

## 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 sixth 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 fifth year of operation, the GBUSBCA had a total membership of 11,902 members, of which 1,336 were youth bowlers. There were 294 total leagues, 56 of which were youth leagues. A complete membership and financial statement is attached to the end of this report.

Once again, we will run our annual fundraiser. Last year we sold 625 tickets with 56 being sold to leagues. That represents approximately 24% participation from our leagues. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit scholarships for youth bowlers (\$1,000 each to a male and female), Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL), the Susan G. Komen for the Cure breast cancer research fund, the Roswell Park Alliance, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Other charities may be considered by our Board of Directors.

The Greater Buffalo USBC Association office is located at 2448 Union Road in Cheektowaga. If your league has a problem or any questions, do not hesitate to stop in or give us a call. It is often impossible for opposing sides to come to an agreement without our assistance. We are here to help.

Another important service we provide is your average book, with verified averages so that you can properly organize your league. Also, when you bowl in tournaments, you will have an average that is verifiable. Without this, you could be forced to bowl without handicap.

**AWARDS** - This past season, the Greater Buffalo USBC Association issued 9,787 awards, 5,719 for adults and 4,068 for youth. The following awards were received by league bowlers:

300 game – 233	125 game - 499	650 series – 232	200 series – 118
11-in-a-row – 256	100 game - 298	600 series – 230	150 series – 55
280 game - 189	75 game – 163	550 series – 229	100 series – 26
275 game - 554	50 game – 60	500 series – 258	“30” Clean – 93
250 game - 589	100 POA game – 227	450 series – 303	7-10 split – 14
225 game - 534	140 POA series – 821	400 series – 304	All spare game – 10
200 game - 776	800 series – 58	350 series – 248	Big 4 split – 11
175 game - 839	750 series – 223	300 series – 236	Dutch 200 – 15
150 game - 610	700 series – 279	250 series – 140	TriPLICATE – 57

There will be a change in the special achievement criteria again this coming season. Please see details of the change on the following two pages of this report.

USBC game achievement awards begin at 125 in increments of 25 pins to a maximum of 275. Our local association will also be offering an award for a game of 280 to 299. USBC series achievement awards start at 300 in increments of 100 pins to a maximum of 700. The Greater Buffalo Association will also provide awards for 350, 450, 550, 650, and 750 series.

# Adult Achievements and Awards 2010-11 Season

	<u>Achievement</u>	<u>Award</u>
<b>Honor Scores</b>	900 Series	Upgraded Ring
	800 Series (800–899)	Ring, Plaque, or Donation
	300 Game	Ring, Plaque, or Donation
	11 Strikes-in-a-Row (299 or less)	Trophy or Donation
<b>Special Achievement Awards</b>	125 (125-149) Game (100 avg. or less)	USBC Magnet
	150 (150-174) Game (125 avg. or less)	USBC Magnet
	175 (175-199) Game (150 avg. or less)	USBC Magnet
	200 (200-224) Game (175 avg. or less)	USBC Magnet
	225 (225-249) Game (200 avg. or less)	USBC Magnet
	250 (250-274) Game (225 avg. or less)	USBC Magnet
	275 (275-299) Game (any average)	USBC Magnet
	300 (300-399) Series (90 avg. or less)	USBC Magnet
	400 (400-499) Series (120 avg. or less)	USBC Magnet
	500 (500-599) Series (150 avg. or less)	USBC Magnet
600 (600-699) Series (180 avg. or less)	USBC Magnet	
700 (700-799) Series (any average)	USBC Magnet	
<b>Local Awards</b>	280 (280-299) Game (any average)	GBUSBCA Pen
	350 (350-399) Series (90 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Magnet
	450 (450-499) Series (120 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Magnet
	550 (550-599) Series (150 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Magnet
	650 (650-699) Series (180 avg. or less)	GBUSBCA Magnet
	750 (750-799) Series (any average)	GBUSBCA Magnet
	100 Pins Over Average (Game)	GBUSBCA Magnet
	150 Pins Over Average (Series)	GBUSBCA Magnet
	Triplicate Series	USBC Emblem
	All-Spare Game	USBC Emblem
	Dutch 200	USBC Emblem
	Big 4 (4-6-7-10) Split Conversion	USBC Emblem
	7-10 Split Conversion	USBC Emblem
	“30 Clean” Series (any average) (NO OPEN FRAMES FOR THREE GAMES)	GBUSBCA Accessory Bag

**NOTE:** Awards are issued once per season per achievement except for “30 Clean,” which is issued once every three years. A ring may be purchased for the 11-in-a-Row achievement.

