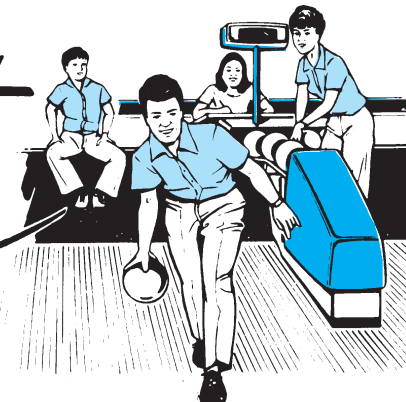


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Kim Baldwin Wins MDUSBC Senior Queens at Bowl One

Kim Baldwin of Redford won the Metro Detroit USBC Association Senior Queens on Saturday, March 9 with a 205-204 triumph over Valorie Dunlap of Rochester Hills at Bowl One Lanes in Troy.

Baldwin was the top qualifier for the stepladder finals with a four-game total of 866 on games of 240-209-202-215. Baldwin took home the top prize of \$150. Dunlap was the fourth qualifier

for the stepladder finals with 781. Dunlap settled for \$125.

En route to the finals Dunlap beat Gwendolyn Finley of Detroit, 213-171, and Suzanne Hyvonen of St. Clair Shores, 203-148. Finley took home \$125 and Hyvonen \$100 for their efforts.

This was the sixth year of the MDUSBC Senior Queens. Initial qualifying was done by senior



BALDWIN

women 50 years of age and older with their actual all-events of the recently completed MDUSBC Women's Championship. The top bowlers advanced to the qualifying finals.

Other cashers were Clystine Henderson of Detroit, Debra Dickerson of Detroit, Susan Szachta of Warren and Rosemary Edwards of Detroit. Each cashed for \$55 each.

IN THE NEWS

Tournament of Champions Comes Full Circle in Indy

INDIANAPOLIS — The concept was simple: create an event showcasing bowling's elite that in turn would showcase the sport of professional bowling. To earn admission, a player needed to have won a Professional Bowlers Association title.

That was the motivation behind the creation of the PBA Tournament of Champions in 1962 in Indianapolis.

When most bowling fans think of the glorious history of the Tournament of Champions — now the PBA's signature tournament - they recall the iconic run of the "Firestone Tournament of Champions" at Riviera Lanes in suburban Akron, Ohio. But few remember that the classic got its start in Indianapolis.

On March 27, the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions returns to its birthplace — this time at Woodland Bowl - when a field of 48 PBA Tour champions will compete for a \$50,000 first prize — a sum that is equal to the entire prize fund in that inaugural event. The top five players after 48 games will advance to the live ESPN-televvised stepladder finals Sunday, March 31, at 2:30 p.m.

The PBA Tour was only three years old when the concept
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Angela Wilt Wins Women's Series Event at Van Dyke Bowl

• ANGELA WILT of Westland won the Metro Detroit USBC Rip 10 Entertainment Women's Series event, sponsored by Blumark, on Sunday, March 10 with a 248-217 triumph over Ashley Denard of Oak Park at Van Dyke Bowl in Sterling Heights. Wilt took home the top prize of \$500, while Denard settled for \$250.

Wilt qualified eighth in the field of 42, with a four-game total of 890. Her qualifying total included a high game of 255. In match play she beat Lauren Roberts of Hazel Park 235-173, top qualifier Robin Orlikowski of Grand Rapids 244-227 and Erica Ewald of Sterling Heights 257-223, en route to the championship match.

Denard qualified second with 940. Her victories in match play included wins over Cathleen Kowalski of Livonia 213-179 and Julie Oczepok of Reese 226-225 on her way to the final match.

The top qualifier was Robin Orlikowski with 1,050, including a high game of 299.

Denard tied for the high game of the tournament with 299 during
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In order to give players an additional way to earn spots on Team USA in 2014, the United States Bowling Congress will conduct the inaugural Summer Team USA Trials this July.

