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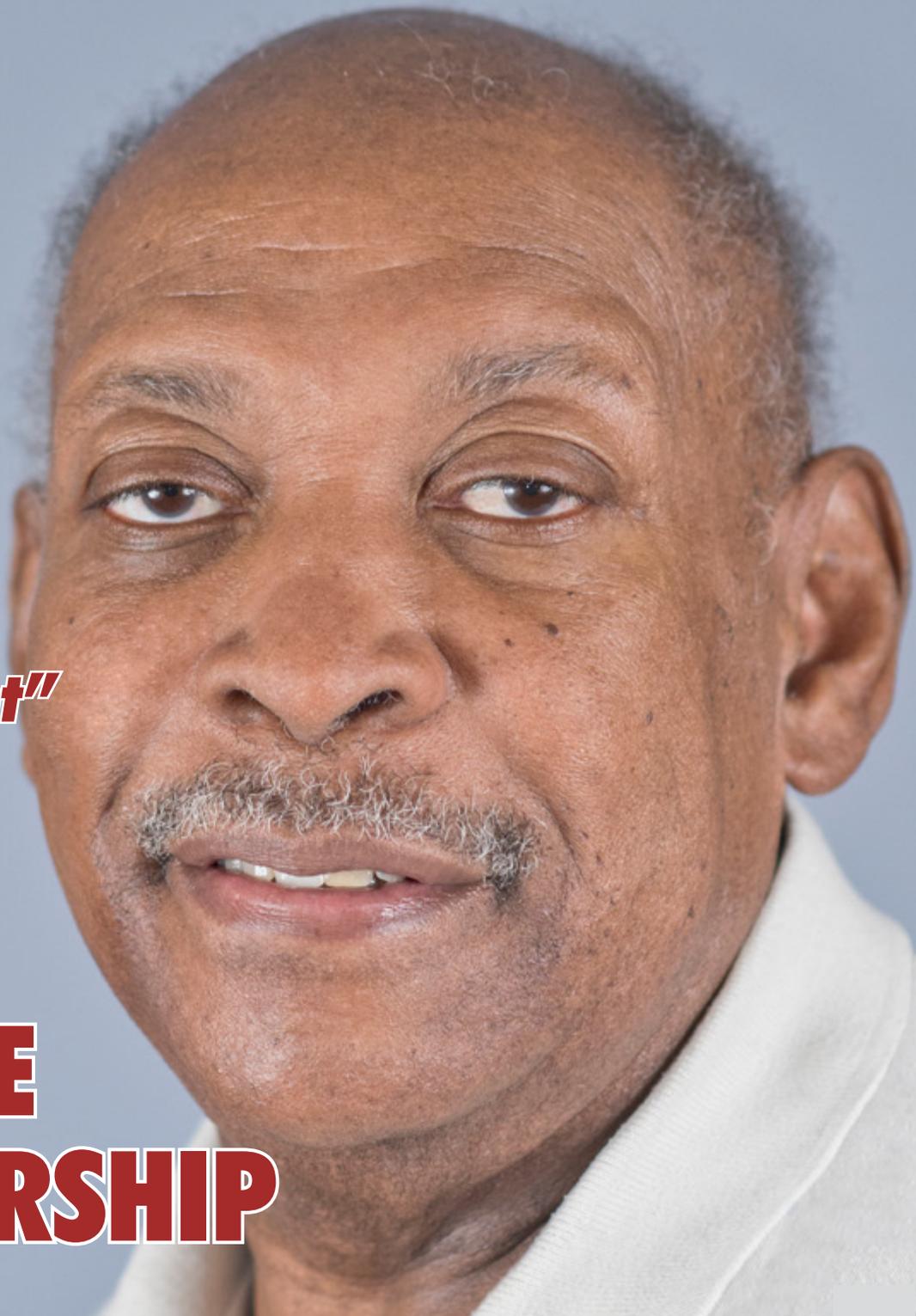
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IN LEADERSHIP**



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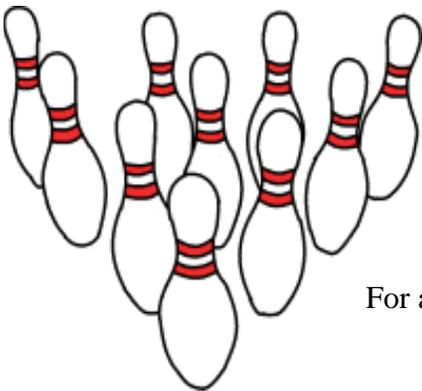
## League Secretary of the Year Award

**Nominate your secretary for the 2015-2016 bowling season**

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## BVL representatives celebrate Veterans Day

Starting with breakfast at the White House and ending with a private meeting with Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald, BVL representatives participated in a variety of activities honoring our nation's veterans on November 11, 2015.

