



Florida State USBC



FLORIDA STATE USBC NEWSLETTER

October 2019

President

Fred McFarland

Having just begun my term as your President I don't have a lot to write about at this time. However, I would like to thank the delegates for voting me into office and placing their confidence in me.

I have already had to make a couple of decisions; I had the unpleasant task of informing the board of the resignation of Patsy Wedding and I've made two appointments to the board, Sheryl Lewis to replace Patsy and Greg Smith to replace Donna Oberg. This action was with board approval.



2nd Vice President

Toni Maddux

The historic 1st annual merged Florida State USBC annual meeting and awards hall of fame dinner was held in Melbourne October 12th and 13th.

On Saturday morning the convention began with a workshop by USBC Field Rep. David Fields. David spoke on many topics; the Registered Volunteer Program, The dry towel rule, bowling ball changes, information from the National convention and a few other items.

Saturday afternoon the credentials report was given. We had 128 voting delegates and 23 alternates for our 1st merged meeting. The nominating committee gave their report. Elected to the board were Fred McFarland, President. Directors elected were: Frank Collins, Vinny Sica, Mike Nyitray, Michael LaFountain, Glenda Beckett, Tim Andersen and Cecilia Butler.

National delegates elected to the 2020 National convention in Las Vegas were Scott Tice and Linda Navedo. Toni Maddux was elected the alternate.

The awards and hall of fame dinner was a huge success with 321 in attendance. David Fields said it was the largest state association awards ceremony he had attended. Over 100 awards were handed out to tournament winners from the Pepsi, state youth, women's and the open tournaments.

Hall of Fame awards were presented to Pat Costello, Orlando and Michael Green, Greater Miami, for Superior Performance. Don Shaw, Gainesville, Meritorious Service. Samantha Hensley, Palm Beach and Nathan Ricks, Broward, for youth Superior Performance. Marques Houston, Gulf Coast, for Youth Meritorious Service.

Sunday morning National BVL Executive Director Mary Harrar spoke on BVL. Over one million dollars was donated last year, \$1,143,292.35. Mary encouraged direct donations be sent directly to National BVL.

Site selections for tournaments for 2021 were awarded to Sun Coast and Gulf Coast for the Open, Pepsi was awarded to Tampa, Women's state to Southwest Florida, Youth State to Tampa and East Pasco and Women's Sr. Tournament to Tampa.

The 2020 Florida State annual meeting will be held in October at the Crowne Plaza in Ft. Meyers. October 10th and 11th. So, save the dates!



Greetings from Florida's southernmost association! Well, we celebrated a wonderful beginning to our bowling season as our bowlers returned to our newly redecorated Bird Bowl for 8 months of fun and competition. It's an exciting time and place for great things to happen. Speaking of which, our calendar of events for the year is complete and we look forward to all of the great opportunities for our bowlers to show off their skills. A full listing of events is listed on our website but let us entice you with our first group of tournaments.

10/27 – Rolling Toward the Cure Tournament

11/11 – 11/16 –Mail-O-Gram “BVL” Singles League Tournament

12/8 – Adult/Youth Jr. Gold Qualifier Doubles Tournament

01/18 – 01/19 -Women's City Doubles Tournament

As you can see, we value our opportunities to raise money for our charity organizations. In fact, we were one of the highest contributors in the nation (bowling related) and want to continue that trend.

League bowling has been going on since late August and we have had numerous award scores already. What is jazzing us up so far are the accomplishments of our youth bowlers. In just the last week or so we had Casey Puett bowl a 278 game with Connor Piphoo and Christian Farfan just missing that perfect game by scoring a 299. Congrats go out to our scholarship (\$1000) recipient, Trace Reid who is attending school at Miami Dade College. Continue to make us proud!

We also had one of our bowlers, Ryan Toffoli, named as a recipient of the DAHMS Sportsmanship Award from the 2019 Jr. Gold Championships. It is given to competitors who best exemplify sportsmanship, enthusiasm, leadership and positive attitude during the Jr. Gold Championship Tournament. Only one male and one female from each division is given this prestigious award. I guess we are raising these youth bowlers in a very positive manner. Congrats to all.

