

ANNUAL REPORT



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*Meeting canceled due to
Covid-19 pandemic.*



Memorial Service



It is with fond memories that we remember the following bowlers who have passed away in the past year.

Timothy P. Berlinski

John H. Boundy

Art C. Casper

Kenneth D. Coffee

Angel C. Cruz

Patricia R. Dan

Curtis L. Evans

Richard A. Fladie

William C. Frank

Thomas Frontera

Shirley A. Glodowski

Henry L. Goodemote

Marvin E. Gross

Mary Ann Grzankowski

Elizabeth A. Hails

Barbara J. Jasin

Lynne E. Judd

Gregory P. Keppel, Sr.

Patrick G. Kwiatkowski

Christopher D. Lesser

Joseph J. Lodico

Thomas E. Maciok

Grady Martin, Jr.

Donald S. Matyjasik

Charles J. McKinnon

David A. Miller *

Kenneth J. Moen, Sr.

John P. Niesyty

Phyllis Notaro *

Carmelo B. Pitirri

Henry S. Przepiora, Jr.

Susan K. Pullen *

James P. Quinn

Corey D. Rehrauer

Jannie M. Roberts

Nancy R. Ross

Terry M. Sabia *

Christopher R. Sambuchi

Robert L. Simpson

Robert R. Turner

Ronald C. Wagner

Jane M. Walter

Forrest E. Weaver

Joseph G. Weiglein

Thomas J. Wiesmore

Michael A. Willard

Gerald J. Zientara, Jr.

* GBUSBCA Hall of Fame Member

**Greater Buffalo USBC Association
Annual Membership Meeting
July 31, 2019
AMF Lancaster Lanes**

President Greg Merkle called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

He then introduced Vice President Elaine Koszuta, who conducted a brief memorial service. She offered a prayer for those who have passed away since our last meeting and said that a complete list of deceased bowlers was included in the booklet provided to all attendees. She then asked for a moment of silence in their memory. Greg then asked Ken Duke to lead the group in the pledge to the flag. Greg then welcomed everyone to the annual meeting.

Dan Owczarzak moved to dispense with the reading of the 2018 annual meeting minutes and approve them as written. This was seconded by Ken Duke. No additions, deletions, or changes were recommended. Motion passed. Hank Szlachetka moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Dan Owczarzak. Motion passed.

President's Report – Greg introduced the association board members and said that there was a list of board members and volunteers included in the Annual Report. He then introduced Association Manager Bill Palumbo to make his presentation.

Association Manager's Report – Bill thanked everyone for attending and went on to review some highlights of his report. A complete outline of the membership and financial status of the association was included in the printed report. He noted that our local membership stands at 7,432 bowlers, including 707 youth bowlers, in 174 leagues. Total membership was down 119 members from the previous season. A complete breakdown of memberships and the financial statement was included in the report.

Local adult dues will remain at \$22 for adults this season. Youth dues will remain unchanged at \$10 and youth certified through school leagues will pay \$7. Senior bowlers over the age of 55 certified through senior leagues will continue to receive a \$2 discount in their dues. High school bowlers may sanction for a \$7 fee.

Bill briefly discussed the benefits of certifying, including bonding of league funds, rules interpretation, guidance in preparing appropriate rules for leagues, rerating of bowlers, and average record keeping. Information on local, state, and national tournaments, Hall of Fame, awards, and member rewards through Benefit Hub can be found on our website, www.gbusbc.com. He urged anyone interested in becoming an association volunteer to fill out an application, copies of which were included in the annual report passed out tonight.

Tickets for the 2020 Strike It Rich fundraiser will be available soon. A complete report from the 2019 Strike It Rich fundraiser is included in the annual report booklet. There were 610 tickets sold. The proceeds of \$12,135 were donated to the Ride for Roswell, Bowlers to Veterans Link, and the GBUSBCA. Tickets will be available soon for the 2020 fundraiser. Bill mentioned that the association has donated over \$126,000 toward scholarships and \$17,300 to BVL since 2006. He asked that leagues consider requesting a \$1 donation per bowler toward BVL each season.

A list of services provided by the association was provided and included, amongst other benefits, rules interpretation, average record-keeping, our bowl.com website, a standardized lane condition, tournament competition, a Hall of Fame, an awards program, donations to local and national charities, scholarship program and member rewards. Through our association, the National Life Insurance Company provides an accidental death and dismemberment insurance plan to our members. The list of services is included in the league kits being distributed and officers were encouraged to share the information with their league members.

He stated that there is also a volunteer application included in the annual report booklet. Anyone interested in volunteering time to the association should consider filling out an application and return it to the office.

Bill mentioned two new USBC rules that will be going into effect soon, the first of which is that only a dry towel can be used to wipe oil off a ball once it's put into play and the other being that final averages must be turned in within 15 days of the end of a league's season.

There will be no change in the criteria for youth and adult special achievement awards this season. For league

secretaries using secretarial programs, there is no need to update the criteria. National awards for 300 games and 800 series continue to be available for a bowler's first honor score in their lifetime; additional awards can be purchased by the bowler through Keepsake and will be recorded on the bowl.com website. GBUSBCA will continue to provide mementos for a bowler's first 300 and 800 of the season. Officers should be sure to notify the office immediately when an honor score is bowled.

Bill stated that the 2018 Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held on November 24 with the following people being inducted: Brad Angelo, Ray Bellet, Holly Parrish, Dave Williamson, Mary Grace Williamson, and Ruth Wooliver for Bowling Performance; Mary Chase for Meritorious Service to Youth; Cindy Kosanovich and Jim Wangler, Jr. for Meritorious Service. The next induction ceremony will be held on November 26, 2020. Nomination applications are available online at our website, www.gbusbc.com, and will be accepted through February 14, 2020.

A summary of last season's tournaments was included in the annual report, and complete results are available in the average book. The association will continue to contribute to most of its tournament prize funds again next season.

The upcoming season begins with the Kick-Off Invitational Tournament on August 22 at AMF Airport Lanes. Last season's tournament champions, several high average bowlers, and city tournament group leaders have been invited. The Senior Women's Tournament will be held on November 2 and 3, also at AMF Airport Lanes. Female bowlers aged 50 and over are invited to participate in three age divisions. Winners in the 2018 Senior Women's Tournament held at Kerns Avenue Bowling Center were Peggy Dziadaszek (Class A), Mary Classer (Class B), and Lynn Zagorski (Class C).

