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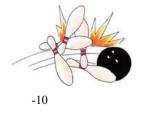
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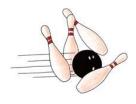
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#### **Eight TNBA youth members enjoy** weekend of instruction at ITRC

ARLINGTON, Texas – The National Bowling Association (TNBA) Youth Weekend returned to the International Training and Research Center (ITRC), providing eight student-athletes, including two NCAUSBCA members, with the unique opportunity to receive instruction and train at the world-class facility.

The event, created through a partnership between the United States Bowling Congress and TNBA more than a decade ago, took place this year from August 15-17.

Over the course of the three-day program, players received on-lane training and participated in drills and classroom sessions with the ITRC staff. Participants also had the opportunity to hear from guest speakers and tour the ITRC and the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame.

TNBA and USBC have worked together on a concept called the TNBA/Team USA Youth Bowling Program, and this year marked the 13th time the TNBA Youth Weekend event has taken place since its inception in 2010. The event ran consecutively for 10 years before being paused due to the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, then picked back up in 2022.

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ON THE COVER: Statistics from last season show that 70 percent of adult NCAUSBCA members are senior bowlers—ages 50 and above. Among this group are two active nonagenarians, Harold Webb, 92, and Mildred Stewart, 90, who appear after competing in the Moon Strikers league at AMF Capital Plaza and who bowl in three and two leagues, respectively. (Photo by Bob Cosgrove)

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#### TICKETS SOON AVAILABLE FOR DECEMBER FUND-RAISER

NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame member Sterling M. Ragsdale died August 20 at age 91. He was a highly respected youth coach for several decades, starting at Bowl America Town Center and, after center closings, at Bowl America Glassmanor, then Jackson Bowl. Mr. Ragsdale was a member of the Hall of Fame's "Class of 2006."

#### APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR USBC BOARD, IBC YOUTH COMMITTEE

#### REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR 2025 USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tickets soon will be available for NCAUSBCA's December 2024 Fund-raiser that helps defray the cost of programs that can benefit all members. Available numbers to select will be posted. NCAUSBCA will offer each day in December 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! Electronic payment for tickets will be available via PayPal or Zelle® using the eMail address of Fund-raiser Chair Brenda McDowell. Cash payments only can be made at the NCA-USBCA Office (9315 Largo Drive West, Suite 110 in Largo, Md.). Payouts will be made no later than January 15, 2025.

Interested in being considered for a spot on the USBC Board of Directors or IBC Youth Committee? Ever thought about volunteering to help lead the organization at the national level? Applications for the USBC Board and IBC Youth Committee for the 2025-2026 season are live. Applications will go to the USBC Nominating Committee for review, and eligible candidates will be interviewed as the slate of nominees is completed. The deadline to apply is October 1.

Registration is open for the 2025 USBC Open Championships in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The event will run from March 1 to July 28. Click here to register. ... Meanwhile, the tournament will head to South Carolina for the first time in 2028, as Greenville and the Greenville Convention Center will host the 124th edition of the event. The Open Championships has traveled all across the United States, but the tournament has only been within 200 miles of Greenville during its two trips to Knoxville, Tennessee in 1970 and 2003.

BRIEFLY.... Potomac Lanes will host a bowling clinic October 18-20 with 10 separate "modules" available, featuring USBC Gold Coach Joe Slowinski. To register, call 202/321-6593. ... TNBA will conduct from February to April 2025 five classic scratch tournaments. Click here for information.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • SAMUEL WOLDE



## Good competition, the thrill of a strike, and much, much more

Welcome back, bowlers!

It's that time of the year again where we dust off those bowling shoes and get ready to hit the lanes. Most of us are in the beginning weeks of league and are ready to experience another exciting season, so let's take a moment to remember why we all fell in love with this sport in the first place: the pure joy of bowling.

Sure, we all love good competition and the thrill of a strike. But before we get caught up in scores and averages, let's remember to keep the fun, front and center. ➤ League Presidents: Make sure to keep open communication with your fellow executive officers and bowlers. Make sure to do those audits early; don't wait until the end of the season.

Secretaries: Submit those honor score achievements, and let's celebrate these bowlers for their hard work and efforts.
Treasurers: Keep accurate records, and stay on top of your bowlers.

We are pleased to host two tournaments before the end of the year. Our 42nd Annual Se-

#### ... let's remember to keep the fun, front and center

Here's a friendly reminder to: ➤ Embrace the laughs: Bowling is a social game! Enjoy the camaraderie, celebrate each other's successes, and laugh off those gutter balls together. ➤ Celebrate the small victories: A spare, a new personal best, or even just a clean release—find joy in every step of your bowling journey.

> Remember why you started: Was it the challenge, the social connection, or simply the satisfaction of knocking down pins? Reconnect with that initial spark!

As a reminder, your league officers are an integral part to a successful season. If there are any questions or concerns, we here at the local association are always willing to help. nior Tournament will run three weekends beginning October 26. Entries are open, and the tournament will be held at AMF Waldorf.

There will also be the 14th Annual Mixed Tournament in Support of BVL, which will run the first three weekends in December at Bowl America Shirley. So grab your teams, and come out for a great competitive time.

In closing, I want to thank you for trusting me to be your president. I am here for you with any support you need, so let's make this season the best yet, filled with strikes, spares, and most importantly, smiles.

See you on the lanes!

**Contact President Wolde** 

## **Editor's Choice**

How to Buy Your First Bowling Ball

Beginner's Guide to a Custom Fit Bowling Ball

Bowling Tips for Beginners and Up: Mark Baker Coaching Kids

Master These Techniques for Bowling on Dry House Conditions

Are You Squeezing Your Bowling Ball Too Much? Are You Forced to Squeeze Because of Your Fit?

