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ARLINGTON, Texas – The inaugural class for the United States Bowling Congress Collegiate Hall of Fame has been determined, with five inductees helping usher in a historic celebration of the sport in April 2024.

Jack Connaughton of Lafayette, Indiana; **Kelly Kulick** of Union, New Jersey; and **Rick Steelsmith** of Wichita, Kansas, have earned induction for their on-lane performances as Student-Athletes. **Gordon Vadakin** of Wichita, Kansas, will join the inaugural class in the Coach category. **Karl Nickolai** of Canton, Michigan, completes the 2024 class for his dedication to collegiate bowling as a Contributor.

The ceremony for the 2024 USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame will take place April 17 during the banquet for the Intercollegiate Team Championships in Louisville, Kentucky.

Connaughton, 78, was a standout at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (previously Wisconsin State University-La Crosse) from 1964-1968 and dominated competition across the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) ranks.

In ACUI competition, Connaughton swept the top spots at the 1967 national finals, winning singles, doubles and all-events. He returned in 1968 to successfully defend his titles in singles and all-events, while finishing fourth in doubles.

During the same two-year span at the NAIA Championship, Connaughton helped Wisconsin-La Crosse win back-to-back team titles, claimed a pair of wins in doubles competition and recorded a first-place finish in singles at the 1968 event. He finished as the runner-up in singles in 1967.

In 1966, he led Wisconsin-La Crosse to the National Intercollegiate Bowling Association (NIBA) team title.

Connaughton, originally from Waukesha, Wisconsin, traveled to Paris, France, in 1967 as the first collegiate representative of the United States at the famed World Cup, where he captured the victory.

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MARSHALL KENT WINS PBA ILLINOIS CLASSIC

Kent wins sixth career title and first singles title since 2017

by Nolan Hughes

Marshall Kent said he felt the passion that once burned relentlessly within him starting to come back towards the end of last season. He rededicated himself this off-season, practicing more than he ever had before.

Kent put in the work. The results followed this week at Bowlero Mount Prospect near Chicago.

The top seed defeated AJ Johnson 214-180 to win the PBA Illinois Classic and his sixth career PBA Tour title. The win marked his first singles



title since 2017.

“I’m back,” Kent said. “I’m definitely back — and it feels great.”

After chopping the 3-6 spare in the seventh frame, Kent rallied by throwing four consecu-

tive strikes to shut out Johnson.

“Every practice for the continued on page 6

FOUR CANDIDATES SLATED FOR USBC BOARD ELECTION

by Dave Schroeder

ARLINGTON, TX – The United States Bowling Congress Nominating Committee has slated four candidates for election to the USBC Board of Directors, and delegates also will vote on one legislative proposal at the 2024 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting.

The 2024 USBC Convention will take place April 22-25 at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas with the Annual Meeting legislative sessions taking place on the final day.



Delegates will vote to fill three open positions on the USBC Board of Directors. Incumbents Dennis Hacker and Chrissy Lee are among the four slated.

Hacker currently serves as USBC Vice President. The USBC Board of Directors conducted officer elections in January and Hacker was elected USBC President

by acclamation effective Aug. 1, 2024, pending his reelection. Mike Cannington was elected to serve as USBC Vice President effective Aug 1. continued on page 6



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Jimmy Schroeder - A Unique Bowling Personality

by Dave Williams

As I was putting the finishing touches to the story about Glenn Allison last week, another longtime member of the AMF Staff of Champions came to mind. His name is Jimmy Schroeder from Tonawanda, New York. His career with AMF was shaped not only by his accomplishments on the lanes, but also by his ongoing commitment to the sport.

In a 1976 press release by the AMF Public Relations Department, it was said that Jimmy could "drill" a ball down the lane with as much aplomb as a ball in his pro shop. You see, Schroeder was also an excellent ball driller and clinician. His crowning personal achievement on the lanes was a 750 series that he rolled in capturing the 1976 USBC Classic Singles title in Oklahoma City.

