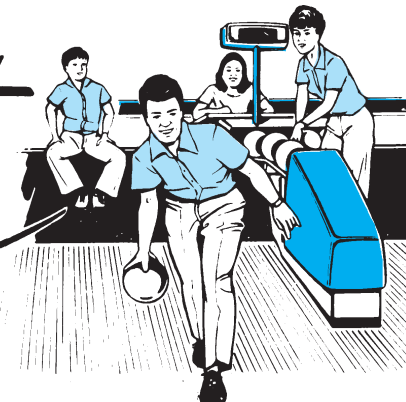


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Ray Eddy III Wins Budweiser Michigan Majors Championship

Ray Eddy III lead wire to wire to win his second Budweiser Michigan Majors Championship tournament and fourth title overall at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights.

Eddy was the leading qualifier with a 1490 six-game score. He maintained his lead after the three-game semi-final with a 2199 score for the No. 1 seed in the stepladder

final. There were two 300 games in the qualifying by Eddy and Mitch Wiszowaty. Corey Miller had a perfecto in the semi-final round.

It was something special. All four members that were being honored at the Championship banquet made the semi-finals. Larry Walker, the defending champion, placed sixth missing the stepladder by six

pins. The two Hall of Fame inductees, Randy Warnken seventh and Jeff Grego eighth. Rick Schultz, Sportsman of the Year, placed 12th.

The opening match of the stepladder saw Eric Emmi defeat Nick Kokenos, 244-224. The second match had Rick Gregor squeak out a 200-180 win over Emmi

Corey Miller, who was red hot in the semi-final round going from 12th to second with a 793 score, had three wide open splits and was never in the game. Gregor had an easy 244-175 win.

The Championship match went down to the final frame. The turning point of the match was the seventh frame. Gregor left the 4-10

split. Eddy took full advantage. Eddy, with a strike up in his sixth frame, countered with two strikes in the seventh and eighth frames going from a 21-pin deficit to a 15-pin lead. Gregor could still have won with two strikes in his 10th frame but had an open. Eddy came away with what looked like an easy 234-207 win but wasn't easy.

"I almost didn't bowl, my son is sick," Eddy said. "I dedicate this win to him. This is awesome, the first to win this trophy. Can I take it home?"

Eddy was referring to the perpetual trophy, which will now be called the Ken Charrette Championship Trophy, which has all 45 previous winners.

IN THE NEWS



Ken Charrette Honored by MMBA

• THE BUDWEISER Michigan Majors annual Championship and Banquet at Cherry Hill Lanes were dedicated to Detroit Bowling Hall-of-Famer Ken Charrette (left) for his many contributions to the Michigan Majors as Executive Director. For more information about the event, see page 7.

Detroit Winter Swing at Thunderbowl to Feature PTQ Qualifier on Jan. 19

The PBA Detroit Winter Swing, set for Jan. 19-27 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, will feature a "Pro Tour Qualifier" on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013 at noon.

The entry fee for the PTQ will be \$200. No additional entry fee will be required if advancing to the main field. The PTQ is open for non-members and members of the PBA who did not get into the main field. If a non-member advances to the main field, the non-member will not be required to obtain a PBA card.

Ten spots in the main field will be available from the PTQ event (based on a minimum entry into the PTQ of 24 participants).

The PBA Detroit Winter Swing, which includes the Carmen Salvino, Mark Roth and Don Carter Classics, will each pay a \$15,000 first prize and a 32-place prize list (\$700 last-to-cash). The Earl Anthony Players Championship will pay a \$25,000 first prize and a 42-place prize list (\$1,000 last-to-cash).