The Most Common Mistake in Bowling

This Pro Move Will Make Your Bowling Swing Effortless

Throw More Strikes in Bowling with this Quick Hack

How to Get More Strikes Using These Keys

You Will Make More Spares by Following This Process

How to Clean Your Bowling Ball for Peak Performance

Thumb Tape Tiering

Don't Bowl with Finger Pain

Pitch Changes as You Get Older

#### MANAGER'S MEMO • Ronald McGregor



## New season looks promising in the early weeks

The 2024–2025 season is off to a fine start judging by the number of league applications that has made their way to our office. About a third of the memberships purchased so far this season were done online using USBC's service. New this season, in addition to the fee, is the ability to purchase a local membership.

As a reminder, bowlers still need to fill out a membership application card in each league they bowl. Bowlers need to make sure their address inforheld at AMF Waldorf beginning October 26-27 and running three weekends. Judging by the entries coming into the office, this should be a can't miss affair.

The Mixed Tournament in Support of BVL will be at Bowl America Shirley the first three weekends of December. Please get your entries in early. Spots are filling up fast.

For the late risers, not to worry, there is an afternoon squad with fresh oil each day. Please visit ncausbca.org for

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mation is accurate. USBC membership cards and any honor awards will be mailed to the address on file.

We are processing leagues as fast as we can, and once we get bowlers into the leagues, we will start processing awards. Our ncausbca.org site has the revised the awards program listed. Please update your CDE software. Bowlers of all average groups can earn an award. Make sure you turn in the award requests promptly.

Thanks to those secretaries who turned in the worksheet along with the rest of the required information. The "Secretary of the Year Award" committee will have a few candidates to consider.

NCAUSBCA's 42nd Annual Senior Tournament will be entry forms and more information regarding this and many other topics of interest to each member.

Some leagues are already five or more weeks into the season. Has a prize list been approved? Recommendation is that this be done by Week 5. At least one audit should be conducted during the season to ensure prize funds are properly accounted for and that the prize money you voted for there will be available at season's end.

We can never be sure what the weather will bring. Are you prepared to handle makeups, pre-bowls (if allowed)? Some centers have limited lane availability outside of your normal schedule. Team cap-

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#### **THE QUESTION:**

# What is the weight of your bowling ball?

14 pounds



Kim Frazier Temple Hills, Md.

14 pounds



Roy "Rat" Holton Washington, D.C.

14 pounds



Alice Riley Upper Marlboro, Md.

15 pounds



Earl Riley Upper Marlboro, Md.

13.7 pounds



Geraldine Stewart Washington, D.C.

#### **OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

## NATION'S CAPITAL AREA USBC ASSOCIATION

## 14th ANNUAL MIXED TOURNAMENT IN SUPPORT OF BVL



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# LANES WILL BE RE-OILED December 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 2024

BETWEEN SQUADS

**ENTRIES CLOSE NOVEMBER 25, 2024** 

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# NCAUSBCA 2023-2024 Official Average Leaders

STANDARD "HOUSE" SHOT Center Pins Games Average					
Men	Bobby Ishmael Jr.	AMF Capital Plaza	22,995	96	239.5313
Wen	Anthony K. Winston Jr.	AMF Marlow Heights	23,961	102	234.9118
	Nicholas R. Yannitello	Bowl America Falls Church	15,405	66	233.4091
	James J. Tsugawa	Bowl America Falls Church	16,701	72	231.9583
	Ta'Shawn L. Jones	Bowl America Shirley	23,584	102	231.2157
	Leonard J. Ignacio	Bowl America Gaithersburg	22,165	96	230.8854
	Michael Strickland	AMF Marlow Heights	24,161	105	230.1048
	Marcus E. Bell	Rinaldi's Riverdale Bowl	22,774	99	230.0404
	Nathaniel J. Colding	AMF Marlow Heights	25,433	111	229.1261
	Adrian J. Bernardo	Bowl America Falls Church	20,593	90	228.8111
Women	Arianna M. Sankar	Bowl America Gaithersburg	20,410	93	219.4624
	Catrina T. Snowden	AMF Marlow Heights	21,963	102	215.3235
	Cayla T. Snowden	Bowl America Shirley	22,366	105	213.0095
	Latoya Glenn	Bowl America Shirley	20,783	99	209.9293
	Jennifer F. Nusbaum	AMF Waldorf	17,546	87	201.6782
	Tinesha C. Tate	AMF Waldorf	20,712	105	197.2571
	Makeba A. Coleman	AMF Marlow Heights	19,901	102	195.1078
	Stephanie D. Colbert	Crofton Bowling Centre	13,338	69	193.3043
	Eugenia A. McDonald	Crofton Bowling Centre	17,873	93	192.1828
	Rachel N. Wilson	AMF Marlow Heights	15,466	81	190.9383
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Men	Cameron A. Brooks	The Lanes Fort Meade	18,355	96	191.197 <del>0 (  </del>
	Caleb A. Vicars	The Lanes Fort Meade	20,530	108	190.0926
	Justin T. Smith	The Lanes Fort Meade	19,760	104	190.0000
	LeRoy A. Battle III	The Lanes Fort Meade	15,190	80	189.8750
	Timothy K. Moore	The Lanes Fort Meade	17,025	91	187.0879
	Derek M. Payne	The Lanes Fort Meade	16,439	88	186.8068
	Pera I. Limtrakul	The Lanes Fort Meade	20,018	108	185.3519
	Zahir N. Holmes	The Lanes Fort Meade	16,012	88	181.9545
	Anthony B. Allen	The Lanes Fort Meade	16,995	96	177.0313
	Michael A. Hayes Jr.	The Lanes Fort Meade	15,432	88	175.3636
Women	Evelyn C. Greene	The Lanes Fort Meade	17,091	108	158.2500
	Elainea R. Myers	The Lanes Fort Meade	12,968	84	154.3810
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Only members who have bowled a minimum of three games in the titled season's NCAUSBCA Open Championships Tournament (men) or Women's Championships Tournament (women) and also possess a 66-game (minimum) certified league average will be considered for recognition. ... In his Summer 2024 "Manager's Memo" column, Ronald McGregor asked a question regarding the most recent NCAUSBCA Open Championships Tournament, "Scratch bowlers, where are you?" This indeed was a most legitimate question, as nearly all of the 50 of the top 62 men with the highest individual league average last season were automatically removed from consideration for the 2023-2024 Official Average Leaders list simply because they did not meet the minimum requirement of bowling just three games in the season's Open Championships Tournament. In addition to this, many of these "disqualified" bowlers—some of whom perhaps dream of becoming a Hall of Famer someday—did not help their chances of getting elected to the NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame in the Performance category because to be considered by the Hall of Fame Committee, an active Performance candidate must have competed in a minimum of three of the past five Open Championships events.