BVL special guest BPAA Executive Director Frank DeSocio joined BVL Board Member Glenn Carano at the White House for breakfast where they had the opportunity to meet with the President and Vice President. "We were privileged to be there with an array of Veterans Service Organization leaders—from the Medal of Honor Society to the Blue Star Mothers of America. These organizations, like BVL, work hard every day to make sure our nation's veterans are remembered for their sacrifices and receive the best care possible. Sharing the day with them was an honor," stated DeSocio.

Representing BVL in the Presidential Color Guard—that opens and closes the official Veteran's Day celebration at Arlington National Cemetery—were Mary Harrar, of Thunderbird Lanes (Pa.), who carried the BVL flag, and her sister, Betty Carleo (a Veteran's Liaison for Bucks County, Pa.), who carried the U.S. flag.

Following the ceremony, BVL Board members Marci Williams, Libbi Fletcher, Anthony Colangelo, and Glenn Carano laid a BVL wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. As with

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**ON THE COVER:** Following the death of NCAUSBCA President Larry Gonzales, First Vice President Willie Graves Jr., of Mitchellville, Md., also will serve as "acting president" this season. (Photo by Bob Cosgrove)

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## **NCAUSBCA LOSES ITS LEADER**



Larry Gonzales

NCAUSBCA President Larry Gonzales died on October 22, 2015 following his recent battle with leukemia. He was 76. Gonzales, who resided in Fort Washington, Md., joined the association's board of directors in 2008 and began his one-year term as president on August 1, 2015. He served as tournament director of the NCAUSBCA Mixed Scratch Doubles event. A memorial service will be held in January, according to Mrs. Gonzales. Anyone wishing to make a donation may send it to a leukemia-related organization in Larry's name or to BVL.

## **BVL MERCHANDISE NOW FEATURED IN USBC STORE**

A new line of BVL-themed items, designed to provide purchasers with the ability to show their support for America's veterans and the BVL cause, are now available online at the USBC Store in time for the holidays. A portion of all sales will benefit BVL. There are five different shirts available -- two T-shirts, a sublimated polo, as well as a men's and a women's polo. The sizes range from small to 4XL: Also available are: (1) An adult adjustable baseball cap with a full color BVL logo embroidered on the front panel; (2) An 11-ounce red, white, and blue ceramic coffee mug featuring a full color wrap imprint of the BVL logo; (3) A silver metal key chain with split ring with a full color imprint of the BVL logo on two sides. "We are pleased to be able to provide our members with an array of items that will help show our sport's long-time commitment to America's veterans," noted USBC President Frank Wilkinson. "We know so many bowlers are very dedicated to this important cause, and these products will provide an opportunity to show their BVL spirit." The items may be purchased by visiting the [USBC Bowling Store](#).

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## **MEMBERSHIP DEPT.**

Rose Park of Ellicott City, Md., recently was indefinitely suspended from membership in USBC and is never to hold office.

## **FOR THE RECORD**

Corrections to *NCAUSBCA 2014-2015 Annual Averages*: Dan Palmer (150 average for 81 games in the Friday Nite Mix-ups at Crofton); Lamont Baxter bowled right-handed in the United Churches league at Riverdale. ... Additions to *ncausbca.org*: Quinton Robinson (188/33 in Thursday Postal at Parkland); Maureen Schriber (204/102 in Calvert Knights at Lord Calvert).



## ACTING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • WILLIE GRAVES JR.

### *A change in leadership*

Greetings to all local association members. Many of you may not be aware that Larry Gonzales, who started his term as your association president on August 1, 2015, died on October 22. During the November 2015 board of directors meeting, I was voted to serve as "acting president" for the remainder of the term, which ends on July 31, 2016.

I would like to thank the board members for their vote of confidence and their belief in choosing me as the individual to serve out

the term. I plan to carry out the president's duties and responsibilities faithfully and with a similar spirit of conviction displayed by President Gonzales during his short time as your president.

At this time, there are a few reminders I would like to bring to your attention:

- The Youth Invitational Scratch Singles Tournament begins January 23.
- Association events in February include the Mixed Scratch Doubles Tournament and the Annual Meet-

ing, which is scheduled to take place on February 28 at a site that will be announced soon.

- The NCAUSBCA Youth Championship Tournament begins March 5.
- The NCAUSBCA Open Championship Tournament starts April 2.

You should watch for additional information on these events and all upcoming events on the association's Web site, [www.ncausbca.org](http://www.ncausbca.org).

Each year, the association has an Annual Meeting. The main purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and directors for the upcoming bowling season and to elect delegates to both the state and national USBC meetings. The Annual Meeting is open to all who hold a local membership in this association. I greatly encourage everyone to attend this important meeting, to get involved, to ask questions of your board of directors, and to voice your votes for those individuals who will serve you in your association beginning August 1, 2016.

All interested association members are eligible to serve on the board of directors. If you are interested, please complete an application (see pages 12 and 13 or [here](#)) that must be submitted to the association office by December 31, 2015.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [president@ncausbca.org](mailto:president@ncausbca.org). It is my wish that each of you will continue to have a great bowling season, and I look forward to seeing many of you during the bowling season.

