ANNUAL REPORT

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JULY 29, 2026

AMF AIRPORT LANES

Memorial Service

With fond memories, we recall the following bowlers who passed away in the past year.

William A. Bettcher
Runette Brailsford
Bruce A. Crockett
Mary M. Edwards
Roberta L. Gerrity
Richard N. Gervasi
Mary E. Harrington
Jackie A. Jensen*
Robert V. Koteras
Michael A. Krupp
Ronald S. Lazarz
Jeffrey J. Leutze
David B. McMaster, Sr.
David O. Mindoro
Larry B. Panasiewicz
Nancy J. Peel
John A. Pelloth
Leonard E. Pimm
Sincere A. Reeves
Mark Ricci
Dennis E. Riley
James R. Schroeder*
Eleanor M. Smith*
Salvatore Sorrento
Henry A. Szlachetka*
Sandy E. Tanner
Ronald C. Veiders
Nancy E. Wild

* GBUSBCA Hall of Fame Member

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
AMF Airport Lanes
Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Please review tonight's agenda, the attached resumes, and the minutes from last year's meeting (7/30/25).

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 30, 2025
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
16. Motion to approve all the actions of the meeting
17. Adjournment

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION
REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE JULY 29, 2026

The Nominating Committee met on July 7, 2026, and reviewed all resumes submitted by those interested in serving on the association's Board of Directors.

The vice president and seven directors will be elected this year for two-year terms.

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

The committee made one recommendation for vice president. One additional director is eligible to run from the floor.

The committee has recommended all six incumbents for director. Three other candidates are eligible to run from the floor. The top seven vote-getters will be elected to director positions. If there is a tie for the final position(s), a ballot vote among the tied candidates will be held. If no candidates choose to run from the floor, the president will appoint the 7th director, and the board of directors will then vote on that appointment.

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

OFFICER – 2-year term
Vice President – Michele E. Johnson

DIRECTOR – 2-year term (7 positions available)
Jeffrey L. Addison (incumbent)
Emily E. Brock (incumbent)
Paul J. Krupinski (incumbent)
Beth M. O'Brien (incumbent)
Robert P. Snyder (incumbent)
Kenneth R. Stevens, Jr. (incumbent)

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

NYS ADULT DELEGATES – 1-year term
Michele Johnson, Cynthia Kosanovich, Gregory Merkle,
Beth M. O'Brien, 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 22nd 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 21st year of operation, as of July 29, the GBUSBCA has a total membership of 5,399 adult members and 374 youth bowlers for a total of 5,773. There were 127 leagues, 14 of which were youth leagues. A complete membership and financial statement is included in this report.

The Greater Buffalo USBC Association office is located at 2448 Union Road in Cheektowaga. If your league has any questions or issues, 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 2026-27 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 785 tickets in our third year of offering the $20 ticket. Although prizes were awarded for 53 of the 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) and to supplement our operating funds.

One of the essential services we provide is average reporting, with verified averages so 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 presented 3,138 awards, 2,411 to adults and 727 to youth. Bowlers received awards for the following achievements:

300 game – 154/4
11-in-a-row – na / 6
290 game – 140 / na
275 game – 113/21
250 game – 154/41
225 game – 206/61
200 game – 159/60
175 game – 144/63
150 game – 158/52

125 game – 14/40
100 game – na / 46
75 game – na / 29
50 game – na / 4
800 series – 69/1
750 series – 67/4
700 series – 131/22
650 series – 105/24
600 series – 156/33

550 series – 97/35
500 series – 143/36
450 series – 98/31
400 series – 108/38
350 series – 35/16
300 series – 20/25
250 series – na / 19
200 series – na / 9
150 series – na / 2

100 series – na / 4
"30" Clean – 100/1
7-10 split – 4/0
All spare games – 4/0
Big 4 split – 1/0
Dutch 200 – 4/0
Triplicate – 27/0

In 2026-27, the Greater Buffalo USBC will award a personalized bag tag to adults who achieve a 300 game and an 800 series for the first time during the season. Pens will be given for most other awards, except for the "30-Clean" accessory bag.

