

age request form in late March to report the averages on. That form was due on April 15th, more than a month ago.

Your help is needed to complete this task. You can help by sending us the first league sheet after April 1 from your league. This can be faxed to our office at (248) 443-2690 or mailed to MDUSBC, 28200 Southfield Rd., Lathrup Village, MI 48076. * * *

BIG NEW CHANGES COMING

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

Beginning in August, all awards and reports to leagues secretaries will be delivered to your bowling center. This change will improve response time to centers and league. Additionally once this service begins league secretaries can send in information that normally would be mailed by dropping off at the bowling center. This service will continue until May.

Look for the MDUSBC app. Yes, MDUSBC will have an app for your smart phone or tablet later this summer, just in time for the 2013-14 season. If you have ideas you would like to see from this app, send Mark Martin an e-mail to

mark.martin@mdusbc.com.

Also look for several MDUSBC events this year with full video on our website.

Pat Klix has been named as Volunteer of the Year, Rose McCall has been named as Secretary of the Year, Phylesha Shinholster as Coach of the Year and Tina Johnson has been named for Meritorious Service.

Two scholarship winners were named. Each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from MDUSBC. The winners are Andrew Farquharson and David Stroshein. Congratulations to both.

Several tournament changes will take place in the 2013-14 season and others in the 2014-15 season.

The MDUSBC Youth Championship will move from its former January - February time frame to November - December. This change will allow more of our high school bowlers to participate, before the high school bowling season begins. There will be three handicap and one scratch division, down from four handicap divisions and once scratch division. Also in the 2014-15 season the MDUSBC Junior Masters will move from October to March, for the same reason as above. Gregory Moncrief has also

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All-Stars Stage 'Grand Finale'

• IN THE GRAND finale of the Ebonite All-Stars at Thunderbowl Lanes season, Downriver Bowlers Pro Shop and Thunderbowl Lanes did not disappoint.

Downriver Bowlers Pro Shop took three points to bring their total for the last third of the season to 40. Thunderbowl Lanes added two points for a tie at 40 points. Romulus Auto Supply was bowling the fourth place team, Team Supreme. It looked like they at least were going to take four points and move into a three-way tie.

Romulus Auto Supply won the first game, 1241-1028, with a margin of 213 pins. Romulus Auto Supply also won the second game with a total of 1116 versus Team Supreme's 1060 for a margin of 56 pins or 269 pins lead in the first two games. If Romulus Auto Supply won the last game they were champions for the last third. If they could keep the margin of victory of Team Supreme under 269 pins, they would have tied for first place.

As you probably have already guessed Team Supreme put together the second highest scratch game for the year at 1302 versus the 1030 of Romulus Auto Supply for a 272-pin victory and a win of totals. It came right down to the wire with anchorman Kenny Rogers needing a double and a good count.

Rogers not only got the first two strikes, but the third for a 300 game as the Super Spoiler. Other Team Supreme members are Mason Brantley, who had 244, Alex Robinson 255, Jeff Hicks 268



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

and Imari Allison 235 in that last game. Romulus Auto Supply must have lost their mojo in the last game as the team scores varied between 190 and 214 for the sub-par score of 1030.

Thunderbowl Lanes and Downriver Bowlers Pro Shop then went into a three-game roll off, which was won in dominant fashion by Thunderbowl Lanes. The real hero on Thunderbowl Lanes was Charles McLeod who had a 785 series in the regular matches and bowled well in the roll off. He just seemed to be lined up perfect.

Mud's Warriors wound up in the 5th place spot followed by Team Bud Light and Northridge Insurance. Thunderbowl Lanes was the high earner for the season taking a 1st and a 3rd place finish. In all there were 15 -300 games shot and multiple 800 series. The high scratch series was 849 by Ronnie Sparks, followed by 847 by George Juszcyk. The high scratch game for the season for the ladies was Sara Litteral and Tamika Glenn at 289. The high series was Sara Litteral at 760, followed by Tamika Glenn at 752.

The high individual averages was George Juszcyk of 240, Ronnie Sparks at 234, Bob Slayden at 232 for the men. Tamika Glenn led the ladies at 212.3 followed by Angela Wilt at 212.1 and Sara Litteral at 207.2.

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joined the Youth Committee.

