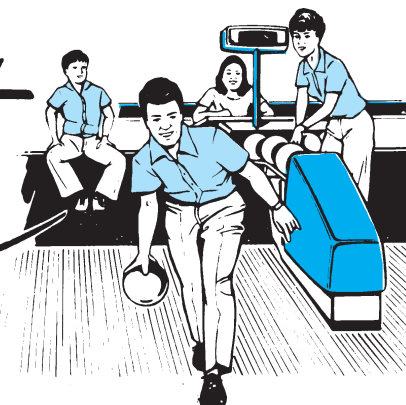


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USBC Convention Comes to a Close

RENO, Nev. — Delegates elected four board members and decided eight legislative proposals on the final day of the 2014 United States Bowling Congress Convention and Annual Meeting.

Delegates took part in seminars, heard from industry leaders and saw the presentation of national awards during the USBC Convention.

On Friday, the delegates heard from USBC President Andrew Cain and USBC Interim Executive

Director Chad Murphy before voting on four open spots on the USBC board.

Current board members Jo Dimond of Columbus, Ohio, Marci Williams of Wichita, Kan., and Robert Spigner of Chicago were elected to the USBC Board of Directors and will be joined by Karl Kielich of El Paso, Texas, who served a two-year term on the board from 2011-2013. The board members will begin their three-

year terms Aug. 1.

Each of the four board members elected Friday were selected on the first ballot. Six candidates, each slated by the USBC Nominating Committee, were on the ballot and a candidate needed a majority of the 825 eligible voting delegates for election.

Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., recently was re-elected to a second term to the USBC Board by the Athletes Advisory Council. The athletes also elected Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., to replace Tony Manna Jr., who is completing his third and final term.

The 825 voting delegates (794 association delegates, eight athletes and 23 board members) voted on six proposals relating to USBC bylaws (two were withdrawn), one proposal relating to league rules, and one pro-

posal related to tournament rules during the legislative session.

Five proposals (one league rule, one tournament league rule and three USBC bylaws) were accepted and three proposals (USBC bylaws) were rejected. Please see bowl.com for the proposed amendments and the voting results.

USBC also showcased its significant financial support of charitable causes during Convention week. In 2014, USBC Bowl for the Cure eclipsed the \$10 million mark in total donations to Susan G. Komen For The Cure.

The Bowlers to Veterans Link, which raised more than \$823,000 for America's active-duty and veteran service men and women, recognized the top state and local associations for their contributions during the 2012-2013 season.

Angela Wilt Wins MDUSBC Women's Series Event at Mayflower Lanes

• ANGELA WILT of Westland won the latest Metro Detroit USBC Rip 10 Entertainment Women's Series event with a 207-194 triumph over Lisa Bishop of Garden City at Mayflower Lanes in Redford. Wilt took home the top prize of \$500, while Bishop settled for \$250.

Wilt qualified seventh in the field of 31, with a four-game total of 796. She started slow in qualifying, but closed with a 246 game to make the cut by 27 pins. In match play she beat Tanisha Burris of Lansing in triple overtime, 40-36, after tying at 179. The first two ninth and 10th frame rollofs ended up tied with 38 and 28.

After getting by the first match she beat three previous Women's Series champions, Sara Litteral of Redford, 215-189, Sandra Schultz of Macomb, 202-153, and Bishop.

Bishop qualified fourth with 848. In match play she beat Rebecca Keegan of Carleton, 256-209, and Cathleen Kowalski of Livonia, 224-209, to advance to the final match. Robin Orlikowski of Grand Rapids led qualifying with 930 on games of 254, 237, 197 and 242.

Bishop won the season-long cup competition and earned \$1,000 for that honor. Schultz finished second for \$500.

IN THE NEWS

Ronnie Sparks Jr. Wins Michigan State Masters at Century Bowl

• RONNIE SPARKS Jr. of Inkster won the Michigan State Masters at Century Bowl in Waterford Township when he defeated Gary Schluchter of Fremont, Ohio, 457-445, in the two-game title match to win the \$4,000 first prize. Schluchter settled for the second place check of \$2,000.

Sparks qualified 12th with a six-game total of 1,355. His run in the winner's bracket included wins over John Robertson of Waterford Township, 470-335, Ryan Mouw of Muskegon, 450-350, Terrence Syring Jr. of Bay City, 453-370, Thomas Smallwood of Saginaw, 463-438, and Schluchter the first time, 429-426. He then lost to Schluchter 448-363 to force a final match. Sparks averaged 222 for 20 games of competition.

