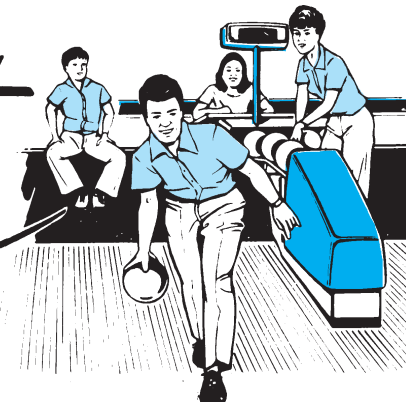


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PBA DETROIT WINTER SWING AT THUNDERBOWL LANES JAN. 19-27

The world's greatest bowlers will return to the bowling capital of the world when the PBA conducts its PBA Detroit Winter Swing at historic Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Jan. 19-27.

Tickets are now on sale for this multi-tournament spectacular, which will feature the Carmen Salvino Classic, Mark Roth Classic, Don Carter Classic, Earl Anthony Players Championship and the debut of the professional PBA League team event.

The Detroit PBA Winter Swing

will produce five ESPN television shows on Saturday, Jan. 26 and Sunday, Jan. 27, including a live telecast of the PBA League on Jan. 27.

"Bowling has deep roots in team competition, especially in Detroit," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. "As a part of its 2012-13 season, the PBA is going to return five-player team bowling competition to the spotlight, but in a way it has never before been seen."

Among the PBA stars expected to compete are reigning PBA Player of the Year Sean Rash, 14-time Tour

winner Chris Barnes, five-time tour champion Jason Belmonte, Michigan's own Mika Koivuniemi and Tom Smallwood, Hall of Famers Walter Ray Williams Jr., Pete Weber, Norm Duke and Parker Bohn III and many more.

General admission ticket prices for ESPN tapings Saturday, Jan. 26 and Sunday, Jan. 27, available only through the pba.com website, range from \$10-\$40 for a single show and \$20-\$80 for an all-day pass. Ticket information can also be obtained by contacting Thunderbowl Lanes at (313) 928-688 or by visiting thunderbowl.org for more details.

Special VIP reserved section high-table seating is also available

on Saturday and Sunday and special VIP section floor table seats are available for Saturday and Sunday at \$30 for one show and \$60 for an all-day pass.

Tickets for qualifying and match play sessions Tuesday, Jan. 22 through Friday, Jan. 25 are \$10 for qualifying, \$20 for match play and \$25 for an all-day pass which are available on site at Thunderbowl.

Thunderbowl will also conduct pro-ams on Sunday, Jan. 20 at 11 a.m. and Monday at 6 p.m. Pro-am entry fees are \$75 for adults, \$65 for Seniors and \$35 for youth with an optional bowling ball upgrade package at additional cost. Admission is \$10.

IN THE NEWS

Lauren Roberts Wins Women's Series Event at Van Dyke Bowl

• LAUREN ROBERTS of Hazel Park won the Metro Detroit USBC Association (MDUSBC) Rip 10 Entertainment Women's Series event, sponsored by Blumark, on Sunday, Oct. 28 with a 227-201 triumph over Sandra Schultz of Macomb at Van Dyke Bowl in Sterling Heights. Roberts took home the top prize of \$500, while Schultz settled for \$250.

Roberts qualified sixth in the field of 51, with a four-game total of 874. Her qualifying total included a high game of 243. In match play she beat Ashley Denard of Oak Park 237-199, Natalie Miskiel of Toledo 234-180 and Cathleen Kowalski of Livonia 209-192 en route to the championship match.

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Nazree Browning Jr. Wins Metro Detroit USBC Super Senior Masters

Nazree Browning Jr. of Allen Park won the MDUSBC Super Senior Masters title and the top prize of \$1,000 at Mayflower Lanes in Redford with a 207-189 triumph over Terry Bialkowski of Windsor. Bialkowski settled for \$500.