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Six Elected
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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
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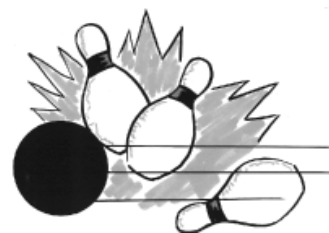
• **THUNDERBOWL LANES**, 4200 Allen Rd., Allen Park. "Cosmic Bowling" is available on Friday and Saturday nights. Cosmic pricing includes 3 hours of bowling, unlimited FREE arcade play and music videos on large screen TVs. Sessions start at 10 p.m. The price is \$15 per person plus \$3 for shoes. For more information, call (313) 928-4688.

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MDUSBC Annual Meeting Jan. 20 at DiCarlo's

METRODETROIT USBC NEWS

By Association Manager
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• THE ANNUAL meeting of the Metro Detroit USBC will be held on Sunday, Jan. 20 at 5 p.m. at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center in Warren.

All members of the Metro Detroit USBC Association are eligible to attend the meeting. All adults and youth over the age of 14 are eligible to vote.

On the agenda are reports on the progress the MDUSBC has made during the previous year, electing the president, electing five adult members of the board, electing youth representatives to the board of directors, electing state delegates to the respective state meetings and electing delegates to the USBC Annual Meeting.

Anyone desiring to run for any of the positions should visit www.mdusbc.com to obtain an application to be forwarded to the nominating committee. You can also call the

MDUSBC office for an application. * * *

SITE CHANGE FOR SENIOR MASTERS

• 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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE MDUSBC

• ON BEHALF of the Board of Directors, Officers and Office Staff of the Metro Detroit USBC Association, I would like to extend holiday greetings to all of you. This is the time of year when we all enjoy family related activities, while celebrating the holidays in our own way. I hope that this holiday season is a joyful one for you and your family.

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.

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 begun these deadlines are fast approaching so act today.

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PBA REGIONAL NEWS

PBA Midwest Region to Test Reduced Entry Fee Tournaments

The Professional Bowlers Association's Midwest Region will offer a limited schedule of reduced entry fee and condensed format tournaments in 2013, designed to help competitors manage their expenses.

"A significant number of regional bowlers have asked the PBA to consider reducing tournament entry fees in order to reduce the financial risk associated with competitive bowling," said PBA Director of Regional and Senior Tours John Weber. "Bowlers want to compete, but current economic factors are forcing them to focus more on the outlay of tournament-related expenses than on the potential rewards that they have experienced in prior years.

Under the newly-announced program, the Midwest Region will conduct four standard and four senior events that will reduce PBA member entry fees to \$155 (a \$65 reduction) and non-member entry fees to \$225 (a \$60 reduction). The reduced-entry fees will offer a modified 1:4 payoff ratio rather than the 1:3 ratio that is used for all traditional regional events.

Each of the standard tournaments will offer a guaranteed \$2,000 first prize, \$450 for the last spot in the finals, and \$350 for last-to-cash. The senior events will offer a guaranteed \$1,500 first prize, \$450 for the last casher in the finals and \$350 for last-to-cash. Each reduced-entry tournament will be a one-day event, which will be exciting for players and fans, and all of the standard events will be part of the season-long points race leading to the end-of-season Midwest Region Players Invitational tournament. Each event will include a practice and pro-am day leading into the actual competition schedule.

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Mason Brantley Leads 'Team 8' to Ebonite All-Stars First Third Title

• AS COULD have been predicted, the first-place finish for the first third of the Ebonite All Stars at Thunderbowl Lanes came down to the last frame and last ball. Team 8 (captained by Mason Brantley) lost the first game to Financial Strategies, but took the second game and had a large enough margin to be assured to win totals, but needed the third game to clinch the title.

Going into the last frame, anchor man

Mason Brantley for Team 8, needed a spare to lock up the third game. He came in a little light and left the 2-10 split. That then opened the door for the anchor person on Financial Strategies, George Juszczuk, to throw a double to win the third.

He packed the first strike, Mason missed the spare and it looked like the second strike in the 10th frame was dead on, Juszczuk threw the whole rack at the 10-pin only to

see it miraculously stand. That was enough to allow Team 8 to win the last game by 8 pins and the title.