## BVL presents \$909,184 check to Veterans Administration



Veterans Administration Secretary Robert McDonald (third from right) accepts a \$909,184 check from BVL representatives during Veterans Day ceremonies held in the District and at Arlington National Cemetery. The check total consisted of donations collected during the 2014-2015 season. Once again, NCAUSBCA led local bowling associations nationwide with its \$23,448.37 contribution.

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## New awards program ready to begin

### Awards

Our new awards have finally arrived and soon will be ready for presentation in your leagues. This is just the beginning, as we plan to add end-of-the-year awards as well as something for the Top 10 and high average bowlers. The awards program is now funded totally by our lottery fund-raiser, so Buy! Buy! Buy! and get three chances per ticket to win each day during the month of December.

All credible ideas for future award offerings are welcome.

### USBC / Local Plans

The debate over the Sport/challenge shot and the impact on bowling has begun; your comments are invited. Is this better or worse for league bowling? Are more leagues going to the challenge pattern because their bowlers are looking for a challenge? How will tournament managers handle the change? Some have already begun to implement the challenge pattern for their tournaments. The national USBC Open Championships Tournament has used a Sport pattern for a few years now and plans to change the average definition in 2017. They

will add a super division for bowlers averaging 210 and above.

### Tournament Season

The Senior Tournament was recently completed, and the Mixed Tournament in Support of BVL will be held December 5-6 at Bowl America Shirley. Bowlers can check our [Calendar of Events](#) page for all upcoming events, and if you "Like Us" on Facebook, you will receive notification of all posted association news.

### Hall of Fame

This year's event was well attended, and judging by the comments we have received, it was well liked by all. Kudos to Hall of Fame chair Judi Butler and her team for making this a memorable event for the members of the "Class of 2015"—Arlen "Yogi" Holmes and Billy Slater—and for those who attended.

I am sure you can think of people you believe have made a valuable contribution to local bowling and are worthy of inclusion, so please get your nomination in to us soon as the deadline date, which may be moved up to January 31 from April 30, is rapidly approaching.

### League Bowling

League bowling is in full swing, prize lists have been approved, the Audit Committee is ready to conduct the first audit, and ... the Postponement Committee is in place—yes? I see this may be a colder and snowier winter, according to the *Farmers' Almanac*.

[eMail Ronald McGregor](mailto:Ronald.McGregor@ncausbca.org)

## THE QUESTION:

**What's the most number of strikes you've rolled in succession in competition?**

7 — in the Wednesday Night Mixed league at Rinaldi's Riverdale



Angela Hale  
Washington, D.C.

4 — at Bowl America Woodbridge



Doreen Hamilton  
Lake Ridge, Va.

4 — in the Silver Hill Strikers league at AMF Marlow Heights



Kiya Hunter  
Washington, D.C.

7



Delores Middle  
Arlington, Va.

19 — about a year ago in a league at Bowl America Gaithersburg



Thomas Rinehart  
Germantown, Md.

## The Case Book

Some of our teams bowled the wrong teams during the most recent position round. What can be done?

Try to get it right next time; the only position round that matters is the *final* position round of the season.

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# NCAUSBCA 2015 Hall of Fame highlights



NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame's "Class of 2015": Billy Slater (left) and Arlen "Yogi" Holmes.



Following the invocation by Gene Mays (left), Willie Graves Jr., welcomed the attendees on behalf of NCAUSBCA.



Greg Turner introduced the Hall of Fame members in attendance.



## HALL OF FAME PATRONS

### *Gold Patrons*

Maxye and Kirk S. Williams

### *Blue Patrons*

Harrold Capps  
Andrea & Thomas E. Dale Jr.  
Ronald McGregor  
Berlin Myers  
Christine & James B. Stewart  
Sharon Weber

### *White Patrons*

Quintenna Boone  
Judith Butler  
Cheryl Jelks

### *Red Patrons*

Barbara Vaughan



Dr. Latasha Thomas introduced her father, Billy Slater.



Najee Holmes presented his father, Arlen "Yogi" Holmes.





Billy Slater displays his NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame plaque. In addition to this plaque, each inductee also received a certificate from USBC and the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, along with a ring and white Hall of Fame jacket from NCAUSBCA.



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Yogi Holmes is assisted by Willie Graves Jr. as he puts on his white Hall of Fame jacket for the first time.



Hall of Fame members in attendance included (front row from left) Tena Boone, Dena Kearney, Cornell Jackson, Billy Slater, Arlen "Yogi" Holmes, Susie Ryan, Sharon Weber, and Cheryl Jelks. ... Back row: Ron McGregor, James Stewart, Donny Carr, Tom Dale, Harrold Capps, Ernest Spriggs, Greg Turner, Eddie Blocker, Ray Brothers, Rick Parker, Hollis McMullen, Terry Wiley, Andy Anderson, and Kirk Williams.

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## Hall of Fame nominations proposal changes deadline date to January 31

A proposal by NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame Committee co-chair Judith Butler that would, along with voting and procedural changes, advance the deadline date for Hall of Fame nominations from April 30 to January 31, is expected to be considered by the association's board of directors at its December 19 meeting. Should the board vote to approve the proposal, those members planning to nominate a candidate for the Hall of Fame's "Class of 2016" would have six weeks to complete and submit the nomination.