Browning qualified 10th with a five-game total of 1,004. He closed qualifying with a 279 game to qualify by 16 pins. In match play he beat Nick Beelaard of Windsor 186-171, James Lauricella of Sterling Heights 224-147, Larry Franz of Redford 216-201 before falling to Bialkowski 196-156. In the loser's bracket he beat Fred McClain of Allen Park 222-175 to advance to the finals. In the finals he avenged his earlier loss to Bialkowski with 209-190 victory to square everything up before his final triumph. Browning averaged 202 for 12 games of competition.

Bialkowski qualified eighth with 1,025 and beat Jeff Suma of Auburn Hills 215-202, Leonard Cianciolo of Warren 231-166, McClain 223-167 and Browning the first time 196-156. He averaged 206.3 for 11 competition games.

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PBA Bowling League to Debut in 2013

The Professional Bowlers Association will introduce an eight-team pro bowling league for the 2012-13 season, featuring PBA stars as franchise players, a draft of PBA members to fill out the five-player team rosters and a television series resulting in six ESPN telecasts, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark recently announced.

The historic PBA League will make its debut during the Detroit PBA Winter Swing Jan. 19-27 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., feature a live ESPN show on Sunday, Jan. 27 of PBA League Round 1 action and conclude with the PBA League Elias Cup Finals, honoring PBA founder Eddie Elias, at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis on Sunday, March 31 (airing Sunday, April 7 on ESPN).

"Bowling has deep roots in team competition," Clark said. "As a part of its 2012-13 season, the PBA is going to return five-player team bowling competition to the spotlight, but in a way it has never before been seen."

Details on significant aspects of the league such as team names, owners and sponsors will be released soon.

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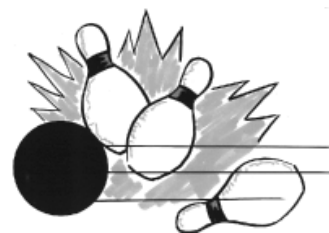
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Senior Masters Event Moves to Shore Lanes

METRODETROIT USBC NEWS

By Association Manager
Mark A. Martin

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• DUE TO a scheduling conflict, the 2013 Metro Detroit USBC Senior Masters will be held at Shore Lanes in St. Clair Shores rather than Parkway Lanes as previously announced.

MDUSBC TOURNAMENTS

• THE METRO Detroit USBC Queens will take place on Dec. 2 at Universal Lanes in Warren.

The cost is \$70 for the scratch tournament.

The format is six games of qualifying cutting to the top 16 players for one-game single-elimination match play. The defending champion is Jennifer Churchill.

The MDUSBC 500 Club tournament, which is open to all MDUSBC female members who have bowled a 500 series in their

career, will take place on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 300 Bowl in Waterford at 12:30 p.m.

The entry fee is \$22.

The Masters will be held at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, located at 4200 Allen Rd. The date for qualifying is Jan. 26-27 with match play on Feb. 2-3.

The entry fee is \$150 with a first prize of \$4,000 and second of \$2,000 based on 140 entries. Rick Capaldi is the defending champion.

The field will be limited to the first 160 entries so it

is critical for returning entrants to send their entry fee and blank in as soon as it is received.

The Senior Masters will be held at Shore Lanes in St. Clair Shores, located at 31100 Harper Ave. The date for qualifying is Feb. 9 with match play on Feb. 10 and 16.

Harry Sullins of Chesterfield is the defending champion. The entry fee is \$120 with a first prize of \$3,000 and a second of \$1,500 based on 140 entries.

For more information on the MDUSBC tournaments call the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695.

STATE TOURNAMENTS FAST APPROACHING

• THE METRO Detroit USBC Association needs your help in increasing the entry into the state tournaments.

TOM MCKAY INVITATIONAL DEC. 1 AT STERLING LANES

• THE METRO Detroit USBC Association will once again conduct the annual Tom McKay Invitational Charity Pro-Am Tournament (formerly the Steve Cruchon Memorial Tournament) on Saturday, Dec. 1 at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum and the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Over \$250,000 has been raised since 1990.

