ANNUAL REPORT

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JULY 31, 2024

AMF AIRPORT LANES

Memorial Service

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

John J. Bartus
Anthony Brown
Paul E. Bunch
Herbert B. Campbell, Jr.
Jennifer L. Carter
Marco T. Clapps
Helen Donaldson
Alan L. Esperson
Andrew E. Field
Douglas G. Jakel
Richard J. Jodoin
Donald W. Josey
Daniel E. Kilichowski, Sr.
Raymond P. Lonie, Jr.
Gerald L. Miesowicz
Daniel Napierala
Charles C. Sicurella
Anthony K. (Tony) Stang
James M. Weber
Stanley M. Wypij
Timothy J. Yetzer

* GBUSBCA Hall of Fame Member

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
AMF Airport Lanes
Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Please review tonight's agenda, the attached resumes, and the minutes from last year's meeting (7/26/23).

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 26, 2023
6. President's Report – Greg Merkle
7. Introduce the 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 (Greg Merkle, 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 31, 2024

The Nominating Committee met on July 12, 2024. The committee reviewed all of the resumes submitted by those interested in serving on the association's Board of Directors.

The vice 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 whom we feel are best qualified to serve on the Board of Directors of the Greater Buffalo USBC Association.

OFFICER – 2-year term
Vice President – Elaine A. Koszuta

DIRECTOR – 2-year term
Jeffrey L. Addison
Michele E. Johnson
Cynthia M. Kosanovich
Paul J. Krupinski
Beth M. O'Brien
Robert P. Snyder
Henry A. Szlachetka

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, Gregory Merkle,
William Palumbo, Robert Snyder (2 available slots)

Respectfully submitted by:

Beth O'Brien, Chair
Jeffrey Addison
George Barnes
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 20th 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 19th year of operation, the GBUSBCA had a total membership of 5,797 members, of which 475 were youth bowlers. There were 132 total leagues, 17 of which were youth leagues. A complete membership and financial statement are included in 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, email us at contact@gbusbc.com, or give us a call at (716) 668-4222. We are here to help your league run smoothly and efficiently. Our dues for the 2024-25 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 856 tickets in our second year selling the $20 ticket. Even though prizes were given for 56 out of 60 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 a handicap.

AWARDS - This past season, the Greater Buffalo USBC Association issued 2,507 awards: 1,870 for adults and 637 for youth. Bowlers received awards for the following achievements:

300 game – 203	125 game – 59	550 series – 93	100 series – 2
11-in-a-row –3 youth	100 game – 46	500 series – 128	"30" Clean – 98
290 game – 134	75 game – 29	450 series – 105	7-10 split – 7
275 game – 99	50 game – 9	400 series – 113	All spare games – 1
250 game – 129	800 series – 97	350 series – 51	Big 4 split – 2
225 game – 166	750 series – 64	300 series – 51	Dutch 200 – 5
200 game – 155	700 series – 95	250 series – 14	Triplicate – 25
175 game – 151	650 series – 80	200 series – 7	
150 game – 169	600 series – 111	150 series – 6	

In 2024-25, 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
2024-25 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
2024-25 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

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 2023-24 average book is now available. I am pleased to report we have listed in our average book, for the 46th 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 held its induction ceremony on November 25, 2023, at Samuel's Grande Manor in Clarence. The honorees were 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 AMF Airport Lanes from April 23 through May 11. The "Open" had 229 teams, 244 doubles, 483 singles, 483 six-game combines, and 277 all-events entries, while the Women had 25 teams, 28 doubles, 56 singles, 56 six-game combines, and 45 all-events entries. We also had a scratch prize list in the "Open" tournament which had 49, 87, 191, 192, and 126 entries. Prize checks for this year's tournament were mailed on June 3. First-place prizes in the "Open" were: Team - $2,600, Doubles - $900, Singles - $600, Six-Game Combine - $400, and All-Events - $325; "Women's": Team - $900, Doubles - $276, Singles - $150, Six-Game Combine - $125, and All-Events - $125. You can find all our tournament results in the 2023-24 Greater Buffalo USBC Association average book and on our website, www.gbusbc.com.

