



Florida State USBC



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President's Message

Fred McFarland

I would like to start out by thanking the delegates for electing me to a second term as President. I'm looking forward to a productive three years.

During the past month I was honored to be able to present the National Eagle awards to six of the seven Florida bowlers who achieved this prestigious award. This is the second year that we have had seven Eagle winners from our state. Both years the Standard Division Teams were Florida based. Andrew Lawson, Edwin Jawdy, Russell Weltzien and Keith Bradford are members of JW's Allstars. There were two members on the Regular Division Team from Florida, Jon Rakoski and Matt McNeil who recently moved to our state. He seventh Eagle winner for Classified Division All Events is Andrew Hall. Congratulations to all the winners.

The first three weekends of November I worked the Men's Tournament hosted by Broward County USBC and Strikers Lanes. We had a great turnout for the tournament. There were several high scores. Two gentlemen had their first 300's and another had his first 800 set. I would like to thank the Broward County board members for a job well done. President Gary Hofer and A/M Ashley Chisano and crew.

I want to remind local associations with centers that have less than 32 lanes that there are a couple of tournaments that you can host. The Senior Women's or the Mixed tournaments are two that can be in a smaller center. So, If you are a smaller association, these are tournaments that you could host

FSUSBC Tournaments & Annual Meeting

Toni Maddux

The Florida State USBC Annual Meeting was held in St. Petersburg, hosted by the Gulf Coast USBC Association. Thank you, Gulf Coast, for making the Annual meeting a huge success. The 2023 Annual will be in Fort Myers at the Crowne Plaza, October 11,12 and 13th. The Southwest Florida USBC will be our host. Watch for our Save the Date updates on the front page of our state website and on our Facebook page. The annual tournament and Hall of Fame awards

event is always a great time and well attended. Flyers were handed out at the meeting for invitations to host the 2024 Annual meeting. March 31st is the deadline for your association to submit applications.

The 2024 Tournament sites were awarded by a vote of the delegates at the recent Annual meeting. The **Open** will be hosted by the Orange Belt association in Lakeland, **Women's Championship** will be hosted by the Gulf Coast association, St. Petersburg, Seminole area, **Youth Scholarship** will be co-hosted by Tampa and East Pasco. **PEPSI** will be in Lake County hosted by Lake County and Orlando USBC. **The Mixed Memorial** will be hosted by the Broward County USBC. The **Men's Only** will be hosted by Southwest Florida. **The Women's Senior** will be hosted by Southwest Florida.

Entries for the upcoming **2023** tournaments are on our Florida State USBC website and should be at your local bowling centers. The **Open** will be held in Tampa and East Pasco, the **PEPSI** will be in Tallahassee, the **Mixed** in Lakeland, the **Youth Championship** in Orlando, the **Women's Championship** in Ft. Myers and Cape Coral, the **Senior Women's** will be in Zephyrhills and the **Men's Only** will be in Ormond Beach.

As your tournaments chairperson I thank everyone for entering our tournaments and hope you will continue to support them. Bowlers bringing entries are what makes our events successful and a larger prize fund. \$5000 in donations from USBC Bowl TV has been added to the OPEN, \$3,000 to the Women's Championship and \$2000 to the Youth Championship.

The 2025 tournament bid information will be sent out to all Association Managers and Presidents in February. Now is the time to be thinking about bidding on any of our 7 tournaments. Local associations will receive 75% percent of the profits on all of our adult tournaments and are required to do staffing for the tournament. Detailed information about each tournament will be sent with the deadline information.

I want to take this time to say Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Boxing Day, to all of our Florida members, bowling partners and sponsors. I covered everyone. All of you make our association the greatest in the country and I always say Florida bowlers are the best.



