



# Florida State USBC



## FLORIDA STATE USBC NEWSLETTER

June 2022

### President's Message

Fred McFarland

I hope everyone had a great 2021-2022 bowling season and are preparing for 2022-2023. We are currently more than halfway through our Open and Women's State tournaments. I want to thank all of those that came out in support of those tournaments. The Youth Scholarship tournament has begun and is being hosted my Sarasota-Manatee. The Pepsi has concluded and once again was a success.

The FSUSBC has created a Historical committee chaired by Michael Nyitray. If you have any information concerning the history of your association or bowlers from your area, you can send the information to: [worldmike@aol.com](mailto:worldmike@aol.com).





IT'S TIME TO SPRING INTO SUMMER !! from Tallahassee USBC Association....

Spring has brought back our 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Tallahassee USBC Association Tournament renewal. Our bowlers showed up and showed out for the best fun and a chance to win a portion of our \$7,500 prize fund. We had 29 Teams, 48 Doubles and 96 Singles entries. Of all those entries, congratulations goes out to Martin Stephens who bowled his 'umpteenth' 300 game.

As the summer rolls in we have 2 established summer leagues and the fun and scores keep rolling in. On Wednesday's Wool Insurance Summer Trio League, Robert Poole bowled his 1<sup>st</sup> ever 300 game. And Matt Dekeyser bowled his first ever 700 series. Congratulations to them both!!

Our Youth program ended with a BANG!! We awarded almost \$5,000 in scholarship SMART money. Congratulations to Jayden Peterson who won the 5 Game Sweeper Youth Tournament by 1 pin. And during this awesome season we have secured additional sponsorship to continue funding our youth program.

Since it is the end of another long Winter season, our annual board meeting is right around the corner. We are looking to possibly add some new members to the board and continue our progress to increase our membership in the upcoming year. So, Tallahassee Bowlers, if you're reading this, please come out to the annual meeting and let your voices be heard. The meeting is scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm. Check out the website, [Tallahasseebowling.com](http://Tallahasseebowling.com), for additional information... We may be small but.....Yes, We Can!!!

This story is how the Treasure Coast USBC found a way to help our youth with scholarship money. The idea was presented to our association by two local members, looking to help the youth, Ian Boykin and Michael Visconte. It started out to find a way to get youth the scholarship money they deserve. After a short

discussion the association decided to have our 1st Annual Golf Scholarship outing. This took months of planning and with local businesses donating everything from money to soda we were very successful with this endeavor. Our local association made baskets to raffle off. We offered scholarships to Juniors and Seniors and then to up and coming bowlers under 10 years old. We set up the application to which they had to complete with bowling averages, grades, a letter from the bowler, and his coach, and others interested in giving a recommendation. The scores were based on 6 categories with 10 points being the highest in each category. We had selected 4 judges to read all applications and grade them. This way the scores where not based on bowling alone. In the end we collected over \$10,000 and gave 4 scholarships to the deserving students.

Our tournament turned out to be a hit with the community and we had 128 golfers golf and plenty of snacks and drinks while golfing. After golfing we awarded our students the well-deserved scholarships and then inducted Paul Koehler to our hall of fame. We had plenty of food and desert for all who worked and golfed in our tournament. This was a great way to support our youth.



## FSUSBC Tournaments

Toni Maddux

The 2022 Florida State tournaments are underway and some have completed. All standings are posted on the website at [floridastateusbc.com](http://floridastateusbc.com). along with all future tournaments later on in the year. The Memorial Mixed, The Pepsi and the Women's Championship have concluded. The Open ends June 26th and the Youth end June 18th. The Women's Senior tournament will be hosted by Space Coast USBC at Shore Lanes November 5th thru 13th, 2 weekends and the entries are out. The Men's only will be at Strikers Family Center in Sunrise, Broward County, beginning October 29th through November 20th, 3 weekends. Entries are out as well. Get your entries in early for these 2 remaining tournaments and reserve your rooms as soon as possible to get the rate the hotels have provided. Rates on

the hotels will go up when the block is full or have no rooms available. With hotel rates skyrocketing you want to get the reserved block rates.