We are looking for interested individuals who may be interested in competing in the invitational event. The cost is \$20 and entrants are expected to raise at least \$100 for the causes by either soliciting donations for \$100 or selling 200 of 50/50 tickets or a combination.

New this year are \$10 raffle tickets based on the evening's three-digit number from the Michigan Lottery. The raffle card is good for the entire month of January 2013 and there are 93 chances to win. See one of the participants for your chance at winning up to \$150. There are also two \$15 consolation prizes each day for those numbers that just miss, either up or down.

The event is always a good time where the top eight teams qualify for match play.

If you are interested please contact the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695.

The Michigan State USBC Women's Championship deadline is Jan. 14.

The tournament will begin Feb. 2 at Candlelite Bowl in Bridgeport and Lefevre's Family Bowl in Saginaw.

The cost is \$25 per person per event and \$3 for optional all-events. New this year is the optional scratch division, which is \$5 per person per event.

For more information on reserved dates and times, contact Michigan Women's Association Manager Sharon Schildroth at (616) 635-2032.

The Michigan State USBC Open Championship will begin Jan. 12 at M-66 Bowl

in Battle Creek and Nottke's Family Fun Center in Battle Creek.

The cost is \$24 per person per event and a cost of \$7 for all-events. The optional actual division prize list is \$10 per person per event.

Bowlers who have bowled at least 18 games in the state tournament in the past four years will use their state tournament average. All others will use their highest average of 21 games or more for the 2011-12 season.

Reserved entries are due by Nov. 24. While the bowling season seems to have just

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DETROIT ALL-STAR CLASSIC

Scores Skyrocket at Lodge Lanes

• THE DETROIT All-Star Classic, into its 78th season of competition, returned to Lodge Lanes in Belleville after a 12-year absence and rolled up the scores.

Veteran Mike Lee from Red Robin/DBT/Charrette State Farm showed he still has some firepower by stroking 300 in 817 to lead the league. Mike had plenty of help from teammates Eric Emmi 721, Bill DeFrance 717 and Chuck DuVall 704, but their 3595 series wasn't good enough as they were swept by Red Robin/Sunnybrook Lanes who rolled the high series for the night with a robust 3775.

Red Robin/Sunnybrook also had an 800 set shot by Adam Jablonski who rolled an 806. Red Robin's entire team was on fire as newlywed Derek Thompson rocked out 774, Adam's brother Josh Jablonski stroked 757, Bob Learn Jr. chipped in with 726 and Greg Belloli added 712. Mark Arnold rolled 747 to lead his 2 Booli/Maximum Potential Pro Shop to a 3 game sweep.

Plaza Lanes continued their stranglehold on first place as Randy Warnken 761, Nick Wissinger 760 and Dave Tulak 720 led them to a 2-1 victory over Eastridge Insurance. Scot Woodward paced Eastridge with a strong 777 effort.

Some high scores the previous week from Regal Lanes were turned in by Jeff Hicks from Storm Products/Thunderbowl Lanes 300, teammates Corey Miller 705 and George Juszcyk 719. Randy Warnken from Plaza Lanes also rolled 300 in a 772 set. Harry Sullins from Ansara's stroked 706. Scot Woodward 709 and Craig Bosco 706 led Eastridge Insurance. Adam Jablonski with 719 paced his Red Robin/Sunnybrook team. Randy Draves led his Red Robin/DBT/Charrette State farm with a strong 746 that included 298 his third game. Ronnie Sparks Jr. led the league for the night with 786 as his 2 Booli/Maximum Potential Pro Shop won an easy three points.

The next two weeks the All-Stars visit Continental Lanes on Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m., take the following week off for Thanksgiving and then will close out Nov. 29 at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills at 9 p.m.

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

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Two Teams Battle for Ebonite All-Stars Lead

• WITH ONE week to go in the first third of the Ebonite All-Stars season, there realistically is only two teams left that can take the first third championship.