The association continues to pay the lineage for the League Officers Tournament, which was held at Spare Time Bowling Center this season. Bill said that this tournament is a "thank you" to league officers for certifying their leagues on time. There were 112 entries into the Officers Tournament. This year's tournament will be held on December 7 and 8, again being hosted by Spare Time Bowling Center.

There were 216 entries into the 52nd Annual Me & Mine Tournament in February at AMF Airport Lanes. Broadway Sports Center will host the 2020 Me & Mine.

The 47th Annual Senior Open Championship was held at Kenmore Lanes on April 27 and 28. We offered 6 age divisions to men and women bowlers aged 50 and over. There were 401 entries this season, which was only four short of the previous season's field of 405, which was the largest-ever field in this event. This year's winners were Tom LaPenna (Class AA); Sandy Tanner (Class A); Robert Rudnick, Jr. (Class B); Michael Edwards (Class C); Susan Brownell (Class D); and Scot Friedhaber (Class E). The 2019 Senior Open will be held at AMF Airport Lanes on April 18 and 19.

The 2020 City Women's and Open Championship Tournaments will be held at AMF Lancaster Lanes from April 21 to May 9. We plan to add \$10,000 to the prize fund along with approximately \$3,000 in additional sponsorships. Bill gave an outline of the group leader perk for those who enter at least three teams into the championship tournaments. We will offer brackets, pro shop raffles, and split club drawings for most squads.

The 56th Annual George A. Obenauer Masters Championship was held at AMF Lancaster Lanes from May 14 through May 19. A sold-out field of 128 entries featured some of the best bowlers in the area. Jack Jurek was the winner and received \$2,000 in prize money and a paid entry and up to \$500 in expenses to the 2019 USBC Masters in Reno, Nevada. Runner-Up Mike Zarcone received \$1,200 in cash. Tom Sorce was the Pete Parisi winner as high qualifier in the tournament. The George A. Obenauer Masters Tournament will complete the next tournament season and will run from May 12 through May 17 at Kenmore Lanes.

We also offered several youth tournaments, in which winners received over \$4,200 in scholarships. Combined with merit-based scholarships, over \$7,800 was distributed through the association.

Bill reminded league presidents of their responsibility to have the league bank statement mailed to them and to "do the math" to verify deposits have been made correctly in order to keep bonding in place. Failure to do so could result in only 50 percent of the league funds being returned should an issue arise. He also reminded everyone that leagues must certify within the 30-day grace period to avoid a lapse in services and to ensure any awards that are earned can be processed. He thanked his office staff as well as the board and volunteers for their assistance over the past year before turning the meeting back over to Greg.

Beth O'Brien was called upon to report on youth committee activities. She said that the committee successfully conducted four self-sufficient youth tournaments this past season. Winners had \$4,255 credited to their SMART accounts. An additional \$740 was awarded through the virtual All Events scholarship event.

At the youth committee awards dinner, Barbara and Pat Maddigan were presented with the Service to Youth award. Ryan Lent and Paige Bartosz were chosen as the 2018-19 Youth Bowlers of the Year. They will be invited to participate in the Kickoff Tournament where they will be presented with their plaques.

Certification fees remain at \$10 youth standard members and \$7 for high school bowlers. Beth introduced and thanked her committee for their assistance during the year.

She continued by announcing that 80 bowlers who were deemed to be graduating seniors were sent scholarship applications. The applications were also distributed at this season's youth tournaments. Seventeen responses were returned, and four scholarships were awarded. Riley Brotz and Alyssa Johnson each received \$1,000 scholarships; and Jared Johnson and Caitlyn Nowak each received \$750 scholarships.

Legislative Committee – no report

Nominating Committee – Elaine Koszuta presented the report of the nominating committee on behalf of chairman Joe Fischer. She said that the committee met on July 9, 2019, to review nominations of those who wish to serve on the board. She said GBUSBCA bylaws require that nominations be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the election for directors and at least 10 days in advance for officers. She then presented the following slate for consideration:

President (2-yr. term) – Greg Merkle

Director (2 yr. term) – George Barnes, Jean Lubber, Dan Owczarzak, Thomas Snyder, Janet Witkowski

Youth Director – Kenneth Duke, Ruth Wooliver

Delegate to USBC National Convention (7 delegates) (1-yr. term) – Beth O'Brien, Bill Palumbo, Elaine Koszuta, Greg Merkle; three additional slots are available; delegates are responsible for their expenses

Delegate to NYS USBC Convention (8 delegates) (1-yr. term) – Michele Johnson, Cindy Kosanovich, Elaine Koszuta, Jean Lubber, Greg Merkle, Beth O'Brien, Bill Palumbo, Bob Snyder; Youth Delegates – Elaine Koszuta, Bob Snyder (alternate)

Elaine announced that, since no additional resumes were received, Greg could be elected by acclamation. Beth O'Brien moved to elect him by acclamation. All were in favor. Elaine then turned the meeting back to Greg to continue the election process.

Beth moved to accept the slate of directors as presented and elect them by acclamation. All were in favor. Dan Owczarzak moved to elect the slate of youth directors by acclamation. All were in favor. Dan Antkowiak moved to accept the slate of delegates to the national convention by acclamation. All were in favor. Beth moved to accept the slate of state delegates by acclamation. All were in favor. Beth moved to elect the youth delegates by acclamation. All were in favor.

Unfinished Business – none

Questions & Answers – An attendee said that weight holes in balls would not be allowed beginning in the 2020-21 season. Bill read the official rule regarding weight holes and said officers should have bowlers with questions contact their pro shop operators for advice.

The question arose about youth bowlers bowling in youth leagues. Bill stated that, if a bowler turns 20 before August 1 of the upcoming season, he or she may participate.

To conclude the meeting, Greg said that bowlers are not aware of what they receive for only 68 cents per week in dues. He said that we are a transparent organization and that a copy of the association budget is included in the annual report. He urged everyone to review it so that they can answer questions from their leagues.

Ralph Unger moved to approve the actions of the meeting, seconded by Dan Owczarzak. Dan Antkowiak moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm, seconded by Hank Szlachetka.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION MANAGER

To the Board of Directors and members of the Greater Buffalo USBC Association:

Dear Greater Buffalo USBC Members,

The Greater Buffalo USBC Association will begin its 16th year of operation on August 1. This organization was formed in July 2005 by the consolidation of the Buffalo Bowling Association, Buffalo Women's Bowling Association, Erie County Suburban Women's Bowling Association, and the Erie County Young American Bowling Alliance. We serve all men, women, and youth within our jurisdictional region.

