ANNUAL REPORT

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JULY 30, 2025

AMF AIRPORT LANES

Memorial Service

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

Joseph P. Abbarno
Sarkis Anthony
Tovie L. Asarese
Paul P. Banyi
Robert E. Beil
William R. Bender
Robert J. Burke
Richard A. Butler
Peter A. Cambio*
Jeffery T. Clinkscales
Marie G. Crawford
John C. Cywinski
Robert O. DeLisle, Sr.
Dewella (Dewey) J. Dobson*
John J. Drozdz
Patricia I. Dunlap
James N. Eddy, II
Melvyn (Butch) J. Edwards
Wilbert R. Green
Dennis A. Hrusa
Timothy J. Jezioro
Peter P. Kolis
Elaine A. Koszuta*
Bernice Kruse
Frank J. Kryzwowiaza
Michelle Lane
Walter A. Laschinger
Edwin F. Lavery
Michael A. Lonczak
August M. Loschiavo
Henry J. Maciejewski
Lois C. Mahaffey*
Henrietta A. Majerowski
John A. Marchitte, Sr.
Regina D. Marie
Levern Morrow, Sr.
Donald A. Mrugalski
Gerald J. Niedziela
David M. Nowak
Dane M. Panzarella
Mario J. Petri
James J. Purpura
Joseph F. Ransom
Howard J. Salzman
Donald P. Schneller
Curtis E. Sharpe
Mark E. Sidel
Francis B. Sikorski
Gerald F. Sobaszek
Debbie A. Sokol
Anthony Sorrento*
Richard J. Szlis
Kenneth M. Terranova
Carol A. Toth
Daniel C. Vaccaro
Catherine Warych
Gary E. Wentland
Adam J. Wicinski
Robert E. Wolfe, Sr.
Andrew J. Yambor
Peter M. Zelasko

* GBUSBCA Hall of Fame Member

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
AMF Airport Lanes
Wednesday, July 30, 2025

Please review tonight's agenda, the attached resumes, and the minutes from last year's meeting (7/31/24).

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order – Greg Merkle – President
2. Memorial Service – Cindy Kosanovich - Vice President
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Welcome – Greg Merkle
5. Reading of Minutes of the Last Meeting held July 31, 2024
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
    - President (Cindy Kosanovich, Vice President)
    - Directors (Greg Merkle, President)
    - Delegates (Greg Merkle, President)
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 30, 2025

The Nominating Committee met on July 8, 2025. The committee reviewed all of the resumes submitted by those interested in serving on the association's Board of Directors.

The president and seven 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 before 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 before the election.

We will have a ballot vote for the director positions. There are nine candidates on the ballot. The top seven vote-getters will be elected to director positions. If there is a tie for the final position(s), a ballot vote consisting of the tied candidates shall be held.

We hereby present the names of those whom we feel are 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 (7 positions available)
Mary F. Chase (incumbent)
Kenneth D. Duke (incumbent)
Carl E. Huckins (incumbent)
Peggy G. Kuhn
Kelly S. Simone (incumbent)
Sara E. Snyder (current Auxiliary Member)
Thomas P. Snyder (incumbent)
Randy S. Szalczewski
Ruth L. Wooliver (incumbent)

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

NYS ADULT DELEGATES – 1-year term
Michele Johnson, Cynthia Kosanovich, Gregory Merkle,
William Palumbo, Robert Snyder, (3 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 21st 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 20th year of operation, the GBUSBCA has a total membership of 5,805 as of July 30, comprising 478 youth bowlers. There were 130 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 don't hesitate to stop by, email us at contact@gbusbc.com, or call us at (716) 668-4222. We are here to help your league run smoothly and efficiently. Our dues for the 2025-26 season will remain the same: $25 for adults, $10 for youth bowlers, and $22 for seniors (age 55 and over) who bowl and pay in a "senior" league.

Once again, we will run an annual fundraiser. Last year, we sold 804 tickets in our third year selling the $20 ticket. Although prizes were awarded for 51 out of 60 numbers drawn, the fundraiser still generated a profit. We were able to make donations to the Roswell Park Alliance and Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL), as well as supplement our operating funds.