Anthony N Williams II has been a member of the Tallahassee Youth Bowling league for about 10 years. A Class of 2022 graduate of Rickards High School here in Leon County, Florida. He was able to take advantage of the Scholarship Management and Account Reporting for Tenpins (SMART) scholarship program that is offered to United States Bowling Congress (USBC) youth bowlers. Anthony is now attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University of Daytona Beach, Florida majoring in Aeronautical Science (Pilot). The SMART Program also afforded him the opportunity to receive other scholarships and grants that the program offered for example the Pell Grant Match. The Pell Grant Match program will match whatever amount is awarded to that student in grants for the school year. The USBC Youth program and Tallahassee Youth Bowling League played an important role in teaching sportsmanship, team building, as well as assisting in meeting Anthony's financial needs for college.



In 2013, USBC made the decision to revise their awards system. The only award they would now provide would be one lifetime achievement of a 300 game and/or one lifetime 800 series.

During the 2014 National USBC Convention, companies were invited to set up booths to promote their products to the associations to begin local association award programs. Greater Miami USBC had already decided to continue to provide achievement awards to their bowlers. The GMUSBC Awards Chairperson was fortunate enough to attend that convention. We checked out a booth that was primarily for the Youth Bowlers. They had "key tag" awards in various shapes and sizes and were well within the budget of our small association. We have only one certified center. Any awards that might be given would come only from our Association.

Thus began a relationship that we are proud to be a part of. That booth was set up by Boost Promotions. They work with us on providing awards on the game level. We used

USBC guidelines at first and later adjusted them as needed to accommodate our bowlers. We have seven categories for game scores.

The first few years we awarded a key tag, modifying the imprint design each year for variety. Then we found the bowling pin template Boost had, and we did those one season. Next, we worked with them and came up with a bowling ball design. The photo is of our newest venture together, the bowling shirt.



The awards committee deals with many companies that provide us with various types of awards for various achievements. We have been so satisfied with products from Boost, and the way the whole company works with us, that we decided to share them with other Associations.

So, check out “Boostbowling.com.” Especially if you are an association that is still providing awards to your bowlers.

Greater Miami is proud to still be giving awards to their bowlers.

Marion County USBC

Debbie Whitten

Here we are in the last quarter of 2022. Where does the time go? Seems to go by faster and faster the older we get and to the young people it appears to drag on. Hopefully, they are not wishing their childhood and youth away by wanting time to go faster and for them to get older.

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. Remember to reach out to those without family near or anyone to share the holiday season with. You could make someone's day by simply asking them to join you and your family for a meal or an outing.

In the Marion County area leagues are up and running at both centers. Slight decline in some leagues with other leagues adding bowlers and teams.

On the local scene the association is getting ready for the local senior tournament, which will be followed up by the youth city, open city and then the women's city which will round out the local tournaments.

A nice surprise for the local bowlers in Marion County was announced at the league officer workshop held in August, and that was that there would be no local dues collected this season. The local association felt that with gas prices rising, food prices always going up and the dues

increase at the National level that they wanted to “give back” to the bowlers. This made for smiles all around.

Kudos to Keith Dumphy, a local bowler, who has had a Facebook page for many years where he gives tons of information on the national tournament and all the amenities that a bowler could want about anything to see or do in either Reno or Las Vegas, took donations this year and his purpose of collecting donations was to give to the youth in Marion County. This year Keith has donated \$2,544 which pays for the youth bowlers bowling fees for the month of November and December. Way to go Keith!!

Moving on, the Florida State USBC held their annual general membership meeting on October 8-9, 2022, at the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Marriott in St. Petersburg. There were 106 delegates, twelve alternates, six guests and twenty-two state board members in attendance. There was a delegate mixer on Friday night, followed by the 9 pin no tap bowling tournament put on by the host association, Gulf Coast USBC, on Saturday morning. The youth awards luncheon was held at 11:45 a.m. and all the youth winners from the state scholarship tournament and the Pepsi tournament was presented with their awards as well as the Youth Hall of Fame inductions. What awesome youth bowlers we have in the State of Florida. Hopefully their passion for the sport will continue into adulthood. Next was the memorial services for bowlers that we lost from August 1, 2021, to July 31, 2022, as well as former state board members (both BA and WBA) that went to the big lanes in the sky. Each local association placed a carnation in a vase in remembrance of the bowlers in their association. From the memorial service we moved into business that brought all the delegates to the meeting. Reports from the officers and committee chairs were provided prior to the meeting to all delegates so they could be ready with any questions, comments or suggestions. The meeting itself was uneventful.

