

# ANNUAL REPORT



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*JULY 28, 2021*

*AMF LANCASTER LANES*



# Memorial Service



It is with fond memories that we remember the following bowlers who have passed away since our last Annual Meeting.

Joseph Alajko, Jr.  
Charlene M. America  
Michael J. Anastasia, Sr.  
Lori Appleford  
Henry M. Bartel  
Timothy P. Berlinski  
John H. Boundy  
Victor Bova  
Christopher R. Butcher  
Vincent J. Caputo  
Paige T. Casillo  
Art C. Casper  
Kenneth D. Coffee  
Sandy L. Corbelli  
Angel C. Cruz  
Kevin Curran  
Michael J. Curran, Jr.  
Bette A. Curry  
Patricia R. Dan  
Kelly L. Deneka  
Kathleen M. Dolan  
Curtis L. Evans  
Charles N. Fiorella  
Richard A. Fladie  
William C. Frank  
Thomas Frontera  
Shirley A. Glodowski  
James R. Golombek  
James J. Golimowski  
Henry L. Goodemote  
James C. Griffin  
Marvin E. Gross

Mary Ann Grzankowski  
Jack J. Haettich  
Elizabeth A. Hails  
Donald R. Hamsik  
Eugene F. "Whitey" Heidenburg, Jr. \*  
John A. Jarzynski  
Barbara J. Jasin  
Lynne E. Judd  
Gregory P. Keppel, Sr.  
Patrick G. Kwiatkowski  
Anthony J. Lattuca, Sr.  
Christopher D. Lesser  
Joseph J. Lodico  
Anthony V. Lucernoni  
Thomas E. Maciok  
Gregory Mankowski  
Helen L. Marien  
Grady Martin, Jr.  
Donald S. Matyjasik  
Charles J. McKinnon  
David A. Miller \*  
Kenneth J. Moen, Sr.  
Harold E. Moll  
Karen Morrone  
Donald A. Myers  
Stephen M. Napierala  
John P. Niesyty  
Phyllis Notaro \*  
David M. Olivieri  
Levi Palmer, Jr.  
Richard G. Pavel  
Edward C. Pfarner

Libby L. Piazza  
Carmelo B. Pitirri  
Mickey Provenzano  
Henry S. Przepiora, Jr.  
Susan K. Pullen \*  
Roberta Puszcz  
James P. Quinn  
Celeste J. Rainey  
Richard R. Rebilas  
Corey D. Rehrauer  
Jane Reitano  
Frank C. Riso, Jr.  
Jannie M. Roberts  
Nancy R. Ross  
Ronald R. Rudnicki  
Terry M. Sabia \*  
Christopher R. Sambuchi  
Richard L. Schlager  
Eleanor R. Schreiner

John M. Schwartzott  
Melvin Showard  
Robert L. Simpson  
Gerry B. Skura  
Garry John Smith  
Melvin J. Spoth  
Michael P. Stachura  
Paul A. Sterner  
Richard R. Sunday  
Richard R. Tomaka  
Robert R. Turner  
Tracy L. Velott  
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](http://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](http://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 47<sup>th</sup> 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 56<sup>th</sup> 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.

**GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA  
AMF Lancaster Lanes  
Wednesday, July 28, 2021**

Please review tonight's agenda and the attached resumes.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Call to order – Greg Merkle – President
2. Memorial Service – Elaine Koszuta - Vice President
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Welcome – Greg Merkle
5. Reading of Minutes of the Last Meeting held July 31, 2019
6. President's Report – Greg Merkle
7. Introduce Board of Directors
8. Report of Association Manager – Bill Palumbo
9. Youth Committee/Scholarship Committee – Beth O'Brien (Chair)
10. Legislative Committee – No Legislation this year
11. Report of Nominating Committee – Beth O'Brien (Chair)
  - Elections
    - President
    - Vice President
    - Directors
    - Delegates
12. Unfinished Business
13. New Business
14. Question and Answer Session
15. Result of Elections (only if ballot vote)
16. Motion to approve all the actions of the meeting
17. Adjournment

**GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION  
REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**JULY 28, 2021**

The Nominating Committee met on July 1, 2021. The committee reviewed all of the resumes submitted by those interested in serving on the association's Board of Directors.

