

# FLORIDA STATE USBC NEWSLETTER June 2019



We lost a very special lady, Donna Oberg, on March 18, 2019. She was a beloved board member of the Florida State USBC, Florida State USBC WBA, Broward County USBC and the National, State and local 500 Clubs.

Donna was first and foremost a very proud mother to Debbie and John. When she came to South Florida from Chicago, she answered an ad for a job as a bookkeeper. This job brought her to the aviation world which became her world. She climbed up the ladder until she became the owner of Cav-Air. She was also an active member of Our Savior Lutheran Church. She was secretary/treasurer as well as a member of their Executive Board. She retired from Cav-Air in 1999 and devoted herself to the bowling world.

She was Association Manager, Director, Secretary/Treasurer for many bowling organizations. These organizations will have a giant void which may never be filled. Donna always went out of her way to help and support the sport of bowling. She worked countless hours for the bowlers. Donna Oberg was a very special lady and she will be missed by many.

I would like to take this moment to thank everyone for their support at our merger meeting by giving me the opportunity to serve as your president of the new Florida State USBC Board effective Aug. 1,2019.

We now have a total number of 60,000 sanctioned members in the state of Florida (men, women and youth).

Our goal the first year is to support membership and help recruit new members throughout the state.

We have members on the board who have extensive knowledge of the sport.

The entire board is looking forward toward this new phase in our history.

Some of the goals that we have accomplished so far this year:

- Developed a new State Logo
- Hired an Association Manager
- Appointed committees
- Developed a new state web page with a calendar of events and tournaments for 2019
- Combined the Policy and Procedures of the three associations into one
- Revised the State By-Laws
- Maintained and operated all state tournaments
- In the process of obtaining bids for the 2020 & 2021 state tournaments in Oct. 2019, at the Melbourne Rialto Place – more information will be provided to Association Presidents and Association Managers in the next few weeks

The 2020 Florida Pepsi Tournament will be held in Ft. Lauderdale at Striker's Fun Center during the month of April.

A site for the Landen Memorial Tournament (youth tournament held in Nov.) will be selected in June.



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

## Toni Maddux

The 1st Florida State USBC Annual meeting will be held at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place in Melbourne, Saturday, Oct. 12th and Sunday, Oct. 13th, 2019. The site selection committee made the recommendation to the board to go to Melbourne and the decision was approved.

All elected delegates and guests can register on Friday night and Saturday morning before the meeting begins. Detailed Information will be sent out by the association manager.

Bring lots of cash to spend at our ways and means table. We have lots of hotel stays and gift baskets to be won. Dalia Keyes and her committee will be ready for you. Allen Solomon and his committee will be selling tickets too and we will have a lucky winner from the drawing from his raffle.

The annual meeting will begin on Saturday morning at 9 am with a memorial service. The annual meeting will follow and continue until Saturday afternoon. The meeting will reconvene on Sunday morning until all of the business is completed.

The joint annual awards and Hall of Fame dinner will be held Saturday night. Information regarding the dinner will be sent from the office at a later time.

The 1st annual meeting will be hosted by the site selection committee, George Gibson, Katheryn Auton, Scott Tice, Dalia Keyes, Bob Peters, Patsy Wedding, Allen Solomon and myself as the chairperson along with the board working on designated committees.

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Well by now I am sure most of you have gone through the merge process or are in the middle of it. Our association was fortunate enough to merge in the 2017-2018 season with only a few bumps. We have a great group of volunteers and they step up whenever necessary. We have had a very busy season up to this point and I will try to minimize my report with short subjects and information.

We have had very successful participation in our tournaments this year. First was our Open and that increased by 15%. Next was our Singles which started out with 70 entries and on the day of, walk-ins boosted entries up to 116!! We never imagined that the pattern we announced would turn so many heads our way. Sometimes it works. Our next tournament was our Youth and that again was a huge success. We increased our entries by 20% and on the Junior Gold last year of 19 entries we increased this year to 39!! This enabled us to provide 4 entries to National this summer. We are so proud of our youth and we wish them well at the competition. Next tournament was our seniors (50+) and that went well also and our seniors really enjoyed themselves. By creating divisions, it provided an even playing field and we received more entries because of it. And last but certainly not least was our women's. I believe the location hindered us a little, but our ladies still had a great time. We had an extra \$1000 dollars to incorporate into the final prize fund (from our independent clubs 200-500 & 600). Thank you again to those clubs.