In the final night, Mason Brantley chipped in a 694 as the high series for Team 8, while Tony Durandetto had 703 for Financial Strategies. All players in the final match were well over a 600 series.

Barmatic had their chance to tie for first, but could only take four points from Northridge Insurance (where five was needed) to wind up in a tie for second. They lost the second game by a mere 15 pins. Mud's Warriors hung on for fourth place, followed by Team 13 consisting of Ron Schuster, Tony Pate, Jason Bray, Ben Neuman and an assortment of subs.

The first third was a particularly hard shot, however, the All Stars were able to post seven 300s and three 800 series. The high scratch series for a woman was Lisa Fogel at 726, while the high scratch game was Darlene Gunter at 269.



By TOM STROBL

Bowler's Digest Contributor

• THE ENTRIES for the PBA Tour stop in January at Thunderbowl Lanes filled up in just a few days. There has been some confusion as to the PTQ, which will take place on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at noon at Thunderbowl Lanes.

The entry fee will be \$200. No additional entry fee will be required if advancing to the main field. The PTQ is open for non-members and members of the PBA who did not get into the main field. If a non-member advances to the main field, the non-member will not be required to obtain a PBA card.

Ten spots in the main field will be available from the PTQ event (based on a minimum entry into the PTQ of 24 participants). As indicated, no additional entry fee will be required for those advancing to the main field. A PBA Detroit Winter Swing PTQ entry form is available through the PBA website.

Metro Detroit USBC Annual Meeting Jan. 20 at DiCarlo's Banquet Center

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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.

TOM MCKAY INVITATIONAL PRO-AM TOURNAMENT

• 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 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.

VIP Program Returns and Expands

ARLINGTON, Texas - The introduction of the VIP program at the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships in 2012 was a memorable success, and the opportunity to be a VIP again will be available when the tournament heads to Reno, Nev., in 2013.

More than 250 bowlers signed up to be VIPs during the program's inaugural year in Baton Rouge, La., and their feedback influenced some enhancements for the upcoming tournament. There also will be a VIP program at the USBC Women's Championships in 2013.

Each VIP package includes several gifts, discounts and other features combined into one great deal geared toward the bowlers at each tournament. VIP memberships for the Open and Women's Championships can be purchased exclusively on BOWL.com for just \$229.95.

"The VIP program was very well-received and sold out last year, and in 2013, it will have more features, benefits and value for our bowlers," said Brian Lewis, USBC's Managing Director of Tournaments. "We're also looking forward to the addition of an exciting VIP package for participants heading to the Women's Championships across town."

Registration for the Women's Championships VIP program is open now. Open Championships VIP registration begins next week.

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• AS THE AWARDS Committee Chair, I am asking everyone for their help. As the largest association in USBC, we should have worthy candidates to submit for every award application that is available at the national, state and local level.

Each of the organizations has the applications available online, but in many cases, candidates need to be submitted by someone other than themselves, letters of support need to be submitted with the applications and in the case of youth scholarships, sometimes transcripts are required.

At the present time, we need applications for the Michigan State BA Hall of Fame in both the ability category and the meritorious category. For the ability category, the bowler should have an outstanding bowling resume, with tournament titles getting

preference. With regard to the meritorious service category, the candidate should have made outstanding contributions at the local, state, and/or national level. These applications must be submitted to the State BA office by January 1, 2013. If you or someone you know should be considered, please contact me or our office for additional information.

There are two scholarships available from the Michigan State WBA for young ladies; the Star of Tomorrow and the Future Leaders Scholarship. The applications for these are due February 1, 2013. Metro Detroit USBC does not currently have a Future Leaders program within our youth program, but if there is a young lady out there who is coaching youth, helping with youth leagues or youth tournaments, they may be eligible.

If you have candidates for these scholarships, please let us know. We would be more than happy to submit the applications to assist our youth in paying for college, while doing something they absolutely love... bowling!