The limited-entry event will award two men's and two women's spots on Team USA in 2014 and will be conducted at the International Training and Research Center, which is the home of Team USA, from July 5-7.

"Holding Team USA Trials exclusively in January creates schedule conflicts for some top bowlers, so we thought it was important and worthwhile to offer another opportunity to compete for a place on the team," USBC Managing Director of National Governing Body Neil Stremmel said.

The field for the Summer Team USA Trials will be limited to 40 men and 40 women. Invitations will first go out to current Team USA and Junior Team USA members, Team USA members from the past three years, and the top 25 men and women at the 2013 Team USA Trials.

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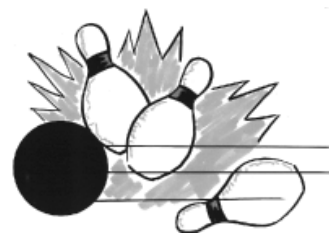
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By Association Manager
Mark A. Martin

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• **PRIZE CHECKS** for the Women's and Open Championship are scheduled to be mailed to the team captains on March 13. The prize list will be posted on www.mdusbc.com.

In the past some of the calls we've gotten are from bowlers who placed high in both the actual and handicap prize lists. According to tournament rules, except for the Division 1 Team event in the Open Championship, if a team or individual qualifies for both actual and handicap, they can cash for the higher amount only. In the event both amounts are the same, the prize will come from the actual prize list.

Also if a bowler or team wins the actual

division of an event but received a prize check from the handicap division, the bowler or team will be honored as the association champion in that event.

Congratulations to all of the winners.
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

• **THE METRO** Detroit USBC will award four \$1,000 scholarships this year to two male and two female bowlers. Applicants must be at least 14 years of age and can only win once.

The scholarships are a result of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, Detroit Women's Bowling Association and Pontiac Women's Bowling Association restricting funds for this purpose.

Applicants must write a minimum 100-word essay about their future educational plans and submit a completed application signed by their coach.

Applications must be submitted to the MDUSBC office by April 5, 2013.

Applications can be obtained by calling the MDUSBC office or visiting www.mdusbc.com and clicking on forms.
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AWARDS DEADLINE APPROACHING

• **EACH YEAR** the Metro Detroit USBC Association selects deserving individuals for a number of year-end awards. Those awards include the Secretary of the Year, Coach of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. Selections are made from the nominations received from anyone who sees a deserving person from within the association. All applications are due to April 1, 2013.

To be eligible for Secretary of the Year a person must be a current league secretary in the MDUSBC. To be Coach of the Year the coach must be a current youth coach in the MDUSBC.

To be considered for Volunteer of the Year a person must be a MDUSBC Board Member or Officer, or Association Representative Coordinator or Association Representative.

USBC CONVENTION

• **THE UNITED** States Bowling Congress annual convention will be held from May 1-3 in Reno, Nev.

During this time delegates elected from their respective local and state associations will vote on legislation affecting leagues, tournaments and bylaws in addition to electing four new members of the board of directors. Additionally there will be several workshops to inform the delegates about happenings at USBC.

Representing the MDUSBC at the annual convention will be Katrina Banks, Richard Banks, Jordan Barber, Shirley Beard, Terrance Bell, Ann Block, George Bresinski, Miquelle Christian, Clifford Davis, Michael DeRousie, Debra Dickerson, Eric Fisher, Constance Fordyce, Ina Herbert, Lavern Hester, Alisa Hudgins, Mark Hurttgam, Vera Johnson, Patricia Klix, Anita Maiorana,

Diane Maluzhinsky, Rose McCall, Jeanette Myers, Tammy Quinn, Rosie Sawyers and John Vorpagel.

Anyone else that would like to be appointed a delegate please contact the MDUSBC office.

