



Florida State USBC



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FSUSBC Association Manager

Tony Adkins

It has been a fast 5 months since coming on board as your new Association Manager! I have been very busy right off the bat with getting ready for the now completed Annual Meeting that was held this past October 13-15th at Bell Tower Crowne Plaza in Fort Myers. It was a great meeting as I met quite a few folks over the 3-day event. I hope that everyone who attended had a great time and enjoyed the luncheon with our Youth and their Hall of Fame Inductees. The Youth Champions in Pepsi, as well as, Youth State Scholarship Tournament winners. We also recognized the Patsy Wedding and JJ Garrett Scholarship Winners too. The evening concluded with dinner and the Adult Hall of Fame inductees and award winners for the past years' State Tournament Champions.

The Delegate's Meeting was well represented by most of 30 associations across the State for the Saturday afternoon and Sunday Morning Meetings. We were honored to have our guests with us as well as Darlene Baker and David Fields from USBC Headquarters. David as always brings a good lighthearted message to us and the latest news from Headquarters as to where USBC is taking us in the future. We as a State are well reknowned for our Bowlers and their donations to BVL which Darlene has the honor of being the Ambassador for USBC. November is BVL Month, so I encourage you to help your Local Associations promote ways to get and give donations to BVL to honor our Veterans! I am pleased to be in the position of Association Manager and happy to see our Board working together to bring out the best talents of our members and their expertise to fulfilling our mission of working to promote the sport to our Florida Bowlers of all ages. Our vision is to continue to grow the sport for our Youth, Women and Men of the State of Florida. I would like to personally thank each member for their sacrifice of time and energy in your role as a Board Member.

I would like to encourage each one of you that has taken the time to read each article in this month's newsletter to volunteer to pen a quick article for the next one coming out in March. We would love to hear from you and what your association does. It may be something that would be inspiring to others along the way. Start a new slogan "Bowl it Forward!". Who knows, it only takes a spark to get a fire burning!

My last push is a big thank you to the Coaches in our sport for the youth! I too started out as a Jr bowler in the AJBC league when I was 9. They were some of my best memories of bowling as I made lots of friends not only from my community, but from around the state of Virginia. I thank those Coaches for pushing me to never quit and keep on pushing to be the best at anything you do. It made a big impression on me and helped me to LOVE the sport of bowling. I kid with people all the time, "I never had to miss a league session because it got rained out! Maybe snowed out, but never rained out".

In closing, I hope each of you have a wonderful upcoming Holiday Season and that all your Bowling will be the best that you have ever had. Until next time, may your Lanes be Straight, and life never throw you any gutter balls!



[FSUSBC Annual Meeting & Tournaments](#)

[Toni Maddux](#)

The Florida State USBC Annual Meeting was held in Fort Myers at the Crowne Plaza with 123 voting delegates and 23 alternates, hosted by the Southwest Florida local association and the Lee County Sports Commission. Thank you all for making the Annual meeting a huge success. The 2024 Annual will be held in St. Petersburg/Clearwater at the Marriott, October 11, 12 and 13th. Gulf Coast USBC will host the meeting in 2024. Save the Date info update is already posted on the front page of our state website. **One change** for the Memorial Service for next year, we are sending out a form with the credentials form and asking each association to report their deceased members with a deadline, that way no one will be missed on winlabs. **The biggest change** in the coming year will be that the **Annual Youth luncheon will NOT be held in October** at the Annual meeting. The board approved moving the youth luncheon Awards and Hall of Fame Luncheon to July. The

luncheon will be held Saturday, July 27th at 11:30 in St. Petersburg at the St. Pete/Clearwater Marriott. This change will give the youth a better opportunity to attend since it is being held in the summer. The annual tournament awards and Hall of Fame event is always a great time and well attended and will continue to be held at the annual meeting. Flyers were handed out at the meeting for invitations to host the 2025 annual meeting, March 31st is the deadline for your association to submit applications. Check out the website for a form if you didn't pick one up.