The president, vice president, and 14 directors will be elected this year. The president and seven directors will be elected to two-year terms. The vice president and 7 directors will be elected to one-year terms.

Nominees for the position of Director must have submitted a "Board Member Application" to the Greater Buffalo USBC Association at least 24 hours in advance of the election. Nominees for the position of Officer must have submitted a "Board Member Application" to the Greater Buffalo USBC Association at least 10 days in advance of the election.

We hereby present the names of those who we feel are best qualified to serve on the Board of Directors of the Greater Buffalo USBC Association.

**OFFICERS – 2-year term**

**President** – Gregory H. Merkle

**OFFICERS – 1-year term**

**Vice President** – Elaine A. Koszuta

**DIRECTOR – 2-year term**

Daniel J. Antkowiak  
Kenneth D. Duke  
Jean E. Luber  
Kelly S. Simone  
Thomas P. Snyder  
Janet M. Witkowski  
Ruth L. Wooliver

**DIRECTOR – 1-year term**

Joseph J. Fischer  
Michele E. Johnson  
Cynthia M. Kosanovich  
Paul J. Krupinski  
Beth M. O'Brien  
Robert P. Snyder  
Henry A. Szlachetka

**USBC DELEGATES – 1-year term**

Daniel Antkowiak, Elaine Koszuta, Gregory Merkle, Beth O'Brien, William Palumbo, (2 available slots)

**NYS ADULT DELEGATES – 1-year term**

Michele Johnson, Cynthia Kosanovich, Elaine Koszuta, Jean Luber, Gregory Merkle, William Palumbo, Robert Snyder

**NYS YOUTH DELEGATES – 1-year term**

Elaine Koszuta, Robert Snyder

Respectfully submitted by:

Beth O'Brien, Chair  
George Barnes  
Kenneth Duke  
Lewis Schwartz  
Thomas Snyder



## REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION MANAGER

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

Dear Greater Buffalo USBC Members,

The Greater Buffalo USBC Association will begin its 17<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> year of operation, the GBUSBCA, as of July 15, 2021, had a total membership of 4,235 members, of which 341 were youth bowlers. There were 109 total leagues, 11 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 2021-22 season, will remain at \$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 362 tickets with 24 of them being sold through leagues. That represents approximately 26% participation from our 94 adult winter leagues. In addition to supplementing our operating funds, proceeds from the 2021 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 a verifiable average. Without this, you could be forced to bowl without handicap.

**AWARDS** - This past season, the Greater Buffalo USBC Association issued 2,004 awards: 1,449 for adults and 555 for youth. Our bowlers received awards for the following achievements:

300 game – 157	125 game – 37	550 series – 94	100 series – 0
11-in-a-row – 6 youth	100 game – 23	500 series – 111	"30" Clean – 39
290 game – 74	75 game – 16	450 series – 83	7-10 split – 4
275 game – 95	50 game – 2	400 series – 92	All spare games – 1
250 game – 129	800 series – 49	350 series – 39	Big 4 split – 6
225 game – 183	750 series – 36	300 series – 29	Dutch 200 – 2
200 game – 130	700 series – 76	250 series – 12	TriPLICATE – 16
175 game – 133	650 series – 79	200 series – 2	
150 game – 135	600 series – 114	150 series – 0	

In 2021-22, Greater Buffalo USBC will again award a personalized 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 except for the "30-Clean" accessory bag.