Election of the officer and director positions whose terms were up were held and the following were elected:

Fred McFarland was re-elected President

Albert “Tim” Anderson, Glenda Beckett (incumbent), Cecilia Butler (incumbent), Michael Nyitray (incumbent), Vincent Sica (incumbent), James Strickler and Ryan Waters (incumbent) were elected directors

Toni Maddux and Fred McFarland were elected USBC National Delegates

Debbie Whitten and Katheryn Auton were elected USBC National Delegate Alternates

Newsletter Article winners were presented with certificates and/or plaques. Margo Buzzard, Chair, reminded all the delegates that anyone can submit an article about happenings in their area. The more articles the better informed bowlers around the state will be.

David Fields, our USBC Representative, gave his presentation which included highlights of the USBC National Convention, upcoming events and answered questions about the disqualification of some bowling balls.

Tournament bids for 2024 were announced with the following being awarded:

Open Tournament - Orange Belt USBC

Senior Women - SW Florida

Men’s Only - SW Florida

Women's Tournament - Gulf Coast USBC
Mixed Memorial - Broward County
Youth Scholarship - Greater Tampa USBC and East Pasco USBC
PEPSI - Orlando and Lake County USBC

The Annual Meeting ended on Sunday morning and the Youth Leaders held their meeting to get ready for the 2023 season.

I think that wraps up the bowling news in this area for now. Remember to celebrate responsibly as we want to see your smiling face on the lanes in 2023.



Broward County USBC

Ashley Chisano

Hello everyone!

It has been an exciting few months for Broward County! We got the opportunity to host the Florida Men's State Championship for three weekends. My board and I had a great time with the bowlers and enjoyed meeting all who participated. We look forward to hosting more tournaments in the future.

We were well represented this year at the Annual meeting in October in St. Petersburg, We had the pleasure of witnessing the induction of Gabriel Him to the State Hall of Fame for Meritorious service, and Matthew Gilman for Bowling Achievement.

Chris Felker and JP Gonzalez are State Open Champions. Scott Anderson and Derrick Hightower took the title for Men's State Doubles Champions, and Ashley Chisano took the title for Women's State All events champion.

We are so proud of all our bowlers and look forward to more Champions coming from Broward County.

Our Tournament season will be quicker than we think. We kick it off with our Junior Tournament in January.

I had the pleasure of coaching Western High School bowling team. This is my second season coaching and I had two of my students make it to the FHSA State Championship in Orlando at the end of October, Kellie Monahan and Dean Rothschild. WHAT an experience that was for me and my students!

Kellie Monahan is in her freshman year of high school; she has been bowling for a few years and averaged a 160 during high school. She bowled her highest game of 226 during one of our matches and I look forward to working with her in the coming years. She is my little superstar and I expect big things from her in the future.

Dean Rothschild is a Senior this year. Unfortunately, he will no longer be on the Western Bowling team. I had the pleasure of coaching Dean my first year of coaching and he flourished and took off on his own this year. He bowled his highest game of 256 during one of our matches and averaged about 180 during our season. He loved his experience at the FHSAA State championship, and I am so happy he got to experience that his Senior year.

I would like to wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

I hope to see you on the lanes soon, Good Bowling Everyone!

Indian River County USBC

Jennifer Biggs

Talk It Up!

Greetings from Indian River County USBC. With everything that has happened in the past few years, many of us have learned how to accept uncontrollable changes that we never have anticipated. This is true for our personal, business and most of all our bowling communities.

The unpredictability of the past few years has caused many bowlers to lean away from joining leagues or even serving on local boards. This has put a dent in future-orientated planning and making decisions on the present.