The following guidelines are presented below for those wishing to prepare a Hall of Fame nomination.

All NCAUSBCA members have the privilege of submitting nominations to the Hall of Fame Committee for consideration. Nominations are open to all bowlers and non-bowlers who by their efforts have furthered the interests of the sport of bowling in the Nation's Capital Area.

Any person (league officer, proprietor, sponsor, association officer, director, press/radio/TV personality, etc.) who has demonstrated long-term or significant contri-

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butions is considered suitable for nomination. Nominations must contain the full name of the nominee and a *one*-page biography including the reason(s) for nomination in one of the categories listed below:

### **Meritorious Service**

- Promotion that created growth of the game.
- Obtained recognition of the game.
- Promoted public acceptance.
- Service to bowlers.

### **Bowling Achievement**

- Bowling achievement.
- Image.

All nominations must be either hand-delivered or mailed to: NCAUSBCA, c/o Hall of Fame Committee, 9315 Largo Drive West, Suite 110, Largo, MD 20774-4762 or sent via fax (301/499-5927) or via eMail to [manager@ncausbca.org](mailto:manager@ncausbca.org).

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*Please read form carefully and complete in its entirety.*

**APPLICANT INFORMATION – Please type or print clearly**

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<b>Street Address</b>	<b>Day Telephone</b>
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<b>City, State, Zip Code</b>	<b>Evening Telephone</b>
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<b>Are you under 18 years of age?</b>	Yes _____ No _____
<b>Have you ever been convicted of a crime or pleaded “no contest” for any offense or violation other than minor traffic violations?</b>	Yes _____ No _____
<b>If yes, explain (1) nature of crime, (2) date of conviction, and (3) state in which convicted. (Convictions are not an automatic bar from consideration.)</b>	
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<b>I hereby submit my name for the following: Virginia State Delegate _____ USBC Delegate _____</b>	
<b>NCAUSBCA Officer (please specify position) _____ NCAUSBCA Director _____</b>	

**EXPERIENCE**

<b><u>Board of Directors</u></b>	<b><u>League Officer</u></b>	<b><u># Workshops Attended</u></b>
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<b>National: _____ years</b>	<b>Secretary: _____ years</b>	<b>National: _____</b>

**Leagues and Centers in which you bowl:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Other Experience (e.g., Tournament Director, Junior Coach, Bowling Clubs, Assisted with City and State Tournaments, etc.)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRAINING COURSES (List any relevant training, volunteer activities, professional organization, licenses or any other information you consider relevant to the position/office you wish to be considered.)**

Course/Seminar

Sponsoring Organization

Date(s) Attended

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**Present Employment:**

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**ASSOCIATION HISTORY – List present or most recent association positions.**

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Position Title

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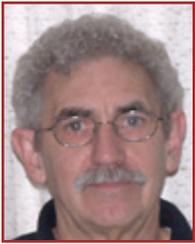
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I hereby consent to have my name placed in nomination and agree to serve if elected.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**CANDIDATE FORM SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2015**



## Transitioning lanes, first balls, socks on shoes, and more

**Q.** *I am having a problem in league deciding if I need to move or if I am making bad shots. In the first game, I am hitting the pocket and striking. Later in that game, I start going light and leaving the 10-pin. Then all of a sudden, I am going high and getting splits. Would you move or is it just bad bowling?*

**A.** With your description of events, I believe this is definitely a case of the lanes transitioning. When you start going light and leaving the 10, you are seeing oil carry down. You need to move right just a board or so with your

feet to get the ball to finish higher in the pocket. Then pay close attention so that as soon as you see the ball move high, like when you leave a 4-pin, consider a move left, probably at least two or three boards with your feet and one to two boards left with your target. The reason is the heads are drying out, and you need to find some fresh oil in the front part of the lane.

One of the hardest parts of our modern game is staying ahead of lane transitions. So just watch your ball reaction and move first when the ball acts differently; this way, you only waste one shot if you are wrong. You can always move back where you were.

Here is another piece of advice when you make the move: *Do it with conviction.* Know in your mind you are right. If you don't, you will not throw the ball well, and you won't know for sure if your move will work. Then you have to try it again, and you might be wasting more shots.

**Q.** *I am 15 years old and bowl for my high school team. I am getting my first ball of my own, and my question is, What weight should I get? Should I get a thumb insert and finger grips?*

**A.** For the first answer, go to your pro shop and show them the ball you use, and have them watch you bowl. They can make the determination on what weight you should go with.

As for a thumb insert, I don't think it is necessary right now. That being said, many pro shops like to use them to insure a clean release. The different cores in the balls can sometimes be a little tacky, and the thumb slug will eliminate this problem. This works especially well if you decide to have more than one ball. The feel will be more consistent.

