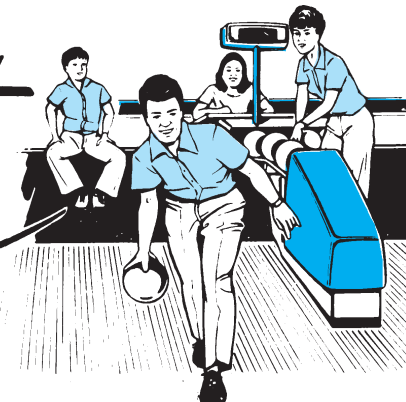


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Big Changes In Store for Metro Detroit USBC for 2013-14 Season

By MARK MARTIN
Metro Detroit USBC

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 leagues. 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 Secre-

tary 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
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IN THE NEWS



Robert Mireles Tops MMBA Event

• LANSING's Robert Mireles defeated Rick Gregor of Sterling Heights in the best-of-five championship match to win the Budweiser Michigan Majors' first "major" of the year at Wayne Bowl in Wayne. Pictured (from left) tournament champion Mireles, Wayne Bowl manager Nikki Kiester and runner-up Gregor. See story on page 7.

North Carolina's Joe Scarborough Rolls First 900 Series in PBA History

• JOE SCARBOROUGH of Charlotte, N.C., rolled three consecutive 300 games to start the first round of qualifying in the PBA50 Sun Bowl at The Villages at Spanish Springs Lanes, recording the first 900 series in Professional Bowlers Association history.

Scarborough, who turned 50 in October 2012, is bowling in only his second PBA50 Tour event. He qualified 38th in the re-named PBA Senior Tour's season-opener in New Port Richey, Fla., last week, but lost his first best-of-three-game single-elimination match.

The self-employed electrical contractor threw another strike to start his fourth game, but his streak ended at 37 in a row when he left a split on his 38th shot. Three straight sub-200 games then toppled him out of the lead and into a tie for 12th place with 1,921 pins, 77 pins behind leader PBA Hall of Famer Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas, who averaged 249.75 for eight games to lead the field of 159 bowlers with a 1,998 total.

◆ See complete tournament results on page 5.

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Team USA members Mike Fagan of Dallas and Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., will represent the United States at the 2013 World Games this summer in Cali, Colombia.

The duo will look to give Team USA its first gold medal in World Games competition. Since the World Games began in 1981, the United States has won two silver medals and three bronze medals but has been shut out of the gold medals in the event, which is held every four years.

Bowling is one of more than 36 sports not currently included in the Olympics that will be showcased in the World Games for 11 days beginning July 25. Eight countries from each of the three zones (American, Asian and European) of the World Tenpin Bowling Association will represent bowling by sending one male and one female athlete.

The bowling competition at the World Games will begin Aug. 1 with six games of mixed doubles followed by the stepladder finals.

For more info on the World Games, visit TheWorldGames2013.com.

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METRODETROIT USBC NEWS

By Association Manager
Mark A. Martin

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will allow more of our high school bowlers to participate, before the high school bowling season begins.

There will be three handicap divisions and one scratch division, down from four handicap divisions and one 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 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 divi-

APRIL 1 AVERAGES DUE

• AVERAGE REQUEST forms have been sent to league secretaries and at this point over 700 of 1,031 leagues have turned in their April 1st averages.

These averages were requested to be turned in by April 15th. Notices have been sent to the league secretaries who have not fulfilled this very important duty. Also a list of leagues which have not turned in their averages is listed on www.mdusbc.com.

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.

sion. 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

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Four Weeks Left for Ebonite All-Stars at Thunderbowl Lanes

• THERE ARE four weeks left in the last third of the Ebonite All-Stars at Thunderbowl Lanes season (the league missed bowling during the Christmas and New Year's weeks, so the season is extended into May). There are 11 teams within eight points off the lead. The top and bottom teams can flip flop rapidly with five points per night at stake.

Thunderbowl Lanes holds a slim one-half point lead over Team Supreme (formerly Team 8) and a one-point lead over Downriver Bowlers Pro Shop, who Thunderbowl Lanes bowled in the most recent week and took three points. If it had gone the other way, Downriver Bowlers Pro Shop would have been in first place.