One of the essential 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 gave out 2,986 awards, 2,407 to adults and 579 to youth. Bowlers received awards for the following achievements:

300 game – 299	125 game – 63	550 series – 101	100 series – 4
11-in-a-row –5 youth	100 game – 46	500 series – 164	"30" Clean – 87
290 game – 141	75 game – 34	450 series – 128	7-10 split – 8
275 game – 89	50 game – 12	400 series – 129	All spare games – 1
250 game – 159	800 series – 114	350 series – 66	Big 4 split – 6
225 game – 211	750 series – 69	300 series – 54	Dutch 200 – 5
200 game – 192	700 series – 101	250 series – 20	Triplicate – 30
175 game – 183	650 series – 97	200 series – 7	
150 game – 204	600 series – 146	150 series – 11	

In 2025-26, Greater Buffalo USBC will again award a personalized towel to adults who achieve a 300-game and 800 series for the first time during the season. Pens will be given out for most other awards, except for the "30-Clean" accessory bag.

Adult Achievements and Awards
2025-26 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
2025-26 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 2024-25 average book is now available. I am pleased to report we have listed in our average book, for the 47th 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 29, 2025, at Samuel's Grande Manor in Clarence. The honorees are Tammy Burgstahler (Bowling Performance), Dan Kaplan (Meritorious Service to Youth), Larry Rabkin (Bowling Performance), Sam Reitano (Meritorious Service), Bob Rudnick (Bowling Performance), and Matt Zasowski (Bowling Performance). We will be accepting applications for our "Class of 2027" until February 14, 2027.

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS (City Tournament) – The Association's City Tournament Championships were held at Transit Lanes from April 29 through May 10. This year, we combined the prize list, eliminating the need for separate women's and open lists. We had 246 teams, 282 doubles, 552 singles, 552 six-game combines, and 383 all-events entries. We also had a scratch prize list, which had 52, 90, 187, 186, and 153 entries. Prize checks for this year's tournament were mailed on June 3. First-place prizes were: Team - $2,700, Doubles - $1,000, Singles - $625, Six-Game Combine - $425, and All-Events - $350. You can find all our tournament results in the 2024-25 Greater Buffalo USBC Association average book and on our website, www.gbusbc.com.

Next year's tournament will be held at AMF Lancaster Lanes from April 28 to May 9. We anticipate adding $8,000 to the tournament prize funds from the association once again, and we will also 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, as well as 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 7 and 8. There were 92 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. Thomas Holmes was the winner of the 2024 tournament with a handicap total of 799. Next year's tournament will be held the weekend of December 6 and 7 at Wimbledon Lanes.

WOMEN'S SENIOR SINGLES TOURNAMENT – This annual association tournament was held at AMF Airport Lanes on November 23 and 24. There were 51 entries. The winners were: Class "A" – Karen Copeland (790), Class "B" – Dee Iannello (739), and Class "C" – Angela Braun (791). 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 22 and 23 at AMF Lancaster Lanes.

52nd STAN KOWALSKI SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP– This annual association handicap tournament, open to men and women 50 years of age and older, was held on April 12 and 13 at AMF Lancaster Lanes. There were a record 456 entries. The tournament features six divisions. The winners were:

Class "AA" – Jim Zawadzki (807); Class "A" – Flossie Wilson (796); Class "B" – Bill Tucker (807); Class "C" – Bob Hasselbeck (782); Class "D" – Jeff Hamilton (782); and Class "E" – Mary Galligan and Mark Collins tied (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 AMF Airport Lanes, on the weekend of April 18 and 19.

61st GEORGE A. OBENAUER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP – The Masters Championship was held this year at AMF Airport Lanes, running from May 13 through May 18. There were 117 entries in the field. Michael Weber was the winner and received $1,500 in prize money as well as a paid entry plus up to $500 in expenses to the 2026 USBC Masters Tournament next spring. Kevin Bienko was runner-up and received $750. Kevin was also the winner of the Pete Parisi Plaque as the high qualifier with a score of 1857 for eight games. Next year's Masters Tournament will take place at Transit Lanes beginning May 12 and running through May 17.

58th ANNUAL ME & MINE TOURNAMENT – This tournament was held at Wimbledon Lanes in mid-February. There were 235 entries. The winners in the 351 average and over division were Amber Doxbeck and Joe Doxbeck (1547). The winners in the 350 average and under division were Tracy and Nicholas Pullo (1591). Next year's tournament will be at AMF Lancaster Lanes on February 14, 15, 21, and 22.

USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT – The United States Bowling Congress Open Championships has shown continued growth in participation, and the 2025 event in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is trending toward posting the largest team count at the tournament since 2012. This growth stems from continually evaluating tournament data and reviewing participant feedback, going back to the addition of a third division in 2017. External working groups have also provided valuable feedback and recommendations to help continue building for the future of the tournament. This process has helped identify areas for improvement at the USBC Open Championships, and several adjustments to the tournament structure will be introduced at the 2026 event in Reno, Nevada. Please visit www.bowl.com for complete information.

USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT - The 2026 USBC Women's Championships will take place at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, Nevada, and run from April 25 to June 7.

The cost to compete at the 2026 Women's Championships will remain at $55 per event, plus an optional $15 for all events ($180 total). There will be a $20 processing fee per team.

The 2026 event will feature the same average structure, comprising four divisions: team, doubles, singles, and all-events, as used for the 2025 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 28, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in East Syracuse. The election slates this year included the President position, four directors, and the Sergeant-at-Arms. Randy Snyder was elected President. Incumbent directors Roger Buckman, Nathan Johnson, and Jean Marie Vaughan were all re-elected. Craig Cummings was elected to his first term. The annual Hall of Fame dinner was held that evening. Five bowlers were inducted into the Hall of Fame: Michelle Sterner from Niagara Falls, Jessica Aiezza of Mechanicsville, Matt Chetney from Baldwinsville, and Dean Distin from Fulton. Barry Vee from Rochester was inducted for Meritorious Service. The owner of Midway Lanes in Vestal, Steve Miller, is the Proprietor of the Year, and Charles Hine was awarded the Service to Youth Award.

YOUTH TOURNAMENTS & SCHOLARSHIPS – Four local youth tournaments are held annually. The Family Tournament was held at Spare Time Bowling Center on November 9 and 10. This is a doubles tournament with one adult and one youth per team. There were 63 entries. Next year's tournament will be held at AMF Airport Lanes on November 8 and 9. The Youth Team Championship was held at Town Edge Bowling, Bar & Grill on December 15 and had 26 three-bowler teams. Spare Time Bowling Center will host this event next season on December 13 and 14. The Youth Singles Championship and Bumpers Tournament were held at AMF Airport Lanes on February 2 and 8, with 88 entries in the Singles and 10 entries in the Bumpers. AMF Lancaster Lanes will be the host for next season's tournament on February 1 and 7. Our Youth Doubles Tournament was held on March 1 and 2 at Spare Time Bowling Center, with 50 entries. This year's tournament will be held on March 7 and 8, again at Spare Time Bowling Center. You can find the complete results of these tournaments in the 2024-25 Greater Buffalo USBC Association average book and at www.gbusbc.com. We awarded $4,475 in scholarships to the winners of this past season's youth tournament. Including yearly scholarships given by the association, approximately $9,475 was awarded by our association for the 2024-25 season.

JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & YOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

We had approximately 40 youth bowlers from the Greater Buffalo Association compete at the Junior Gold event in Green Bay, Wisconsin, earlier this month. The location for the 2026 Junior Gold Championships has not been announced as of July 3.

In addition to the Junior Gold Championships, the Bowling.com Youth Open Championships are open to all USBC Youth members! The Youth Open is a non-qualifying tournament, meaning you don't have to meet a specific 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 specific squad dates and times when you want to compete, and you may enter the team event without participating in singles and doubles. However, if you choose to compete in singles, you must also bowl doubles, just as all doubles pairs must also 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 can also bowl in the Youth Open with your friends and siblings who are USBC Youth members.

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 signatures from league officers 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 every month. See the President Worksheet to Verify the League Account Monthly.

I want to extend my gratitude to our office staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers for their assistance at our tournaments, as well as to our committees for their input in making our tournament rules as fair as possible. I also appreciate the efforts of our other committees for their overall commitment to making the association run smoothly. Remember, we work for you, our members. We hope you will continue to certify your league, participate in our tournaments, and attend our events for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Palumbo
Association Manager

Fundraiser Report

April 2025

Tickets Sold @ $20	126	$2,520.00
Tickets Sold @ 3 for $50	678	$11,300.00
Free Tickets	25	$0.00
Total Inflow		**$13,820.00**
Prizes Paid	51	$7,840.00
Printing (tickets, paper, envelopes)		$10.00 *
Postage		$40.00 estimate
Total Outflow		**$7,890.00**
Total Proceeds		**$5,930.00**

2025 DONATIONS**

Greater Buffalo USBC Association		4,630.00
The Ride for Roswell		1,000.00
Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL)		300.00
	TOTAL	**$5,930.00**

*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 2026

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 fewer than 500 tickets are sold by March 31, 2026, the fundraiser may be canceled and all sales refunded.

