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Dear Merry,

Looking forward to Spring and of course some great tournaments still to be bowled.

St. Patrick's Day

In honor of St. Patricks' Daya little blessing for you

May you always have
Walls for the winds,
A roof for the rain,
Tea beside the fire,
Laughter to cheer you,
Those you love near you,
And all your heart might
desire!



Mark your calendars

[Dates to remember :](#)

In March: Association managers will be sent report forms

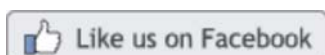
April 24-27- USBC Convention in Las Vegas

April 26th- Midwest entries are due

April 23- July 9 - USBC Championship tournament in Baton



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Shirley Thomas

The Michigan State Women mourn the loss of Shirley Thomas, who passed away on February 25, 2017. A truly dedicated woman, who gave much to the sport of bowling. She was a long time State Association Secretary and a life member.

Shirley started her bowling career in 1959 and became involved in every aspect of the game. As President of the Wednesday Morning Coffee League, she was automatically a member of the board of directors of the Midland Women's Bowling Association. She became enthusiastically involved serving as Sgt-at-Arms for four years. She moved on up to become Secretary for seven years and then as President for five years from 1981-1986.

Shirley was also interested in youth bowling and was involved locally as well as on the State level, serving as director and officer of both the Midland YABA and the Michigan State YABA for eighteen years.

For her outstanding performance locally, Shirley was elected to the Midland Bowling Hall of Fame in 1986. She was named Midland's Bowler of the Year in 1967.

On the State level, Shirley became a Director in 1975 and served in that capacity for eleven years. She was elevated to Fifth Vice-President in 1985. A very active member, she served on many committees: Finance & Budget, Tournament Rules, Awards & Services, Credentials, Nominating, Hall of Fame, Legislative and Scholarship. When the opportunity presented itself, she ran, and was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan Women's Bowling Association in 1988. She was elected to the Michigan State Women's Hall of Fame in 1990.

After her retirement on the board, she also served a few years as tournament supervisor of the senior's tournament.

She will truly be missed, but will live on in the memory of friends and family.



Queens Tournament

The annual Queens tournament will be held on April 1 and 2 at Holly Lanes Bowling Center in Fenton.

Michigan Women's Bowling Association sponsors this tournament as a showcase for our scratch bowlers.

Holly Lanes In Fenton is hosting for us this year.



Are you up for the challenge?
click on the link below-- fill out and get yours in today!

[2017 Queens Tournament entry](#)

Seniors Tournament

If you are over 50 (and admit it) this is the tournament for you. There are several divisions based on age and it is sure to be a good time

We do have a new tournament director, Karen Russell from Lapeer. Joyce Allen has decided to retire and we thank her for her years of service.

Tournament runs May 10, 11,12,13, 17,18,19, 20 and ends on May 21, one squad a day at 12 noon.

Tournament will be held at Airport Lanes in Jackson.

Link below is the entry waiting for you to fill it out!

[2017 Senior entry](#)

Hope to see you there.

Association News-Sheridan

Carol Klein picked an interesting location to get her first career 300 game.

Klein, 52, became the first women to ever throw a perfect game at Sheridan Lanes when she did it during her Monday Night Women's League. Sheridan Lanes opened in 1947.

Klein wasn't paying too close attention to her game when she started the perfect. She said: "Honestly we were bowling slow and I didn't know I had 6 in a row until one of my teammates pointed it out" From then on, Klein didn't want to be around anyone. She then let us know: " I just kept to myself. Once you get to nine in a row you have potential and that's when you get nervous."

And nervous she was. Eventually, she got the first two strikes in the 10th frame to set up a career game. Her previous high game was 288. When she rolled the 12th ball of the game, it was a solid pocket 10, but when all 10 pins went down, the house was in an up roar. Everyone congratulated her. Klein was in shock.



Carol is a 176 average bowler. Carol said the feat still hasn't sank in yet, letting us know " I'm still not sure it's real. It's something that you, as an avid bowler, dream of".

Tournament opening

Many thanks to those who were part of opening ceremonies, and to all 27 teams of bowlers that were there to start our tournament. Tournament continues weekends through May 14th - check the website for weekly updates to scores.

Special thanks to Jonathan Betts photography for these great shots.



Flowers for opening



Bay County Vet's Council Honor Guard



Sharon Schildroth- Assoc. Manager
Brad Bilihimer-Bay Area President
Merry DeBoer- MWBA President
cut the ribbon to officially start the 90th
tournament



Sandy Nyland-Tournament
Honoree



Sandy Nyland and friends from Cadillac

Welcome from our host houses



Don Dodick- Monitor Lanes



Mickely Laskey- Bay Lanes

Tournament entries and information

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