We have had two Bunko's and our third one will be June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Melbourne. Come join us if you are in the area!! We would love to have you. Other types of fundraisers we have had the pleasure doing were our football sweepstakes, basketball sweepstakes, candy sales, fan sales and meat sticks, which has helped us provide awards for both our adults & youth. We hope to provide even more and improved awards next season (with our dues increase passing) but will let you know how it goes. Our bowler's look forward to scoring high so that they can obtain one or all of these prestigious rewards for their achievements.

As some of you might have seen, we post many pictures of our bowler's receiving their awards in front of their peers. Posting them on Facebook gives our bowlers a sense of pride for their accomplishments. It has worked out very well and we wish to thank our publicity chair Buncy Reynoso for such a wonderful job at keeping them updated.

So, it seems that our last item of business was our annual membership meeting which was held at the Cocoa Library May 18<sup>th</sup>. We had one meeting for business and another to honor our winners from all our tournaments and Hall of Fame inductees (Matthew White (BA) and Charlotte Mateo (MS). We also gave away (our first of many) a Volunteer of the year recognition award (Emilie Miles) for her dedication to supporting our association.

And as a final acknowledgment to our President and board of directors, thank you for all you do. It is not always easy, but you hang in there and I appreciate all your help and support. I would like to also thank Angelo Cianfrocco for nominating me to the Hall of Fame. It is such a great honor and I am humbled by it. I, like many of you, do what we do because we love it.

We hope that the remainder of the season is successful in whatever you do and we look forward to continuing our service to our bowlers. Have a great summer and see you on the lanes!!

# National Delegate

## Toni Maddux

Thank you for allowing me to serve as a state delegate to the National convention in Las Vegas! Katheryn Auton was also a state delegate. "Forging our Future Together" was the theme of this year's convention. The first year that all three organizations were merged as one. I personally thought the workshops were some of the best USBC has had in a while, several done by professionals. The rules seminar began on Monday afternoon and as each section of the country competed against one another the SOUTH group had the most correct answers, we made field rep, David Fields, very proud. The Motivational Speaker, Tim Card, kicked off the day on Tuesday, he was outstanding. Then, The Generation Story which talked about bridging the gap of generations from our boards and changing the mindset of those whom you work and interact with, Bridging the gap! I will say this, in all the years that I have attended as a delegate I have never seen so many 45 and under when they were asked to stand.

I went to the Person of Influence seminar and the Board Presidents Networking group. The networking group offered a variety of ideas of what other state associations did in their area.

The "Hot Button" this year was the RVP/Safe Sport. A seminar on that was very informative and well attended. The speakers were amazed that so many had already been registered. I am sure more on this will be coming out all year long.

I will save most of the technical stuff for my delegate report at the annual meeting, but I will say there were 972 voting Delegates. The delegates approved a league rule that league secretaries are required to submit final averages to the association manager 15 days after a league is completed. Two amendments to the bylaws were approved including allowing state delegates to determine if hall of fame members should have voting rights at the state annual meeting (watch for legislation on that one).

The BVL announced it had raised over \$1.1 million in donations to the Veterans, Susan G. Komen had their Breast cancer survivors come on stage with the annual glow stick ceremony, but no check was presented as in the past.

OK I saved the best for last.... I don't know how many times you have heard me say," Florida bowlers are the best" and we had 3 fantastic organizations in Florida, now we have one. Every time we go to the national convention Florida shines. This year was NO exception, but Tampa was in the spotlight. Trace Nuss from Tampa received the Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow award, Trace won a \$6,000 scholarship. Last year Trace received a national award as Ambassador of the Year. He is an outstanding young man. After the awards presentation A special Milestone was celebrated as a video was played and Dalia Keyes was on the big screen talking about her local association in Tampa and the state merge in Florida. Tampa board had been merged and she talked about how it was a good change and how well it went in Tampa. Dalia said that she was the Association manager and so she dealt with all 3 groups. Five representatives representing associations around the country were called to the stage Dalia Keyes, Tampa and Florida State appeared on stage with Sue Kresge, Pennsylvania State, Phillip LaPorte, Milwaukee and Wisconsin State, Dave Bryant, Washington State and Mike Larsen USBC staff to cut the symbolic cake of being merged and unified as one organization moving forward. Once again Florida was shining at the national level.

These are only the highlights, I always enjoy going to the convention, I learn something new every time I go. Next year's convention is back to Vegas, April 25th

to 30th at the Orleans, the 2021 Conventions moves to Lombard, Illinois at the Westin April 26th to the 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Marion County USBC

**Debbie Whitten** 

Half a year gone by already. Summer is heating up so bowling in an air-conditioned building is a nice alternative to participating in a sport outside where you would be sweating.