Thanks to all of the local Associations hosting our tournaments and all of the participants, parents and coaches and a special thank you to our tournament directors and committees.

The deadline JUNE 30th to bid and host all of our 2024 tournaments is nearing. A reminder with all the details was sent to all local associations within the past few weeks. Please contact The Florida State USBC office or the tournament director if additional information is needed. The tournament selections will be voted on and approved at the October annual meeting by the delegates.

Greater Tampa USBC

Dalia Keyes

Greetings to All

The Greater Tampa USBC Association is winding down from our fall/winter leagues and getting ready to start the summer leagues.

We had four delegates attend the USBC National Convention in Las Vegas and was very proud that Nathan Eder, one of our delegates was chosen as one of the Young Delegates to attend the convention. We were all busy attending workshops and were glad to be back with our bowling family once again.

Our membership is gradually increasing but still not where we hoped it would be. We did lose quite a few members during this awful time.

In January we hosted our youth city tournament, our women's city in February and our open in March. Entries were down in all 3 and are hopeful next year we will build them back up.

The Greater Tampa USBC awards 2-\$1000.00 scholarships annually and this year they were awarded to Elli Coleman and Preston Maresca.

We recently held our annual meeting, and the following were elected:

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Myra Harvey

Directors – Nathan Eder – Barbara Eder – Reggie Hendricks – Marchelle King

Myra and Barbara had served previously on our boards and decided to re-join the board after several years. Marchelle King and Reggie Hendricks are new to the board and we are looking forward to new ideas and suggestions from them.

We elected (5) national delegates to Las Vegas next year as follows:

Dalia Keyes – Vonda Stringfield – Myra Harvey – Bill Walker – Reggie Hendricks  
Alternates – Marchelle King – Mike Lee

We elected (5) state delegates to St. Petersburg in October as follows:

Chrissy Lee – Mike Lee – Vonda Stringfield – Myra Harvey – Marchelle King

Alternate – Nathan Eder

Until next time, hope everyone stays safe and healthy.



[FSUSBC Annual Meeting 2022](#)

[Toni Maddux](#)

The annual meeting will be held October 7th, 8th and 9th at the St, Pete Clearwater Marriott, 12600 Roosevelt Blvd St. Petersburg, 33716. Gulf Coast USBC Association will be hosting the annual meeting.

Information from the state office will be going out at the beginning of July to obtain the names of delegates and alternates coming to the meeting. The deadline to book a hotel at the host hotel is September 23rd. Room rates are \$134 plus tax and includes 2 breakfast vouchers, rooms are \$119 plus tax with no breakfast. Watch our website for continued updates.



## Bowling in Commercials and Film

Miguel Baro

Once again, bowling has been utilized in the advertisement industry to promote a product. At this year's Super Bowl LVI, the Anheuser-Bush Company sought out to promote their brand of Michelob Ultra Superior by using the sport of bowling for their commercials. Our sport has also been on the silver screen across our country. Bowling has been on the minds of advertisers and film producers by making it a setting as a major theme.

Since the nineteen fifties bowling has been on television commercial segments promoting centers, for example, AMF and Brunswick by encouraging people to go out to your local bowling center and bowl. The Bowling Proprietors Association of America (BPAA) produced a film short titled "Let's Go Bowling" featuring professional bowlers of time Ned Day and Marion Ladewig. This short film illustrates on what to do when a person arrives at a bowling center from selecting bowling shoes to choosing a bowling ball. The film continues to show you step by step instruction on how to bowl with Marion Ladewig and Ned Day. Flash forward to present day the theme of "Go Bowling" reemerged to promote the sport. Go Bowling has been featured in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade several times.

Advertisers have looked into bowling to try to promote their product. Beer companies including Anheuser-Bush have used bowling as a theme to promote their brand of beers. This is not necessarily intended to promote the sport of bowling, but to connect with average Americans who consumes the alcoholic beverage in a sporting environment. Anheuser-Bush in the past have done commercials for their brand of Miller Lite which has featured bowling's great Don Carter. During the seventies and eighties Don Carter did beer commercials with Rodney Dangerfield and John Madden along with other football legends.