There are many additional awards available at the local, state and national levels. If you haven't updated your bowling resume, please do. If you feel qualified for any awards, or know someone who is, please forward their information to me at libbi.fletcher@mdusbc.com

We all know we have the best bowlers in the world in this, the Bowling Capital of the World. Let's show everyone!

I look forward to receiving those resumes!

Six Elected to USBC Hall of Fame

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emony will take place May 2 at the 2013 USBC Convention in Reno, Nev., and will include those elected from the national Superior Performance ballots. On the men's ballot are Steve Cook, Granite Bay, Calif.; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla.; David Ozio, Beaumont, Texas; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore; Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y.; and Larry Laub, Lincoln, Calif. The women's ballot has one name — Lynda Barnes of Double Oak, Texas.

Here's a look at each of the newly-elected bowlers:

Rick Steelsmith — A former Team USA member and collegiate national champion at Wichita State, Steelsmith was the player to beat in the late 1980s. The four-time All-American was the World Bowling Writers, International Bowling Media Association and Collegiate Bowler of the Year in 1987. He also claimed the USBC Masters title in 1987 and returned to the tournament lanes in 1988 to win Regular All-Events and Team All-Events at the Open Championships.

Shirley Levens — Levens owns three titles at the Women's Championships — Classic Doubles in 1982 and back-to-back Classic Team titles in 1993 and '94 — and has been dominant at the state and local level with 16 Florida Queens titles, 14 state championships and 12 city-tournament wins. Her victories at the 2002 and 2005 Senior Queens made her the first player to win the event twice and helped her to four consecutive IBMA Senior Woman Bowler of the Year honors.

Sandra Postma — Postma won the Queens in 1995, but has had an even bigger impact at the senior level. She is the only three-time Senior Queens winner with titles in 2004, '06 and '08 and was the first of two bowlers in history to win both events. She owns seven city titles and six state crowns.

Frank Santore — The late Santore, a New York City and New York State Hall of Famer, was a standout individual during the heyday of team bowling, claiming three individual titles at the Open Championships. He won Regular All-Events in 1950 and '53 and Regular Singles in 1953, to go along with third-place finishes in Regular Singles and Regular Team in 1950 and a fifth-place team effort in 1949.

Don McCune — McCune has enjoyed success at multiple levels of the game. His 10 top-10 finishes at the Open Championships between 1968 and 1974 included Classic Team (1968) and Classic Doubles (1969) titles, but his biggest impact came on the PBA Tour. He collected eight Tour victories, including six on the way to PBA and IBMA Player of the Year honors in 1973.

Tamoria Adams — Adams is a USBC Life Member, and her service to the sport of bowling spans four decades. She has served a number of leadership and delegate roles in local and state associations and became a member of the original USBC Board of Directors in 2005, following time as a Women's International Bowling Congress Board member and vice president. Her committee assignments over the years include college bowling, legislation, diversity, volunteer services and now USBC National Policy and Legal/Legislative.

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• **WHAT IS "good timing?"** Timing is the relationship between the armswing and the footwork.

Good timing means that the arm and the feet work together or are properly synchronized.

If you use a four-step approach, you should be getting the ball in motion with your first step (key step). If you use a five-step approach, you should not get the ball in motion until your second step (key step).

Early timing is when a person gets the ball in motion too soon and they usually lack leverage because they don't have their body set before they deliver the ball. Late timing is when a person carries the ball too long

before they get it in motion and usually have a tendency to pull the ball through the downswing. Ideal timing or synchronization is to achieve the happy medium between the two and have the feet and arm work together and not against another.

Correction for Early Timing: If you take four steps, try to concentrate on feeling your heel make contact with the approach and then place the ball in motion fully extending your arm. You will feel like you are stepping under the weight of the ball.