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City _____

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GBUSBCA 2026

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

2024-25

	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**	**255**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**255**
Total September	**35**	**0**	**5**	**1556**	**179**	**0**	**0**	**40**	**1735**
Total October	**50**	**13**	**1**	**2047**	**22**	**275**	**0**	**64**	**2344**
Total November	**10**	**1**	**0**	**590**	**1**	**76**	**0**	**11**	**667**
Total December	**4**	**3**	**0**	**201**	**1**	**18**	**21**	**7**	**241**
Total January	**0**	**0**	**0**	**105**	**0**	**6**	**29**	**0**	**140**
Total February	**0**	**0**	**0**	**75**	**2**	**5**	**4**	**0**	**86**
Total March	**0**	**0**	**0**	**107**	**1**	**7**	**16**	**0**	**131**
Total April	**0**	**0**	**0**	**52**	**0**	**9**	**0**	**0**	**61**
Total May	**0**	**0**	**0**	**41**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**41**
Total June	**6**	**0**	**0**	**62**	**0**	**9**	**0**	**6**	**71**
Total July	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**33**

Total Members 2024-25	**107**	**17**	**6**	**5,121**	**206**	**407**	**71**	**130**	**5,805**
Total Members 2023-24	**109**	**17**	**6**	**5,134**	**188**	**408**	**67**	**132**	**5,797**
Change in Membership	**(2)**	**0**	**0**	**(13)**	**18**	**(1)**	**4**	**(2)**	**8**
Percentage	**-1.8%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**-0.3%**	**9.6%**	**-0.2%**	**6.0%**	**-1.5%**	**0.1%**
				ADULTS	**5,327**	**YOUTH**	**478**		
					0.1%		**0.6%**		

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATUS
July 31, 2025

	Current year Balance 7-31-25	Last year Balance 7-31-24	Difference
General Account operating funds (includes approximately $52,400 from reserves, which was $47,700 a year ago)	$66,365.47	$62,048.38	$4,317.09
Tournament Account (includes $4,000 from reserves)	$7,267.48	$5,444.08	$1,823.40
Alternative Income Account *Youth Committee Category Youth Leaders Category (includes $12,000 from reserves)	$17,282.85 $13,324.60 $3,958.25	$19,174.27 $15,630.02 $3,544.25	($1,891.42)
Scholarship Account (Funds allocated to scholarships. Includes $15,000 from reserves.) **Golf Event for Youth Scholarships not included.	$18,850.91	$19,562.71	($711.80)
Greater Buffalo USBC Totals	**$109,766.71**	**$106,229.44**	**$3,537.27**

Reserves Account (SEI) has balance of approximately $83,400 which is included in accounts above.

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

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION
2025-26 BUDGET

	Income	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Receipts	2024-25 Comparison to Budget	2025-26 Budget
	Average Book				
1	Advertising Revenue	400.00	320.00	(80.00)	**300.00**
2	Book Sales	75.00	45.00	(30.00)	**50.00**
3	Membership Dues	45,000.00	48,328.00	+3,328.00	**45,000.00**
4	Miscellaneous Income	-	-	+0.00	**-**
5	Strike It Rich Sales	-	5,980.00	+5,980.00	**4,000.00**
6	Strike It Rich Donations/Expenses	-	(1,350.00)	(1,350.00)	
7	Tournament Profits	5,050.00	4,025.00	(1,025.00)	**3,250.00**
8	Payroll Transfer from Youth Committee	2,500.00	3,188.50	+688.50	**2,500.00**
9	**Total Receipts**	**$ 53,025.00**	**$ 60,536.50**	**$ 7,511.50**	**$ 55,100.00**

