



Florida State USBC



FLORIDA STATE USBC NEWSLETTER January 2020

From the Editor's Desk

Celeste O'Neill

Just wanted to say hello to all who wrote an article for our January newsletter, thank you. We really want all the associations to write an article, I feel like we learn from each article written and a way to make new friends as well.

Our next newsletter is due on June 1st and after that, October 1st. Please send all articles to coneill@tampabay.rr.com

Articles can be wrote by anyone in your association, men, women, youth. Check below at all the wonderful articles, learn from what other associations do. You can write about anything bowling related.

Also be sure to check out our website, at our Annual meeting this past October, Newsletter awards are presented to those who are writing articles. There are four categories for awards.

If you have any questions, about our newsletter, feel free to email me at the above email. Hope everyone enjoys reading the newsletter.



MARTIN COUNTY – CAROLE OLNEY

Bowling in our little slice of paradise on the east coast of Florida has started out with a bang. Our Monday night classic league has had at least 1 honor score per night for the 1st 9 weeks of the league. Our leagues in Jensen Beach Bowl have had 6 honor scores of their own. With us being a small association, this is an awesome start to the 2019-2020 bowling season.

Our real star of the show this time of year is our first tournament. We kick off our tournament schedule with our youth scholarship tournament. The George Enot Scholarship Tournament comes together with the help of our adult bowlers that support our youth program. The tournament was named after George Enot who spearheaded our 1st annual scholarship tournament in 2009. He believed that bowling should give back to the youth and supported our youth program at Stuart Bowl. He coached the Martin County girls bowling team from 2007 – 2009 and you would also see him out on Saturday morning coaching the youth bowlers in our area. Unfortunately, George lost his battle with cancer on February 16, 2010. The tournament was renamed the George Enot Scholarship Tournament to honor the man that started this tournament. We as an association have kept this tournament going to keep George's dream alive.

Our bowling community supports the youth bowlers in every way that we ask. This tournament is no different. We always have adults that step up to participate in the tournament and if we need a few more to pair up with youth we never have a problem finding a bowler. This day is all about the youth. The adults pay \$20.00 to pair up with a youth bowler for the day. The youth entry fee of \$10.00 is paid by the association. The adult pulls a name out of a hat and that is the team for the day. We have a few pairs that are predetermined but most are blind draw. This is where the fun begins. The youth get to mingle with some of the best bowlers in our association and pick up pointers about the game or just high five and learn to have fun. As a bowling community we teach the youth about lane courtesy and sportsmanship. We could not do this without the help of Stuart Bowl. Stuart Bowl donates the lineage so all the money we collect goes into the prize fund for the youth. The Enot family joins in the fun every year. We are privileged to have between 15-20 family members each year, they will take 4 lanes and bowl with the tournament and enjoy the festivities.

This year we had 32 teams participate in our tournament. We were happy to distribute \$2,700.00 between our youth bowlers. No youth received less than \$50.00 in their smart account. Jensen Beach Bowl donated money for the high game and series for both men and women. We as an association donated money for high series and game for both the boys and girls to be added to their smart account.

It was a great afternoon that was full of fun and memories of a great man that got this all started.

FLORIDA 500 CLUB – SADIE COMPTON

January 2020

Have you heard? Let's Go Racing!

Go Bowling, the consumer-facing brand of the bowling industry, is going racing.



OK, I'm busted, I'm a Denny Hamlin # 11 fan



Florida 500 Club, Inc. florida500club.org Sadie Compton

What a fun time we had at our 30th Florida 500 Club, birthday Tournament, we gave a special 30th birthday drawing of a free entry fees to our 31st tournament and the lucky winner is Celeste Cooper from Polk County 500 Club. We had other winners as well, our 2019 Hall of Fame recipient was Celinda Brennan from Charlotte County 500 Club, Tammy Broome from Marion County 500 Club took 1st place and in Doubles we had repeat winners from 2018, Pauline Barrett and Janet Barrett from West Volusia 500 Club. Hope to see you at our 31st Annual Florida 500 Club Tournament in Tampa. I'll tell you more about it in the next newsletter in June.