As for finger grips, my advice is not right now. Finger grips are tacky and give you a little more turn or lift on the ball. You are still growing and developing, and I believe they can be hard on growing tendons from the added stress. You can always have them added later after high your school days if you think they will help.

I know there are many high school bowlers using finger grips, and they may not have problems, but I am of the opinion that it is better to be safe than sorry. Tendon problems are a nightmare for bowlers.



## Check Your Knowledge

1. These two individuals comprised NCAUSBCA's Hall of Fame "Class of 2015."
2. Which center has more lanes—Bowl America Gaithersburg or Bowl America Manassas?
3. Which center will host the NCAUSBCA 6th Annual Mixed Tournament in Support of BVL?
4. These two centers will host NCAUSBCA's 2016 Open Championship Tournament.
5. Who is NCAUSBCA's fifth vice president?
6. What "sleeper" spare leave involves the 8-pin?
7. True or False: Merchandise prizes in a Youth tournament cannot exceed \$500 in value.
8. True or False: A league can adopt a rule to declare games forfeited if participants in a team's lineup are not current in league fee payments.
9. True or False: The use of a ball spinner is prohibited during competition.
10. Can total pins break a tie when three teams are involved?

ANSWERS: 1, Arlen "Yogi" Holmes and Billy Slater; 2, Bowl America Gaithersburg; 3, Bowl America Shirley; 4, The Lanes Fort Meade and AMF Capital Plaza; 5, Connie Brown; 6, 2-8; 7, True; 8, True; 9, True; 10, No.

**Q.** *I have noticed some bowlers in my league put a sock over the shoe on the slide foot of the bowling shoes. What is the reason for this?*

**A.** You are seeing more and more bowlers use a sock on the slide foot since the advent of synthetic lanes and approaches. Synthetic approaches seem to be more difficult to slide on. Many of them are on the tacky side. This can be hard on bowlers to stay consistent when sliding. So the sock over the slide sole gives consistency to the approaches.

For the most part, all approaches you bowl on will seem the same. The sock does take some getting used to. It makes the approach seem pretty slick, but people I know who use them swear by them.

**Q.** *I have been asked to go to the 2016 USBC Open Championships Tournament in Reno, Nev., this next year. I love to bowl in tournaments but have never considered the nationals. I am on limited funds and need to get time off from my job. I know there are many entries in this tournament, and winning money in the nationals is difficult. Can you give me any good reasons for going to this tournament?*

**A.** There are several good reasons for making the nationals an annual event:

➤ It is the biggest tournament in the country.

➤ There is a lot of tradition in the USBC Open that no other tournament has.

➤ Yes, it is difficult to win, but you never know if your game happens to match up that it is possible to win. The nationals pay many plac-

es, so you can most likely get some money back.

➤ Going to the nationals is more than just going to another tournament. It is an experience, and it can be a vacation. The 2017 tournament will be in Las Vegas.

Every third year, it will go to some other city in the United States. This gives you a reason to explore other parts of the country.

If you are on a time limit, you can fly. I always tried to take a week or two, so I drive; this way, I could stop when I wanted and really see the country. This makes the na-

### **The USBC Open Championships Tournament is way more than just another tournament; it is an experience.**

tionals my favorite tournament, even though I might not have great scores.

We only get to go around once in this life, so make the most of it. It is really not as expensive as you think to do the nationals; try it once, and you will be hooked.

**Q.** *I just bowled in a tournament last month where the shot was much tougher than advertised. We were supposed to be on the house shot. This, however, was no house shot—the lanes were terrible, the scores were terrible, and everyone had a rough time, especially me. The more I tried to make good shots, the worse I bowled. What is the key for bowling on a shot that seems impossible?*

**A.** If you bowl in tournaments at all, this has happened to you. Sometimes it seems as though there is just nothing you can do to make things better. It has happened to me more than once. Sometimes the conditions just

don't fit your game. Then, you just have to do your best and move on.

There is a way to lessen the problems if not completely solve them: When a shot does not fit us, we try harder. This seems like the right thing to do, but it makes us worse: Trying too hard causes us to help the ball, or as some say, *steer* the ball.

You have to relax even more than normal: Let the ball tell you where you need to play the lanes. Try different balls; you need to make sure the ball is matching up to the condition. If the ball doesn't match up, you have no chance. That is why we

have more than one ball in our arsenal.

If the lanes are tough, everyone else is struggling, too. Do the best you can, and make your spares for your best chance to win.

**Q.** *I have just started bowling again after 20 years, and I am dropping the ball all the time. I never used to drop the ball. A friend of mine gave me a ball to use; it fits fine and doesn't hurt me, so what do you think the problem could be?*

**A.** The first thing I would look at is the ball fit. Even if it feels fine to you, it could still be the span or pitches in the thumb or fingers causing the problem. Go to the pro shop and have them check it out. Also, if they offer lessons, take one because it could be a timing problem.

Check out the ball first because no lesson can overcome a bad fit.

**eMail Bob Korth**

# Our Back Pages

## 5 Years Ago

- Mr. Redmond celebrates his [100th birthday](#) at AMF Waldorf.
- Hall of Famer [Willie Jelks](#) responds to “20 Questions.”