We are looking forward to our 53rd Annual Hall of Fame and Awards Dinner which will take place this first week of October. This year we are pleased to induct 4 people into our Hall of Fame. We will celebrate with Keith Nation (older brother of Stephanie Johnson-PWBA bowler), Kevin Morrissey, and Brett Bigenho for their exceptional bowling abilities along with long time board member, Ronnye Weisberg, in the area of outstanding service. They are well deserving of this honor and will have their names added to our Hall of Fame plaque for all to see.

That about wraps it up for this time. We can't wait for our first merged State Convention and hope to see lots of our bowling friends.

As always, let the good scores be yours.

Florida 500 Club

Sadie Compton

Have you heard? *Bowling is the largest participatory sport in the country, and you are in part the reason why! Why?* Because we know that we Burn Calories (half a mile walk in a three-game series), Strengthen Muscles (average ball weigh 14 lbs.), Improve Flexibility & Balance, Better Hand-Eye Coordination, Improve Social Life, great for mental stress relief and best of all we have a good time with the best friends in the world. So, with that said. Hope to see you at our 30th Annual Florida 500 Club Tournament, October 19& 20, 2019 and again at our 31st Annual Florida 500 Club Tournament in Tampa.

Daytona Beach 500 Club

What fun it is to invite your friends from other 500 Club to your house to have lunch, win prizes, oh and yes bowl. Daytona Beach 500 Club had its Invitational 9 Pin No-Tap Tournament 9/21/19 & do you want to know who took 1st place? That would be Alta Rose with a total pin count of 748.

National Women's 500 Club

14th Annual Dbls & Sgls Tournament, July 27-28,2019 at Gold Coast Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. 1st place Singles: Rosa Goldwyn from Shell Beach, CA, 1st place Doubles: Morgan Tyler/Lisa Yee from Napa/American Canyon, CA, All Events: Lisa Yee from American Canyon, CA. See you next year, August 1-2, 2020 at the 15th Annual Dbls & Sgls Tournament held at the Gold Coast Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.



A new season has started, and East Pasco couldn't be more excited for the upcoming, busy year! We currently have nine active adult and senior leagues and the Saturday morning Youth program is growing with the addition of Pin Chasers Move Academy! Our Youth Travel Teams are getting ready to kick off their season soon! We have 12 youth bowlers representing Pin Chasers East Pasco in the Tampa Travel League. As always, we wish them great success!

Activities really ramp up starting in November with our 8 Pin No-Tap event to benefit the BV on Sunday, November 2nd. We will hold our annual Ed Markwardt Senior & Adult Singles Challenge on December 8th. Both the BVL and Ed Markwardt events are open to bowlers outside of the East Pasco Association for no additional fees. For more information on participating in these events, please contact our Association Manager, Karen Rothers, at eastpascousbc@aol.com or at 813-751-5300 for more information.

We are proud to be hosting the 2019 Landen Memorial Youth Scholarship Tournament November 9 and 10 at Pin Chasers East Pasco. This tournament is run entirely by the Florida State Youth Leaders group and we are excited to be supporting them! Our Ed Markwardt Youth City Championships will take place January 4th and 11th. Our Adult Open and Women's City Championships will be held at the end of February.

Last but definitely not least, we are thrilled to have been selected to host the Team event for the 2020 Florida State Open Championships in partnership with the Greater Tampa USBC. As you can see, our Association has a busy year ahead of us and we couldn't be happier!

Pepsi Tournament

Allen Solomon

Ever wonder what happens to the left-over Shirts and Towels from Pepsi every year?