Next year's tournament will be held at Transit Lanes from April 22 to April 25 (to be reviewed) and April 29 to May 10. We anticipate once again adding $8,000 to the tournament prize funds from the association, plus we will again seek sponsors. We will offer brackets, pro shop raffles, lottery ticket 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 Spare Time Bowling Center on December 1 and 2. There were 91 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. Tony Dolan was the winner of the 2023 tournament with a handicap total of 816. Next year's tournament will be held the weekend of December 7 and 8 at Town Edge Bowling, Bar & Grill.

WOMEN'S SENIOR SINGLES TOURNAMENT – This annual association tournament was held at Abbott Lanes on November 25 and 26. There were 51 entries. The winners were: Class "A" – Karen Copeland (761), Class "B" – Cindy Kosanovich (791), and Class "C" – Kelly Hahn (756). 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 Tournament will be held the weekend of November 23 and 24 at AMF Airport Lanes.

51st STAN KOWALSKI SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP– This annual association handicap tournament, open to men and women 50 years of age and older, was held on April 20 and 21 at Wimbledon Lanes. There were 392 entries. The tournament features six divisions. The winners were:

Class "AA" – John Cierlicki (805); Class "A" – Leonard Dobucki (798); Class "B" – Gary Tenebra (876); Class "C" – Michael Hermanski (859); Class "D" – Christopher Hoffman (841); and Class "E" – Jeffrey Leach (794).

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 AMF Lancaster Lanes, on the weekend of April 12 and 13.

60th GEORGE A. OBENAUER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP – The Masters Championship was held this year at AMF Airport Lanes, running from May 14 through May 19. There was a field of 128 entries. Kevin Bienko was the winner and received $1,800 in prize money as well as a paid entry plus up to $500 in expenses to the 2025 USBC Masters Tournament next spring. Branden Simone was runner-up and received $1,000. Kevin was also the winner of the Pete Parisi Plaque as the high qualifier with a score of 1846 for eight games. Next year's Masters Tournament will be at AMF Airport Lanes beginning May 13, and running through May 18.

57th ANNUAL ME & MINE TOURNAMENT – This tournament was held at Abbott Lanes in mid-February. There were 211 entries. The winners in the 351 average and over division were Samantha Gross and Steven Scherer (1614). The winners in the 350 average and under division were Pete Say and Cecelia France (1532). Next year's tournament will be at Wimbledon Lanes on February 15, 16, 22, and 23.

USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT – Bowlers can look forward to securing their spots for 2025 as registration dates have been announced for next year's event in Baton Rouge.

The 2025 USBC Open Championships will be at the Raising Cane's River Center, running from March 1 to July 27. With these exceptions, April 20 - Easter / May 11 - Mother's Day / May 26 - Memorial Day / June 15 - Father's Day / July 4 - Independence Day

The entry fee at the 2025 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 2025 USBC Women's Championships will take place at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, Nevada, and run from April 26 to June 8.

The cost to compete at the 2025 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 2025 event will feature the same average structure of four divisions in team, doubles, singles, and all-events based on a recommendation from the USBC Championship Tournaments task force before the 2024 tournament.

NEW YORK STATE USBC – The New York State USBC held its Annual Meeting along with the Hall of Fame and Awards dinner on Saturday, June 1 at Desmond Hotel in Albany. The election slate this year included the Vice President position and five directors. Frank Wilkinson was elected Vice President. Incumbent directors, William Erb, Beth O'Brien, Jayu Kulkarni, and Barry Vee were all reelected. Chadwick "Chad" Bodner was elected to his first term. Our Hall of Fame and Awards Dinner was on Saturday night. We inducted five bowlers for Superior Performance: Deborah Capullo from Schenectady, Jeff Ripic from Appalachian. Rick Lambrecht from Homer, Al Brant from Rochester, and Susan Strait from Hilton. One for Meritorious Service: Mike Callan from Rochester. The Service to Youth award went to Beth O'Brien of Cheektowaga.