The **2025** Tournament sites were awarded by a vote of the delegates at the recent annual meeting. The **OPEN** will be hosted by the Gulf Coast and Suncoast jointly, the **WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP** will be hosted by the Broward County USBC. The **YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP**, will be hosted by Lake County, in Tavares, **PEPSI** will be hosted by Tallahassee, the **MIXED MEMORIAL** will be hosted by Southwest Florida USBC, the **MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP** will be hosted by Broward County and the **Women's Senior** will be hosted by Lake County in Tavares.

Entries for the upcoming **2024 tournaments** are out, they were distributed at the annual meeting and are on our State website and should be at your local bowling centers. The **OPEN** will be in Polk County, the **PEPSI** will be in Lake County, the **Mixed** in Broward County, the **Youth** Championship will be co-hosted by the Greater Tampa USBC and East Pasco, the **Women's** Championship will be hosted by the Gulf Coast Association all in one center at Seminole, the **Senior Women's** will be in Southwest Florida. and the **Men's Championship** will be in Southwest Florida.

As your tournament's chairperson, I want to 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 list. \$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 2026 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 association will receive 75% 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.

In closing my report, I would like to say a BIG Thank you to all of our tournament directors that did an amazing job this past year, Dalia Keyes, Allen Solomon, Ashley Chisano, Debbie Whitten, and Bruce Combs. Tony Adkins, our new Association Manager will be the tournament director for the Open in 2024.

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

Tallahassee USBC

Michael Fleischacker



Hello fellow bowlers, my name is Michael Fleischacker, and I am the newly elected President of the Tallahassee USBC association. I am super excited not only being President but looking back at the past bowling season, I am proud of what we achieved.

This past season, Tallahassee hosted the 2023 Pepsi youth tournament over 5 weekends. This is the first time this community held any state tournament. The support for our community was amazing. I want to thank Leon County, Capital lanes and their employees, and all of the volunteers over the 5 weeks not only here from Tallahassee but also Allen Solomon and his team. To be able to award over \$105,000 in scholarships was amazing.

Besides the Pepsi tournament we had one of our youth bowlers compete in the state youth tournament and won all events. Another first for Tallahassee. We look forward to seeing Bradon Colaire receive his award at the state lunch banquet in October.

It does not stop there; Tallahassee now has high school bowling. With the assistance of Leon County school district, we now have 4 of our high schools holding matches and preparing to go to the district competition at the end of October.

I am excited for the upcoming season and what the future of bowling in Tallahassee.

The 2024 Pepsi Tournament will be held at Lakeside Lanes in Tavares for five weekends from March 16 through April 21. Over 2600 youth bowlers from every corner of Florida will participate in this year's event. Tavares is located in beautiful Lake County (www.visitlakefl.com), north of Orlando and south of Ocala.

Rules packets were emailed to centers and youth directors in late September. If you are, or have, a new youth director in your center please send your email address to Allen at beachbowlyouth@aol.com In-center house qualifying will take place during November and January. We would hate to have any Florida youth bowler miss out on this tournament opportunity as next year we will top \$100,000 in scholarship payouts again. The Pepsi Tournament is a USBC National event, sponsored by Pepsi, BPAA and Storm.

NOTICE: As always (only in Florida) former 1st Place Champions in any division are exempt from having to qualify for that tournament until they are no longer youth bowlers (even if they won while representing a different bowling center). A former champion will count toward the 1 in 4 ratio number but will be an automatic qualifier. The bowlers must be present and bowl on a qualifying day. *All entry fees for the appropriate division must still be paid.* If you are not sure and want to check if your bowler is a former champion, please send an email to Allen.

DIRECTORS NOTICE: There is an issue in BLS where it is putting kids into wrong Pepsi divisions. They released an update to fix it along with another Pepsi issue. The version needed is 36.02.06. Please get the update or you will have an issue!

Here we are in the last quarter of the year. Where has the time gone? We will be turning the clocks back shortly and it will be light when we get up and dark before people who work get home. Some day they may leave us one way or the other.