In our 15th year of operation, the GBUSBCA, as of July 29, 2020, had a total membership of 6,966 members, of which 633 were youth bowlers. There were 164 total leagues, 26 of which were youth leagues. A complete membership and financial statement are attached to the end of this report.

The Greater Buffalo USBC Association office is located at 2448 Union Road in Cheektowaga. If your league has a problem or any questions, please do not hesitate to stop in or give us a call at 716/668-4222. We are here to help your league run efficiently. Our dues for the 2020-21 season, will again be \$22 for adults. Dues for youth bowlers will be \$10 if services are provided by the association. Proprietors have the option of providing their own membership services. This year we will again offer a \$2 discount for bowlers ages 55 and over who pay their dues in a "senior" league.

Once again, we will run our annual fundraiser. Last year we sold 383 tickets with 39 of them being sold through leagues. That represents approximately 28% participation from our 138 adult winter leagues. In addition to supplementing our operating funds, proceeds from the 2020 fundraiser benefited the Roswell Park Alliance and Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL). Other 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations may be considered by our Board of Directors.

One of the important services we provide is average reporting, with verified averages so that you can properly organize your league. Also, when you bowl in tournaments, you will have an average that is verifiable. Without this, you could be forced to bowl without handicap.

AWARDS - This past (shortened) season, the Greater Buffalo USBC Association issued 3,315 awards: 2,116 for adults and 1,199 for youth. Our bowlers received awards for the following achievements:

300 game – 195	125 game – 92	550 series – 131	100 series – 1
11-in-a-row – 1 youth	100 game – 58	500 series – 197	"30" Clean – 65
290 game – 157	75 game – 45	450 series – 132	7-10 split – 17
275 game – 124	50 game – 12	400 series – 152	All spare game – 2
250 game – 183	800 series – 74	350 series – 62	Big 4 split – 3
225 game – 268	750 series – 73	300 series – 71	Dutch 200 – 3
200 game – 251	700 series – 108	250 series – 29	Triple – 20
175 game – 212	650 series – 121	200 series – 10	
150 game – 233	600 series – 204	150 series – 9	

In 2020-21, Greater Buffalo USBC will award a personalized bowling towel for a 300 game and 800 series to adults bowling their first such achievement for the season. Pens will be given out for most other awards with the exception of the "30-Clean" accessory bag.

Adult Achievements and Awards 2020-21 Season

	<u>Achievement</u>	<u>Award</u>
Honor Scores (See note below)	900 Series 800 Series (800–899) 300 Game	Upgraded Ring Ring, Crystal, or Plaque Ring, Crystal, or Plaque
Special Achievement Awards	125 (125-149) Game (90 avg. or less) 150 (150-174) Game (115 avg. or less) 175 (175-199) Game (125 avg. or less) 200 (200-224) Game (140 avg. or less) 225 (225-249) Game (160 avg. or less) 250 (250-274) Game (175 avg. or less) 275 (275-289) Game (190 avg. or less) 290 (290-299) Game (any average) 300 Game (any average)	GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Towel
	300 (300-349) Series (90 avg. or less) 350 (350-399) Series (100 avg. or less) 400 (400-449) Series (115 avg. or less) 450 (450-499) Series (125 avg. or less) 500 (500-549) Series (140 avg. or less) 550 (550-599) Series (150 avg. or less) 600 (600-649) Series (165 avg. or less) 650 (650-699) Series (175 avg. or less) 700 (700-749) Series (190 avg. or less) 750 (750-799) Series (205 avg. or less) 800 (800-899) Series (any average)	GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Towel
	7-10 Split Conversion All-Spare Game Big 4 (4-6-7-10) Split Conversion Dutch 200 Triplicate Series "30 Clean" Series (any average) (NO OPEN FRAMES FOR THREE GAMES)	GBUSBCA Magnet USBC Emblem GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Accessory Bag

NOTE: Honor Score Awards are issued once in a lifetime. Awards may be purchased for any honor score, currently or previously earned. Special Achievement Awards are limited to one per season with the exception of the "30-Clean" series achievement, which is awarded once every three years.

Youth Achievements and Awards 2020-21 Season

	<u>Achievement</u>	<u>Award</u>
Special Achievement Awards	50 (50-74) Game (45 avg. or less)	Bowlopolis Emblem*
	75 (75-99) Game (70 avg. or less)	Bowlopolis Emblem*
	100 (100-124) Game (80 avg. or less)	Bowlopolis Emblem*
	125 (125-149) Game (100 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	150 (150-174) Game (125 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	175 (175-199) Game (150 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	200 (200-224) Game (175 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	225 (225-249) Game (200 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	250 (250-274) Game (225 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	275 (275-299) Game (any average)	GBUSBCA Pen
	11-in-a-row (any average)	Crystal
	300 Game (any average)	Crystal
	100 (100-149) Series (30 avg. or less)	Bowlopolis Emblem*
	150 (150-199) Series (45 avg. or less)	Bowlopolis Emblem*
	200 (200-249) Series (55 avg. or less)	Bowlopolis Emblem*
	250 (250-299) Series (70 avg. or less)	Bowlopolis Emblem*
	300 (300-349) Series (90 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	350 (350-399) Series (100 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	400 (400-449) Series (120 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	450 (450-499) Series (135 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	500 (500-549) Series (150 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	550 (550-599) Series (165 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	600 (600-649) Series (180 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Towel
	650 (650-699) Series (195 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	700 (700-749) Series (any average)	GBUSBCA Towel
	750 (750-799) Series (any average)	GBUSBCA Pen
	800 series (any average)	Crystal
"30 Clean" Series (any average) (NO OPEN FRAMES FOR THREE GAMES)	GBUSBCA Accessory Bag	

*Bowlopolis emblems awarded to those 11 years of age and younger.

NOTE: Awards may be purchased for any honor score, currently or previously earned. Special Achievement Awards are limited to one per season with the exception of the "30-Clean" series achievement, which is awarded once every three years.

AVERAGE REPORTING – The 2019-20 average book is now available. I am happy to report we have listed in our average book, for the 42nd consecutive season, each and every certified league that bowled in our association. The collection of averages is of assistance to leagues in organizing at the beginning of the season. A proper, correctly recorded average is a must for all bowlers in order to achieve the fairest playing conditions possible. Bowlers in an uncertified league will not have a verifiable average.