YOUTH TOURNAMENTS & SCHOLARSHIPS – There are 4 local youth tournaments held annually. The Family Tournament was held at Town Edge Bowling, Bar & Grill on November 11 and 12. This is a doubles tournament with one adult and one youth per team. There were 68 entries. Next year's tournament will be held at Spare Time Bowling Center on November 9 and 10. The Youth Team Championship was held at AMF Lancaster Lanes on December 14 and 15 and had 29 three-bowler teams. Town Edge will host this event next season on December 14 and 15. The Youth Singles and Bumpers Tournaments were held at Abbott Lanes on February 4 and 10, with 84 entries in the Singles and 17 entries in the Bumpers. AMF Airport Lanes will be the host for next season's tournament on February 2 and 8. Our Youth Doubles Tournament was held on March 2 and 3 at Broadway Sports Center and had 61 entries. This year's tournament is going to be held on March 1 and 2, at Spare Time Bowling Center. You can find the complete results of these tournaments in the 2023-24 Greater Buffalo USBC Association average book and at www.gbusbc.com. We awarded $6,097 in scholarships to this past season's youth tournament winners. Including yearly scholarships given by the association, approximately $13,000 was awarded by our association for the 2023-24 season.

JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & YOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

We had 37 youth bowlers from the Greater Buffalo Association compete at the Junior Gold event in Detroit, Michigan earlier this month. Green Bay, Wisconsin, will welcome thousands of the nation's top youth bowlers and their families as the host site for the 2025 Junior Gold Championships.

In addition to the Junior Gold Championships, all United States Bowling Congress Youth members will have the opportunity to compete in the Bowling.com Youth Open Championships, which will be conducted in Green Bay, Wisconsin, during a timeframe very similar to that of Junior Gold.

The 2025 Junior Gold Championships will run July 11-19 at multiple bowling centers in and around Green Bay. The Youth Open Championships will take place July 9-11, 18-20 and 26-27. Junior Gold Week will kick off with fun-filled activities like the Product Showcase and trade show, which will take place at the Resch Center & Resch Expo in Ashwaubenon, Wisconsin. As an added treat, the 2025 Junior Gold Championships traditional Opening Ceremony will feature a special conclusion on the evening of Sunday, July 13, when up to 10,000 competitors, their families, and bowling fans will have the opportunity to attend the live TV finals of the Professional Women's Bowling Association Green Bay Open, which will be contested in an arena setting at the Resch Complex. All rounds leading up to the stepladder finals will be contested at The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley from July 9-12.

Although Green Bay, Wisconsin, and the historic Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley have hosted several elite-level bowling tournaments over the years, the 2025 event will mark the first time the Junior Gold Championships will be contested in Wisconsin.

"We are thrilled to be hosting the 2025 Junior Gold Championships in the Green Bay area and throughout the region," said Brad Toll, President and CEO of Discover Green Bay. "We're sure the competitors, family members, and fans will have a truly unique experience. We can't wait to share our great community on the lanes and beyond."

In addition to The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley, host centers for the 2025 Junior Gold Championships will include each of the following locations: Bowlero Superbowl Family Entertainment; Bowlero Sabre Lanes; Buzz Social; Dale's Weston Lanes; Revs Bowl Bar and Grill; Riviera Lanes, and Rolling Thunder Lanes.

"Over the years, Green Bay, Wisconsin, has proven itself to be incredibly supportive of competitive bowling and more than capable of hosting the sport's biggest tournaments," said Gary Brown, Senior Director of Short-Duration Tournaments and Collegiate Bowling. "As such, it's fitting that Junior Gold, the biggest, most prestigious tournament in youth bowling, will take place in an area steeped in so much tradition."

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 commitment to the sport. Remember, we are dedicated 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 2024

Tickets Sold @ $20	160	$3,200.00
Tickets Sold @ 3 for $50	696	$11,600.00
Free Tickets	25	$0.00
Total Inflow		**$14,800.00**
Prizes Paid	56	$8,720.00
Printing (tickets, paper, envelopes)		$10.00 *
Postage		$40.00 estimate
Total Outflow		**$8,770.00**
Total Proceeds		**$6,030.00**

2024 DONATIONS**

Greater Buffalo USBC Association		4,730.00
The Ride for Roswell		1,000.00
Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL)		300.00
	TOTAL	**$6,030.00**

*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 2025

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 the granting of scholarships.

If less than 500 tickets are sold by March 31, 2025, the fundraiser may be canceled and all sales refunded.

