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Tickets now available for NCAUSBCA's May 2024 Fund-raiser

Tickets are now available for NCAUSBCA's May 2024 Fund-raiser that helps defray the cost of programs that can benefit all members. Available numbers to select are [here](#).

NCAUSBCA will offer each day in May an opportunity for individuals to cash through numbers selected in the daily Virginia Lottery "Pick 3" game. In fact, every \$10 raffle ticket has three chances to win daily — the actual number drawn plus one number up and one down, meaning a monthly total of 93 chances! — with a minimum winning amount of \$15, which in itself is a profit of 50 percent!

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ON THE COVER: Samuel Wolde scored a narrow victory for president at the NCAUSBCA 18th Annual Membership Meeting and will begin his two-year term on August 1, 2024. The meeting report begins on page 8. ... Youth tournament and awards coverage begins on page 10.

(Photos by Bob Cosgrove)

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REGISTRATION UNDERWAY FOR 2025 USBC OPEN



Christopher Leizear accepts his USBC ring from Director Michael Whitted for his perfect game in the Friday Early Mixed league at Lord Calvert Bowl.

INAUGURAL USBC COLLEGIATE HALL OF FAME DETERMINED

With the start of the 2024 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships now underway in Las Vegas, the anticipation for the tournament's return to Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 2025 is on the horizon. The 121st edition of this storied event will take place from March 1 - July 28 at Baton Rouge's Raising Cane's River Center. The online registration portal has been open to all competitors since February 22. The entry fee in 2025 will be \$70 per event, plus an optional \$15 for an all-events entry (\$225 total for team, doubles, singles, and all-events). There also is a \$25 processing fee per team. There's a new squad schedule: Starting with the 2025 event, team squads will be contested at 11:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m., while doubles and singles will be held at 7 a.m., 3:15 p.m., and 11:30 p.m. and feature six bowlers on each pair. The 2024 Open Championships began February 23 and runs through July 29 at South Point Bowling Plaza. For more information on the USBC Open Championships, visit BOWL.com/OpenChamp.

The inaugural class for the USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame has been determined, with five inductees helping usher in a historic celebration of the sport in April 2024. Jack Connaughton of Lafayette, Indiana; Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey; and Rick Steelsmith of Wichita, Kansas, have earned induction for their on-lane performances as Student-Athletes. Gordon Vadakin of Wichita, Kansas, will join the inaugural class in the Coach category. Karl Nickolai of Canton, Michigan, completes the 2024 class for his dedication to collegiate bowling as a Contributor. The ceremony for the 2024 USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame will take place April 17 during the banquet for the Intercollegiate Team Championships in Louisville, Kentucky.

FOR THE RECORD

Due to a processing error last issue, six honor scores assigned to The Branch in Leesburg, Virginia instead were accomplished at Bowl America Draneville (now Bowlero Sterling). Page 20 of the January/February 2024 issue has been updated as well as the bar graph on that page showing the centers with the most honor scores. Bowlers whose centers appeared incorrectly were Lee Brosius, Oley Khounesvath (2), Brian Klonarides, Gerald Randolph, and Ian Updike.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • DIANE GARRETT

Is your league ready for season's end?

Greetings, Nation's Capital Area USBC Association bowlers!

As we welcome the spring season, we are approaching the end of the bowling season for most leagues. Presidents and Treasurers, the league audit should have been completed. Secretaries, this is an excellent time to verify that the league's membership dues were paid and are current for all league bowlers. League Presidents and Secretaries, please share information and updates from

Youth Leagues need coaches, mentors, and volunteers. Check with your center to get in contact with the Youth Coordinator. If your center does not have a youth league, consider starting one or finding a center with an active youth program. Our Youth Committee, chaired by Tom Dale, is open to members and volunteers. Feel free to contact me or the association office for more information.

I am one of the delegates attending the USBC Convention

Help grow participation in our tournaments by entering teams from your league.

your local association and USBC with your bowlers.

Upcoming tournaments: Details are on the NCAUSBCA Web site on the Upcoming Events page.

Help grow participation in our tournaments by entering teams from your league. Here is a list of upcoming tournaments:

- > Virginia State USBC Annual Mixed Handicap (three weekends starting March 2)
- > NCAUSBCA 78th Annual Women's Championship (two weekends beginning March 23)
- > Virginia State USBC 66th Annual Women's (four weekends beginning April 6)
- > NCAUSBCA 78th Annual Open Championship (three weekends starting June 15)

Please pay it forward: Many

in Las Vegas from April 22-25 at South Point. We will participate in seminars, workshops, and the Annual Meeting with the other delegates. Attending the convention is a valuable opportunity to learn and network with other associations and the USBC Board of Directors.

I look forward to seeing you on the lanes. If you have any questions, you may contact me at bowlerinfo@gmail.com.

For more information about our tournaments, volunteering, and local association activities, visit us at ncausbca.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ncausbca.

Stay safe, and best regards.

Editor's Choice

Ep 1. West Pac Training Center w/ Mark Baker and PBA bowler Darren Tang

Michael Haugen Jr. on Two-Handed, a Fit Change & the IT Factor

Brad and Kyle

How to Improve Your Score on House Oil Patterns

How to Bowl Better on Long Oil Patterns

How to Increase Scores on Short Oil Patterns

This Is Why Bowling on the PBA Tour Is SO HARD

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InsideBowling

10 Beginner Bowling Tips in 2 Minutes. The BEST Way to Improve FAST!

5 Beginner Bowling Hacks in 5 Minutes to Help You Bowl Your Best!

How to Practice Like the Pros (2-for-1 Bowling Tip)

Two-Target Bowling System. Professional Tip for all Skill Level Bowlers

A Step-By-Step Guide on How to Bowl 2-Handed (Pro Tips for 1-Handed Bowler Conversion)

5 Things That Have Become IRRELEVANT in Bowling



MANAGER'S MEMO • RONALD MCGREGOR

Critical league items

The 2023-2024 Fall season is nearing its conclusion and, as usual, there are a few critical items that should have been covered to ensure an enjoyable season.