By TOM STROBL

Bowler's Digest Contributor

Team Supreme played a hot hand again as it took five points. Alex Robinson did most of the damage with a 300 game in the last game and a 769 series, followed by Mason Brantley who had 747 and Imari Allison with 701.

Mud's Warriors, while in fourth place, continued to roll, taking three out of five points from Team Bud Light. Mud's Warrior's were paced by Angela Wilt who had 721 and Novella Daniels at 702. There is no question that they are the most spirited team on the lanes.

Other high scratch games were Ronnie Sparks at 289 and Mitch Jabczynski Sr. at 280. Jabczynski had the high scratch series at 813, followed by Eddie Mintz at 773. Novella Daniels had the high ladies scratch game of 259.

Big Changes In Store for MDUSBC

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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.

YOUTH AWARDS BANQUET — The MDUSBC Youth Awards banquet will be held on Sunday, May 19 at DeCarlo's Banquet Center at 1 p.m.

The banquet will honor youth tournament award winners, honor scores, scholarship winners and all-city recipients.

Tickets are \$15 and can be ordered from the Association office at (888) 753-6350.

AWARDS RECEPTION — 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.

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.

For the men's and senior men's categories games of 298, 299 and 300 receive points as does all 800 series.

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• A FEW WEEKS ago in this publication, national syndicated columnist Chuck Pezzano wrote about the importance of bowling tournaments to the sport of bowling. He wrote that tournaments offer something for everyone and there is a tournament to fit everybody's bowling needs. Here are some events you may have overlooked in the past.

In 1976 Helen Weston and a group of bowling friends formed the Michigan Women's 500 Bowling Club. Helen and her buddies thought there was a group of women bowlers in the state who were being underserved in the tournament world.

Higher average bowlers had a chance to be in the 600 Club and the Les Dames de 700 Club. What if you just couldn't hit that plateau? A similar minded group of ladies had founded a National 500 Bowling Club a couple of years before so Helen rolled up her sleeves and set out to do the same in Michigan. Her founding group included Patricia Canning, Barb Pettish and Wilma "Billee" Cogan.

This year the club celebrates its 37th anniversary and tournament. This year's tournament and annual meeting will be held at 300 Bowl in Waterford. The date of this year's event is June 1st.

The tournament is run in two squads and four average divisions. The squad times are 10 am and 1 p.m.. The club is a member-based social bowling club. This means all tournament entrants are club members.

Membership in the club is available for \$5. Annual dues for the club are \$2. The cost of the tournament and dues is \$22. For information about the tournament and joining the club you can contact the club secretary Ann Block (me) at www.michiganwomens500club@gmail.com or by phone at (313) 292-6538.

The Michigan State Senior Tournament is being bowled this year at Richfield Lanes in Flint. New this year is division E for the 50 to 54-year-olds.

USBC National added the division last year and the state tournament followed suit this year. All entrants may bowl twice in the tournament. This is also a new addition to the rules for this year. The senior tournament is run in a women's and open division as well as six age divisions. The all-events champions in each division are able to attend the 2014 National Senior Tournament.

More information about the MS Senior Tournament can be found at both the state men's and women's websites. The BA website is www.mistatebowl.com and WBA website is www.miwba.com.

A new tournament this year is the Midwest Women's Tournament. The Michigan State USBC WBA is hosting the first tournament. The tournament is being held at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing.

The tournament is the result of a collaboration of six states. The six states involved are Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio,

and Wisconsin. The tournament will have competition in team, doubles, and singles with optional all-events and scratch divisions.

Each event costs \$25 and all-events is an additional \$5. The tournament opens May 18th and runs until June 30th. Next year's tournament will be held in South Bend, Ind.

Walter Ray Williams Jr. Wins PBA50 Sun Bowl in The Villages for Fifth Career PBA50 Tour Title

THE VILLAGES, Fla. — In a stepladder final made up of three of the Professional Bowlers Association's all-time greats, Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla., prevailed to win his fifth career PBA50 Tour title by capturing the Sun Bowl In The Villages presented by Hammer title at Spanish Springs Lanes.

