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*Senior Tournament  
champion tackles  
the "Mini-Bio"*

**2010-2011 Official Rankings**

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*DEALING WITH DRY LANES,  
SLUMPS, AND "OVER/UNDER"  
REACTIONS*



# **TOMMY McLANE**

***Second "Top 10" finish is a winner!***



# Scratch Mixed Doubles Tournament



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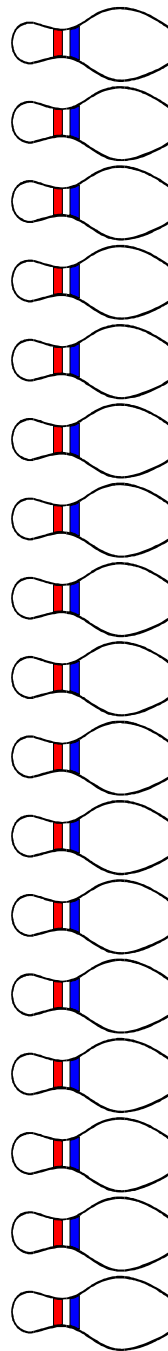
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Total



Entry #	Amount	Lane #	Squad

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## BWAA launches Virtual Youth Challenge Tournament

*Proceeds will benefit Pezzano Scholarships, S.M.A.R.T. and Y.E.S. funds; military kids are eligible*

After weeks of testing, the Bowling Writers Association of America (BWAA) recently launched a new tournament for youth bowlers. BWAA is teaming up with VirtualTournaments.com to create an all-new ongoing weekly tournament called the Virtual Youth Challenge, where youth bowlers from ages 8-20 with verified averages anywhere in the world can have fun while earning scholarship awards toward higher education.

The Virtual Youth Challenge is designed to encourage young bowlers to participate in league bowling, and it gives them an extra incentive to improve their skills to earn scholarship awards for the very affordable entry fee of \$5. From every entry fee, \$3 will be paid in SMART (Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins) scholarship awards, \$1 will go to the BWAA Pezzano Scholarship program (which benefits youth bowlers studying communications), 50 cents goes to bowling's Youth Education Services (YES) Fund, and 50 cents goes to the administration of the event.

"We are very proud to launch this new event for youth bowlers," said BWAA President Jim Goodwin. "Our Pezzano Scholarship Committee chair Joan Romeo and our Virtual Tournament Committee chair Brandy Padilla have been working together with Scott Sriver at VirtualTournaments.com for months to write the rules and put this all together. We are very excited about the long-term potential of this event, and we encourage everyone in the industry to get behind this effort to boost youth bowling."

*See CHALLENGE, page 5*

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**ON THE COVER:** Tommy McLane, NCAUSBCA's top-ranked male bowler last season, is the subject of the BOWL Magazine Interview. ... Meanwhile, Bernard Taylor, a divisional singles winner in the recent Senior Tournament, undertakes the "Mini-Bio." (Photos by Bob Cosgrove)

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## ENTRY DEADLINES EXTENDED FOR USBC OPEN & WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entry deadlines for the 2012 USBC Open Championships in Baton Rouge, La., and the USBC Women's Championships in Reno, Nev., have been extended to March 1 and April 1, respectively, so interested team captains still have time to sign up their teams. For more information or to register a team, visit [bowl.com/openchamp](http://bowl.com/openchamp) or [bowl.com/womenschamp](http://bowl.com/womenschamp) or call 800/514-BOWL. ... Meanwhile, bowlers headed to the Open event will have the opportunity to practice on the same oil pattern and lane surface being featured on the 48 tournament lanes at the Baton Rouge River Center; USBC will build four showcase lanes on the venue's second level. Competitors will be able to book one-hour practice sessions to loosen up and try out their equipment or game plans before their nine games of Open Championships competition. For more information on the showcase lanes, including pricing options, [click here](#).

## FEMALE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Courtney Hopkins, head bowling coach at Salem International University, announced she is looking for female bowlers for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 seasons and that scholarships are available. Hopkins notes her team is young but recently had the opportunity to bowl against the majority of the top 25 teams in tournament competition. "I am building the program, and our team is getting recognized by other teams for our drive and willingness to improve, but we still have a long way to go," she wrote. The school is located in the Appalachian mountains of in West Virginia. Girls interested in furthering their bowling careers may contact Coach Hopkins at her office (304/326-1472) or via her cell phone (812/629-0583). The [recruiting questionnaire](#) is available for review.

## BRIEFLY....

Ralph Mlaska, secretary of the Laurel Sociables senior league at AMF Laurel, reports George W. Jenkins Sr. last month rolled the second perfect game in the league's history. For Jenkins, it was career perfect No. 17. ... Secretaries of more than 100 leagues thus far have agreed to receive the electronic version of NCAUSBCA's final averages form. Those submitting averages using this form will receive a confirmation of receipt, informing them if all necessary data - in particular, the required ID Number for each listed bowler - has been supplied.

## MEMBERSHIP DEPT.

Jermal James of Sterling, Va., and Nathaniel White of Clinton, Md., recently were indefinitely suspended from USBC membership and must not hold office or bowl in any USBC leagues or tournaments. ... Raymond A. Lee of Bradywine, Md., has been reinstated to membership and again is eligible to compete in USBC leagues and tournaments with all of the attendant membership privileges.

## FOR THE RECORD

The correct 2010-2011 average for Jack J. Vandenberghe in the Tuesday Nite Mixers league at Bowl America Dranesville is 170 for 68 games. ... The following averages from the Teenpinners league at AMF Capital Plaza did not appear in the *NCAUSBCA 2010-2011 Annual Averages* book: Dakwan M. Tyler (125 average/54 games); Desiree T. Walker (145/69); Brandon C. Whitehead (141/70); Jaydon A. Whitehead (125/51); Mckale A. Wills (83/72); and Courtney V. Young (178/29). ... The preceding information has been added to the [association averages](#) area of [ncausbca.org](http://ncausbca.org).

*Printed reference copies of this publication are available for viewing at the NCAUSBCA office for those without Internet access. This is yet another option to the three presented in the September 2011 issue. If you are aware of any bowlers who need to consider these options, please advise them of their availability.*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • JANE ANDREWS

### **Fullfillment delays delay arrival of many membership cards**

As we embark onto this new year, I trust and hope your season is running smoothly in large part because your league officers are fulfilling their duties.

I want to let you know that some USBC (United States Bowling Congress) members are experiencing a delay in receiving their 2011-2012 membership cards. This season, USBC is including a customized bag tag with membership cards as an enhanced benefit. Unfortunately, the design change caused unexpected fulfillment delays outside of USBC's control.

