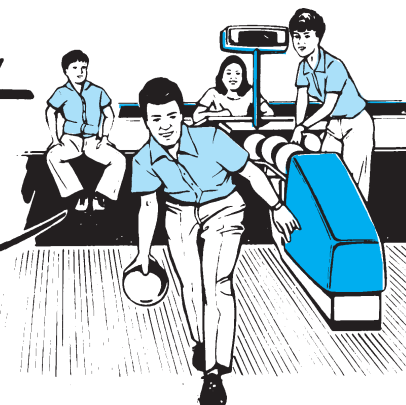


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## Harry Sullins Tops Metro Detroit USBC Senior Masters Event at Classic Lanes

• HAROLD SULLINS of Chesterfield beat Mike Calvin of Warren, 437-428, in the two-game title match to win the Metro Detroit USBC Senior Masters title at Classic Lanes in Rochester Hills and took home the top prize of \$3,000.

After being seeded ninth by

tournament rule, Sullins remained undefeated with a forfeit win over Michael Atkins of Pontiac, Ronald Burgess of Plymouth, 491-437; Calvin, the first time, 435-383; Ronald Rospierski of Warren, 436-351 and Glenn Ludeman of Chesterfield, 421-361, to advance to the title match.

Sullins averaged 213.17 for 18 games of competition.

"Winning this event for the third straight year is very satisfying," said Sullins. "Thanks to our sponsors — Turbo and Red Robin Restaurants — in addition to MDUSBC for running a great tournament."

Calvin was the top qualifier with 1,406 for six games. He triumphed over David Bernhardt of Romeo, 537-409, and Julius Bierkamp of Ferndale, 443-418, before falling into the loser's bracket with the loss to Sullins, 435-383. Once in the loser's bracket he beat Thomas Fauls of



SULLINS

Troy, 376-328; Robert Schulz of Macomb, 470-387; Marvin Holly of Commerce Township, 463-403; Michael Chapman of Garden City, 445-368 and Glenn Ludeman, 483-409, on his way to the finals. Calvin cashed for \$1,500 and had the top

average in the competition averaging 227.2 for 24 games of competition.

Ludeman qualified 18th with 1,265. He remained in the winner's bracket with victories over Richard Faber of Warren, 412-367; Dale Barger of Holly, 451-366; Michael Chapman, 447-437 and

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### Jason Belmonte Makes History With Back-to-Back USBC Masters Titles

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. - Australia's Jason Belmonte became the first bowler in nearly 50 years to successfully defend a United States Bowling Congress Masters title on Sunday as he defeated EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 221-177.

Belmonte, the reigning Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year, opened up a big lead early and eased to the title at Brunswick Zone Carolier. With the victory, Belmonte, who earned \$50,000 for the win, is just the third player to successfully defend a Masters title, joining Billy Welu (1964 and 1965) and Dick Hoover (1956 and 1957).

"This tournament is so difficult to win," said Belmonte, who won his ninth career PBA title and his third major. "I always have high expectations for myself, but to go down in history as the third one and first in 50 years to win back-to-back is a huge honor."

In the title match, Belmonte got out of the gates quickly and took advantage of a slow start by Tackett, the reigning PBA Rookie of the Year.

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Michigan Kingpins is the only TV show covering the entire bowling community including youth, high school, college, PBA events and local adult tournaments. Michigan Kingpins episodes have been broadcasting on the Comcast Network Channel 900 since August of 2013.

According to Kingpins host and MDUSBC Association Manager Mark Martin, "This new broadcast partnership allows us to reach all of Southeastern Michigan. Now we can reach more of our members and bowling fans while offering advertisers a larger viewing audience."

The next Michigan Kingpins episode can be seen on CW50 on March 15 at 9 a.m., covering the High School State Finals, the MDUSBC Women's and Open Championship and more.

Past episodes of Michigan Kingpins can be seen from the link on the Metro Detroit USBC website at [www.mdusbc.com](http://www.mdusbc.com).



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## METRODETROIT USBC NEWS

By Association Manager  
**Mark A. Martin**

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workshops to inform the delegates about happenings at USBC.