GBUSBCA HALL OF FAME – At the time of this report, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a decision had not been reached regarding election of the “Class of 2020” and whether the dinner scheduled for November 28, 2020 could be held.

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS (City Tournament) – The 2020 Association Championships were unfortunately canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Next year’s tournament will be held at AMF Lancaster Lanes from April 20 to April 23 and April 27 to May 8. We will once again add \$10,000 to the tournament prize funds from the association, plus other sponsorships will be sought. We will offer brackets, pro shop raffles, and split club drawings for most squads. We also offer a group leader perk of free memberships for those bringing in as few as three teams and cash rewards for those bringing in six or more teams.

2019 Tournament Information:

The Association “Open” and “Women’s” Championship Tournaments were held at AMF Airport Lanes from April 23 through May 11. This year we had 273 teams, 275 doubles, 541 singles, 541 six-game combines, and 287 all-events entries in the “Open”; and 40 teams, 44 doubles, 88 singles, 88 six-game combines, and 69 all-events entries in the “Women’s.” We also had a scratch prize list in the “Open” tournament which had 19% of the teams compete. Our team entry was the most we have had since the 1985 tournament. Prize checks for this year’s tournament were mailed June 3. First place prizes in the “Open” were: Team - \$2,800, Doubles - \$900, Singles - \$600, Six-Game Combine - \$200, and All-Events - \$160; “Women’s”: Team - \$1,000, Doubles - \$320, Singles - \$185, Six-Game Combine - \$70, and All-Events - \$60. You can find all our tournament results in the 2018-19 Greater Buffalo USBC Association average book and on our website, www.gbusbc.com.

LEAGUE OFFICERS TOURNAMENT – The 52nd Annual League Officers Tournament was held this past year at Spare Time Bowling Center. There were 110 entries. This tournament is our **thank you** to our officers for **certifying their leagues on time**. The Greater Buffalo USBC picks up the lineage cost and charges the officers a minimal fee of \$10 to enter. Doug Denny was the winner of this year’s tournament with a handicap total of 797. Next year’s tournament will be held the weekend of December 5 and 6. A site has not been determined.

WOMEN’S SENIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP – This annual association tournament was held at AMF Airport Lanes. There were 75 entries. The winners were: Class “A” – Mary Gorski (751), Class “B” – Mary Ellen Rosati (730), and Class “C” – Lynn Zagorski (767). Division winners receive a free entry into the New York State Women’s Senior Singles Tournament and a \$50 travel allowance. Next season’s GBUSBCA Women’s Senior Championship will be held the weekend of November 7 and 8. A site has not been determined.

STAN KOWALSKI SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP – The 2020 Championship was canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Next year's GBUSBCA Stan Kowalski Senior Singles Championship will be held at AMF Airport Lanes on the weekend of April 17 and 18.

2019 Tournament Information:

This association handicap tournament open to men and women 50 years of age and older was held on April 27 and 28 at Kenmore Lanes. There were 401 entries, only four short of our highest entry of 405 set the previous season. This tournament features six divisions. The winners were: Class "AA" – Thomas LaPenna (807); Class "A" – Sandy Tanner (809); Class "B" – Robert Rudnick, Jr. (796); Class "C" – Michael Edwards (813); Class "D" – Susan Brownell (814); and Class "E" – Scot Friedhaber (765). Each division winner receives a free entry into the New York State Senior Tournament and a \$50 travel allowance.

GEORGE A. OBENAUER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP – The 2020 Championship was originally postponed and eventually canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Next year's George A. Obenauer Masters Championship will be held at Kenmore Lanes from May 11 to May 16.

2019 Tournament Information:

The Masters Championship was held this year at AMF Lancaster Lanes running from May 14 through May 19. There was a full field of 128 entries. Jack Jurek was the winner and received \$2,000 in prize money as well as a paid entry plus up to \$500 in expenses to the 2019 USBC Masters Tournament in Reno, Nevada. Michael Zarcone was runner-up and received \$1,200. Tom Sorce was winner of the Pete Parisi Plaque as high qualifier with a score of 1754 for eight games. Dana Voytovich (2018 champion) represented the GBUSBCA at the 2018 USBC Masters Tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada. Next year's George A. Obenauer Masters Tournament will be at Kenmore Lanes beginning May 12 and running through May 17.

53rd ANNUAL ME & MINE TOURNAMENT – This tournament was held at AMF Broadway Sports Center. There were 265 entries. The winners in the 351 average and over division were Steve and Carol Welk (1560). The winners in the 350 average and under division were Charles Jones, Sr. and Cheryl Dixon (1552). Next year's tournament will be at a site to be determined on February 13, 14, 20, and 21.

USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT – Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the start of this tournament was originally delayed to September 12, then eventually canceled.

Reprint of last year's story....

The USBC Open Championships boasts 116 years of history and tradition and has become an annual destination for competitors of all ages and skill levels. It's a chance to test their skills on two challenging lane conditions, spend time with friends and family, see a variety of cities across the country and measure their skills against USBC members from all 50 states and several foreign countries.

The first Open Championships was held in 1901 when six lanes were installed in the Welsbach Building in downtown Chicago. The tournament ran for four days, hosting 41 teams from nine states and offering a \$1,592 prize fund. Today, the annual celebration attracts many thousands of bowlers and offers a prize pool topping \$5 million.

The USBC Open Championships return to the one-of-a-kind National Bowling Stadium in 2020 and the historic venue will look a little bit different. An ongoing renovation project previously included the addition of the Kingpin Club and bowling lanes on the ground floor, along with a satellite version of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, plus a brand-new squad room. The more recent makeover includes an expanded settee area and concourse redesign.

There also will be a new squad schedule starting at the 2020 Open Championships, as only four bowlers will compete on each pair during Doubles/Singles (D/S) squads. The change will reduce the time needed to complete a squad, allowing the Open Championships to have four D/S squads, instead of the current three.

There are three divisions based on skill level: The Regular Division, for those who average 176 and above, the Standard Division for those with averages from 156-175 and the Classified Division, for bowlers who average 155 or below.

USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT – Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the start of this tournament was originally delayed to September 19, then eventually canceled.

Reprint of last year's story....

Each year, more than 16,000 bowlers compete at the USBC Women's Championships, the world's largest participatory sporting event for women.