Sparks also won a paid entry into the 2015 United States Bowling Congress Masters tournament.

The field of 148 bowlers averaged 193.0 during the six games of qualifying. The top game in qualifying was 300 recorded by James Koss and Carleton Chambers.

The top 32 qualifiers averaged 222.8 during qualifying and 210.7 in match play.

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USBC Hall of
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The United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame grew by five members as the careers of the new inductees were celebrated at the Reno Ballroom.

Steve Cook of Granite Bay, Calif., Doug Kent of Newark, N.Y., John Gaines of Orlando, Fla., and Dale Traber of Cedarburg, Wis., were elected for performance, while the late Woody Woodruff of Long Island, N.Y., was elected posthumously for Meritorious Service.

Cook collected 15 Professional Bowlers Association titles from 1979-1992, while Kent owns 10 PBA titles, including four majors.

Gaines and Traber each won four USBC titles during their careers.

Woodruff played a major role in the commercial development of AMF's Automatic Pinspotter.

The USBC Hall of Fame was created in 2005 by merging the former ABC and WIBC Halls of Fame. With the five new inductees, there will be 407 members of the USBC Hall of Fame — 271 in Performance, 116 in Meritorious Service and 20 Pioneers.

For more information on the USBC Hall of Fame, visit BOWL.com/HallofFame.

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By Association Manager
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2014-15 CHANGES

• CONTRARY TO things you may have heard, the Metro Detroit USBC Association WILL provide an awards program to recognize our members for their achievements in the 2014-15 season.
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TOURNAMENT CHECKS

• BEGINNING this season the averages to be submitted are the FINAL average of the league. This includes any special contests or playoffs.
League secretaries have been notified of this change.
Additionally league secretaries are requested to submit a copy of the final sheet of the league for our records when filing the final averages.

• PRIZE CHECKS for the Women's and Open Championship were mailed to the team captains on March 19. Prize checks for the Senior Team Tournament were mailed to the team captains on April 2.
The final prize lists for all are posted on www.mdusbc.com.
In the Women's Division some of the past calls we've gotten are from bowlers who

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placed high in both the actual and handicap prize lists. According to tournament rules, 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.
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AWARDS RECEPTION

- THE METRO Detroit USBC Association will conduct their adult awards ceremony at DeCarlo's Banquet Center on Tuesday, June 17.
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 (248) 443-2695.

YOUTH AWARDS BANQUET

- THE METRO Detroit USBC Youth Awards banquet will be held on Sunday, May 18 at DeCarlo's Banquet Center at 1 p.m.
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Norm Duke Tops Field of PBA Greats

THE VILLAGES, Fla. — In a stellar stepladder final that included five Professional Bowlers Association Hall-of-Famers, Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., emerged as the winner of the PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages presented by Radical Tuesday capturing his first PBA50 Tour title.

Bowling in his second PBA50 Tour tournament, after finishing second in last week's season-opening Pasco County (Fla.) Open, Duke defeated four-time PBA50 Player of the Year Tom Baker of King, N.C., 256-228, in the title match at Spanish Springs Lanes.

"I tell you, there were more titles in that final than I can even think about so it makes winning that much more gratifying," Duke said. "I've bowled against these guys on Tour so many times but it's still the same — a battle for every game, a battle for every frame."

In the opening match, Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., also bowling in his second PBA50 Tour tournament, defeated two-time defending PBA50 Player of the Year and 2013 Sun Bowl In The Villages winner Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla., 287-268, to advance to the second match.

In a contest between the PBA50 Tour rookies, Duke defeated Bohn, 255-238, in the second match to advance to the semifinal. Duke then went on to beat 2013 PBA50 Rookie of the Year Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., 279-215, in the semifinal to set up the championship showdown against Baker.

Duke started the title match with the first seven strikes which ultimately proved too much for Baker to overcome.

In all, the five finalists represented 164 titles — 26 of them majors — won during their careers on the PBA Tour. Williams is the PBA Tour's all-time titles leader with 47 wins, with Weber and Duke tied for third with 37 titles each. Bohn ranks sixth in career PBA Tour titles with 33 wins. Baker, a 10-time winner on the PBA50 Tour, also has 10 PBA Tour titles.

Duke qualified third for the finals with the help of a 10-6 match play record earlier Tuesday which he described as one of the toughest tests he has experienced in his career.

"I think the past two days were the hardest two days I've experienced in a tournament in a long time," Duke said. "It was physically demanding and as tough to win as any tournament I've ever bowled."