This is where “**Rejuvenation**” comes into play. How do we rejuvenate our associations to get the participation that we once had? Where do we put our time and energy to foster the growth that we need. Being a small association, it was not hard to find where that growth was needed. Through communication and as I like to say “**Talk it Up**” we were able to take one of our center’s youth leagues from 6 bowlers to 33. We “**talked it up**” in 3 different elementary schools as well as thru our adult leagues, within 2 weeks we had 33 new junior bowlers. Word of mouth and social media outlets created the energy we needed.

Our USBC membership has increased from just under 300 bowlers to over 400 active bowlers. For our 18 and older bowlers we have added in a Turkey Shoot for Thanksgiving and a Ham Shoot for Christmas Holidays. For \$3.00 if you strike in the 3rd, 6th, and 9th frames you can win a turkey for Thanksgiving or a ham for Christmas. You can only win once for that evening of league play. Also, coming up we have our Holiday 9 Pin No Tap Tournament and in February we have our Sweetheart Scotch Doubles Tournament.

Communication is the key to participation. So, we are “**Talking it Up**” fostering our participation among our bowlers.

From our Association to yours, we wish you all the Best during the Holiday Season and the New Year!

Greetings from Southwest Florida! All of us hope that everyone has enjoyed their Thanksgiving holiday and are preparing to celebrate the rest of the holiday season with family and friends!

Well, where do I start? Since our last newsletter... many things have taken place in our local area.

First and foremost, our Southwest Florida area was directly impacted by Hurricane Ian on Sept. 28th. Wow! Our area has witnessed some major hurricanes in the past several years, but NOTHING like this hurricane. Ian presented itself to our area for more than 12 hours. The Category 4 (1 m.p.h. less than a Category 5) hurricane just sat over top of our area and would not move on. It honestly felt more like 36 hours instead of 12. For those of us that did not evacuate, we could only sit and pray that we would make it through the storm alive and our homes would still be left standing. Unfortunately, there were many people that were not lucky at all. Fort Myers Beach, Sanibel Island and Captiva islands were just devastated! Many businesses and homes in these specific areas were just demolished, leveled or swept out to the ocean like they never existed. The main reason for the most damage.... Storm surge. There were people that had water in their houses onwards up to 10-12 feet. I personally know a friend that lived in a manufactured home that was totally covered by the storm surge, in which she lost everything. (Thank goodness she did evacuate!) Two words come to mind when reminiscing back a couple of months ago..... Horrible Devastation! I know that I am not alone when I say... "Dear Lord, we never want to witness something like this ever again!" This has had such an emotional toll on so many lives. It still just seems so surreal. It is going to take some areas upwards to 2-4 years to rebuild, if not longer. We did have two bowling centers in our Association in the Port Charlotte area that had so much damage to their buildings that they still are not open as of December 1st. The majority of the bowling centers in our Association re-opened anywhere from 2-3 weeks after the hurricane. It seems that the majority of the leagues voted to extend their winter leagues an extra few weeks so that their prize funds remained the same of what had been previously voted on. This entire scenario honestly seemed like the feeling we all had waiting anxiously to re-open after Covid a few years ago. We missed the camaraderie of our fellow bowling community whether they were our teammates or our fellow competitors. Upon my return to my leagues, I couldn't help but wonder.... How many people we would not see return for whatever the reason may be. Some were moving away, some lost their homes and had to focus on getting things back in order, some did not make it through the storm alive and some were out of jobs so they couldn't afford to come back to our leagues. I do believe that our bowling community did not suffer as bad as it could have. As I bowl each week or stop in and see leagues that I do not currently participate in, it seems that the majority of everyone has returned and have started back bowling again. I have one word for that.... AWESOME!

Secondly, our Association was impacted by the sudden death of a bowler named Buster Rucker that bowled a few nights a week at a couple different bowling centers in our area. He was currently helping coach the North Fort Myers High School bowling team, as he had done for several years previously. He was a personal friend of mine for 41 years. Buster was well known for using the words "Fire Truck!" and "Peanut Butter!" when upset with his bowling. You just never heard him use a curse word. He actually was one of my youth bowling coaches when the Junior Program was known as Y.A.B.A. many blue moons ago (as in back in the early 1980's).