# They rolled for us. Now, let's roll for them.



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THE BOWLERS TO VETERANS LINK

# NCAUSBCA Youth 2023-2024 Official Average Leaders

Center

Majors/Seniors (Ages 15-18)

Majors/Se	eniors (Ages 15-18)				
Male	Chance A. McLane	Lord Calvert	9,173	39	235.2051
mare	Johnny Legere Jr	Lord Calvert	8,548	39	219.1795
	William P. Dorris	Bowl America Woodbridge	20,643	96	215.0313
	Dillion B. Johnson	Bowl America Woodbridge	17,907	84	213.1786
	Anthony N. Hickok	Bowl America Woodbridge	15,988	75	213.1733
	Aiden Watts	Lord Calvert	9,590	45	213.1111
	Caleb Baxley	Crofton Bowling Centre	13,926	66	211.0000
	Deion Ahmed	Bowl America Woodbridge	18,977	90	210.8556
	Raymond L. Lewis	Bowl America Woodbridge	18,790	90	208.7778
	Connor A. Campbell	Bowl America Woodbridge	16,241	78	208.2179
Female	Briana M. Mason	Bowl America Woodbridge	18,514	84	220.4048
	Amber Benson	Lord Calvert	9,089	42	216.4048
	Savannah M.Douglass	Lord Calvert	7,641	39	195.9231
	Janiyah A. Hightower	AMF Capital Plaza	12,404	64	193.8125
	Amber L. Mason	Bowl America Woodbridge	17,920	93	192.6882
	Ayzia Miller	Bowl America Woodbridge	15,977	84	190.2024
	Chloe A. Baziluik	Bowl America Woodbridge	13,887	74	187.6622
	Alexis J. Moorefield	AMF Capital Plaza	17,472	96	182.0000
	Amina Hall	The Lanes Fort Meade	13,556	75	180.7467
	Anaya Hall	The Lanes Fort Meade	12,952	72	179.8889
Juniors (/	Ages 12-14)				
Male	Tyler Q. Anderson	Crofton Bowling Centre	14,128	66	214.0606
	Victor T. Williams	AMF Capital Plaza	20,249	96	210.9271
	Jayden C. Burrell	Crofton Bowling Centre	12,269	63	194.7460
	Stephanos Snear	Bowl America Woodbridge	18,566	96	193.3958
	Judah C. Worthington	Lord Calvert	8,470	45	188.2222
	Seth A. Baziluik	Bowl America Woodbridge	13,487	73	184.7534
	Mikael A. Smith	Potomac Lanes	13,289	72	184.5694
	Joey Bell	Lord Calvert	7,072	39	181.3333
	Tye'Reek P. Glover	Bowl America Woodbridge	16,466	93	177.0538
	Jalen M. Blocker	Crofton Bowling Centre	12,185	69	176.5942
Female	Ashtyn DeVries	Lord Calvert	6,801	39	174.3846
	Riley A. Seabolt	Bowl America Woodbridge	16,325	96	170.0521
	Sarah M. Blake-Martin	Bowl America Woodbridge	13,103	78	167.9872
	Jazymn Rodiguez-Williams	Bowl America Woodbridge	12,882	77	167.2987
	Emma N. Eder	Bowl America Woodbridge	15,006	90	166.7333
	Amiya N. Debrah	AMF Capital Plaza	14,292	93	153.6774
	Madison Anderson	Crofton Bowling Centre	8,574	57	150.4211
	Haley M. Bender	Bowl America Woodbridge	6,572	44	149.3636
	Scarlett Douglass	Lord Calvert	5,705	39	146.2821
	Anna L. Tibbs	Bowl America Woodbridge	12,547	87	144.2184
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Pins Games Average

