



# Florida State USBC



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### President's Message

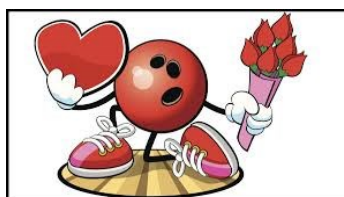
Fred McFarland

Now that we are halfway through the 2021-2022 season it's time to start thinking tournaments. The Florida State USBC will begin its tournament season in March with the Pepsi and Florida Youth Handicap. Then the first two weekends in April we will be holding the Bob & Connie Peters Memorial Mixed Tournament hosted by Southwest Florida USBC at Coral Lanes in Cape Coral, FL. May 7 - June 26 will be the Open State Championship also hosted by Southwest Florida USBC. The Women's State Championship will be hosted by Space Coast USBC May 21 - June 12. The Youth Scholarship is being hosted by Sarasota-Manatee USBC June 4 - 19. We're looking for another successful tournament season.

To follow up, the Men's Only Tournament had a great turnout. There were outstanding scores bowled including the national high two men series. Danny Battles rolled an 827 and his partner Steve Baran rolled an 854 for a 1681 series. At that time, they also held the single game high score of 589 for two men.

In the last newsletter I mentioned National Eagle winners and that the Eagles were not available for presentation at the awards banquet. The Eagles finally landed and I and Director Frank Collins had the privilege of presenting them in front of their peers during their league.

When this newsletter comes out, we will have held our winter board meeting. I'm looking at having a productive meeting and hopefully some new ideas to report in the next edition.





HAPPY NEW YEAR!! from Tallahassee USBC Association.... 2022, what will we do?

With COVID-19 still among us, we are fighting back and moving forward. No matter what variant decides to raise its head, we will always find a way to overcome. We are a strong people and really awesome bowlers.

We are halfway into the season and pulling out all the stops with high scores, first time moments and outstanding youth that make us all proud. Those who showed up and showed out:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Time Moments
  - Thomas McLaughlin shot 300 on 9/16/2021
  - Stephen B. Peters shot 300 & 800 (814) on 12/8/2021
  - Martin K. Rising, Jr shot 800 (813) on 9/15/2021
  
- Outstanding Youth Moments
  - Jared Fantle shot 250 (262) game and ended with 700 (722) series
  - Jayden Peterson shot 250 (257) game
  - Tyson Mortham shot 275 (278) game

We ended our 1<sup>st</sup> half of the season with a total of 10 300 games bowled from 8 bowlers, of which 2 have already bowled 2 games (Martin T. Stephens, Jr and Jack Townsell) and 5 800 series. What a great start and I can't wait to see what the end of year brings.

Our Youth program continues to shine. We wouldn't be able to do the things we do without sponsorship. With their help, we have been able to award \$1,750 in scholarship money. These scholarships are awarded for bowling 50 pins over average, 100 pins over average and having a clean game.

The youth program also held its 1<sup>st</sup> tournament, New Year's 8 Game Sweeper. During this tournament, Braden Colaire (first year bowler) came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place. He earned \$515 in scholarship money. Way to go Braden!!!

We may be small but.....Yes We Can!!!

State Tournament participation is making a comeback, most all of tournaments have increased in entries. Check out our state website for tournament information at [Floridastateusbc.com](http://Floridastateusbc.com) and get your entry in before the deadlines close for our 2022 tournaments. Once again money from USBC will be added to our main 3 tournaments to enhance the prize list, \$5,000 to the Open, \$3,000 to the Women's Championship and \$2,000 to the youth.

Tournament entries for 2023 will be handed out at the October annual meeting in October and will be available on our website

Tournament bid packets for local associations to bid on our state tournaments for 2024 will be sent out from the state office in the next few weeks. **New deadline** to submit bids is June 30th. Tournaments up for bid are the Pepsi, the State youth Scholarship, The Open Championship, The Women's Championship, The Bob and Connie Peters Memorial Mixed, Senior Women's, Men's Only and the Landen youth tournament. Remember local associations will receive 75% of the profits on all the adult tournaments. It is a great opportunity to raise money for your local association.



Hello Everyone!

Broward County is here! We are still alive through this crazy pandemic and viruses. I hope you are all well and staying safe.

We are slowly starting to bloom again. We voted to go back to a normal schedule for our tournaments this year. We are kicking off our season with our Junior County Scholarship Tournament in January and had 56 kids participate. We will be finishing our season with our Top 8 in July.