Adult Achievements and Awards
2026-27 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)	Personalized Award
	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)	Personalized Award
	7-10 Split Conversion	GBUSBCA Pen
	All-Spare Game	GBUSBCA Pen
	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 only once in a lifetime. Awards may be purchased for any honor score, whether 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
2026-27 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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November

GBUSBCA HALL OF FAME – The Greater Buffalo USBC Association Hall of Fame held its induction ceremony on November 29, 2025, at Samuel's Grande Manor in Clarence. The honorees were 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 accept applications for our "Class of 2027" until February 14, 2027.

WOMEN'S SENIOR SINGLES TOURNAMENT – This annual association tournament, held at AMF Lancaster Lanes on November 22 and 23, drew 55 entries. The winners were: Class "A" – Catherine Hubbard (739); Class "B" – Dee Iannello (727); and Class "C" – Angela Braun (723). 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 28 and 29 at AMF Airport Lanes.

December

LEAGUE OFFICERS TOURNAMENT – This tournament was held at Wimbledon Lanes on December 6 and 7, with 91 entries. It is our way of thanking league officers for certifying their leagues on time. The Greater Buffalo USBC covers the lineage cost and charges officers a minimal entry fee. Joe Caliano won the 2025 tournament with a handicap total of 783. Next year's tournament will be held the weekend of December 5 and 6 at AMF Lancaster Lanes.

February

59th ANNUAL ME & MINE TOURNAMENT – Held at AMF Lancaster Lanes in mid-February, the tournament drew 244 entries. The winners in the 351 average and over division were Kaitlyn Brocato and Steve Cavalieri (1596). The winners in the 350 average and under division were Abbey Kowal and Tom Kowal, III (1586). Next year's tournament will be held at AMF Airport Lanes on February 20, 21, 27, and 28.

March 1 for tournaments and May 31 for Final Official Averages

AVERAGE REPORTING – The 2025-26 average book is now available. I am pleased to report that, for the 48th consecutive season, we have included in our average book every certified league that bowled in our association. The collection of averages helps leagues organize at the beginning of the season. A properly recorded average is essential for all bowlers to achieve the fairest playing conditions possible. Bowlers in an uncertified league will not have a verifiable average.

Late March or Early April

SENIOR MASTERS TOURNAMENT – The Senior Masters Tournament was held this year at Transit Lanes on March 28 and 29. There were 77 entries. George Szczublewski defeated Jeff Pohlman in the final two-game match to win the tournament. The tournament began with a four-game qualifying round on March 28, followed by match play the following day. We hope this will be an annual tournament.

April

53rd STAN KOWALSKI SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP – This annual association handicap tournament, open to men and women 50 years of age or older, was held on April 18 and 19 at AMF Airport Lanes. There were 431 entries. The tournament features six divisions. The winners were:

Class "AA" – Gary Stevens (791); Class "A" – Daniel Summers and Donald Herlan (tied, 744); Class "B" – Steve Priola (765); Class "C" – William Schinaman (754); Class "D" – Wayne Apotosky (792); and Class "E" – Andrew Kiener (781).

Each division winner receives free entry to 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 over the weekend of April 17 and 18.

April and May

CITY TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS – The Association's City Tournament Championships were held at AMF Lancaster Lanes from April 28 through May 9. This year, we had 231 teams, 254 doubles, 496 singles, 495 six-game combines, and 326 all-events entries. We also had a scratch prize list with 47, 87, 184, 183, and 127 entries. Prize checks for this year's tournament were mailed on June 4. First-place prizes were: Team - $2,600, Doubles - $850, Singles - $600, Six-Game Combine - $350, and All-Events - $300. You can find all our tournament results in the 2025-26 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 27 to May 8. We anticipate adding $8,000 to the tournament prize funds from the association once again and 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.

