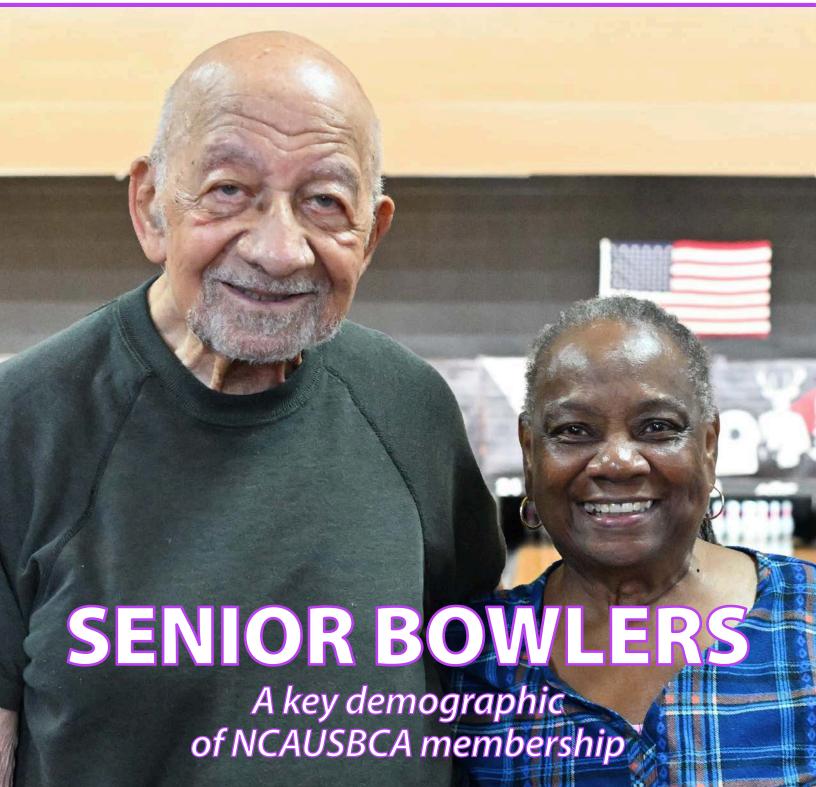


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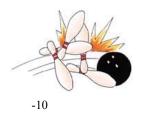
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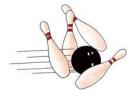
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## Eight TNBA youth members enjoy weekend of instruction at ITRC

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

BRIEFLY....

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.

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

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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 neausbea.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 vour bowling ball?

14 pounds



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Roy "Rat" Holton Washington, D.C.

14 pounds



Alice Riley Upper Marlboro, Md.

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## NCAUSBCA 2023-2024 Official Average Leaders

STANDA	RD "HOUSE" SHOT	Center	Pins	Games	Average
Men Bobby Ishmael Jr.		AMF Capital Plaza	22,995	96	239.5313
	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
SPORT S	ВНОТ				
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

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.

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## NCAUSBCA Youth 2023-2024 Official Average Leaders

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

Preps (Age	es 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
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	•	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 (	Ages 5-8)				
Male	Benjamin T. Murray	Bowl America Burke	5,958	42	141.8571
	Ashton Green	Lord Calvert	4,997	42	118.9762
	Zaiden Lockhart	Bowl America Woodbridge	10,400	99	105.0505
	Nolan A. Cherryholmes-Wesley	Bowl America Woodbridge	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
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
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	Caroline Lynch Gabrielle L. Brown	Lord Calvert Potomac Lanes	3,330 5,117	45 72	74.0000 71.0694

#### ITRC, from page 3

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

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SPORT SHOT		Center	Pins	Games	Average
Majors / S	Seniors (Ages 15-18)				
		The Lanes Fort Meade	21,872	104	210.3077
		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 (A	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					
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 1st 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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.

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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.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Not confirmed yet

## 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 secretary—succeeding 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.