More to come...
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MDUSBC BOWL FOR THE CURE FUNDRAISER

• **THE METRO** Detroit USBC hosted Bowl For The Cure fundraisers at Mayflower Lanes and Astro Lanes during the month of February. Thanks to both centers for their support of this worthy cause.

While the final numbers are not in, over \$14,000 will be raised and sent to Bowl For The Cure as a result of the efforts.

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Mason Brantley's 'Team 8' Leads Ebonite All-Stars

• THROUGH THREE weeks of the final third of the Ebonite All-Stars at Thunderbowl Lanes season, two familiar names are at the top of the leader board.

"Team 8," captained by Mason Brantley and with the addition of Imari Allison, a great Thunderbowl junior player, has the best record while Thunderbowl Lanes, who challenged in the second third of the season, are in third place. In between is the team sponsored by DiLaura Brothers which took 5 points this past week from perennial contender "Team 3," led by captain James McLeod and all star Larry Walker.

DiLaura Brothers was painted a winner by their lead off bowler, Chuck Weigt, who shot 728 and was reinforced by their anchor man, Laurent Cooper, who had a 692 series. Tim Hillmer, Brandon Hill Jr. and Tom Reaume all bowled admirably in the middle



By TOM STROBL

Bowler's Digest Contributor

of the line up.

As is the tradition in the All Stars, the last third of the season the shot is loosened up and everyone has a go at some high scores. The league average for the past two weeks has been around 220. The high scratch games in the past week was George Juszcyk with 300, Dave Forfitt with 300 and Ed Burbo and Ronnie Sparks with 290s in the last game. Dave Forfitt had the high scratch series at 821. Congratulations to Dave as he just won the Canadian Senior Masters. He was followed by Bob Slayden at 777.

The match between Financial Strategies and Mud's Warriors was a real shoot out. Although Financial Strategies took 4 out of 5 points, it was close all the way. Novella Daniels had a 290 in the last game for a 718 series.

Congratulations to Mud's Warriors, who

with the addition of Carleta Poydras, recently won the Detroit USBC Women's Championship. The Thunderbowl sponsored team had an actual series of 3361 (an average of 224 per game per lady; yes actual, no handicaps), which was ahead of the next closest competitor by 198 pins. Also, the actual doubles was won by Tamika Glenn and Carleta Poydras, who shot 1495 actual and were followed closely by Novella Daniels and Angela Wilt, who had 1476 actual.

The next closest team was 138 pins behind. Novella Daniels won singles with 734, Tamika Glenn finished in third place with

713. Carleta Poydras (a member of the Sunday Free Enterprise League) won all events with 2181 for an average of 242 per game. Novella Daniels was three pins behind at 2178 and Tamika Glenn was in fourth place at 2144. Way to go, ladies! This is just a fantastic representation of the All Star League.

George Juszcyk inched over the 240 mark with the league's high average at 240.79. He is followed by Ronnie Sparks at 233, Larry Walker at 231 and Mason Brantley at 230. Angela Wilt has the high ladies average with 208, followed by Tamika Glenn at 205 and Sara Litteral at 202.

Angela Wilt Wins Women's Series Event

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qualifying.

Complete results are available at www.mdusbc.com under "Tournaments" and Women's Series page.

The next event is April 7 at Shelby Lanes in Utica.

The Metro Detroit USBC Association serves over 55,000 adult and youth bowlers in the Metropolitan Detroit market and is the largest local association of the United States Bowling Congress. The event was co-sponsored by Roto Grip. Rip 10 Entertainment is headquartered in Utica and operates Shelby Lanes in Utica and Van Dyke Bowl in Sterling Heights.

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5/18/2013	THUNDERBOWL LANES	10:00 AM
6/15/2013	SUNNYBROOK LANES	10:00 AM
8/31/2013	NOVI BOWL	10:00 AM
9/28/2013	DRAKESHIRE LANES	10:00 AM
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• THE TOURNAMENT season for the Metro Detroit USBC has wound down, and many of our bowlers are now getting ready to compete in the state and national tournaments. Each year the Tournament Committee meets to discuss tournament operations, costs, format, and scheduling in order to best serve our members and try to encourage more people to bowl in the various tournaments.