Williams, the reigning PBA50 Player of the Year, defeated fellow Hall of Famer and 2012 PBA50 Rookie of the Year Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela, 276-216, in the championship match to win the second tournament of the 2013 PBA50 Tour season.

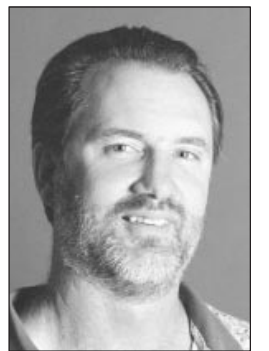
Williams found it necessary to implement the unusual technique of using a different ball on each lane of the championship pair in the title match to get the desired ball reaction on each lane.

"It's not something I normally do, but I practiced with a few balls and was able to determine that if I needed to make a change like that I had the equipment I could do it with," Williams said. "It turned out that I made the right decisions at the right time and Amleto had a couple bad breaks and I was fortunate to get the win."

It was a rematch of the last time Williams and Monacelli, a 19-time Tour winner, met in a PBA50 Tour championship match when Monacelli defeated Williams 255-247 to win the 2012 PBA Senior U.S. Open last June in Las Vegas.

Williams advanced to the title match by defeating Bo Goergen of Sanford, Mich., 258-191, in the semifinal. Goergen, who was trying for his first PBA50 Tour win, made a dramatic jump from seventh in the match play position round to make the final stepladder spot.

In the opening match, Goergen defeated Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., 259-256. Weber, a 37-time PBA Tour winner who is competing as a rookie on the PBA50 Tour this season, won the PBA Tournament of Champions on March 31 for a record-tying 10th major title and also became the first player to win PBA's triple crown twice. He was also a member of the New York City WTT KingPins team that won the inaugural PBA League Elias Cup.



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By CHERYL DANIELS

Member of the Professional Women's Bowling Association

• FOR THOSE bowlers who want to improve their bowling skills, summer is the best time to work on your game. Certain types of changes are best done in the sum-

mer and not during the regular bowling season.

Things to work on this summer:

1. Changing from a backup ball to a throwing a hook.
2. Switching from a full-roller to a semi-roller.
3. Going from a four-step approach to a five-step approach or vice versa.
4. Learning how to increase your hook or reduce your hook.
5. Changing from a conventional to a finger tip grip.
6. Bowling in tournament competition.
7. Working with a bowling coach that will help you identify what areas of your game need work. Remember, a good coach will help you reach your goals and push you to the next level.
8. Increasing your bowling arsenal and learn how and when to use different coverstocks.
9. Learning how to use different hand positions and different axis tilts.

10. Switching from a plastic or urethane to a reactive resin or particle coverstock.

These are just examples of things that require quite a bit of practice to become better at. Depending on your skill level you should set goals that will take you to another level.

When you are bowling during the winter season you may be more hesitant to experiment and make major changes because there

is more on the line and you do not want to let your teammates down.

Summertime should be the time that you experiment and not be afraid to try different things.

◆ *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.*



Dan Waters is Back!

Dan Waters of Salem recently bowled a 221 game at Pinz in South Lyon. The game marked a comeback for the 44-year-old bowler.

"I was a serious bowler in my late teens," explained Waters. "Shortly after that I had a severe right wrist injury and stopped bowling for the next 20 years. I'm just getting back into it and really enjoying it again."

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Robert Mireles of Lansing Wins Third Career Michigan Majors Title

• The Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association's first Major of the year was held at Wayne Bowl in Wayne on Saturday April 20-21. This month's tournament lane pattern featured the Michigan State Masters condition held last weekend at Royal Scot lanes in Lansing.

Ironically, it was Lansing native Robert Mireles who battled through the difficult conditions to pick up his third title defeating Rick Gregor of Sterling Heights three games to two in the best of five championship match. Mireles received a check for \$1,500 and a beautiful trophy donated by Wayne Bowl. Gregor settled for second and took home \$700 for his efforts.

Brian Odom of Westland lead a field of 51 bowlers with an impressive six-game qualifying score of 1359. Odom received \$100 for high-qualifier and a nice plaque, also provided by Wayne Bowl. The cut score to make the 16-man semi-final match game bracket was a six-game qualifying score of 1220.