How many of you remember the youth program of bowling named that? If you do remember it, do you remember the mascot named "BIF" that stood for "Bowling is Fun?" (I think he was like a green Martian) LOL! Those were the good 'ole days! Buster will be missed by so many of us in the bowling community, especially here in Southwest Florida. Rest in peace my friend.

Next, at the beginning of November, High School Bowling in the state of Florida was completed. From Southwest Florida, our two Girl's teams went from the schools of Oasis Charter High School (In which I was so fortunate to be their head coach) and Cypress Lake High School. Cypress Lake made the first cut at the State level and finished 16th. Oasis High School missed the cut by 8 pins and finished 17th. On the Girls' individual side, Katarina Hagler from Oasis High School finished 5th overall. On the boy's side, Bishop Verot High School and Cape Coral High School went to the State tournament representing Southwest Florida. Bishop Verot missed out on the first cut, but Cape Coral High School went on to finish 4th in the state. CONGRATULATIONS to all of these outstanding athletes! Everyone is so proud of you! I cannot wait for next year!

Lastly, the Florida State USBC held their annual meeting during the weekend of Oct. 7th – 9th in the St. Pete area. Many things happened that weekend. There was a guest speaker about BVL and the wonderful things that they are doing for local bowlers in our state, delegates had the opportunity to vote on upcoming state tournaments in the years 2023 and 2024, tournament winners this past year received their awards and the Florida State Hall of Fame accepted new inductees. As usual, it was a fun-filled weekend with lots of laughs, but lots of hard work was put in to make sure our Associations in the state could go back home full of knowledge in regard to USBC rule changes/modifications, upcoming events and tournaments, etc. Thank you to the Gulf Coast USBC Association for hosting such a successful weekend! All of us in Southwest Florida look forward to seeing everyone next year when we will be so lucky to be the Host Association. AND we will see everyone in June 2023 as we will also be hosting the Women's State tournament!

I would like to personally wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year! Enjoy the holiday season and be sure to surround yourself with your friends and loved ones! I wish you the best of luck the rest of the 2022-2023 bowling season. I look forward to hearing about all of the honor scores posted around the state. Just remember, in bowling, if you happen to get that unlucky break.... It is "Fire Truck" or "Peanut Butter!" not those other "sometimes preferred" 4 letter words. LOL!

Until next time.....



We Lost Great Friend, Good Man in Bobby Harley

The Orange Belt USBC bowlers lost a very good friend and all-around good man on Sunday, Nov. 18, 2022. Bobby Harley, a former director of the OBBA, went home to be with the Lord following surgery. Robert Michael Harley (who was known as Bobby or Bob to most of us) was born on Feb. 9, 1953. He is survived by his son, Michael Harley of Winter Haven, and three brothers, George Harley, Bocky Harley, and Sgt. 1st Class (Ret.) Kim Avery Harley. Bobby was loved by many and will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, family requested friends may make a donation to TakeHeartAfrica.org in Bob Harley's name.

Join Us for Florida State USBC Memorial Mixed Tournament honoring Bob & Connie Peters

The Orange Belt USBC is proud to host this Memorial Mixed Tournament in memory of the late Bob and Connie Peters, who were responsible for hosting this and other state tournaments for many, many years. Tournament dates are March 18 - March 26. Entries close Feb. 24, 2023, and no entries will be accepted after closing. Team event is for 2 men and 2 women; Doubles will consist of 1 man, 1 woman. Handicap entry fees are \$30 per person per event. Multiple participation is available but be sure to consult the rules on entry forms, which should be available in your bowling centers soon if they aren't already there. Polk County Sports Marketing is assisting the local association and state in sponsoring this event.

Orange Belt USBC sponsored its annual BVL tournament October 16, 2022, at Orange Bowl. Division 1, Adult Doubles winners were: David Williams and Crystal Hartley, \$75 each; Deana and John Mekita, \$65 each; David Fairbanks and Fred Pronk, \$55 each; Deborah Kato and Joseph Fernandez, \$40 each; and Anthony Hartley and Clifford Wilson, \$35 each. Total prizes awarded \$540. Division 2, Youth Singles: Joseph Wolchko, \$70; Wesley Simon, \$50 and Paxton DuVall, \$40. Total prizes award \$160. All expense money plus other income was donated to BVL. Total donated by Orange Belt to the BVL Florida State USBC - \$1,100.