From a convention and tourism perspective, the influx of all these bowlers plus family and friends provides a large economic boost to the host city during the course of the event.

The tournament is the highlight of the bowling season for USBC female members. It's a vacation as well as an opportunity to compete in one of the sport's most prestigious tournaments.

The entry fee is \$44 per event, per bowler. All-events is optional and is \$8. The total cost is \$140 PER BOWLER, which allows them to compete in team, doubles, singles and all-events. Team squads for the 2020 event are held at 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and doubles/singles squads will be at 8 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

NEW YORK STATE USBC – All 2020 events were canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The New York State USBC's Awards Committee announced its selections for induction into the New York State USBC Hall of Fame for 2020. In the Superior Performance category, Jerry Brunette Jr. (Rochester NY USBC), George Barnes (Greater Buffalo USBC) and Becky Ripic (Southern Tier USBC), and in the Meritorious Service category, Dennis O'Donnell (Auburn USBC), Kevin Martin (Rochester NY USBC), Barbara Rake (Southern Tier USBC) and Rosa Moro (Central NY USBC) were elected. Stephen Fawcett (Schenectady USBC) will receive the Service to Youth Award.

Barnes, a member of the Greater Buffalo USBC since 1954, was a regular participant in the NYS Open Championships for five decades through the early 1990s – with three NYS titles to his credit -- and continues to hold a 190 average in league play at the age of 82.

A top Buffalo Classic League bowler from the 1960s-1980s, Barnes was a member of the first-place team in the 1969 NYS Open Championships (in both handicap and scratch divisions) and won the 1975 doubles with partner Bill Hohensee.

Nationally, his Suburban Lanes All-Star team placed eighth at the ABC Championships in Syracuse in 1973. He has bowled in 56 ABC/USBC national tournaments and is tied for 51st place on the participation list and 34th place on the pin fall list.

Local awards include numerous top 10 finishes in the association tournament, including second place in scratch singles and all-events in 1975. A longtime local director and member of the Greater Buffalo USBC Hall of Fame, Barnes has two 300 games, a high series of 785 (1998) and high average of 213 (2004).

2019 Tournament Information:

The 95th NYS Open Championships were conducted from April 12 through May 19 at Valley Bowling Center in Waverly, with a prize fund of \$89,700. There were 239 team entries, 486 doubles entries, 971 singles entries, and 848 all-events entries. The 2020 tournament is scheduled for Boulevard Bowl in Schenectady.

The 83rd NYS Women's Championships were held from April 6 through May 19 at Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center with 381 teams, 751 doubles, 1,502 singles, and 1,459 all-events entries. The prize fund was \$64,153.50 with \$2,000 added back into the prize fund from tournament expense fees. In 2020, the NYS Women's Championships will be held at AMF Strike 'N Spare Lanes in Mattydale (Syracuse).

YOUTH TOURNAMENTS & SCHOLARSHIPS – There are 4 primary youth tournaments held annually. The Family Tournament was held at Spare Time Bowling Center November 9 and 10. This is a doubles tournament with one adult and one youth per team. There were 89 entries. Next year's tournament will be held on November 14 and 15. The Youth Team Championship was held at AMF Lancaster Lanes on December 14 and 15 and had 41 three-bowler teams. Next season's event will be held on December 12 and 13. The Youth Singles and Bumpers Tournaments were held at AMF Lancaster Lanes on February 8 and 9, with 135 entries in the Singles and 10 entries in the Bumpers. Next season's tournament on February 6 and 7. Our Youth Doubles Tournament was held on March 1, 7, and 8 at Broadway Sports Center and had 83 entries. This year's tournament is going to be held February 28, March 6 and 7. Sites for the coming season's tournaments have not been determined as of yet. Finally, we also had our Fifth Annual Youth Virtual All-Events tournament which used individual scores from the Team, Doubles, and Singles Championships. We awarded \$810 in scholarships to bowlers in four divisions. You can find the results of these tournaments in the 2019-20 Greater Buffalo USBC Association average book and at www.gbushbc.com. We awarded \$5,456 in scholarships to this past season's youth tournament winners, making the total awarded by our association \$8,956 for the 2019-20 season.

JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – The Junior Gold Championships is an annual national tournament for the top male and female youth bowlers in the United States. The tournament has eight divisions – U12 Boys, U12 Girls, U15 Boys, U15 Girls, U17 Boys, U17 Girls, U20 Boys and U20 Girls.

USBC YOUTH OPEN – The Bowling.com Youth Open Championships is open to all USBC Youth members! The Youth Open is a non-qualifying tournament, which means you don't have to have a certain average and you don't have to qualify from a league or state tournament. Simply put – if you are a USBC Youth member, you can bowl in the Youth Open.

At the Bowling.com Youth Open Championships, you will bowl nine games total – three games each of singles, doubles and four-player team. Your combined scores from those events will be your optional all-events score.

All scores are scratch, and doubles and singles events are bowled on the same day while team competition is on another day. You can request the specific squad dates and times when you want to compete, and you may enter the team event without bowling singles and doubles. However, if you choose to compete in singles, you must also bowl doubles - just as all doubles pairs also must bowl in the singles event. Teams and doubles pairs may be of the same gender or a mix of boys and girls.

If you're competing in the Junior Gold Championships, remember that the Bowling.com Youth Open Championships is held in the same city, so you also can bowl in the Youth Open with your friends and siblings who are USBC Youth members.

The Bowling.com Youth Open Championships – it's a great chance to compete in a national bowling tournament and have fun meeting new friends from around the country.

YOUR PRESIDENTIAL OBLIGATION (yearly re-print) - It is important that you are aware of your obligations. The most serious part of your job is the verifying of bank accounts so your bowlers' money is protected. I would like to again outline your presidential obligation of being sure the league funds are there at the end of the season. Sure, you have a very prestigious position being president of a bowling league, but along with the prestige is the obligation of making sure your league funds are protected.

REMEMBER – THE BANK STATEMENT MUST BE SENT TO YOU!!! You MUST VERIFY the bank accounts and deposits monthly in accordance with the requirements of the United States Bowling Congress Bonding Program. You must then also do some arithmetic to be sure that the amount of money on deposit is the amount that is supposed to be on deposit. If you don't do the verifying in the exact manner described and the money is missing at the end of the year, you may very well be in a situation where USBC will call for **YOUR SUSPENSION!!!** We do not want you to take this casually or conclude it cannot happen to you.

