ANNUAL REPORT

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JULY 26, 2023

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.

Samuel T. Bates
Norman J. Birner
Leonard J. Blizniak
Waymon C. Bonds
Daniel J. Bonner
Carl Bueme
Joseph J. Ciminelli
Steve M. Colley
Theodore B. Czajka*
Rickey Grant
Sheryl A. Harvey
Dawn M. Hein
Ginny Jaskier
Matthew F. Kandefer, Sr.
Richard R. Kirchmeyer, Jr.
Addy J. Klink
Kevin T. Koestler
Louis A. Lenoci
Bobby L. Litz
Philip K. Mikula
James E. Napierala
Kenneth F. Sagerman, Jr.
Dennis E. Satison
Jerry J. Smith
Francis G. Stadler
Albert E. Strianese, Jr.
George W. Thomas
Raymond Tuberdyck, Sr.
Nancy L. Walczyk*
Clifford Waller, III
John A. “Jack Walter
Norman B. Warner*
Warren E. Wright
Beatrice M. Young*

* GBUSBCA Hall of Fame Member

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
AMF Lancaster Lanes
Wednesday, July 26, 2023

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 27, 2022
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 (Elaine Koszuta, President)
      Vice President Elaine Koszuta will conduct the election for President
      President Greg Merkle will conduct the election for Directors and Delegates
        - 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 26, 2023

The Nominating Committee met on July 13, 2023. The committee reviewed all of the resumes submitted by those interested in serving on the association's Board of Directors.

The president and 7 directors will be elected this year to two-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.

OFFICER – 2-year term
President – Gregory H. Merkle

DIRECTOR – 2-year term
Mary F. Chase
Kenneth D. Duke
Carl E. Huckins
Jean E. Luber
Kelly S. Simone
Thomas P. Snyder
Ruth L. Wooliver

USBC DELEGATES – 1-year term
Elaine Koszuta, Gregory Merkle, Beth O'Brien, William Palumbo,
(3 available slots)

NYS ADULT DELEGATES – 1-year term
Michele Johnson, Cynthia Kosanovich, Elaine Koszuta, Jean Luber,
Gregory Merkle, William Palumbo, Robert Snyder (1 available slot)

Respectfully submitted by:

Beth O'Brien, Chair
Jeffrey Addison
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 19th 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 18th year of operation, the GBUSBCA, as of July 19, 2023, had a total membership of 5,600 members, of which 464 were youth bowlers. There were 131 total leagues, 16 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 question, please do not hesitate to stop in, email us at contact@gbusbc.com, or give us a call at (716) 668-4222. We are here to help your league run efficiently. Our dues for the 2023-24 season will remain the same, $25 for adults, $10 for youth bowlers, and $22 for seniors (age 55 and over) bowling and paying in a "senior" league.

Once again, we will run an annual fundraiser. Last year we sold 825 tickets in our first year selling the new $20 ticket. Our sellers had found it difficult in recent years to sell the $50 ticket, so we switched to a $20 ticket last year. Even though prizes were given for over 90% of the numbers drawn, the fundraiser did net a profit. We were able to donate to the Roswell Park Alliance and Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL) as well as supplement our operating funds.

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 might have to bowl without handicap.

AWARDS - This past season, the Greater Buffalo USBC Association issued 2,843 awards: 2,079 for adults and 764 for youth. Our bowlers received awards for the following achievements:

300 game – 198	125 game – 70	550 series – 118	100 series – 2
11-in-a-row –11 youth	100 game – 48	500 series – 179	"30" Clean – 103
290 game – 132	75 game – 53	450 series – 123	7-10 split – 8
275 game – 100	50 game – 13	400 series – 122	All spare games – 0
250 game – 145	800 series – 84	350 series – 56	Big 4 split – 4
225 game – 212	750 series – 59	300 series – 56	Dutch 200 – 3
200 game – 191	700 series – 85	250 series – 30	Triplicate – 20
175 game – 177	650 series – 81	200 series – 23	
150 game – 180	600 series – 145	150 series – 12	