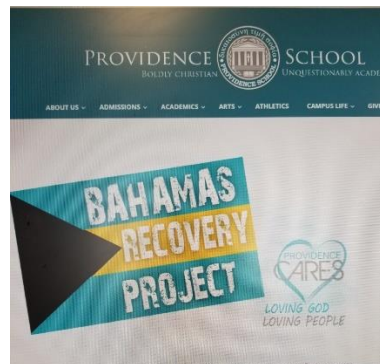
Many years ago, when I became the Florida State Pepsi Director, the task of what to do with left over shirts and towels became a dilemma. After a couple of years, we had quite a few cases piling up. I spoke with a local Jacksonville Beach pediatrician who had just opened a medical clinic and orphanage in Uganda, he was happy to take them. It has been very rewarding seeing photos of children on the other side of the world wearing our shirts. For some of them it is the only new piece

of clothing they receive all year. We have seen videos of the kids taking off last year's shirt to replace it with the new one.

Over the years Dr. Benitez and his partners have also opened a clinic in Haiti, he takes some to both clinics and gives them to the children.

This year, after seeing the devastation left by hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas, we decided to send the shirts and towels to them. A lot of Bahamian families have lost everything. A local Christian school in Jacksonville is collecting for mission trips to the islands. The Providence School was very happy to transport them down there and will help in the distribution.

So, next time you go to the Bahamas, if you see a child wearing one of our shirts, smile and know we did something good.



FVL/BVL

Maryann Adkins

Did you know The Bowlers Victory Legion was organized in September 1942 to support war bond sales and for other services for our veterans? Plus, three medical evacuation planes were purchased to ferry the wounded home from Europe, by this program. BVL was created through the unity of all members, from the sport of bowling and continues today.

I want to thank those who have already sent in their generous donations checks for FVL (BVL). I want to remind those who have not, please do so, in order for your donations to be printed in annual report book. Also, I want to remind all who have made a direct donation to a VA Hospital please inform me, because it also can be printed in the annual report book, so all can be acknowledge for their contributions!

A Big Thank You to all Bowlers for your continued support of this great cause!

WOW here we are with only X days to Thanksgiving and X days to Christmas leaving X days to the start of a new year. Seems like the days go by faster as we get older.

We are in the process of having Deb Wolfe design our web site and we can hardly wait for the unveiling!!

Our Board is getting ready to go into Tournament mode - Mixed Open in October, Senior Open in November and then we move into 2020 with the Youth City Championship Tournament, the Open City Championship Tournament and finally the Women's Championship Tournament rounding out the first quarter of 2020 with our Annual Membership meeting the first weekend in April. We will then move into summer league mode and before you know it we will be back to the fall league season.

The various clubs will also be holding tournaments during the last quarter of the year and preparing to usher in the new year with more tournaments.

Unfortunately, the Ocala/Marion County area has lost several of our bowling family due to health and other issues which leaves teams and leagues with vacancies. Those who have moved to the lanes in the Heavens will be missed.

Since the deadline for the last State newsletter of the year was pushed back until after the first Florida State USBC Annual General Membership Meeting I am able to add some information from that meeting.

First, we have a new FS USBC President - Fred McFarland. George Gibson opted not to run for re-election so that he could travel and enjoy some "non" bowling time with family. We thank George for his leadership and guidance during the first year of the merged State Board. We welcome incoming President McFarland as he takes the State Board into the second year of working for the bowlers of the State of Florida to provide tournaments for all.

We want to say Welcome to the new incoming Directors elected on Saturday, October 12, 2019: Mike LaFountain, Michael Nyitray and Tim Andersen.

What a surprise for this writer as I was presented with plaques for first place for Best Feature Article and first place for Best Overall Article for the articles submitted during 2018-2019 to the State Newsletter. I enjoy writing these articles both for the State (3 times a year) and weekly for my local association.

The banquet and awards presentation on Saturday evening was such an awesome event with a little over 300 attendees, including youth, who received their Pepsi Awards and State Tournament Awards (all scholarship money had already been added to their SMART account) and the induction of the Youth Hall of Fame recipients. We have a solid foundation of youth bowlers coming up to one day be adult bowlers and the State of Florida is honored to have the best youth bowlers in the United States of America. Who knows who we may see on television one day....

