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Bolling Air Force Base Officers Club to host Hall of Fame Induction & Dinner Celebration

Crystal Shaw-Wesby to be inducted October 7

NCAUSBCA's 2017 Hall of Fame Induction & Dinner Celebration will take place Saturday, October 7 in the Capital Ballroom of the Bolling Air Force Base Officers Club (50 Theisen Street) on Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C.



The event begins with a "Meet & Greet" session with cash bar at 5 p.m. and a buffet dinner that's scheduled to start at 6 p.m. The induction ceremony will follow dinner.

The Hall of Fame's "Class of 2017" features Crystal Shaw-Wesby of Landover, Md., who was elected in the

Bowling Achievement category.

Ticket information will be announced soon. When available, tickets may be purchased at the NCAUSBCA office or ordered through association board members and lane representatives.

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ON THE COVER: After frustrating final rounds in several past Youth Invitationals, Jarrett DeFalco finishes this year in the winner's circle along with fellow division champions Jaydon Whitehead and Samantha Dixon.

(Photos by Bob Cosgrove)

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**NCAUSBCA MAY 2017
FUND-RAISER OFFERS
93 CHANCES TO WIN**

As many NCAUSBCA members have learned, your local association now provides nearly all awards. To help defray the cost of local awards and other programs that can benefit all members, NCAUSBCA will offer each day in May 2017 an opportunity for individuals to cash through numbers selected in the daily Virginia Lottery "Pick 3" game. In fact, every \$10 raffle ticket has *three* chances to win daily -- and a monthly total of 93 chances! -- with a minimum winning amount of \$15. Tickets are available through your lane representative as well as the NCAUSBCA office in Largo, Md.

**IBC LAUNCHES
NEW LEARN-TO-BOWL
YOUTH PROGRAM**

The International Bowling Campus has launched the USA Bowling Learn the Sport program designed to help develop the next generation of bowlers. USA Bowling Learn the Sport is a new four-week program that will provide bowling centers, pro shops, and United States Bowling Congress associations the tools to provide basic instruction to new youth bowlers. By teaching the sport, these newcomers not only will learn basic skills while having fun but quickly will see more success on the lanes and will want to continue to bowl. The learn-to-bowl program is a partnership between the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA), USBC, International Bowling Campus Youth Development (IBC Youth), Strike Ten Entertainment, and the International Bowling Pro Shop and Instructors Association (IBPSIA). The program was introduced to bowling centers at the recent BPAA Summit in Charleston, South Carolina. The USA Bowling Learn the Sport program is designed to have four one-hour sessions each week. Each session will start with a short classroom meeting before the youth bowlers take to the lanes to put what they have learned into practice. Sessions cover lane safety, equipment, how to swing the ball, footwork, shooting spares, and so much more. A special USA Bowling Learn the Sport kit has been developed for centers to promote the program and contains everything a center needs to teach the classes, including a coach's guide, proprietor's guide, DVD with weekly lessons, and much more. To learn more, please visit BPAA.com/USABowling.

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MEMBERSHIP DEPT.

Elizabeth A. Morris and Michael W. Morris of King George, Va., and Stefin J. Nelson of Fort Myer, Va., recently were suspended from membership and office by the United States Bowling Congress.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • WILLIE GRAVES JR.

Warm up your game for spring

Warmer weather is in the air, which may signal an early start to spring. This also signals the time of the year that you should be warming up your bowling game so that you will be ready to compete in two key sponsored NCAUSBCA tournaments. The Women's Championship Tournament will be held March 18-19 and 25-26 at Rinaldi's Riverdale Bowl. The Open Tournament is opened to both women and men and will be held April 1-2, 8-9, and 22-23 at Bowl America Shirley and Bowl America Gaithersburg.

This year's tournaments will continue to offer bowlers more opportunities to win more prize money. Entry forms for our tournaments can be found on our Web site at ncausbca.org.

As a reminder, winter leagues will end over the next several months. Your league president and the selected league audit committee should have reviewed the treasurer's records at least once, with another review coming up to ensure that moneys are at the levels they should be. You do not

want to be financially short when it is league payout time. Have you received your league financial report?

As an additional reminder, all secretaries should get award applications into the association office as soon as possible. We would like to recognize all awardees in their centers during the league in which they earned the award.