Financial Strategies has a record of 38-17, while Team 8 has a record of 36-19. They obviously will bowl each other in the final night of the first third and Team 8 will need

to take four out of five points to claim the first place pot of \$8,000 for the winning team.

Financial Strategies will post a lineup of Gerald Johnson, Brian Whitsett, Rick Flatt, Tony Durandetto and George Juszcyk. Johnson is their lead off bowler and carries a 235 average. He is always tough under pressure as witnessed by his always favorable showing in senior events. George Juszcyk is the anchor man and has the high league average of 244.



By TOM STROBL

Bowler's Digest Contributor

I wish Team 8 would give themselves a name so they would be more identifiable, but everyone knows their bowlers with Mason Brantley in lead off, Alex Robinson, Brian Odom, Jeff Hicks and Ken Rogers rounding out the team. All are seasoned veterans who could easily take four out of five points from Financial Strategies.

Barmatic, captained by Charlie Cassise Sr., has an outside chance to tie, but they would have to take all five points and have

Team 8 take four out of five. Next week Romulus Auto Supply will be without Jeff Roche, who will be returning from the World Series of Bowling in Las Vegas.

He presently is the No. 2 seed for the Cheetah show, which is being taped on Saturday, Nov. 10. Good going, Jeff. Craig Nidiffer also is doing proud for himself and Detroit as he is currently in 10th place overall for the World Series.

The PBA has recently announced a new PBA League team competition that will debut at the Thunderbowl in the PBA Detroit Winter Swing, between Jan. 19 and 27, 2013. Celebrity superstar owners include NBA All-Star Chris Paul, NFL greats Terrell Owens and Jerome Bettis, and comedian Kevin Hart. General admission tickets for the ESPN tapings on Saturday, Jan. 26 and Sunday, Jan. 27 are now available through the PBA website "pba.com/tickets."

Metro Detroit USBC Super Senior Masters Nov. 3-4 at Mayflower

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begun these deadlines are fast approaching so act today.

For information on reserved dates and times call MSBA Association Manager Barney Eagan at (231) 733-5599.

Entry blanks for both tournaments are available in your local bowling center and also at the MDUSBC office and at www.mdusbc.com.

PRIZE LISTS, OFFICER SALARIES, ETC.

• WITH THE season already several weeks in it's time to attend to some items such as the prize list.

USBC Rule 117a specifies that the league prize committee shall submit one or more prize lists for consideration within five weeks after the start of the season. While there is not penalty to non-compliance, the longer a league waits to resolve this issue potentially the worse it can get. Many leagues specify in their league bylaws that prize money is paid on a per point basis and in this case this rule has already been addressed. For those leagues that have no such protocol for prize lists in their bylaws this needs to get done.

Speaking of prize lists, when developing a prize list make sure it's not too top heavy. Making a prize list too top heavy isn't necessarily in the best interest of the league. Just because your team finishes on top doesn't necessarily mean that your prize money should cover all of your expenses for the entire year. Bowlers need to remember that part of the weekly fee you pay goes for lineage to the center. Much like when you bowl in a tournament only a portion of your entry fee goes towards a prize list, same in a league. Ideally a well constructed prize list will return the prize fee portion of your weekly fees to teams that finish in the top one-third or top one-half of the league.

League officer salaries should be specified in the league bylaws. If they are not it is something that needs to be addressed for next year. League officer salaries should be based on either the number of teams or the number of bowlers. This way the officers get compensated for increased number of teams and the league gets protected if there are less teams than expected.

Generally league secretaries and treasurers should be paid in the neighborhood of \$20 to \$30 per team or \$3 to \$5 per bowler for the season. This amount may change also if the bowling center is doing the league sheets. If the bowling center is doing the league sheets, league secretaries should receive less.

The bottom line is that leagues should try to keep their expenses to a minimum in order to maximize the return to the bowlers.

Lauren Roberts Wins Women's Series Event

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Schultz qualified fifth with 879. Her victories in match play included wins over Kathleen Bishop of Westland 247-170, Samantha Hesley of East Lansing 246-245 and Erica Ewald of Sterling Heights 227-198 on her way to the final match.