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6/28/14	OAK LANES	10 AM
JULY	STERLING LANES	10 AM
8/23/14	WONDERLAND LANES	10 AM
9/27/14	HAZEL PARK BOWL	10 AM
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Wednesday — Over 40 Mixed Trio (13 Weeks) Starts May 14th @ 6:30 pm — 3 Person combo (one member of opposite sex). Competitive League with every member at least 40 Years of age. Super prize money & Jackpots!! **Must have a full team & sign up in advance

Thursday — Men's Classic Trio (14 Weeks) Starts May 15th @ 6:45 pm — \$16 Per week, per person. 3 Person team, competitive league, USBC Certified, \$30 Team entry (Goes directly to prize). Prize Money & Jackpots. 20+ Teams every year! (Handicap 80% of difference up to 630...100% over 630). \$1,500 1st Place Guaranteed!!!

"Thirsty Thursday Mixed Trio" (13 Weeks) Starts May 1st @ 7:00 pm

Friday — Mixed Doubles (13 Weeks) Starts May 16th @ 7:00 pm — \$18 Per week, Per person. 1 Man + 1 Woman = 1 Team. \$800 1st Place. Competitive League, BUT a lot of fun!! Great Group with Jackpots, League has handicap & session end battle of sexes & banquet. This League Fills Up Every Year — So Call us!

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• TOGETHER we can!

This year I had the honor and privilege to serve on a new committee created by USBC President Andrew Cain. The "Association Outreach Committee" was created to provide a much-needed bridge between the USBC Board and Staff and the associations. Our first major task was reviewing the USBC Convention week, including workshops, events, and theme.

One of the greatest decisions we made this year was using a motivational speaker. Devin C. Hughes was much more than that! He was an inspirational leader who set the tone to a very positive one that resonated throughout the week. He taught us all that WE ARE AWESOME!

I love the Convention! I love seeing friends and association leaders that I only see every year if I am lucky. The networking with others is priceless. We are all still learning from some of the most amazing people in this industry.

Speaking of amazing people, we have a group called "WIBC Friends and Family" that utilizes e-mail to check in on everyone and see how they are doing. During convention week, past WIBC President and USBC Vice President Sylvia Broyles hosts a reception.

During this time, we get to visit with the ladies who have set the path for many of us to follow, and if there is a special recognition that year, we honor that lady. This year was no exception! We honored Darlene Baker, past USBC President and current Board member for all of her service to the industry as she reaches her term limits this year and leaves the USBC Board of Directors.

Darlene has served on the boards of WIBC, YABA, USA Bowling, USBC, Bowling Foundation, BVL, and BPAA... not even sure if I got them all! She has been a mentor to me, as well as a true friend. Congratulations and thank you! YOU ARE AWESOME!

We also have so much fun during the week after hours. Metro Detroit USBC Vice President Anita Maiorana and I got to sit and share an adult beverage with Bob Hart, who just attained an amazing feat at the USBC Open Championships last month... 100,000 pins!

Bob used to bowl here in Detroit on the Goebel Beer team with our own Tom McKay! He is an absolute joy to sit and talk to as well as listen to amazing stories. He had some health scares last year, but I guarantee you, he is just fine!

Also, while in Reno, we bowl! I participated in my 32nd tournament this year... on my way to 50 I pray! I was privileged and honored this year to be in the same squad with Dorothy Thompson, who bowled in her 51st tournament! We are so proud of her... and she beat many of us on the lanes, too!

Her daughter, Sharon Schildroth, who received the USBC Volunteer of the Year award during the Annual Meeting, also received an award in the squad room... her 40th CONSECUTIVE tournament! YOU ARE AWESOME!



• Metro Detroit USBC Vice President Anita Maiorana (center) and Director Libbi Fletcher share a Convention moment with USBC legend Bob Hart.

We took care of business at the annual meeting (see front page story in this *Bowler's Digest*). But the main point is that we had fun, the week stayed positive, and we all came home somewhat renewed. We have much work to do if we are to save this sport and help keep it strong for the incred-

ible youth bowlers that are participating right now.

Thanks to the 11 delegates from Metro Detroit USBC who made the trip. I hope we have many more next year in Indianapolis for my final year on the USBC Board!