We are very fortunate here in the bowling capital of the world to provide a tournament for men, women, youth, at every age and skill level. And with the great proprietors we have in our area, we are able to move the tournaments around and provide opportunities for bowling centers of most sizes to host an event.

One of the struggles we have, as do the state associations and even USBC at the national level, is scheduling. The past few days I have noticed a few postings on Facebook where our tournament bowlers were looking for scratch events to bowl in this weekend in the area or in the state. This got me thinking about scheduling.

We begin our tournament season in October with the Adult/Youth tournament over two weekends. It then goes pretty much non-stop until mid-March, with the exception of the weekends around the Christmas Holidays.

I am asking for input to provide to the Tournament Committee as to when you think is the best time to conduct our Open and Women's Championship tournaments?

Right now, they are held concurrently in the same bowling center starting at the beginning of February and ending the beginning of March. We take great effort in trying to give consideration to the major tournaments in our area and the state. We have felt the fall time-frame is too soon for most bowlers, but late spring, such as March through early May, is too late. Is this true? Does the time of the year matter?

We really need to support ALL of the Championship tournaments at every level. Our entries were down this year, not that the numbers were strong to begin with. I am sure the tournament committee will be conducting surveys to try to determine what you, the bowlers, would like to see and provide input as to how we can grow the numbers.

Scratch bowlers tend to support tournaments more, but some don't want to bowl in handicap tournaments, or in a tournament that doesn't provide huge payouts. But right now, one of the major qualifications for being inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame is a title. So even though the championship tournaments may not have the largest prize lists, the money will be spent; the title is FOREVER.

Please feel free to provide any input regarding MDUSBC tournaments to me, Association Manager Mark Martin, or tournament director Anita Maiorana. We welcome your input. If you do receive an e-mail sur-

vey, please submit your thoughts and comments, as we are always willing to consider new things to strengthen our tournaments.

As you read this, I will be taking my squad to the Women's State tournament in Saginaw... please consider being a squad leader at every level. MDUSBC offers incentives to squad leaders — please check the entry blanks for more information. Sometimes bowlers just want to be asked to bowl... and then they come back each and every year!

If you haven't bowled a USBC National

tournament, or it has been a while, please consider supporting these events so they are not lost! There are some great cities in the future, so get your spots now. The women will go to a four-woman format beginning next year. I may be thinking about a squad! Let me know if you are interested.

I am looking forward to your feedback on any and all tournaments. Until then, Happy Bowling!

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Father and Son Set Scoring Pace at National Bowling Stadium

Scott Hartnell of Kenosha, Wis., and his son, Derek, shared the spotlight as the Regular Doubles leaders at the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships with a 1,341 effort at the National Bowling Stadium on March 9.

Derek Hartnell, a two-time All-American at Newman University and the Most Valuable Player for the 2009-10 collegiate bowling season, led the doubles surge with a 739 series, while Scott contributed a 602 set. Bo Johnson and Doug McHugh of Huron, S.D., previously held the lead with 1,300.

"It's a lot of fun," said Scott, a 50-year-old right-hander and 28-time USBC Open Championships participant. "Now that Derek lives in Kansas, and I live in Kenosha, it's a nice five days together. We don't get to see each other as much, so it's enjoyable to get to bowl together and spend some time together."

Derek, a 25-year-old right-hander, added a 640 series in singles and 562 team for a 1,941 total, which is ninth in Regular All-Events. Scott finished with 634 in team and 621 in singles for 1,857. Richard Thomas of Middleton, Wis., leads Regular All-Events with 2,051.