Our board decided we wanted to give back and show our appreciation to our bowlers by giving each sanctioned bowler a towel and magnet with our information on it. We had our Lane Representatives go to each league in their center and personally hand them out to the bowlers as our way of saying thank you. We have gotten many thanks from bowlers.

Our Association is excited to be hosting the Florida State USBC Men's State Tournament later this year, we hope to see some of you down this way!

I was honored being voted on the State board this past Annual Meeting. I am very humbled by the opportunity and hope I can make most of you proud. During my speech I used the term "change". I have noticed more and more how defensive many get when this is brought up or shut down and don't want to accept it. It is unfortunate and disappointing to see. I am not here to disrespect any of you and I hope you don't feel that way, this is not my intention. I simply love this sport as most of you do and I want to see it thrive and grow! I want it to be just as much fun as it was years ago like you all got to experience before us "young-ins" showed up. A wise woman (Patty Nevers) told me I should use the term "improve". With that being said, I am here to improve in any way I can to help us grow the sport and improve our comradery. At the end of the day, we all need to stick together and make this sport amazing for our bowlers.

Until next time, good luck and good bowling to you all!

SMART Program

Dalia Keyes

The USBC Board of Directors has approved four policy changes for its Smart program and three of them take effect immediately.

Two of the changes pertain to the SMART deposited annual earnings allocation that has traditionally only been distributed through provider accounts. Recipient accounts now will receive 50% of the total allocation. Any remaining allocation will then be split 50/50 between provider accounts and recipients. A total of 75% of the recipient portion will be awarded to active recipients that requested funds the previous year, with 25% awarded as part of the new grant program.

Another exciting change is going into effective August 1, 2023, and more information on that will follow.

The final change has been highly requested and has been approved. A Recipient who is 21 years of age or older now can transfer their funds to a family member. The family member must have at least four years of USBC membership (not required to be consecutive) and be within eight years of their high school graduation.

There is a lot of money there for our youth bowlers to take advantage of and hope everyone will pass this information along.

You can also contact USBC with any questions at [smart@bowl.com](mailto:smart@bowl.com) or 1-800-514-2695.

Speaking of Smart Scholarships available, the Florida State USBC Board has two annual scholarships we award, the Patsy Wedding Scholarship Fund and the J.J. Garrett Memorial Scholarship Fund. We award eight to fifteen \$1000.00 scholarships for the Patsy Wedding Scholarship and one \$1000.00 winner to the J.J. Garrett Scholarship fund. The deadline for both is May 1, 2022. The applications for both can be found on our website at [www.floridastateusbc.com](http://www.floridastateusbc.com).



Marion County USBC

Debbie Whitten

Welcome to 2022. It did not start out as expected as we lost several bowlers due to various medical issues (not all COVID related). We will remember the good times and laugh at little things that remind us of them.

I am sure that all over the state there have been losses and we send their families extra prayers and heartfelt condolences during their time of sorrow.

On the local scene the Marion County USBC is getting ready to hold their annual Mixed Tournament followed by the Open Tournament and then the Women's Tournament. January to March is a busy time in Ocala.

Fall leagues will be ending around the end of April or the beginning of May and

summer leagues will be forming on their heels.

The Florida State USBC Board held its winter meeting to begin planning for the Annual Meeting to be held October 7-9, 2022, at the Marriott St. Pete Clearwater Hotel on Roosevelt Boulevard in St. Pete. There will be a bowling tournament prior to the meeting. The business session will be conducted on Saturday afternoon following the memorial service and will end up on Sunday with the bidding of tournaments for 2024, proposed legislation (if there is any) and the election of the position of President and 7 Directors. More information can be found on the Florida State USBC web site.

The youth winners will be acknowledged at a luncheon on Saturday afternoon. This is one of the highlights of the annual meeting as the youth are genuinely happy and smiling when presented with their awards.

The winners from the various adult state tournaments will be honored at the Saturday evening dinner along with the individuals being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Speaking of tournaments there could be some changes in the future as to formats and other incentives so keep watch on the State web site.

It appears that this is all the news for now.

Southwest Florida USBC

Krissy Stewart

Hi everyone! I hope this segment finds ya'll doing GREAT...on AND off the lanes!

It is definitely a crazy time right now for everyone! Whether you are in business for yourself and looking for staff or having to raise your prices to cover your current staff's wages, or even wondering if you or the business you frequent is still going to be able to survive this transition... it is CRAZY!!!! I think everyone understands and appreciates everyone's efforts, no matter what direction they may come from.

One thing is for sure.... Us bowlers are in it for the long haul... so let's GO! Let's stay positive and support one another! We've got this!!!!

So, since the last newsletter, we have a few things to reflect upon...

