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Dear Bowler,

We are half way thru January, how are those New Year's resolutions coming? Hope one of them was to bowl in our tournaments.

State Office News

Happy New Year!

It's Tournament time - in your local, the national and yes, YOUR STATE.

This year's tournament will be held in Bay City and it will be the 90th - a time to celebrate a milestone!

If you have not yet entered - there are still some limited openings - we have room for teams on most weekends, but doubles/singles are limited - primarily to either the beginning or the end of the tournament. We have added a 6 pm squad to the weekend of May 6th and a Friday night squad (if they are needed) to both of the last two weekends.

The deadline has passed, so it will cost you \$5 a person more to enter, but call us - we would love to have you join us!

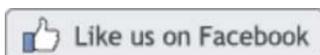
We will again be [partnering with Brunswick](#) to offer you a ball raffle on each squad of the tournament and again part of the proceeds from this raffle will go to support our charity - BVL.

And for those of you hearing rumors.....

NO this is NOT the last WOMEN'S tournament! Despite the coming



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merger - the ONLY way it will go away is if women do not support it..... so it is up to EACH OF YOU! Women need to support WOMEN'S events!

A list of [deadline reminders](#) is included in this newsletter - please take time to review them and get those needed applications in on time.

And yes, there will still be an election this year - the office of 1st Vice President and Directors 4-7 are to be elected at this year's annual meeting. Candidate forms will be mailed to each association later this month. They will also be posted on our website at michiganwba.com.

A couple of additional reminders

[1099MISC](#)

With the new year underway, it's important for associations to remember they must file a form 1099MISC with the Internal Revenue Service. The 1099MISC is used to report ANY compensation (\$600 or greater) to any individual that is not an employee of the association. This is a cumulative total and not based on individual events. The deadline to provide each recipient with their 1099MISC is January 31.

[Transition \(mergers\)](#)

If you haven't already started your dialogue with your BA and Youth associations in your area - you need to get started - August 1st of 2018 will be here before you know it and these discussions take time if all the bowlers are to be considered and treated fairly. And once you have a plan in place, you will need an organizational meeting to elect your new board and officers. So, if you need to get that started, please do so today!

[One last item](#).....if you know of anyone who is not taking the time to read this newsletter, please encourage them to do so.....this is our best way to communicate directly to YOU - our member. And if someone does not have email, please print and share.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the tournament!

Mark your calendars

[Dates to remember :](#)

February 1st- Scholarship Applications due- Link below...

[Scholarship forms](#)

Hint- Hint kids....this is FREE money!

February 14- Valentine Day

February 18th- MWBA Tournament opens

January and February - National 600 Mail-O-Graphic tournament

March 1st- Delegate Credentials due

April 24-27- USBC Convention in Las Vegas

April 26th- Midwest entries are due

April 23- July 9 - USBC Championship tournament in Baton Rouge, LA

May 4th- State Senior Entries are due and tournament begins

June 9 and 10th - State Annual Meeting- Sterling Heights

BVL

[BVL Celebrates 75 Years of Service to America's Veterans](#)

In 1942 America, the war effort was in full swing; individuals and organizations were coalescing around the troops, and one unique organization was being formed by a favorite American sport: Bowling.

Seventy-five years ago, officials representing every facet of the sport of bowling met to coordinate efforts to support the troops -- bringing together all the sport's integers to provide the most complete approach to the campaign. Thus, BVL, then known as "The Bowlers Victory Legion" was born.

BVL's first Administrator, A. L. "Ebby" Ebersole noted in the minutes of that meeting:

"The Bowlers Victory Legion was organized on September 26, 1942 at the American Bowling Congress (ABC) office in Milwaukee when all segments of the bowling family met to unify their support of the war bond sales and other service-oriented endeavors such as the Red Cross and the USO. Besides ABC, the gathering included representatives of the Women's International Bowling Congress, the High School Bowling Congress, the National Duckpin Bowling Congress, the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America, the Billiard and Bowling Institute of America and the Candlepin and Rubberband Duckpin Groups and manufacturers.

E. H. Baumgarten of ABC was elected chairman and A. L. Ebersole of the Duckpin Bowling Congress the vice chairman."

-- A.L. Ebersole

Hall of Fame- Grand Rapids

Cherylle Secl-Cross

For one who likes to stay out of the limelight, but does so much for bowling, it is indeed difficult not to "heap" accolades on Cherylle. She has been bowling since 9, and has continually worked on improvement. A 300 game came in 2006 and in 2012 she "almost" repeated with a 297.