Bowling in USBC national tournaments is nothing new to Schroeder. He began competing in the annual event a couple of years after Allison, in 1949. As of 2022, Schroeder trailed only Glenn Allison (121,301), Joe Norris (123,770) and Bill Lillard (124,087) in career pin fall at the annual tournament. Jimmy's total is 119,015, about 2,000 pins ahead of fifth place kegler Don Ellis. In terms of participation in tournaments, Schroeder, with 68, trails only Allison, Syl Thiel, Joe Norris and Bill Doehrman.

The 1976 press release goes on to say that since his Classic Division Singles crown at the USBC tournament, Schroeder has confined his efforts to assignments as an AMF Staff of Champions specialist conducting ball measuring and drilling programs around the world. Prior to that, Jim was drafted as a member of the famed Falstaff Beer (St. Louis) team in 1958, and a year later with the equally famous Stroh's Beer team out of Detroit. He was also, like Allison, one of the original 33 members of the PBA.

Over the years, Schroeder has devoted much of his time to the Special Olympics and their National Unified Tournament, which continues to be a part of the opening week festivities at the USBC event, according to an article by Matt Cannizzaro that's posted at bowl.com. In addition, Jimmy was the International Bowling Director for the Special Olympics for more than ten years.

"I got my first bowling ball when I was 12, and the rest is history, as they say," said Schroeder in the Cannizzaro article. "Bowling has always been my main focus, and there never was a doubt that's what I wanted to do with my life. My wife, Joyce, has been supportive and has never let me down."

One of my most vivid memories of Schroeder was at AMF's Ultra Angle ball testing at Main Lanes in Columbus, Ohio, a 56 lane bowling center that had more than 5,200 winter league bowlers. I had been meticulous in searching for and inviting all of the past and present stars on the AMF Staff of Champions for a day long testing of a very secretive product. One of the bowlers that I failed to contact was Schroeder... but there he was! Looking back on it now, I can only assume that Jack Graziano recognized my mistake and invited Jimmy to be a part of the festivities.

Schroeder and I hit it off immediately and he shared the fact that one of his close friends in Buffalo was a friend of my dad from their association in the printing industry. Jimmy even confided that my father asked if he could keep an eye on me during the PBA tournaments. Unfortunately, my first year was Jimmy's last on tour, so we never had a chance to bond.

The gypsy life of a professional bowler never appealed to Schroeder, so he decided to return to Buffalo and make bowling a business as well as a career. His on the lane bowling experience, combined with a natural flair for the technical aspects of the game, quickly won him a following among bowlers looking for professional assistance. He was even called upon to help organize the instructional school program for the PBA, conducting various types of operational seminars on behalf of the PBA and AMF, with particular emphasis on equipment.

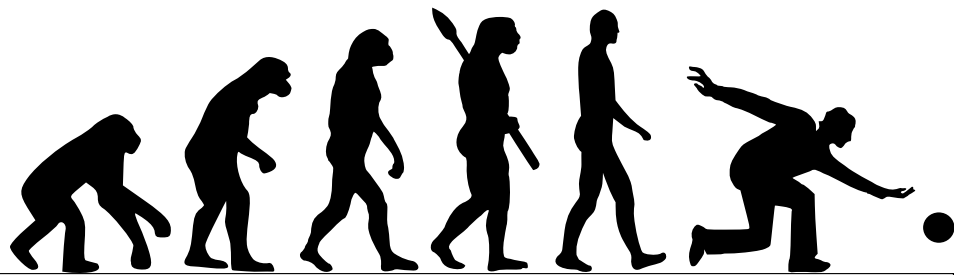


Jimmy Schroeder

"Bowling has been great to me, and I have met so many wonderful people," Schroeder told Cannizzaro. Jim was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in 1990, or close to 35 years ago. "At this time in my life, this (the USBC annual tournament) means a lot to me, and it gives me something to look forward to each year. Sometimes, just walking from the hotel is a challenge because I don't have the stamina anymore."

