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Dear Merry,

Summer is on the horizon so get out the sun screen!

MWBA State meeting

If your association was not represented at the Women's State Meeting you missed:

1. Hearing from the other bowling integers
2. Hearing about the rule changes at nationals that affect your bowlers
3. Learning more about the mergers

Attending the delegate reception

1. Detroit Sport Theme
2. Great food and entertainment
3. Giveaways for the delegates
4. Getting an orange Tiger hat from the Detroit association
5. meeting our bidding cities- Lansing and Battle Creek

Attending the meeting

1. Voting
2. Getting to pick where we go in 2019
3. Reports
4. collecting for the BVL -helping our veterans

Attending the awards banquet

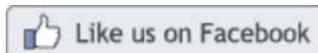
....again great food, where we:



- 1.Honored our Hall of Fame, Scholarships and Association Manager of the year recipients
- 2.Applauded our tournament winners and champions
- 3.Greeted some of our past tournament honorees
- 4.Enjoyed a gift from the MWBA for our 90th Tournament.

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Michigan State Hall of Fame

This year's Hall of Fame inductee for Superior Performance is Michelle Keirns.

Michelle started her bowling career with other things in mind. At the age of five and for almost the next two decades Michelle bowled as a way to spend time with her family. In fact, this new Hall of Famer went to college as a softball player.

As part of a bowling family, this Jackson native bowled and excelled in the sport enough to bowl in Michigan Junior Masters Association tournaments. She even won an MJMA tournament in 1999 at Novi Bowl. That same year she became a state youth champion in doubles competition. After college and starting a career as an accountant she still only bowled as an activity. Things changed however, when Michelle met Tanisha Burris in 2008.

The pair started to travel and bowl in tournaments on the weekends.

The tournaments have included the Rip 10 Women's Series, PWBA regional stops, and the USBC Queens. They are also members of several leagues in several associations. Michelle is currently an association member of Lansing, Greater Jackson, and Metro Detroit. Michelle has also been a member of Battle Creek, Kalamazoo BA, and bowled a summer league in Greater Grand Rapids. For her efforts she has been named to all-city teams in Jackson (2009- 2016), Lansing (2013 & 2014), and Detroit (2014). Michelle has won local Queens Titles in Jackson (2008 & 2010), Lansing (2011), and Detroit (2013).



In local association championship tournament play Michelle holds titles in the Lansing USBC for Actual Team (2012, 2014, 2015, and 2016) and Actual All-Events (2012, 2015) and Metro Detroit Actual Team (2014). In state association tournament play Michelle holds titles in Doubles (2013, 2014) and Team (2013). In 2011, Michelle won the Michigan State USBC WBA Queens title and has continued to be a consistent top competitor in that tournament.

To round out her bowling resume Michelle has thirteen 300 games to her credit. Two of those 300 games were bowled on the same day on October 18, 2008 during Sport League competition. In addition, to the 300's Michelle has seven more games of eleven in a row. She has three 800 series with the highest being 818. The most impressive statistic for this new Hall of Fame inductee is she has averaged 220 or more for a decade. Her highest average of 230 was established in 2013 at Pro Bowl West in Lansing.

Bowling is still a family affair for Michelle. At tournaments you will spot family members rooting her on and now Aunt Michelle can be spotted rooting for her two nieces on the lanes. Michelle has come a long way from the five year old bumper bowler at Jackson's Bowl-A-Rama. Congratulations, Michelle on your well-deserved induction into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

Shirley Bowman

We honor her with an induction into the Michigan State USBC Women's



Bowling Association **Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service**

Shirley Bowman is a lady who likes to keep a low profile. She quietly goes about the business side of bowling with little fanfare. She has however been involved in the business of running a bowling association for over forty years. This Traverse City native was a working single mother when she started her bowling career. In 1960, Shirley met and married Les Bowman and had a son. A couple of years later the new family moved to Muskegon which included Shirley's older daughter. Shirley continued to work and bowl in her new hometown. It was in Muskegon that she became involved in the business side of bowling as a league secretary. As league secretary she attended the association meeting and she became involved in the Muskegon association as a director. The family decided to move back to Traverse City in the mid 70's. The bowling obsession continued with Shirley bowling a high of five times a week. Before long Shirley joined the board in Traverse City. During her tenure with the Traverse City Women's Bowling Association she served as a director, 2nd vice president, 1st vice president, and president. In 2008, Shirley termed out of the new Traverse City USBC WBA. Among her proudest accomplishments during her time on the TC Board included helping start up the Traverse City Hall of Fame. She was inducted into that Hall of Fame in 2001.