Both the MDUSBC Women's and Open Championships will offer incentives for those teams bowling on the 8 a.m. squad on opening weekend, Feb. 8-9. No longer will bowlers have to change lanes between doubles and singles. This change will help speed up the squads. Also a new longevity recognition program will be available to bowlers who have bowled in the Women's or Open championships for at least 25 years.

There will also be recognition to 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years.

The MDUSBC Women's Championship will go from three divisions to two divisions due to decreased demand. The entry fee will increase to \$25 per person, per event, with added prize money. The handicap, actual and senior handicap all-events entry fee will increase to \$5, with the entire amount returned as prize money.

The MDUSBC Open Championship will be contested in only one division starting in 2014, but will add an optional scratch division. The cost for the optional scratch division will be \$10 per person, per event. Those entering the optional scratch division will be able to cash in both handicap and actual prize lists.

The MDUSBC Queens format will change in the 2013-14 season. The event will become a two-day event, with qualifying on Saturday and match play on Sunday. Qualifying will be eight games of qualifying in two squads of four games each. The top 16 will return on Sunday for single game, double elimination to crown the champion.

The entry fee will be adjusted to accommodate the additional games and be announced later.

The 2014-15 tournament sites have been awarded as follows: 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, Senior Team — Thunderbowl Lanes.

Just a reminder on the sites for upcoming 2013-14 season: Adult/Youth — Taylor Lanes, Junior Masters — Astro Lanes, Super Senior Masters — Belmar Lanes, Queens — Astro Lanes, 500 Club — Wonderland Lanes, Youth City — Sunnybrook Lanes, Masters — Taylor Lanes, Senior Masters — Classic Lanes, Open and Women's Championships — Taylor Lanes, Senior Team — Sterling Lanes.

Many of you may have heard that the Special Achievement awards will become a responsibility of each local association in the 2014-15 season for adults and youth. The awards program for the 2013-14 season will remain unchanged; however there will be

significant changes in the 2014-15 season. Look for a survey in your e-mail box at the beginning of the next season to help MDUSBC create a program that members are looking for. We can only do it with your help.

Women will get additional consideration for All-City and Senior All-City for high placing in Open events and Women's Series events in the 2013-14 season.

ALL CITY TEAMS

- THIS IS the time of year that we work on and finalize the process for the men's, senior men's, women's and senior women's all-city teams.

This is a very laborious task and your help is needed.

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We all know handfuls of people who do not participate in our sport any longer. We have all bowled at centers which no longer exist. Tournament and league participation for one reason or another is down and continues in this downward spiral.

While this is true, people are still bowling every year but most do not view it as a sport but as a form of entertainment. A form of entertainment they do once or maybe twice a year. Why and when did people start viewing bowling as an entertainment rather than a sport?

Studies have been done citing Millennials and Gen-Xers as non-joiners. They are not joining any organizations — fraternal, religious or civic.

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with the next trend.

The news said yesterday they are turning away from Facebook for the first time in favor of Twitter and Instagram. They are not bowling in leagues. Could they be persuaded bowling is the next best thing? What about the people who used to bowl on a weekly basis? A proprietor asked me the other day, "Where are all the bowlers?"

This question is one, which has plagued the bowling world for many years now. The economy

had an effect on some of this downturn however, the economy even in our state is picking up again.

So what is happening to our sport? Yes, it is a sport. Some cite the no-smoking laws but the numbers do not bear any truth in that statement. Some did stay away in protest initially as they did in other states. Many more came in the doors because there was no smoking in the buildings.

Some have cited cost. Bowling in our region is very affordable. It costs a lot less to go bowling than out to dinner for a family of four. In some states open bowling can cost \$30 for three games. In some metropolitan areas a game of bowling can cost a person \$15 or more.

League bowling or open bowling in our area is a huge value. A person recently told me they take \$100 to a casino and after three hours they usually leave with \$60. Bowling offers competition, exercise and entertainment for a lot less in the same time frame.

We (and I mean all bowlers not just boards, associations and centers) need to make bowling COOL. We need to stress the benefits of bowling.

We need a hero. We need a bowling hero. Our sport needs a real live everybody knows his/her name hero. Think a modern day Earl "The Pearl" Anthony.

It was not so long ago that NASCAR was not a cool activity to follow and now look

at it. Bet you can name a couple of NASCAR drivers even if you are not a fan.

During the hockey lockout the commissioner told the players that they needed to get back to work or they would become an irrelevant sport like bowling. Do you feel irrelevant?