Ewald bowled the first 300 game of the series this season with a 300-224 triumph over Valandrea Elliott-Frazier of Westland in the second round.

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

The next event is Jan. 13, 2013 at Shelby Lanes in Utica.

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May 5	Sunnybrook Lanes	10 am
June 2	300 Bowl	10 am
Aug. 4	Plaza lanes	10 am
Sept. 22	Mayflower Lanes	10 am
Oct. 6	Cherry Hill lanes	10 am
Nov. 3	5 Star Lanes	10 am
Dec. 1	Sunnybrook Lanes	12 pm
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• WHEN USBC committee assignments were assigned, I was given the honor to serve on the BVL (Bowlers to Veterans Link) Committee, which raises money for recreation therapy to all of the Veteran's Hospitals in the United States. Chair Darlene Baker requested I be given this opportunity based on the gratitude of all of the Detroit bowlers and proprietors who have increased their support over the past year. Thanks to all of you for stepping up!

This past weekend our board met in Baltimore to have a board and strategic meeting for BVL. Along with Darlene was Marci Williams representing the USBC Board, John Laspina and Wally Hall representing BPAA and Elaine Hagin member-emerita along with the very hard-working Elizabeth (Betsy) Montanya, who is the Executive Director of BVL.

We had the privilege of meeting at Greenway Bowl, one of three bowling centers owned by Wally Hall. It was a beautiful center, filled on this Saturday morning with youth bowlers, all receiving their new Youth Jerseys from USBC! They put them on immediately and looked awesome!

During our meeting, I learned that BVL is part of the Combined Federal Campaign, which is similar to United Fund, where employees can choose where their donation

is directed. This means that all of the Federal and Postal employees can choose to donate to any charity on a given list. BVL is on that list, so I am appealing to all of our Federal/Postal bowlers out there to PLEASE check the box for BVL and support the VA Hospitals! We would appreciate it so much!

Sunday morning, Wally drove us into Washington, D.C., to be part of the Veteran's Day celebration held at the amphitheatre at Arlington National Cem-

etry. Marci and I were given the privilege of being flag bearers at this ceremony! The two biggest cry babies on the USBC board, not sure that was a great choice, but we did pretty well I think.

Marci carried the American Flag because she is taller and the American flag must be higher than the organizational flag... for those of you who have met her, she is MAYBE 1/4 inch taller than I, and she wears taller shoes! Nonetheless, I was so honored to carry the BVL flag on behalf of the organization and all of the many associations, bowling centers, and industry partners who have donated to provide services to all of our veterans through our VA hospitals nationwide.

Darlene gave the privilege of "special guests" to Peter Hamilton of Brunswick Corporation and John Walker from Qubica AMF. They attended the breakfast at the White House and sat with the Assistant Joint Chief of Staff... they were starry-eyed when we met them after the ceremony!

Our group was also joined by representatives from Thunderbird Lanes from Philadelphia, Appomattox River USBC, Allegheny-Bath USBC and Nation's Capital board member and USBC board member Karen Jost.

The Marine band played, recognizing each arm of the Armed Forces, and soldiers and veteran's stood and saluted. It was so

moving! As you may have seen on TV, President Obama laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, there was a 21 gun salute, as well as Taps were played in honor of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Marci and I did amazingly well... until they played Hail to the Chief, and President Obama made his entrance... I could not believe I was actually living in this moment. Secretary of Veteran Affairs Eric Shinseki spoke, as did the President. They both gave kudos to First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden for their tireless work with the veterans and their families.

After the ceremony, our organization had a wreath placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and we then headed to the reception at the Women in Military Service Memorial. It is a beautiful museum dedicated to all of the women who have served and continue to serve in our military.