I reached out to Jimmy, but his address and phone have changed since the last time that we corresponded. He now lives in Amherst, N.Y., according to the pba.com website. It's a couple of miles southeast of Tonawanda, but still nestled in the northern suburbs of Buffalo. Jimmy is now 94 years of age.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 3 2024	12:00PM EST	PBA Delaware Classic BROADCAST LIVE	FS1
FRIDAY, MARCH 15 2024	6:00PM EDT	PBA All Star Event - TBA	FS1
SATURDAY, MARCH 16 2024	1:00PM EDT	PBA All Star Event - TBA	FS1
SUNDAY, MARCH 17 2024	1:00PM EDT	PBA All Star Event - TBA	FOX
SATURDAY, MARCH 23 2024	7:30PM EDT	PBA Jr. National Championship	FS1
SATURDAY, MARCH 30 2024	7:00PM EDT	PBA Elite League Presented by Snickers at Las Vegas LIVE	FS1
SUNDAY, MARCH 31 2024	1:30PM EDT	USBC Masters Finals BROADCAST LIV	FOX
SATURDAY, APRIL 6 2024	1:30PM EDT	PBA Elite League Presented by Snickers at Allen Park Day 1 LIVE	FS1
SUNDAY, APRIL 7 2024	12:00PM EDT	PBA Elite League Presented by Snickers at Allen Park Day 2 LIVE	FS1
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MONDAY, APRIL 15 2024	7:00PM EDT	(WSOB) PBA Cheetah Championship BROADCAST LIVE	FS1
TUESDAY, APRIL 16 2024	7:00PM EDT	(WSOB) PBA Scorpion Championship BROADCAST LIVE	FS1
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 2024	7:00PM EDT	(WSOB) PBA Shark Championship BROADCAST LIV	FS1
SATURDAY, APRIL 20 2024	7:00PM EDT	(WSOB) PBA World Championship Semifinals BROADCAST LIVE	FS1
SUNDAY, APRIL 21 2024	12:00PM EDT	(WSOB) PBA World Championship Finals BROADCAST LIVE	FOX
SATURDAY, APRIL 27 2024	4:00PM EDT	PBA Elite League Presented by Snickers at Fairlawn LIVE	FS1
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 2024	5:00PM EDT	PBA Elite League Presented by Snickers Playoffs BROADCAST LIVE	FS1
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TIM FRANK Is "Bowler of The Week"

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS – TIM FRANK is "Bowler of The Week" and a strong candidate for "Bowler of The Year". What does it take to be "Bowler of The Week" and why has TIM been selected "Bowler of The Week"?

A bowler is selected "Bowler of The Week" based on his/her contributions to our sport and the rolling of a significant bowling score.

Why is TIM FRANK this weeks "Bowler of The Week"? First of all he is a **TEAM PLAYER**. He is a positive influence on everyone around him. He is particularly supportive of his bowling teammates looking for ways to help them and always encouraging them. Tim loves the sport of Bowling and competing. He competes in several leagues and loves competing and in local tournaments and USBC Tournaments.

Second, TIM is lighting up the scoreboard in several leagues this season. He is carrying the **high average** in the senior Noonlighters League (238) and the Golden Agers League (220). He has also bowled several 279 games this season and a huge **802** (278-268-256) scratch series in the Noonlighters League. The 802 series is the only 800 rolled in Empire Bowl's senior leagues this season!

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He has received numerous awards and honors and is a member of the NAIA, Kansas State USBC and Wisconsin State USBC Halls of Fame.

Kulick, 46, was a collegiate star at Morehead State University from 1995-1999 before ascending as one of the biggest names in the sport through her triumphs on the Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) and Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Tours and as a member of Team USA.