Representing the MDUSBC at the annual convention will be Katrina Banks, Richard Banks, George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Sarita Dillard, Constance Fordyce, Lavern Hester, Mark Hurrigam, June Klix, Patricia Klix, Anita Maiorana, Dorothy Thompson and John Vorpapel.

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 was raised and sent to Bowl For The Cure as a result of the efforts.

Thanks to all that participated in the events or otherwise contributed time and/or money to the cause.

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• 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, 2014.

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.

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# Four D's Lead to Becoming a Better Bowler

By **BILL DEFRANCE**  
*Bowler's Digest Special Contributor*

With the overall goal of increasing the amount of bowlers participating in our local leagues and tournaments, as well as all the quality pro shops, coaches, and training facilities we are blessed to have in the Metro Detroit area, I'd like to submit an easy formula for success for any/all who would like to become a better bowler. Like any other system it all starts with the individual.

The first step sounds easy, but most people only give it lip service — "Decision." Now, by decision I don't mean, "I want to be a better bowler." We all want to be better at whatever we do, but that doesn't mean its going to happen. We have to decide, "I'm GOING to be a better bowler." Once you've firmly decided to become better, you can get rid of the slew of excuses on why you haven't.

Now that you have decided, you need "Direction." You can bog down season af-

ter season with trial and error only to find you have committed bad fundamentals to muscle memory. Re-learning is much more difficult than learning proper fundamentals to begin with. I would strongly suggest to get on video! Remember, you can't see yourself bowl!

A couple lessons with a QUALIFIED instructor will save you YEARS of frustration with so-called under achievement. USBC has a rating system — Bronze, Silver, and Gold level coaches. Find one. There are great books to read, but NOTHING will outperform a few hours with a good coach and a video analysis.

Also in this step is finding a good ball-driller who can tailor ball layouts to your individual style. Warning, just because a bowler on your team is averaging higher than you doesn't mean his or her opinion is valid. In fact, take anything anyone says to you with a grain of salt! Find someone qualified and build a relationship.

All right, you've firmly decided. You got

on video. You found a local pro shop you can trust and drilled a couple new balls. You're ready! Now for the bad news. The third step is the marathon called "Donation." Time, energy and money are all components. Get into a second or third league. Bowling one night a week is extremely hard to get a good feel for your delivery.

Practice, practice, practice will be your mantra. How can anyone learn anything without practice? If you're not practicing, you're not serious. Once a month, hit a local tournament. There are many choices that offer different levels of competition depending on where your game is at. Your going to have to learn to adjust your shots as the lanes break down.

Match play is an altogether different beast than league bowling. Clutch 10th frame shots for the money or cut are challenging. Changing lanes without practice in tournaments can be tough! (Can I stay on the last pair please?) Distractions are all around and will always be present, don't get discouraged. This step of donation is where



most people fade out. If it was easy, everyone would do it!

Finally, we reach the "Domination" phase. Warning! This isn't a permanent phase. Domination usually comes in spurts. It's not a fixed position. You have to keep working and stay committed to the first three steps or you'll find yourself donating again.

Trust me, the bowlers who seem to win every week are

either working with or have worked with a coach in the past. They definitely bowl more than once a week and probably are committed to AT LEAST a couple hours of practice OUTSIDE of leagues and tournaments.

Stay positive! If it looks like you're not going to make the cut or win the jackpot, don't complain and finish by going through the motions. Learn from every experience! Don't fall into the pitfall of calling other bowlers "lucky" and dismiss the situation as out of your control, most likely they have put their time in already. Congratulate them on their success and when its your turn they will do the same. Good luck and bowl well!

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By MDUSBC Director  
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USA! USA! USA!

As I write this article, the USA Men's Hockey Team is playing Canada to make it to the medal round. I love the Olympics, winter and summer. I prefer the summer as I love swimming and diving. But it doesn't matter; it is all about representing the United States of America in the sport that you have made immense sacrifices to play.

Many get into sports with the hopes of someday turning pro, but some sports do not have a professional platform, so the Olympics is the end of the line as a competitor.