As always, please send any questions you might have to president@ncausbca.org or you may call the office at 301/499-1693. I hope to see most of you at the upcoming tournaments. Have a blessed and enjoyable Easter, and keep your bowling balls striking.

Shelley Battle honored as NCAUSBCA Secretary of the Year



Shelley Battle of the Moon Strikers league at AMF Capital Plaza displays her plaque after being named NCAUSBCA Secretary of the Year for the 2015-2016 season. Joining in the presentation are (from left) Directors Judi Butler, Doc Campbell, Cynthia Cooks (SoY chair), Berlin Myers, and President Willie Graves Jr.



MANAGER'S MEMO • RONALD MCGREGOR

Is your league able to answer the question?

Most leagues are in the final stretch now, and hopefully you can answer the question, *Do we have enough money to meet the prize payout?* with a big YES! ... and at least one audit has been completed and the president has been looking over the bank statement monthly and all is well.

The NCAUSBCA 11th Annual Membership Meeting was held February 26 at Bowl America Gaithersburg. One local bylaw was changed to reduce the quorum at the board of directors meetings to 16. The change was deemed necessary because of poor attendance at a few meetings this season, resulting in no business being conducted. Hopefully with the change along with new directors being elected to the board, this situation will no longer occur.

The NCAUSBCA 72nd Annual Women's Championship will begin its two-weekend run at Rinaldi's Riverdale Bowl on March 18. Meanwhile, the 72nd Annual Open Championship Tournament begins April 1. These and other events can be found on our Web and Facebook pages.

Bowlers are shooting lots of big scores this season, so much that we have had to order more 75 and 100 Pins Over Average pins along with 200 (game) and 700 (series) pins. If you are due an award, we will get

it to you as soon as the order comes in around April 4. Always remember that your lane representative will be happy to present awards to you in league so that your fellow bowlers can give you the adulation you deserve.

Congratulations to Shelley Battle for winning the NCAUSBCA Secretary of the Year Award for 2015-2016. I was informed that members of her Moon Strikers league as well as the adjoining 55-Plus Mixed Seniors Trio at AMF Capital Plaza joined in the celebration.

League secretaries must be sure to certify second-half leagues. If you are bowling in a Basic league, please be aware of its limitations.

Secretaries who give us their eMail address are periodically sent updates of association events, tournament entry forms, *BOWL Magazine* links, and the option to receive an electronic final average form. We ask all Facebook users to "Like Us" to help stay informed.

The bad weather may not be completely out of range yet, so please remember to err on the side of caution when deciding about postponements. As always, remember it's only a game, so try to have a little fun at least once a week.

Ronald McGregor can be reached via eMail at manager@ncausbca.org.

THE QUESTION:

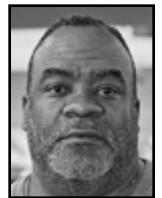
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OPTIONAL SCRATCH CATEGORIES

Members elect three vice presidents and three new directors

Nation's Capital Area USBC Association (NCAUSBCA) members attending the 11th Annual Membership Meeting held February 26 at Bowl America Gaithersburg elected Michael Tinsley, Seat Pleasant, Md.; along with Clayton Stone and Connie Brown, Alexandria, Va.; to respective two-year terms as first, third, and fifth vice president beginning August 1, 2017. All were elected by acclamation.

Incumbent directors elected to a two-year term ending July 31, 2019 include Marina Akers-Epps and Andrew "Doc" Campbell, Fort Washington, Md.; Jane Andrews and Gene O. Mays, D.C.; Robert Ashley III, Centreville, Va.; Judith Butler and James B. Stewart, Hyattsville, Md.; Ken Larkin, Alexandria, Va.; and Kirk Williams, District Heights, Md. In addition, Greta Pearson, Fort Washington; Miriam Witherspoon, Arlington, Va.; and Samuel Wolde, Waldorf, Md., will begin their elected terms as a director on August 1.

At the Youth Representation Meeting held prior to the Annual Meeting, Director Herman Lee Jr., Clinton, Md., was elected to the board for a two-year term beginning August 1, 2017.

Individuals elected on a separate ballot to serve as delegates to the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) 2018 Annual Meeting include Andre Andrews, D.C.; Jane Andrews; Robert Ashley III; Andrea & Tom Dale, Stafford, Va.; Connie Brown; James Butler, Mitchellville, Md.; Adam Mitchell, Reston, Va.; and Greta Pearson.