It **CAN** happen to you!!! Your league treasurer may be a very honest person, but every so often there is a situation where a treasurer may need some money during the year and intend to pay it back before the end of the year and then can't do it. You can help him/her by checking every month and removing the temptation that will then get both of you into trouble. Please be very cautious in doing this part of your job.

OUR COMMITMENT - Our staff, which includes Beth O'Brien, Michele Johnson, Paul Krupinski, and myself has now been together for 16 years and we continue to do our best to satisfy the needs of our members. Thank you to our Board of Directors and our volunteers for their work with our tournaments, committees, fundraisers, award presentations, and overall dedication to the sport. Remember, we are dedicated to you, our members. Please continue to certify your league, bowl in our tournaments, and participate in our events for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Palumbo

William A. Palumbo
Association Manager

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

2019-20

	Adult & Adult-Youth Leagues	Youth Leagues	Senior Leagues	Greater Buffalo USBC Adults	Greater Buffalo USBC Seniors	Greater Buffalo USBC Standard Youth	Greater Buffalo USBC High School Youth	Total Greater Buffalo USBC Leagues	Total Greater Buffalo USBC Members
Total August	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	36
Total September	43	0	7	1977	189	0	0	50	2166
Total October	65	20	1	2761	16	408	0	86	3185
Total November	17	1	0	692	6	38	0	18	736
Total December	3	2	0	265	0	31	67	5	363
Total January	1	3	0	141	2	56	11	4	210
Total February	1	0	0	101	2	6	9	1	118
Total March	0	0	0	46	1	0	0	0	47
Total April	0	0	0	53	0	2	5	0	60
Total May	0	0	0	27	1	0	0	0	28
Total June	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
Total July	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	11

Total Members	130	26	8	6,116	217	541	92	164	6,966
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Fundraiser Report

April 2020

Tickets Sold	383	\$19,150.00
Free Tickets	32	
Total Inflow		\$19,150.00
Prizes Paid	77	\$6,100.00
Early Bird Drawing		\$100.00 (Linda Sunday)
Most Tickets Sold (Prize)		\$100.00 (Owczarzak 61)
Printing (tickets, paper, envelopes)		\$10.00 *
Postage		\$40.00 estimate
Total Outflow		\$6,350.00
Total Proceeds		\$12,800.00

2020 DONATIONS**

Greater Buffalo USBC Association	11,500.00
The Ride for Roswell	1,000.00
Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL)	300.00
TOTAL	\$12,800.00

*Printing of tickets donated by Chris Kowalski of JetAction, Inc.

**Distribution of proceeds decided by the Board of Directors after recommendation from the Finance & Budget Committee on a yearly basis.

Note - Through this fundraiser, the GBUSBCA has been able to donate over \$127,300 to scholarships and charities since 2006. League donations to BVL total OVER \$18,500.

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATUS

July 31, 2020

	M & T	Reserves (SEI)	TOTAL 2019-20	TOTAL 2018-19
Operating Funds	\$8,532.00	\$17,800.00	\$26,332.00	\$39,635.62
Tournament Funds	\$1,641.23	\$13,000.00	\$14,641.23	\$20,479.15
Alt. Income (Adult)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,874.06)
Alt. Income (Youth Committee)	\$4,681.18	\$10,000.00	\$14,681.18	\$12,252.38
Alt. Income (Youth Leaders)			\$0.00	\$0.00
GBUSBCA Available Funds			\$55,654.41	\$69,493.09
Change from last year (\$13,838.68)				
Scholarship Funds	\$82.04	\$22,000.00	\$22,082.04	\$31,684.04
Total Reserves (SEI)		\$62,800.00		
GBUSBCA Total Funds			\$77,736.45	\$101,177.13

BANK ACCOUNTS	<u>7/31/20 Bank Balance</u>	<u>7/31/20 GBUSBCA Funds</u>	<u>7/31/19 GBUSBCA Funds</u>
General Account #4349	\$8,665.00	\$8,532.00	\$9,635.62
Adjustments (cks not cleared, dep. not recorded, etc.)	-\$133.00		
Tournament Account #4331	\$2,401.23	\$1,641.23	\$1,679.15
Adjustments (cks not cleared, dep. not recorded, etc.)	-\$760.00		
Alternative Income Account #4489	\$4,821.18	\$4,681.18	\$9,378.32
Adjustments (cks not cleared, dep. not recorded, etc.)	-\$140.00		
(Includes Youth Committee and Youth Leader Categories)			
Total Reserves	\$62,800.00	\$40,800.00	\$48,800.00
Adjustment (for Scholarship Reserves)	-\$22,000.00		
Greater Buffalo USBC Available Funds	\$56,687.41	\$55,654.41	\$69,493.09
Adjustments (cks not cleared, dep. not recorded, etc.)	-\$1,033.00		
Scholarship Account #4497	\$82.04	\$82.04	\$18,484.04
Adjustments (cks not cleared, dep. not recorded, etc.)	\$0.00		
Scholarship Reserves	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$13,200.00
Greater Buffalo USBC Total Funds	\$78,769.45	\$77,736.45	\$101,177.13
Adjustments (cks not cleared, dep. not recorded, etc.)	-\$1,033.00		

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION

2020-21 BUDGET

Income	2019-20 Budget	2019-20 Receipts	2019-20 Comparison to Budget	2020-21 Budget
Average Book				
Advertising Revenue	200.00	95.00	(105.00)	200.00
Book Sales	75.00	100.00	25.00	90.00
Lane Certifications	2,600.00	2,120.00	(480.00)	-
Membership Dues	56,000.00	52,185.00	(3,815.00)	46,800.00
Projected Income from Tournaments & Strike It Rich Fundraiser should range from 13,300 to 26,700; 2019 - 26,713	13,300.00	9,832.98	(3,467.02)	13,300.00
Total Receipts	\$ 72,175.00	\$ 64,332.98	\$ (7,842.02)	\$ 60,390.00