18th Annual D.C's Finest Mixed Handicap Tournament 2024

#### 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 Woodbridge178.25
BA Shirley175.05
BA Gaithersburg174.17
AMF Capital Plaza174.16
Bowlero Sterling171.22
Crofton Bowling Centre . 170.15
BA Bull Run170.09
AMF Annandale168.56
AMF Marlow Heights 168.44
BA Falls Church167.94
Potomac Lanes165.05
Rinaldi's Riverdale164.14
Leatherneck Lanes163.84
AMF Waldorf163.73
BA Fairfax163.35
The Lanes Fort Meade.162.11
BA Burke160.60
Lord Calvert Bowl159.38
Patuxent River155.58
The Branch154.92
Fort Belvoir146.07
MWR Stars & Strikes131.23

(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	•	
Twilight Rollers	•	
Falls Church Commercial		
Polish Open I		
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		
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
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Bison & Family	AME Capital Plaza	177 002
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	<u>-</u>	
Mixed Keglers	•	
Sunday Nite Mixers		
Wednesday Night Trios I	BA Dranesville	169.479
Tuesday Night Mixed		
AMC Mixed	BA Shirley	168.569
Wednesday Nite Rollers	Potomac Lanes	168.359
Tuesday Nite Mixers	BA Dranesville	168.237
Tuesday Nights		
Monday Night Early Mixed	BA Woodbridge	167.854
Wednesday Combos	Lord Calvert Bowl	167.304
HEW Mixed	AMF Marlow Heights	167.191
Monday Mixed 4's	BA Gaithersburg	167.061
Friday Night Mixed Duo	Crofton Bowling Centre	166.514
Saturday Morning Mixed	Rinaldi's Riverdale Bowl	166.435
Lois Hoban Primetimers	BA Woodbridge	166.028
Gems & Guys Mixed	AMF Capital Plaza	165.753
DIA Monday Night Mixed	Potomac Lanes	165.350
Hump Nite Hurlers	Crofton Bowling Centre	165.220
DOT Good Times	BA Falls Church	164.199
Tuesday Mixed Spring	Lord Calvert Bowl	164.123
Friday Night Special Mixed	AMF Marlow Heights	164.081

## Go Figure

#### 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**

28-29 — 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).

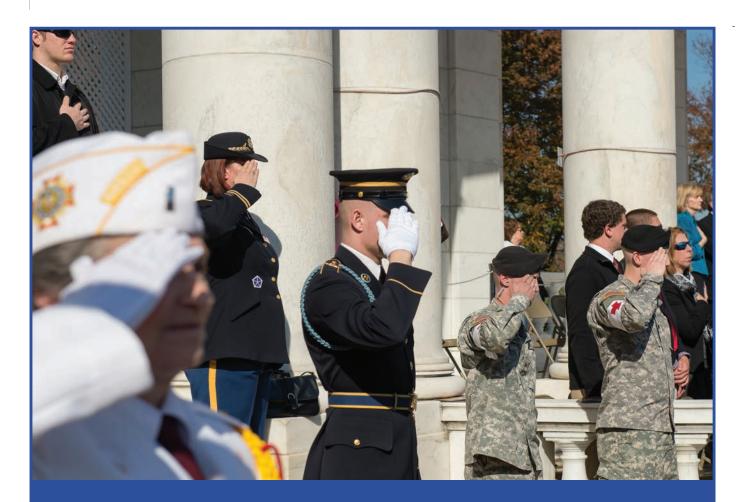
### NCAUSBCA 2023-2024 Triple Crown Awards

Gm	Ser	Avg	League / Center
Barbara Brenemen . 279	713	201	Wednesday Night Early Mixed / WB
J. Kelly-Bankins 246	592	165	NAVAIR Mixed / PX
Andrea Sharp 225	630	188	Tuesday Summer Sizzlers / MQ
Angela Timms 278	631	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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