> Secretaries: Make sure bowlers have a current USBC membership and membership in NCAUSBCA. Use the *bowl.com* online app to check. If they can't show proof of membership, they must pay before being allowed to bowl. No free rides! We have sent notifications of all "unpaid bowlers," so please take care of this important matter. Have you been submitting awards for your bowlers? Forms and much more can be found at ncausbca.org/secretary.html.

> Online membership: I can appreciate that more and more bowlers are purchasing their membership online. Please choose the renewal option if you have had a card before; this will allow you to keep your old number and avoid the confusion. So many bowlers have been assigned a new Bowler ID Number because they did not choose the renewal option. Please check back in two days to be sure the credit card cleared. If not, please contact USBC membership at 800/514-2695, option 1.

> NCAUSBCA's tournament season is in full swing, as we host the Virginia State Mixed, Women's, and Youth tournaments as well as your local Women's Championships at Bowl America Fairfax and Open Championships at The Lanes

Fort Meade and Crofton Bowling Centre. You can sign up for these events online (entry information on ncausbca.org), so let's support our local tournaments and *bowl*.

There are 165 adult leagues in the association. If every league submitted at least *one* team, that would be a major improvement in participation and a big boost to the prize fund we can offer. The Open tournament last season had 123 entries, so let's try and top that.

This year, there again will be a special surprise opportunity to earn extra \$\$\$ for teams on the June 15 Opening Squad only. A few came close last year, so let's see what diabolical scheme we come up with for the 78th annual event.

> Rules, rules, rules: As you bowl your tournaments, please pay attention to the rules regarding reporting of "prize winnings." This must be done when the entry is submitted. Does the tournament have a 10-pin rule?

> Delegates elected at last year's annual meeting will soon be heading off to Las Vegas to attend the national USBC Convention. There is only one bylaws amendment—recently discussed at our 18th Annual Membership Meeting—that's up for a vote.

In closing, if you have any ideas about things we can do to enhance our tournament participation, we would be glad to hear them. A reminder when comparing us to the popular

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THE QUESTION:

What is the weight of your bowling ball?

14 pounds



Barbara Burdick
Bowie, Md.

14 pounds



Wilbert Carter Jr.
Capitol Heights, Md.

15 pounds



Duane Dominick
Waldorf, Md.

15 pounds



Byron Swift
Odenton, Md.

14 pounds



Lavinia "Beanie" Turner
Temple Hills, Md.

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ENTRY FORM

Annual Membership Meeting

Samuel Wolde elected president

Members approve dues increase; reject USBC proposal

Nation’s Capital Area USBC Association members attending the 18th Annual Membership Meeting conducted at the NCAUSBCA Office Building in Largo, Md., on February 18 elected a new president, a new vice president, and two new directors among a slate of directors as well as representatives to the Virginia State USBC 2024 Fall Meeting and the United States Bowling Congress 2025 Annual Meeting. They also approved a local dues increase and rejected a USBC amendment.

Second Vice President Samuel Wolde, Waldorf, Md., narrowly defeated President Diane Garrett, Upper Marlboro, Md., and will begin a two-year term serving as NCAUSBCA’s new leader on August 1, 2024. Following this election, Garrett was nominated for Second Vice President, and she soundly defeated two current directors, Jane An-

draws, Washington, D.C., and Rick Brooks, Springfield, Va.

Directors elected include incumbents Sondra Blakey, Forestville, Md.; Cassandra Byrd, District Heights, Md.; Andrew “Doc” Campbell, Fort Washington, Md.; Anita Connelly, Clinton, Md.; Thomas Dale Jr., Stafford, Va.; Evelyn Greene, Hanover, Md.; Brenda McDowell, District Heights, Md.; Sonya Meredith, Washington, D.C.; and Michael Whitted, Upper Marlboro, Md. **Newcomers** elected were Edward Blair, Laurel, Md., who was unable to attend the event, and Valinda Platts-Littlejohn, Bowie, Md.

The two-year term for these directors, who were elected via acclamation, also begins August 1, 2024.

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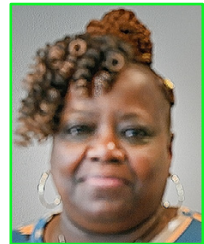
tournaments: We only run them for three or four weeks, and our prize ratio is higher.

Please continue to check out our NCAUSBCA Home Page. You can also like us on Facebook to be kept abreast of all things local as well as USBC items of interest that affect our area bowlers.

Contact Ronald McGregor at manager@ncausbca.org.



President Diane Garrett will serve as Second Vice President beginning August 1.



Valinda Platts-Littlejohn

In other voting concluded by acclamation:

> Individuals elected via separate ballot to serve as delegates to the Virginia State USBC 2024 Fall Meeting include Jane Andrews; Andrea Dale, Stafford, Va.; Diane Garrett; Brenda McDowell; and Sonya Meredith.

> On another separate ballot, individuals elected to serve as delegates to the United States Bowling Congress 2025 Annual Meeting include Jane Andrews; Diane Garrett; Melissa Holton, Upper Marlboro, Md.; Ronald Holton; Eugenia McDonald, Capitol Heights, Md.; Brenda McDowell; Ronald McGregor, Temple Hills, Md.; Michael Whitted; and Samuel Wolde.

In legislative matters, attendees approved the first local dues increase in 13 years, raising NCAUSBCA’s portion to \$12. Meanwhile, they rejected a USBC bylaws proposal that would have made the payment of State dues optional.