On another separate ballot, Jane Andrews, Robert Ashley III, Connie Brown, James Butler, Judith Butler, and Andrea Dale were

elected to serve as delegates to the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 meetings of the Virginia State USBC.

Two NCAUSBCA bylaws proposals involving quorums were discussed by Legislative Chair Robert Ashley III. Former association manager Ray Brothers stated the first proposal that lowered the quorum from 20 to 16 for monthly board meetings was a troubling reflection on the board and its members.

"This board member deal here, I just don't understand it," said Brothers. "Are the board members too dad gum lazy to get up and go to a board meeting?"

Meanwhile, James B. Stewart, the area's longest-serving board member, agreed with Brothers' sentiment but passionately argued that the attitude and dedication of some board members have continued to change since Brothers' departure from the NCAUSBCA office (on July 31, 2012), and recent board meetings without a quorum have frustratingly resulted in no official business being conducted. In fact, Stewart continued, the start of the monthly board meeting conducted just hours earlier was delayed due to a quorum not being present at the announced 9 a.m. starting time.

Following further comments, the members approved the board meeting quorum reduction to 16 effective August 1, 2017.

The second proposal, to reduce the Annual Membership Meeting quorum to a combined total of 30 (adults and youths) from the current 40 adult and 10 youth representatives, was rejected by the members. Prior to this, an amendment by Ruth Adams to raise the

combined quorum total to 40 also was rejected.

Ashley later led a discussion of the proposed amendments that will be voted on at the USBC Annual Meeting this April in Las Vegas, Nev. (The amendment summaries as well as the desires expressed by NCAUSBCA members on the legislation appear on [page 10](#).)

Immediately prior to the meeting's adjournment, Dominic Parham made a motion that the association pay all bills. It was seconded by Sharon Weber and passed by the members.

In other news from the meeting:

- Berlin Myers was the raffle winner of the 40-inch television;
- \$360 was collected in ticket sales for the May 2017 Virginia Lottery "Pick 3" game, which offers 93 ways to win.



Raffle winner Berlin Myers



At the NCAUSBCA Youth Representation Meeting that occurred prior to the Annual Membership Meeting, Pamela Prue asks a question, and Tom Dale offers an explanation.



Robert Ashley III conducted the legislative session of the NCAUSBCA Annual Membership Meeting.



From left, Greta Pearson, Samuel Wolde, and Miriam Witherspoon were elected to two-year terms as an association director beginning August 1, 2017.

USBC 2017 index of proposed amendments

LEAGUE RULES

Rules Proposal No. LR 1

USBC Playing Rules • Chapter 4, League Rules • Rule 100g, Handicap

- R** Allows for a game and/or series to be capped at maximum scratch score.

Rules Proposal No. LR 2

USBC Playing Rules • Chapter 4, League Rules • Rule 122, Meetings

- R** Allows for changes to rules during the season with 75% approval of the team captains or designated representatives.

Rules Proposal No. TR 1

USBC Playing Rules • Chapter 6, Tournament Rules • Rule 303, Management

- R** Allows the tournament manager to disqualify an individual for eligibility and/or average violations no later than 30 days after prizes are paid.

Rules Proposal No. TR 2

USBC Playing Rules • Chapter 6, Tournament Rules Rule 319c, Average Adjustments (Rerating)

- R** Allows for adjustments/rerating after games are completed.

Rules Proposal No. TR 3

USBC Playing Rules • Chapter 6, Tournament Rules Rule 319c, Average Adjustments (Rerating)

- R** Limits the reporting of rerates to three years prior.

Rules Proposal No. TR 4

USBC Playing Rules • Chapter 6, Tournament Rules Rule 319d, Reporting Prior Prize Winnings

- R** Requires reporting of prize money in excess of \$300 in an event.

Rules Proposal No. TR 5

USBC Playing Rules • Chapter 6, Tournament Rules Rule 319d, Reporting Prior Prize Winnings

- R** Requires reporting of combined prize money in excess of \$500 in a tournament.

Rules Proposal No. TR 6

USBC Playing Rules • Chapter 6, Tournament Rules Rule 319d, Reporting Prior Prize Winnings

- R** Requires reporting of combined prize money in excess of \$1000 in all tournaments competed in within 12 months.