Rick Gregor started match play on Saturday afternoon as the 12th seed and elimi-

nated fifth seed and Hall of Famer Dale Hofmeister 2-0, 205-204, 217-187. Gregor's first match on Sunday was a battle with newcomer Adam Dee of Birmingham. This match went the distance with Gregor pulling out the victory with scores of 184-202, 212-170, 205-202. The semi-final match with Mike Norris of Melvindale was a fight for survival as both players struggled to find the pocket. Gregor prevailed 2-0 with games of 193-142, 178-177 and earned his way into the championship match against Mireles.

Mireles started match play as the seventh seed and defeated Chris McClintic of Jackson fairly easily, 226-162, 221-162. The first match on Sunday also proved to be easy as Mireles faced an injured Bob Chamberlain Jr. of Holly. Chamberlain, struggling with a shoulder issue, was really never in the match. Mireles won the match 236-172, 231-159. The semi-final match against a tough Justin O'Hara of nearby Westland proved to be a whole different ball game. O'Hara just came off a 3-2 win against George Juszcyk of Dearborn Heights

shooting 299 and 750 in the process. Mireles lost game 1, 214-178. Game 2 was all but lost when Mireles closed with 202. O'Hara had 177 in the eighth frame with a spare in the ninth. Needing good count, O'Hara left the 2-4-5-8 bucket and chopped it for a nine-count tying the match at 202. Mireles won the ninth and 10th frame roll-off, 60-29, to keep his hopes alive. This proved to be all Mireles needed as he won the final game, 244-177, to move on to the title match against Gregor.

The championship match is a best three out of five games and looked to be over early as Gregor won the first two games handily, 193-129 and 209-184. But game three Mireles changed balls and everything started to click. Mireles won a tough game three, 248-232, and continued to strike in game four for a 244-185 win. In game five both players couldn't get on track and it came down to the final frames. With a strike in the eighth Gregor left a 10-pin in the ninth which sealed his fate. Mireles stepped up in the ninth with a spare then struck out to win the game 200-178. This is the third title for Mireles and



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first Major title. The last time Mireles was in the winners circle was 1999 when he won in his hometown of Lansing.

Other cashers: third and fourth — Justin O'Hara (Westland), Mike Norris (Melvindale) \$400; fifth through eighth — Bob Chamberlain Jr. (Holly), Adam Dee (Birmingham), Trey Raynes (Wayne), George Juszcyk (Dearborn Heights) \$250; ninth through 16th — Brian Odom (Westland), Justin Neiman (Warren), Dale Hofmeister (Essexville), Ronnie Sparks Jr. (Ecorse), Mike Lucente (Warren), Chris

McClintic (Jackson), Corey Miller (Grand Blanc), Tom Moore (Flat Rock) \$125.

Thanks again to Mike Lucente, Nikki Kiester and the rest of the staff at Wayne Bowl for another excellent tournament. Our next tournament will be held at Nortel Lanes in Monroe on May 18th with a start time of 11 a.m. For information on participation or joining the Budweiser Michigan Majors, contact the tournament office at (586) 871-7651 or visit the official website at www.michiganmajors.com.



AROUND TOWN

Dave Rash Rolls 300 at Five Star Lanes

Dave Rash, 47, of Clarkston recently rolled his first 300 game in the Thursday Nite "555" League at Five Star Lanes in Sterling Heights. The perfect game helped Dave to a 748 series. Dave, who has been bowling 30 years and carries a 217 average, also converted the 7-10 split last year.

DETROIT ALL-STAR CLASSIC

Bishop Leads Storm/Thunderbowl Team Lanes to Gavie Cup Title

• THE DETROIT All Star Classic completed its 78th season on Thursday night with a three-night, three-bowling center roll-off for the John P. Gavie Cup.

Storm/Thunderbowl Lanes wrapped up the cup title at their sponsor's house, Thunderbowl Lanes, as Tim Bishop put on quite a show for Storm as he bowled 1103 for the final four games in the three-night, 12-game grind held in three different bowling centers. Storm went 9-3 for the roll-offs and averaged 1172 as a team. Tim Bishop averaged 245 for the 12 games.