I had the pleasure of serving on the Annual Meeting Committee this year and there is a lot of "behind the scenes" work that goes into putting on the Annual Meeting. The Florida State USBC held the Annual Youth Luncheon, Induction of Youth Hall of Fame, Memorial Service, Meeting, Election of Officers and Directors, Awards Dinner, Induction of Adult

Hall of Fame recipients and Tournament Bid Selection on October 14-15, 2023, at the Crowne Plaza at Bell Tower in Ft. Myers, Florida. It was a busy weekend. Unfortunately, the number of delegates has continued to decline over the years as has the number of certified bowlers in the State of Florida. There are many factors that contribute to the decline - health of the bowlers, the number of senior bowlers that are choosing not to certify (if they do not bowl tournaments) and the distance to the various meeting locations. The minority are making decisions for the majority. USBC has seen an increase in the number of certified bowlers overall which is a positive factor. Hopefully, in the future Florida will see an increase in the number of delegates that attend their State Meeting.

The attendance at the Youth Luncheon was the biggest I have seen in several years. The Youth State and Pepsi winners were presented with their plaques as their SMART funds have already been deposited in their account. The Youth Hall of Fame inductees credentials were outstanding to say the least. It will be interesting to see what their accomplishments are as they move into the collegiate and adult leagues and tournaments.

I also had the pleasure of serving as the Chair of the Nominating Committee this year. The delegation elected the following to represent the bowlers of the State of Florida for the next 3 years: Larry Butler, 1st Vice President, Portia Adkins, Bruce Combs, Margo Buzzard, Bobby Taylor, Daniel Higham and Kevin Summers as Directors. Tony Adkins and Debbie Whitten were elected as the USBC National Delegates to attend the USBC Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 22 to 25, 2024. Alternate National Delegates elected are Fred McFarland and Toni Maddux.

Newsletter article awards were presented to the writers who contribute to the State Newsletter (March, June and November) and I received a second place for Outstanding Association Article and a first place for Best Overall Writer. What a nice surprise.

Anyone can submit articles to the State for the newsletter. Bowlers want to know what is going on all around the State so pick up a pen (or sit down at your computer) and share the news in your area - you could win an award next year.

There was no legislation this year so we must, as a Board, be doing something right.

Highlights of high games and series for the State in 2023 has Vito Sisto, of Marion County, with the High Scratch Series of 890 for which he will receive a merit award from the State of Florida. He also holds the Marion County USBC City Record for men for this

accomplishment.

Rita Rice, of Marion County, won the breast cancer bowling ball and was presented with it at the awards dinner. Way to go Marion County.

As a recap in 2024 the Annual Meeting and all the festivities will take place at the St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater October 11-13, 2024. In 2024 the State Tournaments will be held on the following dates and at the following locations:

Pepsi - March 16 to April 21 (weekends only - no bowling March 30-31) in Tavares

Mixed Memorial - April 6-7 and 13-14 in Ft. Lauderdale

Open Tournament - May 4 through June 23 in the Polk County area

Women's Tournament - May 18 through June 2 in St. Petersburg

Men's Championship - October 26-27, November 2 through 17 in Ft. Myers

Youth Scholarship - June 1 through 16 in Tampa/East Pasco

Senior Women - October 19-20 and 26-27 in Ft. Myers

Guest speakers at the 2023 Annual Meeting were Darlene Baker, former President of USBC and now the BVL Ambassador for USBC. She spoke on this year's theme "Johnny P Bowl For Veterans" celebrating 50 Years of service by Johnny Petraglia pro bowler and Viet Nam Vet. Darlene showed a video highlighting BVL and all the programs that BVL supports.

November is designated BVL month. League secretaries should pass the hat or a bucket or a barrel to collect donations and send them to either your local veterans' hospitals and rehab centers or send your donation directly to the FSUSBC Association Manager who will forward them to BVL. Contact Darlene Baker for more information. Speaking of passing the hat the delegates at the annual meeting donated a little over \$600 for BVL!! Way to go bowlers.

Winners of the various State Tournaments were presented with their plaques at the Awards Dinner and the Hall of Fame Inductees accomplishments were shared with the attendees at the Awards Dinner and presented with their plaques. There were some tears and a lot of applause for their contributions to the sport of bowling.