## 10 Years Ago

- [Karla Pereira](#) discusses her decision to have laser eye surgery in the “My Stuff” feature.
- [Ernest W. Spriggs](#) provides “The Best Bowling Tip I’ve Ever Received.”

## 15 Years Ago

- [Dawn Fay](#) tops the WDCAWBA Unofficial Ranking for the fifth consecutive season.
- Harlin Matkins and Steve Harter write that for our sport to stay healthy, “we need to be open and sensitive to both old and new bowlers.”

## 20 Years Ago

- In his “The Strike Zone” column, Scott Bailey writes: “Having the right equipment and [knowing when to use it](#) is 50 percent of the game today for better bowlers.”
- John Jowdy decries the [increased cost of league bowling](#) often due to the additional dollars required to participate in jackpots.

## 25 Years Ago

- A 277 game by Mary Brooks at Fair Lanes University tops the WDCAWBA Awards listing.
- Alison Shurtleff (621 series) and Eunice Jones (552) capture WDCA 600 Club titles.

## 30 Years Ago

- Sheila Pinkston and Tyrone Brooks win Bowl America’s Open Tour Grand Finals.
- In her best bowling tip, [Ann Scoles](#) notes that “bending at the knees gives me more lift and leverage on my ball.”
- Patricia Bailey (A Division) and Katie L. Johnson (B Division) capture Washington, D.C. Area Women’s 600 Club titles.

## 35 Years Ago

- “The Pocket Pro Shop,” led by [Chuck Gannon’s](#) 246-248-227/721, scores an association record four-man team score of 2,750.
- Just moments after his official induction into the NCABA Hall of Fame, [Joe Zinicola](#) suffers a fatal heart attack.

## 40 Years Ago

- In his “President’s Message,” Vernon R. Burke explains [how the Washington City Tenpin Bowling Association was formed](#) in 1945.
- High averages in the Virginia Masters: [Ray Shackelford](#) (208), Glenn Myers (206), Ken Shaw (205), John Nurmi (203), and Jerry Jesse, and [Buddy Engleman](#) (201).

## 45 Years Ago

- Steve Harter’s 193 average is the highest in the AJBC Summer Petersen Point Doubles league at Annandale Bowling Center.
- Annandale’s Skip Dawson wins the Boys 12-13 age group in the U.S. Youth Games in New York City.

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<i>Favorite TV show</i>	<i>Nothing annoys me more than ...</i>	<i>I think I'm addicted to ...</i>	<i>My worst habit</i>	<i>My top interest outside of bowling</i>	<i>Best aspect of bowling</i>
"Sponge-Bob Square-Pants"	Not putting things back where they belong	Mountain Dew Code Red	Not being positive	House-cleaning—I'm a fanatic!	It's an <i>individual</i> sport
"How to Get Away with Murder"	Receiving no acknowledgement when giving right of way in traffic	Sweets	Procrastination	Doing various community services and giving back	Exercise, camaraderie, new friends, see different places
Any western	People that are overly loud	Coffee	My wife says I snore	Gardening	Being able to bowl well, and I like coaching
"I Love Lucy"	Someone humming out of tune	Poker	Running late	My son	The camaraderie
"Grimm"	Someone cutting me off	Bowling	Eating pizza (sausage and pepperoni at Papa John's)	Taking my girls (ages 13 and 16) wherever they need to go	The fun I have

# ASSOCIATION HONOR SCORES

## 800 Series

- 846 Bailey, Martin A - MH006  
Hunter, James W - MH008
- 837 Windsor, Wilbert A - WB009
- 834 Eman, Jason R - SL002
- 833 Sims, Edward L Jr - CY014
- 831 Windsor, Wilbert A - WBS06
- 826 DeWitt, Samuel W III - MH027
- 824 Wilson, Jonathan C - WBS01
- 823 Johnston, Raymond D Jr - WA003
- 822 Figgins, Timothy B - MA020
- 817 Medina, Hector M II - WB009
- 816 Buckles, Michael S - WB019
- 815 Einhorn, James D Jr - WBS06  
Guttridge, Johnny C Jr - WB009
- 814 Holland, John C - BRS10
- 809 Brewer, Brian P - WB017  
Guttridge, Johnny C Jr - WB009
- 808 Rodbhajon, Mana S - SL003
- 807 Hurdle, Joshua J - MA020
- 805 Rodbhajon, Mana S - SL003
- 804 Windsor, Richard T Sr - LC014

- 803 Baziluik, Robert R - WB009  
Guttridge, Johnny C Jr - WB009  
Tragert, John G - GBS03
- 802 Andrejack, Michael J - WB009  
Herman, Michael P Jr - WBS06  
Sneed, Waver L - WB021  
Vail, David W - FC011  
Zampedro, Jon E - SL001
- 800 Bell, William C - WA020  
Burt, James C - CY003  
Keeter, Steven H - WA003