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No. #####

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Phone _____

Seller _____

No. #####

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GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

2023-24

	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	**2**	**0**	**0**	**256**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**256**
Total September	**24**	**4**	**3**	**1141**	**97**	**61**	**0**	**31**	**1299**
Total October	**60**	**8**	**3**	**2357**	**84**	**152**	**0**	**71**	**2593**
Total November	**12**	**4**	**0**	**628**	**4**	**124**	**12**	**16**	**768**
Total December	**4**	**1**	**0**	**228**	**0**	**29**	**19**	**5**	**276**
Total January	**0**	**0**	**0**	**94**	**3**	**1**	**20**	**0**	**118**
Total February	**0**	**0**	**0**	**110**	**0**	**17**	**15**	**0**	**142**
Total March	**0**	**0**	**0**	**122**	**0**	**10**	**1**	**0**	**133**
Total April	**0**	**0**	**0**	**53**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**54**
Total May	**0**	**0**	**0**	**28**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**28**
Total June	**6**	**0**	**0**	**83**	**0**	**13**	**0**	**6**	**96**
Total July	**1**	**0**	**0**	**34**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**34**

Total Members 2023-24	**109**	**17**	**6**	**5,134**	**188**	**408**	**67**	**132**	**5,797**
Total Members 2022-23	**109**	**16**	**6**	**4,965**	**171**	**390**	**74**	**131**	**5,600**
Change in Membership	**0**	**1**	**0**	**169**	**17**	**18**	**(7)**	**1**	**197**
Percentage	**0.0%**	**6.3%**	**0.0%**	**3.4%**	**9.9%**	**4.6%**	**-9.5%**	**0.8%**	**3.5%**
				ADULTS	**5,322**	**YOUTH**	**475**		
					3.5%		**2.3%**		

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATUS
July 31, 2024

	Current year Balance 7-31-24	Last year Balance 7-31-23	Difference
General Account operating funds (includes approximately $45,000 from reserves, which was $39,000 a year ago)	$62,048.38	$55,586.40	$6,461.98
Tournament Account (includes $4,000 from reserves)	$5,444.08	$6,667.55	($1,223.47)
Alternative Income Account *Youth Committee Category Youth Leaders Category (includes $10,000 from reserves)	$19,174.27 $15,630.02 $3,544.25	$21,219.83 $17,871.58 $3,348.25	($2,045.56)
Scholarship Account (Funds allocated to scholarships. Includes $17,000 from reserves.) **Golf Event for Youth Scholarships	$29,692.24	$16,266.92	$13,425.32
Greater Buffalo USBC Totals	**$116,358.97**	**$99,740.70**	**$16,618.27**

Reserves Account (SEI) has balance of approximately $76,000 which is included in accounts above.

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

**As of July 31, the summer Golf Event net will be +$26,628. It will be split amongst three integers, therefore, $17,752 has been deducted from the amount currently on hand.

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION
2024-25 BUDGET

	Income	2023-24 Budget	2023-24 Receipts	2023-24 Comparison to Budget	2024-25 Budget
	Average Book				
1	Advertising Revenue	400.00	332.50	(67.50)	**400.00**
2	Book Sales	75.00	95.00	+20.00	**75.00**
3	Membership Dues	45,000.00	48,001.00	+3,001.00	**45,000.00**
4	Miscellaneous Income	-	102.29	+102.29	**-**
5	Strike It Rich	-	6,080.00	+6,080.00	
6	Strike It Rich Donations/Expenses	-	(1,350.00)	(1,350.00)	
7	Tournament Profits	5,050.00	5,250.00	+200.00	**5,050.00**
8	Payroll Transfer from Youth Committee	2,500.00	2,500.00	+0.00	**2,500.00**
9	**Total Receipts**	**$ 53,025.00**	**$ 61,010.79**	**$ 7,985.79**	**$ 53,025.00**