Rules Proposal No. TR 7

USBC Playing Rules • Chapter 6, Tournament Rules Rule 327 Scoring Process, New Rule

Allows for a game and/or series to be capped at maximum scratch score. **R**

Rules Proposal No. TR 8

USBC Playing Rules • Chapter 6, Tournament Rules Rule 329, Protests and Appeals

Allows for protests on eligibility and/or average violations to be filed no later than 10 days after prizes are paid. **R**

BYLAWS

Bylaws Proposal No. B 1

USBC National Bylaws • Article VI, Meetings Section A. Annual Meeting, Item 3-a

Increases the formula for delegate representation to the USBC Convention and sets the maximum delegates allowed to an association to 30. **A**

Bylaws Proposal No. B 2

USBC National Bylaws • Article VI, Meetings Section A. Annual Meeting, Item 3

Adds USBC Hall of Famers as eligible voters at the USBC Annual Meeting. **A**

Bylaws Proposal No. B 3

USBC Merged State Bylaws • Article VII, Meetings Section A. Annual Meeting, Item 7, Quorum

Allows for one quorum for adult and youth delegates. **A**

Bylaws Proposal No. B 4

USBC Merged Local Bylaws Article IV, Membership and Dues

Individuals joining a summer league can purchase membership for that summer and following season. **R**

Bylaws Proposal No. B 5

USBC Merged Local Bylaws • Article VII, Meetings Section A. Annual Meeting, Item 6, Quorum

Allows for one quorum for adult members and Youth Representatives. **A**

A = Adopted / R = Rejected (Decisions made by members attending the NCAUSBCA 2017 Annual Membership Meeting)

Our Back Pages

5 Years Ago

- [Zahir Holmes](#) is honored with the NCAUSBCA Ted Gruskowski Jr. Youth Star Award.
- Dougie Tonucci, Andrew Beach, and Richie Hercules are Youth Invitational Scratch Singles champions.

10 Years Ago

- [Jackie McKinnon](#) tackles the “Mini-Bio.”
- “Bowling 101” columnist Harlin Matkins tells [how to correct aiming flaws](#).

15 Years Ago

- Mike Herman (A Division) and Lauren Hicks (B Division) capture Vir-Mar District YABA Invitational titles.
- Guest columnist Gary “The Guru” Parsons poses the question: [When did bowling ever have integrity?](#)

20 Years Ago

- Nathan Bolden’s [quick trip to McDonald’s](#) nearly costs him an Invitational title.
- [Dave Hart](#) is the subject of the *BOWL Magazine* Interview.

25 Years Ago

- Charles Valesquez, 23, rolls an association record 868 series at Fair Lanes Laurel.
- Cheryl Ames (460 series) and Liz Hollis (609) total 1,069 to win the 20th Annual Washington, D.C. Area 600 Club Holiday Tournament at Fair Lanes Capital Plaza.

30 Years Ago

- At Bowl America Shirley, Azlee Evans, 21, records the [second perfect game](#) in WDCAWBA history.
- In a cover story, professional bowler Arnie Goldman declares the Professional Bowlers Association does not market its [most valuable product](#).

35 Years Ago

- Steve Hill and Brian Marler take home division titles at the Vir-Mar District Invitational Tournament.
- Alice McKinney and Preston “Superstar” Hollis win the Bowl America Beltway Tour Grand Finals.

40 Years Ago

- Mike Marrocco and Darryl Greene win Vir-Mar District Invitational titles.
- Sheila Pinkston is the top-ranked bowler in the Washington, D.C. Area Women’s Bowling Association with a 183.4 composite average.

45 Years Ago

- The Shirlington Delly team of Audie Balmer, Jesse Burch, Wally Fry, Ken Slack, and [Steve Sipe](#) wins the first-half crown in the Virginia Masters league.
- The National Bowling Council signs Washington Redskins coach George Allen to make personal appearances for bowling.

50 Years Ago

- Ricky Taylor is presented with the ABC Merit Award for rolling the [outstanding local association series](#) during the 1965-1966 season, a 749 at Fair Lanes Capital Plaza.
- The Washington City Tenpin Bowling Association forms a Ranking Committee that will begin work at the conclusion of the 1966-1967 season.