Correction for Late Timing: If you take four steps, anticipate moving the ball sooner, don't wait until you have shifted all of your weight onto your first step and then start moving the ball, it will be too late. Think of moving the ball simultaneously as you take your first step. If you take five steps, nothing happens on the first step, you are just getting your body in motion and then you basically begin your four-step approach as stated above.

Think of a five-step approach as one-plus-four steps. The key is for your steps to be continuous without hesitation. Good timing requires practice and should match up to your style of play.

If you are a power player that hooks the ball a lot, you should probably be more to the late side to give you more time to turn and accelerate through the ball (example: Jason Coach, Robert Smith, Amleto Monacelli, Michele Feldman, etc.). If you are more of a stroker style player you should not be as late with your timing (example:

Parker Bohn, Brian Voss, Kim Adler).

Remember to practice on these fundamentals to achieve good timing.

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USBC to Study New Specifications

ARLINGTON, Texas — In an effort to determine new lines of specifications at the sport of bowling's elite level, the United States Bowling Congress will join with the World Tenpin Bowling Association to look at factors that influence scoring.

"Many of our sport's leaders believe it is critical to look more closely at how equipment and conditions influence scoring," WTBA President Kevin Dornberger said. "We need to consider if there is justification for additional classifications for equipment or conditions for use by federations at the elite level. This is an important topic to explore in an objective and scientific way, which is why we are joining with USBC in this study."

A background study and hypothesis testing will begin immediately, with lab and field testing beginning next year. The studies will be followed by recommendations to be implemented and tested at world events in 2014. A preliminary report will be presented to the WTBA Congress in August 2013, while a final recommendation will be presented in August 2015.

The study also will include looking at other aspects of scoring, including pins, lane conditioners and lane patterns.

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8/31/2013	Novi Bowl	10:00 AM
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Budweiser Michigan Majors Stages Annual Championship Banquet

• THE BUDWEISER Michigan Majors Bowling Association celebrated its 40th championship banquet at Cherry Hill Lanes. The banquet is meant to honor the past champion and those to be inducted into the MMBA Hall of Fame.

The banquet is part of a busy and exciting weekend that includes the Championship Tournament, also held at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights. The results are on the front page of this issue of the *Bowler's Digest*.

The Championship and banquet were dedicated to Ken Charrette for many contributions to the Michigan Majors as Executive Director.

Charrette was instrumental in starting many new programs. They include — Bowler and Rookie of the Year, the "Triple Crown" (which includes, The Championship, Match Game and Tournament of Champions), the Hall of Fame and many



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other records kept by Charrette. He also brought television into the Michigan Majors in 1987. The last TV show was in 1999, a total of 106 tournaments.

Bob Garrett, himself, made the presentation to Rick Schultz for the Bob Garrett Sportsman Award. The award is given to the member of the MMBA that exemplifies congeniality, neatness and open sportsmanship to his fellow members.

Pete Brown made the presentation of the traditional Championship shirt to Larry Walker, the 2011 winner. This was a record third Championship victory for Walker who also won in 1990 and 1997.

The highlight of the banquet was the induction of Jeff Grego and Randy Warnken into the Michigan Majors Hall of Fame. They received a ring, lifetime membership and a replica of the Hall of Fame plaque. The original plaques will be hung inside

Cherry Hill Lanes, home of the Michigan Majors Hall of Fame. They became the 63rd and 64th members enshrined into the Hall.

Grego and Warnken both stated in their acceptance speeches that the Michigan Majors was the greatest amateur tournament of its kind. They were proud to join the many stars that were already in the Hall.

A special thanks goes to Lew Ansara as master of ceremonies. Lew did a great job keeping the program running smoothly and quickly so that everyone could sip a Bud and swap old bowling stories.

• THE COST for joining the Budweiser Michigan Majors is \$60 yearly dues. The entry fee is \$80 for all regular tournaments.



• THE HIGHLIGHT of the Championship Banquet was the induction of Jeff Grego (left) and Randy Warnken into the Michigan Majors Hall of Fame.