In 2023-24, 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
2023-24 Season

	Achievement	Award
Honor	900 Series	Upgraded Ring
Scores	800 Series (800–899)	Ring, Crystal, or Plaque
(See note below)	300 Game	Ring, Crystal, or Plaque
Special	125 (125-149) Game (90 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
Achievement	150 (150-174) Game (115 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
Awards	175 (175-199) Game (125 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	200 (200-224) Game (140 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	225 (225-249) Game (160 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	250 (250-274) Game (175 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	275 (275-289) Game (190 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	290 (290-299) Game (any average)	GBUSBCA Pen
	300 Game (any average)	GBUSBCA Towel
	300 (300-349) Series (90 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	350 (350-399) Series (100 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	400 (400-449) Series (115 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	450 (450-499) Series (125 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	500 (500-549) Series (140 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	550 (550-599) Series (150 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	600 (600-649) Series (165 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	650 (650-699) Series (175 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	700 (700-749) Series (190 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	750 (750-799) Series (205 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Pen
	800 (800-899) Series (any average)	GBUSBCA Towel
	7-10 Split Conversion	GBUSBCA Magnet
	All-Spare Game (while supplies last)	USBC Emblem
	Big 4 (4-6-7-10) Split Conversion	GBUSBCA Pen
	Dutch 200	GBUSBCA Pen
	Triplicate Series	GBUSBCA Pen
	"30 Clean" Series (any average) (NO OPEN FRAMES FOR THREE GAMES)	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
2023-24 Season

	Achievement	Award
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

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AVERAGE REPORTING – The 2022-23 average book is now available. I am happy to report we have listed in our average book, for the 45th 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 induction ceremony on November 25, 2023, at Samuel's Grande Manor in Clarence. The honorees are Tony Dolan (Bowling Performance), Paul Krupinski (Meritorious Service), Mike Mucciaccio (Bowling Performance), and Mike Neumann (Bowling Performance). We will be accepting applications for our "Class of 2025" until February 14, 2025.

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS (City Tournament) – The Association "Open" and "Women's" Championship Tournaments were held at Kenmore Lanes from April 25 through May 13. The "Open" had 210 teams, 230 doubles, 451 singles, 451 six-game combines, and 263 all-events entries, while the Women's had 26 teams, 37 doubles, 73 singles, 73 six-game combines, and 57 all-events entries. We also had a scratch prize list in the "Open" tournament which had 46, 66, 147, 146, and 110 entries. Prize checks for this year's tournament were mailed on June 1. First-place prizes in the "Open" were: Team - $2,600, Doubles - $900, Singles - $600, Six-Game Combine - $150, and All-Events - $150; "Women's": Team - $900, Doubles - $300, Singles - $225, Six-Game Combine - $85, and All-Events - $70. You can find all our tournament results in the 2022-23 Greater Buffalo USBC Association average book and on our website, www.gbusbc.com. **Next year's tournament will be held at AMF Airport Lanes from April 23 to April 26 and April 30 to May 11. We anticipate once again adding up to $8,000 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 – This tournament was held at Town Edge Bowling, Bar & Grill on December 3 and 4. There were 97 entries. It is our way of saying **thank you** to the league officers for **certifying their leagues on time.** The Greater Buffalo USBC picks up the lineage cost and charges the officers a minimal fee to enter. Susan Brownell was the winner of the 2022 tournament with a handicap total of 819. Next year's tournament will be held the weekend of December 1 and 2 at Spare Time Bowling Center.

WOMEN'S SENIOR SINGLES TOURNAMENT – This annual association tournament was held at AMF Lancaster Lanes on November 5 and 6. There were 60 entries. The winners were: Class "A" – Jane Stoklosa (782), Class "B" – Margot Pierce (751), and Class "C" – Lynn Marie Drzymala (717). 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 25 and 26 at Abbott Lanes.