Preps (Ages 9-11)					
Male	Caleb J. Cherryholmes-Wesley	Bowl America Woodbridge	17,374	93	186.8172
	Ashton Bryant	Lord Calvert	7,762	42	184.8095
	Jaylen A. Hightower	AMF Capital Plaza	16,061	88	182.5114
	Michael Rossiter	Bowl America Burke	7,249	42	172.5952
	Alexander M. Medina	Bowl America Woodbridge	13,208	78	169.3333
	Alexander D. Patti	Bowl America Burke	8,788	54	162.7407
	Dawson A. Whitt	The Lanes Fort Meade	11,335	72	157.4306
	Noah M. Wilson	AMF Capital Plaza	12,864	83	154,9880
	Dash Taylor	Bowl America Burke	6,212	42	147.9048
	Tony A. Milton	Potomac Lanes	8,425	57	147.8070
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Female	Liliana N. Moreira	Bowl America Woodbridge	12,775	99	129.0404
	Elysia K. Moreira	Bowl America Woodbridge	11,627	94	123.6915
	Katelyn Williams	Lord Calvert	5,530	45	122.8889
	Lily K. Miller	Bowl America Woodbridge	11,029	90	122.5444
	Christin S. Simpson-Bajulaiye	AMF Capital Plaza	10,349	85	121.7529
	Aeris A. Crookston	Bowl America Woodbridge	10,919	95	114.9368
	Julianna R. Baker	Bowl America Woodbridge	10,185	90	113.1667
	Savannah V. Hirst	Bowl America Burke	5,550	51	108.8235
	Madison Gwyn	Lord Calvert	3,795	37	102.5676
	Skyler Rhyne	AMF Capital Plaza	7,805	78	100.0641
Bantams (A	Jacs 5-8)				
Male	Benjamin T. Murray	Bowl America Burke	5,958	42	141.8571
mare	Ashton Green	Lord Calvert	4,997	42	118.9762
	Zaiden Lockhart	Bowl America Woodbridge	10,400	99	105.0505
	Nolan A. Cherryholmes-Wesley		9,303	90	103.3667
	Khai'or C. Harrison	AMF Waldorf	6,522	66	98.8182
	Aaron M. Hunt	AMF Waldorf	6,522	66	98.8182
	Brett R. Tyler Jr	AMF Capital Plaza	8,402	88	95.4773
	Kellen-Gabriel H. Redmon	Potomac Lanes	3,408	36	94.6667
	Cason D. Lanier	Potomac Lanes	5,553	62	89.5645
	Maison N. Passmore	Bowl America Woodbridge	3,435	39	88.0769
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Female	Gracelyn Davis	Lord Calvert	4,748	39	121.7436
	Harmonee A. Womack	Potomac Lanes	6,230	60	103.8333
	Skylar L. Keys	AMF Marlow Heights	8,419	88	95.6705
	Emilea R. Crookston	Bowl America Woodbridge	9,232	98	94.2041
	Skye O. Palmer	AMF Waldorf	5,739	63	91.0952
	Dakota A. Rhyne	AMF Capital Plaza	6,622	78	84.8974
	Melanie A. Middleton	Bowl America Woodbridge	7,119	84	84.7500
	Jhené T. Goss	AMF Capital Plaza	7,149	95	75.2526
	Caroline Lynch	Lord Calvert	3,330	45 70	74.0000
	Gabrielle L. Brown	Potomac Lanes	5,117	72	71.0694

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Applications were sent to TNBA youth members between the ages of 15–18. As part of the application process, players were asked to submit a video, showing their bowling style from different angles, along with a resume of their accomplishments. This year's eight participants were selected from that pool of TNBA youth program applicants and included three girls and five boys, including two NCAUSBCA members from Maryland — Sydney Smoot of Glen Burnie and Michael Jones of Laurel.

Providing instruction to the student-athletes

-	eniors (Ages 15-18)				Average
Male	Jacob T. Bockstie	The Lanes Fort Meade	21,872	104	210.3077
	Nicolas M. Trentler	The Lanes Fort Meade	18,823	92	204.5978
	Chance A. McLane	The Lanes Fort Meade	22,430	112	200.2679
	Ryan C. Schultz	The Lanes Fort Meade	22,116	112	197.4643
	Jordyn C. Moore	The Lanes Fort Meade	18,991	100	189.9100
Female	Kayla Starr	The Lanes Fort Meade	21,249	112	189.7232
	Amber Benson	The Lanes Fort Meade	18,408	100	184.0800
	Kaylie N. Kurland	Crofton Bowling Centre	12,111	68	178.1029
	Savanna M. Douglass	Crofton Bowling Centre	15,702	91	172.5495
	Sydney R. Smoot	The Lanes Fort Meade	16,852	100	168.5200
Juniors (Ag	ges 12-14)				
Male	Cameron D. Bennett	The Lanes Fort Meade	17,315	92	188.2065
	Jackson Alexander Veitch	The Lanes Fort Meade	8,973	48	186.9375
	Tyler Q. Anderson	The Lanes Fort Meade	14,709	80	183.8625
	Jayden C. Burrell	The Lanes Fort Meade	11,921	72	165.5694
	Mikael A. Smith	The Lanes Fort Meade	16,863	108	156.1389
Female	Ashtyn DeVries	Crofton Bowling Centre	12,908	81	159.3580
	Savanah F. Dwarshuis	Crofton Bowling Centre	8,215	52	157.9808
	Caelah A. Clayton	Crofton Bowling Centre	13,236	96	137.8750
	Madison Anderson	Crofton Bowling Centre	8,856	67	132.1791
	Scarlett Douglass	Crofton Bowling Centre	8,003	64	125.0469
Preps (Age	s 9-11)				
Male	Dawson A. Whitt	The Lanes Fort Meade	7,023	48	146.3125

Only members with 36-game (minimum) certified league averages are considered for recognition. Members of "self-processing" leagues are not considered. The divisions are determined by the youth bowler's age as of July 31 of the current bowling season. ... Please direct any questions to Tom Dale, chair, Average Recognition Committee.

#### ITRC, from page 11

were USBC Director of Coaching Development Stephen Padilla and ITRC Coach Lou Marquez, with assistance from Tom Nassar of USBC's Equipment and Specs team, and the Wicks Pro Shop.