Our sport has so much to offer to the masses. Bowling offers exercise as a real weight bearing pursuit. Think fighting osteoporosis. Bowling offers a chance to interact. Think meeting new people.

You could figure out a lot more about a person bowling than on the Internet. Are they patient, competitive, cheap or are their eyes really green? Bowling is something anybody can do and you do not have to spend a lot of cash to do it.

You do not have to have any equipment to participate in the game. The equipment is available for your use. OK, rental shoes are yucky but they are sanitized after every use.

Bowling offers friendly competition.

Casino machines are not set up to be your friend. Hint: The machines will win in the end.

Bowling offers a chance to travel. Tournaments are great ways to explore the state/country. In my case I have traveled internationally for bowling. I do not think I could have ever gone to Vienna, Austria, without bowling as my vehicle.

It is up to each of us to make a difference for our sport. Yes, it is a sport. Give your thumb (and legs, arms, core, etc) a real workout and participate in a great game and become an athlete. Yes, you are an athlete.

Introduce or re-introduce someone to the sport. Yes, bowling is a sport and it happens to be a lot of fun, too.

• IF YOU DO not believe bowling is a sport, go check out the competition at the seven centers hosting the USBC Youth Tournaments in July. The Metro Detroit USBC will be hosting the Junior Gold, Adult/Youth Baker, and Open Youth Championships during the month of July.

Lennie Boresch Jr. Captures PBA50 Miller High Life Classic For Second Career PBA50 Tour Title

Down by more than 30 pins halfway through the title match, Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., came back to win the PBA50 Miller High Life Classic presented by Columbia 300 by one pin Wednesday at George Pappas' Victory Lanes.

Boresch won his second career PBA50 Tour title by defeating Mike Henry of Brunswick, Ohio, 211-210, in the title match. In 2012 Boresch won in his PBA50 Tour debut capturing the Senior Sun Bowl In The Villages title.

It marked the second week in a row that the title match was decided by one pin. Tom Baker defeated Bryan Goebel, 227-226, to win the Greater Birmingham Open.

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Lane Conditions Go Through Several 'Transitions'

TIPS FROM THE PROS



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• IF YOU are a bowler who takes too long to make adjustments, then you should spend some of your practice just working on reading the lanes and making adjustments.

In a three to six-game practice session

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you will see the lane conditions go through several transitions. The longer you practice the more changes you will notice.

When you practice alone you will break the lanes down differently than when in competition. When bowling with others the equipment they use and the area of the lane that they will play will effect how the lanes break down and how rapidly.

Bowlers using dull and very aggressive coverstocks will break the lanes down more quickly. When following lower average bowlers who use plastic equipment, the lanes will play very differently than when following higher average bowlers using resin and particle covers.

Plastic bowling balls will push the oil down the lane like a broom, they do not pick up or absorb oil because their coverstocks are not porous enough to pick up any oil. What results is less "backend" and the lane condition will react like a longer oil pattern.

When practicing on freshly oiled lanes take at least one semi-dull coverstock and one pearlized coverstock and line up to hit the pocket with each ball. Write down or remember what board you stand on with each ball.

When practicing with the duller ball notice how many shots go by before you have to make a move to stay in the pocket. When practicing with the pearlized ball repeat the same thing. I suggest you make an immedi-

ate move left once your ball hits high in the pocket even if you leave a 4-pin or 4-7 spare leave.

You must start to anticipate what the lanes are going to do next. Start with a one-board move left without changing your target and see if that will get you back into the pocket. A duller coverstock will require you to move more frequently when playing in an area of the lane where there is more lane friction.

Sometimes choosing to play deeper inside with a duller ball and where there is a heavier concentration of oil will allow you to move less frequently and allow you more margin for error. If you choose the

pearlized coverstock you will need to play in a higher friction area of the lane usually further to the right to get the ball to read the pattern soon enough.

Depending on your style of play this may be a better way of attacking the condition because you may be able to play in this area longer without having to move as frequently. In other words there is usually more than one way to attack a condition using different equipment and different angles.

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Michigan Bowlers Highlight 2013 Dexter/USBC All-American Teams

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the 2012 Illinois Pepsi Scratch Championship and competed in two Junior Gold events. She earned a 4.20 grade point average (4.0 scale). She was a Girl Scout for 13 years and did community service projects at Feed My Starving Children, Hosed House and Relay for Life.