50th STAN KOWALSKI SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP– This annual association handicap tournament, open to men and women 50 years of age and older, was held on April 15 and 16 at Broadway Sports Center. There were 419 entries, most ever for this event. The tournament features six divisions. The winners were:

Class "AA" – Anthony Verdi (827); Class "A" – David Spiezer (852); Class "B" – Zachary Mangrum (817); Class "C" – Thomas A. Klenke (826); Class "D" – Randolph Loomis (800); and Class "E" – Daryl Hahn, Sr. (802).

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 Wimbledon Lanes, on the weekend of April 21 and 22.

59th GEORGE A. OBENAUER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP – The Masters Championship was held this year at Transit Lanes, running from May 16 through May 21. There was a field of 133 entries. Andrew Herbert was the winner and received $1,800 in prize money as well as a paid entry plus up to $500 in expenses to the 2024 USBC Masters Tournament next spring. Kevin Bienko was runner-up and received $1,100. Tom Sorce was the winner of the Pete Parisi Plaque as the high qualifier with a score of 1748 for eight games. Next year's George A. Obenauer Masters Tournament will be at AMF Lancaster Lanes beginning May 14 and running through May 19.

56th ANNUAL ME & MINE TOURNAMENT – This tournament was held at AMF Airport Lanes in mid-February. There were 232 entries. The winners in the 351 average and over division were Jackie Nicosia and Carl Huckins (1516). The winners in the 350 average and under division were Mary Dennison and Gerald Grabner (1584). Next year's tournament will be at Abbott Lanes on February 17, 18, 24, and 25.

USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT – Bowlers can look forward to securing their spots for 2024 as registration dates have been announced for next year's event in Las Vegas.

The 2024 USBC Open Championships will return to the South Point Bowling Plaza and take place for 136 consecutive days, running from March 2 to July 15.

This will be The Open Championships fifth visit to the South Point Bowling Plaza and seventh overall trip to Las Vegas for the tournament's 120th edition.

The entry fee at the 2024 tournament will be $70 per event, plus an optional $15 for all-events ($225 total). There also is a $25 processing fee per team.

USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT - The 2024 USBC Women's Championships will take place at the National Bowling Stadium and run from April 27 to June 30. The 104th edition of the Women's Championships originally was slated to be held at Cincinnati's Western Bowl in 2024, but the 68-lane center now will host the 2027 event as part of a recent announcement by USBC.

The Women's Championships will visit Reno for the 13th time in 2024 and mark the tournament's 10th overall trip to the National Bowling Stadium. The NBS last hosted the event in 2021.

The cost to compete at the 2024 Women's Championships will be $55 per event, plus an optional $15 for all-events ($180 total). There will be a $20 processing fee per team.

The 2024 event will feature a new average structure and go from six to four divisions in doubles, singles and all-events based on a recommendation from the USBC Championship Tournaments task force.

NEW YORK STATE USBC – The New York State USBC held their Annual Meeting along with the Hall of Fame and Awards dinner on Saturday, June 3 at Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona. There was a big election slate this year since President Roger Buchman was serving his last term. Liz Dehart from Staten Island was elected as the new president. She is currently Vice President and will appoint someone to serve the rest of her term when she takes office in August. Our Hall of Fame and Awards Dinner was Saturday night. We inducted two bowlers for Superior Performance: Art Alexander III from Syracuse and Patric Donaghue from Pittsford, one Meritorious Service; Jack Curran from Rochester. Curran is 99 years old and is the oldest living member to be inducted into the NYS Hall of Fame. The Service to Youth award went to Nancy Howell of Kingston and Proprietors of the Year were Beckie and Jeff Ripic from Ripic's Carousel Lanes in Binghamton. Greater Buffalo had two scholarship winners this year. Mark Mankowski of Hamburg was awarded $4,000 and Nicholas Brady of North Tonawanda was awarded $3,000.