Professional Bowlers Association champion and Team USA member AJ Johnson was a guest speaker, and the attendees hung on every word as Johnson provided advice and direction to them.

During the weekend, an emphasis was placed on individual instruction to develop both the physical and mental game. The instruction included the use of the ITRC's advanced video analysis systems, analysis using Specto technology and additional statistical analysis. There were sessions covering the bowler's release and an assessment of each player's spare shooting.

In addition to on-lane instruction, the partici-

pants took part in classroom sessions on topics that included the physical game, bowling ball dynamics, ball motion dynamics and understanding the science of lane conditions and lane play.

For Smoot, who continues to excel in the sport despite having spinal fusion surgery in 2021, the weekend represented an opportunity to learn and give back to the sport.

"I want to take in everything I learn from this program and give back to my community," Smoot said. "There are people who want to immerse themselves in this sport, and I want to pioneer them to be the best bowlers that they can be. Whether it starts from the mental or physical side of bowling, I want to be there to help."



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## Initial Youth event schedule for the 2024-2025 season (Prepared September 1, 2024)

September 22, 10:00 am at BA Woodbridge - Local Junior Gold September 30 – All Youth League Certifications must be submitted no later than 30 days after the 1<sup>st</sup> session October 1-31 – Vern Burke Virtual Tournament October 13, 10 am at The Lanes Fort Meade – Local Junior Gold October 13, 1:30 pm at The Lanes Fort Meade - 600 Club Fall Single October 14, 1 pm at BA Southwest (Richmond area) - Virginia State Junior Gold NEW-October 27, 11 am at BA Shirley – Youth Doubles \*\*November 4-17, Pepsi Qualifying window November 10, 1:30 pm at BA Bull Run – 600 Club Fall Double November 17, 11 am at BA Woodbridge - NCAUSBCA Vern Burke November 29, 11 am at BA Bull Run - Black Friday Adult/Youth Tournament December 1, 10 am at BA Woodbridge - Nelson Perry's Handicap Scholarship Tournament December 14 - all NCAUSBCA Youth and Youth/Adult Leagues must submit updated standing sheets with all games bowled through December 9th to Tom Dale to be used for Invitational and City Tournaments January 1, 11 am at BA Bull Run – Adult/Youth Tournament January 5, 10 am at BA Shirley - Local Junior Gold January 12 at BA Southwest (Richmond) - Clyde Robert Perkins II Virginia State High School Tournament January 13 - Final averages and financial reports (including SMART) must be submitted to NCAUSBCA January 14 – Postmark deadline or Invitational bowlers to submit entries with payment to Tom Dale January 18, 2 pm at BA Falls Church – NCAUSBCA Invitational Round 1 and Junior Gold Qualifier (extra \$45) January 19, 1 pm at Crofton – NCAUSBCA Invitational Round 2 and Junior Gold Qualifier (extra \$45) \*\*January 19-February 1, 2nd Pepsi Qualifying window January 25, 2 pm at BA Shirley – NCAUSBCA Invitational Round 3 January 26, 10 am at BA Fairfax - NCAUSBCA Invitational Fundraiser Qualifier January 26, 1:00 pm at BA Fairfax - NCAUSBCA Invitational Fundraiser Finals February 1, 11 am at The Lanes Fort Meade - NCAUSBCA Invitational Finals February 9, 1 pm at BA Bull Run - Virginia State Junior Gold February 16 10 am at AMF Waldorf - Local Junior Gold February 16 1:30 pm at AMF Waldorf - 600 Club Winter Singles \*\*February – Northern Virginia High School Invitational Championship February 22-23 at BA Falls Church - NCAUSBCA Youth City Tournament March 1-2 at BA Falls Church - NCAUSBCA Youth City Tournament March 9, 11 am at TBD – Local Junior Gold March 16, 11 am at BA Woodbridge – NCAUSBCA Vern Burke March 22-23, 10 am at BA Bull Run – VA State High School Tournament March 30, 11 am at BA Woodbridge - 600 Club Tournament of Champions NEW-April 13, 10 am at BA Shirley – Baker Team Challenge \*\*April 19-20, Pepsi State Finals at Bowlero Mechanicsville (Richmond area) \*\*April 26-27, Pepsi State Finals at Bowlero Mechanicsville (Richmond area) \*\*May 4 at Fort Meade – Paul Goodwin Memorial Youth/Adult Tournament \*\*May 3-4, Pepsi State Finals at Bowlero Mechanicsville (Richmond area) May 31 – Final averages and financial reports (including SMART) must be submitted to NCAUSBCA June 21-22, VA State Youth Tournament (Staunton / Harrisonburg) June 28-29, VA State Youth Tournament (Staunton / Harrisonburg) July 4, 10 am at BA Bull Run – Adult/Youth Tournament July 9-11, USA Bowling National Championship (Green Bay WI) July 10-12, 19-21, 27-28, USBC Youth Open (Green Bay WI) July 11-19, Junior Gold Championships (Green Bay WI) - U12, U15, and U18

#### \*\* Not confirmed yet

**600 CLUB (\$40 each tournament / \$45 ToC):** Any youth bowler who has bowled a certified 600 series in the NCAUSBCA Youth program is eligible for membership in the 600 Club. All competition is Scratch. There are 2 average divisions: Under 190 and 190+. Bowlers qualify for the season ending Tournament of Champions based on top finishes in the monthly tournaments. FORMAT – bowl 5 games and then stepladder finals for the monthly events. The doubles stepladder will use the Baker format.

**INVITATIONAL (\$40 each rounds 1-3 / \$40 final round):** All NCAUSBCA youth bowlers with a current season House Shot average of 150 (141 Challenge, 135 SPORT) or higher for 12 or more games will be invited to this tournament. All competition is Scratch. There are 4 average divisions: 150-164, 165-179, 180-194 and 195+.