As we, YOUR Florida State Board of Officers and Directors we strive to do the best for all the bowlers of the State of Florida. Our function is to hold state tournaments for the open, women, youth and senior women. If you have questions, concerns, comments or suggestions please, please feel free to contact any one of us by phone, text, e-mail or in person. We will make sure that we share your questions, concerns, comments or suggestions with the Board at the next meeting and get back to you with an answer.

I wish everyone the best with the upcoming holidays and as we move into another new year may we be blessed with good health and peace everywhere.



The Greater Tampa USBC Association has been very busy since the start of the new season.

We had submitted several bids and will be hosting the Open State in 2020 as well as the Pepsi/Florida Handicap, Florida State Youth and Florida State Women's Senior tournaments in 2021. We are going to need a lot of rest once these tournaments are completed as well as our local tournaments. Due to a huge request, we are also bringing back our local Senior Mixed Tournament this year in November.

Melody Williams, our 2nd Vice President recently attended her first Florida State USBC annual meeting and said she enjoyed it very much and it was a great experience.

Melody along with Vonda Stringfield and Vinda Woodson, will be representing Greater Tampa USBC at the USBC Leadership Academy that is being held in Tampa in October.

We are very proud of some of our youth bowlers, who competed in the Youth Open National tournament and received Eagles that were presented by Lucy Sandelin who has coached many of these young bowlers for quite some time. Silas Lira was a member of the U20 Scratch Team called Storm Troopers along with Brandon Bonta, Gabe Alvarez and Spencer Richards. Each of these bowlers averaged 236 for a total of 2833 and according to USBC this is a national record. Hannah Diem and Sierra Calo won the U15 Girls Scratch and Handicap Doubles title with a 1300 score and together averaged 216 each. These young ladies were also presented Eagles by Lucy Sandelin.



This past summer our youth were doing great things as well when Hannah Diem won the U15 Girls Teen Masters tournament held at Sawgrass Lanes. Silas Lira won numerous medals in the U16 Division at the Tournament of the Americas also held at Sawgrass Lanes. Sierra Calo was named the Princess Queens Diamond Tour Division 1 Bowler of the Year for 2018 due to her 3 championship titles last year.

I recently attended the HOF/Awards banquet for the Florida State USBC and many of them said and I totally agree, that the State of Florida is in good hands with our youth bowlers as they are the future of this great sport that we all love.

Until next time, hope everyone stays safe and healthy.



Gulf Coast USBC

Celeste O'Neill

Here we are in October, fixing to be November. Just attended our 1st Florida State Annual Meeting in Melbourne. Got home around 9:30 pm on Sunday after our youth meeting. Went into the Gulf Coast office on Monday morning to input more entries for the 66th Annual St. Petersburg Classic Women's tournament we have each year in November. Reminder, ladies the tournament deadline is October 26th, you have about a week to get your entries in. I emailed and mailed those who do not have email, entry forms.

Since the start of the new season, we have had two youth tournaments, the Harry Beierlein Singles Tournament on September 8th and the youth/adult on Sept 28 & 29th. For the Harry Beierlein, we have three divisions, one scratch and two handicaps. The youth bowl 3 games and then we take the top 5 and they go on to stepladder finals.

Scratch: 1st place – Daniel Brooks, Tampa – 2nd place – Aiden DeBoer, Clearwater

Handicap: 1st place – Austin White, St. Pete – 2nd place – Kyle Heffner, Pinellas Park

Handicap: 1st place – Kaylei Singletary, Pinellas Park – 2nd place – Paighton Singletary, Pinellas Park

All our tournaments, except Strikers Club is open to all certified bowlers.

Then we had our youth/adult tournament - James Strickler had a perfect 300 game and Sean Crosby had a 290 game, both adults bowling for their kids. Three divisions, a scratch and two handicaps.