YOUTH TOURNAMENTS & SCHOLARSHIPS – There are 4 local youth tournaments held annually. The Family Tournament was held at Abbott Lanes on November 12 and 13. This is a doubles tournament with one adult and one youth per team. There were 70 entries. Next year's tournament will be held at Town Edge Bowling, Bar & Grill on November 11 and 12. The Youth Team Championship was held at Town Edge Bowling, Bar & Grill on December 12 and had 22 three-bowler teams. AMF Lancaster Lanes will host this event next season on December 9 and 10. The Youth Singles and Bumpers Tournaments were held at AMF Lancaster Lanes on February 5 and 11, with 101 entries in the Singles and 10 entries in the Bumpers. Abbott Lanes will be the host for next season's tournament on February 4 and 10. Our Youth Doubles Tournament was held on February 26, March 4, and 5 at AMF Lancaster Lanes and had 74 entries. This year's tournament is going to be held on March 2 and 3, at Broadway Sports Center. Our Youth Virtual Combine tournament uses individual scores from the Doubles Championship and Singles Championship tournaments. We awarded $650 in scholarships to bowlers in four divisions. You can find the results of these tournaments in the 2022-23 Greater Buffalo USBC Association average book and at www.gbusbc.com. We awarded $7,829 in scholarships to this past season's youth tournament winners. Including yearly scholarships given by the association, $14,395 was awarded by our association for the 2022-23 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 own 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 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 -

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 work with our tournaments, committees, fundraisers, award presentations, and overall dedication to the sport. Remember, we are committed to you, our members. We hope you will 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

Fundraiser Report

April 2023

Tickets Sold @ $20	207	$4,140.00
Tickets Sold @ 3 for $50	618	$10,300.00
Free Tickets	24	$0.00
Total Inflow		**$14,440.00**
Prizes Paid	55	$8,140.00
Printing (tickets, paper, envelopes)		$10.00 *
Postage		$40.00 estimate
Total Outflow		**$8,190.00**
Total Proceeds		**$6,250.00**

2023 DONATIONS**

Greater Buffalo USBC Association		4,950.00
The Ride for Roswell		1,000.00
Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL)		300.00
	TOTAL	**$6,250.00**

*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.

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION

$$ STRIKE IT RICH $$

PRIZES BASED ON MIDDAY & EVENING NUMBERS

*** PRIZES ***

Midday		Evening
$20	April 1 thru 13	$40
$20	April 14 thru 24	$60
$20	April 25 thru 27	$150
$20	April 28	$250
$20	April 29	$500
$1,000	**April 30**	**$5,000**

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Tickets $20 or 3/$50

If buying 3 for $50, same name(s) must be on all tickets.

April 2024

Greater Buffalo USBC Association
2448 Union Rd
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

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Proceeds benefit 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations and youth bowlers through granting of scholarships.

If less than 500 tickets are sold by March 31, 2024, the fundraiser may be canceled and all sales refunded.

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No. #####

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Phone _____

Seller _____

No. #####

GBUSBCA 2024

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

2022-23

(memberships purchased after July 21, 2023 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
Total August	**1**	**0**	**0**	**81**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**81**
Total September	**18**	**0**	**2**	**904**	**71**	**0**	**0**	**20**	**975**
Total October	**74**	**12**	**4**	**3049**	**88**	**275**	**0**	**90**	**3412**
Total November	**4**	**1**	**0**	**191**	**0**	**8**	**25**	**5**	**224**
Total December	**5**	**3**	**0**	**174**	**6**	**71**	**40**	**8**	**291**
Total January	**1**	**0**	**0**	**237**	**3**	**19**	**3**	**1**	**262**
Total February	**0**	**0**	**0**	**79**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**84**
Total March	**0**	**0**	**0**	**65**	**1**	**14**	**4**	**0**	**84**
Total April	**0**	**0**	**0**	**70**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**70**
Total May	**2**	**0**	**0**	**53**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**53**
Total June	**4**	**0**	**0**	**54**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**4**	**56**
Total July	**0**	**0**	**0**	**8**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**8**