CITY TOURNAMENT (\$35 each event / \$20 for bumper singles): 4-person Team, Doubles and Singles competition

**VERN BURKE (\$35 / \$20 bumper division / Walk-ins \$5 additional):** Singles competition only. Handicap divisions are based on average with optional scratch and one scratch sport shot division in November.

**VIRTUAL VERN BURKE (\$15 / \$10 2-game divisions / \$5 bumpers):** Uses league scores. Standings based on your highest score during the month of October. Open to all certified youth bowlers in VA DC MD DE PA NC NJ.

**LOCAL JUNIOR GOLD (\$70 each event):** Any youth bowler is eligible to bowl in Junior Gold events. Membership in Junior Gold is \$30 per season (12 and under \$10). There are 3 divisions based on age: U12, U15 and U18. All competition is 5 games scratch on various Sport Shot patterns.

NEW BAKER TOURNAMENTS: Doubles and 5-bowler team events planned for this season.

**VA JUNIOR GOLD (\$70 each event / \$60 for previous qualifiers):** Any youth bowler is eligible to bowl in Junior Gold events. Membership in Junior Gold is \$30 per season (12 and under \$10). There are 3 divisions based on age: U12, U15 and U18. All competition is 5 games scratch on various Sport Shot patterns.

**STORM MID ATLANTIC YOUTH TOUR** Any youth bowler is eligible to bowl. Competition is scratch/handicap on various Sport Shot patterns. Contact Scott Gielda on Facebook at Mid-Atlantic Bowling Events for more information.

VA HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT Contact Johnny Harris 434/660-1780 for more information

Any questions on any of the above tournaments can be directed to Tom Dale, NCAUSBCA Youth Committee, 10 Hulvey Drive, Stafford, VA 22556-3816 (phone 703/989-8573) / tdale24@yahoo.com / Facebook @ Tom Dale Jr.

This schedule will be updated as information becomes available. Any youth tournaments affecting NCAUSBCA Youth can be added to this schedule if the tournament official sends information. The updated information will be posted on our Facebook (NCAUSBCA-Youth) page.

#### ITRC, from page 12

The classroom and on-lane instruction was complemented by facility tours, including the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame at the conclusion of the first day.

Visiting the IBMHOF wasn't the only tour provided to the participants. The participants also enjoyed the tour of USBC's Equipment Specifications Department, which included a demonstration by E.A.R.L. (Enhanced Automated Robotic Launcher), USBC's ball-throwing robot.

# **Our Back Pages**

#### 5 Years Ago

> Yvonne Tison Bennett, Milton "Pete" Gunn, John "Claw" Holtzclaw, Quintina "Lil Smooth" Jefferson, and James Snow are inducted into the NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame.

#### 10 Years Ago

> Eddie Blocker Jr., David Kneas, Ernest W. Spriggs, and George Yarborough enter the NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame.

#### 15 Years Ago

- > NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame inductees: Terri Franklin, Rick Ketchie, and Red Nelson.
- > Hall of Famers Mark Glover and Tiffany Bell top the association rankings.

#### 20 Years Ago

- > July 27, 2004 is most memorable for Rick Brooks, manager of Bowl America Shirley: He accidentally flushes his 300 game ring down the toilet in his Springfield home, only to earn another ring for a perfect game that evening at Bowl America Falls Church.
- Stacey Gonzales takes home \$650 and a plaque for her victory in the Virginia Bowling Queens event at Fort Belvoir.

#### 25 Years Ago

- > Ralph Hayward replaces the retiring Bob Hennessy as association treasurer.
- > Association members are no longer identified by their Social Security number.

#### 30 Years Ago

- Ernest Spriggs (at Crofton Bowling Centre) and Frank McCarthy (Annandale) are the latest Nation's Capital / Baltimore Area Masters champions.
- > A new center, Bowl America Gaithersburg, accepts reservations for 1994-1995 leagues.

#### 35 Years Ago

> Shop Talk columnist Jerry Francomano, in "To do or not to do," advises readers to have their grip checked "to make sure no changes have taken place in your hand during the summer."

#### 40 Years Ago

> Susan Walker leads the Washington, D.C. Area WBA awards list with her 289 game at Alexandria.

#### 45 Years Ago

- > A new era begins in area bowling as Bob Hennessy begins a three-year term as association secretarysucceeding Matt Bennie, the original holder of the position since the association's founding in 1945.
- Top series over the first 15 weeks of the 1979 Fair Lanes Summer Tour include Billy Slater, 721; Roger Painter II, 719; and Jim Snow and Wilson Rowe, 703.

#### 50 Years Ago

- > With three weekends remaining, Elmer Breeden leads the scratch division of the Seminary Classic with a 1,077 total, while Willie Jelks holds the top handicap spot with 1,198.
- > Bobby Michaelson tops the Gold Pin awards listing with his 290 game.

#### 55 Years Ago

- Patty Costello and Mike Hahn (who later scores a tournament record 1,192 five-game series [238 average] to win the Nation's Capital Singles Classic at Fair Lanes Springfield), capture Metropolitan Washington Bowling Proprietors' Association Invitational titles.
- > Fair Lanes Belair, located in Bowie, Md., begins operations on June 7, 1969.

#### **Tournament Roundup**

**PBA50** Harrah's Cherokee/Ultra-Star Multi-Tainment Center Open, Cherokee, N.C. (Anthony Crews, Sebring, Fla., \$2,200) – 6, John Neral, Vienna, Va., \$875.