In the mid-nineties, bowling hit the big screen with two featured films. In 1996 the film "King Pin" starring Woody Harrelson, Randy Quaid, Vanessa Angel, and Bill Murray was a comedy film about a star bowler whos' career was cut short due to

an injury and alcoholism. Noteworthy the national bowling stadium was featured in the film. PBA members Parker Bohn III, Mark Roth, and Randy Pedersen also made their appearance. In 1998 the cult classic "The Big Lebowski" starring Jeff Bridges, John Goodman, Julianne Moore, and Steve Buscemi appeared on the big screen. Fast forward to this year's Super Bowl Anheuser-Bush commercial and it will combine bowling, sport athletes, and the cult classic to promote their product.

The advertisers at Anheuser-Bush came up with idea to promote their Michelob brand by using bowling as its theme. First the advertisers used a bowling establishment by naming it "Superior Bowl" which is a brand of Michelob. The setting inside the bowling center was modern with the feel of the cult classic "The Big Lebowski." The advertisers used star athletes for the commercial for example Payton Manning, Serena Williams and so on. The advertisers used Steve Buscemi as the control counter clerk. Also, Steve Buscemi was in the 1998 cult classic film "The Big Lebowski." This commercial was featured at this year's Super Bowl LVI which it is awesome! Now Superior Bowl is open, and it is "game time."

[Marion County USBC](#)

[Debbie Whitten](#)

Summer heat is here already and we are not into the hottest part of the year yet. Stay cool by taking up a sport that is inside and air conditioned - bowling.

Hard to believe that summer leagues are on the lanes and bowlers are inquiring about fall leagues... seems this is a year-round sport after all, at least here in Florida.

On the local level all tournaments have concluded and have been paid out and the local association will be working on setting up the annual league officer workshop in order to bring the presidents and secretary/treasurers up to date on changes made at the USBC National Convention held in April, in Las Vegas, that affect the bowlers.

The only change I am aware of at this point in time is the increase in the USBC National Membership dues from \$13 to \$15. The Marion County USBC opted not to ask for a dues increase at the local level so certification fees for the Marion County USBC bowlers effective August 1, 2022, will be \$27, whether you pay on line or in your league.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in the fall.

Hello everyone from Sunny/rainy/humid/smoldering hot Southwest Florida! (You know, the same 'ole, same 'ole that all of us deal with here in Paradise ☺) LOL!

Our Association has been very busy here lately! We are currently hosting the Florida State Open Championships at two of our centers, Coral Lanes in Cape Coral and Lightning Strikes, in Fort Myers. This event started at the beginning of May and will finish up at the end of June. WOW! It's been quite busy, but very rewarding for all of us on the Southwest Florida USBC Board. We have had many compliments and "thank you's" from the participating bowlers so far. As many of you know, it can be very tiring and demanding at times when running these events. However, it feels good to walk away from each weekend knowing that we all had done the best we could to make it as enjoyable of a time for each and every bowler while here in Southwest Florida.

Back in April, we also were fortunate enough to host the event for the Florida State Mixed Tournament. This year, the Florida State Board had voted to change the name of this event in honor of our past local Association Secretary, Bob Peters that had passed away last year. But Bob was not ONLY our local Association Secretary. He was known, loved and well respected by so many around the state of Florida and at the national level of USBC since he had served many years at different positions on Boards. Since he had dedicated most of his life to our awesome sport, it was only fitting that they named this tournament after him and his wife. (Bob and his wife, Connie, actually started this event many years ago) Our local Board was honored that we were able to be the inaugural area for the 1<sup>st</sup> event with the name change. The tournament was a great success and we know that it will only grow from here since this tournament will travel to different areas of the state each upcoming year.

Bowling tournaments are not the only thing our area has to brag about! We actually have a few youth bowlers that MUST be mentioned in my article....

First, we would like to shout a BIG "CONGRATULATIONS" to Jennifer Patz. She has been a youth bowler at Bowland Beacon in Naples for almost 6 years. She has just graduated from Naples High School. Earlier this spring, Jennifer signed a letter of intent to attend and bowl for Valparaiso University in Indiana. "Valpo" is a Division 1 school in women's bowling! All of us from



Southwest Florida would like to send our best wishes to Jennifer for much success with her college bowling and her future, both on and off the lanes. We will really miss her in our youth program.