Expenses	2019-20 Budget	2019-20 Expenses	2019-20 Comparison to Budget	2020-21 Budget
Average Book	175.00	133.28	41.72	175.00
Awards Program - Local	3,000.00	2,746.04	253.96	3,000.00
Compensation				
Management	33,400.00	38,400.00	(5,000.00)	33,400.00
Staff	7,700.00	4,431.00	3,269.00	7,700.00
State Disability Ins.	300.00	198.96	101.04	300.00
Tax - Federal	3,800.00	3,391.32	408.68	3,800.00
Tax - New York State	300.00	105.19	194.81	300.00
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	1,000.00	551.70	448.30	1,000.00
Hall of Fame (NET)	-	-	-	2,000.00
Insurance				
Fire - Renters	425.00	388.79	36.21	425.00
Health	5,800.00	5,800.00	-	5,800.00
Professional Liability	500.00	599.00	(99.00)	510.00
Workers Compensation	450.00	328.00	122.00	450.00
Lane Certifications	2,300.00	2,177.31	122.69	-
Meetings				
Annual	300.00	298.64	1.36	300.00
Board	300.00	311.40	(11.40)	300.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	304.85	(4.85)	300.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,331.31	(331.31)	1,000.00
Postage	1,200.00	1,307.89	(107.89)	1,200.00
Professional Fees	700.00	691.05	8.95	700.00
Promotion	700.00	758.01	(58.01)	700.00
Registered Volunteer Program	1,200.00	116.25	1,083.75	406.25
Rent	10,140.00	10,140.00	-	10,140.00
Tokens of Esteem	775.00	450.00	325.00	450.00
Travel (NYS Convention)	500.00	-	500.00	600.00
Travel (USBC Convention)	300.00	-	300.00	1,000.00
Utilities - Telephone/Internet	2,400.00	2,403.95	(3.95)	2,500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 78,965.00	\$ 77,363.94	\$ 1,601.06	\$ 78,456.25

(\$6,790.00)

(\$13,030.96)

(\$18,066.25)

Greater Buffalo USBC Association

2020-21

Calendar of Events (TENTATIVE)

August 2020	2020-21 League Supply Distribution - GBUSBCA Office, 2448 Union Rd, Cheektowaga
August 14-16, 21-23	40th NYS Women's Senior Singles Championships - Roseland Bowl, Canandaigua - CANCELED
August 20 (TENTATIVE)	Greater Buffalo USBC 54th Annual "Kick-Off" Tournament - site to be determined
August 24 - September 4	League supplies not picked up will be delivered to centers
September 12 - November 21	Resumption of the USBC Open Championships - National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nevada - CANCELED
September 19 - October 18	Resumption of the USBC Women's Championships - South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Nevada - CANCELED
October 2020	30-day grace period expires; all leagues must be certified within 30 days of start date
October 2020	WNY 500 Club Championship Tournament and Meeting (members only) - site & date TBD
October 17-18, 24-25	2020 NYS Open Seniors Tournament - AMF Pin-O-Rama Lanes, Utica
November 2020	Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame Dinner - Buffalo Niagara Convention Center
November 7	2020 NYS Senior Masters - Rab's Country Lanes, Staten Island
November 7-8	Greater Buffalo USBC Women's Senior Singles Championship - Site to be determined
November 14-15	Greater Buffalo USBC 53rd Annual Family Tournament - site to be determined
November 28	Greater Buffalo USBC Hall of Fame Dinner - Samuel's Grande Manor, Williamsville
December 4-31	NYS Pepsi USBC Youth Championship League-Level Qualifying Window
December 5-6	Greater Buffalo USBC League Officers Tournament - site to be determined
December 12-13	Greater Buffalo USBC 34th Annual Youth Team Championship - site to be determined
January 2021	WNY 500 Club Mail-O-Graphic Tournament (members only)
January 23-24	NYS Youth Region 1 Team State Tournament - site to be determined
January 31	WNY Queens Tournament - AMF Lancaster Lanes (hosted by Greater Buffalo USBC)
February 6-7	Greater Buffalo USBC 36th Annual Youth Singles Championship - site to be determined
February 6-7	Greater Buffalo USBC 22nd Annual Youth Bumpers Tournament - site to be determined
February 13-14, 20-21	Greater Buffalo USBC 54th Annual "Me and Mine" Tournament - site to be determined
February 20-21	NYS USBC Pepsi Championships Region 1 - site to be determined
February 28, March 6-7	Greater Buffalo USBC Youth Doubles Championship - site to be determined
March 2021	WNY 500 Club Bring-a-Friend Tournament - site & date TBD
March 1	Greater Buffalo USBC <u>Tournament Average</u> Closing Date; "Official" averages close May 31
March 6	2021 NYS Masters Tournament - East Greenbush Bowling Center, East Greenbush
March 6 - July 17	2021 USBC Open Championship Tournament - South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Nevada
April 10 - May 16	2021 NYS Women's Championships - Tonawanda Bowling Center, Tonawanda
April 15	Greater Buffalo USBC & Youth Committee Scholarships Application Deadlines
April 16 - May 16	2021 Annual NYS Open Championships - Boulevard Bowl, Schenectady
April 17	2021 NYS Queen's Tournament - AMF Lancaster Lanes, Depew
April 17-18	48th Stan Kowalski Senior Singles Championship - AMF Airport Lanes, Cheektowaga
April 18	Greater Buffalo USBC Youth Awards Banquet - Kiebzak's Beginnings
April 18 - July 5	2021 USBC Women's Championship Tournament - South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Nevada
April 20-23; April 26 - May 8	Greater Buffalo USBC "Open" and "Women's" Championships - AMF Lancaster Lanes, Depew
April 24	NYS Pepsi Youth Finals - King Pin Lanes, Rome
April 26-29	USBC Annual Convention - Westin Lombard Yorktown Center, Lombard, Illinois
April 30 - May 2	NYS Adult-Junior Tournament, AMF Strike 'N Spare Lanes, Mattydale (Syracuse)
May 1	NYS Youth Team Championships, AMF Strike 'N Spare Lanes, Mattydale (Syracuse)
May 11-16	57th George A. Obenauer Masters Championship - Kenmore Lanes, Kenmore
May 31	Greater Buffalo USBC Official Average Closing Date
June 2021	NYS USBC Annual Meeting - site to be determined
June 9	Greater Buffalo USBC Adult Awards Dinner - Salvatore's Italian Gardens
July 28	Greater Buffalo USBC Annual Meeting - site TBD