Brooke Wood (Davison, Mich.) — The captain and four-year letter winner at Davison High School, she led her team to back-to-back Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 state team titles in 2012 and 2013. As a high school senior, she won the MHSAA regionals singles title and finished third at the state championships in singles. She also took first place in a Junior Gold qualifier and earned USBC Youth Awards for high series (753) and high game (300). She has volunteered at her local church and Outreach East, a food and clothing bank for families.

The five male athletes selected to this year's team:

Derick Holmes (Wichita, Kan.) — A three-year letter winner on the Wichita Southeast High School bowling team, he captured the Kansas State High School Activities Association state tournament title as a junior with a 739 series. Individually, he won three other tournament titles and also lettered on the baseball team. Academically, he had a 4.0 grade-point average. Holmes spent 11 years in the Boys Scouts of America and served as the vice president of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) for a year. He worked many hours with the YMCA developing a nature trail around a lake.

Matthew Kinn (Hamburg, N.Y.) — A varsity participant at Frontier Central High School since 2008, he won the high game award (280) and sported the team's second-highest average. As a member of the Brierwood Youth League in 2012-13, he had the high game, high average and high set. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Foreign Honor Society and was nominated for the Boy's State program. He volunteered his time at the Buffalo Veterans Hospital.

Joshua Krueger (Green Bay, Wis.) — He is a three-year competitor for Green Bay West High School, earning Green Bay Area High Schools Bowling Conference Bowler of the Year honors as a junior. Along with taking eighth in the Wisconsin High School state tournament, he was a Pepsi regional qualifier for the fourth consecutive year in 2013. He is a National Honor Society member and served as student council vice president this year. He has helped raise scholarship money through his local association.

Jordan Nash (Hastings, Neb.) — A three-year letter winner at Adams Central High School, he helped lead his team to the Class C state championship in 2013. He earned all-state honors in 2012 and 2013, while placing second in the USBC state bowling tournament for all-events. An accomplished tennis player, he earned class salutatorian honors and is a member of the National Honor Society. His volunteer work includes mission trips, Habitat for Humanity and work at local food banks.

Eric Swanson (Vernon Hills, Ill.) — A 2011 selection to the Dexter/USBC All-American Team as a sophomore, he was a four-year letter winner at Vernon Hills High School. He was the Northern Illinois Boys Bowling Conference champion in 2012-13 and helped his team to back-to-back state runner-up finishes. Also a golfer, he has worked on numerous community service projects including multiple projects for the Zach Tran Foundation in his hometown.

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Ronnie Sparks Jr. Win Second MMBA Title of the Year at Nortel

• THE BUDWEISER Michigan Majors Bowling Association's traveled to Nortel Lanes in Monroe on Saturday, May 18.

This month's tournament lane pattern featured this year's USBC Open Championship Team event lane condition. Scoring was fairly good considering this 41-foot lane condition can play difficult at times. However, for Ronnie Sparks Jr. of Ecorse it seems no lane pattern is a problem.

Sparks led the field after the six-game qualifying with a score of 1416 and also led the field going into the step ladder finals with a nine-game total of 2178, a 242 average. Sparks capped off the day defeating Justin Neiman, 258-257, for his second title of the year. Sparks received the first-place prize of \$1,000 while Neiman settled for second place and \$500.

Only 34 bowlers competed for the title at Nortel where the cut score of 1264 was needed to make the 10-man semi-final round. Sparks received \$100 for high qualifier and a trophy provided by Nortel Lanes.

The stepladder finals began with fifth seed Justin O'Hara of Westland meeting Trey Raynes of Wayne. O'Hara began quickly with five in a row to start the match, while Raynes struggled early with open frames in the first and third frames. Raynes began striking in the eighth frame but it was too little too late and was defeated, 254-192. Raynes received the fifth-place check for \$200 for his efforts.

O'Hara met John Fedorka of Sterling Heights in match two. This match went back and forth with a key shot being the seventh frame for Fedorka as he left the 4-6-7 split for an open. Fedorka finished strong with strikes in the ninth and 10th forcing O'Hara to mark with good count. O'Hara struck on the first ball in the 10th and went on to win, 215-211. Fedorka received a check for \$300 for his fourth-place finish.