18th Annual Guys & Dolls Tournament Rules

1. **The Tournament is open to any bowler providing proof of a 2016-2017 USBC Membership and current book average, or a final 2016-2017 league standings sheet.**
2. Bowlers must present a USBC membership card at the tournament check-in **30 minutes prior** to scheduled start time. Lineup will be **as shown on entry form.** Teams or bowlers failing to appear on the lanes, prepared to bowl at the scheduled time, shall forfeit their entry unless sufficient reason is given to warrant postponement.
3. Bowlers entered in the singles event must also enter the doubles event and visa-versa.
4. The Team captain, or his legal representative, has the privilege of substituting other bowlers for those originally entered. Only same sex substitutions will be accepted. In the doubles event, the names of both entrants must be given. Entries with the word "**PARTNER**" will not be accepted. Each Team **MUST** consist of 2 Men and 2 Women, and Doubles **MUST** consist of 1 Male and 1 Female.
5. The Doubles event will be bowled immediately following the Singles event. **SINGLES is Bowled First.**
6. All entrants will bowl 3 games on one pair of lanes in each event, unless mechanical failures dictate otherwise. No entry money will be refunded if it is discovered that a team or individual has failed to comply with all rules of the United States Bowling Congress and all rules and requirements of this tournament.
7. **Handicap will be 90% of the difference between the bowler's entering average and a scratch figure of 230 All handicaps will be calculated on a 3 game basis. It shall be the responsibility of each bowler to verify his or her average. Failure to use proper average shall disqualify scores bowled if submitted average is lower than actual average. Prize winnings will be based on submitted average if it is higher than the actual average. Average corrections must be made prior to the completion of the FIRST GAME.**
8. **ENTERING AVERAGE:** Your Highest USBC Average over the past 2 years. If your average this season is 10 or more pins higher than the last 2 seasons, this year's average will be used. **USBC RULE 319a(2) WILL APPLY. 10 PIN RULE**
9. If a bowler does not have an yearbook average for the last 2 years, the bowler may use the highest current certified average (of 21 or more games) as of the closing date for entries of the tournament (**May 26, 2017**), otherwise they must enter with an average of 230. If using current average, a league sheet showing average as of May 26, 2017 must be provided to Tournament Officials at check-in or emailed with entry form. **If bowler does not have a yearbook or current average and competed in a summer league, that average, of at least 21 games, may be used provided it is verified at the tournament office. USBC Rules 319 c, d, & e will apply.**
10. The prize ratio for each event will be one prize for each five entries. Lineage and Expense = \$12.50, Prize Money = \$12.50 per bowler per handicap event. **PRIZE MONEY WILL BE RETURNED 100%.**
11. In the event of a tie for first place (team, doubles, singles) the tied contestants will bowl 3 games in accordance with the rules of the tournament at such time and place as decided by the Tournament Manager. Total pins, including handicap, for the 3 games will determine the winner. In the event of a tie for first place in the All Events, USBC Rule 326a will apply. When there is a tie for any championship in a tournament, it is optional with tournament management to have a playoff or declare co-champions.
12. **Entrants must report any previous tournament prize winnings in the last year of \$ 600.00 or more in total. If entrant has won \$600.00 or more in total prize winnings for a tournament, he/she must submit all his/her tournament scores and winnings PRIOR TO BOWLING. USBC Rule 319e**
13. **PARTICIPATION & DRESS CODE RULES**
 - a. **All Bowlers must wear shirts with collars or MOCK Collars, NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
 - b. **NO T-SHIRTS may be worn on the lanes.**
 - c. **NO CLOTHES WITH HOLES may be worn on the lanes.**
 - d. Bowlers may enter doubles 2 times as long as partners change. Bowlers may only cash once in scratch singles, (Highest Score). Bowlers may enter the team event 3 times, as long as 2 members of the team change.
 - e. Only one professional (PBA or PWBA) member allowed per doubles pair, and only 2 per team.
14. Scores lost due to malfunction of automatic scorers shall be re-bowled if the scores can not be verified by other scoring means.
15. Scores for ALL-EVENTS will be taken from the FIRST series bowled in each event. (Team, Doubles, & Singles)
16. USBC Rule 330 will apply. (A bowler must use the same hand to deliver the bowling ball throughout the tournament).
17. USBC Rule 329, a protest or appeal involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with Tournament Management, the Local Association or USBC up to **5 Days before tournament prizes are paid.** The protest or appeal must be in writing and the grounds for the protest or appeal briefly stated.
18. **A \$ 20.00 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE, PLUS BANK CHARGES WILL BE LEVIED ON ANY RETURNED CHECKS.**
19. **SCRATCH EVENTS:** Bowlers must compete in regular tournament to enter scratch event. Scores from handicap event will be used to determine winners of the scratch event.