If necessary, you can print a tempo-

rary card from the [bowl.com](http://bowl.com) Web site, so you may wish to check to make sure it's there; don't wait to find out that it has not been submitted. Verify your team's stats and averages, and make sure you are fully vested with your league and all it does for you, the bowler ... and remember, if all else fails, we at the association are here for you.

Best Wishes for the Best Bowling Season Ever and as always, Good Luck and Good Bowling.

***Email Jane Andrews***



Bowlers at AMF Alexandria raised nearly \$500 in support of **BVL** (The Bowlers to Veterans Link). During the week of November 13-19, NCAUSBCA Directors Karen Jost and Ron Holton conducted a ball raffle for a ball of choice donated by the Sports Plus/Carmen Don Pro Shop. The winner, Georgette Palmer (right), just returned to bowling in the Morning Stars league following her retirement from work. League Secretary/Treasurer Joanne Kreiser volunteered to ensure tickets were available to the league, and President Pat Suarez (left) sold the winning ticket. Congratulations to Georgette, and thank you to all bowlers at AMF Alexandria for your participation!

— Karen Jost

## **CHALLENGE, from page 3**

In the Virtual Youth Challenge, bowlers will compete using their league scores in two age divisions: 8-12 and 13-20. Only youth bowlers not participating in adult leagues are eligible, and all averages will be verified before winners become official each week.

The Virtual Youth Challenge is a simple "Highest Over Average" event with a handicap of 90 percent from the highest average entered each week in each division. One of every five entries each week in each division will earn scholarship awards that will be deposited in their SMART account within 30 days.

Aside from the great benefit of being able to earn scholarship awards without travel expense, young bowlers with military families around the world will be able to participate from the hundreds of centers on military bases across the globe.

For complete rules and information, visit the Web site [VirtualYouthChallenge.com](http://VirtualYouthChallenge.com) or look for news and information at [bowlingwriters.com](http://bowlingwriters.com).

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## MANAGER'S MEMO • RAY BROTHERS

### Open Championship entries begin arriving

I hope your holidays were great and Santa brought you everything you wanted. In the office, we are just about caught up with everything and are waiting for the mid-season league applications.

Entries for the Open Championship Tournament are starting to be received. I hope all of you enter a team and participate in the other events. At the request of some of the high-average bowlers, the scratch divisions have been enhanced, and the prize money will be doubled.

The singles and doubles squad of April 22 at 9:30 a.m., is full, so please do not ask to bowl at that time. The sooner you send your entry, in the better the chance of getting the times you want.

The team event will be held at Bowl America Shirley, and the doubles and singles will take place at Bowl America

Woodbridge. If you have questions, call me at the office or send me an E-mail, and I will give you an answer.

We are collecting for the BVL campaign and ask you to be generous because of all the wounded and maimed service personnel returning from the current wars. If no one has been by your league, call your lane representative and if you don't have his/her number, contact me, and I will give it to you. If you have access to an average book, most phone numbers are listed there.

If any of you have a rules question, call me, and I will answer it in this column so everyone will know the answer if the same situation occurs in your league.

I hope everyone has a great 2012.

*Email Ray Brothers*

## STEINSIEK



"Gosh, Joe, when I heard about the car accident you were in, I thought for sure you'd miss bowling tonight."

## THE QUESTION:

*What bowling-related gift  
would you most like  
to receive?*

A 15-pound Virtual Gravity Nano Pearl bowling ball



Augie Bransford  
Fairfax, Va.

A regulation bowling pin for inspiration. I already have a duckpin.



Ryan Cunningham  
Suitland, Md.

An eight-ball bowling bag



Chris Holmes  
Rockville, Md.

A Critical Theory bowling ball and a wrist brace



Theresa O'Donnal  
Silver Spring, Md.

A bowling pin of any kind as a symbol of my achievement of raising my average—and maybe as a weapon, if necessary!



Norma Saunders  
Lanham, Md.

# NOTICE OF NCAUSBCA ANNUAL MEETING

The Nation's Capital Area USBC Association will hold its Annual Meeting to discuss association business, including proposals to change association bylaws, elect officers and directors who will lead the association, and elect delegates to the 2013 USBC Convention as well as the Virginia State Bowling Association Annual Meeting.

**Meeting Location:** Bowl America Gaithersburg (phone: 301/330-5200)  
1101 Clopper Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

**Meeting Date:** Sunday, February 26, 2012  
**Lunch:** Noon to 1 p.m.  
**Meeting Time:** 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Meeting Registration:** Begins at 11:30 a.m.

This meeting is open to all members of the Nation's Capital Area USBC Association. You must present your local association (NCAUSBCA) membership card to be admitted to the meeting. Only those ages 14 or older may vote.

*A Youth Representation Meeting will be held from 11 a.m. to noon (registration begins at 10:30 a.m.), and all Youth leagues are entitled to send one league official and one Youth bowler to this meeting. Also, Youth Representatives will elect directors for the NCAUSBCA Board of Directors.*

## ***Directions to Bowl America Gaithersburg:***

From the Capital Beltway (I-495), merge onto Route I-270 North (towards Frederick) for approximately 10 miles. Then merge onto I-270 "Local" North via Exits 10-11 toward MD-117 West/Clopper Road for .3 mile. Take Exit 10 (MD-117 West) for .2 mile and stay in right lane while approaching traffic light. Turn *right* onto MD-117 West (West Diamond Avenue, which turns into Clopper Road) and continue for approximately 1.5 miles. The bowling center will be on the right.





# TOMMY McLANE

*Tommy McLane, a 35-year-old left-hander from Lusby, Md., earned the top spot in the association men's ranking for the 2010-2011 season with a 231.8388 composite average. In 2007-2008, he placed third.*

*He scored a scorching 833 series in NCAUSBCA's 2011 Open Championship Tournament to win the scratch singles title and finish second in handicap singles. Having rolled three 800s and an equal number of perfect games thus far this season, he certainly is a threat to revisit the "Top 10."*

*McLane, a parts specialist at Rosenthal Jaguar at Tysons Corner, recently responded to questions posed by editor Bob Cosgrove.*

## **How did you get started with bowling?**

I grew up in a bowling alley. My parents actually met at Rinaldi's Riverdale Bowl. I grew up in Marlow Heights, in Clinton, but I've been bowling my whole life. My mom started teaching me when I was probably three or four because she was a coach back then.

**I always tend to bring out the best in whoever I bowl against, and it just makes me better. I don't like to lose!**

## **When did you realize that bowling could be something at which you could excel?**

Probably my late teens. My dad asked me to join a doubles league with him at Lord Calvert. He bought me my first ball when I was 18 that I can actually remember—a 3-D Offset Hammer that I still have. I believe I shot 290 with it that night! So it's been ever since then.

## **What leagues do you bowl regularly in this season?**

Tuesday Men's at Lord Calvert, Saturday Sociables at AMF Waldorf, and I've been subbing in the Monday Night Mixers for a while at Waldorf.