Total Members 2022-23	**109**	**16**	**6**	**4,965**	**171**	**390**	**74**	**131**	**5,600**
Total Members 2021-22	**112**	**18**	**6**	**4,835**	**158**	**373**	**115**	**136**	**5,481**
Change in Membership	**(3)**	**(2)**	**0**	**130**	**13**	**17**	**(41)**	**(5)**	**119**
Percentage	**-2.7%**	**-11.1%**	**0.0%**	**2.7%**	**8.2%**	**4.6%**	**-35.7%**	**-3.7%**	**2.2%**
				ADULTS	**5,136**	**YOUTH**	**464**		
					2.8%		**-5.2%**		

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATUS
July 31, 2023

	Current year Balance 7-31-23	Last year Balance 7-31-22	Difference
General Account operating funds (includes approximately $39,000 from reserves, was $35,000 a year ago)	$55,586.40	$47,010.46	$8,575.94
Tournament Account (includes $4,000 from reserves)	$6,667.55	$6,947.87	($280.32)
Alternative Income Account Youth Committee Category Youth Leaders Category (includes $10,000 from reserves)	$21,219.83 $17,871.58 $3,348.25	$19,065.72 $17,010.87 $2,054.85	$2,154.11
Scholarship Account (Funds allocated to scholarships. Includes $17,000 from reserves.) **Golf Event for Youth Scholarships	$16,266.92	$16,491.64	($224.72)
Greater Buffalo USBC Totals	**$99,740.70**	**$89,515.69**	**$10,225.01**

Reserves Account (SEI) has balance of approximately $70,000 which is included in accounts above.

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

**As of July 31, the August 1 Golf Event inflow will be $11,964. It will be split amongst three integers, therefore, $7,976 has been deducted from the amount currently on hand.

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION
2023-24 BUDGET

	Income	2022-23 Budget	2022-23 Receipts	2022-23 Comparison to Budget	2023-24 Budget
	Average Book				
1	Advertising Revenue	400.00	107.50	(292.50)	**400.00**
2	Book Sales	75.00	85.00	+10.00	**75.00**
3	Membership Dues	45,000.00	46,190.00	+1,190.00	**45,000.00**
4	Miscellaneous Income (SIR Profit Inc.)	-	6,250.00	+6,250.00	**-**
5	Tournament Profits	5,050.00	7,500.00	+2,450.00	**5,050.00**
6	Youth Committee Payroll Offset	2,500.00	1,623.75	(876.25)	**2,500.00**
7	**Total Receipts**	**$ 53,025.00**	**$ 61,752.50**	**$ 8,727.50**	**$ 53,025.00**