After earning a spot as a second-team All-American from the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association (NCBCA) her freshman season, Kulick rattled off three consecutive first-team selections. She was named the NCBCA Most Valuable Player in each of those seasons (1996-1997, 1997-1998 and 1998-1999).

Kulick also was the recipient of the International Bowling Media Association (IBMA) Collegiate Bowler of the Year award in 1997 and 1998.

Fans from across the globe have watched Kulick deliver clutch strikes to claim seven PWBA Tour titles (including five major championships) and more than 20 gold medals as a member of Team USA and Junior Team USA. In 2010, she garnered global praise as she became the first woman to win a national title on the PBA Tour with her major victory at the PBA Tournament of Champions.

She set the stage for those moments in 1998 at the Intercollegiate Team Championships in Madison, Wisconsin. In the two-game total-pinfall championship against Central Missouri State, Kulick stepped up in a must-strike situation for the Eagles and rolled two strikes to secure the program's second national title.

Kulick was inducted to the USBC Hall of Fame in 2019 for Superior Performance.

Steelsmith, 59, became the first four-time NCBCA first-team All-American during his tenure at Vincennes University and Wichita State University from 1983-1987.

During his two-year stint at Vincennes, Steelsmith helped the Trailblazers win the 1985 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) team championship. He also claimed the national singles title for NJCAA in 1985.

Making his move to Wichita State for his junior and senior campaigns, Steelsmith continued to showcase his talent at the top level. He helped the Shockers to a third-place finish at the Intercollegiate Team Championships in 1986, earning the honor of Most Valuable Player for the all-tournament team.

Steelsmith put together his finest showing in 1987. He was named the NCBCA Most Valuable Player and IBMA Collegiate Bowler of the Year, again earned MVP honors at the Intercollegiate Team Championships and helped the Shockers record the team victory at the ITC.

Shortly after concluding his collegiate season, he went on to win the USBC Masters as an amateur and claimed two gold medals (trios, all-events), one silver medal (Masters) and two bronze medals (singles, doubles) for Team USA at the International Bowling Federation World Championships in Helsinki, Finland.

At the start of the 2019-2020 season, Steelsmith took over as the men's head bowling coach at Wichita State and has helped the Shockers win the 2021 and 2023 Intercollegiate Team Championships.

Steelsmith, the 1988 PBA Rookie of the Year and two-time PBA Tour champion, is a member of the NJCAA, Kansas State USBC and USBC (2013) Halls of Fame.

Vadakin, 70, was at the helm of the Wichita State University men's and women's bowling programs from 1978-2019 and helped the Shockers claim 18 national titles between both teams.

The men's program collected 11 Intercollegiate Team Championships titles during Vadakin's tenure (1980, 1987, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2015), and the men's team is the only program to record three consecutive wins at the ITC, having accomplished the feat two times (1993-1995 and 2008-2010).

The women's team earned seven wins at the ITC under Vadakin's watch, claiming victory in 1978, 1986, 1990, 1994, 2005, 2007 and 2009.

In all, the men's program qualified for the ITC in 37 of Vadakin's 42 years leading the program, while the women's team earned their spot in 41 of 42 attempts, advancing each year since 1982.

Along with the team success, Vadakin also coached nine individual national champions (six at the Intercollegiate Singles Championships). He had 12 student-athletes claim a combined 24 NCBCA Most Valuable Player and IBMA Collegiate Bowler of the Year awards and coached 145 NCBCA All-Americans and nearly 250 academic All-Americans. At the professional ranks, Vadakin coached 17 athletes who went on to win PBA or PWBA Tour events.

In 2020, the NCBCA renamed its award to recognize the top coach in the men's division as the NCBCA Gordon Vadakin Coach of the Year Award.

Vadakin, a two-time Team USA member and two-time Eagle winner at the USBC Open Championships, is a Kansas State USBC and USBC (2007) Hall of Famer.