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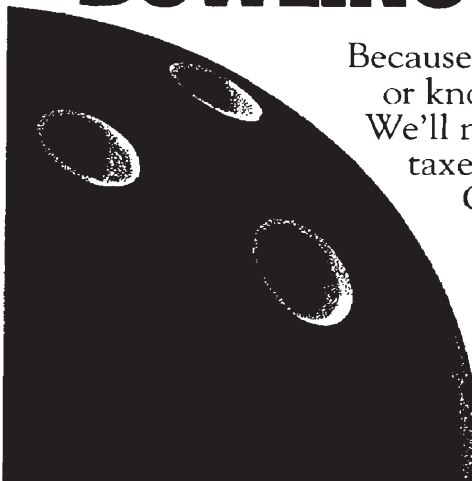
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'Wrong Weight' Ball Can Lead to Bad Habits

TIPS FROM THE PROS



By **CHERYL DANIELS**

Member of the Professional Women's Bowling Association

• FINDING THE proper weight bowling ball is very important. Using the improper weight can lead to some bad habits over time. I have some suggestions for finding the right weight for you.

For Junior Bowlers:

How do you know what weight ball to use? For young kids it is recommended that your age should match the pound ball that you can handle. Example: 6-years-old equals a six-pound ball, 8-years-old equals an eight-pound ball, 12-years-old equals a 12-pound ball.

In most cases this is a good starting point to select the proper weight. You must factor in (1) the bowler's size, and (2) the bowler's strength.

Today's equipment is so aggressive now that a bowler gives up very little hitting power when using a 15-pound ball instead of a 16-pound ball.

For Women Bowlers:

After coaching hundreds of students I commonly see women bowlers who consistently use extremely light bowling equipment. Most women should be able to handle a 12-pound ball without any problem if the ball is properly drilled.

Only in cases where the bowler has physical limitations such as arthritis or carpal tunnel or is an elderly adult should they use a ball lighter than 12 pounds. A woman of average strength should be able to handle a 14-pound ball when using proper technique.

A common fault of women bowlers who use very light equipment is to push the ball upward on the push away trying to generate momentum. If it is easy to push the ball above your head on your push away it is probably too light. When the ball is too light you can easily overpower the shot and when it is too heavy the ball will over power you.

For Seniors:

As we get older we tend to lose some muscle strength. In this case I suggest se-

niors who use heavier equipment such as 15-pound and 16-pound balls consider dropping in weight. You probably will not give up that much hitting power and you will probably find that you can generate a little more ball speed.

Note: If you bowl a lot of tournaments with long formats you may find that lighter equipment will reduce wear and tear on your wrist over time. For most of my bowling

career I have used 16-pound balls, but I've had lots of tendonitis problems, as a result I switched to 15 pounds five years ago, which has taken a lot of pressure off of my wrists.

◆ *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.*

USBC Women's Championship Underway in Reno

• A NEW ERA in United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships history was ushered in at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center as the 2014 event got underway.

The 95th running of the world's largest participatory sporting event for women welcomed four-player teams for the first time and saw the introduction of new average-based divisions, while the tournament made its return to an all-scratch format. The 2014 event also marks the first time the USBC Women's Championships is being held at the same venue in consecutive years.

The 81-day event is making its record ninth trip to The Biggest Little City in the World and will run until the final ball is thrown June 30. A total of 39 teams competed on the opening squad, and the 44-lane venue was filled with friends, family members and bowling fans.

Hundreds were in attendance to participate in the Opening-Day festivities, which included a ribbon cutting, traditional Mass Ball Shot Ceremony and live entertainment from the Eldorado's "Ring of Fire," a musical based on the career of American singer-songwriter Johnny Cash.

Reno also is home to the 2014 USBC Open Championships, which kicked off at the National Bowling Stadium on Feb. 28 and will conclude July 13. The USBC Queens, Senior Queens and Senior Championships also will take place at the 78-lane NBS in late June and early July.

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Corey Miller Wins Third Career Michigan Majors Title at Wayne Bowl

• THE BUDWEISER Michigan Majors Bowling Association's traveled to Wayne Bowl on April 19. Corey Miller of Grand Blanc defeated a red hot Craig Nidiffer of Trenton, 253-246, to win his third MMBA title. Miller received \$1,000 along with the championship trophy, while Nidiffer settled for \$500 with his second-place finish.



By KEN WYATT

*Executive Director,
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Bowling Association*

Nidiffer, who lapped the field in the qualifying round with an astounding 1508 for six games, was also the nine-game leader and No. 1 seed going into the stepladder finals.

The stepladder finals began with fifth-seed Pete Brown of Holt facing fourth-seed Jeff Austreng of Waterford. Austreng started with a spare but put together a string of seven strikes to take the lead. Brown start with three spares and threw a six-bagger himself.