	Expenses	2022-23 Budget	2022-23 Expenses	2022-23 Comparison to Budget	2023-24 Budget
8	Average Book	125.00	137.34	(12.34)	**125.00**
9	Awards Program - Local	3,000.00	3,205.34	(205.34)	**3,000.00**
	Compensation				
10	Management	18,960.00	12,000.00	+6,960.00	**21,240.00**
11	Staff	8,700.00	8,700.00	+0.00	**8,700.00**
12	State Disability Ins.	150.00	35.78	+114.22	**150.00**
13	Tax - Federal	1,700.00	1,707.77	(7.77)	**1,700.00**
14	Tax - New York State	450.00	509.92	(59.92)	**450.00**
15	Youth Committee Payroll Offset	2,500.00	1,623.75	+876.25	**2,500.00**
16	Equipment Repair/Maintenance	1,000.00	647.40	+352.60	**1,000.00**
17	Hall of Fame (NET)	-	-	+0.00	**2,000.00**
	Insurance				
18	Fire - Renters	425.00	388.79	+36.21	**425.00**
19	Health	7,500.00	5,480.36	+2,019.64	**2,000.00**
20	Professional Liability	650.00	630.00	+20.00	**650.00**
21	Workers Compensation	350.00	221.00	+129.00	**350.00**
	Meetings				
22	Annual	300.00	299.79	+0.21	**300.00**
23	Board	-	164.25	(164.25)	**-**
24	Charities/Donations	-	1,300.00	(1,300.00)	**-**
25	Miscellaneous	300.00	304.99	(4.99)	**300.00**
26	Office Supplies	1,000.00	2,466.85	(1,466.85)	**1,000.00**
27	Postage	1,200.00	1,610.41	(410.41)	**1,700.00**
28	Professional Fees	700.00	828.60	(128.60)	**850.00**
29	Promotion	700.00	793.20	(93.20)	**800.00**
30	Rent	10,140.00	10,140.00	+0.00	**10,140.00**
31	RVP Cost	210.00	210.00	+0.00	**210.00**
32	Tokens of Esteem	500.00	325.00	+175.00	**500.00**
33	Travel (NYS Convention)	600.00	236.30	+363.70	**600.00**
34	Travel (USBC Convention)	1,000.00	-	+1,000.00	**1,000.00**
35	Utilities - Telephone/Internet	2,700.00	2,706.48	(6.48)	**2,800.00**
36	**Total Expenses**	**$ 64,860.00**	**$ 56,673.32**	**$ 8,186.68**	**$ 64,490.00**

Greater Buffalo USBC Association
2023-24
Calendar of Events

July 27 - August 18	2023-24 League Supply Distribution - GBUSBCA Office, 2448 Union Rd, Cheektowaga
August 17	Greater Buffalo USBC 56th "Kick-Off" Tournament - Transit Lanes
August 18-20, 25-27	42nd NYS Women's Senior Singles Tournament - Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center, South Glens Falls
August 21 - September 1	League supplies not picked up will be delivered to centers
October 2023	30-day grace period expires; all leagues must be certified within 30 days of start date
October 14-15, 21-22	2023 NYS Open Seniors Tournament - Sportman's Bowl, Schenectady
November 4	2023 NYS Senior Masters - Lucky Strike Lanes, Malone
November 11-12	Greater Buffalo USBC 56th Annual Family Tournament - Town Edge Bowling, Bar & Grill
November 25	Greater Buffalo USBC Hall of Fame Dinner - Samuel's Grande Manor, Williamsville
November 25-26	Greater Buffalo USBC Women's Senior Singles Tournament - Abbott Lanes
December 2-3	Greater Buffalo USBC League Officers Tournament - Spare Time Bowling Center
December 3-31	NYS Pepsi USBC Youth Championship League-Level Qualifying Window
December 9-10	Greater Buffalo USBC 37th Annual Youth Team Championship - AMF Lancaster Lanes
January 20-21	NYS Youth Region 1 Team State Tournament - AMF Lancaster Lanes
February 4	WNY Queens Tournament - TBA (hosted by Greater Buffalo USBC)
February 4 and 10	Greater Buffalo USBC 39th Annual Youth Singles Championship - Abbott Lanes
February 4 and 10	Greater Buffalo USBC 25th Annual Youth Bumpers Tournament - Abbott Lanes
February 17-18, 24-25	Greater Buffalo USBC 57th Annual "Me and Mine" Tournament - Abbott Lanes
February 24-25	NYS USBC Pepsi Championships Region 1 - Tonawanda Bowling Center
March 1	Greater Buffalo USBC Tournament Average Closing Date; "Official" averages close May 31
March 2	2024 NYS Masters Tournament - Broadway Lanes, Fort Edward
March 2-3	Greater Buffalo USBC Youth Doubles Championship - Broadway Sports Center
March 2 - July 22	2024 USBC Open Championship Tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada
April 6 - May 20	2024 NYS Women's Championships - Boulevard Bowl, Schenectady
April 13	2024 NYS Queen's Tournament - Town n' Country Lanes, Guilderland
April 14	Greater Buffalo USBC Youth Awards Banquet - Kiebzak's Beginnings
April 15	Greater Buffalo USBC & Youth Committee Scholarships Application Deadlines
April 20	NYS Pepsi Youth Finals - King Pin Lanes, Rome
April 20-21	51st Stan Kowalski Senior Singles Tournament - Wimbledon Lanes
April 20 - June 9	2024 NYS Open Championships - Valley Bowling Center, Waverly
April 22-25	2024 USBC Annual Convention - South Point Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada
April 23-26, April 29 - May 11	Greater Buffalo USBC "Open" and "Women's" Championships - AMF Airport Lanes
April 27	WNY Teen Masters & Queens Tournament - AMF Airport Lanes
April 27 - June 30	2024 USBC Women's Championship Tournament in Reno, Nevada
May 3-5	NYS Adult-Junior Tournament, AMF Strike 'N Spare Lanes, Mattydale (Syracuse)
May 4	NYS Youth Team State Finals, AMF Strike 'N Spare Lanes, Mattydale (Syracuse)
May 14-19	60th George A. Obenauer Masters Tournament - AMF Lancaster Lanes
May 31	Greater Buffalo USBC Official Average Closing Date
June 1	NYS USBC Annual Meeting - Binghamton
June 12	Greater Buffalo USBC Adult Awards Dinner - Salvatore's Italian Prime
July 31	Greater Buffalo USBC Annual Meeting - AMF Lancaster Lanes (tentative)