Daytona Beach 500 Club

Tis the season to be with friends and helping others, that's what our 6th Liz Cocks Annual Christmas Food Drive 9 Pin No-Tap Tournament is all about. Thanks to all that brought in food that was donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. Oh! Wait! We bowled too. 1st place winner in the men's division was Mike Ballard and Lisa Aeschiman took 1st place in the women's division.

National Women's 500 Club www.nationalwomen500club.org



15th National Women's 500 Club, Annual Dbls & Sgls Tournament, August 1-2, 2020 at Gold Coast Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

GREATER MIAMI USBC – SHARON COLON

Greetings from Miami! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and/or Hanukkah as well as a happy New Year to look forward to. We always correlate New Year's as the start of our heavy-duty tournament season. Looking ahead, we have the following three tournaments scheduled before our next newsletter:

Jan. 18 and 19 – Women's City Doubles Tournament
Feb. 8 and 9 – Youth City Tournament
March 7, 8, 14, and 15 – Open Adult City Tournament

Applications can be found at our website a few weeks prior to the scheduled event. Pack a bag and join us in the fun and competition!

The results of our first two major events are shown below:

Our Rolling Toward the Cure Tournament was held on Oct. 27th with about 125 bowlers competing and supporting our favorite charity. The top finishers in each division were:

Open Division 1st-Jorge Ferrer, 2nd-Chris Best, 3rd-Kenny Deutsch, 4th- Daniel Ucles, 5th- Dave Covington and 6th- Henry Brezniak.

Women's Division 1st- Susan Waller, 2nd-Camila Poirrior, 3rd-Jackie Yaniz, 4th-Irma Moore, 5th- Brenda Morrissey and 6th-Sol Romeo.

Scratch Division 1st-Dave Covington, 2nd-Henry Brezniak, 3rd-Chris Best, 4th-Connor Piphoo (youth), 5th-Shane Nevers, 6th-Chad Brewer and 7th-Richard Cheney.

Youth Division 1st-Gianfranco Caro, 2nd-Eric Garcia, 3rd-Ella Perez, 4th-Alec Garcia, 5th- Alexander San Jose, and 6th-Alec Osorio, Jr.

Pee Wee Group 1st-Tyler Salinetto, 2nd-Isaiah Lacayo, 3rd-Freddie Moran, 4th- Jayden Nevers, and 5th-Avery Kelly.

On Dec. 8th we held our Adult/Youth Jr. Gold Qualifier Doubles Tournament, attracting bowlers from several associations. Our top finishers included:

Division A- 1st-N. Candellero/W. Pittman, 2nd- A. Johnson/J. Johnson, 3rd- C. Ferrer/J. Ferrer 4th- A. Kelly/ P. Kelly, 5th-F. Nodarse/J. Fundora, and 6th-E. Cheney/R. Cheney.

Division B- 1st-R. Albee, Jr./R. Albee, Sr., 2nd-C. Covington/D. Covington, 3rd- C. Byrne/J. Byrne, 4th-E. Garcia/C. Forero, 5th-K. Churchill/J. Land, and 6th G. Martin/M. Martin.

Junior Gold Entrants- 1st- Robert Albee, Jr. 2nd-Connor Piphoo, 3rd- Eric Garcia, 4th-Gabriel Martin, 5th- Gio Mejia and 6th-Gabriel Perez.

All the participants seemed to have a good time and bowl well. We were especially amazed at the sportsmanship and great behavior that was exhibited. Thanks to all for a great tournament.

Over the last couple of weeks our leagues have provided the venue for some top scores. Congratulations go to Chris Hare for his amazing 800 series and to Fernando Guadalupe, J.C. Quintana, and Paul Rosenfeld for their exciting 300 games. We hope that 2020 will bring us more of the same.

A group from our association attended the State Convention and the Hall of Fame/Awards Dinner. It wasn't without some glitches which I won't expound on since it was the first one with the merged group. I look forward to bigger and better things this coming year. The presentations by our USBC rep and the National BVL rep were interesting and quite informative as well.

We were delighted to host a dinner meeting with David Fields, our USBC South Regional Manager. His interest in our association was so gratifying, and that, coupled with a question and answer discussion, made for a wonderful experience for our officers and directors. We all agreed that he is doing a wonderful job in support of bowling in our state and beyond.