Notebook — Additional USBC delegate spots still are available. Those willing to serve are requested to indicate so in an eMail to Association Manager Ronald McGregor at manager@ncausbca.org. Any such eMails received will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee before the names of approved candidates are given to the association president, who has the option of presenting any candidates to the board for consideration.



Hasani “House” Brown



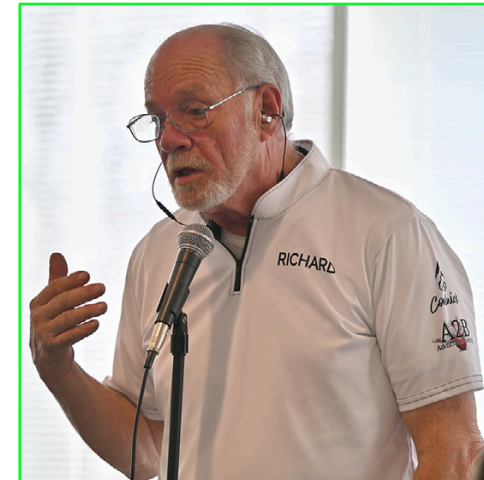
Ronald McGregor



Andrew “Doc” Campbell



Gloria Gaines



Rick Brooks

Following the elections and the reports, all members at the NCAUSBCA 18th Annual Membership Meeting had the opportunity to come to one of the microphones and ask questions of the association’s leaders as well as express their views during the Q & A session.



Garnell Belt



Jerry Paige

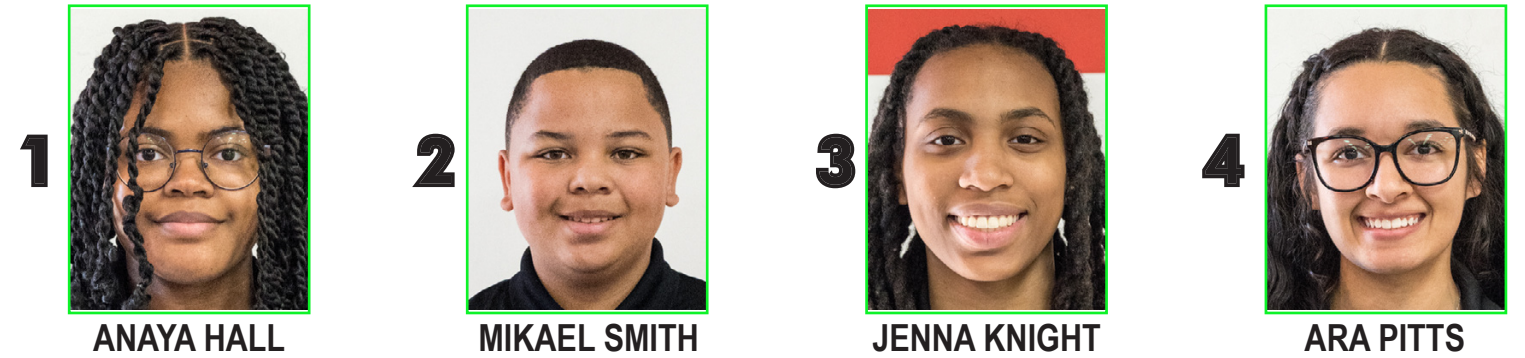
2024 Youth Invitational Champions: Schultz, Burrell, Hall, Dwarshuis



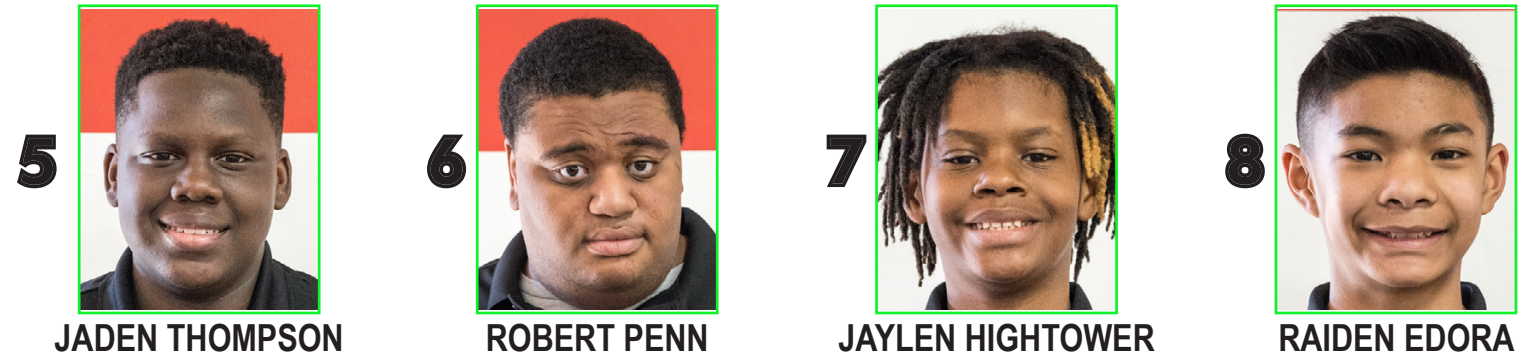
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B Division



C Division



D Division





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A DIVISION (195+ Average)	Scratch	W-L-T	Total	Average	Position-By-Round	Scholarship
1. Ryan Schultz, Bel Air, Md.	4,099	5-3-0	4,249	204.95	1 1 1 1	\$800
2. Chance McLane, Chesapeake Beach, Md.	3,732	7-1-0	3,942	186.60	7 5t 7 2	\$600
3. Kayla Starr, Crofton, Md.	3,771	4-4-0	3,891	188.55	6 5t 3 3	\$500
4. Jordyn Moore, Temple Hills, Md.	3,738	5-3-0	3,888	186.90	4 4 6 4	\$400
5. Jake Bockstie, Baltimore	3,807	2-6-0	3,867	190.35	2 3 2 5	\$300
6. Nick Trentler, Phoenix, Md.	3,704	4-4-0	3,824	185.20	3 2 4 6	\$250
7. Amber Benson, Dunkirk, Md.	3,665	4-4-0	3,785	183.25	11 9 5 7	\$225
8. William Dorris, Woodbridge, Va.	3,379	1-7-0	3,409	168.95	29 10 8 8	\$200

Alternate: 9, Johnny Legere, White Marsh, Md., \$100; **Other scholarship winners (\$50):** 10, Dontae Casey, District Heights, Md.; 11, Connor Campbell, Woodbridge, Va.; 12, Xavier Hamlett, Crofton, Md.; 13, Victor Williams, Clinton, Md.; 14, Dillion Johnson, Haymarket, Va.; 15, Chris Muckle, Bowie, Md.; 16, AJ Hickok, Stafford, Va.