**PBA50 Greater Nashville Open, Smyrna, Tenn.** (*Dan Knowlton, Dade City, Fla.*, *\$2,500*) – 10, Brian Link, Bowie, Md., *\$800*.

**PBA BowlerX Open, Bethlehem, Pa.** (*Will Vidulich, Budd Lake, N.J., \$2,700*) – 20, William Little, Fulton, Md., \$560.

**PBA50 Hammer Strike Zone Open, Pottsville, Pa.** (John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., \$1,500) — 8, Jay Davis Jr., Silver Spring, Md., \$700; 9, Tony Walton, Severn, Md., \$650.

**PBA ABC Gates Bowl Open, Rochester, N.Y.** (*Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.*, \$3,000) – 11, William Little, \$725.

PBA50 C Adam Toney Tire Pros Central/South Open, Charleston, W. Va. (Michael Haggitt, Springfield, Ohio, \$2,600) – 16, Jay Davis Jr., \$650.

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#### MANAGER, from page 6

tains, do you have your teammates' contact information?

Interested in getting involved in association projects? You can serve on committees aimed at enhancing the bowling experience, work tournament events, work on building partnerships with pro shops, local businesses etc. Contact President Wolde.

Recent calls to the office include the following topics:

➢ Establishing an average: Some leagues still say that it takes three games to establish an average. What do you do when a bowler is unable to bowl three games? Rule 108c. When a bowler fails to complete his/her first game in order to establish an average, the frames bowled, will be declared null and void and a vacancy score used.

> Vacancy score: League determines the vacancy score and handicap. Rule 112/6: A league can adopt a rule stating there will be no handicap given for a vacancy score or any other number they choose. While USBC recommends that the vacancy score receive the same handicap percentage the league utilizes for its regular members, Rule 112, Item b allows the league by rule to determine the percentage of handicap the vacancy score will receive.

> National rerate average: If a bowler receives a USBC National rerate average, they are required to use that average in all leagues and tournaments. Furthermore, their average remains the same for the entirety of the league season.

Like us on Facebook to receive updates regarding association-related activities.

Contact Manager McGregor

#### NCAUSBCA 2023-2024 Center Averages

BA Woodbridge178.251
BA Shirley175.056
BA Gaithersburg174.170
AMF Capital Plaza174.168
Bowlero Sterling171.226
Crofton Bowling Centre.170.152
BA Bull Run170.094
AMF Annandale168.569
AMF Marlow Heights 168.449
BA Falls Church
Potomac Lanes
Rinaldi's Riverdale164.148
Leatherneck Lanes163.842
AMF Waldorf163.737
BA Fairfax163.358
The Lanes Fort Meade.162.119
BA Burke160.603
Lord Calvert Bowl159.385
Patuxent River155.586
The Branch154.926
Fort Belvoir146.074
MWR Stars & Strikes131.230

(Composite averages based on winter season's averages for adult members)

#### ASSOCIATION HONOR SCORES

#### 300 Game

Brown, Richard T Jr. - BA DeVore, Werner A - CR Diggs, Verra B - BA Gibbs, Jeff A - LC Price, Christopher L - BR

#### YOUTH

## 800 Series

807 McLane, Chance - LC



# NCAUSBCA 2023-2024 adult winter leagues with the highest composite average:

Lost & Found	BA Shirley	205.363
Automotive Men	BA Woodbridge	204.979
Twilight Rollers	Rinaldi's Riverdale Bowl	199.366
Falls Church Commercial	BA Falls Church	198.803
Polish Open I	Crofton Bowling Centre	198.778
Bottom Liners	AMF Capital Plaza	198.307
Sunday Morning Mixed	AMF Marlow Heights	194.607
Monday Commercial	BA Woodbridge	193.337
Merchants Mixed	BA Woodbridge	190.329
Monday Nite Power Rollers	AMF Marlow Heights	189.110
Monday Night Trios	BA Dranesville	188.487
Tri-Nitely	Crofton Bowling Centre	186.209
Twi-Nite Mixed 1	BA Gaithersburg	186.108
Crofton Monday Night Trios	Crofton Bowling Centre	185.505
Mixed-Signals.Org	BA Dranesville	185.460
Monday Night Shooters 23-24	BA Shirley	185.121
Thursday Night Mixed	BA Gaithersburg	184.102
Monday Night Mixed	BA Bull Run	183.630
Thursday Nite Mixed	Crofton Bowling Centre	182.903
Saturday Nite Mixed	BA Woodbridge	182.894
Tuesday Night Strikers	BA Bull Run	182.684
Broke N Balls II	BA Burke	182.275
Friday Night Out	BA Bull Run	181.720
Thursday Mixed Singles II	BA Fairfax	181.392
Fun, Inc. Mixed	AMF Marlow Heights	181.304
Monday Night Mixers	AMF Waldorf	180.773
Wednesday Mixed 5's	BA Gaithersburg	179.359
Black Ski Mixed	AMF Capital Plaza	179.009
Thursday Nite Mixed	AMF Waldorf	178.612
Centreville Classics	BA Bull Run	178.382
Strikes Or Spares	AMF Marlow Heights	178.171
Cheap Thrills	BA Gaithersburg	178.000
First Niters	BA Falls Church	177.907
Monday Mixed	Potomac Lanes	177.718
Weldon Smith Doubles	Potomac Lanes	177.536
Thursday Night Early Mixed	BA Woodbridge	177.329