## **How many 300 games and 800 series have you bowled?**

Quite a few, I know. I think I'm up to 15 or 16 800 series, and I want to say 25 or so 300s.

## **What is your highest series?**

My highest series is 852 about three years ago at Lord Calvert.

## **Were you surprised to do as well as you did in last season's NCAUSBCA Open Championship Tournament?**

Yes, I was, really. I really liked [AMF] Capital Plaza, and I thought I carried pretty good there. I was happy that I did what I did. I've done a couple of tournaments there.

## **What other tournaments have you won?**

Nothing major. I won some Sunday night events at Waldorf a couple of times. I've cashed in a couple of the Money Bags tournaments. At the Lilac Tournament last year, I won one of the men's singles

[lanes] 1 and 2, and it was pretty much packed behind me. [McLane tallied 231 in Game 3 for an 831 series.]

## **How do you normally handle pressure situations?**

Honestly, when it comes to bowling, it doesn't usually bother me. I try not to focus on it. Tuesday night is the night I get to bowl with my dad and my brother, so I try to just spend the time talking to them. I don't focus too much on what's going on out on the lanes.

## **Who has helped you with your game?**

My brother, Mike McLane, helps me out a lot. The person locally would be G.G. [George G.] Jenifer, who helps me out with adjustments and keeps my mind right.

## **Do you keep up with all of the changes taking place in bowling equipment or do you just do what others decide is best for you and your game?**

I spend a lot of time online. The only ball I've ever thrown is Hammer. I check their Web site, and they E-mail me when new balls are coming out and stuff like that.

If it's something that I want, then I deal with the guys at Spare Time [Sports] in Waldorf. If I have any questions, I'll go in there and ask Dale [Underwood], and my friend Matt [Kerzic] does a lot of research for me, too.

Matt doesn't work there, but he drills all my equipment for me. I think of all the ones he's done, I've done at least four 300s out of the box with pieces he's drilled for me, including the consecutive 300s I rolled with the Hammer Vibe [on November 8, 2011].

## **Are the folks at Hammer aware of this?**

I tried to get on [the Hammer amateur] staff a while ago, but they told me that I don't bowl enough. I've talked to them over the years because it's been almost

divisions. Of course, we won in Williamsburg a couple of times.

## **What were your thoughts the night of November 8, 2011 when you started your league session with two 300 games?**

I was trying my best to stay calm, but I can't say I wasn't thinking about a 900. It was a pretty nice starting out with two instead of finishing with two.

My dad was doing really good at trying to get my mind off of it ... but I was thinking about it! People were watching, and I was trying not to pay attention to all the guys that were standing behind me, but we were on the wall pair on





Tommy  
McLane

20 years that I've thrown nothing but Hammer equipment.

I would love to be on staff, but it's just that my weekend is my only free time with my son and my wife, and I try not to bowl every weekend, but if there are local tournaments—and she lets me go—then I want to bowl.

Your high average last season was 241. What pressure or stress or quicker heartbeat can occur when even rolling three consecutive nine-spares frames—much less an open frame—can result in a “below-average” game?

When my average is that high, I try not to focus on hitting my average. The league I did that in was in Lord Calvert, and it was an individual point system, so I try to focus on whatever I need to do to beat my opponent. Usually in that league, I was giving up 30 pins a game every night, so it was kind of hard to catch 'em.

It takes me a while to figure it out, but once I do, adjustments are probably the hardest part of my game, especially

if I have a couple of spares in a row or whatever. I know because once I find it, I won't lose it, so I just have to try to focus on finding it and then beat my opponent.

**I never talk myself about how good I am, but I know how accurate I am and how accurate I can be. If I can hit a two-board area 40 feet down the lane, I leave happy.**

Was it a problem being the center of attention while carrying that average?

Yeah, there was a target on my back, to say the least, but it didn't bother me at all. I always tend to bring out the best in whoever I bowl against, and it just makes me better. I don't like to lose!

Which bowling balls do you bring to a tournament?

I usually only have a heavy oil ball, a dry lane ball, and, of course, my spare ball—all Hammers. I take five inside, and if I need more, I always have a truck full of bowling balls, so I just run out to the car.

I have my favorites that I always like to use. The Hammer Hawg Wild is my favorite ball by far; that's the one I used at nationals when I placed [17th] in singles [in 2006], so that ball goes with me to every tournament.

My Hammer Razor is a ball I don't like, but it scores very well. A lot of people actually pull that ball out of my bag and put it in my hand; I just don't like to use it.

My Hawg Wild, my Black Widow Pearl, my regular Black Widow ... of course, the new Vibe ... those are the ones that always come out of the trunk. Usually I get one of those four. All are 16 pounds.

What would you say is the strongest part of your bowling game?

Consistency. My mental focus

on it is pretty good, and I'm pretty good on focusing on what I need to do in trying to find a shot. I like the harder patterns because there's more of a challenge.

What part of your game do you work on the most?

My timing is what I'm always working on and trying to hit my mark. I'm pretty accurate, but it's always my goal to find a mark and hit it consecutively.

I never talk myself about how good I am, but I know how accurate I am and how accurate I can be. If I can hit a two-board area 40 feet down the lane, I leave happy.

I bowled the U.S. Open, and to bowl on that pattern, you have to be very accurate, very far down the lane. I think last year I averaged 190 in that tournament, and I was ecstatic when I came home *because* I averaged 190 in that tournament. Accuracy is what I mainly work on.

What spare combination is most challenging to you?

I really don't like the 2-4-7 because I'm forever chopping that 2-pin off. It's cost me more than a few points!

Is bowling an important part of your life or just an enjoyable activity?

It definitely important; it's a good way to make extra money for me. I try to do it as much as I can, but with my work hours—I leave at five in the morning and I'm lucky to be home by 6:30 or 7 o'clock at night—the time I get to spend with [my wife and child] is more important. But bowling ... anytime somebody asks me to sub, I'll always volunteer to sub. It's a good opportunity, and it's a good stress release for me. It gets me out with all my friends, and I can make some extra money.

How often have you bowled in PBA regional tournaments?