B DIVISION (180-194 Average)	Scratch	W-L-T	Total	Average	Position-By-Round	Scholarship
1. Jayden Burrell, Glenn Dale, Md.	3,426	5-3-0	3,576	171.30	4 7 2 1	\$800
2. Jackson Brewer, Fairfax Station, Va.	3,365	4-4-0	3,485	168.25	6 3 3 2	\$600
3. Brian Stratton II, Upper Marlboro, Md.	3,298	6-2-0	3,478	164.90	3 4 4 3	\$500
4. Alexis Moorefield, Clinton, Md.	3,276	4-3-1	3,411	163.80	17 6 6 4	\$400
5. Carter Whyte, Waldorf, Md.	3,349	1-5-2	3,409	167.45	1 1 1 5	\$300
6. Kayla Carroll, Fort Washington, Md.	3,232	3-4-1	3,337	161.60	8 5 8 6	\$250
7. Chloe Baziluk, Woodbridge, Va.	3,162	5-3-0	3,312	158.10	9 11 7 7	\$225
8. Sydney Smoot, Glen Burnie, Md.	3,219	2-6-0	3,279	160.95	5 13 5 8	\$200

Alternate: 9, Stephanos Snear, Alexandria, Va., \$100; **Other scholarship winners (\$50):** 10, Julian Knight, Bowie, Md.; 11, Seth Baziluk, Woodbridge, Va.; 12, Tywon King Jr., DC; 13, William Fleming, Woodbridge, Va.; 14, Caleb Watson, Millersville, Md.; 15, William Estell, Waldorf, Md.; 16, Philip Belcher, Centreville, Va.

C DIVISION (165-179 Average)	Scratch	W-L-T	Total	Average	Position-By-Round	Scholarship
1. Anaya Hall, Silver Spring, Md.	3,317	6-2-0	3,497	165.85	4 1 1 1	\$800
2. Mikael Smith, Capitol Heights, Md.	3,341	4-4-0	3,461	167.05	10 3 3 2	\$600
3. Jenna Knight, Bowie, Md.	3,258	5-3-0	3,408	162.90	5 5 5 3	\$500
4. Ara Pitts, Hughesville, Md.	3,210	5-3-0	3,360	160.50	2 4 2 4	\$400
5. Jaden Thompson, Annapolis	3,182	4-4-0	3,302	159.10	3 2 4 5	\$300
6. Robert Penn, College Park, Md.	3,114	4-4-0	3,234	155.70	8 6 8 6	\$250
7. Jaylen Hightower, Fort Washington, Md.	3,085	2-6-0	3,145	154.25	7 15 6 7	\$225
8. Raiden Edora, Centreville, Va.	2,965	2-6-0	3,024	148.20	12 10 7 8	\$200

Alternate: 9, Katherine Hyatt, Owings, Md., \$100; **Other scholarship winners (\$50):** 10, Tye'Reek Glover, Jessup, Md.; 11, Devin Smith, Waldorf, Md.; 12, Kevin Ellen, Clinton, Md.; 13, Reshad Graham, DC; 14, Mason Elmer, Crofton, Md.; 15, Phillip Crowe, Springfield, Va.; 16, Eli Leach, Waldorf, Md.

D DIVISION (150-164 Average)	Scratch	W-L-T	Total	Average	Position-By-Round	Scholarship
1. Savannah Dwarshuis, Pasadena, Md.	3,490	5-3-0	3,640	174.50	1 2 1 1	\$800
2. Ashtyn DeVries, Prince Frederick, Md.	3,311	4-4-0	3,431	165.55	2 1 2 2	\$600
3. Aaron Brown, Washington, D.C.	3,229	4-4-0	3,349	161.45	4 3 3 3	\$500
4. Suundus Bashir, Beltsville, Md.	3,078	4-4-0	3,198	153.90	3 4 4 4	\$400
5. Dawson Whitt, Gaithersburg, Md.	3,002	5-3-0	3,152	150.10	17 7t 6 5	\$300
6. Xavier Simpson-Bajulaly, Upper Marlboro, Md.	3,008	4-4-0	3,128	150.40	7 6 8 6	\$250
7. Matthew Smith, Capitol Heights, Md.	2,952	3-5-0	3,042	147.60	5 9 5 7	\$225
8. Raymond Guzman, Woodbridge, Va.	2,926	3-5-0	3,016	146.30	14 11 7 8	\$200

Alternate: 9, Gavin Hegenbart, Falls Church, Va., \$100; **Other scholarship winners (\$50):** 10, Amiya Debrah, Hyattsville, Md.; 11, Bryce Terry, Nokesville, Va.; 12, Aaron Bender, Lorton, Va.; 13, Wes Conner, Prince Frederick, Md.; 14, Gene Garrett III, Glenn Dale, Md.; 15, Zoe Buckles, Springfield, Va.; 16, Logan Herry, Woodbridge, Va.

All scholarship funds will be administered through SMART, the Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins program. Visit www.ncausbca.org/tournament/tourn_history.htm to view information on each of the finalists as well as the Invitational Fund-raiser finalists, round-by-round results, and recent tournament history.