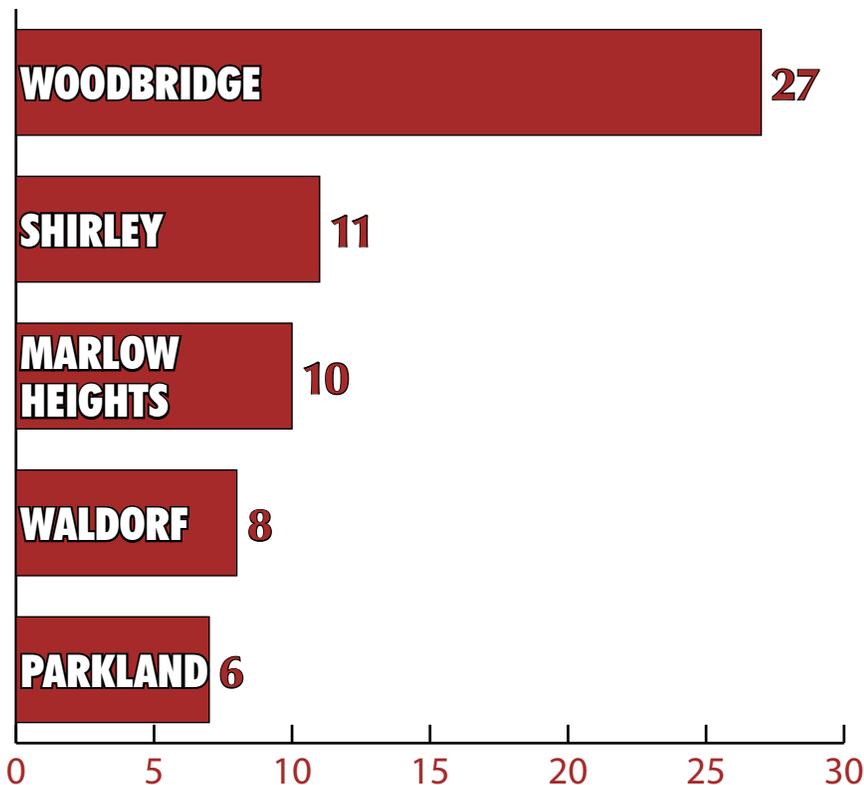
## 300 Game

- Angles, Ronnie L - MA009
- Bates, Gary R Sr - WA019
- Brent, Jeff P - CR014
- Brown, Carlton D - MH027
- Buckles, Michael S - WB019
- Callis, Sherman C - PK003
- Colleton, Sammy J - WBS06
- Cotton, Eugene A - NN001
- Crookston, Jeremy D - WB009
- Dadisman, Patrick M Jr - GB007
- Davis, John H - DR002
- DeWitt, Samuel W III - MH027

- Eman, Jason R - SL002 (2)
- Emerson, Robert W - CR014
- Eubanks, Kisha C - PK010
- Frazier, Gregory A - CA002
- Gathof, Douglas A - WBS06
- George, Bernard III - BA013
- Green, Gene - WA005
- Guttridge, Johnny C Jr - WB009 (2)
- Hall, Bobby V II - MH027
- Hayes, Allen A - PK010
- Herman, Michael P Jr - WB009
- Holt, Ronald A - RD008
- Hunt, Micheal L - MH026
- Hunter, James W - MH008
- Ishmael, Bobby Jr - MH016
- Johnson, Keith D - CR014
- Jones, Howard L Jr - GB020 (2)
- Kaase, Eric W - BRS06
- Keller, Joshua J - SL001
- Kirkland, Latoya C - WB009
- Mallory, Harry L - LB004
- Marland, Jay M - SL001
- McCastle, Arthur L - WB009
- McDonald, Ross A - SL002
- Moore, Douglas - PK006
- Paczkowski, Matthew J - WB015
- Paul, Gary S - GB007
- Pearson, Darnell A - RD008
- Peterson, David L - WA020
- Redman, William P Jr - CA005
- Rhone, Kilinia B - MH006
- Rodbhajon, Mana S - SL001
- Satchell, Steve L - CA003
- Shearard, John M - CA011
- Shore, Richard W - FC012
- Shorter, Eugene M Jr - RD003
- Sims, Edward L Jr - CY014
- Sneed, Waver L - WB009
- Spence, Melvin L Jr - LC009
- Stewardson, Kenneth M - MA009
- Strickland, Michael - PK005 / PK010  
WA003
- To, Chhoeun - SL002
- Tolson, Adrienne N - CR007
- Trudell, Steven A - CY003
- Walker, Trent G - WA013
- Wilson, Jonathan C - WBS01
- Windsor, Richard T - CR014
- Windsor, Wilbert A - WBS06
- Yarborough, David III - RD006 / RD008

## HONOR SCORE CENTERS

(this issue, based on listed scores)



# ANITA PORTER



Anita Porter of the District did not score well in this year's NCAUSBCA Senior Tournament at Bowl America Gaithersburg, but when she revealed some of her favorites following the competition, she was still upbeat, having recorded her highest game ever, 258, in the Les Femmes league at Potomac Lanes the day before.