In Regular Singles, Greg Roberts of Oshkosh, Wis., bounced back from a disappointing doubles set and posted games of 279, 258 and 234 to move into the top singles spot with a 771 series March 12. He had 552 in team and 467 in doubles for a 1,790 all-events total.

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TIPS FROM THE PROS



By CHERYL DANIELS

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• A GOOD push-away or ball placement is essential for a consistent and relaxed armswing. The push-away provides the momentum to get the swing in motion. The ideal push-away is smooth, not jerky and not over exaggerated.

A common flaw is to push the ball upward in a vertical manner (in front of face). This motion is not in the direction that you want to deliver the ball and is a wasted motion. It also will make the armswing late at release point.

Another common flaw is to over-extend

the arms reaching forward with your shoulders. This will make your armswing jerky and muscled.

A third common flaw is no forward extension of the ball. In this case the ball is dropped straight down providing very little momentum and forcing the bowler to muscle the ball into the backswing.

My suggestion for achieving a better push-away or ball placement is to

1) support the weight of the ball with the opposite hand in your stance (left hand for right-handers)

2) Concentrate on the left hand supporting and initiating the forward motion of the ball.

3) Think of getting your elbow extended forward without reaching with your shoulders. You never want to extend the ball beyond your center of gravity.

4) Remember to keep your elbow tucked against your side or rest it on your hip bone in your stance.

The push away, when timed properly and executed well, is the key to good timing and a good swing.

♦ *Send Questions to Cheryl Daniels, P. O. Box 252, Novi, MI 48376 or e-mail me at "shebe@freeway.net" or visit www.cheryldaniels.com.*

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS COMES FULL CIRCLE IN INDY

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of creating a climactic season-ending tournament for the PBA's elite players was born, launching bowling into the ranks of America's mainstream sports.

The 1962 TOC was held at Play Bowl in Indianapolis and was actually billed as the Indianapolis 500 Festival Tournament of Champions according to the Indianapolis Star's coverage of the tournament. It's an often-forgotten event because the tournament would not be held again for three years. In 1965, Firestone began its landmark sponsorship, the classic moved to Bowlarama in Akron, Ohio and the Firestone Tournament of Champions began its lengthy run as the PBA's premier event.

The first TOC in 1962 was a two-day event featuring 25 PBA Tour champions — everyone who had won a title since the PBA's formation four years earlier — and it was conducted immediately after the Indianapolis PBA Open, which also was held at Play Bowl.

The inaugural event was televised as part of ABC's Wide World of Sports and shared air time with reports from the Indianapolis 500 time trials that weekend. PBA Hall of Famers Chris Schenkel and Billy Welu called the action.

Detroit bowling star and PBA charter member Joe Joseph, fellow Michigan star Billy Golembiewski and bowling legend Carmen Salvino of Chicago were the three who advanced to the televised finals — a two-game contest with final standings based on total pins for the two games.

Joseph took home a \$15,000 first prize from the \$50,000 prize fund.

Another PBA Hall of Famer, Detroit native Dave Soutar, also bowled in the inaugural TOC at the age of 22, finishing 13th. Soutar, who last summer announced his retirement after more than 50 years in PBA competition, has never forgotten that first event.

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Kerry Kreft Wins 8th Career Michigan Majors Title at Plaza Lanes

• THE BUDWEISER Michigan Majors Bowling Association's third tournament of the year was held at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth on Saturday, March 16. When it was all over, MMBA Hall of Famer Kerry Kreft emerged from the pack to win his eighth Michigan Majors title, defeating Ronnie Sparks Jr., 253-195. Kreft received a check for \$1,100 and a beautiful trophy donated by Plaza Lanes. Sparks Jr. settled for second and took home \$600 for his efforts.



By KEN WYATT

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Josh Chaney of Hazel Park led a field of 76 bowlers with a six-game qualifying score of 1471. Chaney received \$100 for high-qualifier and a trophy, also provided by Plaza Lanes. The cut score to make the 20-man semi-final round was a six-game qualifying score of 1267.