Our City Tournament participation for the adults was the worst in many years. Unsure why the decline in tournaments at the local level is increasing. It is not only our area but all over the United States. Has the "all about me" mind set taken over or the "instant gratification" not being met by the younger generation when bowling in a tournament that is not just one day? Does anyone have an answer? I feel it is a combination of a lot of factors between all the generations that lead to not making a commitment to participate in something that lasts longer than one day (the YOLO effect - which is You Only Live Once). There are at least 4 different generations making up the world we live in - the Old Timers, the Baby Boomers, Generation X and Generation Y. Technology has changed the world, the job market, the membership type organizations (yes this includes bowling) and the sport of bowling as we once knew it. Has it changed for the better? Not sure.

Our Youth City Tournament had an increase in team and singles participation this year. Changing the format seemed to help.

Speaking of youth, we are proud to announce that two of our youth earned scholarship money at the Pepsi Tournament - Maddox Aiman 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the U10 boys and Azariah Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the U10 girls. Way to go!! We also had more youth participate in the Pepsi Tournament this year and they will be participating

in the State Tournament in June. We are proud of our youth bowlers and hope to continue growing our youth program in the 2019-2020 season.

We are getting ready to perform the annual lane inspections and this is now a much more involved process due to the changes implemented by USBC last year. They are punishing all associations for the actions of a few associations. USBC has the power to know exactly which associations were not providing accurate information regarding lane inspections; however, they chose to unilaterally punish all associations by changing how lane inspections were to be conducted. Does this mean that the associations that were not complying in the past will comply now no. If they found a way to falsify the inspections in the past they will again. How will USBC handle this going forward? Only time will tell.

Summer leagues are on the floor and there are fewer of them than in the past summers. Varying reasons I am sure. Too many other activities that are not "commitment" driven and again technology has made it possible to participate via the Internet or other technological avenues.

What is going to happen to the sport of bowling in five or ten years? It is not the same game as it was when my parents were participating, and not when I was starting out and it is not the same today and definitely will not be the same tomorrow.

Food for thought.....

## Tallahassee USBC

<u>Lisa Tajdari</u>



The Tallahassee USBC Bowling Association would like to say thank you to all the bowlers that came out to bowl in our 9 sanctioned leagues this year. We had such a huge participation from our leagues and even added to our membership numbers from last season. We have hit the 600-member mark and will be adding a few more

on with our two sanctioned summer leagues. Welcome to the 105 new members, adults and youth, to bowling in Tallahassee!!

#### **62nd Annual Tallahassee USBC Association Tournament:**

What a turnout this year!! The tournament was held May 3<sup>rd</sup>-May 5<sup>th</sup>. One squad bowled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2 squads on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to our winners:

- Team Open Handicap & Scratch
  - o Just Do It
    - Burl Peters
    - Charles Wilson
    - Selena Richardson
    - Stephen Peters
- Doubles Open Handicap
  - Andrew Davis & Alicia Melvin
- Doubles Open Scratch
  - Jason Forbes & Derick Proulx
- Doubles Women Handicap
  - Tina Engert & LaQuita Varnado-Extine
- Singles Open Handicap
  - Corbin Ellis
- Singles Open Scratch
  - David Beck
- Singles Women Handicap
  - Rachel Devillier
- All Events Open
  - Edward Fleischacker
- All Events Women
  - Julie Davis

#### **Tallahassee Youth Bowling:**

- We are honored to be sending 5 youth bowlers to the Jr. Gold tournament in Detroit, Michigan in July.
- The youth city record was broken twice this year. First by Sharmar Sanford with a 762 then by Eric Bruno with a 786 series. Eric Bruno also shot the first youth 300 game in December.

We are looking forward to the youth state tournament in Port Charlotte where we are bringing 24 youth bowlers, most of them competing for their first time.

# Florida 500 Club

# **Sadie Compton**

Everyone likes a good party, especially when it's your birthday. Well you don't want to miss our 30th Annual Florida 500 Club Tournament, hosted by the United 500 Club of Broward County, October 19& 20, 2019, and you are invited. It will be a party to remember.



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#### **Daytona Beach 500 Club**

One of the best days of one's life, is to be recognized by your peers for a job well done. Bev Hunt had a very good day when we presented her with the 2018 Daytona Beach 500 Club Hall of Fame Award. "Well Done Indeed"



We had others that had a good day, at our 33<sup>rd</sup> Daytona Beach 500 Club Championship Tournament. Congrats to our 2019 Champion: Bobbi Allman and to our 1<sup>st</sup> Place Doubles winners, Robin Urban & Isabel Nichols.