She was named to her first All City team in 1983, and has been named to several others since, including both the regular and the senior divisions. She has won numerous tournaments throughout her bowling career. She has won the City Mixed Doubles with Rich Smith in 2015. Cherylle has had a career high average of 208.

But it is not just for her bowling ability that the Greater Grand Rapids Hall of Fame committee selected her as their honoree; she also has given back to bowling for many years. She has been a member for 31 years, and served as secretary for the Grand Rapids WBA for 17 years. Since the merger, she has served 10 years as association manager of the Greater Grand Rapids USBC. She is a member of the Grand Rapids Bowling Council and Secretary/ Treasurer for the local Hall of Fame.

Cherylle has been a Grand Rapids Delegate to the WIBC/USBC national convention many times as well as serving as a delegate for the Michigan State USBC WBA. She also has had the Clare workshop high on her list of things to do, and has attend many.

Cherylle has worked with the Grand Rapids Convention Bureau and the West Michigan Sports Commission assisting with the State tournament bid for both the Men (open) and Women's tournaments. To top everything off, Cherylle has another "full" time job with Spectrum Health

For her value is not measured in dollars and cents. The richness of league bowling can be counted in the close lifetime friendships she has made.

Without a doubt Cherylle is truly deserving of this recognition.



Congratulations on your induction into the Grand Rapids Bowling Hall of Fame.

600 Mail-o-graphic Tournament

LAST CHANCE.....TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Are YOU a 600 Club Member?

Michigan Bowlers! We have been challenged to beat North Dakota for the state with the most entrants in the National 600 Club Mail-o-Graphic Tournament. They won last year with only 92 entries -

We CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT!!

Use your league scores and have a chance to win prize money. Cost is only \$10 per division.

Submit your entry by January 17th and use your scores from your league competition from January 23 through February 12th.

Link for you to print an entry:

[Mail-o-graphic 600 tournament](#)

OR see our website at www.michiganwba.com for an entry

1. Who can enter?

Any National 600 Club member. If not a member, submit application with entry form. Also must be a USBC member.

2. Where is tournament?

This is the good part. You don't have to travel. You use league scores. Can't go wrong.

3. When is tournament?

January 23 - February 12, 2017. This is for 3 weeks but you use your highest series from that 3 week period. So, you get 3 chances for every entry. What other tournament does that?

4. What is the cost?

It is \$10.00 per league per division. Example: If you qualify for the senior division or the super senior division and you bowl in just one league and you want to enter those scores in both a regular division and a senior division, it would be \$20.00. But if you only want to enter one of the divisions, it would be \$10.00.

5. Is the tournament scratch or handicap?

Here is another good thing for this tournament. There is a division for everyone. It is handicap but we added a scratch division last year. So we have 6 divisions.

Division SCR - Scratch Division

Division A - 180 average and above with handicap

Division B - 179 thru 165 inclusive with handicap

Division C - 164 and under average with handicap

Division S - Ages 55-69 with handicap (Proof of age required)

Division SS - Age 70 and over with handicap (Proof of age required)

6. What average do I use?

The average you use is the average as of date of participation. So when I receive your scores and your recap sheet (which is required), I use the average that is on the recap.

7. What is the handicap used for this tournament?

Handicap is 90% of the difference of 235 less your average.

8. What is the pay ratio?

Prize fund is returned 100% and will be based on at least one cash award for every five entries

LET'S DO THIS.....

State Tournament- Open

The Michigan State USBC Bowling Association 114th Open Championship Tournament started January 7th at Airport Lanes in Jackson and runs through May 7. The unique thing about this tournament is this year they are running it in one house. This is the first time a state tournament has made that choice, and unfortunately with the closing of more bowling centers, it may be something that is in the future of state tournaments. Airport lanes, the Jackson board, and of course the association manager, Dick Loughlin and his "crew" are up for the challenges in running this tournament in one center.

Transition/merger committee

Special Thanks to Mike Larsen and Mark Martin with USBC for meeting with the committee in December. It was a very informative meeting, with many questions being answered. One of the misunderstandings that was cleared up was that associations that are now taking their youth, **will not** have to "re-charter". Bylaws will have to be changed and approved by your bowlers.

Again, if your association is in need of help, please contact your state office, there are board members that will attend your meetings, we will do our best to get answers to your questions. Please do not wait too long, let's do what is best for our bowlers.

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