David Fields, Florida's USBC Field Representative gave his presentation covering the 2023 USBC National Convention, legislation, increase in membership, Why I Certify, lane certification and string pin certification. As always David had the audience laughing.

As a member of the Tournament Committee, we review the bids submitted by the various

associations with backing by the centers in their area to present to the delegation for voting. This year the Annual Meeting wrapped up with voting for the tournament locations in 2025 and the winning bids go to:

- Pepsi - Tallahassee USBC
- Mixed - Southwest Florida USBC
- Open - Gulf Coast USBC/Suncoast USBC
- Women - Broward County USBC
- Youth - Discover Lake County
- Senior Women - Discover Lake County
- Men's Championship - Broward County USBC

The next newsletter articles will be due by March 1, 2024, so put on your writing cap and start marking notes about what is going on in your area so you can share with the bowlers of the State of Florida.

In Marion County our local association held the Annual Membership Meeting in May and attendance was less than the year before. Unsure why the bowlers complain about this and that or have questions that should be directed to their local association members; however, when they are given the chance to ask questions or bring suggestions (or criticism) to the local association they don't show up or sit in the meeting and do nothing. If the bowlers are not willing to speak up, then they do not need to complain. The annual league secretaries' workshop was held on August 5, 2023, where the league secretaries were given their league packets and other information necessary to hold their respective organizational meetings to floor their leagues. Not much had changed except that USBC is now certifying "string pin" bowling. At this point in time this does not affect the bowlers of Marion County as we do not (and probably will not have) string pin centers. The association hired a new Association Manager, Glee Lagasse and she was introduced to the officers at the meeting.

Local tournaments will be starting in November with the Senior Open and after the first of the year the Youth City Tournament, the Open City Tournament and the Women's City Tournament will follow wrapping up in March 2024, in time for the local delegates to prepare to attend the USBC Convention in Las Vegas.

Wrapping up the year I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. More to come in March 2024.



Florida 500 Club

Kim Britt

Hello from the Florida 500 Club.

We just held our 33rd Annual Doubles/Singles Tournament in Naples. We would like to thank Bowland Beacon for hosting our tournament at their bowling Center. We held our annual meeting and had a great time with celebratory revelry as we presented the awards for last year's winners of the 32nd Annual Tournament to Linda Myers and Linda Brooks. Some of you might recognize their names as they were the winners of the National Tournament last year as well.

The theme for this year's event was "A Night at the Zoo". We held our banquet at the Hawthorne Suites by Wyndham, a huge thank you to Crystal Larson for helping us make the event possible. The "animals" were wide in range, the costumes were fabulous, we had great food, great music and wonderful sisterhood.

This year's Singles winner is Edith Regan and the Doubles winners are Barbara Pollock and Patricia Guyton - congratulations ladies and thank you to all of the other participants.

Mark your calendars and save the dates for the 34th Annual Doubles/Singles Tournament to be hosted by the Tampa 500 Club, October 18-20, 2024. The hosting bowling center will be Lane Glo South in New Port Richey and the host hotel will be the Residence Inn by Marriott in Lutz, FL. Please watch for follow up postings regarding booking information.

Orlando Regional USBC

Pamela Watson

Hello Bowlers!

In Orlando we have been a bit busy through the summer as we hosted the Florida State Youth Tournament at Boardwalk Bowl for 3 weekends in June 2023. It was refreshing to see the parents, coaches, and friends coming out to give support and encouragement to the kids while they competed. I worked on the floor mostly during those weekends

gathering scores for brackets, assisting with lane issues, and passing out awards. I had a parent ask me to take a picture with the child as I presented them with their pin! I said absolutely – I presented the child with their award, took the picture, and gave them a CONGRATULATIONS – GOOD JOB! It was a pleasure to watch our future generation of bowlers!

Speaking of an AMAZING YOUTH – we had one of our own Youth bowlers shoot 856 series in youth league at Oviedo Lanes on October 21st , with a 300 game – Richard Dannelly Jr. – Congratulations and Awesome bowling! Richard attends Winter Springs High School and bowled this during the Oviedo Radical Rollers youth league. These kids coming up in the sport of bowling are going to be AMAZING bowlers! Two handers & One handers they ALL are great kids with a lot of talent! This is the future of bowling!