Back in November, we lost a beloved Board member of ours. Actually, we lost a member of bowling that many of us knew and loved. Wayne Carr had

dedicated his time to the Florida State Board AND the Southwest Florida USBC board in the past many years. All of us could count on Wayne for anything that we needed.... Anything at all!! We will surely miss him! RIP in our friend!

Our association is hunkering down and getting ready for the next few months. We will be hosting our annual association tournaments such as women's, men's, youth and open tournaments. It will all start in the middle of February and end at the end of March.

Then, guess what?!?!? We are at it again! We will be hosting the "Bob & Connie Peters Memorial Mixed Tournament" (formerly known as the USBC State Mixed Tournament) at one of our local bowling centers, Bowland Cape Coral. It only seems fitting that one of our centers is the honorary host of this newly named tournament since Bob Peters was such a HUGE asset to all of us, both locally and statewide. This tournament will run from April 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup>. (Entries close March 4, 2022)

Why take a break?!?!? Nope! Let's keep it going.... Bowland Cape Coral and Lightning Strikes will host the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Championship Tournament. This tournament will take place from May 7 – June 26<sup>th</sup>. (Entries close April 7, 2022)

WOW! We are going to be BUSY, BUSY, BUSY! I want to extend my gratefulness in advance to ALL of our board member in our local association for the time and dedication that will be needed over the next several months! We may be a small group, but we are MIGHTY! We've got this!

We look forward to seeing everyone at these upcoming events over the next several months. We all know that this may be a bit of hard work in our sights. But we are willing, determined and excited to ensure that all bowlers have a great time on AND off the lanes.

I wish everyone GREAT BOWLING, but most of all.... GREAT SCORING!!!!



Orange Belt is sad to announce that Daniel L. Young, a director for 12 years, passed away on Jan. 13, 2022. Dan was known as “Dan the Man” and was an avid bowler, having bowled eighteen 300 games. He was 68 years old and will be deeply missed. Dan was born in Tampa on April 14, 1953 and retired from Publix after 45 years of service. He is survived by his children, Brian K. Young (Ashley) and Michelle Kaiser (Andy), both from Lakeland; grandchildren, Bransen and Corbin Young; siblings, Rita Brummel, Catherine Mason (Randy) and Frank Young (Christi). He will be forever remembered by family, friends and the bowling community. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital at [stjude.org](http://stjude.org). Condolences at [Hopewell Funeral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com).



Orange Belt OPEN and WOMEN’S Tournaments On Tap: USBC OPEN TOURNAMENT ORANGE BOWL LANES, LAKELAND Feb. 19 & 20 and Feb. 26 & 27 NEW Squad Times: 10am and 2pm Saturdays & Sundays Entry fee per bowler per event: \$25 Fee for 3 events: Team, Doubles and Singles = \$75 4 PERSON TEAM FORMAT Entry forms at all bowling centers or at OBBA on Facebook. USBC WOMEN’S TOURNAMENT ORANGE BOWL LANES, LAKELAND Feb. 19 & 20 and Feb. 26 & 27 Squad Times: 10am and 2pm Saturdays & Sundays Entry fee per bowler per event: \$25 Fee for 3 events: Team, Doubles and Singles = \$75 Entry forms at all bowling centers or at OBBA on Facebook. All bowlers encouraged to read the tournament rules regarding multiple entries. Entries close on February 13th!!

Three Tournaments Already in the Books for 2021-22: BVL DOUBLES HANDICAP TOURNAMENT Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021, Maple Family Centers from New York purchased Orange Bowl last year and has the Brunswick’s state-of-the-art SYNC scoring system. Our bowlers got to see these improvements for themselves at our annual BVL Doubles Handicap Tournament on Sunday, Nov. 28. Eighty-two bowlers turned out to test their skills on these beautiful lanes. Charles Fairchild and his partner Michael Birch



scored 1,523 pins to win the tournament. Second place was won by Stephanie and Mike Floss with a 1464, and third place went to Fred Pronk and Reginald Mitchel with a 1448 series. BVL Youth Division Tourney winners were Zachary LeFleur and Lucas Pagano.

7th ANNUAL WENTWORTH YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT JAN. 16, 2022, This annual youth scholarship tournament sponsored by the late Kay Wentworth was held at Orange Bowl. These bowlers earn scholarship money placed in trust for them until they graduate. The top 2 recipients this year were Zachary Lefleur and Tyler Mekita.