WENTWORTH YOUTH TOURNAMENT, SENIOR DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Jan. 22 Orange Belt USBC will host its annual Wentworth Youth Tournament for youth bowlers on Sunday, Jan. 22 at Orange Bowl Lanes. And at the same time the annual Senior Doubles Tournament will be held. The late Kay Wentworth established this youth event to encourage our youth to continue the sport. And our Seniors Bowlers enjoy having their very own tournament as well. It is always a very fun event.

Well, it has been a while since our last newsletter and I am looking forward to reading everyone's articles, especially from some of our newest writers. The good news this week is that we should now be able to go to our mailboxes and e-mails without having to plow

through so many political statements and advertisements or those commercials and phone calls regarding Medicare health plans. Do you agree with me?

I would like to start by saying that we hope all of you that were victims of Ian and/or Nicole are starting to get back to normal again. For those of you that sustained losses of any kind please know that many prayers have been sent your way for you and yours. Having survived the storm and aftermath of Hurricane Andrew, we know that recovery can be a long and depressing ordeal. Personally, I had to deal with no electricity for 6 weeks, no clean water for a while, scalpers, and insurance delays, injuries, flat tires and National Guardsmen who threatened to arrest me because I was driving after the curfew (coming home from bowling)! On the upside, the other good news is that Hurricane season usually ends at this time every year.

It is now the beginning of the holiday season, so we are wishing all of you either a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Happy New Year, etc. We hope that 2023 will be a better year for all of us!

The beginning of the year also marks the start of a much busier time (tournament wise) for our association. We will be offering so many opportunities to you in this regard so please visit our website (GMUSBC.com) to pick and choose whichever ones you would like to participate in. So far this year we have held a few tournaments including a couple that benefit our Roll for the Cure charity. We have already made/collected thousands of dollars for the cause with more to come!

In October, many of us were able to attend the State Convention and came home with a positive outlook for the next year. Despite the fact that the threat of COVID is still present and the economy is hard to deal with it's good to know that we have bowling as an outlet for our frustrations and an opportunity to enjoy ourselves. It was also nice to see so many of our long-distance bowling friends to catch up with.

Wishing all of you a healthy and prosperous year and as usual when you are bowling, "May all of the good scores be yours!"



2022 Patsy Wedding Scholarship Winners (\$1,000 each)

Megan Allen	Citrus Springs (Greater Citrus)
Daniel Brooks	Tampa (Suncoast)
Elli Coleman	Dover (Greater Tampa)
Berkley Fanugao	Milton (Greater Pensacola)
Christian Farfan	Cutler Bay (Greater Miami)
Nicholas Forthofer	Lake Placid (Southwest Florida)
Bethany Kear	Fernandina (First Coast)
Tyler Keller	Hialeah (Broward County)
Abigail Kesler	Daytona Beach (East Volusia-Flagler County)
Denee' Lichtenberg	Titusville (Space Coast)
Katherine Minotti	Oviedo (Orlando Regional)
Justin Nowakowski	Jupiter (Palm Beach County)
Ella Perez	Miami (Greater Miami)
Alexa Puett	Miami (Greater Miami)
Casey Puett	Miami (Greater Miami)
Jordan Shipp	Pensacola (Greater Pensacola)
Payton Vogel	Davenport (Greater Orlando)
Nathan Wesley	Apopka (Greater Orlando)

Greater Tampa USBC

Dalia Keyes

Greetings to All

The Greater Tampa USBC Association is getting ready to host the Florida State Open Tournament and plans for our local city tournaments are underway.

We are glad to report that our membership is up over 8% this year and one of our leagues that had been around for over 50 years, Hitters & Missers at Pin Chasers Midtown has returned after two years since Covid. They have re-started small but know they will rebuild as strong if not stronger than they were before.