My bucket list contains many things, trips, etc., and I did attend the winter games in Salt Lake City in 2002, thanks to my dear friend Anna Green, who put me up and toured me around... But the bigger part of that bucket list is the summer games when

bowling finally gets medal status... look in the crowd, I will definitely be there!

There was a huge push in the '80s with petitions to get bowling in the Olympics, but perhaps the time was not right. Is it right now? I think it is.

International competition is at an all-time high. We have some incredible talent beginning with Junior Gold, through the high school and collegiate programs, and PBA regionals and tour and also going on today is our USBC Masters,

which was a sellout!

It is not all American bowlers in the Masters, either. Bowlers who compete at a high level, who have been bowling since they could walk, need the Olympics. The bowling industry needs the Olympics.

Being in the Olympics would benefit the sport, USBC, the proprietors, the coaches, the manufacturers... it is a win for all in the industry.

What do you think happened in 2012 when Gabby Douglas won gold in gymnastics? Yep, all the little girls, and some boys, want to be gymnasts. I am sure the gymnastic academies around the country had a surge. Some will make it, some will realize they are not fit for that particular sport, but in the meantime, those businesses that surround gymnastics have profited.

As the national governing body of bowling, we could train coaches and teams from around the world at the ITRC in Arlington, which we currently do offer this service, so it can only grow.

When bowling gets medal status, young athletes would want to get better. This means more coaching, more lineage, more members and more equipment.

If we could do this right, it can be such a big win for all who love bowling.

I currently have a USA Bowling shirt, but I want to buy the one at the Games! I

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# Correcting Some Common Bowling Mistakes

TIPS FROM THE PROS



By **CHERYL DANIELS**

Member of the Professional Women's Bowling Association

• THIS ARTICLE covers a few common mistakes that I see many bowlers make.

**1) Not adjusting target as you move your feet on the approach.**

Learning to line up properly allows a bowler to repeat good shots. One common mistake that I observe when coaching is watching bowlers move their feet on the approach and never move their target.

Whenever you move your feet at least two boards on the approach you should move your target a board in the same direction that you move your feet. If you do not

move your target along with your feet you will have to reach away from your body to hit your target provided you walk straight.

Some bowlers develop an exaggerated drift to the right (for a right hander) because they will move their feet several boards left and never move their target.

**2) Not bending knee at release point.**

Getting lower at release point puts you in a stronger leverage position. When a bowler bends their sliding knee it enables them to lengthen their stroke point or flatten the bottom of the swing. This enables better extension through the ball increasing pin action and better accuracy.

To improve your knee bend, start with some flex in your knees in your stance and try to feel as though you are walking slightly down hill as you approach the foul line. You will also need to make sure your last step is not too short. If the length of the last step is too short it will be much more difficult to get low at release point.

**3) Late Timing.**

Many bowlers carry the ball through the first step of a four-step approach resulting in the swing arriving late at release point. If you are using a four-step approach you must get the ball in motion on your first step.

When you are in your stance position you should anticipate moving the ball in unison with your first step. Don't wait until you

have moved your foot and then get the ball in motion — start them together. Visualize the proper motion when you are in your stance position and it will make it easier for your body to do it.

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## Jason Belmonte Makes History With Back-to-Back USBC Masters Titles

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Belmonte started with a spare before rattling off four consecutive strikes to take command.

The match wasn't settled, however, until the final frame when Belmonte converted the 4-pin and struck on his final ball to shut out Tackett.

"I wish I would have had a chance, but Jason did what he had to do to win," Tackett said. "I'm disappointed I didn't win, but it's an experience I'm going to learn from this and hopefully next time I can win."

In addition to making history with consecutive Masters victories, Belmonte also added his name to a short list of players who have won back-to-back major titles. He won the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions in January and is the seventh player in history to win back-to-back majors.

In the semifinal, Belmonte hung on for a one-pin victory over Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, 235-234, by putting a spare on the board in the final frame and getting nine pins on the fill ball.

Belmonte, who entered the championship round as the fifth seed, took down No. 3 seed Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., 202-173, and opened the stepladder finals with a 227-214 win over fourth seed Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y.