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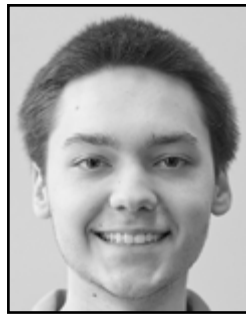
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A Division



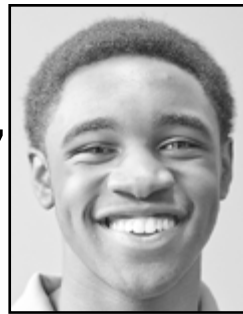
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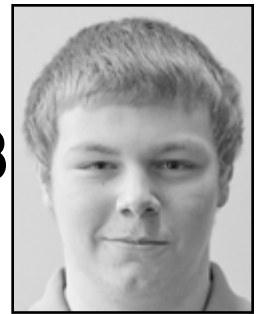
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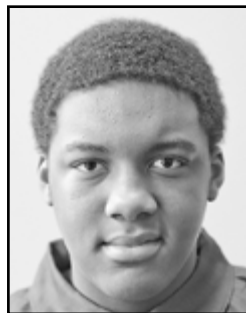
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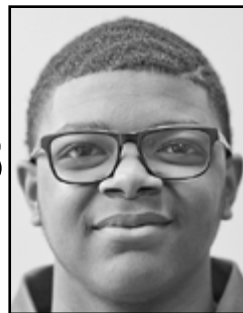
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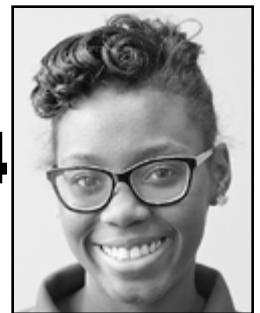
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LEONARD FARLOW JR.



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MARTINEZ HOLLINS JR.



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KAYLA DURBALA



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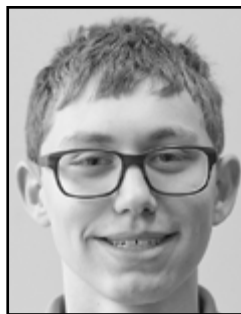
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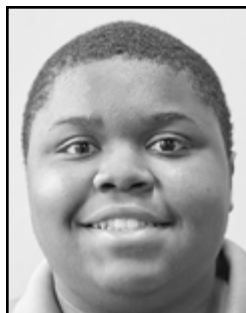
JACK KELZ



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CALEB MATTICE

C Division



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THOMAS SMOOT



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REBECCA GOODWIN



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THOMAS MARINARI JR.



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COLLIN BLANCHARD

A DIVISION (185+ Average)	Scratch	W-L-T	Total	Average	Position-By-Round	Scholarship
1. Jarrett DeFalco, Leesburg, Va.....	5,135	4-4-0	5,255	213.96	1 2 1 1 1	\$850
2. Tyler Gray, Winchester, Va.....	4,952	5-3-0	5,102	206.33	5 1 2 2 2	\$650
3. Jake Hatfield, Spotsylvania, Va.....	4,807	5-3-0	4,957	200.29	2 4 3 5 3	\$500
4. Tyriq Butler, Temple Hills, Md.	4,771	6-2-0	4,951	198.79	10 17 9 4 4	\$400
5. A J Simpson, Woodbridge, Va.	4,808	4-4-0	4,928	200.33	31 13 4 7 5	\$300
6. David Zweiban, Manassas, Va.....	4,804	2-5-1	4,879	200.17	15 3 6 3 6	\$250
7. Anthony Daniels II, Alexandria, Va.....	4,731	2-5-1	4,806	197.13	12 10 7 6 7	\$225
8. Josh Sours, Berryville, Va.	4,685	3-5-0	4,775	195.21	35 23 15 8 8	\$200