Going into game three of the semifinal round, Kreft trailed Adam Dee by five pins

for the fifth and final spot. Dee, bowling on the pair next to Kreft, finished with a score of 210. Kreft, with 183 in the eighth and a spare in the ninth frame, needed only a mark to pass Dee. On Kreft's first shot in the 10th he left the 2-4-8-10 split. Dee appeared to be on his way to his second straight stepladder appearance — until Kreft stepped up and converted the split finishing with 219, passing Dee by four pins.

The stepladder finals also included some interesting events. Kreft started off bowling non-member Steve Novak from Bay City. Kreft took control early with a spare and four strikes, however in the sixth frame he went high leaving the 3-6-10. In the seventh frame Kreft left a 10-pin, which he missed. This opened the door for Novak, who couldn't put a double together early but managed to put a triple together starting in the sixth frame. Kreft recovered from

the open frame however to close with a four-bagger to win, 241-201. Novak received a check for \$300 for his efforts.

Kreft then met two-time winner Aaron Lorincz of Saginaw. This match went back and forth with Lorincz starting the match with strike, spare, double, and Kreft starting spare, double, spare. The fifth frame is where Lorincz (and all of the crowd watching) looked on in disbelief as his flush pocket hit sent the six-pin to the side boards snapping out the 10-pin, then jumping out of the gutter and standing back up on the lane. Lorincz could have used that strike as this match still came down to the 10th frame with Kreft needing a mark to win. Kreft struck out for a 241-222 victory. Aaron took home the fourth-place prize of \$400.

In the next match Kreft faced a young Josh Chaney bowling in his first stepladder finals. Chaney struggled early while Kreft started the match with spare, five-bagger to put Josh away early, 253-195. Chaney received \$500 to go along with his high qualifier check to conclude an excellent day of bowling.

Top seed Ronnie Sparks Jr. of Ecorse was the final opponent for Kreft in the championship match. Sparks Jr. was looking to win for the second time bowling in only his second MMBA tournament. He won the first tournament of the year at Thunderbowl Lanes in

January. Kreft started this match as he did the previous match by sparing in the first then throwing five in a row. Sparks Jr. on the other hand started with a strike and two spares, but in the fourth frame fouled on his first shot. Ronnie converted the spare but was unable to recover as Kreft's great start allowed him to go on to win, 253-195.

Other cashers: Adam Dee (Birmingham) \$260, Frank Snodgrass (Roseville) \$250, Bo Goergen (Sanford) \$240, Tony Moses (Dearborn Heights) \$230, Abed Daher (Dearborn) \$220, Chris Marshall (Mason) \$210, Justin Neiman (Warren) \$200, Lonnie Jones (Ann Arbor) \$160, Trey Raynes (Wayne) \$150, Jon Murphy (Warren) \$135, Ray Eddy III (Saginaw) \$135, Gerry Lobdell (Jackson) \$120, Ryan Powers (Portage) \$110, Alan Raphael (Lake Orion) \$105, Brad Smyth (St. Clair Shores) \$100.

The next tournament will be held at Wayne Bowl in Wayne with a start time of 10 a.m. This is our first Major tournament of the year, the Match Game Championship. Entry fee for this event is \$100.

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They go in distance from a single ball to as many games as you can roll in days. They're conducted at any and all hours and there probably isn't any time of the year, any year, when a bowling tournament isn't being conducted somewhere in this rapidly shrinking world.

Why should you bowl in a tournament? If you enjoy bowling, you're competitive to a degree. League bowling is more com-

petitive than open bowling and tournaments are just another extension into another field of competition.

If you look at tournament bowling as a way to quick riches, forget it. Sure there are winners, big winners. But look at the prize ratios, one winner for every so many entries, meaning for every winner there must be multiple losers.