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In the next match O'Hara faced a young Justin Neiman bowling in his first stepladder finals. O'Hara started the match by missing a 7-pin while Neiman started strong throwing a four bagger out of the gate. Neiman never looked back and ended O'Hara's day with a 245-204 victory. O'Hara settled for third place and a check for \$350.

Neiman had one last hurdle to face to win his first MMBA title. Unfortunately his opponent was Ronnie Sparks Jr. Sparks has been the hottest player in the MMBA this year cashing in all three events he

entered with one win and one second-place finish to his credit. This match looked over early as Neiman started the match with spare, open, spare while Sparks cruised out the gate with a three bagger, solid 10-pin, three-bagger.

This match was far from over as Neiman threw six in a row while Sparks left another 10-pin in his eighth frame. Sparks needed to strike out in the ninth and 10th frames to lock out Neiman. Neiman looked on as Sparks did just that finishing with 258. Neiman finished the match with nine in a row but was one pin short losing, 258-257.

Sparks, with his first ever win in January, was in great position to win Rookie of the Year, but now has his sights on Bowler of the Year with his second victory. Only once has a bowler won both awards in the same season. John Nolen accomplished this feat back in 2004.

Other Cashers were Adam Dee (Birmingham) \$150, Terry Haines (Westland) \$130, Chris McClintic (Jackson) \$120, Shane DuFrense (Flint) \$110, Chris Steward (Clawson) \$100.

Thanks again to Terry Hamlin and the rest of the staff at Nortel Lanes for their great support. The MMBA will be running two tournaments in June before taking off the month of July. June 8th will be our annual doubles tournament to be held at Lodge



• FROM LEFT: Tournament champion Ronnie Sparks Jr. (right) along with runner-up Justin Neiman (left) and Nortel Lanes manager Gary Rogoff.

Lanes in Belleville with a start time of 10 a.m. On June 22nd the MMBA will travel to 5 Star Lanes in Sterling Heights, also with a start time of 10 a.m.

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Artistic and Zany Shirts Missing from Bowling

• **IDLE BOWLING thoughts:**
Missing from the bowling scene in regular league play is the once large number of artistic and zany bowling shirts. These days many leagues have more teams without bowling shirts than with, and sadly, some leagues have more bowlers wearing hats than wearing bowling shirts.

• Golf can be an aggravating sport, but most pro bowlers play golf to relax from bowling, which also can be an aggravating game.

• Do Bah-rain, Brunei, Cyprus, Jersey, Kuwait, Malta, Mauritius, Myanmar, Yemen and Wales ring a bell? They are among the more than 120 country bowling-federations that regularly bowl in FIQ and other international bowling competitions.

• Never thought I'd see the day when bowling balls came in more different colors than Easter eggs.

• The charter members of the ABC Hall of Fame were Joe Bodis, Adolph Carlson, Charley Daw, Peter Howley, John Koster, Herb Lange, Mort Lindsey, Hank Marino, Jimmy Smith, Harry Steers and Gil Zunker.

• In too many cases the instructor is the person who had bowled once or twice before.

• We should always heed the long ago words of former American Junior Bowling Congress manager Chuck Hall, who said, "We need to renew our enthusiasm for introducing youngsters to bowling and project

the attitude that bowling is the greatest game in the world." Amen.

• Want to learn some interesting and revealing facts? Just read the rule book — or the fine print on a bowling tournament entry blank.

• The average American has a vocabulary of about 10,000 words. Doctors, lawyers and journalists range from 15,000 to 20,000 words. Bowlers, in their careers, use 25,000 words just to describe how they missed an easy spare.

• If you see a bowler still cleaning his bowling ball after every shot, don't ask why, just ask what else he got for Christmas.

• If another bowler does it, you call it a mistake or an error. If you do it, it is called practical experimentation that failed.



By CHUCK PEZZANO

Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

• My nomination for the best communicator in the world is the bowling instructor who can give bowling advice and lessons without taking his hands out of his pocket.

• Youngsters in a junior bowling league held an election and the adults were amazed when a four-year-old was elected president. An older member of the group explained, "He couldn't be secretary because he can't write, or treasurer because he can't count that well, and he would never do as sergeant-at-arms because he's too little. But if we didn't pick him for something, he'd feel bad and cry, so we made him president."

• W.C. Fields once said, "Start every day off with a smile and get it over with." Do the same with every game you bowl.



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