At this time, we had the honor of having a private meeting with Secretary Shinseki to present him with our check from last year of over \$796,000! He was very pleased, and shared a story of how his family all going bowling on Christmas Day. Darlene invited him to speak at the USBC Convention or at Bowl Expo if his schedule permits. It would be wonderful for our delegates and proprietors to meet this man and hear him speak.



• MEMBERS of the USBC BVL (Bowlers to Veterans Link) Committee present U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki a check for over \$796,000.

And maybe nudge them to give just a little MORE!

On our way back to Baltimore, Wally gave us a little scenic tour to see some of the memorials. I definitely need another trip back to our nation's capital... it is so beautiful and iconic. We should be so proud! I will be forever grateful for this opportunity to represent USBC, BVL, bowlers and the industry at this most fitting tribute to our Veterans.

Thank you (again) Madame Chair. Thank you everyone for your on-going support of our VA Hospitals, but mostly a HUGE thanks to all of the veterans who have served and all of the active-duty men and women around the world keeping us safe and secure.

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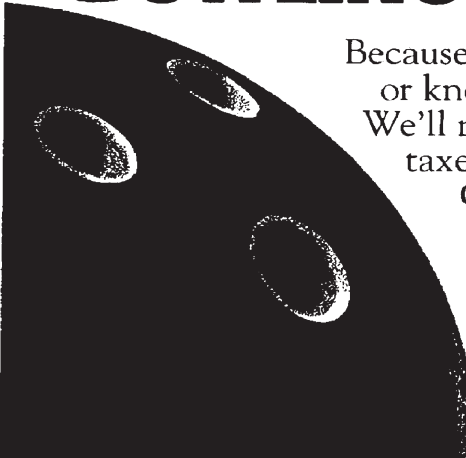
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a can of pop between your thumb, middle and ring finger. You need to grip with only enough pressure to not drop the can of pop.

Even though the pressure is gentle, you can feel a light pressure on the pads of your finger tips and back of the thumb. This is close to the feeling you should have when gripping your bowling ball.

This gentle pressure will give you more sensitivity and more feel. If your ball does not fit your hand properly, achieving the proper grip pressure will be much more difficult.

One of the most common errors I see as a coach and ball driller is over stretched spans. When drilled properly the ball should hug your hand like a glove allowing you to relax.

For the more advanced bowlers, learn to experiment with different degrees of grip pressure. If you want to take something off the ball, grip the ball more loosely and float through the release more.

If you want a little more rotation, grip with a little more firmness with the pads of the fingers and concentrate on feeling more lift at release point.

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• PROPER GRIP pressure is a commonly overlooked aspect of bowling.

Learning to grip the ball with the proper amount of pressure will allow you to maintain a relaxed swing while keeping your wrist firm throughout the release.

If you grip the ball too firmly, the muscles in your forearm will tighten up and inhibit your arm swing. Gripping too tightly will also make it very difficult to feel the release.

If you grip the ball too loosely, your wrist will collapse at release point, and you will not be able to get any lift. Think of holding

Nazree Browning Jr. Wins Metro Detroit USBC Super Senior Masters

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McClain finished third for \$400 and Franz fourth for \$300.

McClain qualified 12th with 991 and averaged 203.7 for 11 games of competition. In match play he remained in the winner's bracket with victories over defending champion John Fryer of Washington 193-167 and Dan Mayer of Waterford Township 218-188 before falling to Bialkowski 223-167. Once in the loser's bracket he beat Suma 259-210 and Franz 237-214 before falling to Browning 222-175 to end his run.

Franz qualified sixth with 1,039 and averaged 213.7 for 10 tournament games. In match play he beat Leo Scantamburlo of Riverview 234-160 and Mark Abele of Garden City 212-155 before losing to Browning 216-201. In the loser's bracket he defeated Rick Capaldi of Canton 237-215 before ending his day with a loss to McClain 237-214.

Cianciolo led the field of 70 with a five-game total of 1,136. Sam Girgenti of St. Clair Shores had the top game during qualifying with 287 and Capaldi the top game in match play with 270. Harley Trumbull Jr. of New Boston won the special competition to non-qualifiers over the age of 70 with a 245-198 win over John Staricha of Highland. Trumbull took home \$175 and Staricha \$150 for their efforts.