Went to Ft Myers the first weekend of June for the Florida State Women’s Tournament and had a great time and bowled WELL! This tournament is always a GIRL’S TRIP with lots of laughs, FUN, and alcohol (of course)! Our teams did well and quite a few of us cashed \$\$\$! Ft Myers beach is still in the rebuilding stage after Hurricane Ian, but they have made great progress thus far. It was a great time and a pleasure to help their economy during this recovery process.

For bowlers around the state the TOURNAMENT SEASON is quickly approaching! Come join us in one of our tournaments that we are hosting in Orlando (youth, women, and men).

Orlando Regional USBC Tournament Schedule:

Youth City Championship

*Boardwalk Bowl in Orlando, Florida
January 20-21, 2024
\$20 per event

Women’s Championship Tournament

*Lakeside Lanes in Tavares, Florida
February 17-18, 2024
\$45 per event

JJ Garrett Memorial Tournament

*Aloma Lanes in Winter Park, Florida (Dbls./Sgls.) and Airport Lanes in Sanford, Florida (Team)
April 6-7, 13-14, 2024
\$45 per event

So, now the fall season of bowling is upon us, and we are getting ready for the HOLIDAYS! Lots of parties, family gatherings, and bowling tournaments! I hope everyone has AMAZING HOLIDAYS! I wish you many strikes as you bowl in your leagues and tournaments for the season!

Remember to just be AMAZING in everything you do! Because YOU ARE AMAZING!

Youth Leaders

Victoria Fleming



On October 15th, we held our annual Florida State Youth Leadership board meeting. During this meeting, there were 9 new directors brought in that represent many different counties throughout the state and a new Sergeant of Arms, Vice President, and President. Our new Sergeant of Arms is Patrick Waters, Vice President is Mitchell Stuart, and President is Victoria Fleming. This year's meeting has once again changed the rules for the Landen Tournament being held at Jenson Beach Bowl on January 13th through the 14th. There has been a separation for the A squad to have divisions for both boys and girls. This year's Landen Tournament has also been dedicated to Mr. Ryan Waters for all of his hard work and dedication to this sport and for our youth. There has also been talk about moving our annual meeting and lunch-in towards the end of July or early August to try and have more youth join our state youth board. Aside from the Landen Tournament, another major focus was raising money for the BVL. We had discussed that different houses holding tournaments could add a \$10 buy-in (\$5 going towards prize funds, \$4 going towards the BVL, and \$1 going towards expenses). We're really looking forward to meeting and exceeding our goals for this year.

Greetings from the Greater Tampa USBC President Bill Walker, Association Manager Dalia Keyes and the Entire Board of Directors. We have kicked off the 2023-2024 Season and wish everyone a Season filled with lots of strikes and good times.

On behalf of our entire Association, we send our Prayers and Sympathies to the bowling families in Maine, and we pray that nothing like this senseless tragedy ever happens again.

At our last meeting in August, President Walker thanked the board members and volunteers who gave their time and effort to help at the State Tournament. Running this event truly is a team effort.

Our Association Website is undergoing a massive update. Please make sure to check us out at www.greatertampausbca.com. In the next year, we plan on having a complete rehaul to become more user friendly and trendy. We also plan on implementing a link to send all the user traffic to our new site.

The 2023-2024 Association Tournaments will be held after the new year, starting with the Youth the last two weekends in January, the Women's in February and the Open in April.

We also Welcomed, Mai Walker on the Board as a Director.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season and we wish everyone the best of health and happiness in 2024!

EVFC USBC evolved from the Daytona Beach USBC, the Daytona Beach WBA and the Flagler County Bowling Association back in the 2012/2013 season.

We are now all together under East Volusia Flagler County, USBC working towards the same goal. To continue the fun of the sport of bowling and promote new ones to the game.