Well, looking forward to another wonderful year of bowling. In the meantime, and as always, may all the good scores be yours!

ORANGE BELT – DIANA EICHLIN



ORANGE BELT USBC BOWLING ASSOCIATION (POLK, HIGHLANDS AND HARDEE COUNTIES) By DIANA EICHLIN Kay Blanton Wentworth has been a supporter of bowling in Polk County as proprietor of Interstate Lanes in Lakeland until the center closed in 2010. She also was a former real estate agent. She has been a generous supporter of the Orange Belt Bowling Association, donating additional money to the prize funds of our Seniors Doubles Tournament and Youth Scholarship Tournament, which she continues to do. Kay Wentworth passed away Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019, at the age of 78. She will be greatly missed by the bowling community. For years the Polk County Senior Games were hosted by Kay at Interstate Lanes. Kay was a native of Lakeland and was active in the Lakeland community. She was an avid traveler and sports enthusiast. She enjoyed golf, hockey, boating and fishing. She was a member of the Lone Palm Golf Club. Recently she was named the 2019 Member of the Year at Lone Palm. Interstate Bowling Center, which Kay sold, is now home to the Lakeland Ice Arena, complete with a full-size NHL ice sheet and including Youth and Adult hockey teams, public skating, professional coaching and parties. Among its sponsors are the Lightning Hockey Team and the NHL. Services for Kay were held on Dec. 22. A celebration of life is scheduled for Jan. 25th from 4 to 6pm at Lone Pine Golf Club. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Florida Baptist Children's Home, Bonnet Springs Park, Lakeland Youth Ice Sports or the Salvation Army. After the graveside service Dec. 22, guests were hosted to a reception in the Kay Wentworth Room at the Lakeland Ice Arena, where memorabilia from Interstate Lanes is displayed. Tables in the room as well as the common areas of the arena, were made from the wood of the bowling lanes.

Youth bowler donates candy to Polk deputies Aiden McDermott, a youth bowler at AMF Lakeland Lanes, set up selling the World's Finest Chocolate from the driveway of his home at the main entrance to his development. He sold 7 boxes, but some people didn't want the candy, but donated the money. He ended up with 40 paid candy bars. He paid it forward by calling the Polk County Sheriff's Dept., and they sent 4 squad cars including a canine unit to fetch the candy. Great job Aiden!



UPCOMING OBBA TOURNAMENTS: JANUARY 19: 9th Annual Senior Doubles Tournament for Seniors 55 or older. Sponsored by Kay Wentworth, with \$1,300 donated and added to prize fund, and open to any combination of all men, all women or mixed. Squad time is 2 p.m. at AMF Lakeland Lanes. Entry deadline: Jan. 13. JANUARY 19: 5th Annual Youth Scholarship Tournament sponsored by Kay Wentworth, with \$500 donated for Scholarship Prize Fund. Squad time at 2 p.m. at AMF Lakeland Lanes. FEBRUARY 8 & 9 - 13th Annual Youth Championship Tournament, at Cypress Lanes, Winter Haven. Squad times 12:30 and 5 p.m. on Saturday; 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Team event and Singles & Doubles. MARCH 21-22 and MARCH 28-29: 2020 Orange Belt Open Tournament at AMF Lakeland Lanes. Squad times 10am and 2:30pm on both days. NEW... FOUR PERSON TEAM FORMAT! We surveyed bowlers for their opinion last year on whether they wanted to keep the 5-person format or go to a 4-person team format. The vote went to the Four Person Team Format. MARCH 21-22 and MARCH 28-29: 2020 Orange Belt Women's Tournament at AMF Lakeland Lanes. Squad times 10am and 2:30pm on both days. Entries close March 9, 2020.



Orange Belt director visits USBC headquarters Director Rita Reimer was in Arlington, Texas, in October visiting her mother Billie Frisby, who is living with cancer. Rita contacted USBC to see if they could tour the campus. A young man by the name of Justin graciously set up a tour for her, her mom and her sister, Ann Strong. “It was an amazing experience for me. I felt like they rolled out the Red Carpet for me. People were coming out of their offices and shaking my hand,” Rita said. The group was given free admission to the bowling museum as well. “I learned so much more about our great sport of bowling. I would say the USBC campus is a must see,” Rita said. Rita found out her sister’s husband, Gary, works for the company that designed all the graphics on the campus... except for the giant bowling pin!