May

62nd GEORGE A. OBENAUER MASTERS TOURNAMENT – The Masters was held this year at Transit Lanes, running from May 12 through May 17. There were 104 entries in the field. Michael Weber won for the second consecutive year, earning $1,540 in prize money, a paid entry and up to $500 in expenses to the 2027 USBC Masters Tournament next spring. Charles Buttery, Jr., was the runner-up and received $890. Kevin Bienko won the Pete Parisi Plaque for the third consecutive year as the high qualifier, with a score of 1857 for eight games. Next year's Masters Tournament will take place at AMF Lancaster Lanes, beginning May 11 and running through May 16.

YOUTH TOURNAMENTS & SCHOLARSHIPS – Four local youth tournaments are held annually. The Family Tournament was held at AMF Airport Lanes on November 8 and 9. This doubles tournament, featuring one adult and one youth per team, drew 57 entries. Next year's tournament will be held at Spare Time Bowling Center on November 14 and 15. The Youth Team Championship was held at Spare Time Bowling Center on December 13 and 14, with 35 three-bowler teams. AMF Airport Lanes will host this event next season on December 12 and 13. The Youth Singles Championship and the Bumpers Tournament were held at AMF Lancaster Lanes on February 1 and 7, with 115 entries in the Singles and 13 in the Bumpers. AMF Airport Lanes will host next season's tournament on February 7 and 13. Our Youth Doubles Tournament was held on March 7 and 8 at Spare Time Bowling Center, with 59 entries. This year's tournament will be held on March 14 at Broadway Sports Center. You can find the complete results of these tournaments in the 2025-26 Greater Buffalo USBC Association average book and at www.gbusbc.com. We awarded $4,930 in scholarships to the winners of this past season's youth tournament. Including yearly scholarships, our association awarded approximately $9,930 for the 2025-26 season.

USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT – The United States Bowling Congress Open Championships celebrated its 122nd edition in 2026 and made its 15th trip to Reno, Nevada. The 2026 event – hosted at the National Bowling Stadium – featured the largest team count in Reno since 2011 and nearly 1,500 more teams than the tournament's 2023 visit. Reno's premier resort casinos – Eldorado, Silver Legacy and Circus Circus – served as presenting sponsors, offering bowlers reduced resort fees and room rates and featuring exclusive promotions at each property. The City of Reno also worked to improve the downtown experience, including weekly activations and increased safety measures. The 2026 USBC Open Championships also instituted several adjustments to the tournament structure, highlighted by new average ranges for each of the tournament's three divisions. The 2027 Open Championships will head to Las Vegas and be held at the South Point Bowling Plaza. To learn more, visit BOWL.com/OpenChamp.

USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT - The 2027 USBC Women's Championships will be held at New Victory Lanes in Mooresville, North Carolina, from April 18 to July 25. The cost to compete in the 2027 Women's Championships will remain $55 per event, plus an optional $15 for all events ($180 total). A $20 processing fee will apply per team. The 2027 event will feature the same average structure as the 2026 tournament, with four divisions: team, doubles, singles, and all-events.

JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - Over the past 28 years, the United States Bowling Congress Junior Gold program and the season-ending Junior Gold Championships have provided thousands of USBC Youth members with the opportunity to compete in a national tournament while vying for scholarships, a youth national title, and a spot on Junior Team USA. During that time, several modifications have been made to the tournament to enhance the overall member experience.

After careful consideration of survey data, direct participant feedback, and input from experienced Junior Gold tournament coordinators, USBC Youth Advisory Group members, and volunteers at the Junior Gold Championships national event, the decision was made to implement several exciting modifications, effective this year. For more details, go to bowl.com.

YOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS - You may know that adult USBC members have their own national bowling tournaments, 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, so you don't need a specific average or to qualify through a league or state tournament. Simply put – if you are a USBC Youth member, you can bowl in the Youth Open.