The Masters, which featured a total prize fund of \$315,000, is part of the World Tenpin Bowling Association World Bowling Tour. A sold-out field of 468 players from 15 countries started the week in their quest to take home the trophy. For more information on the Masters, including live scoring, visit [BOWL.com/Masters](http://BOWL.com/Masters).

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## Ken Wyatt Wins Second Straight MMBA Title at Sterling Lanes

• HALL-OF-Famer and Executive Director Ken Wyatt of Sterling Heights followed up his win at Thunderbowl in January with another Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association victory at Sterling Lanes, winning his 12th title defeating Frank Snodgrass of Roseville, 244-235.

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

Jeff Edwards paced the field of 57 bowlers with a six-game qualifying round of 1497. The cut score to make the 14-man semi-final round was 1339. This month's tournament featured Kegel's Sunset Strip condition, part of Kegel's Challenge series. This lane pattern was a little more forgiving than last month's condition and Brian McMahon took advantage with the only 300 of the tournament in the first game of qualifying.

The stepladder finals began with fifth seed J.R. Raymond of Bay City facing fourth seed Carleton Chambers of Detroit.



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Raymond struggled early with opens in frames 3 and 4, however still had a chance to make the match interesting in the 10th with a double. Raymond went high leaving the 6-10 spare ending his day with a 181-173 loss. Raymond received a check for \$300 with his fifth-place finish.

Chambers then met qualifying leader Jeff Edwards of Sterling Heights. This match was tight all the way. Edwards had a chance to put Chambers away in the 10th with a mark and good count, however, Jeff went through the nose leaving the 4-6 split. Chambers

stepped up with a chance to win with a double and got the first strike but went high on the second leaving the 6-10 spare. Chambers needed both pins to tie and was able to convert, leaving the match tied, 216-216. In the 9th and 10th frame roll-off Chambers was able to throw a double in the 10th and win, 49-40.

Edwards, last year's defending champion and owner of two MMBA titles, received \$350 for his fourth-place finish. Next up for Chambers was Frank Snodgrass of

Roseville. Snodgrass jumped out to an early 25-pin lead. Chambers tried to close the gap late, but he left an 8-pin in the ninth frame which ended his run at the title. Snodgrass went on to 211-195 victory. Chambers received a check for \$400 for his efforts.

Snodgrass then met top seed Ken Wyatt. This match looked like it might be a run-away early as Snodgrass opened in the fourth frame with Wyatt striking in six of his first seven frames. Snodgrass battled back into the match throwing a five bagger in frames 5-9. Wyatt spared in the eighth and ninth frames and threw three strikes in the 10th to finish with 244. This meant Snodgrass could win the match with a double in the 10th. Snodgrass through the first strike but left a ringing 10-pin on the second shot. Wyatt survived to win, 244-235.

Thank you to Dave Tomaszewski and the rest of his staff at Sterling Lanes for their hospitality. Thank you to our Budweiser sponsor Petitpren Distributors for sponsoring another successful tournament. Again I would like to recognize our newest MMBA sponsor General Maintenance Works — thank you MMBA member Bill DeFrance.

Our next tournament will be held at Mayflower Lanes in Redford on March 15th and 16th with a start time of 10 a.m. This is our

annual Match Game Championship, the first leg of the MMBA triple crown. The entry fee for this tournament is \$100.

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• THE FINAL standings at Sterling Lanes — Ken Wyatt (Sterling Heights) \$1,000, Frank Snodgrass (Roseville) \$500, Carleton Chambers (Detroit) \$400, Jeff Edwards (Sterling Heights) \$350, J. R. Raymond (Bay City) \$300, LeRoy Anderson (Saginaw) \$200, Justin Nieman (Warren) \$180, Brian McMahon (Saginaw) \$160, Abed Daher (Dearborn) \$150, Kurt Pilon (Warren) \$140, Lonnie Jones (Ann Arbor) \$130, Dan Kelsey (Novi) \$120, Adam Dee (Birmingham) \$110, Steve Novak (Bay City) \$100.