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Benson, Lewis, Mason honored with Ted Gruszkowski Jr. Youth Star Award

There were three recipients this year of the prestigious NCAUSBCA Ted Gruszkowski Jr. Youth Star Award, which is named in honor of the late association Hall of Fame member who was a strong supporter of area youth bowling. The announcement of the 2024 winners took place January 20 at The Lanes Fort Meade prior to the opening round of the NCAUSBCA Youth 54th Annual Invitational Scratch Singles Tournament.

The award winners, honored for bowling achievement and/or service to youth bowling, each were presented with a plaque (by Invitational Manager Paul Mortensen) and \$200 in scholarship funds, which will be administered through the USBC SMART program. In addition, the three names appear on a second plaque of honorees, which now total 37.

AMBER BENSON • Dunkirk, Maryland

Amber Benson, who is a senior carrying an impressive 4.3 GPA, will attend Mount Saint Mary's University in the fall to major in biochemistry and to continue her bowling career. She is an exceptional person who is viewed as a role model and friend by many.

Amber is an inspiration due to her extraordinary mental game and positive attitude. She always gives off radiant energy and never fails to encourage others.

Amber is seen as a role model and committed volunteer, both in and out of the bowling center. She is willing to put in time and effort to help younger bowlers at her home center, Lord Calvert, by coaching and providing assistance. She organized and ran a stuffed animal drive for kids who have been through trauma as well as another drive for patients in the hospital who have been admitted and don't have essential daily items. In addition, Amber helps at her high school by tutoring other students.

Amber is a very accomplished and hard working student. She is a member of the National Honor Society as well as her Class Council. Amber plans to go to medical school to become a

surgeon after obtaining her undergraduate degree. She is working towards these goals by shadowing at a hospital to learn more and to help in any and every way possible.



Amber is a very decorated and successful bowler in addition to being a helpful volunteer and outstanding student. She has a current average of 214 and has many accomplishments that she has collected over her years of bowling. Amber has an impressive high game of 289 and high series of 740 as well as seven Storm Mid-Atlantic Junior Bowlers Tour titles, among many other prestigious awards and accomplishments, which include:

- Placed third at the PBA Jr in Midlothian, Virginia.
- Qualified for Junior Team USA trials through 2023 Junior Gold.
- Won Virginia State Pepsi twice.
- Finished 22/588 in the U18 Girls Division at 2023 Junior Gold.

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YOUTH STAR, from page 14

- Champion at the 2023 Stephen Burrell Classic.
- Placed third (Top Female) in the handicap division and second (Top Female) in the scratch division at Vern Burke 2023.
- Runner-up at the 2020 Youth Invitational Tournament.

Amber Benson is someone who has always been willing to provide help and share her knowledge with others. She is a supportive friend and an accomplished individual in all areas of life. She is truly the perfect person to look to for advice, guidance, and support. She is a most worthy recipient of the NCAUSBCA Ted Gruszkowski Jr. Youth Star Award.

RAYMOND LEWIS • Woodbridge, Virginia

Raymond Lewis, 17, who attends Woodbridge Senior High School (WSHS) in Lake Ridge, Virginia, loves his family, friends, pets, history, math, science, and bowling.

Ray started bowling at age 8 at AMF Dale City, and in his first league, he had the highest score and average. He rolled a straight ball and thought that was great until at Bowl America Woodbridge he saw youth bowlers throwing



Youth Invitational Tournament Manager Paul Mortensen with Raymond Lewis

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hook balls. He stood in awe for a few moments before saying, "I want to bowl like that," and the rest is history.

Ray loves to volunteer his time to help others. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America and earned the rank of First Class. However, the time required participating to gain rank was significant, as many weekends were completely taken by scouting. This left little time for bowling, and Ray had to make a decision. Bowling won out: He loved the scouts, but he loves bowling more.

He qualified for the Junior Gold Tournament in 2021-2023 and during the same period placed first each year in the High School League with the Woodbridge team. The past two years he qualified for the NCAUSBCA 600 Club Tourna-

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Past NCAUSBCA Ted Gruszkowski Jr. Youth Star Award recipients

- 2008 — Eric Helmrich, Adam Mitchell, Allen Windsor
- 2009 — Alonso "A.J." Kinney Jr.
- 2010 — Malcolm James
- 2011 — Jason Eman, Brandon Lowe, Kayla Meadows
- 2012 — Zahir Holmes
- 2013 — Conner Kolessides
- 2014 — Gene Blair, Nicholas Dean, Michael Simpson
- 2015 — Samuel Anderson, Tabitha DeBat, Amara Speights
- 2016 — Cayla Davidson, Brandon Driver, David Zweiban
- 2017 — Jarrett DeFalco, Deborah Epps, Thomas Rush
- 2018 — Andre Andrews, Joey Hansen
- 2019 — Garrett Meadows
- 2020 — Anthony Daniels II, Logan Parmenter
- 2022 — Ja'Sean Billings, Andru Blaney, Ben Martin, Spencer Song
- 2023 — Max Eder, Kayla Starr, Nate Trentler

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ment of Champions and placed third in the 2022 finals. That year, he also rolled the highest scratch score at Virginia Regional High School Tournament.

His 2023 titles include the Nelson Perry Tournament at Bowl America Woodbridge and the Carol Ditteaux Youth Doubles Tournament in Virginia Beach.

Ray still volunteers his time to help senior citizens when he can. He recently travelled to North Carolina to assist in the cleanup and repair of several senior homes, and he also assisted in bringing food to needy seniors.

Ray has a sense of giving about the environment as well. It started in scouts but continues to this day. He has participated in the Occoquan River cleanup for several years and assisted with various projects in the area to better parks and churches.