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#### National Women's 500 Club

#### www.nationalwomen500club.org

Where can you BOWL and see Pink Flamingos, New York, Paris and Caesars Palace all in one place and promise a good time? Answer: at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Dbls & Sgls Tournament, July 27-28, 2019 at Gold Coast Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. What are you waiting for? Join us there and have the time of your life.

## Martin County USBC

# Carole Olney

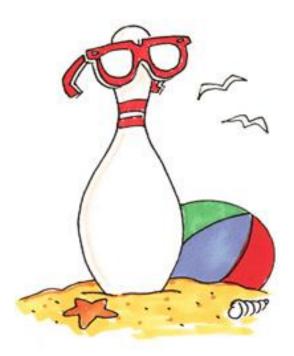
We have a small association with only 500 members but the talent we are blessed with is amazing. Fun fact out of the 599 adult bowlers and 43 youth bowlers we have, 200 of them average over 200. Still we work hard to get awards to our lower average bowlers to show that they are just as important if not more important than the higher averages. We have been doing certificates for a few years now and that seems to be a hit. We have given out hundreds of 50 pins over average, 75 pins over series. First 600 series, first 500 series etc..... The big hurdle is getting the information, but our centers help as much as they can. It shows these bowlers how important they are and makes them feel accomplished. We also do chip clips and pens because everyone loves them. So please remember your lower average bowlers they matter as much as the high averages if not more for your association. On to the high average bowlers, we are blessed to have Nelson Burton Jr. in our association. He is just as much fun to watch today as he was in the early years. We have a tournament at one of our centers called King of The Beach, the center puts this tournament on, and they pick the top 15 averages from their leagues and they make a great day to showcase the talent that we have in our association. Well the last 4 years Bo Burton Jr has taken top honor as King of the Beach, but the other competitors keep him on his toes. This year Denny Brunning was right on Bo's heals for the title finishing second. Denny runs our pro shop in Jensen Beach and has carried an average between 222-238 the last 5 years. It is great to watch everyone compete and have a good time. Jensen Beach Bowl treats the bowlers like family, and we are thankful for them and the King of the Beach Tournament. We also have Paul Koehler in our association, he averaged 254 last year which was the highest average in the state of Florida and second in the nation. Paul has a pro shop at Stuart Bowl and is always willing to help anyone he can. Paul is patiently waiting

till he turns 50 so he can get back out on the tour and compete in the senior PBA. Then there is Ralph Brunt Jr., he bowls steady on the PBA senior tour and everyone gets to watch him bowl in Martin County, he participates in all of our local tournaments and has a pro shop in Port St Lucie and bowls in leagues in Martin County along with St Lucie County. Ralph has averaged 225-238 in Martin County the last 5 years. We also have another PBA senior competitor named Joe Barna, he boasted a high average of 233 in Martin County. Our other house in our Association is Stuart Bowl. Stuart Bowl has our biggest competitive league on Monday night with 26 (4) person teams. Out of the 138 bowlers that are on teams in that league 88 of them average over 200. Needless to say, we have a lot of honor scores come from that league. Stuart also has a lot of local tournaments both handicap and scratch to participate in.

We have 7 tournaments thru the year that our association puts on but our favorite and biggest is our Hall of Fame tournament. We induct our new hall of fame recipients, which this year were Jeff Nolte and Jim McKeon, and have a blind draw tournament along with lunch, it is a great day. We spiced it up a bit this year and included a Chinese auction, we asked our board members to make baskets to raffle off in the auction. WOW did we get a good response, we had 26 baskets up for grabs this year. We had board members donate Dolphin tickets and Nascar tickets along with a round of golf from a very nice course. Denny Brunning is a chef by trade and he donated a dinner for 4 to be prepared by him, our 3 pro shops contributed something, we had one of our bowlers put a basket together along with the board members. Everyone enjoyed this concept and it was a huge success and we decided that it will become a yearly thing with our Hall of Fame tournament day.

Another highlight of our tournament schedule is our George Enot Scholarship Tournament. The entry for the youth is free and our adults pay to bowl. It is a doubles tournament with all the money going to the youth. This year we were able to give \$3,530.00 in scholarship money to the youth with our last place youth receiving \$100.00 in scholarship money. Stuart Bowl donates the lineage so all the money we collect goes right back to our youth. Along with the money from the association we have generous people in our community that donate to this tournament. It is a fun day for everyone, and we are blessed to have the involvement that we do for our youth bowlers.