NEW YORK STATE USBC – The New York State USBC held its Annual Meeting and the Hall of Fame and Awards Dinner on Saturday, June 20, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Binghamton. This year's election slates included the Vice President position and five director positions. Nathan Johnson was elected Vice President, and Joshua Allen Baker, Chadrick Bodner, William Erb, Stephen Fawcett, and Barry Vee were elected as directors.

Dennis "Butch" Van Gorden, Tom Sullivan, and Jennifer Close (Creno) were inducted into the Hall of Fame for Superior Performance. Roger Buckman was inducted for Meritorious Service. Stephanie Keller received the Service to Youth Award, Charles "Chuck" Radick received the Service to Bowling Award, and Kelvin Parker and Russ Vallone of ABC Gates Bowl were named Proprietors of the Year.

YOUR PRESIDENTIAL OBLIGATION

1. Arrange for an account to be opened in the league's 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.

Lastly, I want to thank our office staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers for their assistance at our tournaments, and our committees for their input in making our tournament rules as fair as possible. I also appreciate the efforts of our other committees and their commitment to keeping the association running efficiently. Remember, we work for you, our members. For the benefit of your league, we hope you will continue to certify for many years to come. Certification provides standardized, widely recognized rules, protects your league's money, and gives your bowlers the opportunity to earn awards and bowl in our tournaments.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Palumbo

William A. Palumbo
Association Manager

Fundraiser Report

April 2026

Tickets Sold @ $20	125	$2,500.00
Tickets Sold @ 3 for $50	660	$11,000.00
Free Tickets	24	$0.00
Total Inflow		**$13,500.00**
Prizes Paid	53	$8,530.00
Printing (tickets, paper, envelopes)		$10.00 *
Postage		$40.00 estimate
Total Outflow		**$8,580.00**
Total Proceeds		**$4,920.00**

2026 DONATIONS**

Greater Buffalo USBC Association		3,620.00
The Ride for Roswell		1,000.00
Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL)		300.00
	TOTAL	**$4,920.00**

*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, the same name(s) must be on all tickets.

April 2027

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, 2027, the fundraiser may be canceled and all sales refunded.

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No. #####

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

Seller _____

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No. #####

GBUSBCA 2027

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

2025-26

	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**	**259**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**259**
Total September	**29**	**7**	**5**	**1272**	**170**	**147**	**0**	**41**	**1589**
Total October	**64**	**1**	**1**	**2734**	**28**	**65**	**0**	**66**	**2827**
Total November	**4**	**4**	**0**	**251**	**0**	**72**	**0**	**8**	**323**
Total December	**0**	**1**	**0**	**101**	**1**	**7**	**28**	**1**	**137**
Total January	**2**	**0**	**0**	**98**	**1**	**5**	**19**	**2**	**123**
Total February	**1**	**0**	**0**	**196**	**1**	**6**	**3**	**1**	**206**
Total March	**0**	**0**	**0**	**95**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**95**
Total April	**0**	**1**	**0**	**66**	**0**	**11**	**0**	**1**	**77**
Total May	**0**	**0**	**0**	**50**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**51**
Total June	**5**	**0**	**0**	**46**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**5**	**53**
Total July	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**33**

Total Members 2025-26	**107**	**14**	**6**	**5,198**	**201**	**324**	**50**	**127**	**5,773**
Total Members 2024-25	**109**	**17**	**6**	**5,134**	**188**	**409**	**73**	**132**	**5,804**
Change in Membership	**(2)**	**(3)**	**0**	**64**	**13**	**(85)**	**(23)**	**(5)**	**(31)**
Percentage	**-1.8%**	**-17.6%**	**0.0%**	**1.2%**	**6.9%**	**-20.8%**	**-31.5%**	**-3.8%**	**-0.5%**
				ADULTS	**5,399**	**YOUTH**	**374**		
					1.4%		**-28.9%**		