Current count of members 1723

3 Centers – Palm Coast Lanes

Ormond Lanes

New Smyrna Lanes

In these 3 centers combined we stand strong at 25 total adult leagues which combined have 450 teams of bowlers. 6 Youth leagues with a total of 66 teams. Our Youth has had some strong successes over the past 2 seasons. Our local Seabreeze High School Girls Team was crowned 21-22 State Champions. Jayne Juhasz garnered the U-12 Singles, Doubles and All Events Championship Titles this past Summer in Junior Gold.

Our Board is continually working to make our Association a strong community that promotes our bowlers and their accomplishments.

It has been such a great pleasure and honor to serve this association as its Association Manager. I have met so many wonderful people and made just as many new friends. I would also like to thank my Local League Secretaries for their hard work in managing their leagues.

As I, and our Board, look forward for the future of the East Volusia Flagler County USBC, we envision continued growth, a better understanding of what enhancements, tournaments, other options to keep the excitement that even challenges our bowlers, and our youth. I encourage our bowlers to give us your ideas that you would like to see to promote the sport of bowling.

IT'S ALL ABOUT WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE BOWLING STRONGER!!



[Sarasota-Manatee USBC](#)

[Cecilia Butler](#)

Greetings from the Sarasota-Manatee USBC. I trust your association had a great start to the 2023-2024 bowling season. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the community of Lewiston Maine where a mass shooting began at Just-In-Time Recreation Center. May no other center have such a tragedy occur in their community!

Speaking of communities, the SMCBA participates in three community projects on a yearly basis. The one most bowlers are familiar with is the Boot Collection for BVL. It always occurs around Veteran's Day in the month of November. Board members and

Bowling Hall of Fame members collect donations from all leagues in our centers. Later the symbolic check is hand delivered to Bay Pines Veteran's Hospital.

Many years ago Janelle Hardin brought the concept of a 102 Club to our area. It has evolved into the 102/202 Club. Here's how it works: If you bowl a score of 102 or 202 in any frame of your game a monetary donation is appreciated. Some leagues set out envelopes on each pair of lanes for this, some simply hand the donations to a person in their league. The bottom line is that at the end of the season all money collected is turned over to the association manager. The board picks a charity that serves children and or disabled adults to donate the funds too. The money really adds up, usually a single dollar at a time! This past season we gave \$1,000.00 to Suncoast Charities For Children.

In recent years we have participated in a project supported in part by Crown Royal. Packages From Home is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Their mission is to send care and comfort packages to deployed American Troops. To date we have sent over 2,300 bags to this program at no cost to the association. A representative from your board simply signs up to participate, follow the directions given and wait for the prepaid shipping label to arrive by email. Sometimes it arrives quickly, sometimes it may take a couple of weeks to come in. Next step is to print label and take the package to UPS for shipping.

As you can guess these projects takes a little time and effort to accomplish, but knowing how much you have helped others truly is the only reward you need.

Thanks for reading this article. I hope it has inspired you to try a new project in your area. I would enjoy reading how your association helps their community. Perhaps it will inspire someone else too.

[Greater Miami USBC](#)

[Sharon Colon](#)

Greetings to all. We actually had a few days of cooler weather this week and Fall has started. After having the hottest summer of the century, it was so nice to go outside and enjoy ourselves again. It will help us re-energize ourselves as we get ready for Thanksgiving celebrations, Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanza, and etc.

Our association has already had a few tournaments and we look forward to more of them in the near future. If the turnout for these is even close to what we had for our Roll for the Cure Tournament (about 150 participants) we will have a banner year.

Last month some of us were able to attend the State Annual Meeting in Ft. Myers. Even though our numbers seemed smaller than in the past, it was nice to see so many others that attended for the first time this year. All seemed to go smoothly except for some computer glitches which usually seem to crop up at these things. It was nice to meet old friends, share ideas, meet the new association manager and vote in board members (old and new). Thanks go to all who made the meeting a success.