# Adult Achievements and Awards 2021-22 Season

	<u>Achievement</u>	<u>Award</u>
<b>Honor Scores</b> (See note below)	900 Series 800 Series (800–899) 300 Game	Upgraded Ring Ring, Crystal, or Plaque Ring, Crystal, or Plaque
<b>Special Achievement Awards</b>	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 Medal
	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 Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Pen GBUSBCA Medal
	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 except for the "30-Clean" series achievement, which is awarded once every three years.

# Youth Achievements and Awards 2021-22 Season

	<u>Achievement</u>	<u>Award</u>	
<b>Special Achievement Awards</b>	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)	GBUSBCA Accessory Bag	
		(NO OPEN FRAMES FOR THREE GAMES)	

\*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 except for the "30-Clean" series achievement, which is awarded once every three years.

**AVERAGE REPORTING** – The 2020-21 average book is now available. I am happy to report we have listed in our average book, for the 43<sup>rd</sup> consecutive season, 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 to achieve the fairest playing conditions possible. Bowlers in an uncertified league will not have a verifiable average.

**GBUSBCA HALL OF FAME** – The Greater Buffalo USBC Association Hall of Fame will hold its next induction ceremony on November 27, 2021, at Samuel's Grande Manor in Clarence. The honorees are Aloysius "Al D." Dziadaszek (Bowling Performance), Joe Ciccone (Bowling Performance), Michele Johnson (Meritorious Service), Harry "Whitey" Kiszewski (Meritorious Service), Nick Maile, Jr. (Bowling Performance), Julie Selk (Bowling Performance), and Tammy White (Bowling Performance).

**ANNUAL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS (City Tournament)** – The Association "Open" and "Women's" Championship Tournaments were held at AMF Lancaster Lanes from April 20 through May 8. This year we had 184 teams, 214 doubles, 422 singles, 418 six-game combines, and 260 all-events entries in the "Open"; and 17 teams, 30 doubles, 60 singles, 60 six-game combines, and 49 all-events entries in the "Women's." We also had a scratch prize list in the "Open" tournament which had 29% of the teams compete. Prize checks for this year's tournament were mailed on June 1. First-place prizes in the "Open" were: Team - \$2,800, Doubles - \$800, Singles - \$550, Six-Game Combine - \$150, and All-Events - \$130; "Women's": Team - \$1,000, Doubles - \$250, Singles - \$150, Six-Game Combine - \$75, and All-Events - \$65. You can find all our tournament results in the 2020-21 Greater Buffalo USBC Association average book and on our website, [www.gbusbc.com](http://www.gbusbc.com). **Next year's tournament will be held at Broadway Sports Center from April 19 to April 22 and April 25 to May 7. We anticipate once again adding \$10,000 to the tournament prize funds from the association, plus we will again seek sponsors. 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.**

**LEAGUE OFFICERS TOURNAMENT** – Unfortunately, the 2020 League Officers Tournament had to be canceled due to the pandemic. 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 the 2019 tournament with a handicap total of 797. Next year's tournament will be at Spare Time Bowling Center the weekend of December 4 and 5.

**WOMEN'S SENIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP** – This annual association tournament was held at Spare Time Bowling Center. There were 63 entries. The winners were: Class "A" – Julie Ripley (739), Class "B" – Cindy Santoro (768), and Class "C" – Ruth Wooliver (768). Division winners receive 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 November 7, at AMF Airport Lanes.

**48<sup>th</sup> STAN KOWALSKI SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP** – This annual association handicap tournament, open to men and women 50 years of age and older, was held on April 17 and 18 at AMF Airport Lanes. There were 271 entries. This tournament features six divisions. The winners were:  
Class "AA" – John Roba (767); Class "A" – Gary Smith (817); Class "B" – Joe LaJoy, III (774); Class "C" – Dave Lucas (852); Class "D" – Mark Pietrzak (741); and Class "E" – Bill Lent (761).