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATUS
July 31, 2026

	Current year Balance 7-31-26	Last year Balance 7-31-25	Difference
General Account operating funds (includes $420.74 from paypal and approximately $61,500 from reserves)	$67,755.45	$66,365.47	$1,389.98
Tournament Account (includes $7,000 from reserves)	$11,285.26	$7,267.48	$4,017.78
Alternative Income Account *Youth Committee Category Youth Leaders Category (includes $12,000 from reserves)	$14,584.88 $10,613.48 $3,971.40	$17,282.85 $13,324.60 $3,958.25	($2,697.97)
Scholarship Account (Funds allocated to scholarships. Includes $15,000 from reserves.) 7/27/26 Golf Event for Youth Scholarships only has information available through 7/31/26. We need 30 more day to finalize.	$45,246.61	$35,728.80	$9,517.81
Greater Buffalo USBC Totals	**$138,872.20**	**$126,644.60**	**$12,227.60**

Reserves Account (SEI) has balance of approximately $95,500 which is included in accounts above.

*Committee monitors programs and services provided to youth bowlers.

GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET 2026-27 (Page 1)

	Income	2025-26 Budget	2025-26 Inflow	Comparison to Budget	2026-27 Projected Budget
1	Adult Tournament Revenue	156,828.75	156,828.75	-	150,000.00
2	Adult Trn - Reimbursable Revenue	400.00	400.00	-	-
3	Average Book Ads	300.00	195.00	(105.00)	300.00
4	Average Book Sales	50.00	50.00	-	50.00
5	BVL League Donations	2,441.00	2,441.00	-	-
6	GBUSBCA Merchandise	-	-	-	-
7	Hall of Fame	6,500.00	5,930.00	(570.00)	-
8	Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	-
9	Reimbursable Misc. Collected	990.00	990.00	-	-
10	Scholarship Inflow	4,952.00	4,952.00	-	4,500.00
11	Scholarship Inflow (Golf Event)	32,090.00	32,090.00	-	32,500.00
12	Strike It Rich Fundaiser Sales	12,000.00	13,500.00	1,500.00	12,000.00
13	USBC Membership Dues	125,000.00	127,480.00	2,480.00	125,000.00
14	Youth Committee Revenue	11,599.80	11,599.80	-	11,200.00
15	Youth Leaders Revenue	2,662.00	2,662.00	-	1,300.00
	Transfers from Alternative Income/Tournaments to General Account				
16	City Tournament Surplus	2,000.00	3,100.00	1,100.00	2,000.00
17	Me & Mine Surplus	750.00	900.00	150.00	750.00
18	Senior Open Surplus	500.00	800.00	300.00	500.00
19	Youth Processing Payroll	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
20	**Total Transfers**	**5,750.00**	**7,300.00**	1,550.00	**5,750.00**
21	**Total Inflow**	**$ 361,563.55**	**$ 366,418.55**	**$ 4,855.00**	**$ 342,600.00**

	Expenses	2025-26 Budget	2025-26 Outflow	Comparison to Budget	2026-27 Projected Budget
22	Adult Awards Program (Local)	2,000.00	1,919.80	80.20	3,300.00
23	Adult Tournament Outflow	147,713.80	147,713.80	-	150,000.00
24	Average Book	125.00	-	125.00	125.00
25	Bank Charges	554.48	554.48	-	600.00
26	Bonuses (Christmas)	500.00	325.00	175.00	500.00
27	BVL League Donations	2,441.00	2,441.00	-	-
28	Charities / Donations	1,300.00	1,300.00	-	1,300.00
	Compensation				
29	Management	24,000.00	24,000.00	-	24,000.00
30	Staff	8,700.00	8,699.00	1.00	8,700.00
31	Youth Processing Payroll	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
32	State Disability Ins.	50.00	77.06	(27.06)	75.00
33	Tax - Federal	2,500.00	2,504.55	(4.55)	2,500.00
34	Tax - New York State	600.00	408.33	191.67	500.00

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GREATER BUFFALO USBC ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET 2026-27 (Page 2)