We had four delegates attend the Florida State Annual Meeting in October and attended the dinner and had a fun time.

We started our BVL drive once again since Covid hit and I am pleased to say that we raised \$5000.00 from just four bowling centers, and this was due to our board as well as league officers walking through leagues for donations. It really does make all the difference by walking the envelope/containers around. One of our centers even made flyers and had a special container made with the BVL logo on it. I personally walked through Brandon Signs league and with twenty-four teams collected \$600.00. A suggestion to others might be to challenge members or businesses to donate. Steve's Pro Shop made a \$100.00 donation, and I asked if anyone wanted

to match it and got two additional \$100.00 donors. A check for \$5000.00 was sent to the national BVL and after speaking with Mary, they are going to send us a large check to be presented to the James A Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa. BVL (Bowler to Veterans Link), has been around for more than 75 years and has been making a difference in the lives of our nation's active-duty military and veterans. The BVL is a non-profit 501c 3 charity. Through the raising of funds, they provide therapeutic as well as recreational programs. I wanted to share this information as it might be helpful to other associations, and we are always looking for ways to increase our donations and look forward to hearing what other associations have success within their areas.

We have some exciting things going on and are looking into hosting the Jr. Gold/Open Youth Championships in the next few years if everything falls into place.

The Greater Tampa USBC would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Until next time, please stay safe and healthy.



Space Coast USBC

Buncy Reynoso

The Space Coast USBC BA would like to thank all the bowlers who have joined this 2022-2023 season. The association will be busy this year with seven tournaments. 5 being local Space Coast USBC Tournaments, the Florida State Women's Senior Tournament in November 2022 and the Southeast Tournament in May-June 2023.

Representatives from the Space Coast USBC have attended the Florida State USBC Annual Meeting in St Petersburg. It is always good to talk and exchange ideas with other associations as was the case. Association members returned with trophies and awards presented at the Florida State USBC awards presentation. The awards were then presented to the recipients at their bowling leagues.

I would like to thank the Florida State USBC Board and committee for the publicity award given out for 3rd Place – Outstanding Overall Article, 2nd Place – Outstanding Association Article, 1st Place – First Time Venture.

We thank the Florida State USBC for having us host the 2022 Florida State Women's Senior Tournament at Shore Lanes Merritt Island on November 5-6, 12-13, 2022.

We as a bowling community had our challenges the last weekend (November 12-13, 2022) of the tournament as that mid-week was Hurricane/Tropical Storm Nicole that came ashore in Vero Beach (Nov. 10). The bowling center had limited power before the start of the bowling shift on Saturday (Nov. 12), but with the help of the power company, power was restored in time for bowling to begin. There was a problem with the last squad on Sunday afternoon as the bowling center lost a phase of the power to the building when a storm passed through the area. So, most of the pinsetters and scoring systems were offline. A plan was put in place by Kevin Richardson (Shore Lanes Merritt Island – Center Manager) to try and finish this final squad of the tournament with the only lanes that had power to the pinsetters. First, I want to thank the bowlers who were on this shift for their patience as Kevin, Toni Maddux and Katheryn Auton tried to find a solution to this dilemma.

The word that I would properly describe this last squad event is “UNPRECEDENTED”!

All the remaining open bowlers were removed from the lanes and from the center. The remaining tournament bowlers were spaced on lanes 3-4, 15-16, 25-26 and 35-36 which were the only working lanes in the entire bowling center. Besides that, the automatic scoring system was not working properly, so the tournament bowlers had to manually take score. There was one set of lanes where the pinsetters would not reset after each ball. So, the bowler had to hit the reset button to cycle the pinsetter. A representative from the Space Coast USBC BA (Cynthia Scroll) was down at the ball return rack pushing the reset button after each ball was being thrown.

At the end when the last ball was thrown, silence was in the bowling center signaling the end of the tournament. It was a long day for this last squad and the people that stayed and helped to the end.