Nickolai, 62, started his involvement in collegiate bowling first as a student-athlete at Michigan State University before taking over as the head coach of the men's program. He held the coaching spot with the Spartans for 35 years, and in 2001, became the first recipient of the NCBCA Kerm Helmer (now Gordon Vadakin) Coach of the Year Award.

He left a lasting mark in how the sport was consumed with the launching of CollegeBowling.com in 1997. The website served as a place to view tournament results across the collegiate landscape, and it expanded over time to include rankings, statistics and player profiles. Nickolai maintained the website until 2020, when the site became part of USBC's CollegeBowling.Bowl.com.

Nickolai was responsible for several additional items used to help rank collegiate teams and student-athletes versus the field.

In 1998, he teamed with Joe Ciccone to develop the Team Ranking System (TRS), which is an objective point-based system for ranking schools on performance in regular-season tournaments and used today to help determine sectional assignments for the four qualifying events for the Intercollegiate Team Championships.

He also introduced average differential to the collegiate bowling scene, which measures the average for a student-athlete during an event and over the season against the field of competition.

Nickolai also has given his time to the NCBCA and has been a member since 1984. He has served two separate stints as the organization's president (1992-1994 and 1998-2020) and was selected as the NCBCA Gordon Teigen Meritorious Service Award winner in 1999.

He also was recognized for his service in 2010 as the USBC Youth Volunteer of the Year and was presented the IBMA Alberta E. Crowe Meritorious Service Award in 2019.

The formation of the USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame was announced in November 2022, and nominations for the inaugural class were accepted through Jan. 5, 2024.

The USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame Committee reviewed the applications to determine the members of the 2024 class. The committee is comprised of 13 individuals, featuring representatives appointed by the USBC Collegiate Advisory Committee, USBC Hall of Fame members and veteran bowling writers. The committee only considered collegiate achievements when reviewing applications.



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last two months has been about imagining throwing two strikes in the 10th to win a title,” Kent said. “That mental preparation for that moment really significantly helped.”

“Those are the moments as an athlete you live for,” Kent added. “I feel like I’m never uncomfortable in those moments. I love when I’m a little shaky. I love when I know I need it. I think not shying away from that has been huge. I know those moments are gonna come — sometimes I’m going to feel great, sometimes I’m not — but I can’t be afraid of it.”

Kent and his ball rep, Jason Wojnar, said the outcome following the open frame may not have been the same as recent as a year or two ago. But Kent’s rededication to the game paid dividends in that moment. Kent, who moved to Michigan six months ago, said he spent the winter preparing for the 2024 season practicing at Holly Lanes.

“Brian Aubuchon opening Holly Lanes for me to practice has literally been the biggest reason I’m here right now,” Kent said. “Having the peace and comfort of knowing you can go into by yourself to work at your craft, it’s unlike any other. Their staff has pretty much been a career saver.”

Kent picked up the win in Mount Prospect, which is just 30 minutes northwest of where he spent his college days. Kent was a three-time All-American and two-time Most Valuable Player at Robert Morris-IL University (now Roosevelt University). “Driving into town before the week started, this place brought back so many memories from college,” Kent said. “I think I fed off those memories a little bit subconsciously.” In the one All-American season in which Kent did not win the MVP, Johnson won the award at McKendree University. The Oswego, Ill. native, sought to win his second career title in his home city. Johnson said he stuck to his gameplan in the title match, but how the lanes transitioned was unlike anything he saw during the week.

“Whenever the lanes got like that, my go-to was the Venom Shock from the left, throwing it a little slower and wrapping my hand around,” Johnson said. “That’s what I was doing, and for whatever reason, on that right lane it just did not want to come off of the spot. I really felt like I threw some great shots. It just didn’t hook. It’s information for next time. I’ll learn from it and move forward.”