Mural showing the great Pro Bowler Earl Anthony

Kyle Brady gets on Liver Transplant list Kyle’s Thursday night league, Strike mates Bracket with Renee Wills as secretary, last winter raised \$5,390.44 between weekly league tournaments and a garage sale, to help Kyle get on the Liver Transplant list. In December, Kyle learned he has been added to the list. Keep Kyle in your prayers that a donor is found for him.

ORLANDO REGIONAL USBC - BERNIE SOBOTTA



WOW!! IT'S 2020 – the year of perfect vision.

May the New Year bring us all the vision for peace in the world.

The Orlando Regional USBC has been busy the last few months. At the beginning of the season we welcomed Break Point Alley in Tavares to our Association. We are now the largest Association in Florida with approximately 5,000 certified Adult bowlers and 700 certified Youth bowlers.

In November we held our Youth City Championship Tournament. We had 69 teams, 139 sets of doubles and 278 singles. Our Association added approximately \$ 2,000 to the tournament, bringing the total amount of the scholarship money awarded to \$ 8,044.00. This year we added scholarship brackets.

Next came our Toys for Tots Event. The Orlando bowlers have supported the U. S. Marine's Toys for Tots Program since the early 70's. Aloma Bowling Center donates their entire Center so that we can host our event. Everyone that attends the event must bring an unwrapped toy. This event is shared with recognizing our All City Teams (YOUTH Boys and Girls, Women and Sr. Women, Open and Sr. Open). Bowlers chosen to these teams must meet a standard criterion set by our All City Team Committee. Each member of the All City team received a shirt and a Polar Ice mug, lasered with their accomplishment.

This event has once again proven to be very successful. Hats off to our Director, Jennifer Gray for her efforts. Jennifer raises money from raffles and share the wealth through the year. All the leagues at Aloma Bowling Center participate. This year she raised enough money to purchase 20 bicycles. The Jack McCabe's league raised \$ 500.00, and an anonymous donor in that league matched the donation. What a great time our director, Vicki Nikoncyk and her elves, Diane Moses, Dee Cash and Linda Navedo had shopping for toys prior to the event. We were also able to secure 20 helmets to go along with those bicycles. Our little elves from the Pinbusters Youth League at Aloma Bowl, walked out the bikes and helmets from the back of the Center and presented them to the Marines. In addition to the bikes, we had at least 10 overflowing Toys for Tots boxes filled with toys. When the truck was being loaded someone opened their van and it was filled with toys. It is such a rewarding event. We had punch and cookies to show our appreciation to the bowlers. Everyone had a GREAT time, and even Santa showed up.



The next day we had our Youth City Championship awards ceremony. We award plaques for the 1st place winners and medals for the 2nd and 3rd place winners. Everyone received a certificate showing how much Scholarship money will be deposited into their SMART account. Immediately following the ceremony, we hosted the Betty Natale Pins Over Average Tournament. 135 youth bowlers entered the event. The Orlando Regional USBC matched the scholarship awards, bringing the total amount awarded in scholarship money to \$ 1,350.00

Now it is time to relax and prepare to spend the holidays with family and friends. After the 1st we will bear down on getting entries for our Women's City Tournament which will be held February 28 & March 1, 2020, and our Open City Tournament which is the last weekend of March and the 1st weekend of April.

Until next time, may the bowling gods be good to all of you.

HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!



MARION COUNTY USBC - DEBBIE WHITTEN

The year 2020 is here. How many of us did not think we would see this milestone? Remember when the talk of the world was that everything would crash when we hit 2000... Here we are moving forward into the digital/paperless age with lightning speed.

Another Christmas and New Year have come and gone, and I hope that everyone had the happiest of those holidays and were able to spend time with family and friends.

To those that are no longer with us our sincere sympathies are extended to their families as they deal with the loss of a loved one. We have suffered the loss of several of our bowling family members during 2019 and we strive to go on without their presence. We keep them in our hearts and memories.