A Name from the Past and the Future. It seems that bowling is getting more television time lately. Recently I was watching a team challenge tournament that included some of the best bowlers around and was happy to see that Parker Bohn III was participating. He was one of the most consistent in the bunch and the announcers kept mentioning his age with awe in their voices. Parker and his wife have 3 children and they are all following in his footsteps. Not too long ago they set a record for having three members in their family win prestigious tournaments within a period of 10 days. One of his sons was recently appointed a member of Team USA and now Parker's daughter, Sydney, is giving advice to Parker concerning equipment changes enabling him to finish strong and win a tournament. Parker has always supported youth bowling and he sponsors a tournament every year for them in New Jersey. While on the regular PBA tour, he won the award for good sportsmanship three different times and certainly sets a great example. One interesting fact I learned while researching Parker and his family was pretty interesting.

It seems that while bowling a tournament he made friends with another bowler who congratulated Parker on his fine family. He indicated that was one thing he was missing in life because his wife was unable to conceive a baby. Parker felt sorry for him and afterwards spoke with his wife about helping out the man and his wife. They decided that Leslie Bohn could carry and deliver the couple's child after an in vitro procedure was performed. Nine months later they welcomed their child into this world. I think they should have given Leslie a good sportsmanship award for that.

Bowling is going great down here with multiple honor scores and personal bests happening every week. We hope this trend continues throughout the year.

Have a wonder holiday season and as always

May the Best Scores be Yours!

2023 Patsy Wedding Scholarship Winners (\$1,000 each)

William Auriemma	Martin County USBC
Madison Colston	Gulf Coast USBC
Christopher Falcon-Molina	Orlando Regional USBC
Christopher Ferrer	Gr Miami USBC
Ryan Funk	Tallahassee USBC
Samantha Gardenhouse	Southwest Florida USBC
Timothy McCall	Tallahassee USBC
Immanuel Martin	Space Coast USBC
Devin Richards	Southwest Florida USBC
Katherine Severin	Orlando Regional USBC
Celina Torres-Rios	Gr Tampa USBC
Alexandra Welch	First Coast USBC

2023 JJ Garrett Memorial Scholarship Winner (\$1,000)

Timothy McCall	Tallahassee USBC
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When you think of going to the bowling alley, you immediately think of great times, laughs and trying your best to keep the ball out of that darn gutter. Some even consider their local center as their “happy place” or “sacred grounds.” It is cliché, but walking into your local leagues is somewhere where “everybody knows your name and are always glad you came.” The bowling community is a family, always waiting to welcome new members. When you fall on hard times, the bowlers will pick you up. People often ask, “Why do you want to hang out at the bowling center?” The answer is quite simple-it is my home! When you need to decompress, you stop by and have a drink and some conversation. I can speak from experience on the genuine nature of bowlers. When I lost my home and all its belongings in Superstorm Sandy in 2012, my bowling friends all over the United States stepped up and helped my family get back on our feet. I even met my husband at the bowling alley, so I can truly say, I love the lanes.

With all the chaos and bedlam going on in this world, your local bowling center was always a place to escape life-even for only a few hours. Sadly, that all changed on October 25, 2023, when a gunman walked into a bowling alley and bar in Lewiston, Maine and took

the lives of 18 innocent souls. We as a country are not new to experiencing this kind of tragedy. Schools, churches, and employment sites have often been the grounds where we have heard of these senseless killings. But when someone walks into one of our bowling alleys and takes the lives of innocents, we must reluctantly accept that our home away from home is no longer in the clear. The victims, all of them were great people. Everyone, you could call a friend. A bowling center manager, an employee and long-time coach and volunteer were amongst the deceased. We did not know them personally, but in all honesty, we did. Any one of them could have been me or you or any of the bowling community and that is why this hurts so much.

Life will go on and sadly as I type this, I am reading about another mass shooting at a Halloween party last night, right here in my hometown of Tampa. It is thoroughly heartbreaking that the world has become desensitized to these heinous crimes. Another day, another shooting. As bowlers, we feel this devastation deep down into our souls. I can almost guarantee from this day on, every single bowler in our community has changed their way of thinking in regard to their home centers. Now, they will put their balls on the rack, their shoes on their feet and locate the quickest and safest exit, just in case. Our sport has allowed us to be competitive, recreational and bring your family for fun times. Please do not ever lose those wonderful feelings and memories. Just remember all the good times and pray that the Lewiston, Maine tragedy never happens again. God Bless the Bowlers Everywhere.