Scratch Winners: Madison Colston/James Strickler – 1389

Handicap Winners: 1st place - Austin White/Heidi White – 1681, 2nd place – Abigail Burke/Danielle Galla 1500

Handicap Winners: 1st place - Cierra Robinson/Sean Crosby 1499, 2nd place – Paighton Singletary/Richard DeBoer 1495

We also had alibi doubles and Austin White/William White won with a 1594. And we gave out brackets to 6 kids totaling \$175.00.

This week we are doing our BVL Virtual Singles Tournament, we are going around to the leagues and announcing about the Tournament starting next week. We normally raise close to \$1600. After listening to Mary from BVL National at our annual meeting and we must discuss sending our money to BVL and have them cut the check to Bay Pines Hospital, to Re-Creations and to the Florida State USBC. This is the only charity we do, and it is very close to our hearts, as a lot of members are Veterans and feel it is a great charity to be a part of.

And of course, our next tournament is the 66th Annual St. Petersburg Women's Classic tournament, on November 9 & 10 – November 16 & 17th. Deadline for this tournament is October 26th. WE DO NOT take walk-ins. So, come on ladies let's get your entries in!!! You can find the entry form and hotel info on our website at <https://gcusbc.org/Tournaments/ST-PETERSBURG-CLASSIC> The tournament will be

held for doubles/singles at Seminole Lanes and team event at Ten Pins. Both centers have been remodeled and offer a great experience to all our bowlers.

The next tournament and is open to Gulf Coast USBC members only at this time, but we are trying to get our 500 club up and running!!! bowlingseriously.com has added \$250 to our prize fund. If you have had a 500 and do not belong to the 600 club, you are able to join. It costs \$5 to join for a 2-year membership and you get a Gulf Coast USBC 500 Club pin when you join. The tournament will be held at Ten Pins and it is a 9 pin no tap doubles tournament and it will be on December 8th at 1 pm. Walk ins are welcome to come in. Entry fee is \$40 per team.

Those out there that say I am not good enough to bowl in a tournament, it is not about being a great bowler. If you are a great bowler and have that great average, there are other tournaments, scratch tournaments for those bowlers. But most of our tournaments, have a scratch division, but for the most part they are handicap tournaments and like I always tell our bowlers, you never know, it might just be your day and you will shine. Most of our tournaments offer brackets, you can win money from that. The youth/adult tournaments we have brackets for the adults, and if they win it goes to their youth bowler in their SMART accounts. We have started Share the Wealth at our tournaments to help Gulf Coast run. So come out to the tournaments, support your association and have fun!!!

Not sure how many associations are aware, but Amazon has a foundation called Amazon Smile, and the Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of the customer that goes to your link. I know it does not sound like much, but it is something. So we let our bowlers know if they go to this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-4927556> we will receive the 0.5% of their purchase and this money goes to our youth scholarships.

Another thing we do for our bowlers, and I have used it, is our page called Business Resources – Our bowlers send us their business card and we offer them free advertising on our website. Then periodically I will post their business card on our Facebook page. Right now, we have 12 businesses on our page. Look at our page - <https://gcusbc.org/Publicity/BUSINESS-RESOURCES>

Just a blurb about our Florida State Newsletter. It is really great to hear from other associations, but it just does not have to be associations, anyone can write an

article about what is happening in their area, what you may be doing to promote bowling, or about your youth program, or tournaments you are having. Maybe an article on someone in your area, a coach, or someone else that has helped you out. I enjoy reading these newsletters because you can learn from them, learn other ideas of things to do, whether a new way to run a tournament, or league, or ways to promote bowling. So please if you are an association receiving this newsletter, pass it on to your bowlers, see if anyone is interested in writing an article, does not have to be a long article, or it can be. Let the youth know too, maybe they will be interested. If you want more information about newsletters, you can check the Florida State site at: <http://floridastateusbc.com/content/association-newsletters>

Thank you, I truly enjoy doing these articles. And I hope everyone has a great Halloween, and a Happy Thanksgiving, and Happy Holidays till next time...

Southwest Florida USBC

Krissy Stewart

Greetings from Southwest Florida USBC!