Next, we would like to give a shout out to two other youth bowlers, Devin Richards and Kat Hagler. These two young bowlers have "SUCCESS" written all over them! They BOTH won "Bowler of the Year" in High School bowling this year for our area. They BOTH participated in the PBA Jr event in the past few weeks. Kat finished in 2nd place and Devin finished 6<sup>th</sup>! WOW! (I also know that they have both had many more success stories recently that I can't remember the details of so I won't mention in case I misspeak) But, just remember their names... I am sure that you will be hearing much more of them in the future!!!

It's quite amazing all of the young talent that we have here in Southwest Florida. These young bowlers are stronger, more mentally stable and full of fierce competition compared to when I was a youth bowler. (I won't mention how many years ago that actually was! LOL!)

Lastly, I would also like to give a big shout out to Audi of Fort Myers for being one of our local sponsors for numerous bowling leagues and tournaments in our area over the last several years. David Forbes, the General Manager of the dealership, has been so kind to sponsor many bowling events while also giving away thousands and thousands of dollars to local charities like the American Cancer Society. THANK YOU, David, for being so generous day in and day out! Your generosity has not gone unnoticed!

I would like to finish by saying "Good luck and good scoring" to all of you that have yet to bowl the Open State tournament. We look forward to seeing you in the next few weekends.

Until next time, take care, bowl well..... but more importantly, **SCORE WELL!**



Coach Bill Finch, who also is president of the Orange Belt USBC Association, is shown at right with his granddaughter Ariel Sistos, 14, who bowled her first 300 game and 700 series, in the handicap portion of the Pepsi Tournament. Keeping his promise to the Orange Bowl youth bowlers, Coach Finch had his granddaughter CUT his long hair and beard on a recent Saturday morning.



As a result of her great scores, Ariel also earned a spot on Team Florida to bowl at the Youth Open in Grand Rapids, Mich., in July, which is being held at the same time as the Junior Gold Tournament. Orange Bowl Youth League is hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, June 4, at Orange Bowl Lanes to help with the cost of sending Ariel and her family to this tournament.

Bowlers are welcome to bowl in this fundraiser. If you are unable to attend and would like to donate a few dollars you can call Orange Bowl Lanes for Coach Finch's information. All unused funds will be donated to BVL through the Orange Belt Bowling Association and Orange Bowl lanes.

Three more Orange Belt Youth Bowlers representing are going to participate in the Junior Gold Tournament in Michigan. A 9-Pin No-Tap Tournament will be held at AMF Lakeland Lanes on Sunday, June 26, benefiting the travel expenses for Mason Griffin, Tyler Mekita and Lucas R. Koch who earned spots in the 14-18 division. Entry fee is \$25. There will be a new ball fund-raiser and various events during the tournament. Check in is at noon and bowling starts a 1pm.

In its annual Youth Tournament this year, the **Doubles 248 & Below Handicap**, the winners were (1) Corbin Knowles and Keelan Cole, 1327 pins; (2nd) Eva Kimmins and Lilly Fong, 1309 pins; and (3) Castiel Gonzalez and Braiden Griffin, 1256 pins. **Doubles 249-320 Handicapped** (1) Lucas Koch and Barrett

McCorkle, 1259 pins. **Doubles 321 & Up Handicapped** (1) Mason Griffin and Max T. Craig, 1348 pins.

In our Annual Open and Women's Tournaments held in the spring this year at Orange Bowl, the winners were:

**Open Tournament:** *Team:* Stan Sprow, Pam Sprow, C.J. Cale, Chris Foxx; *Doubles:* Stan Sprow, Chris Foxx; *Singles and All-Events Hdcp:* Michael Aderholt.

**Women's Tournament:** *Team:* Tanga Lewis, Rita Reimer, Linda D'Alliard and Stephanie Floss.

*Doubles:* Deb Pienkowski and Joy Patterson; *Singles:* Jo Funds; *All Events Hdcp and Scratch:* Karen Fox.