Tommy McLane with his wife, Laurie, and son, Chance

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# NCAUSBCA 2010-2011 Official Rankings

<b>MEN</b>	<b>League Pins/Gms</b>	<b>Tournament Pins/Gms</b>	<b>Total Pins/Gms</b>	<b>COMPOSITE AVERAGE</b>
1. Thomas A. McLane	61,254/264	2,038/9	63,292/273	231.8388
2. Darryl V. Carreon	72,954/315	1,979/9	74,933/324	231.2747
3. Mark R. Glover	118,461/516	3,803/18	122,264/534	228.9588
4. Raymond S. Bernstein III	86,868/381	1,864/9	88,732/390	227.5179
5. Bobby G. Middleton Jr.	114,402/504	2,099/9	116,501/513	227.0975
6. Ronald A. Holt	72,028/319	2,073/9	74,101/328	225.9177
7. Ira J. Darden Jr.	126,224/558	1,738/9	127,962/567	225.6825
8. Alphonzo Isaac	117,197/519	1,778/9	118,975/528	225.3314
9. Marcus D. Nelson	129,947/579	1,836/9	131,783/588	224.1207
10. Kenneth E. Lowe Jr.	114,202/511	2,001/9	116,203/520	223.4673

<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>League Pins/Gms</b>	<b>Tournament Pins/Gms</b>	<b>Total Pins/Gms</b>	<b>COMPOSITE AVERAGE</b>
1. Paige R. Martin	92,286/427	1,951/9	94,237/436	216.1399
2. Marina L. Akers-Epps	79,797/369	1,701/9	81,498/378	215.6032
3. Quintina R. Jefferson	60,710/291	1,996/9	62,706/300	209.0200
4. Shirlynn R. Palmer	65,179/311	1,681/9	66,860/320	208.9375
5. Karla L. Pereira	65,221/317	1,738/9	66,959/326	205.3957
6. Cynthia R. Johnson	96,332/477	1,783/9	98,115/486	201.8827
7. Veronica M. Bell	51,854/269	1,821/9	53,675/278	193.0755
8. Rachel N. Wilson	109,472/567	1,662/9	111,134/576	192.9410
9. Jacinda R. Johnson	53,944/287	1,717/9	55,661/296	188.0439
10. Katie R. Holloway	86,667/462	1,635/9	88,302/471	187.4777

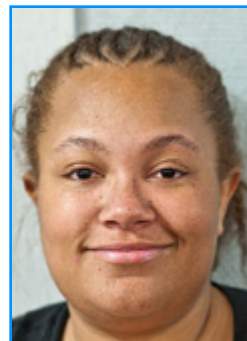
## NCAUSBCA 2011-2012 ranking guidelines

To be considered for ranking in the 2011-2012 season, adult male and female NCAUSBCA members must:

- Bowl in at least two NCAUSBCA-certified leagues (NCAUSBCA-certified travel leagues included) in two different bowling centers. (Sport league averages will not be considered for the rankings.)
- Bowl a minimum of 66 games in each qualifying league.
- Bowl in each event (team, doubles, and singles) for the current season in an NCAUSBCA Championship Tournament (Women's and/or Open tournaments). Women must bowl in the Women's Championship Tournament.



Tommy McLane



Paige Martin





## ASK BOB • BOB KORTH

### Dealing with dry lanes, slumps, and "over/under" reactions

**Q.** The lanes at the center where I bowl are very dry this year. I am using the weakest reactive ball in my arsenal, and I can't keep the ball right of the headpin. Do you have any ideas to help me?

**A.** If you have tried everything—moving deep inside, using hand positions to take the hit off the ball—and still nothing works, you might need another ball. Try a urethane ball, not a reactive.

For example, the Roto Grip Grenade will go much straighter but still give you some power at the pins. If that still doesn't work, go to your spare ball.

The spare ball and urethane don't hit as hard as reactive, but if you can't hit the pocket, you aren't going to score anyway. First and foremost, you have to be able to get to the pocket to score.

**Q.** I just got a new ball that is highly polished out of the box, and I am having trouble with it because of "over/under" reaction. It is very much a skid/flip ball the way it is rolling now. This is my nemesis—I don't handle skid/flip well. What can I do to save this ball from the trash heap?

**A.** Take it to the pro shop and have them sand it with at least a 2000 abralon pad. You might even need more, but start there. This will dull the surface down to a matte finish, and the ball will roll earlier.

The earlier roll will take away some of the strong reaction you are experiencing off the oil and calm down the reaction at the back-end. You will then get a mid-lane read, and the ball will be controllable.

**Q.** I am having trouble with my fingers and sometimes my thumb. My thumb begins to tear up when I bowl more than eight games. My fingers blister sometimes after as few as three games. I use finger grips. Can you give me some advice as to what I can do to toughen up my thumb and fingers?

**A.** You should not have to toughen up your thumb and fingers; bowling is not supposed to hurt your fingers or thumb. If it is, you have a bad fit.

You need to go back to either your pro shop or maybe a different pro shop and tell them what is happening and where you are hurting. It sounds like you need a pitch change in the thumb and either one size larger finger inserts or at least different texture finger inserts. Tearing skin and blistering is not normal, no matter how much you bowl.

There is pro shop out there that can fix it. Bowling should be fun, not painful.

**Q.** I have been in a slump for the last three weeks, so I have two questions: What causes a slump? How can a person cure a slump?

**A.** Going into a slump is caused by having a tough night or two. You start to try too hard to regain form, and things get worse. Your confidence suffers, and things get even worse. Then you try even harder, and your game really gets bad.

The slump happens when your conscious mind interferes with the subconscious mind. Think of it this way: When you climb up stairs, do you think about how to do it? Never, but if you tried to think of every move you need to make to climb the stairs, you would probably trip and fall.

Now the cure: About 90 percent of a slump is mental. It may have started by some small quirk in your physical game, but then it evolves into a mental block. I am of the belief that you cannot cure a slump with practice; this will just frustrate you more. Take a week or two off, and get away from the game completely. You will forget many of the problems that got the slump started.

If you are in the middle of a tournament and you feel yourself beginning to question your game, try blocking out the



## Check Your Knowledge

1. What center hosts NCAUSBCA's Scratch Mixed Doubles Tournament next month?
2. Village Lanes in Leesburg, Va., has now many lanes?
3. Who is not a current NCAUSBCA vice president—Nancy Casterlin, Andrea Dale, or Kristen Robinson?
4. Was the Washington City Tenpin Bowling Association formed in 1945, 1955, or 1959?
5. Who is NCAUSBCA's immediate past president—Bob Ashley III or Tom Dale Jr.?
6. How many rounds are there in the NCAUSBCA Youth Invitational Tournament?
7. How many divisions are there in the NCAUSBCA Youth Invitational Tournament?
8. How many bowlers in each division reach the final round of the Invitational?
9. He will attempt to win his third consecutive Youth Invitational title this year.
10. This center hosted NCAUSBCA's Annual Meeting in 2011.

ANSWERS: 1. Bowl America Shirley; 2. 24; 3. Nancy Casterlin; 4. 1945; 5. Bob Ashley III; 6. 5; 7. 3; 8. 8; 9. Jason Egan; 10. Bowl America Gaithersburg.