If you are interested in joining, You can contact the tournament office at (586) 775-2414 or go to the Budweiser Michigan Majors website at www.michiganmajors.com.

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High Average Trends Make Sandbaggers Even More Dangerous

• PIN POINTS to ponder:

High average trends make sandbaggers, those who keep their averages down purposely to gain advantage in handicap pins, even more dangerous. Legitimate bowlers have higher averages, the cheaters keep low, thus gaining an even larger spread in handicap events, often too loose in rules and in checking every prize winner.

What did Dick Agee, Luke Barlow, Charles Farmer, Jackie Hall, Bob Kwolek, Milt Molhusen, John Powell Jr. and Lewis Ray, all fine bowlers, have in common? At one time they were all listed on the roster of the Fort Worth Panthers of the National Bowling League. And in case anyone asks, the colors of the team were black and white.

A dedicated scholar is someone who has discovered something more interesting, intriguing and involved as bowling.

Best selling instruction author John Jowdy says that the best things in life are truly free, and also some of the worst bowling advice.

You can lose bowling friends, or at least annoy them greatly, if you always keep score, never keep score, or, worst of all, never bother to learn how to keep score.



By CHUCK PEZZANO

Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

Every bowling tournament, no matter how small, takes plenty of effort on the part of plenty of people. At the least, they are entitled to a little respect even when things don't go perfectly, which they never do.

Some people need take three and a half instructors to learn how to bowl.

Knocking down 10 pins on the first ball earns you a strike on the score sheet. If you rack up 12 strikes in a row you have a 300 game, yet in reality you have knocked down only 120 pins. So why don't we say the final score is

300 points, rather than pins knocked down. Maybe it's time for a shot clock to speed up league and tournament bowling — as is done in pro competition.

When will the bowling world understand that a membership card does not make a bowler a pro, nor does the lack of one make the person an amateur — in ability.

You always hear about champions and winning bowlers being such good sports: Why not?

The bowling campus in Texas continues to progress, though the Hall of Fame and Museum could use a lot more space to display the interesting and informative memo-

abilia acquired over the years.

A question often asked is how many balls does a pro bowler use in a year. Some use eight, and others have been known to use 80.

Many times the happy ending to a lot of nights of bowling is the simple fact that the night has ended.

TV reported that at a recent tournament, golf tournament that is, nice guy Phil Mickelson purchased a lemonade at a stand manned by youngsters and left an amazingly high tip, one that if enough struggling golfers or bowlers could count on customers like him they might be better off in the lemonade business.

Kent, McEwan to Represent Team USA at World Cup

ARLINGTON, Texas — USBC Team USA Trials champions and collegiate standouts Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., and Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., will travel to Wroclaw, Poland, to take part in next week's QubicaAMF World Cup.

One of the most prestigious singles titles in the world, the World Cup will be contested for the 48th year. The event begins with the opening round of qualifying Monday.

Kent, who bowls collegiately for Robert Morris-Illinois, and McEwan, who competes at Fairleigh Dickinson, earned the opportunity to compete in the event by virtue of winning the United States Bowling Congress Team USA Trials last January.

"Marshall and Danielle both showed their extreme versatility by winning the Team USA Trials on four grueling lane conditions," Team USA coach Rod Ross said. "Based on their performance at the Team USA Trials and on their success for Team USA this year, I believe competing in the World Cup is a positive next step in their growth and development as some of our future stars."

Kent and McEwan have already had experience in international competition this year as members of Team USA and Junior Team USA.

Over the summer, Kent and McEwan both earned medals at the World Tenpin Bowling Association World Youth Championships in Bangkok, Thailand. Kent earned medals in all five events, while McEwan earned a gold medal in team.

Kent also competed for Team USA in the Pan American Bowling Confederation Adult Championships, where he picked up two medals.

The World Cup is the largest international bowling tournament in the world in terms of the number of countries competing.

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