	Expenses (CONTINUED)	2025-26 Budget	2025-26 Outflow	Comparison to Budget	2026-27 Projected Budget
35	Credit Card Fees	1,795.75	1,795.75		2,000.00
36	Equipment (NEW)	5,095.02	5,095.02	-	-
37	Equipment (Repair/Maintenance)	1,000.00	(295.95)	1,295.95	1,000.00
38	GBUSBCA Merchandise	-	-	-	-
39	Hall of Fame	10,500.00	11,254.79	(754.79)	-
	Insurance				
40	Fire - Renters	425.00	388.79	36.21	425.00
41	Health	2,200.00	2,325.30	(125.30)	2,500.00
42	Professional Liability	675.00	661.00	14.00	675.00
43	Workers Compensation	350.00	388.00	(38.00)	400.00
	Meetings				
44	Annual	300.00	359.86	(59.86)	400.00
45	Board	500.00	381.80	118.20	500.00
46	Miscellaneous	300.00	319.84	(19.84)	300.00
47	Office Supplies	1,000.00	987.36	12.64	2,000.00
48	Postage	1,700.00	1,739.58	(39.58)	1,700.00
49	Professional Fees	500.00	476.18	23.82	500.00
50	Promotion	500.00	672.19	(172.19)	700.00
51	Reimbursable Misc. Outflow	990.00	990.00	-	-
52	Registered Vol. Program Cost	300.00	90.00	210.00	300.00
53	Rent	12,000.00	10,140.00	1,860.00	12,000.00
54	Scholarship Outflow	4,152.00	4,152.00	-	4,200.00
55	Scholarship Outflow (Golf Event Exp.)	17,907.48	17,907.48	-	25,000.00
56	Scholarship Outflow (Golf Event Distribution)	5,432.62	5,432.62	-	5,000.00
57	Strike It Rich Fundraiser	8,000.00	8,530.00	(530.00)	8,000.00
58	Telephone/Internet	2,800.00	2,499.52	300.48	2,700.00
59	Travel (NYS ANNUAL MEETING)	500.00	232.40	267.60	500.00
60	Travel (USBC CONVENTION)	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
61	USBC Dues Refunds	45.00	45.00	-	-
62	USBC National Dues	75,000.00	74,150.00	850.00	75,000.00
63	UBSC NYS Dues	5,000.00	4,676.00	324.00	5,000.00
64	Youth Committee Outflow	12,973.37	12,973.37	-	10,200.00
65	Youth Leaders Outflow	1,404.00	1,404.00	-	-
66	**Total Outflow**	**$ 364,829.52**	**$ 362,214.92**	**$ 4,534.40**	**$ 352,300.00**
67	**Inflow/Outflow Comparison**	**($3,265.97)**	**$4,203.63**	**$320.60**	**($9,700.00)**

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Greater Buffalo USBC Association
2026-27
Calendar of Events