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## 5 Years Ago

- PBA regional champion [Kenji Lowe Jr.](#) answers “14 Questions.”
- Mike Sinek explains [why and how to get oil out of a bowling ball](#).
- “Bowling 101” columnist Harlin Matkins describes [“6 simple ways to improve your bowling.”](#)

## 10 Years Ago

- “Pro Shop Perspective” columnist Chris Ward offers [“5 tips for advanced players.”](#)
- Hall of Famer [Linda Elmore](#) is the subject of the “Mini-Bio.”
- [Thomas Morris Jr.](#), president of the Tuesday Morning Mixed league at Parkland Bowl, becomes the first of two inhalation anthrax victims at the Brentwood, Md., postal facility in Northeast Washington.

## 15 Years Ago

- John Jowdy writes that [it's time for bowling to control its product](#).
- Debbie Myers, 21, tosses a WDCAWBA-record 826 series on games of 279-259-288 at Rinaldi's Riverdale Bowl.
- Stephen Hahn and Lilibeth Jones emerge as divisional victors of the Nation's Capital Area Junior Masters Scholarship Tournament at AMF Centreville.

## 20 Years Ago

- Bowling guru Bill Taylor, from his booklet that first appeared in 1960, warns that [SSC \(Super Soft \[Scoring\] Conditions\) is bowling's cancer](#).
- [A. Jane Timmons](#) tops the 1990-1991 women's rankings with a 195.2135 average.
- Lee Willoughby accepts American Bowling Congress awards for his perfect game in the Virginia State Tournament.

## 25 Years Ago

- Shady Grove becomes the first Fair Lanes center to install automatic scorers.
- Bowling will be an Exhibition Sport in the 1988 Summer Olympic Games.
- Association Secretary Bob Hennessy pens his column from Southeast Community Hospital, where he recovers from a mild heart attack.

## 30 Years Ago

- Benita Pyndell and Quintenna Boone win the Doubles competition in the 7th Annual Virginia State 600 Club Tournament in Winchester.
- Sharon Hill receives the Washington, D.C. Area Women's Bowling Association's 1980-1981 High Game Award for her 289 game in the Bowl America Beltway Tour.
- Pat Malone and Paul Yost Sr. are welcomed into the NCABA Hall of Fame.

## 35 Years Ago

- Bowling's first synthetic lane surface is approved by a vote of the ABC board.
- Phil Conklin, 16, scores 244-256-225/705—his first 700 series and the first by a youth bowler at Fair Lanes Shady Grove.
- All five members of the Virginia State All Star Team are association members—[Steve Sipe](#) (226 average), [Larry O'Neill](#) (220), Earl Engleman (217), [Mike Warboy](#) (215), and Bill Hollis Jr. (214).

## 40 Years Ago

- Elmer “The Machine” Breeden leads the Virginia Masters league with a 201.26 for 84 games.
- Sterling Ragsdale and Beverly Cross are among the divisional winners at the Vir-Mar District Adult-Youth Tournament.
- [Tommy Lizzio](#) (Bantam) and [Jimmy Lizzio](#) (Junior) are high game divisional champions in the Virginia Masters and Junior Pro-Am Tournament at Ten Pin Coliseum.

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I've done a few. I always desire to, but the way the Tour is now, it's just so expensive to get in the door. To do a regional for a non-member, I think it's \$300 or \$350, when I can just go and do a scratch tournament that has all the local guys at it for \$100—and I have a much better shot at cashing with the local guys than I do with the PBA guys.

I do the [U.S.] Open every year that I can, but that one also is expensive. Last year, some good friends of mine the week before the Open offered to sponsor me to go bowl in it, which to this day I'm very appreciative to them for that. It's \$500 just to get in the door, and then you have to do at least a week's hotel just for all the days that you are there, so it's an expensive trip.

Anything that I can do in a day that I can drive to, I'll make an effort to go. Anything that can get me off of the house shot, too. I love harder shots.

### Do you or have you ever had any physical ailments that affect your bowling?

Every summer! Last year, I had the typical stuff—the sore elbow, the bad knee on the sliding leg. I've battled kidney stones at least every other year. Last summer, I had gallstones, and I had to get my gallbladder out. That's usually about it.

There's the soreness after taking off the summer and getting back into it; it takes me a month or so to get my body to where I can remember how to bowl. I start slow and then build up!

### So you bowl very little in the summer?

I like to, but like I said, the last couple years there's always been something that happened—my gallbladder ... the year before that it was kidney stones.

Summer leagues are so short; if I have to miss the first month, I'm not gonna pay to catch up. So I'll try to do at least the Sport shot league or something like that just to stay loose at least one night a week in the summertime, and whatever tournaments come up on week-ends, I'll usually do.

### What do you do on evenings when you're not bowling?

[My four-year-old son, Chance] and I bowl, either on the [Nintendo] Wii or on

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# BERNARD TAYLOR

## *NCAUSBCA 2011 Senior Tournament Divisional Singles Champion*



**BIRTH DATE:** August 27, 1946

**CITY OF RESIDENCE:** Waldorf, Maryland

**SOCIAL STATUS:** Married with four children, 11 grandchildren

**EDUCATION:** Eastern High School, one year under the GI Bill of Rights at Federal City College—now the University of the District of Columbia

**CURRENT STATUS:** I retired last year from my food clerk position at Shoppers Food Warehouse, where I worked for 11 years. I was a D.C. fireman for 25 years until I retired in 1995. I served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1969.

**EXPECTATIONS ENTERING THE SENIOR TOURNAMENT:** I always bowl to win.

**THOUGHTS AFTER ROLLING A 110 GAME IN THE DOUBLES EVENT:** I did not have a great first day. I'm coming off hip replacement surgery in 2009, and I'm still trying to get my balance together. I also had knee surgery in 2010. I'm getting back to where I'm supposed to be, so my average is coming back up, too. The next day in singles, I focused [scoring a 605 series], I guess. I later was told I was on top of the board, but I didn't give winning much thought. Maybe I'd get a check.

**OTHER TOURNAMENT TITLES:** I won a tournament many years ago at [Bowl America] Glassmanor, but I don't recall what it was.

**EARLIEST BOWLING MEMORY:** My father died when I was 14, and Mr. Fisher, who lived up the street, took an interest in me and the boys in the neighborhood—back then, everybody just helped everybody out. He took a group of us over to Greenway Bowl, and that's when we started to bowl. We first bowled duck-pins, then tenpins.

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**CURRENT BOWLING LEAGUE:** Thursday Trios at Potomac Lanes

**MOST EMBARRASSING BOWLING MOMENT:** I bowled a 97 game at a tournament in New Jersey many years ago.

**IMPORTANCE OF BOWLING IN MY LIFE (10 = most / 1 = least):** I'd say "8" now. At one time it was "10," but I'm getting a little tired at times. I bowled three leagues at Bowl America Kent back in the old days.

**INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF BOWLING:** I watch football on TV.

**VEHICLES I DRIVE:** Mitsubishi Galant and Toyota Camry

**MUSIC I'M INTO:** Jazz and the blues

**I'M PICKY WHEN IT COMES TO:** Nearly everything being in its proper place

**I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT:** Football and cooking

**FAVORITE MEAL:** My ribs and potato salad

**FAVORITE BEVERAGE:** Water

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** It used to be "Star Trek." I have all the DVDs!

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** I like some of Steve McQueen's movies such as *The Great Escape* and *Bullitt*.

**FAVORITE PLACE I'VE VISITED:** Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

**NICKNAME:** "Bat"—I was a really fast basketball player, and some said I was like a bat that couldn't be caught.

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION I CAN NEVER KEEP:** Exercise

**TASK I HATE TO DO:** Public speaking, such as when I'm asked to say grace before dinner

**SUBJECT ABOUT WHICH I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE:** Politics

**PUBLIC FIGURE I MOST ADMIRE:** President Barack Obama

**QUALITY I MOST ADMIRE IN MY FRIENDS:** They don't curse or smoke, and we all accept one another.

**THREE FAMOUS PEOPLE (LIVING OR DEAD) I'D INVITE TO MY HOME FOR DINNER:** Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, and Michael Jackson

**PET PEEVE:** Disorder

**ONE WORD THAT BEST DESCRIBES ME:** Reserved

**NOBODY KNOWS I'M GOOD AT:** Cooking—I've got three grills!

**MY MOST IRRATIONAL FEAR:** Heights—I was a fireman for 25 years, and high places never bothered me.

**MY MOST TREASURED POSSESSION:** My wife and family—I would die for them.

**BIGGEST MISCONCEPTION ABOUT MYSELF:** Some think that I'm very quiet.

**STRANGE AND UNUSUAL FACT ABOUT ME:** I don't like to be late for anything.

## ASSOCIATION HONOR SCORE AWARDS

### 800 Series

- 864 Taylor, James L - CA010  
 858 Tremper, Joseph E - LA014  
 831 McLane, Thomas A - LC007  
 827 Henderson, Ricky C - LA014  
 McLane, Thomas A - LC007  
 826 Bernstein, Raymond S III - CY014  
 825 Poole, Derek L - LC014  
 823 Wright, Danny W Sr - LC007  
 821 Evans, Donald R - SL004  
 820 Norman, Samuel L Jr - LA001  
 816 Darden, Ira J Jr - MH013  
 815 Wible, Raymond K - ES002  
 814 Buskey, Eric C - SL001  
 Reed, David M - LC007  
 Riley, Steven C - PK003  
 813 Riggs, Keith F - CY014  
 812 Tremper, Joseph E - LA014  
 810 Bonesteel, Erin M - CY003  
 Gibson, Sean M - MH009  
 809 Andrejack, Michael J - WB017  
 804 Bustle, John K - CY003  
 McLane, Thomas A - WA017  
 803 Bernstein, Raymond S III - CY014  
 Hepler, Tim A - LC007  
 Lawson, Edward S Jr - BA004  
 Peters, Linda J - LC019  
 Strickland, Michael - PK006  
 802 Holmes, Richard H Sr - BR012  
 Khounesavath, Phouvilay - DR002  
 Stocks, Michael R - LB001

- 801 Beavers, Ron E - SL002  
 Collins, Ronald S - PK004  
 Cox, Raymond M - MA001  
 800 Farrish, Michael T - CR003

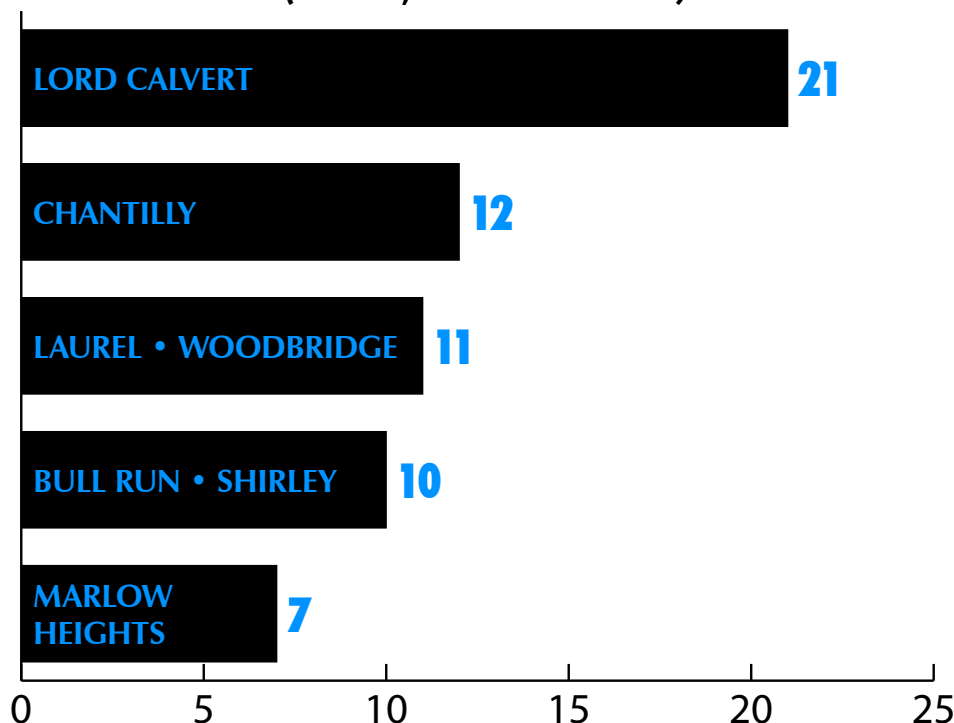
### 300 Game

- Abel, Anthony W - WB009  
 Armstrong, Carl D - FC003  
 Arnett, Milton R - WB002  
 Asbury, William J - ME011  
 Bowley, Scott D - CY014  
 Breeden, Jamie L - SL002 (2)  
 Burrell, Stephen L - PK005  
 Bustle, John K - CY003  
 Carter, Julian R - BR007  
 Clark, Artavius C - MH009  
 Cole, David T - WB002  
 Collins, Ronald S - PK004  
 Compton, Ronald K - BR002  
 Conklin, Phil - GB020  
 Cummings, Herman C - GB017  
 Curtis, Edward S II - MH013 / MH002  
 Custer, Christopher J - LC007 (2)  
 Dailey, Curtis L Jr - CY003  
 Daniels, James F - WB011  
 Davidson, Timothy L - FC002  
 Dingus, Tim L - WB019  
 Eberly, Michael L - BR007  
 Edwards, Danny M - DR005  
 Edwards, Joyce M - WA026  
 Emerson, Robert W - CA014  
 Farrish, Michael T - CR003  
 Fillis, John R - WB017  
 Francesco, Nick E - GB001  
 Gibson, Reginald L Sr - LA014  
 Gibson, Sean M - MH009