Bison & Family	AME Capital Plaza	177 092
Sunday Sport Shot Singles		
Friday Early Mixed	•	
Monday Morning Trios		
Friday Nite Memorial	•	
Bud Scratch Trios	•	
Wed Night Early Mixed		
Wednesday Fun Mixed	•	
Wednesday Trios II		
Calvert Knights		
Party Time Rollers		
Rinaldi's Mixed 4's	-	
Jon Emery Mixed		
Broke N Balls I		
Sunday Nite Foursome		
Tuesday Night Mixed		
Goddard Men's		
Balls Ford Mixed		
Friday Morning Mixed		
Strike 'Em Rich	-	
Friends United Mixed Doubles	•	
Chargers With Class Doubles		
Thursday Nite Trios		
Sport Shot Singles A/Y		
Friday Nite Mixed II		
Bravehearts		
Electrical Workers of Local 26	•	
Mixed Keglers	-	
Sunday Nite Mixers	•	
Wednesday Night Trios I		
Tuesday Night Mixed		
AMC Mixed		
Wednesday Nite Rollers	•	
Tuesday Nite Mixers		
Tuesday Nights		
Monday Night Early Mixed		
Wednesday Combos	•	
HEW Mixed		
Monday Mixed 4's	•	
Friday Night Mixed Duo	-	
Saturday Morning Mixed	•	
Lois Hoban Primetimers		
Gems & Guys Mixed	•	
DIA Monday Night Mixed		
Hump Nite Hurlers		
DOT Good Times	-	
Tuesday Mixed Spring		
Friday Night Special Mixed		

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#### 168.152

Composite average for adult NCAUSBCA 2023-2024 winter league members.

#### 252.2

Highest average by a woman, Jordan Richard, on a five-person team (66 games minimum), 2022-2023.

#### 65

Consecutive errorless games by Skang Mercurio, Cleveland, 1929 (missed 10-pin in ninth frame of 66th game).

#### 18

Consecutive nine-pin counts by Pete Bland, Bremerton, Wash., Oct. 28, 1976.

#### 14

Most consecutive splits by Shirley Tophigh, Las Vegas, 1968-1969.

#### 895

High Virginia three-game series (299-297-299) by John Morgan Jr., Chantilly, April 2, 2015.

#### 107

Oldest league bowler, Gene Scala, Jericho, N.Y., through 2012-2013 (born August 21, 1905).

#### 32

Most leagues in one season by Eric Jensen, Lincoln, Neb., 1995-1996.

#### 120

Most leagues in one center, Southland Lanes, Flint, Mich., 1970-1971 (76 lanes)

## **Calendar of Events**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

 ${\bf 28\text{-}29}-{\rm Virginia}$  State Fall Meeting in Richmond.

#### **OCTOBER**

**14** – NCAUSBCA Office closed (Columbus Day).

20 – NCAUSBCA Virtual Board of Directors Meeting.

**26-27, November 2-3, 9-10** – NCAUSBCA 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Senior Tournament at AMF Waldorf.

#### NOVEMBER

- 11 NCAUSBCA Office closed (Veterans Day).
- 17 NCAUSBCA Board of Directors Meeting (site TBD).
- **28** NCAUSBCA Office closed (Thanksgiving).

#### DECEMBER

**7-8, 14-15, 21-22** – NCAUSBCA 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Mixed Tournament in Support of BVL at Bowl America Shirley.

25 – NCAUSBCA Office closed (Christmas).

31 – NCAUSBCA Office closed (New Year's Eve).

#### NCAUSBCA 2023-2024 Triple Crown Awards

Gm	Ser
Barbara Brenemen . 279	713
J. Kelly-Bankins 246	592
Andrea Sharp 225	630
Angela Timms 278	631

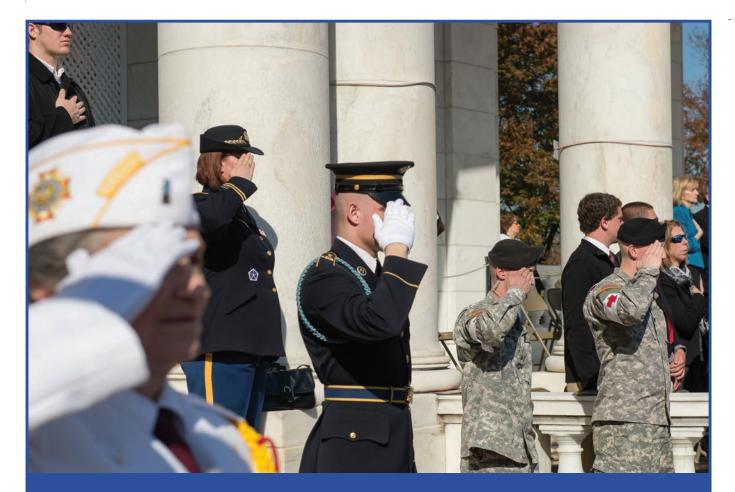
Avg League / Center

- 201 Wednesday Night Early Mixed / WB
- 165 NAVAIR Mixed / PX
  - 188 Tuesday Summer Sizzlers / MQ
  - 176 Monday Fun Bunch / DR

# Check Your Knowledge

- 1. Who preceded Samuel Wolde as president of NCAUSBCA?
- 2. Which two centers will host the NCAUSBCA Open Championships in 2025?
- 3. Which center will host the NCAUSBCA 2024 Senior Tournament?
- 4. True or False: Bowl America Falls Church began operations before Bowl America Shirley.
- 5. True or False: A team captain must pay teammates within 15 days after receiving the prize money.
- 6. True or False: Under no circumstances can a recap sheet with an error be corrected after the sheet is signed by both captains.
- 7. True or False: Averages established using certified string machines may be used in competitions using free-fall or string machines.

ANSWERS: 1, Diane Carrett; 2, The Lanes Fort Meade and Crofton Bowling Centre; 3, AMF Waldorf; 4, False; 5, True; 6, False; 7, True.



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