But that's talking money. There's plenty of experience, satisfaction and competitive fun in tournaments, rewards not as obvious as money. Only your check book can tell you what you can afford in the way of tournament play. Once it tells you how far you can go or how near you must stay, the next step is to check out what is available. That information

is usually as close as your nearest bowling center or bowling paper, and often your mailbox brings you news of the tournament goodies available.

There is a tournament for you, no matter what your age, size, sex, average or what. The good tournament promoters verge on genius. You can win money, cars, trips, merchandise of all sorts, and notice.

A word of caution. Most tournaments are conducted well, and a boost to all tournaments is to gain the help of the United States Bowling Congress sanction to insure the honesty of the event.

But there are many grabbers, interested in themselves first, and one of their chief delights is to con people. And bowlers are people and they can be conned, simply because they don't take the time to read or count or add.

Check the entry blanks. See the breakdown of the entry fee. Part of the fee pays for the bowling, some goes for scoring, and it's necessary that a fair amount be deducted



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Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

to pay for the many other expenses. This is all fine, within reason. Be wary of too much being taken from the entry fee or too little. Always remember, with the exception of some specialized commercially sponsored tournaments, you're not going to get something for nothing.

So if you're paying, get the most for your money. It's not as difficult as you might think. The same way a housewife shops for groceries and other needs, a bowler should shop for tournaments.

A bowler who doesn't compete in tournaments is missing a good part of the sport. Every bowler should go out of his way to support his local and state association events.

If you haven't been bowling in tournaments, toss away all the excuses and give a couple a try. If you have been rolling in tournaments, you don't have to be sold the benefits, only the cautions.

As they say at most events, good luck and good bowling.

DETROIT ALL-STAR CLASSIC

Storm Products/Thunderbowl Team Widens 'Spring Season' Lead

• THE DETROIT All Star Classic, into its 78th season of competition, is witnessing a rare feat. Storm Products/Thunderbowl Lanes, who finished on the bottom in the Winter Season, has vaulted to the top so far in the Spring Season.

Storm increased their lead with a three-game sweep of Plaza Lanes last week at Novi Bowl. George Juszcyk led the attack with 768. Cozy Inn moved into second place behind red hot Trey Raynes who stroked his second 300 of the season and his first 800 ever by rolling 806.

Ansara's Restaurant tied for second place behind Chris Nielson's 729. Red Robin Restaurants/Sunnybrook Lanes swept 2Booli/Maximum Potential Pro Shop behind a group effort led by Adam Jablonski 742, Ron Napiewocki 732 (with a 299), Derek Thompson 732 and Jeff Baranich 713. Jeff Edwards shot 758 in a losing cause. Columbia 300/Eastown Printing swept three games from Eastridge Insurance behind Dan McLalin 759, Chris Kliczinski and Nate Adams both with 734.

The previous week the All-Stars helped celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Garden Bowl. The Garden, which installed new synthetic lanes this past summer, was no match for the talented All Stars who averaged as a league 232 for the night.

Big shooters that night from Garden were as follows: Tim Bishop had the high series for the night with a strong 809 and his Storm/Thunderbowl teammates Craig Nidiffer 773 and George Juszcyk 725 chipped in. Other high scores were Jim Grant 752, Greg Gumtow 746, Dave Silverman 769, Mark Arnold 762, Ronnie Sparks Jr. 737, Ron Mijal 706, Brian Nielsen 715, Chuck Duvall 767, Eric Emmi 740, Randy Warnken 732, Eddie Grace 718, Joe Krajenke 705, Nick Faber 716, John Buffa 709, Ken Wyatt 743, Kevin Trumbull 723 and Chris Neilson 718.

The All-Stars enter the final four weeks of competition with stops at Wayne Bowl at 7:30 p.m. on March 21st, Rose Bowl Lanes at 7:30 p.m. on March 28th and then close out the season in April with two late starts at 9:30 p.m. at Oak Lanes and Plaza Lanes.

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

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