Ray, in his senior year, has a current GPA of 3.4 but is fighting to bring it up even higher. His love for math seems to be unstoppable. To prepare for college, he wanted to get ahead, so he took a summer course at Northern Virginia Community College in Pre-Calculus. He currently takes AP Calculus at WSHS. He has several schools that have offered him placement, including a couple with bowling programs. He already has been accepted at George Mason University but is still looking. He wants to major in Computer Engineering/Computer Science.

If he attends George Mason University, which doesn't have a bowling program, Ray is eager to try and start a bowling club that features a team there. He has even secured potential coaching for the team if it gets off the ground.

Raymond Lewis is determined to excel at everything he does, and that, in part, is one reason he is a 2024 recipient of the NCAUSBCA Ted Gruszkowski Jr. Youth Star Award.

AMBER MASON • Woodbridge, Virginia

Amber Mason, 16, is a junior at Woodbridge Senior High School in Woodbridge, Va. She is in the Advanced Placement Scholars program, a member of NSHSS (National Society of High School Scholars) and has a 3.86 GPA.

Amber started bowling at age 8 at Bowl America Woodbridge, where through the years, she bowled in many NCAUSBCA leagues and even rolled honor scores of 300 and 831 (300, 276, 255).

Amber has bowled in many NCAUSBCA and non-NCAUSBCA tournaments over the years. She qualified for the Virginia State Pepsi Youth Tournament in the U12 (2019), U15 (2021-2022), and U18 (2023) Girl's Divisions. She had 11 in-a-row in 2022 while placing fourth, and in 2023, she tied for third place. Amber has also qualified for Junior Gold for the last three years. In 2021 in Indianapolis U15, she finished 217 out of 298. In 2022 in Grand Rapids, Mich., U15, she finished 26 out of 308. And in 2023, in Indianapolis U18, she finished 132 out of 588.

Outside of bowling, Amber is involved in Girl Scouts and SALC (Student Activities and Leadership Council) at her school. She has been a Girl Scout since first grade. Through Girl Scouts,



Amber volunteers in the community. She received the GSCNC Association 80 Kathleen McCoy Award, which is given to a scout who best represents the spirit of Girl Scouting with its emphasis on service to the community. Amber really enjoys working with the younger scouts. She has helped plan and run events for Brownies to earn badges. She contributes to the growth of Girl Scouts by helping younger girls start their own troops. She also helps her own Troop lead events, such as the SHARE Carnival, which raises funds for those Girls Scouts in financial need.

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Amber has completed both her Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards. For the past two years in SALC, Amber has helped plan, set up, and take down decorations for the homecoming dance. She has also helped with Operation Holiday Help by collecting gifts for elementary school students and delivering them to different schools in Prince William County.

Amber is a kind, loving, and well-rounded individual. During leagues and tournaments, she often talks through shots and strategies with teammates and friends. She is always willing to help a bowler in need with adjustments, brainstorming and boosting their confidence. Because of her love for the sport, she plans to continue bowling in college while majoring in Criminal Justice and minoring in Psychology.

Her actions and activities on and off of the lanes make Amber Mason a most deserving recipient of the NCAUSBCA Ted Gruszkowski Jr. Youth Star Award.



Prior to the start of the Youth Invitational's third round at AMF Waldorf, a special presentation was made by Tournament Manager Paul Mortensen to Chance McLane, whose 278 game, along with a 250 game by his partner, Jackson Veitch, in league play at Lord Calvert Bowl last season totaled the nation's highest two-player U15 doubles score of 528. A similar USBC National Team Recognition plaque for Veitch was to be presented to him at his league.

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Tournament Roundup

PBA50 Sky Lanes Asheville (NC) Open (Lee Robison, Lancaster, S.C., \$2,400) – 13, Brian Link, Bowie, Md., \$600; 37, Richard Wilburn Jr., Adamstown, Md., \$475; 42, David Kneas, Annapolis, \$475; 44, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., \$250 (Super Senior Award).

NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club Winter Singles Tournament at AMF Waldorf – (190 and Above Division) 1, Carter Surrey, Oxon Hill, Md., \$100 (scholarship); 2, Dylan Manning, Front Royal, Va., \$70; 3, Chance McLane, Chesapeake Beach, Md., \$60. ... (Under 190 Average Division) 1, Jackson Brewer, Fairfax Station, Va., \$100; 2, Joey Graziano, Haymarket, Va., \$70; 3, Janiyah Hightower, Fort Washington, Md., \$60; 4, Aaron Brown, Washington, D.C., \$50; 5, Jaylen Hightower, Fort Washington, Md., \$40. ... **High five-game division qualifiers:** Manning (1,131) and Graziano III (1,105), \$50 each. ... **Tournament of Champions qualifiers:** (190 and Above) Manning and Surrey; (Under 190) Graziano III, Brewer, Brown, and Mikael Smith, Capitol Heights, Md.



Carter Surrey, Jackson Brewer

Youth Invitational Fund-raiser Tournament at Bowl America Shirley (Joey Hansen, Woodbridge, Va., \$100) – 2, AJ Hickock, Stafford, Va., \$60 (scholarship); 3, Darryl Carreon, Springfield, Va., \$50; 4, Dillion Johnson, Haymarket, Va., \$40 (scholarship). ... **High Game Payout:** Hansen, \$45; Hickock and Carreon, \$30; Billy Blaney, Hughesville, Md., \$15.

Go Figure

261.7

Highest individual five-player league average by Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 2000-2001.

2,483

Highest nine-game series by Anthony Recsnik, Troy, Mo., March 20-21, 2021.

237.2525

Highest NCAUSBCA "House" Shot Average in 2022-2023 season by Howard Marshall in the Polish Open league at Crofton Bowling Centre.

Our Back Pages

5 Years Ago

➤ Anthony Daniels, Leonard Farlow Jr., Andru Blaney, and Kayla Starr are Youth Invitational division champions.