Each division winner receives free entry into the New York State Senior Tournament and a \$50 travel allowance. Next year's GBUSBCA Stan Kowalski Senior Singles Championship will be held at Kenmore Lanes, on the weekend of April 23 and 24.

**57<sup>th</sup> GEORGE A. OBENAUER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP** – The Masters Championship was held this year at Kenmore Lanes, running from May 11 through May 16. There was a full field of 128 entries. Dave Kirsch was the winner and received \$2,000 in prize money as well as a paid entry plus up to \$500 in expenses to the 2021 USBC Masters Tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada. Kevin Bienko was runner-up and received \$1,200. Tony Dolan was the winner of the Pete Parisi Plaque as the high qualifier with a score of 1734 for eight games. Next year's George A. Obenauer Masters Tournament will be at AMF Airport Lanes beginning May 10 and running through May 15.

**53<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ME & MINE TOURNAMENT** – This tournament was held at Wimbledon Lanes. There were 175 entries. The winners in the 351 average and over division were Carrie Battel and Joe Doxbeck (1640). The winners in the 350 average and under division were Kelly Hahn and Daryl Hahn, Sr. (1515). Next year's tournament will be at AMF Lancaster Lanes on February 19, 20, 26, and 27.

**USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT** – The USBC Open Championships will head back to Las Vegas and the South Point Bowling Plaza in 2022 for its 118th edition. Competitors will experience superior competition bowling at the Bowling Plaza while exploring everything South Point and the Entertainment Capital of the World have to offer.

The event includes 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.

The squad schedule for team competition: 2 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

The squad schedule for doubles and singles: 7 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

\*The 9:30 p.m. squad each day will be a combination squad with 30 lanes for team competition and 30 lanes for doubles/singles.

The entry fee for the 2022 OC will be \$70 per event, plus an optional \$15 for all-events - \$225 per bowler. There will be a \$25 processing fee per team as well. For questions or concerns, please email the tournament office at [usbcopenchampionships@bowl.com](mailto:usbcopenchampionships@bowl.com).

**USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT** – In 2022, the USBC Women's Championships will head to the Chicago area and visit the 84-lane Stardust Bowl. Each year, more than 16,000 bowlers compete at the 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 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 event features four divisions for team competition and six divisions for doubles, singles, and all-events.

The squad schedule for team competition: 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The squad schedule for doubles and singles: 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

The entry fee for the 2022 WC will be \$55 per event, plus an optional \$15 for all-events - \$180 per bowler. There will be a \$20 processing fee per team as well. For questions or concerns, please email the tournament office at [usbcwomenschampionships@bowl.com](mailto:usbcwomenschampionships@bowl.com).

**NEW YORK STATE USBC** – NYS USBC was able to run all of its major events with moderate success. As we went from fall to spring, we saw an increase in participation and hope the trend will continue. Our fall events, the Senior Masters and Senior Open were down over 40%. The NYS Masters Championship was held in East Greenbush and sold out with 120 entries. The winner was Matt Fazzone who will represent NYS in the 2022 USBC Masters. The Queens Championship was held in Depew. Entries were on pace with the last few years. Our Queen B kept her streak going as Liz Kuhlkin won her third consecutive Queen's title and earned a spot in the 2021 USBC Queens where she finished third. The NYS Women's Championships were held in Tonawanda with the entries down 50% while the Open Championships, held in Schenectady, were only down 20%. USBC, with the help of Bowl TV, awarded NYS USBC \$10,000 a year for the next ten years to supplement the prize funds of our tournaments. The Women's Senior Singles Tournament is scheduled for August 13-15 and 20-22 at Roseland Bowl in Canandaigua. As of July 13, there are 278 bowlers registered. NYS USBC has also been awarded the 2022 US Women's Open, which will be held at Kingpin's Alley in South Glen Falls next August.

No Hall of Fame election was held in 2021, but we did honor our 2020 inductees, which included George Barnes of Buffalo, for Superior Performance, at our virtual meeting on July 17.