	Expenses	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Expenses	2024-25 Comparison to Budget	2025-26 Budget
8	Average Book	125.00	139.59	(14.59)	**125.00**
9	Awards Program - Local	3,000.00	4,607.14	(1,607.14)	**2,000.00**
	Compensation				
10	Management	24,000.00	24,000.00	+0.00	**24,000.00**
11	Staff	8,700.00	9,388.50	(688.50)	**8,700.00**
12	Youth Committee Payroll	(2,500.00)	(3,188.50)	+688.50	**(2,500.00)**
13	State Disability Ins.	150.00	(20.30)	+170.30	**50.00**
14	Tax - Federal	1,700.00	2,554.21	(854.21)	**2,500.00**
15	Tax - New York State	450.00	645.51	(195.51)	**600.00**
16	Equipment Repair/Maintenance	1,000.00	759.70	+240.30	**1,000.00**
17	Hall of Fame (NET)	2,000.00	-	+2,000.00	**2,000.00**
	Insurance				
18	Fire - Renters	425.00	388.79	+36.21	**425.00**
19	Health	2,200.00	2,044.50	+155.50	**2,200.00**
20	Professional Liability	650.00	661.00	(11.00)	**675.00**
21	Workers Compensation	350.00	271.00	+79.00	**350.00**
	Meetings				
22	Annual	300.00	299.53	+0.47	**300.00**
23	Board	500.00	406.85	+93.15	**500.00**
24	Charities/Donations	-	1,300.00	(1,300.00)	**1,300.00**
25	Miscellaneous	300.00	123.88	+176.12	**300.00**
26	Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,329.49	(329.49)	**1,000.00**
27	Postage	1,700.00	1,802.71	(102.71)	**1,700.00**
28	Professional Fees	850.00	461.02	+388.98	**500.00**
29	Promotion	800.00	259.27	+540.73	**500.00**
30	Rent	10,140.00	10,140.00	+0.00	**12,000.00**
31	RVP Cost	210.00	180.00	+30.00	**300.00**
32	Tokens of Esteem	500.00	325.00	+175.00	**500.00**
33	Travel (NYS Convention)	500.00	227.91	+272.09	**500.00**
34	Travel (USBC Convention)	500.00	-	+500.00	**500.00**
35	Utilities - Telephone/Internet	2,800.00	2,728.90	+71.10	**2,800.00**
36	**Total Expenses**	**$ 63,350.00**	**$ 62,835.70**	**$ 514.30**	**$ 64,825.00**

Greater Buffalo USBC Association
2025-26
Calendar of Events

July 31 - August 15	2025-26 League Supply Distribution - GBUSBCA Office, 2448 Union Rd, Cheektowaga
August 8-10, 15-17	44th NYS Women's Senior Singles Tournament - Lucky Strike Lanes, Malone
August 16-29	League supplies not picked up will be delivered to centers
August 21	Greater Buffalo USBC 58th "Kick-Off" Tournament - AMF Airport Lanes
October 2025	30-day grace period expires; all leagues must be certified within 30 days of start date
October 11-12, 18-19	2025 NYS Open Seniors Tournament - Lakeview Lanes, Fulton
November 1	2025 NYS Senior Masters - Broadway Lanes, Fort Edward
November 8-9	Greater Buffalo USBC 58th Annual Family Tournament - AMF Airport Lanes
November 22-23	Greater Buffalo USBC Women's Senior Singles Tournament - AMF Airport Lanes
November 29	Greater Buffalo USBC Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony - Samuel's Grande Manor
December 1-31	New York State - USBC Youth Scratch Championships League-Level Qualifying Window
December 6-7	Greater Buffalo USBC League Officers Tournament - Wimbledon Lanes
December 13-14	Greater Buffalo USBC 39th Annual Youth Team Championship - Spare Time Bowling Center
January 11, 18	New York State Youth Region 1 Team State Tournament - Spare Time Bowling Center
February 1	WNY Queens Tournament - Rapids Bowling Center (hosted by Niagara Falls)
February 1 and 7	Greater Buffalo USBC 41st Annual Youth Singles Championship - AMF Lancaster Lanes
February 1 and 7	Greater Buffalo USBC 27th Annual Youth Bumpers Tournament - AMF Lancaster Lanes
February 14-15, 21-22	Greater Buffalo USBC 59th Annual "Me and Mine" Tournament - AMF Lancaster Lanes
February 21-22	New York State - USBC Youth Scratch Championships Region 1 - Broadway Sports Center
March 1	Greater Buffalo USBC Tournament Average Closing Date; "Official" averages close May 31
March 7	2026 NYS Masters Tournament - Pat Tarsio's Lanes, Newburgh
March 7-8	Greater Buffalo USBC Youth Doubles Championship - Spare Time Bowling Center
March 14 - July 5	2026 USBC Open Championship Tournament in Reno, Nevada
March 15	Greater Buffalo USBC & Youth Committee Scholarships Application Deadlines
March 28-29	Greater Buffalo USBC Senior Masters - Transit Lanes
April	Greater Buffalo USBC Youth Awards Banquet - Kiebzak's Beginnings
April 10 - May 17	2026 NYS Women's Championships - Valley Bowling Center, Waverly
April 11	2026 NYS Queen's Tournament - Crystal Lanes, Corning
April 18	NYS Youth Scratch Championships - King Pin Lanes, Rome
April 18-19	53rd Stan Kowalski Senior Singles Tournament - AMF Airport Lanes
April 24 - June 7	2026 NYS Open Championships - Patel's Kingston Lanes, Kingston
April 25 - June 27	2026 USBC Women's Championship Tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada
April 26	Youth Leaders No Tap Doubles Tournament - Town Edge Bowling, Bar & Grill
April 27-30	2026 USBC Annual Convention - Silver Legacy & Casino, Reno, Nevada
April 28 - May 9	Greater Buffalo USBC City Championships - AMF Lancaster Lanes
May 1-3	NYS Adult-Junior Tournament, AMF Strike 'N Spare Lanes, Mattydale (Syracuse)
May 2	NYS Youth Team, AMF Strike 'N Spare Lanes, Mattydale (Syracuse)
May 12-17	62nd George A. Obenauer Masters Tournament - Transit Lanes
May 31	Greater Buffalo USBC Official Average Closing Date
June 10	Greater Buffalo USBC Adult Awards Dinner - Salvatore's Italian Prime
June 20	NYS USBC Annual Meeting - DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Binghamton
July 29	Greater Buffalo USBC Annual Meeting - AMF Airport Lanes (tentative)