July 30 - August 14	2026-27 League Supplies Distribution - GBUSBCA Office, 2448 Union Rd, Cheektowaga
August 14-16, 21-23	45th NYS Women's Senior Singles Tournament - Roseland Bowl - Canandaigua
August 17-30	League supplies not picked up will be delivered to centers
August 20	Greater Buffalo USBC 59th "Kick-Off" Tournament - Transit Lanes
October 2026	30-day grace period expires; all leagues must be certified within 30 days of start date
October 3-4, 17-18	2026 NYS Senior Open Championships - Lighthouse Lanes - Oswego
November 7	2026 NYS Senior Masters - Ripic's Carousel Lanes - Binghamton
November 14-15	Greater Buffalo USBC 59th Annual Family Tournament - Spare Time Bowling Center
November 28-29	Greater Buffalo USBC Women's Senior Singles Tournament - AMF Airport Lanes
December 1-15 and 16-31	New York State - USBC Youth Scratch Championships League-Level Qualifying Window
December 5-6	Greater Buffalo USBC League Officers Tournament - AMF Lancaster Lanes
December 12-13	Greater Buffalo USBC 40th Annual Youth Team Championship - AMF Airport Lanes
February	New York State - USBC Youth Scratch Championships Region 1 - date and site to be decided
February 7	WNY Queens Tournament - Broadway Sports Center (hosted by Greater Buffalo USBC)
February 7 and 13	Greater Buffalo USBC 42nd Annual Youth Singles Championship - AMF Airport Lanes
February 7 and 13	Greater Buffalo USBC 28th Annual Youth Bumpers Tournament - AMF Airport Lanes
February 20-21, 27-28	Greater Buffalo USBC 60th Annual "Me and Mine" Tournament - AMF Airport Lanes
February 27 - July 25	2027 USBC Open Championships - South Point Bowling Plaza - Las Vegas, Nevada
March	New York State Youth Region 1 Team State Tournament - date and site to be decided
March 1	Greater Buffalo USBC Tournament Average Closing Date; "Official" averages close May 31
March 6	2027 NYS Masters Tournament - Kingpins Alley Family Fun Center - South Glens Falls
March 14	Greater Buffalo USBC Youth Doubles Championship - Broadway Sports Center
March 15	Greater Buffalo USBC & Youth Committee Scholarships Application Deadlines
April	Greater Buffalo USBC Youth Awards Banquet - Kiebzak's Beginnings
April 2 - May 23	2027 NYS Women's Championships - Bowl-A-Roll Lanes - Rochester
April 3-4	Greater Buffalo USBC Senior Masters - Transit Lanes
April 10	2027 NYS Queen's Tournament - Gates Lanes, Rochester
April 16 - June 6	2027 NYS Open Championships - Tonawanda Bowling Center - Tonawanda (Tentative)
April 17	NYS Youth Scratch Championships - King Pin Lanes - Rome
April 17-18	54th Stan Kowalski Senior Singles Tournament - Wimbledon Lanes
April 18 - July 25	2027 USBC Women's Championships - New Victory Lanes - Mooresville, North Carolina
April 27 - May 8	Greater Buffalo USBC City Championships - Transit Lanes
April 30 - May 2	NYS Adult-Junior Tournament - AMF Strike 'N Spare Lanes - Mattydale (Syracuse)
May 1	NYS Youth Team Finals - AMF Strike 'N Spare Lanes - Mattydale (Syracuse)
May 3-6	2027 USBC Annual Convention - South Point Hotel, Casino, and Spa - Las Vegas, Nevada
May 11-16	63rd George A. Obenauer Masters Tournament - AMF Lancaster Lanes
May 31	Greater Buffalo USBC Official Average Closing Date
June	NYS USBC Annual Meeting - Crowne Plaza Albany The Desmond Hotel by IHG - date to be decided
June 9	Greater Buffalo USBC Adult Awards Dinner - Salvatore's Italian Prime
July 28	Greater Buffalo USBC Annual Meeting & Supplies Distribution - AMF Airport Lanes (tentative)