**YOUTH TOURNAMENTS & SCHOLARSHIPS** – There are 4 primary youth tournaments held annually. The Family Tournament was held at Spare Time Bowling Center on November 14 and 15. This is a doubles tournament with one adult and one youth per team. There were 49 entries. Next year's tournament will also be held at Spare Time Bowling Center on November 13 and 14. The Youth Team Championship was held at Broadway Sports Center on March 14 after the December dates had to be postponed and had 33 three-bowler teams. Broadway Sports Center will host this event again next season on December 12. The Youth Singles and Bumpers Tournaments were held at AMF Lancaster Lanes on February 6 and 7, with 88 entries in the Singles and 3 entries in the Bumpers. AMF Lancaster Lanes will again be the host for next season's tournament on February 5 and 6. Our Youth Doubles Tournament was held on February 28, March 6, and 7 at AMF Lancaster Lanes and had 66 entries. This year's tournament is going to be held on February 27, March 5, and 6, again at AMF Lancaster Lanes. Finally, we also had our First Youth Virtual Combine tournament which used individual scores from the Doubles Championship and Singles Championship tournaments. This replaced the All-Events Virtual Tournament which ran for the previous five seasons. We awarded \$730 in scholarships to bowlers in four divisions. You can find the results of these tournaments in the 2020-21 Greater Buffalo USBC Association average book and at [www.gbusbc.com](http://www.gbusbc.com). We awarded \$4,255 in scholarships to this past season's youth tournament winners, making the total awarded by our association over \$11,000 for the 2020-21 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, U18 Boys, U18 Girls, U20 Boys, and U20 Girls.

**USBC YOUTH OPEN** – You may know adult USBC members have their national bowling tournaments called the USBC Open Championships and the USBC Women's Championships. But did you know there is a national championship for youth bowlers?

The Bowling.com Youth Open Championships are 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 teams. 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 are 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 -**

1. Arrange for an account to be opened in the league name at a federally insured and recognized bank, credit union, or in-house banking service.
2. The account must have at least two league officers' signatures for all fund withdrawals. Immediate family members cannot sign for withdrawals.
3. Account Statements are sent to the president for verification purposes.
4. Verify the league accounts monthly. See the President Worksheet to Verify League Account Monthly.

**OUR COMMITMENT** - Thank you to our office staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers for their effort with our tournaments, committees, fundraisers, award presentations, and overall devotion 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,



William A. Palumbo  
Association Manager

# GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### 2020-21

(memberships purchased after July 15, 2021 are not included)

	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
<b>Total August</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total September</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>353</b>
<b>Total October</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1709</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1885</b>
<b>Total November</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1006</b>
<b>Total December</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>294</b>
<b>Total January</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Total February</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>265</b>
<b>Total March</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>Total April</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Total May</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Total June</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total July</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Total Members 2020-21</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3,736</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>4,235</b>
<b>Total Members 2019-20</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6,116</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>6,966</b>
<b>Change in Membership</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-2,380</b>	<b>-59</b>	<b>-248</b>	<b>-44</b>	<b>-55</b>	<b>-2,731</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>-29.2%</b>	<b>-57.7%</b>	<b>-25.0%</b>	<b>-38.9%</b>	<b>-27.2%</b>	<b>-45.8%</b>	<b>-47.8%</b>	<b>-33.5%</b>	<b>-39.2%</b>



## Fundraiser Report

April 2021

Tickets Sold	362	\$18,100.00
Free Tickets	35	
<b>Total Inflow</b>		<b>\$18,100.00</b>
Prizes Paid	71	\$9,350.00
Early Bird Drawing		\$100.00 (Tom Snyder)
Most Tickets Sold (Prize)		\$100.00 (Owczarzak 67)
Printing (tickets, paper, envelopes)		\$10.00 *
Postage		\$40.00 estimate
<b>Total Outflow</b>		<b>\$9,600.00</b>
<b>Total Proceeds</b>		<b>\$8,500.00</b>

### 2021 DONATIONS\*\*

Greater Buffalo USBC Association	7,200.00
The Ride for Roswell	1,000.00
Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL)	300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,500.00</b>

\*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.

# GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION

## FINANCIAL STATUS

### July 31, 2021

	<u>Current year Balance 7-31-21</u>	<u>Last year Balance 7-31-20</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<b>General Account</b> operating funds (includes approximately \$39,000 from reserves)	\$63,232.49	\$31,268.99	\$31,963.50
<b>Tournament Account</b> (includes \$9,000 from reserves and \$1,200.63 from PayPal)	\$12,726.90	\$19,150.39	(\$6,423.49)
<b>Alternative Income Account</b> Adult Category (Fundraisers, charities, other) *Youth Committee Category (includes \$10,000 from reserves)	\$12,742.53 \$0.00 \$12,742.53	\$14,751.18 \$0.00 \$14,751.18	(\$2,008.65)
<b>Scholarship Account</b> (Funds allocated to scholarships. Includes \$17,000 from reserves.) **Golf Event for Youth Scholarships	\$22,244.74	\$22,082.04	\$162.70
<b>Greater Buffalo USBC Totals</b>	<b>\$110,946.66</b>	<b>\$87,252.60</b>	<b>\$23,694.06</b>

Reserves Account (SEI) has balance of approximately \$75,000 which is included in accounts above.

\*Committee designed to monitor the programs and services provided to youth bowlers

\*\*As of July 31, the August 2 Golf Event inflow will be \$12,270. It will be split amongst three integers, therefore, \$8,180 has been deducted from the amount currently on hand.

# GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION

## 2021-22 BUDGET

<b>Income</b>	<b>2020-21 Budget</b>	<b>2020-21 Receipts</b>	<b>2020-21 Comparison to Budget</b>	<b>2021-22 Budget</b>
Average Book				
Advertising Revenue	200.00	557.50	+357.50	<b>125.00</b>
Book Sales	90.00	60.00	(30.00)	<b>50.00</b>
Lane Certifications	-	100.00	+100.00	-
Membership Dues	46,800.00	32,012.00	(14,788.00)	<b>36,500.00</b>
Miscellaneous Income	-	7,236.00	+7,236.00	-
Income from Tournaments & Strike It Rich Fundraiser should range from 13,300 to 26,700; Since allocation from SIR depends so much on April 30, it is not figured in the budget. SIR allocation in 2021 was \$7,075.	13,300.00	14,270.50	+970.50	<b>6,850.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 60,390.00</b>	<b>\$ 54,236.00</b>	<b>\$ (6,154.00)</b>	<b>\$ 43,525.00</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2020-21 Budget</b>	<b>2020-21 Expenses</b>	<b>2020-21 Comparison to Budget</b>	<b>2021-22 Budget</b>
Average Book	175.00	42.50	+132.50	<b>125.00</b>
Awards Program - Local	3,000.00	2,538.68	+461.32	<b>2,000.00</b>
Compensation				
Management	33,400.00	6,400.00	+27,000.00	<b>18,960.00</b>
Staff	9,200.00	6,375.75	+2,824.25	<b>9,200.00</b>
Youth Committee Payroll	(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)	+0.00	<b>(1,500.00)</b>
State Disability Ins.	300.00	83.35	+216.65	<b>150.00</b>
Tax - Federal	3,800.00	1,000.36	+2,799.64	<b>2,000.00</b>
Tax - New York State	300.00	93.61	+206.39	<b>200.00</b>
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	1,000.00	533.75	+466.25	<b>1,000.00</b>
Hall of Fame (NET)	2,000.00	-	+2,000.00	<b>2,000.00</b>
Insurance				
Fire - Renters	425.00	388.79	+36.21	<b>425.00</b>
Health	5,800.00	5,800.00	+0.00	<b>7,000.00</b>
Professional Liability	510.00	630.00	(120.00)	<b>630.00</b>
Workers Compensation	450.00	320.00	+130.00	<b>450.00</b>
Lane Certifications	-	-	+0.00	-
Meetings				
Annual	300.00	-	+300.00	<b>300.00</b>
Board	300.00	(125.00)	+425.00	-
Miscellaneous	300.00	253.37	+46.63	<b>300.00</b>
Office Supplies	1,000.00	592.88	+407.12	<b>1,000.00</b>
Postage	1,200.00	1,010.17	+189.83	<b>1,200.00</b>
Professional Fees	700.00	667.80	+32.20	<b>700.00</b>
Promotion	700.00	834.97	(134.97)	<b>700.00</b>
Rent	10,140.00	10,140.00	+0.00	<b>10,140.00</b>
RVP Cost	406.25	330.00	+76.25	<b>210.00</b>
Tokens of Esteem	450.00	400.00	+50.00	<b>500.00</b>
Travel (NYS Convention)	500.00	-	+500.00	<b>600.00</b>
Travel (USBC Convention)	300.00	-	+300.00	<b>1,000.00</b>
Utilities - Telephone/Internet	2,500.00	2,498.53	+1.47	<b>2,700.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 77,656.25</b>	<b>\$ 39,309.51</b>	<b>\$ 38,346.74</b>	<b>\$ 61,990.00</b>