As we sit in our little piece of paradise on the east coast of Florida and the season winds down, we are scheduling our lane inspections for July and looking forward to another great season. Unfortunately, we are losing our association manager George Gibson, he has decided it is time to retire and enjoy himself with his lovely wife Terry. We wish them the best and hope they enjoy life to the fullest. We are looking forward to working with our new Association manager Richard Jenks and making history again next year.



#### **Greater Miami USBC**

## Sharon Colon

Well, it has been a great bowling season so far. We have completed 10 of our 11 scheduled tournaments with only the "Top 8" Tournament remaining. We are officially tired, but proud that we were able to accomplish so much. We have already made our 2019-2020 schedule and are looking forward to some awesome events in the near future. Due to the fact that it has been about 5 months since the last newsletter with six tournaments to report, I will limit the results to just the top finishers.

Before listing those results, I would like to express our condolences to the Oberg family for the untimely death of Donna. Her dedication to the sport of bowling was amazing and she will be missed by so many. Rest in Peace my friend!

#### **Tournament Results:**

#### Women's City Tournament

Hdcp. Doubles – 1<sup>st</sup>) Maria Lopez/Silvana Verdial – 1491 2<sup>nd</sup>) Ronnye

Weisberg/Patty Nevers – 1451

Optional Singles Hdcp. – 1<sup>st</sup>) Iris Sikiu Martinez – 817 2<sup>nd</sup>) Sherry Cockfield -

781

Optional All Events Hdcp. – 1<sup>st</sup>) Mariela Sanella - 1500 2<sup>nd</sup>) Sherry Cockfield – 1496

#### **Youth City Tournament**

Div.  $1 - \text{Hdcp. Team} - 1^{\text{st}}$ ) Four Munchkins -2615

Div.  $2 - \text{Hdcp. Team} - 1^{\text{st}}$ ) Beauties and the Beast  $-2736 \quad 2^{\text{nd}}$ ) Pin Breakers -2655

Div. 1 – Hdcp. Dbl. - 1<sup>st</sup>) Ella Perez/Alexa Puett – 1368 2<sup>nd</sup>) Gillian

Pons/Gregory Pons - 1362

Div. 2 – Hdcp. Dbl. – 1<sup>st</sup>) Alex Osorio/Casey Puett – 1463 2<sup>nd</sup>) Santiago B.-

Olsen/Giovanni Mejia – 1380

Div 1 - Hdcp. Singles - 1<sup>st</sup>) Gillian Pons – 721 2<sup>nd</sup>) Charlye Bryant - 670

Div .2 - Hdcp. Singles - 1<sup>st</sup>) Giovanni Mejia – 731 2<sup>nd</sup>) Tyson Bryant – 705

Div. 1 - Hdcp. All-events – 1<sup>st</sup>) Gillian Pons – 2146 2<sup>nd</sup>) Ella Perez – 2095

Div. 2 – Hdcp. All-events - 1<sup>st</sup>) Giovanni Mejia – 2147 2<sup>nd</sup>) Alec Osorio – 2102

#### **Bowl for the Cure- Mail-O-Gram Tournament**

Ladies- 1<sup>st</sup>) Camilia Poirrier – 856 2<sup>nd</sup>) Sylvia Pillot – 810

Men - 1<sup>st</sup>) Agustin Lopez – 841 2<sup>nd</sup>) Charlie Forero – 826

#### **Open City Tournament**

Hdcp. Team –1<sup>st</sup>) Levine Podiatry #3 – 2992 2<sup>nd</sup>) Levine Podiatry #2 –

2907

Hdcp. Dbl. - 1st) Anthony Fye II/Anthony Fye - 1604 2nd) Andres

Galmez/Edgardo Berdeguer Jr. – 1555

Hdcp. Singles  $-1^{st}$ ) Iris Sikiu Martinez -843  $2^{nd}$ ) Chad Brewer -810

Hdcp. All-events – 1<sup>st</sup>) Pedro Perez – 2399 2<sup>nd</sup>) Tony Mestres Jr. –

2380

#### **BVL Bakers Doubles Tournament**

1<sup>st</sup>) Granado/Doreste – 1029 2<sup>nd</sup>) Sanchez/Lander - 1027

As you can see, we have been very busy this season. Now that we have finished the main portion of the bowling calendar we would like to report that on top of having fun and competitive play we also generated lots of money for our charities. Our donations this year will be about \$3000 for BVL and a whopping \$13,000 for Bowl for the Cure!! Thanks to all who ran the tournaments and to those that went deep in their pockets to make this such a successful endeavor! Not bad for a one house association...