# Youth Achievements and Awards 2010-11 Season

	<u>Achievement</u>	<u>Award</u>
<b>Honor Scores</b>	900 Series	Upgraded Ring
	800 Series (800–899)	Ring, Plaque, or Donation
	300 Game	Ring, Plaque, or Donation
	11 Strikes-in-a-Row (299 or less)	Trophy or Donation
<b>Special Achievement Awards</b>	50 (50-74) Game (49 avg. or less)	Bowlopolis Emblem
	75 (75-99) Game (74 avg. or less)	Bowlopolis Emblem
	100 (100-124) Game (99 avg. or less)	Bowlopolis Emblem
	125 (125-149) Game (124 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	150 (150-174) Game (149 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	175 (175-199) Game (174 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	200 (200-224) Game (199 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	225 (225-249) Game (224 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	250 (250-274) Game (249 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	275 (275-299) Game (274 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	100 (100-149) Series (33 avg. or less)	Bowlopolis Emblem
	150 (150-199) Series (49 avg. or less)	Bowlopolis Emblem
	200 (200-249) Series (66 avg. or less)	Bowlopolis Emblem
	250 (250-299) Series (83 avg. or less)	Bowlopolis Emblem
	300 (300-349) Series (99 avg. or less)	Bowlopolis Emblem
	350 (350-399) Series (116 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	400 (400-449) Series (133 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	450 (450-499) Series (149 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	500 (500-549) Series (166 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	550 (550-599) Series (183 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	600 (600-649) Series (199 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
	650 (650-699) Series (216 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem
700 (700-749) Series (233 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem	
750 (750-799) Series (249 avg. or less)	USBC Emblem	
<b>Local Awards</b>	300 Game	GBUSBCA Magnet
	800 Series	GBUSBCA Magnet

**NOTE:** Awards are limited to one per season. Once an award has been earned in any classification, bowlers are only eligible for the higher awards on a progressive merit basis.

**AVERAGE BOOK** - The 2009-10 average book is now available. I am happy to report we have listed in our average book, for the 32<sup>nd</sup> consecutive season, each and every certified league that bowled in our association. This book is of great assistance to tournament directors and to leagues in organizing at the beginning of the season. A proper, correctly recorded average is a must for all bowlers in order to achieve as close to equitable playing conditions as possible. Bowlers in an uncertified league will not have a verifiable average.

**ANNUAL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS (City Tournament)** – The Association “Open” and “Women’s” Championship Tournaments were held at AMF Thruway Lanes. This year we had 153 teams, 166 doubles, 332 singles, 332 six-game-combine, and 242 all-events entries in the “Open”; and 48 teams, 50 doubles, 100 singles, 100 six-game combine, and 88 all-event entries in the “Women’s”. The city tournament is improving each year, and we encourage you to participate and join in the fun. Prize checks for this year’s tournament were mailed June 1. First place prizes in the “Open” were: Team - \$2,500, Doubles - \$1,000, Singles - \$650, Six-Game Combine - \$250, and All-Events - \$200; “Women’s”: Team - \$1,000, Doubles - \$350, Singles - \$300, Six-Game Combine \$100, and All-Events - \$100. You can find all our tournament results in the 2009-10 Greater Buffalo USBC Association average book. **Next year’s tournament will be held at AMF Airport Lanes from April 26 through May 7. We anticipate adding approximately \$5,000 to the tournament prize funds. We should add another \$2,000 from sponsorships. We will hold brackets, daily pro shop raffles, and split club drawings for all squads.**

**EMPIRE STATE USBC BOWLING ASSOCIATION** – On April 10, 2010, The Empire State USBC Bowling Association voted to merge with the New York State Women’s Bowling Association and the New York State USBC Youth Association in order to form one unified association which will serve men, women, and youth in the state of New York. A Merger Transition Committee has been formed to oversee the process. The first set of meetings will be July 31-August 1, 2010 in Liverpool, New York. They hope to complete the process by the summer of 2011. The 2010 NYS Open Tournament was held in Niagara Falls. Next year’s tournament will be in Fishkill, New York.