Johnson threw two strikes in the 10th frame to beat Sean Lavery-Spahr in the semifinal, 208-178. He also defeated Jake Peters 234-226 in the second match of the night. In Saturday’s first match, a rematch of their thrilling Round of 8 bout, Peters took advantage of a few errant shots from fifth-seeded EJ Tackett to win 244-198. After clinching the win, Kent shared an emotional hug with his mom, Susan. “She’s never gotten to watch me win a PBA event in person,” Kent said. “Before it was always my dad coming to these events. To have her and my girlfriend here, and having them see me win on TV, it’s what I’ve dreamed up my entire life. It means the absolute world to me because I wouldn’t be here without them.”

Kent’s father, Jim, passed away in September 2020. While Kent would’ve loved nothing more than for him to be in Mount Prospect on Saturday night, he knows exactly what his dad would’ve said: “I’m so proud of you, budro.”

The PBA Tour now heads south to Springfield, Mo. for the fourth title event of the season: The PBA Pete Weber Missouri Classic.

Rounds 5-6 of the PBA Elite League presented by Snickers takes place on Tuesday night (7 p.m. ET on BowlTV) before main event qualifying begins on Wednesday morning.

Championship Round Scores

- No. 4 Jake Peters def. No. 5 EJ Tackett, 244-198
- No. 3 AJ Johnson def. No. 4 Jake Peters, 234-226
- No. 3 AJ Johnson def. No. 2 Sean Lavery-Spahr, 208-178
- No. 1 Marshall Kent def. No. 3 AJ Johnson, 214-180

Final Standings

- 1. Marshall Kent, \$25,000
- 2. AJ Johnson, \$15,000
- 3. Sean Lavery-Spahr, \$12,500
- 4. Jake Peters, \$10,000
- 5. EJ Tackett, \$8,000

More information on the PBA Illinois Classic is available [here](#).

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The USBC Nominating Committee, which may slate up to two candidates for each opening, set a slate of four candidates:

- Tyler Chatham, Hartford, Connecticut**
- Dennis Hacker, Longtown, Missouri**
- Chrissy Lee, Tampa, Florida**
- Matthew Voltz, Fargo, North Dakota**

Chatham holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Science in Accounting from Western New England University and is an actively licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA). He works today as the Financial Controller for Savage Arms and previously worked at KPMG as an Audit Manager on a variety of manufacturing and not-for-profit clients. He serves on other not-for-profit boards including the Board of Directors for the Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce and the Alumni Accounting Advisory Board at his alma matter. His accomplishments as a bowler include MAUSBCYA Bowler of the Year and multiple 300 games and 800 series.

Hacker is in his sixth year of service on the USBC Board along with his second year as vice president. He has been the Association Manager of the Missouri State USBC since 2019 after serving as a director since 2007. He also is a director on the Cape Girardeau USBC board. Hacker is a USBC Silver coach and led his Jackson High School bowling team to a state championship in 2022. On the lanes, he won the Bowlers Journal singles title in 1986, the New York State Amateur in 2000 and was first alternate for Team USA in 1988. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1981-1993 where he worked as a nuclear electrician on submarines. Bowling for the Navy, he was the All-Navy champion three times over his 12-year career. He attended Southeast Missouri State University and worked as Director of Research for Pinnacle Research Group, an independent full-service market research firm, for 22 years before retiring in 2022. He is a member of the Missouri State and Cape Girardeau USBC Halls of Fame.

Lee began her first term on the board during the 2021-2022 season and, during that term, served on the Strategic Planning, Legal and Legislative Committees. She has served on both her state and local boards for nearly 20 years, serving as vice president and president of the Monmouth County USBC. Prior to the merger, she served on both the Monmouth County USBC BA and WBA boards. She also served on both the New Jersey State USBC WBA and the New Jersey State USBC Boards of Directors. She has served as chairperson on many committees within the various associations. She recently was elected to serve as a director for the Greater Tampa USBC. She has served as a delegate to the USBC Annual Convention 12 times and has been a delegate to state conventions on 22 occasions. She’s worked as a preschool teacher for more than 25 years. On the lanes, she became the first woman to shoot 300 in the New Jersey State Travel League as well as the first woman to win the McManus Trophy. Presently, she participates in two leagues and bowls various tournaments in Florida. She was inducted into the Monmouth County USBC Hall of Fame in 2020.