In the ninth frame Austreng's string ended with a 10-pin, which he missed, to give Brown a chance to shut him out in the ninth and 10th frames. Brown struck in the ninth, however, came up high in the 10th leaving the 2-4-7 spare. Brown chopped the

spare for an open to end his day. Austreng prevailed, 247-233.

Austreng then met Miller in match No. 2. Miller looked to be in command early starting with five strikes, while Austreng was going at a 200 pace. Miller left the 3-10 split in the sixth and failed to convert, opening the door for Austreng. Austreng threw the final five strikes for 237 which forced Miller to double in the 10th. Miller stepped up and struck out for a 245-237 victory.

Next up for Miller was Aaron Lorincz of Saginaw.

Lorincz, fresh off his Match Game win last month, started with a double but then opened in the third frame, leaving the 2-4-10 split. Miller threw a five-bagger beginning in frame No. 4 to take a 36-pin lead, however, left a seven-pin in the ninth frame and missed it to let Lorincz back in the match. Lorincz left a 10-pin in his first shot in the 10th which ended his chances at the title, losing to Miller, 225-200.

Miller then met No. 1 seed Craig Nidiffer. Miller started with the front seven, while

MMBA Saddened by Passing of Lou Ivancik

• IT WAS A somber mood before the Wayne Bowl tournament began. Lou Ivancik, MMBA Tournament Director, passed away the previous evening unexpectedly. Lou was not only a great bowler in his time — elected to the Greater Detroit Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 1997 and also the Michigan Majors Hall of Fame in 2005 — but a tireless worker for the MMBA and a great friend to everyone who came in contact with him. Lou was also the current president of the Detroit All-Star Traveling Classic and franchise holder for the Cozy Inn/Thunderbird Lanes team. This made the win an emotionally one for Corey Miller since he is a member of the Cozy Inn/Thunderbird Lanes team. Our hearts and prayers go out to Beryl and the entire Ivancik family.

Nidiffer started with a strike, 10-pin miss, then a six bagger to get back into the match. Miller converted spares in the eighth and ninth frames, which gave Nidiffer a chance to shut him out the ninth and 10th frames.

Nidiffer came up light in the ninth, leaving the 2-4, which he converted, then struck out in the 10th to finish with 246. This meant Miller needed just a mark in the 10th, and converted a spare to go on to win, 253-246.

• THE FINAL standings at Wayne Bowl: Corey Miller (Grand Blanc) \$1,000, Craig Nidiffer (Trenton) \$500, Aaron Lorincz (Saginaw) \$250, Jeff Austreng

(Waterford) \$200, Pete Brown (Holt) \$175, Dale Hofmeister (Essexville) \$150, Justin O'Hara (Westland) \$120, Carleton Chambers (Detroit) \$110, J.R. Raymond (Bay City) \$105, Ken Wyatt (Sterling Heights) \$100.

• OUR NEXT tournament will be held at Astro Lanes in Madison Heights on Saturday, May 19 with a start time of 10 a.m.

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- **May 19th @ 7pm — New day, same time! Adult PBA Experience League** (4 games, jackpots, stepladder finals, prize fund)
- **May 20th @ 7pm — Adult Trio League** (12 weeks, 30 point system, any combo of 3)
- **May 21st @ 6:30pm — Adult / Youth starts** (only 10 weeks, 3 games weekly)
- **May 22nd @ 10am — Thursday Morning Trio** (10 weeks, any combo)
- **May 22nd @ 7pm — New Doubles League** (12 weeks, any mix of men and women)
- **May 22nd @ 7pm — Ca\$h-O-Rama** (9 weeks, 2 games weekly, cash paid out on the spot)
- **June 3rd @ 10am — New Sunnybrook Senior bowling league** (meeting May 13th @ 10am)
- **June 4th @ 6:30pm — Conditioning Camp** (certified coaches on hand)
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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.
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• Golf can be an aggravating sport, but most pro bowlers play golf to relax from bowling, which also can be an aggravating game.
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• 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.
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• Never thought I'd see the day when bowling balls came in more different colors than Easter eggs. .
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• 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.
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• In too many cases the instructor is the person who had bowled once or twice before.
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• 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.
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By CHUCK PEZZANO

Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

• Want to learn some interesting and revealing facts? Just read the rule book — or the fine print on a bowling tournament entry blank.
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• 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.
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• 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.
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• If another bowler does it, you call it a mistake or an error. If you do it, it is called practical experimentation that failed.
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• 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.
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• 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."
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