SENIOR TOURNAMENT JAN. 16, 2022, Senior bowlers competed at Orange Bowl in a doubles tournament in age divisions. In the 67 to 100 age division: Linda D'Allard and Eddie Doucette, won first place; and Alan Karash and Bruce Devivo, were second. In the 55 to 66 age group, Francisco Ramos and John Mekita placed first; and Cliff Loures and Jim Williams won second place.

**Greater Miami USBC**

**Sharon Colon**

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Greetings from down South! We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year's. We are also hoping that you are safe and well as this pandemic continues. As I am writing this article, I find myself finally getting out of quarantine as I tested positive and didn't get a negative result until 3 and ½ weeks later. Thankfully it was a mild case. Please take all precautions during these trying times as I had my shots, still wear a mask everywhere and wash my hands frequently yet still caught the virus. I'm praying that this new year will point us in a better direction and we can get back to some sense of normalcy as quickly as possible.

Since our last newsletter we were able to hold our Don and Paula Carter Adult/Youth Doubles Scholarship Tournament. The competition was fierce and after all of the pins had fallen, we ended up with the following results. Doubles event 15 and up : Z. Jassenoff/M. Rothenburg, C. Byrd/R. Pierson Doubles event 14 and under: G. Albarran/C. Piphon, N. Bray/A. Alleyne  
Congrats to all of the winners.

We also held our Ladies City Tournament (doubles with optional singles) on January 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Our number of entries was still down, but everyone that participated had a great competitive experience. The top bowlers are listed below:

Handicap Doubles – 1) S. Chapman/P. Kelly – 1568, 2) R. Mendez/M. Lopez-1428

Scratch Doubles – 1) V. Bigenho/C. Graham – 1296, 2) C. Poirrier/ C. Graham – 1283

Handicap Singles – 1) Pam Cameron – 770, 2) Angie Perez – 754

Scratch Singles – 1) Caitlin Graham – 685, 2) Melissa Booher – 677

All Events- Handicap Division – 1) Paige Kelly – 1503, 2) Camila Poirrier – 1467

All Events- Scratch Division – 1) Caitlin Graham 1307, 2) Camila Poirrier – 1275

For those of you who follow college football you may have noticed that the University of Miami (305) has been using a gold chain and placard as well as rings that the players don after interceptions, touchdowns, sacks, etc. to pump them up. Because of that, one of the parents in our youth league made bowling related necklaces for the kids to put on and have their pictures taken. This has been a great success and makes even the smallest accomplishment seem so much bigger. I may even try this out during our ladies' league on Wednesday nights as we can all use some immediate gratification once in a while!

This last season we voted in two new members to our Greater Miami Bowling Hall of Fame. Sherry Cockfield got this honor because of her exceptional bowling ability which included a 300 game, high averages and scoring well in tournament play for the last few years. Hopefully she will keep up to those standards for a long time to come. Our other recipient, Pam Cameron, earned hers in the exceptional service category. For the past 10 years she has worked hard on numerous committees and events to help make our association the best it can be. We always have a banquet to celebrate the induction, but due to Covid, we have had problems finding a venue that can accommodate us. That day will come soon....Congrats to both of you!

### **What Was Your Reaction to The Incident?**

A couple of weeks ago, during the PBA Players Championship semi-finals, Sean Rash made a spectacle of himself when he made a statement (from the approach) that has caused a lot of discussion amongst the bowling crowd. He complained and made inferences that there was a problem with the integrity of the Professional Bowling Association (PBA), he doesn't think that certain urethane balls should be used in tournaments, doesn't appear to like two-handed bowlers, and used profanity within the context of the statement. This juvenile, unsportsmanlike behavior was an affront to the association, ball

manufacturers and fellow bowlers by spouting out during a major event. He has now been fined, put on probation for a year and suspended from entering one of the tournaments this year. Some people applauded him saying a little controversy will make the sport more exciting to watch, etc. I for one am glad that he was given those penalties. We encourage our youth bowlers to watch the events on tv and for that reason alone, the profanity (though somewhat mild) did not belong there. He has been on tour for a number of years now and I think that if he has a complaint, it should be brought up through the regular channels not on National broadcasts. He is jeopardizing his livelihood as well since the people governing and sponsoring the sport don't like the negative press. I would love to hear what all of you think about this occurrence.

From what I understand, there is already an ongoing investigation about the legality of said urethane bowling equipment anyway.

Until next time, may the good scores be yours!

## Scholarship Shirt Design Contest

Allen Solomon

There has been a lot of interest in our Florida Youth Bowlers all looking uniform at Jr. Gold every year. Your Florida State USBC is holding a contest for a new shirt design that our bowlers could order and receive before they go to Jr. Gold.