Will keeping score on paper recaps become a thing of the past? Remember the plastic sheets and yellow pencils that shown on the monitor like an overhead projector? Remember marking the plus and minus for the marks after each frame? Look how far we have come from those days. Where will score keeping be in another year or so? How many people can keep manual score? This is almost obsolete with auto scoring systems and programs on your iPhone.

The new web site is up and running. It is located at www.marioncountyusbc.com. Check out the great design by Deb Wolfe and if you like what she has done for our association (not to mention the Florida State USBC web site) then please contact Deb Wolfe and have her get your association on the web for all the bowling world to see.

We wrapped up the year with our Senior Open Tournament (down a little from last year) and our Bob Spear Youth/Adult 9 Pin No Tap Tournament with a nice increase over the 2018 Tournament. A good time was had by all that attended both tournaments.

Interesting news from USBC regarding lane inspections - they only give you a little blurb and we must wait until 2021 at Convention to get all the information. What happens to our centers during the next 2 years when we, the local associations, do not perform lane inspections? The bowlers will be looking at us and asking us if pins are off set and foul lights are not working properly and what will be our response? Contact the proprietor or USBC and tell them about the issues/problems you are encountering as it is out of our hands currently.

If memory serves me USBC tried this national lane inspection a couple of years ago and it did not get off the ground and the local associations were scrambling to get centers certified for the 2017-2018 bowling season. Will we be scrambling again in 2021 to catch up due to USBC not following through with their intentions? Time will tell.

Looking forward to the 2020 summer season as it will be here before we know it. Check with your local centers to see what they are offering and help put together a format that you would like to see offered and maybe keep the ball rolling into the fall season. Who knows there could be others that would like to see the same format and need help getting all their pins in a row to get the league started.

TALLAHASSEE USBC – LISA TAJDARI



The Tallahassee USBC Bowling Association would like to wish everyone a Happy and



Prosperous Holiday season. We have started this new season off with a bang . All



leagues have been rolling along since August of 2019. Much appreciation goes out to all our league secretaries for their hard work and dedicated service to continue to improve the reporting process, which makes my job, as Association Manager, easy to perform. Let's continue to increase those membership numbers each year and find ways to make 'Bowling Fun Again'...



Save the date: April 3, 2020 – April 5, 2020 for our Annual Association Tournament. Everyone is invited to participate...

Tallahassee Youth Bowling:

- Shamar Sanford has qualified for the Junior Gold tournament in July 2020
- The program continues to grow and thanks to our sponsors we now are awarding a \$250 scholarship to the highest male and female spare shooter for the year

Many thanks go out to our FSU Bowling Team for their continued assistance with coaching our next generation of bowlers:



GULF COAST USBC – CELESTE O'NEILL

Happy New Year to all.

In November was our 65th Annual St. Petersburg Women's Classic we were up 14 teams from last year, which is very pleasing. All the checks were cut and sent out to all team captains. We had a 300-game thrown by Taylor Bulthuis which was very exciting to watch. The results for the tournament can be found on our website at <https://gcusbc.org/Tournaments/ST-PETERSBURG-CLASSIC> - Looking forward to the 66th Annual St. Petersburg Women's Classic in November 2020, we should have entry forms available by June 1st. We want to also thank all the ladies that come out to our tournament each year and welcome all our newcomers. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please send me an email to: coneill@tampabay.rr.com

BVL - In October we held a Virtual BVL Tournament, we went around to all our leagues and we collected \$4908.00. sending \$2508 to Bay Pines Veterans Hospital. We are going to do another in February and hope to collect even more. You can find results to this tournament at <https://gcusbc.org/Tournaments/BVL/VIRTUAL-SINGLES> .

Our next tournament will be held at Ten Pin Lanes on January 16 & January 18th both shifts at 1 pm, Senior Doubles Tournament with optional Alibi. This tournament is open to all certified senior bowlers. Then next tournament will be OPEN, and youth.

This coming April 18 & 19 the 2020 Bowling Centers Association of Florida Adult-Youth tournament will be held at Seminole Lanes. If registered by March 31st your entry fee is \$42 per team, after March 31st is \$52 per team. You can find the entry form and register online at <https://bcaf.us/Tournaments/BCAF-Adult-Youth-Tournament>

Also, on August 19-22, 2020 PWBA Players Championship will be taking place at Seminole Lanes. <https://www.pwba.com/Tournaments/Schedule>

Till next time....