## **BOWL OF FUN in Wauchula has closed**

Bowl of Fun Lanes in Wauchula has served Hardee County for the last 50 years. It has been a part of many people's lives throughout the years. Most of Hardee County residents have either become a bowler, took a field trip, had a birthday party or ate the delicious food within the past 50 years. It is with great sadness but Bowl of Fun Lanes closed June 4 to the public. The lanes hosted a retirement party honoring Larry, Jean and Dwayne Barwick on Saturday, June 11, at Bowl of Fun Lanes.

## Greater Miami USBC

Sharon Colon

Well, it has been a busy year filled with loads of tournaments, winter leagues and just fun at the lanes. We are ready for a little rest during the summer so that we can come back strong for next season. We also look forward to our "Top 8" Tournament, Annual meeting, and our Hall of Fame celebrations which are just around the corner.

As mentioned above, we have had lots of events. In February we had our Roll for the Cure Tournament and our Youth City Tournament. Coming in first place for Div. 1 Youth was Jayden's Team (Aiden Medina, Jayden Nevers, and Avery Kelly) bowling a nice 2141 and coming in 1<sup>st</sup> place for Div. 2 Youth was Nico's Group (Christian Butler, Nico Acandelero, and Francisco Nodarse) with score of 2136. It was a great day with lots of personal bests being bowled. We were so proud of the great sportsmanship and camaraderie displayed by our youth during and after the competition. Way to go! The top 3 finishers in our Roll for the Cure Mail-O-Gram were: Ladies-

1<sup>st</sup>- Margo Buzzard 776, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Emilia Nodarse 758 and 3<sup>rd</sup>- Graciela Dube 757.  
Men: 1<sup>st</sup>- Carlos Tijero 842, tie for 2<sup>nd</sup>- Charlie Forero and Chris Armas 802.

Continuing on to March we had the BVL Mail-O-Gram Tournament and our Open City Tournament. The top 3 finishers in each category of the Open are:  
Handicap Doubles: 1<sup>st</sup>- Connor and Steven Piphoo – 1674, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Louis Rodriguez and Edgardo Berdeguer – 1589, and 3<sup>rd</sup>- Rodrigo Hinojosa and Kristopher Garcia – 1588. Scratch Doubles top 3 were: 1<sup>st</sup> – Luis Rodriguez and Edgardo Berdeguer – 1520, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Richard Cheney and Jose Lander – 1519, and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Carlos Hernandez and Israel Velasco – 1466. Handicap Singles: 1<sup>st</sup>- Camila Poirrier 879, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Destiny Robbins 858, and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Chris Sabatier 842. Scratch Singles:  
1<sup>st</sup>- Jose Lander – 766, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ryan Toffoli – 749, and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Richard Cheney – 738. Handicap All Events: 1<sup>st</sup> – Ryan Toffoli –2403 , 2<sup>nd</sup> – Destiny Robbins – 2399, and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Carlos Hernandez – 2357. Scratch All Events: 1<sup>st</sup>- Ryan Toffoli – 2313, Carlos Hernandez – 2213, and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Richard Cheney – 2180. All In all, a fun tournament with lots of entries.

April and May served us well when we had our BVL Bakers Doubles, Seniors 50+, and No Tap End of Season fun Tournament. We try to give our bowlers lots of opportunities to compete every season and will continue to do so in the future!

I will close on a sad note.

We are sorry to announce the passing of Wayne Graham, veteran Miami bowler. Wayne was very active in our sport for years and years until an accident at work no longer allowed him to do so. He was one of Miami's best bowlers, ran a Pro Shop, coached and helped his wife with secretarial league responsibilities. He always seemed to have a smiling face and a nice comment for everyone. If you ever bowled in Dade County you would know that the members of his family are on our Hall of Fame list 5 times: Wayne, his wife Danielle, his daughter Caitlin, his mother and his mother-in-law. Not many people can boast of such a legacy. May he rest in peace and may his memory be a blessing.

Until next time, may all the best scores be yours...



The Space Coast USBC would like to thank all the bowlers who have participated in the fall season as your league came to the end of the season. We welcome those bowlers that are bowling the summer.