The selected contest winner will receive a \$500 Scholarship placed into their SMART account.

Design submissions must be for a dye sublimated shirt front and back as well as both sleeves. When finished, the design should be a representation of Florida!

The contest is open to any current registered Florida Youth bowler. Submissions should be made to Allen Solomon at [beachbowlyouth@aol.com](mailto:beachbowlyouth@aol.com) and included to our State Office at [FloridaStateUSBC@gmail.com](mailto:FloridaStateUSBC@gmail.com). Deadline for submissions is March 31, 2022.



If there is one thing we know about our youth bowlers here in Miami, it is that they love recognition. They enjoy seeing their achievements publicly recognized in some way, be it an award presented during league or just having their picture taken for our social media pages. One bowling mom had a crafty idea initially meant only for her son's team that immediately got the attention of the entire Sat. morning youth program. All University of Miami football fans know about the "turnover" chain. It's a huge, gold, chunky chain the players put on to celebrate turnovers in their games. This bowling mom took her love for UM football and made bowling achievement chains. She made a strike chain, double chain, turkey chain and 4 in a row chain. Anytime a youth bowler achieves one of these during their game, they come and have their picture taken with the chain on. The youth bowlers love them, especially the younger ones. The older kids have fun with them too. They like to see how many times they can achieve the turkey and 4 in a row chain.



The Greater Tampa USBC Association wants to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Our membership is starting to grow again since Covid 19, and we currently have over 3200 members and hope to continue the upward trend. We have approximately 250 youth bowlers as well and things seem to be looking up.

Our winter leagues still seem to be down a little and we have lost several leagues that have not returned for the past two years. We are hopeful they may return next year but will have to wait and see.

On a brighter note we just finished out youth city tournament and awarded over \$4500.00 in scholarships in both the tournament and brackets. We will be honoring the winners at an awards ceremony the end of February.

We are getting ready to host our women's city and open city in February and March but due to low entries we have taken our tournaments to one weekend only.

In April we have 5 delegates that will be attending the USBC Annual Convention, and we are really looking forward to that since we have not been able to attend the past two years.

We hosted the Florida State Senior Women's Tournament in November at Pin Chasers Midtown and those that came out had a great time. They seemed to like the new team format that was added this past year.

Our board will get a break this year as we are not hosting any state tournaments but look forward to hosting some in the near future.

Until next time, hope everyone stays safe and healthy.

Space Coast USBC

Buncy Reynoso

The Space Coast USBC would like to welcome all the bowlers to the start of the new year in 2022. May your health and bowling improve as we are faced with the continuing Covid-19 pandemic.

## **TOURNAMENTS**

We completed the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dave Asquith Adult/Youth Tournament this past December which was a success. There is a learning curve for the bowlers and association members to learn and to grow this tournament for it to be the first one.

We also just completed our Open Tournament this January, and this tournament was also a success. Both days on the weekend for the tournament was nearly sold out. We are looking forward to next year's tournament.

The remaining tournaments that we have are the Youth Tournament in February and the 50+ Tournament in March.

We are looking forward to being the host association for the Florida State Women's Championship Tournament in May-June 2022. Both bowling centers, River Lanes (Team Center) and Shore Lanes Merritt Island (Doubles/Singles) are looking forward to being the host centers. We hope to see you there!

Shore Lanes Merritt Island is the host center for the Florida State Senior Women's Tournament in November 2022. We hope to see you here for this tournament also!

## **INSPIRATIONAL SENIOR AWARD**

We implemented an Inspirational Senior Award program to those bowlers that are age 85 or greater these last few months. We currently have 36 active bowlers. This is for those who may have never received an award from our association or USBC. We believe we are the 1<sup>st</sup> and only association that has implemented this kind of an award for the seniors.

One story that came out of this was a lady bowler on a senior league, who was a dedicated bowler to the league and been with them for a very long time. On the day the award was to be presented to her, it was her last night of bowling after 78 Years because of illness. The award was presented to her, and she left in tears after given the award recognizing her journey and recognition.

Our seniors who received the award are very grateful that we have recognized them. Most have never received a USBC award or local association honor score. We are very glad and proud to have recognized them and placed them in the spotlight on their leagues that they bowl on.

Their dedication to the sport to come out and bowl with family and friends on their bowling league is an inspiration to us all.



We thank you for your dedication and support of bowling and hope to see you on the lanes!

Once again, I would like to thank all of our contributors for the articles they submitted. I think we have some great reading to do. Please remember that anyone can send in an article. It doesn't have to be only board members.

Be safe and wishing you all great bowling!!