Special thanks to Shore Lanes Merritt Island, Kevin Richardson, and the staff. Especially the mechanics. Thanks to Toni Maddux and Katheryn Auton for being there at the tournament site. To all the Volunteers and Space Coast Board Members who came a helped support this association during this tournament, THANKS!

SPACE COAST TO BE IN 2023!!!

The Space Coast USBC BA will be the host Association for the 32nd Annual Southeast Bowling Association Handicap Tournament on May 20, 2023, to June 25, 2023. The host bowling centers will be River Lanes in Titusville for the Team Event and Bowlero Melbourne in Melbourne for the Singles & Doubles Events. The Southeast Bowling Association Handicap Tournament (SBA) returns to the Space Coast after 21 years since it was last hosted in 2002 with River Lanes in Titusville and Shore Lanes Merritt Island in Merritt Island as being host centers.

The 1st Southeast Bowling Association Handicap Tournament was hosted in 1992 by the Florida Space Coast BA in Melbourne and Palm Bay. The Southeast Association comprises of 7 Southeast States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia). The Space Coast USBC BA are excited to bring the tournament back to the Space Coast and Florida. We hope you will have time in your busy bowling schedule to support and participate in this tournament. Be sure to check our Facebook page and our Web Site www.scusbcba.com for entry information.

We hope to see you here on the Space Coast.



Modern Technology VS Old School – Bowling Scores

Technology is always evolving and improving. This is true for bowling. Bowling balls for example are always changing as it seems the bowling ball manufacturers have new models out there every year.

For this topic, we will be talking about the bowling scoring system. In most of today's modern bowling centers they have an automatic scoring system.

Back in the day bowling scores were done by hand where you had to do the math to add up the scores. It may be simple enough, but do you know how to score after a spare or a strike? When was the last time that you took score and did the math adding the frames up?

The traditional bowling center of the early 20th century was advanced in automation when the pinsetter person ("pin boy"), who set back up by hand the bowled down pins, was replaced by a machine that automatically replaced the pins in their proper play positions in the 1950's. The automatic scorer was first field tested at Village Lanes bowling center, Chicago in 1967. The scoring machine received approval for official use by the American Bowling Congress in August of that year. They were first used in national official league gaming on October 10, 1967. In November, Brunswick announced that they were accepting orders for the new digital computer, which cost around \$3,000 per bowling lane. Bowling centers that installed these new automatic scoring devices in the 1970s charged a dime extra per line of scoring for the convenience.

So that is the history of the automatic scorer. Some of us, who are old enough, might remember coming to the bowling center to bowl and getting a paper scoresheet or overhead transparency scoresheet that was projected on the screen above the lanes.

So, with modern technology evolving the question does come up. Do you know how to keep score? Do the current youth bowlers know how to keep score? The youth probably never heard of a transparency scoresheet. Do the seniors in the bowling centers know how to keep score? Do bowlers on your leagues know how to properly keep score?

These are interesting questions to be asked to the bowlers in your association and of your board members. So, the next time you are at your bowling league or local tournament ask the bowlers around you.

Do you know how to keep score?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5 /	4 0	8 1	X	0 /	X	X	X	4 /	X X 5
14	18	27	47	67	97	121	141	161	186

The preliminary answers that I received are an eye opener and I will have the results in the next newsletter.

From the editor's desk

Margo Buzzard

First, I would like to congratulate our 2022 Newsletter Award winners:

Best Feature Article

- 1st Place – Miguel Baro
- 2nd Place – Sharon Colon
- 3rd Place – Jennifer Myers-Hough

Best Local Association Award

- 1st Place – Krissy Stewart
- 2nd Place – Buncy Reynoso
- 3rd Place – Sharon Colon

Best First Time Article

- 1st Place – Buncy Reynoso
- 2nd Place – Diane Kirby
- 3rd Place – Ashley Chisano

Best Overall Writer

- 1st Place – Krissy Stewart
- 2nd Place – Sharon Colon
- 3rd Place – Buncy Reynoso

So happy that we got so many articles this time. I hope that you all enjoy reading them. It is great to hear what is going on all over the state. Thank you to all of our contributors!!

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season.
Be safe and healthy!