FLORIDA STATE BVL/FVL - MARYANN ADKINS

Happy Valentine's Day to all and I hope you can be with that Special someone on this heart day!

Plus, Happy 2020, I also hope this will be a Happy and prosperous year for all!!!

I know some associations have held their BVL fundraisers and I hope those who have not will do so soon, our Veterans need your support! I want to remind everyone that these funds stay right here in the State of Florida! All funds we receive are equally divided and sent to the 7 VA Hospitals here in Florida to help our Veterans. I want to THANK the Associations that have sent in their donations and remind those who have not, please do so. Also, the Associations that do direct donations to a VA Hospital please send me your information, as these will also be included in the annual report book. <http://floridastateusbc.com/content/bowlers-veterans-link>

THANK YOU for all your hard work and support of this worthwhile cause that benefits our Florida Veterans!

Thank you again

Maryann Adkins
Florida State BVL/ FVL Chairperson



GREATER MIAMI USBC YOUTH DIRECTOR
ZONE 2 FLORIDA STATE YOUTH LEADERS NEWS
JENNIFER MYERS-HOUGH

The Youth Leaders representing Zone 2 have already begun their yearly fundraising for the BVL. The Zone 2 Youth Leaders are led by Christian Farfan, who was voted the new Vice President for the Florida State Youth Leaders at the annual meeting in October and Antonio Corea who is a Zone 2 Director. We also have William Cahill who is currently just a local member of our Miami Youth Leader group since he does not serve on the state board. On November 16, 2019, we held the Youth Leader "BVL" Scholarship Tournament at Bird Bowl in Miami. We had a total of 35 bowlers who participated. We raised a total of \$409.00 for the BVL. This was the third Youth Leader tournament we have done in Miami. Last season, we did two of these tournaments. Each one received a very positive response from our youth bowlers and parents.

Creating these tournaments is a great learning experience for our Youth Leader group. The kids learn how tournaments are organized, how to interpret the rules better and they see their decisions in action. At this last tournament, they quickly realized that 100% of 200 was maybe not the best choice of handicap to use for their tournaments. Now they know for the next one! As their advisor, and the one who pushes the paper behind the scenes, I personally find it fun to tell bowlers that if they have a comment or complaint to go see their Youth Leader friends. Once our youth bowlers found out that these tournaments were created by their peers, that also generated more interest in the Youth Leaders as a group. More bowlers have come forward asking about the Youth Leaders and want to know how they can join. So, if you are looking for ways to get your youth more involved with your association, try giving them the opportunity to make their own tournament. You may be surprised at the amount of new interest you will gain from them.



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA USBC - KRISSY STEWART

Hello from all of us from Southwest Florida USBC!

We would like to take this opportunity to say “Happy Holidays” to all our fellow bowlers across the Sunshine State! Can you believe that 2019 has almost come to an end?!?!? Next thing we know, we will be saying “HAPPY NEW YEAR!” and “trying” to remember to write the year 2020 on everything that we do, and not 2019. (The challenges that we all face.... LOL!)

Since the last newsletter, some exciting things have happened in our local association....

First, we forgot to mention in the last newsletter that one of our local bowlers and Chief Operating Officer of the Bowland & HeadPinz Centers, Mr. Bill Hanson, was elected as President of the BCAF (Bowling Centers Association of Florida). Congratulations to him! We are sure he will get things done during his 2-year term.

Last month, Pat & Lisa Ciniello, the owners of Bowland and HeadPinz bowling centers, along with the help of all their bowlers, donated a transportation cart to the local Veterans Hospital. A total of \$31,000 was raised from raffles, tournaments, etc. to allow this to happen. Great job, everyone!!!!

Michele Benza, a bowler from Fort Myers that bowls out of Lightning Strikes Bowling Center, finished 9th place at the 25th Annual “Forty Frame Game National Championships” that were held in Las Vegas in November. Awesome bowling, Michele! Way to represent the Fort Myers area out there in Vegas! Anyone interested in participating in this event in the future, you may qualify at the USBC Open Championship tournament or at the original site of the tournament in Toledo, Ohio. This year, more than 6,400 bowlers from all 50 states and several foreign countries bowled in the tournament with winning over \$340,000 in prizes. WOW!