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## Tournament Roundup

PBA50 Craig Pezzano Memorial, Laurel, Del. (*John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., \$3,000*) – 6, Jay Davis (guest), Silver Spring, Md., \$850; 22, [David Kneas](#), Annapolis, Md., \$250 (Super Senior Award).

4th Annual Danny Wiseman Youth Scholarship Tournament, Baltimore – *Handicap Division*: 3, Anthony Herrin, \$1,000 (scholarship); 6, Laney Wells, \$650; 8, Randall Stewart, \$600; 10, Andrew Thorne Jr., \$390; 11, Theopolin Averett, \$380; 13, Noah Pearce, \$360; 16, Kathryn Tonucci, \$330; 17, Josh Mattice, \$170; 20, Andrew Pearce, \$160; 22, Herman Lee III, \$147.50; 27, Dean Courtney II, \$125. ... *Scratch Division*: 1, Conner Kolessides, \$1,750; 12, David Zweiban, \$290; 13, Anthony Daniels II, \$280; 14, Jarrett DeFalco, \$270; 15, Jervon Webster, \$260; 16, Brandon Driver, \$250.

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the invitation to the White House and inclusion in the Presidential Color Guard, BVL is accorded the opportunity to lay a wreath at the Tomb due to its membership in the Department of Veterans Affairs National Veterans Day Organizing Committee.

The Board concluded the day in a private meeting with VA Secretary McDonald. The Board presented the Secretary with a facsimile check of more than \$900,000, representing the amount of money raised for recreational and therapeutic programs and services for veterans during the 2014-2015 year. At the meeting, BVL Board Chair John LaSpina noted, "While we are here to present you with this check, this is the result of many hands in the field doing the work to Brighten Veterans' Lives. We recognize each and

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## Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER

- 5 – Virginia Junior Gold at Bowl America Bull Run.
- 5-6 – [NCAUSBCA 6th Annual Mixed Tournament in Support of BVL](#) at Bowl America Shirley.
- 6 – Nelson Perry's Scratch/Handicap Scholarship Tournament at Bowl America Woodbridge.
- 12 – Youth Sweeper at Bowl America Manassas.
- 16 – Submissions deadline of league standings sheets for Youth Invitational Tournament and Youth Championship Tournament.
- 19 – [NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club Winter Singles Tournament](#) at Bowl America Chantilly.
- 20 – Youth Holiday Doubles at Bowl America Bull Run.
- 24-January 3 – NCAUSBCA office closed.
- 27 – Local Junior Gold at Bowl America Manassas.
- 31 – [NCAUSBCA candidate form](#) submissions deadline.
- 31 – Nominations deadline for NCAUSBCA Ted Gruszkowski Jr. Youth Star Award.

### JANUARY

- 1 – Adult/Youth Tournament at Bowl America Bull Run.



- 2 – Youth Sweeper at Bowl America Manassas.
- 3 – NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club Doubles Tournament at Bowl America Manassas.
- 9 – Virginia Junior Gold at Bowl America Southwest in Richmond.
- 10 – Clyde Robert Perkins II Virginia State High School Tournament at Bowl America Midlothian.
- 17 – Virginia Junior Gold at Sparetimes in Hampton.
- 19 – Postmark deadline for Youth Invitational Tournament.
- 23-24, 30-31, February 7 – NCAUSBCA 47th Annual Youth Invitational Scratch Singles Tournament at (Round 1) AMF Capital Plaza; (Round 2) Bowl America Bull Run; (Round 3) Bowl America Gaithersburg; (Round 4) Bethesda Naval Bowling Center; and (Round 5) Bowl America Shirley.

### FEBRUARY

- 6 – Virginia Junior Gold at Bowl America Bull Run.
- 6 – Youth Sweeper at Bowl America Manassas.
- 6-7 – NCAUSBCA 2nd Annual Invitational Reunion Tournament at Bowl America Shirley.
- 15 – [NCAUSBCA Secretary of the Year](#) nominations deadline.
- 20 – Virginia Junior Gold at Bowl America Short Pump in Glen Allen.
- 22 – Northern Virginia High School Invitational Championship at Bowl America Manassas.
- 27-28, March 5-6, 12-13, 19-20; and April 2-3 & 9-10 (if needed) – [Virginia State USBC 28th Annual Mixed Handicap Tournament](#) at AMF Lynchburg.
- 28 – NCAUSBCA 10th Annual Membership Meeting (site TBD).
- 28 – NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club Spring Singles Tournament at Lord Calvert Bowl.

### MARCH

- 5 – Youth Sweeper at Bowl America Manassas.
- 5-6, 12-13 – NCAUSBCA Youth Championship Tournament at AMF Capital Plaza.
- 6 – Paul Goodwin Youth/Adult Scholarship Tournament at Bowl America Gaithersburg.

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The Secretary expressed his deep appreciation for BVL. “We can’t do what we do without you,” he said. “You have been so generous throughout the years. We thank BVL so very much.”



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