	Expenses	2023-24 Budget	2023-24 Expenses	2023-24 Comparison to Budget	2024-25 Budget
8	Average Book	125.00	118.11	+6.89	**125.00**
9	Awards Program - Local	3,000.00	2,566.26	+433.74	**3,000.00**
	Compensation				
10	Management	21,240.00	21,240.00	+0.00	**24,000.00**
11	Staff	8,700.00	6,380.00	+2,320.00	**8,700.00**
12	Youth Committee Payroll	2,500.00	2,500.00	+0.00	**2,500.00**
13	State Disability Ins.	150.00	71.57	+78.43	**150.00**
14	Tax - Federal	1,700.00	2,304.17	(604.17)	**1,700.00**
15	Tax - New York State	450.00	535.23	(85.23)	**450.00**
16	Equipment Repair/Maintenance	1,000.00	527.60	+472.40	**1,000.00**
17	Hall of Fame (NET)	2,000.00	3,039.91	(1,039.91)	**2,000.00**
	Insurance				
18	Fire - Renters	425.00	388.79	+36.21	**425.00**
19	Health	2,000.00	2,037.90	(37.90)	**2,200.00**
20	Professional Liability	650.00	630.00	+20.00	**650.00**
21	Workers Compensation	350.00	254.00	+96.00	**350.00**
	Meetings				
22	Annual	300.00	300.00	+0.00	**300.00**
23	Board	-	119.55	(119.55)	**500.00**
25	Miscellaneous	300.00	107.48	+192.52	**300.00**
26	Office Supplies	1,000.00	810.59	+189.41	**2,000.00**
27	Postage	1,700.00	1,809.29	(109.29)	**1,700.00**
28	Professional Fees	850.00	855.51	(5.51)	**850.00**
29	Promotion	800.00	153.26	+646.74	**800.00**
30	Rent	10,140.00	10,140.00	+0.00	**10,140.00**
31	RVP Cost	210.00	60.00	+150.00	**210.00**
32	Tokens of Esteem	500.00	325.00	+175.00	**500.00**
33	Travel (NYS Convention)	600.00	416.46	+183.54	**500.00**
34	Travel (USBC Convention)	1,000.00	-	+1,000.00	**500.00**
35	Utilities - Telephone/Internet	2,800.00	2,744.30	+55.70	**2,800.00**
36	**Total Expenses**	**$ 64,490.00**	**$ 60,434.98**	**$ 4,055.02**	**$ 68,350.00**