**NEW YORK STATE WOMEN’S USBC BOWLING ASSOCIATION** – The New York State USBC Women’s Bowling Association 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament was held in Syracuse, New York. Next year’s tournament will be here in Buffalo, New York, at Transit Lanes, beginning April 8, 2011, and running weekends through May 22. The NYS Queen’s Tournament will be April 16.

**LEAGUE OFFICERS TOURNAMENT** – The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual League Officers Tournament was held this year at Recckio’s Bowling Center. There were 145 entries. This tournament as you know is our **thank you** to our league officers for **certifying on time**. The Greater Buffalo USBC picks up the lineage cost and charges the officers only \$7 to enter. The winner of this year’s tournament was Richard Parrish with a handicap total of 850. Next year’s tournament will be held at Voelker’s Lanes the weekend of December 11 and 12.

**GBUSBCA WOMEN’S SENIOR SINGLES TOURNAMENT** - This annual association tournament was held at Wimbledon Lanes. There were 90 entries. The winners were: Class “A” – Shirley Brakefield (711), Class “B” – Gail Byreiter (756), and Class “C” – Lorraine Thomas (722). Class A and B division winner receive a free entry into the New York State Women’s Senior Singles Tournament and a \$50 travel allowance. As the New York State USBC WBA Senior Singles Tournament does not permit bowlers under the age of 55, the Class C winner receives \$50 in lieu of a travel allowance. Next season’s GBUSBCA Women’s Senior tournament is at Spare Time Bowling Center on November 7, 2010.

**38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STAN KOWALSKI SENIORS TOURNAMENT** – This annual association handicap tournament open to men and women over the age of 55 was held on April 2 and 25, 2010, at Town Edge Bowling Center. There were 166 entries. The winners were: Class “AA” – Robert Mueller (816), Class “A” – Charles Nicholls (773), Class “B” – Arthur Kosnik (795), Class “C” – Carl Graetz, Jr. (803), and Class “D” – Thomas Skrabacz (752). Each division winner receives a free entry into the Empire State Senior Tournament in Canadaigua (October 2010) and a \$50 travel allowance. Next year’s GBUSBCA Stan Kowalski Senior Singles tournament will be at Kerns Avenue Bowling Center on April 16 and 17, 2010.

**47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GEORGE A. OBENAUER MASTERS TOURNAMENT** – The Masters Tournament was conducted this year at AMF Lancaster Lanes running May 11 through May 16, 2010. There were 96 entries. PBA-exempt bowler Ryan Ciminelli was the winner receiving \$1,125 in prize money. Jason Ciliberto was the the highest ranking non-PBA-exempt finisher. He received \$875, a paid entry, airfare, and hotel expenses to the USBC Masters Tournament in Reno in February of 2010. Liz Johnson, 2009 Masters Champion represented the GBUSBCA at the 2010 USBC Masters Tournament last February. Next year’s George A. Obenauer Masters tournament will be at Strikers from May 10 to May 15, 2011.

**43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ME & MINE TOURNAMENT** – This tournament was held at Kerns Avenue Bowling Center, and the winners in the Open Division were Jamel Bryant and LaRae Hens-Bryant (1654). The winners in the Husband and Wife Division were Margaret and Sherman Shepherd (1589). Next year’s tournament will be at Broadway Sports Center on February 12, 13, 19, and 20.

**GREATER BUFFALO USBC YOUTH TOURNAMENTS** – There are 3 primary youth tournaments held on a yearly basis. The Family Tournament was held at Broadway Sports Center on November 21, 22, 28, and 29. This is a doubles tournament with one adult and one youth per team. There were 134 entries. Next year’s tournament will be held at AMF Thruway Lanes on November 20, 21, 27, and 28. The Youth Team Championship was held at Kenmore Lanes on January 23 and 24 and had 37 four-bowler teams compete. Broadway Sports Center will host this event next season on January 22 and 23. And finally, the Youth Singles and Bumpers Tournaments were held at AMF Airport Lanes on February 20, 21, and 28, with 184 entries in the Singles and 19 entries in the Bumpers. Spare Time Bowling Center will host next season’s tournament on February 19, 20, and 27. You can find the results of these tournaments in the 2009-10 Greater Buffalo USBC Association average book.

**USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT** – This tournament was held in Reno, Nevada, and had 14,109 teams. You should try to bowl in it if at all possible. It, along with the USBC Women’s Championship Tournament, is the showcase of bowling. The tournament will be held in Reno, Nevada, in 2011; Baton Rouge in 2012; then back to Reno in 2013 and 2014.

**USBC WOMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT** – This tournament was held in El Paso, Texas, where 13,200 teams participated. It will be held in Syracuse, New York, in 2011, before returning to Reno in 2012, 2013, and 2014.

**2010 USBC NATIONAL YOUTH TOURNAMENTS** - The Indianapolis Association hosted the 2010 USBC Junior Gold tournament. A record number of over 1,700 youth bowlers participated in the qualifying rounds. A total of \$125,000 in scholarship monies were awarded to the top 150 male and 78 female qualifiers in this tournament. The top 5 male and female finishers will represent the country as members of Junior Team USA in international competition during the next year. Three additional male and female finalists were added to the team by the USBC National Selection Committee. Five local bowlers made the semi-final round. The 2010 USBC Youth Open Championships were also held in Indianapolis. At present JH Landscaping is in 11<sup>th</sup> place in the Division 1 standings. GBUSBCA hosted the 2007 Junior Gold Tournament and the inaugural USBC Youth Open Tournament. We look forward to hosting the event again in the future.

**HALL OF FAME** – The Greater Buffalo USBC Association Hall of Fame will hold inductions November 27, 2010, at Samuel’s Grande Manor in Clarence. This year’s honorees are Joe Fischer (Meritorious Service), George Barnes (Bowling Performance), Ron Chader (Bowling Performance), Jack Jurek (Bowling Performance), Gail Krywcum (Bowling Performance), and Sue Schottke (Bowling Performance). Tickets for this event will be available in September.

**YOUR PRESIDENTIAL OBLIGATION** - I recognize that this paragraph of my report is repetitious, but we do have some league presidents here. It is important that you are aware of your obligations. The most serious part of your job is the verifying of bank accounts so your bowler’s money is protected. I would like to again outline your presidential obligation of being sure the league funds are there at the end of the season. Sure, you have a very prestigious position being president of a bowling league, but along with the prestige is the obligation of making sure your league funds are protected.

**You MUST VERIFY the Bank Accounts and Deposits monthly in accordance with the requirements of the United States Bowling Congress Bonding Program.**

This means you must either get a bank statement or get a personally signed verification from the bank each month. You must then also do some arithmetic to be sure that the amount of money on deposit is the amount that is supposed to be on deposit. If you don’t do the verifying in the exact manner described and the money is missing at the end of the year, you may very well be in a situation where USBC will call for **YOUR SUSPENSION!!!** We do not want you to take this casually and conclude it cannot happen to you. It CAN happen to you!!! Your league treasurer may be a very honest person, but every so often there is a situation where a treasurer may need some money during the year and intend to pay it back before the end of the year and then can’t do it. You can help him/her by checking every month and removing the temptation that will then get both of you into trouble. Please be very cautious in doing this part of the job. Again this year, the league application booklet has a special page on the front which should be given to the president and expands on his/her obligations in verifying bank balances. The president will also have to sign the application indicating that he/she has received this special page as notification.

In conclusion, I hope you are all satisfied with the service you receive from our association. My staff, which includes Beth O’Brien, Paul Krupinski, and Michele Johnson, will continue to serve you to the best of our ability, so feel free to call with your questions, rule interpretation needs, comments, or suggestions. If we don’t have the answer, we will make sure to get it for you. I also would like to thank my Board of Directors and network of volunteers for their continued service and extra efforts with our tournaments, fundraisers, award presentations, and general service to our bowlers. Remember, we are all committed to you, the members of our organization. We look forward to you joining us for next year’s bowling season.

Respectfully submitted,

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