[Space Coast USBC](#)

[Buncy Reynoso](#)

The Space Coast USBC BA welcomes everyone back to a new bowling season 2023-2024.

The association has a new association manager. Let's welcome Penny Boudreau to the bowling family. She has been with the local association member since the 1980's and bowls on several leagues during the bowling season. The association office has a new

office to better service our local bowlers and help the association board members with access to association materials.

AWARDS

What a way to begin the 2023-2024 bowling season!

Adult bowlers shooting 300 Games to start the bowling league season and two youth bowlers shooting two 300 games one week apart. We reflect on what the Space Coast USBC BA has given out during 2022-2023 season. Reminder that these awards and the three (3) youth scholarships given out every year are supplemented by the Football Craaz Fundraiser, Buck-a-Duck, Brackets, Ways & Means and donations. For the 2022-2023 season for the youth awards the association gave out 643 awards. For the adults it was 2996 awards. We are currently on track to have another great year for awards to our local bowlers.

Bowling Accessories Changes with the Times

Coming to a bowling center with your bowling equipment, either for league or tournaments, has evolved over the years and especially the last few years. If you mention brands like Linds, Dexter, KR Strikeforce, Brunswick you start to think of bowling shoes. If you mention Storm, Hammer, Roto Grip, DV8, Motiv, 900 Global, Brunswick you start to think of bowling balls. What does DeWalt, Milwaukee, Ryobi, Makita, Rigid and Craftsman have in common? These are name brands of battery-operated fans. It is now a common occurrence to see these fans at leagues and tournaments. It is very apparent that the comfort of the bowlers is needed during bowling as the bowling center's ceiling fans are not enough for some bowlers to be cooled down and especially here in Florida where the humidity is high. This is where the battery-operated fans come in handy.

So, the next time you are at Home Depot or Lowes and stop by the power tools, just look at the fans that are available. You just might need to pick one out for your league or tournament. Just think, getting bowling accessories that you need from a hardware store and not at a bowling pro shop.

On your next scheduled league, look around and see. Coming into the bowling center, the usual bowling ball bag and look for the battery-operated fans. Bowling accessories have changed from back in the day to now.

Just don't forget to recharge your fan batteries before the next league or tournament.

The 58th Annual Florida State Youth Scholarship Tournament began on June 4, 2023, and ended June 18, 2023.

The Orlando Regional USBC Association did a terrific job and a special thanks goes out to them. Special thanks to board members Toni Maddux, Ryan Waters and Tim Andersen for volunteering to help out as well as Youth Leader President Patrick Waters. Thanks also to Cathy & Peyton Vogel for all their help.

Entries were up from the previous year to over 300 due to the fact that we were at Boardwalk Entertainment Center.

Now for good news, we awarded \$60,069 in scholarship funds as well as \$8520.00 from brackets for a total of \$68,589.00.

Once again, we had fantastic scores and had several 300's as well as several 11-Row and 800 Series.

We hope you will join us next year for our 59th Annual Tournament hosted by Greater Tampa USBC and East Pasco USBC. The tournament will be at Pin Chasers Midtown and East Pasco.



First and foremost, I would like to congratulate our 2022-2023 Newsletter Award winners:

Best Feature Article

1st Place – James Stickler

2nd Place – Chrissy Lee

3rd Place – Buncy Reynoso

Best Local Association Award

1st Place – Pam Watson

2nd Place – Debbie Whitten

3rd Place – Jennifer Biggs

Best New Venture

1st Place – Chrissy Lee

2nd Place – James Stickler

3rd Place – Jennifer Biggs

Best Overall Writer

1st Place – Debbie Whitten

2nd Place – Krissy Stewart

3rd Place – Sharon Colon

I would like to thank those that sent an article for our newsletter. I hope that everyone enjoys reading them. Please remember that anyone can submit an article. I was pleased to see that we have a couple of new writers this time and hope to see more! The next deadline is Feb. 1, 2024.

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