Greater Buffalo USBC Association

2023-24 Tournaments

Dates to Bowl	Tournament & Site	Eligible
August 17 (6:30 pm)	Kick-Off Tournament (Transit Lanes)	Invitational
November 11-12 (Sat. 12:30 pm) (Sun. Noon, 2:30 pm & 5 pm)	Family Tournament (Town Edge Bowling, Bar & Grill)	Adult/Child
November 25-26 (Noon squads both days)	Senior Women's Singles Tournament (Abbott Lanes)	Women 50 and older
December 2-3 (Sat. Noon) (Sun. 10 am & 12:30 pm)	League Officers Tournament (Spare Time Bowling Center)	Officers of leagues certified timely
December 9-10 (Sat. 1:30 pm) (Sun. Noon, 2:30 pm & 5 pm)	Youth Team Championship (AMF Lancaster Lanes)	Youth
February 4 & 10 (Sun. Noon, 2:30 pm & 5 pm) (Sat. Noon)	Youth Singles Championship Youth Bumpers Tournament (Abbott Lanes)	Youth
February 17 & 24 (Noon) February 18 (11 am & 3 pm) February 25 (11 am, 3 pm & 6:30 pm)	Me & Mine Tournament (Abbott Lanes)	Men & Women
March 2-3 (Sat. 1:30 pm) (Sun. Noon, 2:30 pm & 5 pm)	Youth Doubles Championship (Broadway Sports Center)	Youth
April 20-21 (11 am & 3 pm both days)	Stan Kowalski Senior Open Singles Tournament (Wimbledon Lanes)	Men & Women 50 and Older
April 23-26 April 30 – May 11 (Weekdays 7 pm) (Sat. & Sun. 11 am & 3 pm)	"Open" & "Women's" Championships City Tournament (AMF Airport Lanes)	Men & Women
May 14-19 (Qualifying May 14 & 15) (Match Play May 16-19) (Tues. – Sat. 6:30 pm) (Sun. 1 pm)	George A. Obenauer Masters Tournament (AMF Lancaster 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)

_____ _____

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

____ Finance & Budget
____ Fundraiser & Projects
____ Hall of Fame
____ House Representative
____ Legislative
____ Nominating
____ Promotion/Membership
____ Scholarship
____ Suspension *
____ Youth Committee
____ City Tournament
____ Masters Tournament
____ Me & Mine Tournament
____ Senior Women's Tournament
____ Senior Open Tournament
____ 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.

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.