10 Years Ago

➤ [Conner Kolessides](#), [Gene Blair](#), and Braeden Sullivan emerge as division champions in the NCAUSBCA Youth 45th Annual Invitational Scratch Singles Tournament at The Lanes Fort Meade.
➤ The team of Dominick Snyder (842 series), Jack Tipton (753), Kenny Solomon Jr. (815), substitute Steve Scott (761), and Don Messinese (699) set NCAUSBCA and Maryland state records with its 3,870 total in the Polish Open league at Crofton Bowling Centre.

15 Years Ago

➤ [Bobby Middleton Jr.](#), Tasha Lowe, and Paul McNulty win titles at the Youth Invitational Scratch Singles at Bowl America Manassas.
➤ Invitational finalist [Lamont Pearson Jr.](#) undertakes the “Mini-Bio.”

20 Years Ago

➤ [Mike Marsico](#) (A Division) and Brandon Duncan (B Division) capture Youth Invitational titles at Lord Calvert Bowl.
➤ [Bobby Hall II](#) of Landover, Md., wins the \$2,700 top prize at the PBA East Region Strikemaster Lanes Open in Seaford, Del.

25 Years Ago

➤ Mitchellville, Maryland residents [Nathan Bolden](#) and Jason Briggs win Youth Invitational division titles.
➤ [Mark Glover](#) (713 series) and Kelly Fox (579) tally 1,292 to win the NCABA/WDCAWBA 3rd Time’s a Charm 600-700 Scratch Doubles Tournament at AMF Alexandria.

30 Years Ago

➤ Bryan Tyler of Lanham, Md., and Jamerson Tillman of the District are Invitational division champions.
➤ Moe Brown, 15, scores 299-188-257/744 in the (Bowl America) Silver Hill Strikers league.

35 Years Ago

➤ Tom Ladenburg of Vienna, Va., and Catrina Smith of Landover, Md., are division champs in the 20th Annual Vir-Mar District Junior Invitational Scratch Singles Tournament.
➤ Donā Baier (588) and Carole Staus (581) win the Washington, D.C. Area Women’s 600 Club Tournament at Bowl America Silver Hill.

40 Years Ago

➤ Thomas Mason and Mark Coleman roll to victory in the Invitational.
➤ Fair Lanes Inc., acquires Seminary Lanes in Arlington, Va.

45 Years Ago

➤ Youth Invitational champs: Robert Needs and Sandi Schoenmann.
➤ [Ray Shackelford](#) (198.328) and Cathy Hartung (184.6681) respectively sit atop the men’s and women’s 1977-1978 rankings.

50 Years Ago

➤ The Falls Church Commercial league plans to send 20 teams to the association’s Championship Tournament.
➤ Clinton’s Nancy Franceschetti is elected secretary of the Vir-Mar District Junior Bowling Association.

55 Years Ago

➤ [Jim Robinette’s](#) 198.110 composite average tops the 1967-1968 rankings.



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- 834 Robinson, Nicholas J - CA
- 833 Cole, David T - LC
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- 825 Bailey, Martin A - MH
- 824 Johnson, Tyrone G - SL
Kinney, Alonso J, Jr - SL
- 821 Johnson, Devon R - GB
Johnson, Tyrone G - WB
- 819 Claude, Jeremy M - GB
- 818 Robinson, Christopher B - WB
- 817 Kinney, Alonso J, Jr - CA
- 816 Dandridge, Devin A - SL *
Hall, Bobby V II - SL
- 815 Hatton, Jesse T III - GB
Moore, Bobby L - FC
- 814 Hatton, Jesse T III - GB
- 813 Patton, John A - DR
Williams, Fero K - CA
- 809 Garner, Willie L II - GB
- 807 McNeil, Derek J - SL
- 806 Brenemen, Michael T - WB

- Shaw, Michael A, Jr - SL
- 805 Hatton, Jesse T III - GB
- 804 Kintzer, Scott H - BR
Liffiton, Mark A - GB
Lindsay, Christian S - SL
Smith, Cody T - CR
- 803 Cole, Kevin W - BR
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- 802 Robinson, Nicholas J - SL
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- Aldrich, Patrick W - BU
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- Allen, Lorenzo R - FC
- Anderson, Reginald D - SL
- Bailey, Martin A - MH
- Beil, Robert G - CR
- Brenemen, Michael T - WB
- Brightful, Michael T - GB
- Brown, Frederick W - WB
- Brown, Richard E - BR

- Burt, Denis J - SL
- Burt, James C - BR
- Butler, Tyriq J - BA
- Chichester, Devon M - RD
- Childs, James A - LB
- Clark, Angel S - SL
- Claude, Jeremy M - GB
- Cleland, William R, Jr - LC
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- Cole, David T - LC
- Cole, Kevin W - BR
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- Dorch, Jeffrey V - MH
- Dove, Keith A, Jr - RD
- Elliott, Robert D Jr. - LC
- Garvey, Christopher - SL
- Gutridge, Johnny C, Jr - WB
- Hall, Bobby V II - RD
- Hansen, Christopher - BR
- Harris, Kameron I - SL
- Hatton, Jesse T III - GB
- Holland, Marvin M - BA (2) / WA
- Ishmael, Bobby Jr - SL
- Johnson, Chris M - CA
- Johnson, Devon R - GB
- Johnson, Tyrone G - SL
- Jones, TaShawn L - SL
- Kinney, Alonso J, Jr - SL / CA
- Kolessides, John N - BR
- Lee, Maurice L - CA
- Limtrakul, Pera I - RD / GB
- Lorenz, Kevin W - BR
- Lovett, Jason - FC
- Mann, Mark E - GB
- Manriquez, Alec D - SL
- McLane, Thomas A - SL
- Miller, Tyler D - FC
- Mixon, Gary E - MH
- Neubauer, Richard - WB
- Norman, Marcus J - SL
- Paczkowski, Tylor L - WB
- Palmer, James R - LC (4)
- Parham, Jason E - SL
- Peacock, William M - WB
- Potter, Mark L - SL
- Robinson, Nicholas J - CA
- Rumbaugh, Paul L II - WB
- Sankar, Arianna M - GB
- Sankar, Shukdeo - GB