- Gordon, Robert J Jr - LC007  
 Gruin, Christopher R - CR003  
 Harris, Stanley E Jr - LC007  
 Hassan, Daniel A - GB005  
 Haupt, Vincent R - LC009  
 Henderson, Ricky C - LA014  
 Herman, Joe M - WB009  
 Herman, Michael P - WB009  
 Hoffman, Brian J - GB013  
 Isaac, Alphonzo - CA010  
 Jefferis, Anthony D - BA002  
 Jelks, Willie J - SL005  
 Jenkins, George W Sr - LA011  
 Johnson, Chris M - LA014  
 Johnson, Douglas E - CY014 (2)  
 Jones, Rory T - LC014  
 Kane, Kevin S - WB002  
 Khounesavath, Phouvilay - DR002 (2)  
 Killian, Edwin B - DR007  
 Kite, Kelly M - LC007  
 Lemmel, Charles S - BR004  
 Lucey, Richard Jr - GB007  
 Manolis, Michael J - FC003  
 Mason, Craig S - SL002  
 McLane, Thomas A - LC007 (2)  
 Mitchell, Ray V - PK012  
 Morrison, Jay L Jr - MH013  
 Moton, Demarr H - WA017  
 Padgett, David C - SL011  
 Parks, Cumberland A - LA014  
 Pease, Brandon D - LC012  
 Perry, John L - BR012  
 Peterson, Sean R - SL011  
 Poole, Derek L - LC014  
 Purnell, Bruce A - CR003  
 Ramos, Carlos M - BE010  
 Reed, Donald E Jr - LC007  
 Riggs, Keith F - CY014  
 Schriber, Maureen P - LC012  
 Sellers, Mark R - ME008  
 Shelton, Robert H - BR013  
 Smith, Alex C - CA014  
 Smith, Antwain L - PK005  
 Smith, Derek T - CA014  
 Stocks, Michael R - LB001 (3) / LB004  
 LB003 / DR007  
 Szymanski, Kenneth J - WB009  
 Taylor, James L - CA010  
 Taylor, Jeffrey J - BR001  
 Titus, Gil - FC010  
 Tremper, Joseph E - LA014  
 Turner, Gregory L - CR005  
 Walker, Arthur W - CY001  
 Warner, Michael J - BR012  
 Whitehead, Anthony R - LA014  
 Wiley, Terry A - SL002  
 Wright, Danny W Sr - LC007  
 Youngblood, James R - PX006

## HONOR SCORE CENTERS

(this issue, based on listed scores)



## YOUTH

### 300 Game

- DeFalco, Jarrett A - BR

## INTERVIEW, from page 14

the floor because my son loves to bowl because he's growing up in a bowling alley just like I did. Every other night when I come home from work, we have a family Wii battle going on, and he usually wins, or he'll ask me to bowl on the floor, and I'll set the pins up on one side of the living room, and I'll stand on the other side, and he'll show me his form. He can emulate every PBA player that you can think of. He's very good!

### What area bowlers do you most admire?

The top of the list would probably be [Keni Lowe \[Jr.\]](#) just because he makes an effort, and he's a very nice person, and he's always trying to get people out to bowl. He is arguably one of the best in the area, and he's an all-around nice guy.

He actually saw me out in front of my job one day, probably 10 years ago, and

**... I would never say that I'm one of the best in the area, but against anybody, I don't give it away. You have to work to beat me, but I can hold my own—I'm good.**

he stopped and turned around and came into my work to say *hi*. I thought that showed a lot of respect.

### Any other bowlers come to mind?

Just the local guys—G.G. is number one ... Billy Blaney [III]—anybody that wants to get out and do tournaments. But those are my friends, and I always try to get out to bowl tournaments—of course, if [my wife] lets me!

### How would you rate yourself among area bowlers?

That's hard for me to answer just because every time that I go to these tournaments, they've got [Keni Lowe \[Jr.\]](#), [Chris Johnson](#), [Bobby Hall \[III\]](#)—those guys are always there. I would not put myself at their level, but I can hold my own.

You know, I'm pretty good, so ... I would never say that I'm one of the best in the area, but against anybody, I don't give it away. You have to work to beat me, but I can hold my own—I'm good.

### Do you travel to other parts of the country to bowl in tournaments?

We go as far down as South Carolina, North Carolina, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. I've driven to Reno; I've driven to Vegas to do tournaments out there. For me, the sky is the limit.

I prefer the ones that I can drive to in five or six hours—it's less money than flying—but I'll go anywhere if I think I have a decent shot at making money. I'll definitely make an attempt to go.

### What's been your biggest thrill in bowling thus far?

Shooting a 300 two months ago with my son watching—by far the best because he was actually sitting behind me when I was on the lane after I hit the 11th one. He goes, "My daddy is about to shoot 300!" He said it, quietly loud to himself! So that was a thrill.

### What's been your most embarrassing moment on the lanes?

In a tournament at [Brunswick] Perry Hall, I fell. That was an embarrassing thing. I think it was in Game 7 of an eight-game block, and I fell right on my butt. I just went right over the foul line, and I was sitting there for a minute, and I kinda looked down because I didn't want anyone to be staring at me, even though I knew they were all looking at me. That was embarrassing, and that's about it.

### What is your next bowling goal?

The immediate goal I have is to bowl the U.S. Open and make it to Friday. The only thing I'm really shooting for is I want to get an eagle in the nationals—that's probably the biggest goal that I have. •

## NCAUSBCA SCRATCH TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION SURVEY

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## MINI-BIO, from page 15

### THREE FAMOUS PEOPLE WHO

**ANNOY ME:** House Speaker John Boehner, Sarah Palin, Michele Bachmann

**NEXT RISK I WANT TO TAKE:** I don't take risks. I plan ahead and play it safe.

**FIRST THING I'D BUY IF I WON THE LOTTERY:** A new car

**IF I HAD MORE TIME:** I would see my grandkids grow up.

**GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE:** About three years ago for my birthday, I bought a 55-inch television.

**GREATEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT:** Raising four kids—they all turned out good, and they all went to college.

**IF I COULD BE GRANTED ONE WISH:** I wish that my kids have a better future than mine.

**FUTURE PLANS:** Take it easy day to day

**PHILOSOPHY I LIVE BY:** Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you.

## NCAUSBCA 30th Annual Senior Tournament FINAL PRIZE LISTING



Kirk Rubley (right) is presented a USBC 800 Series ring by NCAUSBCA Past President Tom Dale Jr. after scoring 246-290-299/835 in the Evening Star league at Bowl America Shirley.