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Oct. 13	Pampa Lanes	12:30
Oct. 27	Cherry Hill Lanes	12:30
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Budweiser Michigan Majors 45th Championship at Cherry Hill Lanes

• THE BIGGEST weekend of the Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association is set for Nov. 17. The 45th annual Championship will be held at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights. This will be followed by the Championship banquet, also being held at Cherry Hill Lanes.

The defending champion is Larry Walker. It was a record third championship victory for Walker, who also won in 1990 and 1997.

The Championship tournament will be dedicated to Ken Charrette for his many years as Executive Director. Charrette initiated many programs through the years for the membership to compete for. They include the Bowler and Rookie of the Year, the "Triple Crown" Championship tournaments, and the Hall of Fame — the highest standard any member can achieve. There are



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also many other records that the members can try to attain.

The Championship tournament is for all members who have qualified for the tournament throughout the year in regular tournament play. There are a total of 145 members that have qualified this year.

This will be a one-day tournament with the qualifying round to begin at 10 a.m., the semi-finals at 2 p.m. and the stepladder finals at 4 p.m.

The Championship is the second leg of the MMBA "Triple Crown." The Match Game Championship, was

won by Mike Lucente at Wayne Bowl. The Tournament of Champions on Saturday, Dec. 15 at Taylor Lanes rounds out the "Triple Crown." No one has won all three legs in one year. There have been only two members to have won all three championships. They are Gene Stus and Larry Walker.

The other notable past champions entered are Mitch Jabczynski (1980), Ken Kossick (1981-1984), Mike (1985), Dale Hofmeister (1988), Kerry Kreft (1993), Joe Manor (1995), Nick Wissinger (1999), Shane Dufresne (2007), Dale Strike (2008), Ray Eddy (2009) and Aaron Lorincz (2010).

The weekend is capped off with the Championship banquet. The cocktail hour is 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. with the ceremonies to follow.

Lew Ansara, a long time member, supporter and sponsor to the Tournament of

Champions, is the master of ceremonies. The banquet is to honor the previous year's champion, Larry Walker. Rick Schultz will receive the Bob Garrett Sportsman Award. The highlight of the banquet is the induction of Jeff Grego and Randy Warnken into the MMBA Hall of Fame.

◆ For information on participation or joining the Budweiser Michigan Majors, contact the tournament Office at (586) 775-2414 or visit the official website at www.michiganmajors.com.

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Bowling Just Wouldn't Be the Same Without Tournaments

• **TOURNAMENTS**, tournaments, tournaments.

Bowling wouldn't be the same without them. They're the icing on the bowling cake. Each year there are some 10,000 tournaments, give or take a few hundred. They offer prizes ranging from tiny trophies to more than \$200,000 if you shoot the right game in the right place at the right time.

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 competitive 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.



By CHUCK PEZZANO

Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

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 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.

Six Elected to USBC Hall of Fame

The United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame Committee has elected six new members to the USBC Hall of Fame - four in Outstanding USBC Performance, one in the Veterans category and one in Meritorious Service.

In the Outstanding USBC Performance category, the hall will welcome USBC Masters and USBC Open Championships titlist Rick Steelsmith of Wichita, Kan., USBC Women's Championships and USBC Senior Queens standout Shirley Levens of Titusville, Fla., and Sandra Postma of Lansing, Ill., one of only two women to win the USBC Queens and Senior Queens. The late Frank Santore of New York, a three-time eagle winner, was elected posthumously.

Eight-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour winner and two-time Open Championships titlist Don McCune of Las Vegas will be inducted in the Veterans category, while longtime USBC Board member Tamoria Adams of High Point, N.C., is recognized in the Meritorious Service category for her lifetime of service to the sport.

The induction ceremony will take place May 2 at the 2013 USBC Convention in Reno, Nev., and will include those elected from the national Superior Performance ballots.



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