Voltz holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Studies, Business Management from Granite State College and a Masters degree in Business Administration from Plymouth State University. He has extensive professional experience in finance and leadership positions and is currently the Finance Director for the city of Horace, North Dakota. Prior to that, he spent more than four years at Town and Country Credit Union in Fargo, North Dakota, where he worked his way up the ranks from Assistant Vice President – Contact Center to Assistant Vice President – Member Services to Vice President – Member Services. Voltz has volunteered his time helping coach local youth bowling leagues and has served as a director for the Fargo/Moorhead USBC from 2022 to present and as its association manager from 2023 to present.

Additional candidates for the USBC Board of Directors may run from the floor provided they give notice of their candidacy to the committee by March 25, 2024. Go to BOWL.com/Convention for Nomination from the Floor information.

Full biographies of all the candidates will be published in the coming weeks and included in the USBC Convention program.


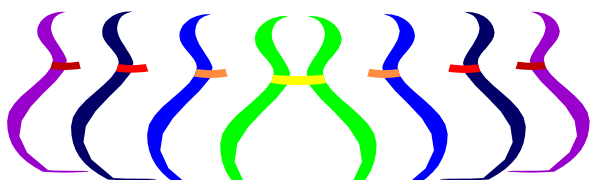
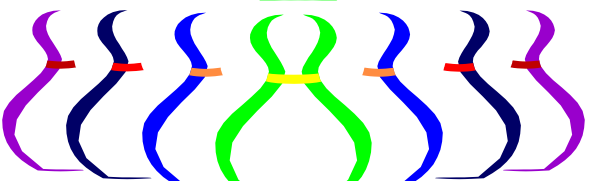
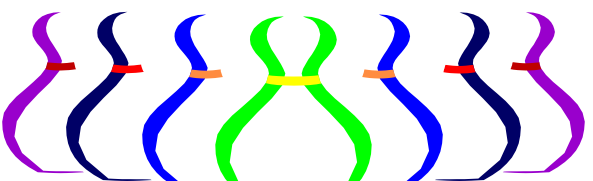
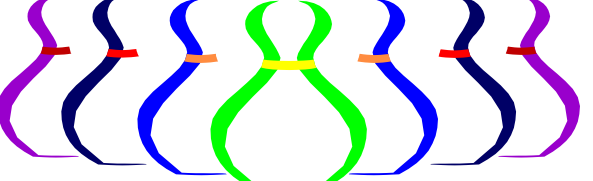
There is one proposed amendment to be voted upon by delegates at the USBC Annual Meeting. It is a bylaws proposal from the field to make the payment of USBC state association dues optional. The bylaws proposal requires a two-thirds majority vote for adoption.

The 2025 USBC Convention will once again take place at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, May 5-8.

Visit BOWL.com/Convention in the coming weeks for more information about the 2024 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting, including the proposed legislation.



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Bowlers Finish Up Locked Round With Eyes On Next Pattern

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational took to the lanes for the last week of the long-oil round. With the round locked up by Cal Bowl last week, it was just everyone trying to bank some wins as they looked to the next oil pattern starting next week.

Teams matched up by overall round wins with the round-winners dropping out of the mix as they battled each other's scores on the bottom pairs. Top two teams left standing were **Forever Hope Foundation** (Vernon Adams) taking on a surging **Junior Amateur Tour** (Kevin Valmonte) who were 18-2 coming down the stretch in the round. Forever Hope took the bookend games with Junior Amateur Tour sneaking a 4-pin game two win. Anthony Santos blasted a 700 set, though he took a bad break 4-9 split in the final frame of the night to ruin a clean-29 run. Eric Williams Jr. was again big for Forever Hope with a 662 series.