# Greater Buffalo USBC Association

## 2021-22

### Calendar of Events

July 29 - August 20	2021-22 League Supply Distribution - GBUSBCA Office, 2448 Union Rd, Cheektowaga
August 13-15, 20-22	40th NYS Women's Senior Singles Tournament - Roseland Bowl, Canandaigua
August 19	Greater Buffalo USBC 54th "Kick-Off" Tournament - Transit Lanes
August 23 - September 3	League supplies not picked up will be delivered to centers
October 2021	30-day grace period expires; all leagues must be certified within 30 days of start date
October 2021	WNY 500 Club Championship Tournament and Meeting (members only) - Date and Site TBD
October 16-17, 23-24	2021 NYS Open Seniors Tournament - Vista Bowling Center, Yorkville
November 6	2021 NYS Senior Masters - Doug Kent's Rose Bowl, Newark
November 7	Greater Buffalo USBC Women's Senior Singles Tournament - AMF Airport Lanes
November 13-14	Greater Buffalo USBC 54th Annual Family Tournament - Spare Time Bowling Center
November 27	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 4-5	Greater Buffalo USBC League Officers Tournament - Spare Time Bowling Center
December 12	Greater Buffalo USBC 35th Annual Youth Team Championship - Broadway Sports Center
January 2022	WNY 500 Club Mail-O-Graphic Tournament (members only)
January 22-23	NYS Youth Region 1 Team State Tournament - Tonawanda Bowling Center
January 30	WNY Queens Tournament - Site TBD (hosted by Tonawandas' USBC)
February 5-6	Greater Buffalo USBC 37th Annual Youth Singles Championship - AMF Lancaster Lanes
February 5-6	Greater Buffalo USBC 23rd Annual Youth Bumpers Tournament - AMF Lancaster Lanes
February 12-13	NYS USBC Pepsi Championships Region 1 - AMF Lancaster Lanes
February 19-20, 26-27	Greater Buffalo USBC 55th Annual "Me and Mine" Tournament - AMF Lancaster Lanes
February 27, March 5-6	Greater Buffalo USBC Youth Doubles Championship - AMF Lancaster Lanes
March 2022	WNY 500 Club Bring-a-Friend Tournament - Date and Site TBD
March 1	Greater Buffalo USBC <u>Tournament Average</u> Closing Date; "Official" averages close May 31
March 5	2022 NYS Masters Tournament - AMF Dewey Garden Lanes, Rochester
March 12 - July 3	2022 USBC Open Championship Tournament - South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Nevada
April 9 - May 15	2022 NYS Open Championships - Spare Time Latham, Latham
April 9 - May 20	2022 NYS Women's Championships - Midway Lanes, Vestal
April 10	Greater Buffalo USBC Youth Awards Banquet - Kiebzak's Beginnings
April 15	Greater Buffalo USBC & Youth Committee Scholarships Application Deadlines
April 19-22; April 25 - May 7	Greater Buffalo USBC "Open" and "Women's" Championships - Broadway Sports Center
April 23	2022 NYS Queen's Tournament - Ripic's Carousel Lanes, Binghamton
April 23	NYS Pepsi Youth Finals - King Pin Lanes, Rome
April 23-24	49th Stan Kowalski Senior Singles Championship - Site TBD
April 24 - July 11	2022 USBC Women's Championship Tournament - Stardust Bowl, Addison, Illinois (Chicago area)
April 25-28	USBC Annual Convention - The Orleans, Las Vegas, Nevada
April 29 - May 1	NYS Adult-Junior Tournament, AMF Strike 'N Spare Lanes, Mattydale (Syracuse)
April 30	NYS Youth Team State Finals, AMF Strike 'N Spare Lanes, Mattydale (Syracuse)
May 10-15	58th George A. Obenauer Masters Championship - AMF Airport Lanes
May 31	Greater Buffalo USBC Official Average Closing Date
June 2022	NYS USBC Annual Meeting - Date and Site TBD
June 8	Greater Buffalo USBC Adult Awards Dinner - Salvatore's Italian Prime
July 27	Greater Buffalo USBC Annual Meeting - AMF Lancaster Lanes (tentative)