**Place:**  
**Bowl America Shirley**  
**6450 Edsall Road**  
**Alexandria, VA 22312**  
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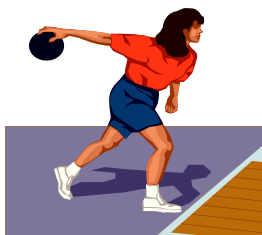
The tournament consists of two  
scratch Scotch Doubles games  
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(19 and under) and one adult.

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# **NCAUSBCA 5th Annual Adult & Youth Sports Day**

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## **Noon      Registration**

Teams will be placed in divisions based on the youth's age.

Pee Wees	5 and under
Bantams	6 to 8 years old
Preps	9 to 11 years old
Juniors	12 to 14 years old
Majors	15 to 19 years old

## **1:00 p.m.   Bowling starts**

Two games of Scotch Doubles. The youth rolls the first ball of the frame; the adult rolls the second ball to pick up the spare. If the youth strikes, the adult does not bowl that frame.

Please list only the youth's name and age on the score sheet provided for your lane, along with your combined total.

Bonus: When a youth bowls his/her first strike, he/she may visit "The Zoo" and choose a prize.

## **2:30 p.m.   Refreshments**

Hot dogs, chips, soda, and cake for all participants.

## **3:00 p.m.   Recognition Ceremony**

Registration is \$15.00 per team.

*Pre-registration is suggested but not required.*



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## Calendar of Events

### JANUARY

**21-22, 28-29, Feb. 5** – **NCAUSBCA 43rd Annual Youth Invitational Scratch Singles Tournament** (Round 1: Bowl America Manassas; Round 2: Bowl America Gaithersburg; Round 3: Bowl America Falls Church; Round 4: Bethesda Naval Bowling Center; Finals: Potomac Lanes).

### FEBRUARY

**11** – **NCAUSBCA 5th Annual Adult & Youth Sports Day** at Bowl America Shirley.  
**11** – Junior Gold Tournament at Bowl America Bull Run.  
**12** – NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club Singles Tournament at Lord Calvert.  
**18** – **NCAUSBCA 3rd Annual Bowl for the Cure® Day** at Bowl America Shirley.  
**25** – **NCAUSBCA Scratch Mixed Doubles Tournament** at Bowl America Shirley.  
**26** – **NCAUSBCA Annual Meeting** at Bowl America Gaithersburg.

### MARCH

**3-4, 10-11** – **NCAUSBCA 49th Annual Youth Championship Tournament** at Bowl America Bull Run.  
**3-4, 10-11, 17-18** – **NCAUSBCA 67th Annual Women's Championship Tournament** at Bowl America Burke.  
**10** – Junior Gold Tournament at Valley Lanes, Harrisonburg, Va.  
**25** – NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club Tournament of Champions at Bowl America Gaithersburg.

### APRIL

**14-15, 21-22, 28-29** – **NCAUSBCA 67th Annual Open Championship Tournament** at Bowl America Shirley and Bowl America Woodbridge.  
**15** – NCAUSBCA Youth Vern Burke Tournament at Bowl America Manassas.  
**21** – Junior Gold Tournament at Bowl America Short Pump, Glen Allen, Va.  
**21-22, 28-29, May 5-6** – State Pepsi Finals at AMF Hanover, Mechanicsville, Va.  
**30** – NCAUSBCA 2012 Hall of Fame nominations deadline.

### MAY

**5** – Junior Gold Tournament at Spare-times, Hampton, Va.

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bad feelings by remembering you haven't forgotten how to bowl, you know how, so just *let* it happen. Don't try to make it happen.

**Q.** *I have been reading your articles for some years now. I have enjoyed them, but I know you are not a professional, so my question is, What qualifications do you have to write these articles?*

**A.** The short answer is experience, so I will give you a short bio. This season marks 50 years of my bowling in scratch leagues and tournaments. In my first year, the 1960-61 season, I averaged 208. I have averaged over 200 every season since then. I will count this one, as I am averaging 216 as of this writing.

I have won a PBA regional tournament, a High Roller tournament, and many other local and regional tournaments. I also placed second in doubles in the 1965 ABC Tournament.

I hold a USBC national record for having an 800 series in five consecutive decades and hope to make it six soon. I have had 300 games and 800 series with every type of bowling ball cover stock except wood. My friends think I am so old that I must have used a wood ball. This I have to deny; I do own a wood ball but have never used one!

I started taking classes to be an instructor as far back as 1963 and currently am a USBC Bronze coach. I am a member of four Halls of Fame, including Oregon State. I am a Roto Grip amateur staff member.

I am a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America and have written this article since 1997. All of my answers come from many years of experience, and for those I don't know, I use the knowledge of some of the many friends I have met over those years. I love doing these articles; it is my way of sharing what I have learned.

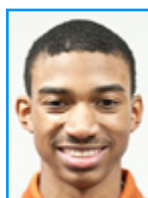
My qualifications are I have been there and done that and, for now, still remember, so I hope to do this until I can't remember. So keep the questions coming.

### Ask Bob a question

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## Tournament Roundup

**NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club Winter Doubles at Bowl America Fairfax** – 1, Rodney Eckles (667) & Augie Bransford (630), Fairfax, Va., 1,297, \$200 (scholarship); 2, Malcolm James (634) & Matt Bailey (619), Woodbridge, Va., 1,253, \$100; 3, Xavier Woods (656), Waldorf, Md. & Keenan Ward (556), Suitland, Md., 1,212, \$70. ... *Tournament of Champions qualifiers* – Woods (656); James (634); Bailey (619); Andrew Beach, Upper Marlboro, Md. (606); Anthony Canzius, Waldorf, Md. (599); Tyler Adair, Alexandria, Va. (582); and Christopher White, Damascus, Md. (571). ... *Previous qualifiers*: Eckles; Michael Simpson, Dale City, Va. (646); Jason Eman, Springfield, Va. (639); Bransford; Jordan Joyner, Leesburg, Va. (618); Austin Fosmire, Gainesville, Va. (575); Zahir Holmes, Beltsville, Md. (574). ... *High individual games* – Game 1: Beach (245); Game 2: James (268); Bailey (256); Eckles (243); Game 3: Eman (246).



**Cameron Brooks**

**NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club Winter Singles at Bowl America Burke** – 1, Cameron Brooks, Bowie, Md. (703), \$100 (scholarship); 2, Adrian Alapide, Arlington, Va. (685), \$80; 3, Zahir Holmes (683), \$60. ... *Tournament of Champions qualifiers* – Alapide; Holmes; Rodney Eckles (657); Jordan Joyner (643); and Augie Bransford (640). ... *Previous qualifiers*: Brooks; Brandon Holloway, Fairmont Heights, Md. (645). ... *High games* – Game 1: Brooks (255); Game 2: Holmes (257); Game 3: Eckles (258); Alapide and D'Mico Brown, Mitchellville, Md. (257).



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