We have lots of exciting things that have recently happened in our association. First, we would like to say “CONGRATULATIONS” to Fred McFarland, Sr. for being voted in as the new President of the Florida State USBC Board. Fred has been our local association President a few times over the last many, many years. We are sure he is going to do a great job for all of the bowlers in the Sunshine State!

Next, (since Fred McFarland has stepped down as our local association President due to his other responsibilities on the state Board), we would like to “CONGRATULATE” Bobby Taylor for being voted in as our new local association President. Bobby has filled these “shoes” in the past, so we know that he is going to do an awesome job for all of our local bowlers.

At our annual local association meeting that was held in September, we proudly accepted Walter Judd into our local Hall of Fame. He was honored for his continual support of working with local area youth bowlers, being involved in the bowling community for many years AND his dedication to being a board member of our SW Florida association. CONGRATULATIONS WALTER!!!!

We are also proud to announce that we now have a high school sophomore and a college student that has joined our Board recently. This is so exciting for us to see the young people in our area get involved and help out!

Our SW Florida USBC board had the opportunity to send 11 delegates to the annual Florida State meeting in October. We were fortunate enough that we had 17 board members that wanted to get involved. So, we sent 11 delegates and 6 alternates that weekend to Melbourne. Some items on the agenda for that weekend's meetings were a few by-law changes, electing/re-electing a few state board members, BVL (Bowlers for Veterans Link), Safe Sport and RVP (Registered Volunteer Program). It was a great weekend that was filled with information that we could bring home and pass along to our local bowlers. Also, during that meeting, Southwest Florida was voted on to host the 2020-2021 Women's State Bowling Tournament. So, that means, we will have the honor of hosting the Women's State tournament 2 years in a row since we will be the host also in 2019-2020.

Pin Street bowling center has a new name AND new owner. The new name is "Lightning Strikes" and the new owner is Robert Eddy. We welcome Mr. Eddy to the proprietorship of a bowling center. We have already seen some exciting changes that he has done with the facility. We are looking forward to seeing his other thoughts and ideas for the future!

Lastly, our local association has rolled out a NEW AWARDS PROGRAM for our bowlers. It is all based on points that a bowler earns while bowling honor scores, clean games, certain spare pickups, clean series, etc. Once a bowler is ready to redeem their points, they are able to turn those points into merchandise. Its' that simple! It has taken quite some time to set up all of the bowlers in the computer system and acknowledge their points that they had already earned.... But we did it! And so far.... It seems like our bowlers love it!

As this article/newsletter is being sent out in October, all of us from Southwest Florida Bowling Association hope that everyone has an enjoyable and safe holiday season. Before we know it.... It is going to be 2020! WOW! How time flies when you are having fun!

Keep on STRIKING and let the good times ROLL!!!!

LEAGUE RAISES FUNDS TO SUPPORT BOWLER NEEDING LIVER TRANSPLANT

Kyle Brady, 45, has had liver disease all of his life, due to a hereditary condition he was born with. But, his medications are no longer working.

And he needs a liver transplant...an expensive operation costing around \$750,000.

The anti-rejection drugs he will be on the rest of his life also are costly. Insurance will cover approximately 80% of the expense for the transplant.

But first he has to be placed on the transplant list.

He has been bowling with the Strikemates League on Thursday night at AMF Lakeland Lanes since the 2011-12 season. His mom, stepfather, two brothers and sister-in-law also bowl in the league.

Secretary Renee Wills helped organized a group of league volunteers to run nightly tournaments for every league at AMF Lakeland Lanes. Bowlers could enter the tournament on their bowling night with a \$20 contribution. The volunteers stayed and recorded all the scores every night.

The league hosted gift basket drawings nightly and had weekly drawing items, including a bowling ball donated by AMF Lakeland Lanes, a Paparazzi jewelry basket, a Stringray Chevy car detail kit, a Carraba's wine and \$75 gift card basket, and a hand-carved antler pen.

The league bowlers donated all the items and gift bags. A bowler who sells Scentsy donated some animals that you put scented bags in, and the league sold tickets for these. The league also received numerous cash donations.