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Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 – Virginia State USBC 36th Annual Mixed Handicap Tournament at Bowl America Bull Run (team) and Bowl America Gaithersburg (singles & doubles).
- 10 – Local Sweeper & Local Junior Gold Tournament at Bowl America Woodbridge.
- 17 – NCAUSBCA Vern Burke Tournament at Bowl America Woodbridge.
- 23-24 – Va. State High School Tournament at Bowl America Bull Run.
- 23-24, 30-31 – [NCAUSBCA 78th Annual Women's Championships Tournament](#) at Bowl America Fairfax.

APRIL

- 14 – Local Youth Sweeper at Bowl America Woodbridge.
- 20-21, 27-28, May 4-5 – Pepsi State Finals at Bowlero Mechanicsville.
- 21 – NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club Tournament of Champions at Bowl America Shirley.

MAY

- 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, June 1-2, 8-9, 15-16 – Virginia State USBC 71st Annual Open Championship Tournament at Holiday Bowl (team) and Bowl America Southwest (singles & doubles).
- 12 – Local Youth Sweeper at Bowl America Woodbridge.
- 31 – Youth final averages and financial reports (including SMART) must be submitted to NCAUSBCA.

JUNE

- 15-16, 22-23, 29-30 – NCAUSBCA 78th Annual Open Championships Tournament at The Lanes Fort Meade (team) and Crofton Bowling Centre (singles & doubles).
- 22-23, 29-30 – Virginia State Youth Tournament at Bowl America Bull Run and Bowl America Woodbridge.



Aliyah Adams (left) accepts her USBC 300 Game Ring from Director Sonya Meredith for her perfect game in the Gems & Guys league at AMF Capital Plaza.

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- Simpson, Antonio R - SL
- Sims, Edward L, Jr - SL
- Smith, Alex C - SL
- Snowden, Gregory L - GB
- Strickland, Michael - RD
- Turner, Regel L, JR - RD
- Tyler, Dakwan M - CA
- Williams, Deonne J - MH
- Williams, Kano - SL
- Williams, Michael D, Jr - SL (2)
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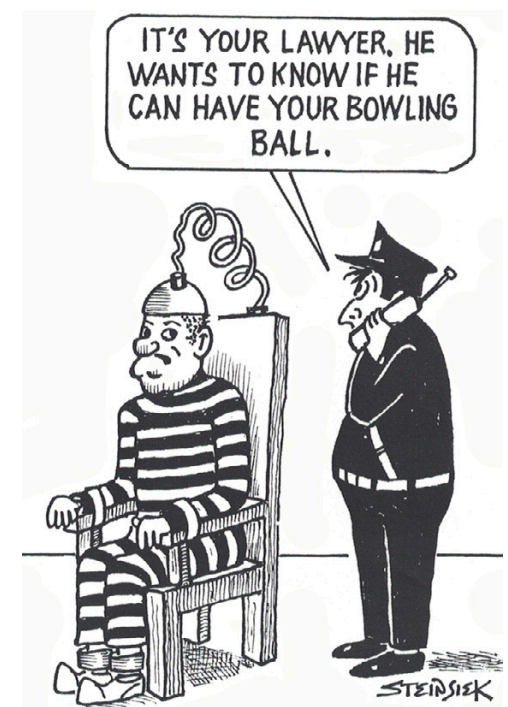
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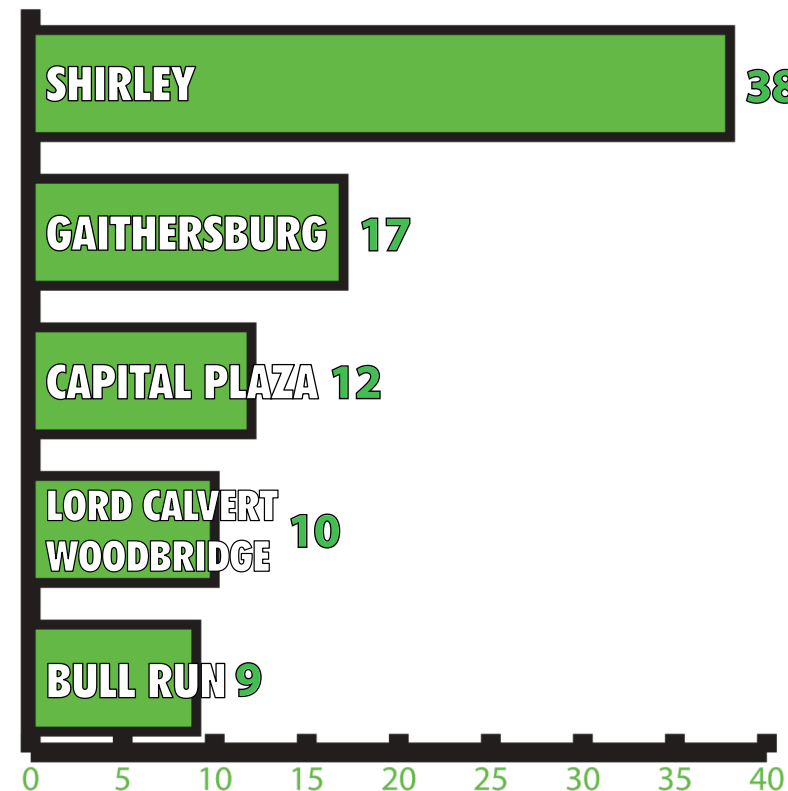
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