Greater Buffalo USBC Association
2024-25
Calendar of Events

August 1-16	2024-25 League Supply Distribution - GBUSBCA Office, 2448 Union Rd, Cheektowaga
August 9-11, 16-18	43rd NYS Women's Senior Singles Tournament - Jefferson Valley Lanes, Jefferson Valley
August 17-30	League supplies not picked up will be delivered to centers
August 22	Greater Buffalo USBC 57th "Kick-Off" Tournament - AMF Lancaster Lanes
October 2024	30-day grace period expires; all leagues must be certified within 30 days of start date
October 12-13, 19-20	2024 NYS Open Seniors Tournament - Ideal Bowling Center, Endicott
November 2	2024 NYS Senior Masters - Owego Bowl, Owego
November 9-10	Greater Buffalo USBC 57th Annual Family Tournament - Spare Time Bowling Center
November 23-24	Greater Buffalo USBC Women's Senior Singles Tournament - AMF Airport Lanes
December 1-31	NYS Pepsi USBC Youth Championship League-Level Qualifying Window
December 7-8	Greater Buffalo USBC League Officers Tournament - Town Edge Bowling, Bar & Grill
December 14-15	Greater Buffalo USBC 38th Annual Youth Team Championship - Town Edge Bowling, Bar & Grill
Date TBD	WNY Teen Masters & Queens Tournament - Site TBD
January 18-19	NYS Youth Region 1 Team State Tournament - AMF Lancaster Lanes
February 2	WNY Queens Tournament - Mallwitz's Island Lanes (hosted by Tonawanda USBC)
February 2 and 8	Greater Buffalo USBC 40th Annual Youth Singles Championship - AMF Airport Lanes
February 2 and 8	Greater Buffalo USBC 26th Annual Youth Bumpers Tournament - AMF Airport Lanes
February 15-16	NYS USBC Pepsi Championships Region 1 - Tonawanda Bowling Center
February 15-16, 22-23	Greater Buffalo USBC 58th Annual "Me and Mine" Tournament - Wimbledon Lanes
March 1	Greater Buffalo USBC Tournament Average Closing Date; "Official" averages close May 31
March 1	2025 NYS Masters Tournament - Ripic's Carousel Lanes, Binghamton
March 1-2	Greater Buffalo USBC Youth Doubles Championship - Spare Time Bowling Center
March 1 - July 27	2025 USBC Open Championship Tournament in Baton Rouge, Louisiana
April	Greater Buffalo USBC Youth Awards Banquet - Kiebzak's Beginnings
April 1	Greater Buffalo USBC & Youth Committee Scholarships Application Deadlines
April 11 - May 25	2025 NYS Women's Championships - Kingpin's Alley Latham, Latham
April 12	2025 NYS Queen's Tournament - Sportsman's Bowl, Schenectady
April 12-13	52nd Stan Kowalski Senior Singles Tournament - AMF Lancaster Lanes
April 19	NYS Pepsi Youth Finals - King Pin Lanes, Rome
April 25 - June 15	2025 NYS Open Championships - Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center, South Glens Falls
April 26 - June 8	2025 USBC Women's Championship Tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada
April 27	Youth Leaders No Tap Doubles Tournament - Town Edge Bowling, Bar & Grill
April 29 - May 10	Greater Buffalo USBC "Open" and "Women's" Championships - Transit Lanes
May 2-4	NYS Adult-Junior Tournament, AMF Strike 'N Spare Lanes, Mattydale (Syracuse)
May 3	NYS Youth Team State Finals, AMF Strike 'N Spare Lanes, Mattydale (Syracuse)
May 5-8	2025 USBC Annual Convention - South Point Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada
May 13-18	61st George A. Obenauer Masters Tournament - AMF Airport Lanes
May 31	Greater Buffalo USBC Official Average Closing Date
June	NYS USBC Annual Meeting - Date and Site TBD
June 11	Greater Buffalo USBC Adult Awards Dinner - Site to be determined
July 30	Greater Buffalo USBC Annual Meeting - AMF Airport Lanes (tentative)

Greater Buffalo USBC Association

2024-25 Tournaments

Dates to Bowl	Tournament & Site	Eligible
August 22 (6:30 pm)	Kick-Off Tournament (AMF Lancaster Lanes)	Invitational
November 9-10 (Sat. 1:30 pm) (Sun. Noon, 2:30 pm & 5 pm)	Family Tournament (Spare Time Bowling Center)	Adult/Child
November 23-24 (Times TBD)	Senior Women's Singles Tournament (AMF Airport Lanes)	Women 50 and older
December 7-8 (Sat. Noon or 2 pm) (Sun. 10 am & 12:30 pm)	League Officers Tournament (Town Edge Bowling, Bar & Grill)	Officers of leagues certified timely
December 14-15 (Sat. 1:30 pm) (Sun. 2:30 pm & 5 pm)	Youth Team Championship (Town Edge Bowling, Bar & Grill)	Youth
February 2 & 8 (Sun. 2:30 pm & 5 pm) (Sat. 1:30 pm)	Youth Singles Championship Youth Bumpers Tournament (AMF Airport Lanes)	Youth
February 15 & 22 (Noon or 2 pm) February 16 (11 am & 3 pm) February 23 (11 am, 3 pm & 6:30 pm)	Me & Mine Tournament (Wimbledon Lanes)	Men & Women
March 1-2 (Sat. 1:30 pm) (Sun. Noon, 2:30 pm & 5 pm)	Youth Doubles Championship (Spare Time Bowling Center)	Youth
April 12-13 (11 am & 3 pm both days)	Stan Kowalski Senior Open Singles Tournament (AMF Lancaster Lanes)	Men & Women 50 and Older
April 22-25 (To Be Reviewed) April 29 – May 10 (Confirmed) (Weekdays 7 pm) (Sat. & Sun. 11 am & 3 pm)	"Open" & "Women's" Championships City Tournament (Transit Lanes)	Men & Women
May 13-18 (Qualifying May 13 & 14) (Match Play May 15-18) (Tues. – Sat. 6:30 pm) (Sun. 1 pm)	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)

_____ _____

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.