Tournament winners were Tim Kreamer, 1st, 782; Les Cherrick, 2nd, 778; and Manny Castanon and David Moore, tied for 3rd, with a 762. There were 103 bowlers bowling in the tournament.

Secretary Wills wanted to thank all the volunteers who helped with this week-long event, including President Rita Reimer,

Adult & Youth Tourney Oct. 20

Orange Belt's annual BVL Tournament is set for 2pm on Sunday, Oct. 20, at Orange Bowl Lanes under the direction of Dianne Smith, tournament director.

There is separate Adult Doubles Division where men and women can bowl with whomever they wish. Entry fee is \$20. The youth participate in a singles tournament and earn Smart scholarship money.

Deadline to enter is Oct. 14, but late entries will be accepted up to 45 minutes before start time. Handicap is 95% of 220.

All proceeds are donated to the Florida BVL Fund.



Kyle Brady, third from left, needs a liver transplant, and his Strikemates League members at AMF Lakeland Lanes helped raise over \$5,390.44 for him. To his right is League secretary Renee Wills.

Shelbie Wills, Alicia Slider, Debbie Fullerton, Penny Francks, Linda Dionne, George Dionne, Melissa Bode, Brittney Foster, Shawn Hiner, Linda and Richard Brown, Sonja Letchworth, Martin Brady, Johnathan and Tamara Dionne and girls.

For the one-week effort, the League raised \$4,689 for Kyle.

But they didn't stop there. In the summer, Strikemates held a garage sale at AMF Lakeland Lanes and raised an additional \$700.94... for a grand total of **\$5,390.44**.

Kyle had additional testing done Sept. 25, and the league is hoping to hear he has been placed on the transplant list. They are hoping for news by the first week in October.

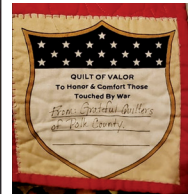


Quilters honor Michael McGraw

Grateful Quilters of Polk County honored bowler Michael McGraw for his service in the U.S. Marines with this Quilt of Valor.

Michael is extremely proud of his service to his country and was surprised and overwhelmed by the honor.

Michael & Lisa McGraw



This patch is sewn on the quilt made by Grateful Quilters of Polk County

Join Us in November for State Senior Women's Tournament

The Florida State USBC and Central Florida Sports Marketing in Polk County is sponsoring the 2019 Annual Senior Women's Doubles & Singles Tournament.

The Orange Belt USBC Association is hosting the event in Lakeland at AMF Lakeland Lanes on South Florida Avenue.

ENTRIES CLOSE OCT. 18

Tournament weekends are Nov. 2-3 and Nov. 9-10. OBBA is looking forward to hosting this event. Be sure to check out the Ways and Means tables for collegiate and NFL shoe covers, handmade by our ladies, along with ball carriers and shoe bags.

You also will have a chance to win 2 tickets to the Daytona 500 race Feb. 16, 2020. Tickets will be drawn before Christmas.

Your host hotel, Hampton Inn and Suites, is located in the Lakeside Village complex, complete with movie theater, 20 restaurants within walking distance, and great shopping.

I would like to thank all our contributors to the newsletter. There is a lot of great information in each of the articles. Please share our newsletter with all your members and friends and spread the word that anyone can submit an article. It doesn't have to be the Publicity chair or a board member.

I want to congratulate our newsletter winners:

Best Feature Article: 1st Place - Debbie Whitten – Marion County UISBC
2nd Place – Toni Maddux – Florida State USBC
3rd Place – Sharon Colon – Greater Miami USBC

Best Overall Article: 1st Place – Debbie Whitten – Marion County USBC
2nd Place – Sharon Colon – Greater Miami USBC
3rd Place – Celeste O'Neill – Gulf Coast USBC

New Venture Article: 1st Place – Carole Olney – Martin County USBC
2nd Place – Lisa Tajdari – Tallahassee USBC

In closing I want to thank Margo Buzzard for all of her help with newsletter.