Greater Buffalo USBC Association

2025-26 Tournaments

Dates to Bowl	Tournament & Site	Eligible
August 21 (6:30 pm)	Kick-Off Tournament (AMF Airport Lanes)	Invitational
November 8-9 (Sat. 1:30 pm) (Sun. Noon, 2:30 pm & 5 pm)	Family Tournament (AMF Airport Lanes)	Adult/Child
November 22-23 (Squad times TBD)	Senior Women's Singles Tournament (AMF Lancaster Lanes)	Women 50 and older
December 6-7 (Sat. Noon) (Sun. 10 am & 12:30 pm)	League Officers Tournament (Wimbledon Lanes)	Officers of leagues certified in a timely manner
December 13-14 (Sat. 1:30 pm) (Sun. 2:30 pm & 5 pm)	Youth Team Championship (Spare Time Bowling Center)	Youth
February 1 & 7 (Sun. 2:30 pm & 5 pm) (Sat. 1:30 pm)	Youth Singles Championship Youth Bumpers Tournament (AMF Lancaster Lanes)	Youth
February 14 & 21 (Noon) February 15 (11 am & 3 pm) February 22 (11 am, 2:30 pm, & 6:30 pm)	Me & Mine Tournament (AMF Lancaster Lanes)	Men & Women
March 7-8 (Sat. 1:30 pm) (Sun. 2:30 pm & 5 pm)	Youth Doubles Championship (Spare Time Bowling Center)	Youth
March 28-29 (Squad times TBD)	Senior Masters (Transit Lanes)	Men & Women 50 and Older
April 18-19 (11 am & 3 pm each day)	Stan Kowalski Senior Open Singles Tournament (AMF Airport Lanes)	Men & Women 50 and Older
April 28 – May 9 (Weekdays 7 pm) (Sat. & Sun. 11 am & 3 pm)	City Championship Tournament (AMF Lancaster Lanes)	Men & Women
May 12-17 (Qualifying May 12 & 13) (Match Play May 14-17) (Tues. – Sat. 6:30 pm) (Sun. 1 pm)	George A. Obenauer Masters Tournament (Transit 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? ◯ 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 the denial of my application or my dismissal from an elected or 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 you have questions that 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) (House Representatives) Board members and volunteers will be assigned a center(s) to 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. A brief description of each committee is provided on the following page.

Greater Buffalo USBC Association Committees

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

*The committee only meets when directed to do so by the 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 the budget with the Association Manager for approval by the Board of Directors. Performs periodic audits.

Fundraisers and Projects: Responsible for the association's fundraising and charitable activities.

Golf Event: Responsible for the planning of the association's golf outing which is held once a year.

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.

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

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

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

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

Suspension: Police 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 Championships: Responsible for setting up the rules for and operation of the association's championship tournament.

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.

Senior Masters Tournament (Open): Responsible for setting up the rules for and the operation of the annual Senior Masters Tournament. **NEW** (committee formed to run the first event in 2026)

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

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