DV8 (David Cogswell) at 18-12 matched up with **US Foods** (Gabriel Martinez) sitting at 16-14. US Foods took the bookend games for a 4-1 win in a huge-scoring match- all 8 bowlers on the pair broke 600 for the night. High of those sets was Jeff Carr for DV8 with a 650 series while Kasey Uyesugi rolled to a 676 set for US Foods.

Threadworks (Eric Snow) took the lanes against **Forest Lanes** (Jon Diso) with both teams straddling .500 for the round. The match was all Forest Lanes as they took a 4-1 win over Threadworks. Super-sub Stephanie Zavala led Threadworks with a 621 series while Chris Diemand was big for Forest Lanes with a 657 set.

Professional Approach Oak Tree (John Struckman) took on **Del Rio Lanes** (Jonathan Huevo). Del Rio Lanes took a 3-2 win stealing totals with a huge 855 game to end the night. Scott Silva was big for Professional Approach

Oak Tree with a 674 set while Marquan Rivers struck to a strong 679 series for Del Rio Lanes.

Westminster Lanes (Jonathan Gale) paired up with **Pro Approach Del Rio** (Eric Daniels). Westminster Lanes took a 4-1 win in the match. Semaj Lewis led Westminster with a 586 set while Austin Wasielewski was top for Pro Approach Del Rio with a 572 series.

Touchstone Homes (Christian Eichelkraut) drew **iColor Printing** (Augie Labrado Jr.), with **Professional Approach Keystone** (William Morris) also bowling against iColor Printing's scores. In the three way match, Pro Approach Keystone took 3 over iColor Printing's scores, Touchstone Homes took 4 points and iColor Printing earned one point. Kevin Cowden led Touchstone with a 590 set, William Morris was high for Pro Approach Keystone with a 591 set and Javier Hernandez was high for iColor with a 571.

The round winners battled with second-round winner **Bowlium** (Billy Myers Jr.) and first-round winner **Family Ties** (Mikey Villarreal) both trying to overtake the scores of third-round lock **Cal Bowl** (Leonard Ruiz Jr.). Cal Bowl posted some huge scores that were enough for 5 wins over Bowlium and locking out Family Ties from any wins. Leonard Ruiz Jr. was huge with a 713 set for Cal Bowl, Arnold Cheesman struck to 618 for Bowlium and Mikey Villarreal was big for Family Ties with a 728 set.

The Financial Advisor's pot went to Jon Diso (256) for \$160 with 2nd to Ramon Torres (247) for \$70. Sidepots went to Eric Williams Jr. (238) for \$60 with second to Jeff Carr (226) for \$30. Mikey Villarreal and Daniel Hong tied game two (245) for \$45 each. SuperPot went to Mikey Villarreal (264) for \$180 with 2nd to Leonard Ruiz Jr. (248) for \$90. Leonard

TOP 10 OVERALL POINTS

Cal Bowl \$\$\$	67.5	US Foods	61
Bowlium \$\$	65	DV8	60
Family Ties \$	61	ThreadWorks	59
Forever Hope Foundation	65	Forest Lanes	51
Junior Amateur Tour	61.5	Del Rio Lanes	46

TOP 10 ROUND 3 WEEK 7

Cal Bowl \$\$\$	32	Bowlium \$\$	18
Forever Hope Foundation	24	Forest Lanes	18
Junior Amateur Tour	20	Westminster Lanes	17
US Foods	20	ThreadWorks	16
DV8	19	Del Rio Lanes	16

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

728 Mikey Villarreal	674 Scott Silva
713 Leonard Ruiz Jr.	662 Eric Williams Jr.
700 Anthony Santos	657 Chris Diemand
679 Marquan Rivers	650 Jeff Carr
676 Kasey Uyesugi	650 Ramon Torres

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