However the biggest feat was the bowling of Jeff Edwards from the 2 Booli/Maximum Potential Pro Shop squad as he broke the Cup roll off record for high average over the 12 games as he averaged an incredible 260.25. The previous record was held by Chris Sand as he averaged 256.30 back in 1999. Unfortunately Jeff's team finished third in the six-team roll-offs.

There were three 300 games tossed over the three nights as Mike Calhoun from Cozy Inn shot one the first night at Plaza Lanes and Jeff Edwards and Adam Jablonski both rolled 300 the second night at Sunnybrook Lanes.

The final standings in the John P. Gavie Cup are as follows — Storm/Thunderbowl 9-3, Plaza Lanes 7-5, 2 Booli/Maximum Potential Pro Shops 5-7, Red Robin Restaurants/Sunnybrook Lanes 4-8, Ansara's Restaurant Group 5.5-6.5, Cozy Inn 5.5-6.5. Each team received 50 bonus pins for a win. Ansara's and Cozy tied the final game of the matches.

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

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Bowling's Past Features Many 'Strange Things'

- PIN POINTS to ponder:
- ◆ Yes, averages can vary as much as 40 points from bowling center to bowling center.
- ◆ Never thought I'd see the day when bowling balls came in as many colors as Easter eggs.
- ◆ Many adults list bowling as their sport — but they only bowl once a month.
- ◆ Only a few bowlers can stand prosperity on the lanes, particularly when an opponent is having it all.
- ◆ In most sports the spectator is fulfilled by identifying with the player in action

rather than through the action. In bowling most fans are also doers in competition as well as watchers, so they gain from both areas of the sport.

- ◆ Some people bowl because they want to be with their mates, family or friends. And some people bowl because they want to get away from their mates, family or friends.
- ◆ Why can't high average and all other bowlers understand that the USBC is not merely an award-giving organization but is deeply involved in all forms of services for a modest membership fee structure — one of the lowest in sports.

- ◆ A channel ball is one that in error goes into the depression on either side of the lane. Formerly it was known as a gutter ball and before that it was a poodle.

- ◆ A bowler can usually tell how good his or her reputation is by how difficult it is to live up to it.

- ◆ We have some great trick shot bowlers but the master was the late, great Andy Varipapa who was still in demand when he was 90. He went through all the various bowling balls from wood on up and he dazzled in person, on TV, in the movies. He had control, confidence and his main aim was to communicate with his audiences, letting them know that he wanted to please them.

- ◆ It is no knock not to win, but it is a tragedy if you don't give your best effort.

- ◆ Top pro golfers, and even some that aren't top rated, can win a million dollars and more in a single tournament. Top pro



By CHUCK PEZZANO

Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

bowlers still get special praise when they reach the million mark in their careers. That's hardly fair. But remember we didn't even have true professional bowlers in any numbers in their own niche until 1958. Pro bowlers travel the world seeking the many tournaments that are making roll for pay more and more universal.

- ◆ If more bowlers would read all the rules before they enter tournaments and more tournament directors, individuals or groups would check bowlers before they bowl, there would be a lot less post tourney problems.

- ◆ If tourney entry fees, travel by any means — car, train, plane — hotels and food costs continue to escalate, nearby tournaments will have their own special appeal, in the head and in the purse. Start out by rolling in your city and state events.

- ◆ The happy ending to too many nights of bowling is the simple fact that the night has ended.

U12 Division Added for 2014 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships

ARLINGTON, Texas — The North Pointe Junior Gold Championships will grow in 2014 when a new age division is added to the event, allowing younger bowlers to get involved in the sport's most prestigious youth event.

The new U12 division for boys and girls will feature bowlers 12 and under, joining their counterparts in the U15 and U20 divisions in competing for national titles. The 2014 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, presented by Track, Columbia 300, Ebonite and Hammer, will take place in Buffalo, N.Y.

Bowlers in the U12 division will compete in qualifying blocks of four games and champions will be decided based on a bracket format. Automatic spots on Junior Team USA will continue to only be available to those in the U20 division, while automatic spots on the developmental Junior Team USA will only be available to those in the U15 division.

◆ For more information on the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, visit BOWL.com/JuniorGold.



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