In 1999, Shirley began her role as Director #2 on the Michigan Women's Bowling Association Board. During her time on the Michigan Women's Board she has been a member of Hall of Fame, Delegate Reception and Luncheon, Champion Awards Banquet, Tournament Rules, and Awards and Services. In addition, Shirley serves as the Honorarium Chair on the board.

In 2001, Shirley was appointed to the Michigan State YABA Board of Directors. She has served since that time as the Northern A Director. On the youth board her committee assignments have included Schildroth Invitational Tournament, State Recognition Programs, and Nominating. She rotates as the chair of Nominating.

Shirley can be found at both championship tournaments each year as a worker bee. She does not seek the spotlight but goes about the business of getting the job at hand done. All who meet Shirley are greeted with a warm smile and a friendly word. Her gentle soul has been an asset to both boards.

Shirley also has a long history of charitable work in the Traverse City area. Not one to sit on her hands she started working with the Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency on their Meals on Wheels program. In 2001, she started as a site facilitator at the Traverse City site. The site services several counties in northwest Michigan. Shirley has since retired from the daily duties as site director but now drives for the program. She drives three days a week but offers her services as a substitute the other two days. Shirley's route on Mondays is a 77 mile round trip to her Meals on Wheels recipients.

For fun Shirley still bowls league sporting a 146 average and she travels to tournaments. She has bowled 42 WIBC/USBC Tournaments and has bowled state tournaments since 1958. Shirley can be seen annually at the Midwest Women's and with her Hall of Fame partner Sue McCormick at the Michigan Seniors each year.

National Queen's bowlers

We have always said the State Queens is a marathon not just a tournament....so we applaud these ladies as they challenged themselves to bowl in an even more difficult tournament, the National Queens.

Pictured on the right: Katie Bishop, Julie Ozcepek, and Robin Orlikowski



We also want to say that at this point, in the USBC National Tournament, Julie is sitting in second place for the Diamond Singles with games of 287, 216,210-713 and is also in 11th place for All events with a 652,603,716- 1968.

Michigan is PROUD!



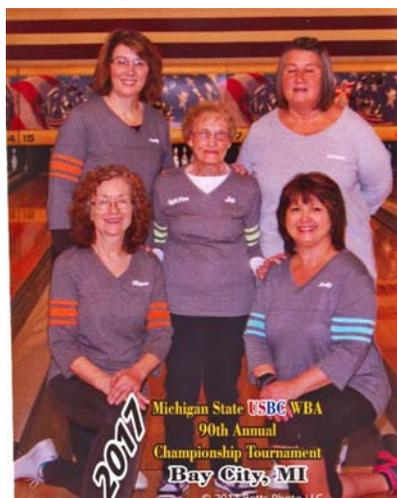
Julie Ozcepek

Bowling is a lifelong sport

We sometimes may think it is time to hang up that ole' bowling ball...and then we meet someone like Jo, who is an inspiration to all.

Dorothy "Jo" Pollock had a reason to celebrate at the recent State Tournament. She will be celebrating a milestone birthday soon.

Mickie Laskey from Bay Lanes (right) decided a celebration was in order...and Dorothy received flowers and a bowling pin commemorating this special event.



Here is Dorothy with her team.

From the entire Michigan State Women's Bowling association we wish you A VERY Happy 100th birthday on July 16, 2017



Southwestern Michigan Association-Hall of Fame

Betsy Albrecht has been a member of the South Western Michigan association since 1967.

Besides bowling in Coloma, she has bowled at Blossom Lanes, Lakeshore Lanes and Kelley's Bowl on several leagues, most recently the Moonshiners and the Bud Light Ladies. She has served as President, Vice-President, and Sgt.-at-Arms on several leagues. She has been a team captain



for 20+ years, and has served on various league committees, i.e., Prize, Rules, Nominating, etc.

Betsy is also a member of the Blossomland 600 Club and the National 600 Bowling Club, and participates in the State 600 tournament in Owosso each year. She also participates in the women's state and national tournaments.

Betsy was elected to the Board of Directors in 2003, and has served for the past 14 years.

While serving on the Board of Directors Betsy has served on the following committees: Banquet, Tournament Opening Ceremonies, Tournament Visitation, Tournament Trophy, Tournament Rules & Prize, Legislative, Bowl with the Board, 25-Year Club, Senior (Foxy 55), BVL & National Hall of Fame Fundraisers, and Adopt a Road



The Board of Directors of the Southwestern Michigan USBC WBA recognizes Betsy Albrecht and her service to our association and the sport of bowling. It is with extreme pleasure that we take this opportunity to induct her into the SMUSBC WBA Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service.

Mark your calendars

September 8-10, 2017

The first State combined workshop for associations will be held on this weekend in Holland. More information will be sent to associations later.

January 7, 2018

The Delegates meeting for the New merged State association will be held at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing. More information coming.....

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