Greater Buffalo USBC Association

2020-21 Tournaments

Dates to Bowl	Tournament & Site	Eligible
August 20	Kick-Off Tournament (site to be determined)	Invitational
November 7-8	Senior Women's Singles Championship (site to be determined)	Women 50 and older
November 14-15	Family Tournament (site to be determined)	Adult/Child
December 5-6	League Officers Tournament (site to be determined)	Officers of leagues certified timely
December 12-13	Youth Team Championship (site to be determined)	Youth
February 6-7	Youth Singles Championship Youth Bumpers Tournament (site to be determined)	Youth
February 13-14 February 20-21	Me & Mine Tournament (site to be determined)	Men & Women
February 28 March 6-7	Youth Doubles Championship (site to be determined)	Youth
April 17-18	Stan Kowalski Senior Open Singles Championship AMF Airport Lanes	Men & Women 50 and Older
April 20-23 April 26 - May 8	Greater Buffalo USBC Association City Tournament ("Open" & "Women's" Championships) AMF Lancaster Lanes	Men & Women
May 11-16	Greater Buffalo USBC Association George A. Obenauer Masters Championship Kenmore Lanes	Men & Women



Application for Prospective Board Member/Volunteer

- President**
- Vice President**
- Director**
- Youth Director**
- Auxiliary Member** *(voice, no vote at board meetings)*
- Youth Committee Member** *(non-board member)*
- Volunteer** *(non-board member)*

PLEASE NOTE

Applicants must be USBC members. Non-members will be disqualified.

Applicants must be at least 14 years of age to serve on the Board and 18 to serve as an officer of the Board.

If you are between 14 and 17, please check here:
If you are 18 years of age or older, please check here:

Prospective Candidate's Name: _____ USBC ID No.: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____ E-mail: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

How long have you been a member of GBUSBCA (or its predecessors)? _____

Why do you want to serve as a GBUSBCA Board Member, Youth Committee Member, or Volunteer?

Use the following space to add pertinent information that would aid the Nominating Committee in evaluating your application based on the GBUSBCA Board Member Description and Youth Committee Purpose.

Present/Past Local, State, or National USBC Board positions held: (include title, length of service in title, and any committees you served on)

Present/Past League Officer positions held: (include title and length of service in title)

Other positions held/honors received:

Occupation: (current or retired)

Do you have?

1. A current membership in the local GBUSBC association? Yes No
2. A working knowledge of USBC rules and regulations? Yes No
3. Time to attend board meetings (held every other month) and the annual meeting? Yes No
4. Time to attend meetings of committees to which you may be appointed? Yes No
5. Ability to perform all duties and responsibilities of the position in an unbiased manner? Yes No
6. The ability to get along and work well with others? Yes No
7. Availability on weekends to assist with tournaments and/or lane certifications? Yes No
8. Ability to present oral or written reports to the Board or membership, if required? Yes No

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY. IF YOU AGREE TO THESE TERMS, SIGN AND DATE THIS APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION.

1. All information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that misrepresentations or omissions of any kind may result in a denial of my application or my dismissal from an elected/appointed position.
2. I authorize the GBUSBCA to investigate my responses on this application.
3. For Youth Committee applicants, I authorize GBUSBCA to share this application with the committee and Board members as needed.

Applicant's Signature (required)

Date

**GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE APPLICATION
SUMMARY OF INVOLVEMENT**

- (1) Help in getting leagues certified by:
 - (a) Delivering supplies at the beginning of the year.
 - (b) Answer questions when asked by bowlers regarding benefits of certifying.
- (2) Keep in contact with the office—particularly if there are questions you cannot answer.
- (3) Support USBC and GBUSBCA as a public relations representative at all times.
- (4) Make award presentations during the year.
- (5) Promote tournaments – i.e. League Officers, Senior Open, Senior Women’s, Me & Mine, City Tournament, Obenauer Masters, WNY Queens, all Youth tournaments – by helping distribute entry blanks and generally through word of mouth.
- (6) Assist in distribution of awards to secretaries and bowlers throughout the year.
- (7) Promote the sport of bowling and to be available to help in public relations and distribution of materials when possible and when requested.
- (8) Below are some of the committees presently operational for the Greater Buffalo USBC Association. There is a brief description of each committee on the following page.

Greater Buffalo USBC Association Committees

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance & Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraisers & Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hall of Fame | <input type="checkbox"/> City Tournament |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> Masters Tournament |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative | <input type="checkbox"/> Me & Mine Tournament |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Tournament (women) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion/Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Tournament (open) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> WNY Queens |

*Committee only meets when directed to do so by USBC

How many committees would you like to serve on? _____

Mark your top 3 preferences (1, 2, or 3), with 1 being your top preference.

Mark an “X” next to all others you would like to serve.

Name _____

Primary Contact Information (E-mail address or phone number) _____

COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

Finance and Budget: Responsible for the fiscal stability of the association. Prepares budget with Association Manager to be approved by the Board of Directors. Performs periodic audits.

Fundraisers and Projects: Responsible for the fundraising and charitable work of the association.

Hall of Fame: Recognizes the best in the area for their ability and meritorious service by honoring them through election and enshrinement into the Hall of Fame. GBUSBCA hosts a biennial dinner and invites all to participate.

House Representatives: Each representative will be assigned center(s) and leagues. They will be responsible for delivery of awards and shall act as a go-between for the association. They will be responsible for relaying information to the Association Manager and the Board of Directors.

Legislative: Reviews bylaws and amendment proposals in order to make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Promotion/Membership: Committee is designed to discuss and implement ideas for the recruitment and retention of GBUSBCA bowlers.

Nominating: Standing committee reviews candidates, prepares slates, and publicizes criteria and procedures for elected positions for the board.

Scholarship: Responsible for setting up scholarship requirements, notifying potential applicants of availability of scholarships, and determining scholarship winners.

Suspension: Polices violators of rules and non-payers of league fees through proper, fair, and full hearings and suspensions whenever necessary. Through hearings, re-rates bowlers who bowl at a level lower than their ability.

Youth: Responsible for the association's youth bowlers, tournaments, and other activities.

City Tournament (Open & Women's): Responsible for setting up the rules for and operation of the association's championship tournaments.

Masters Tournament (Open): Responsible for setting up the rules for and operation of the annual George A. Obenauer Masters Tournament.

Me & Mine Tournament (Mixed): Responsible for setting up the rules for and operation of this 2-person (1 man – 1 woman) handicap tournament.

Queens Tournament (Women): Works in conjunction with other local associations to plan this event for the women bowlers in the area.

Senior Tournaments (Women and Open): Responsible for setting up the rules for and operation of the association's senior tournaments.