# Greater Buffalo USBC Association

## 2021-22 Tournaments

<b>Dates to Bowl</b>	<b>Tournament &amp; Site</b>	<b>Eligible</b>
August 19	Kick-Off Tournament (Transit Lanes)	Invitational
November 7	Senior Women's Singles Tournament (AMF Airport Lanes)	Women 50 and older
November 13-14	Family Tournament (Spare Time Bowling Center)	Adult/Child
December 4-5	League Officers Tournament (Spare Time Bowling Center)	Officers of leagues certified timely
December 12	Youth Team Championship (Broadway Sports Center)	Youth
February 5-6	Youth Singles Championship Youth Bumpers Tournament (AMF Lancaster Lanes)	Youth
February 19-20 February 26-27	Me & Mine Tournament (AMF Lancaster Lanes)	Men & Women
February 27 March 5-6	Youth Doubles Championship (AMF Lancaster Lanes)	Youth
April 19-22 April 25 - May 7	"Open" & "Women's" Championships City Tournament (Broadway Sports Center)	Men & Women
April 23-24	Stan Kowalski Senior Open Singles Tournament (Kenmore Lanes)	Men & Women 50 and Older
May 10-15	George A. Obenauer Masters Tournament (AMF Airport Lanes)	Men & Women



# Application for Board Members/Volunteers

- **President**
- **Vice President**
- **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 18 years of age to serve on the Board.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current position (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ USBC ID # \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

What position are you interested in? \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS DO NOT APPLY TO CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS OR VOLUNTEERS UNLESS YOU WISH TO UPGRADE YOUR POSITION, BUT YOUR SIGNATURE AND COMMITTEE INTEREST SHEET IS REQUIRED (page 3).**

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

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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.

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

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

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Other positions held/honors received:

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Occupation: (current or retired)

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**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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 the 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 the distribution of awards to secretaries and bowlers throughout the year.
- (7) Promote the sport of bowling and 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"/> Fundraiser & 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 Women’s Tournament |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion/Membership  | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Open Tournament    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship           | <input type="checkbox"/> WNY Queens Tournament     |

\*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** (Email 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 the 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 the 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 the 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.

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**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.

**WNY 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.