Beginning this summer, all the Bowland and HeadPinz Bowling centers began their BMA Honor Awards program. All bowlers that bowl in a league at any of their centers are eligible to win! Awards are divided by divisions based on bowler’s averages or age. Bowlers who are eligible may choose a BMA Awards Bowling Pin with their honor score and name imprinted on the bowling pin or a gift card that can be used at the bowling center. It’s an awesome program for these bowlers! So far, they have given away an excess of \$25,000 to these bowlers earning awards! The best part about it.... You can earn up to 3 awards at every center of theirs that you bowl at. WOO HOO!!!!

All our local bowling centers have been busy with different tournaments such as scotch doubles, 9 pin no tap, BVL fundraisers, Scratch tournaments, baker trio, youth tournaments, etc. All these events have kept our bowlers busy and involved at the bowling centers. (Lightning Strikes Bowling Center even had a corn hole tournament in their concourse one evening!) Our local centers always provide an opportunity to have fun almost every weekend with some kind of fun event or tournament going on.

Lastly, after the holidays, our association will be getting ready to start receiving entries for all of our local association tournaments coming up! There will be youth, women’s, men’s and open

tournaments quickly approaching starting in February. As quickly as life seems to go, we will be signing up for summer leagues before we know it! Ha! Ha!

Once again, happy holidays! We hope that 2020 is a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year for everyone!

Florida State USBC

Celeste O'Neill

Wanted to mention that the picture of our board, Florida State USBC was in the E-News on December 5th. Pretty neat, I have to say!! If you do not get E-News and would like to have it emailed to you, you can contact David Fields at david.fields@bowl.com and he will get you on the list. They always have a lot of interesting information.



And do not forget to check out the Florida State USBC website, for entry forms for our State Tournaments, and other great information about us!! <http://floridastateusbc.com/>

2020 Open State Tournament deadline is April 19, 2020.

2020 Women's State Tournament entries must be received by March 1, 2020, no entries will be accepted after March 1, 2020.

2020 Youth State Scholarship Tournament deadline is April 15, 2020.

Be sure to get your Pepsi Qualifiers in with Allen Solomon so he can get everyone's confirmations out.

If anyone is on Facebook, you can visit Florida State USBC and Florida State Youth Leaders pages and like them. <https://www.facebook.com/FloridaStateUSBC/> & youth leaders page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/167567926641900/>

One more thing to all our association managers, if you could email me at coneill@tampabay.rr.com and let me know what your high adult & youth male/female high series and high average is for as many seasons as possible. We are going to try to put together a history in the State of Florida. This is much appreciated. Please state the season, the name of the person and their score or average.

The TNBA does a national bowler magazine, and last month we put an article in it, so if anyone is interested in taking a look at their magazine, they have not put it on their website yet, however the September 2019 is on their website and on the front page is our very own Patricia Rosales, the 2019 Junior Gold Champ. It is interesting to read, and in the September edition are scholarship winners and just going through it again, I see Cody Stevens of Miami who was a \$1500 scholarship recipient. And there is a page of news from the St. Petersburg Bowling Senate in it, featuring Gulf Coast USBC bowlers, Lenora Stewart from St. Petersburg becoming a TNBA Life Member. The Greater Orlando Senate, talking about Patricia Rosales. And a trio of young collegiate ladies were recognized by the National Ten Pin Coaches Association for outstanding academic performance during the 2018-19 school year maintaining a GPA of 3.4 or higher Brielle Dean , Leanne Miltscher, Kaylah Castillo. And Orlando's Junior Senate had four bowlers signed National Letter of Intent, Tanner Vogel (previous Florida State Youth Leader), Jacob Hornstein, Matthew Crawford and Patricia Rosales. So be sure to check out these magazines on their site, as the TNBA members will be reading a little about Florida State in their January 2020 issue. The magazines can be found on their site at <http://tnbainc.org/home/organization/administration-and-support/the-bowler-magazine/>

The next Florida State newsletter is due by June 1st. If you are reading this and your association has not submitted an article, go ahead and start thinking about it and write one for your association would love to see all our associations participate.