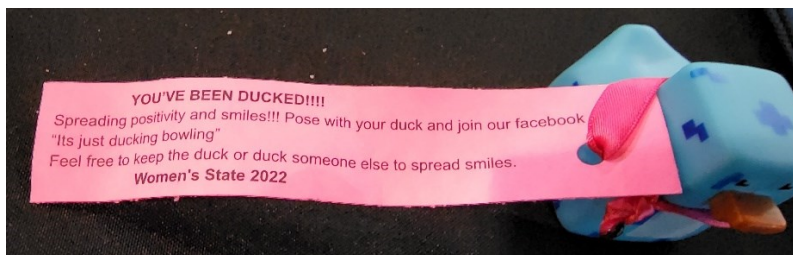
**TOURNAMENTS**

We completed our Youth Tournament in February and the 50+ Tournament in March.

We are the host association for the FSUSBC Women’s Tournament in May-June 2022. Both bowling centers, River Lanes (Team Center) and Shore Lanes Merritt Island (Doubles/Singles) are looking forward to being the host centers.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the tournament, association members and bowlers were DUCKED!!!, visited by a colorful monkey, and drawn to flashing dressed up bowling pins and shirts and a hidden smiley face.

The association was entertained by the creativity of the bowlers this weekend and brought smiles and all good feeling to those ladies that bowled their squads.



Ladies bowling from Palm Beach County brought along a bag full of ducks to bring smiles to the bowlers. The tag with the duck reads-YOU'VE BEEN DUCKED!!!! Spreading positivity and smiles!!! Pose with your duck and join our Facebook Group "It's just ducking bowling". Feel free to keep the duck or duck someone else to spread smiles.

The Space Coast USBC BA want to thank these ladies for the idea to bring the ducks and smiles to the squads at both centers. It was fun for the bowlers and our association members. End of the tournament is June 12<sup>th</sup>; we will see what the remaining weekends bring.

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Shore Lanes Merritt Island is the host center for the Florida State Senior Women's Tournament in November 2022. We hope to see you here for this tournament also!

We hope to see you there!

## **BOB MINER - "FATHER" LOCAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDER PASSES AWAY**



It is with a very heavy heart and complete sadness that our dear friend Bob Miner has passed away on Tuesday 5/24/2022.

Bob Miner was considered the "Father" of the local bowling association as he and a group of guys first pioneered the creation of it.

In the early 1960's the Brevard County Bowling Association was created. In 1963-1965 he was elected to be the President of the association. This is only the 2nd elected President of this young association. With the space race happening in the late 1960's The name of the Association changed in the 1970's to Florida Space Coast Bowling Association.

Bob still was involved with the bowling association and a calling to serve the association again. He was elected President of the association (Only 2nd Term President at the time) 1973-1974.

He was elected to the Florida Space Coast BA Hall of Fame in 1985 for Meritorious Service. Bob was still active when the association merged into one organization in 2017 as the Space Coast USBC BA. He had a wealth of bowling knowledge, and he would stop, listen, and answer your questions that you had.

Back in the day, every once in a while he would show up at River Lanes in Titusville to see the bowlers and friends just to talk and catch up on what was going on or to reminisce of the past.

Bob Miner was also a member of the Florida State Bowling Association back in the 1960's.

He received the Florida State Bowling Association Hall of Fame Service Award.



Bob Miner's Florida Space Coast Bowling Association – Hall of Fame Plaque Inducted in 1985 and Florida State Hall of Fame Service Award Plaque.

As you can tell he loved the sport of bowling. One of the postings on our Facebook page about Bob Miner:

“Brevard County's first State High School Championship was at Boardwalk Bowl in Orlando. I walk towards the desk at the center, and I saw Bob walk in. I stop and ask him, what he was doing here? He looked at me with a tear in his eye and said, “I have waited a long time to see our kids bowl on High School teams.”

Bob was a coach and knew the meaning of getting the youth involved with the sport of bowling. He was an inspiration to me.” - Angelo Cianfrocco

He will be truly missed!

We thank you for your support of bowling and hope to see you on the lanes!

From the editor's desk

Margo Buzzard

As usual, I would like to thank all of our contributors. We had a couple of first-time writers this issue and they did a fantastic job. Hope to see more of that in the future.

Hope everyone has a great summer!!