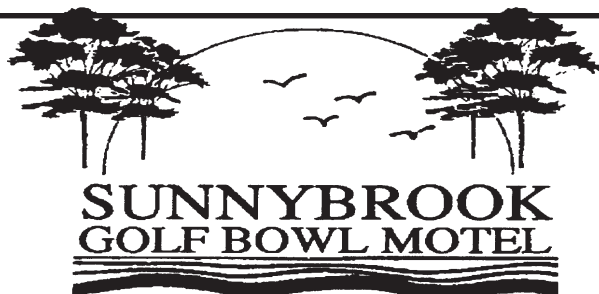
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- **May 21st @ 6:30pm — Adult / Youth starts** (only 10 weeks, 3 games weekly)
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# Foul Judges Needed in Bowling's Early Days

• LIKE IT OR not, third parties in almost all sports — umpires, referees and judges — make critical decisions that often change the final result of major events.

Even with the help of the latest electronic technology, the controversies live on longer than the events. The baseball playoffs have been marred by bad calls and in football the officials are getting more TV time than most

of the players.

There seems to be no way out. You must have the arbiters and judgement calls in contests. Many of the Olympic sports such as boxing, gymnastics, diving and ice skating, to name a few, rely on human reactions, with little or no help instant replay shown from various angles. The deciders have rules and guidelines to go by, but there is human er-

ror, and sports fans are almost impossible to satisfy.

Bowling is fortunate. There is less controversy and less third party decisions in years of bowling than there is in any major sports playoff where moderators have the final call.

Bowling is a simple game. You must stay behind the foul line. The pinfall must be legal, without any help from anything but the bowling ball or rolling pins. The lanes, the playing surfaces, must meet equipment specifications, all done before the playing starts. From local league bowling to the richest tournaments, most of the same rules are used around the world.

In the early days of bowling, humans, seated at strategic positions, called the fouls. In many early centers the foul judges were seated above the line or in a special alcove, the booth being erected in the wall with perfect vision of the foul line.

One of the first modern improvements in the sport came with the invention of the electric eye foul lights, a beam that crossed the foul line and triggered an alarm plus a red light over the pins to alert the players.

In more than 1,000 TV bowling shows I



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have been involved with over the years, only six times has instant replay been used, and those instances were used to determine whether the automatic pinspotter had knocked down a pin when it was in the resetting process. That's in more than 5,000 games, probably more than 40,000 tosses.

Joe Norris, the late super star who rolled well into his 90s, also participated in many head-to-head matches.

"We always had contracts as to number of games and other stipulations and I always added one extra, that the pinboys wear white gloves and white footwear," said Norris.

I thought that was pretty classy until Norris explained that he insisted because the white showed up clearly when the pinboy used hands or feet to help nudge a pin down.

Every major tournament has at least one director who decides, with the help of the bowlers involved and the mechanics who man the foul lights, pinsetting machines and other details, when any questionable incident takes place.

That tournament director is usually the least busy person at the site.

## Sullins Tops Metro Detroit USBC Senior Masters

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Marvin Holly, 389-387, before losing to Sullins, 421-361, to get knocked into the loser's bracket. In the loser's bracket he got beat by Calvin, 483-409, ending his run. He took home \$1,000 and averaged 207.4.

Chapman qualified 26th with 1,249 and beat Marc Fagenson of Huntington Woods, 381-362; Leonard Cianciolo of Warren, 434-424, before falling to Ludeman, 447-437. Once in the loser's bracket he reeled off wins over John Nickowski of Southgate, 456-396; Peter Kaczmarczyk of Warren, 427-393 and Ronald Rospierski of Warren, 415-399, before ending his run with a loss to Calvin, 445-368. He averaged 208.3 and took home \$750.

Holly finished fifth for \$500 and averaged 214.9.

Rospierski ended up sixth, picking up \$500 after averaging 211.9.

Kaczmarczyk finished seventh, averaged 208 and cashed for \$400.

Schulz took home \$400 for his eighth-place finish, averaging 203.9.

Steven Hubble of Westland won the Super Senior competition for non-qualifiers 60 years of age and over. He defeated Edwin Austreng of Waterford Township, 237-181, for the title. He won \$200 for his efforts and Austreng walked away with a check for \$175.

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