Greater Buffalo USBC Association

2026-27 Tournaments

Dates to Bowl	Tournament & Site	Eligible
August 20 (6:30 pm)	Kick-Off Tournament (Transit Lanes)	Invitational
November 14-15 (Sat. 1:30 pm) (Sun. Noon, 2:30 pm & 5 pm)	Family Tournament (Spare Time Bowling Center)	Adult/Youth
November 28-29 (11 am both days)	Senior Women's Singles Tournament (AMF Airport Lanes)	Women 50 and older
December 5-6 (Sat. Noon) (Sun. 10 am & Noon)	League Officers Tournament (AMF Lancaster Lanes)	Officers of leagues certified in a timely manner
December 12-13 (Sat. 1:30 pm) (Sun. Noon, 2:30 pm & 5 pm)	Youth Team Championship (AMF Airport Lanes)	Youth
February 7 & 13 (Sun. 2:30 pm & 5 pm) (Sat. 1:30 pm)	Youth Singles Championship Youth Bumpers Tournament (AMF Airport Lanes)	Youth
February 20 & 27 (Noon) February 21 (11 am & 2:30 pm) February 28 (11 am, 2:30 pm, & 6:30 pm)	Me & Mine Tournament (AMF Airport Lanes)	Men & Women
March 14 (Noon, 2:30 pm & 5 pm)	Youth Doubles Championship (Broadway Sports Center)	Youth
April 3-4 (Sat. squad times TBD) (Sun. Match Play begins at 10 am)	GBUSBCA Senior Masters Tournament (Transit Lanes)	Men & Women 50 and Older
April 17-18 (11 am & 3 pm both days)	Stan Kowalski Senior Open Tournament Singles Tournament (Wimbledon Lanes)	Men & Women 50 and Older
April 27 – May 8 (Weekdays 7 pm) (Sat. & Sun. 11 am & 3 pm)	City Championship Tournament (Transit Lanes)	Men & Women
May 11-16 (Qualifying May 11 & 12) (Match Play May 13-16) (Tues. – Sat. 6:30 pm) (Sun. 1 pm)	George A. Obenauer Masters Tournament (AMF Lancaster Lanes)	Men & Women Smart Certified

USBC Moving to Digital Membership Cards Beginning in 2027-2028

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The United States Bowling Congress has announced that it will no longer mail printed membership cards beginning with the 2027-2028 season, marking a significant change in how bowlers access and manage their membership.
For Oregon State USBC members, the 2026-2027 season will serve as a transition year as USBC helps bowlers, league officials and associations prepare for a fully digital membership card system. During that season, members will be encouraged to use the BOWL.com mobile app to access their digital membership card. Members also will be able to print their own membership cards, if needed, through the Find A Member feature on BOWL.com.
According to USBC, the move is part of a broader effort to modernize the membership experience and make it easier for bowlers to join, renew and access their information. Online membership sign-up at BOWL.com/JOIN and use of the mobile app are expected to become central parts of that process.

USBC says the shift to digital membership will bring several benefits for bowlers and organizations alike. Those include instant activation and access to membership without waiting for a card to arrive in the mail, convenient access to membership cards through cell phones, improved efficiency during league and tournament check-in, and easier renewals and upgrades.

To help make the transition as smooth as possible, USBC will provide tools and guidance throughout the 2026-2027 season. Associations, league officers and bowling centers will receive support materials this summer, including new membership applications with QR codes for online sign-up, posters for display in centers, and handouts for league officials to use at league meetings.

USBC said the move is supported by recent survey data. In a membership survey, more than 85 percent of respondents said they either did not use their printed membership card for anything or simply carried it in their wallet. Only 11 percent said the printed card was a valuable part of their membership. At the same time, smartphone adoption among USBC's core demographics now exceeds 92 percent and continues to grow.

USBC believes those numbers show that most members already are relying on digital tools, making this the right time to move toward a system that better reflects how bowlers interact today.

The change also ties into USBC's larger digital transformation plans, which include upgrades to the membership system, improvements to the mobile app, stronger data-driven communication efforts and more cost-efficient strategies. USBC said a digital membership experience also better serves tournament directors, youth operators and local associations by allowing faster and more reliable membership verification.

For bowlers in Oregon, the key message is that printed membership cards will still be available through the 2026-2027 season, but that year should be viewed as an opportunity to get comfortable with the new digital process before the fully digital rollout begins in 2027-2028.

USBC said more information about the transition will be shared in the weeks and months ahead.

Application for Board Members/Volunteers

- ***President*** *(2 years director experience required)*
- ***Vice President*** *(must be current director)*
- ***Director***
- ***Auxiliary Member*** *(voice, no vote at board meetings)*
- ***Youth Committee Member***
  (may be a board or 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)

_____ _____

_____ _____

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

_____ _____

_____ _____

Other positions held/honors received:

_____ _____

_____ _____

Occupation: (current or retired)

_____ _____

Do you have?

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

Maximum number of 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.