I would like to end this article by saying how proud I am of the "Sisterhood of the Traveling Bowling Balls" group. They bowled in the State Tournament a couple of weeks ago and had to deal with broken down lanes and little to no air conditioning in one house. They took each challenge well and went about their bowling as usual. In fact, all of the ladies bowling in the tournament that weekend, along with those working the tournament, put up a good face in times of trouble. Congrats to all!

## **Gulf Coast USBC**

# Celeste O'Neill

I hope everyone is doing great, getting the summer leagues started. Patsy Wedding has been working hard getting the leagues input into Winlabs. She also has been doing a lot of work with the new Florida State Board. Patsy and I are both working the Florida State Youth Tournament in Pt. Charlotte, along with Dalia Keyes and Scott Tice.

I wanted to reach out to all the ladies, and let you know that the entry forms for the St. Petersburg Women's Classic are out. Pins have been ordered and ready to go!!! I emailed out to everyone an entry form. You can find the entry form on our website at <a href="https://gcusbc.org/Tournaments/ST-PETERSBURG-CLASSIC">https://gcusbc.org/Tournaments/ST-PETERSBURG-CLASSIC</a> If you need an entry form mailed out to you, just email me at <a href="mailto:celeste@gcusbc.org">celeste@gcusbc.org</a> and I will be happy to get one out to you. The entry DEADLINE is October 26, 2019. The tournament will be held the weekends of November 9 & 10 AND November 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>. The doubles/singles will be held at Seminole Lanes, and they have recently done some remodeling. And the team event will be held at Ten Pins and they have done a bit more remodeling as well. We are very excited to be seeing everyone

again, mention the tournament to the ladies in your league and let's make this tournament bigger than ever. Don't forget brackets will be available.

James Strickler, President, Yolanda Houston, 1<sup>st</sup> VP and I went to the USBC National Convention. Learned some new stuff about promoting, learned some things we did not know in the Rules class. The rules quiz can be found at <a href="http://usbcongress.http.internapcdn.net/usbcongress/bowl/convention/pdfs/201">http://usbcongress.http.internapcdn.net/usbcongress/bowl/convention/pdfs/201</a>
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Our last tournament of the year was Strikers Club – This tournament is open to only Gulf Coast USBC bowlers. All our other tournaments are open to all bowlers. This tournament you bowl 4 games throw out your lowest and then go into a stepladder. It is a fun tournament. The winners for Scratch – Sean Crosby, Men's Handicap – John Blakely, Women's Handicap – Jennifer Sims, Boys Scratch – Aiden DeBoer, Girl's Handicap – Victoria McManning and Boys Handicap – Zachary Thompson. Our next tournament will be a youth/adult tournament, which is usually a big hit, the adults really enjoy bowling with the youth. This tournament will be open to any certified bowler. I will post on our Facebook page as soon as we know the dates and which center it will be at.

Looking forward to our next newsletter. Thank you to Dalia Keyes and our publicity committee for continuing the articles from our Florida State Associations, I hope every association is participating.



## **Greater Tampa USBC**

Dalia Keyes

**Greetings To All** 

The Greater Tampa USBC Association was very busy hosting the Florida State Pepsi/Handicap for five weekends.

Since our last report, we had our youth, women's and open tournaments and with the exception of the open the entries were up slightly.

We held our annual meeting in April and Melody Williams was elected 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President as well as four directors, Vonda Stringfield (incumbent) and we have three new directors, Nathan Eder, Kelly Nelson and Damaris Padilla joining our board for the first time. National delegates elected were Dalia Keyes, Bill Walker, Kelly Nelson, Nathan Ethan and Melody Williams who will represent Greater Tampa in Las Vegas next year.

We are very proud of one of our youth bowlers, Trace Nuss who received the Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow Award in Las Vegas and a \$6000.00 scholarship grant. He will be attending Princeton in the fall with a full ride.

Our Hall of Fame member, Amanda Flood, shot a 300 at the women's nationals in Wichita and this was only the 22<sup>nd</sup> 300 to be shot at the women's nationals.

We are very proud of both Trace and Amanda as they represented Tampa well.

Will have more to report in next newsletter.

I was glad to see that we had more articles submitted this time, but still would like to see one from every association.

Our next newsletter deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup> so please be sure to get your articles sent in.

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