B DIVISION (165-184 Average)	Scratch	W-L-T	Total	Average	Position-By-Round	Scholarship
1. Jaydon Whitehead, Upper Marlboro, Md... 4,500	4,500	5-2-1	4,665	187.50	6 4 2 2 1	\$850
2. D'Andre Allen-Dickens, Capitol Heights, Md. 4,384	4,384	5-3-0	4,534	182.67	14 3 4 4 2	\$650
3. Richard Peterson, Upper Marlboro, Md. 4,355	4,355	3-4-1	4,460	181.46	2 1 1 1 3	\$500
4. Tavera Johnson, Glen Burnie, Md..... 4,285	4,285	4-4-0	4,405	178.54	1 7 3 3 4	\$400
5. Leonard Farlow Jr., Columbia, Md..... 4,201	4,201	5-3-0	4,351	175.04	16 6 5 5 5	\$300
6. Martinez Hollins Jr., D.C. 4,169	4,169	4-4-0	4,289	173.71	13 9 8 6 6	\$250
7. Kayla Durbala, Gaithersburg, Md..... 4,110	4,110	3-5-0	4,200	171.25	3 8 7 7 7	\$225
8. Riley Isakower, Bethesda, Md. 4,099	4,099	2-6-0	4,159	170.79	23 21 12 8 8	\$200

C DIVISION (150-164 Average)	Scratch	W-L-T	Total	Average	Position-By-Round	Scholarship
1. Samantha Dixon, Fort Meade, Md. 4,305	4,305	6-2-0	4,485	179.38	2 2 2 2 1	\$850
2. Andru Blaney, Indian Head, Md..... 4,272	4,272	3-5-0	4,362	178.00	1 1 1 1 2	\$650
3. Jack Kelz, Reston, Va. 4,141	4,141	6-1-1	4,336	172.54	9 7 4 4 3	\$500
4. Caleb Mattice, Fredericksburg, Va. 4,012	4,012	5-3-0	4,162	167.17	7 5 7 7 4	\$400
5. Thomas Smoot, Bowie, Md. 3,981	3,981	4-3-1	4,116	165.88	16t 19 16 5 5	\$300
6. Rebecca Goodwin, Gaithersburg, Md. 3,980	3,980	4-3-1	4,115	165.83	5 10 10 6 6	\$250
7. Thomas Marinari Jr., Fredericksburg, Va. 4,016	4,016	2-5-1	4,091	167.33	4 3 3 3 7	\$225
8. Collin Blanchard, Manassas, Va..... 3,688	3,688	0-8-0	3,688	153.67	12 11 6 8 8	\$200

All scholarship funds will be administered through SMART, the Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins program. Visit ncausbca.org/tournament/tourn_history.htm to view additional photos and information on each of the finalists, round-by-round results, and recent tournament history.

Goodwin wins Youth Invitational Fund-raiser



A two-day event held at Bowl America Chantilly helped raise scholarship funds for the Youth Invitational finalists. From left, the **finalists** from this fund-raiser included champion Eric Goodwin, Frederick, Md., who averaged 221.5 for 12 games and earned \$100 (plus a \$45 high game award); 2, Brandon Driver, Woodbridge, Va., \$60 (\$15); 3, Ryan Sonnier, Andrews AFB, Md., \$40 (\$30); 4, Paul Mortensen, Centreville, Va. (\$15); 5, Popeye Blackmore, Fairfax, Va.; 6, Adam Rodriguez, Centreville; 7, Jamie Hester, Manassas, Va.; and 8, Nick Dean, Alexandria, Va.

Invitational Notebook

Entries were up in all three divisions—A (+19 to 92), B (+1 to 70), and C (+5 to 50). ... This year's host sites, in order, were Bowl America Manassas and Dranesville, AMF Waldorf and Laurel, and Bowl America Chantilly, which last hosted the finals in 2013. ... This is the first year since 2007 that Bowl America Gaithersburg was not on the schedule. ... **Jarrett DeFalco**, whose final four games (256-182-278-234) totaled the tournament-high 950, made his fourth consecutive A Division finals appearance in winning his first Invitational title in his final year of eligibility. Meanwhile, **Leonard Farlow Jr.** competed in Round 5 for the third consecutive year, while **Anthony Daniels II**, **Rebecca Goodwin**, and **Ziggy Zweiban** competed in last year's finals. ... With three-time champion **Conner Kolessides** having graduated to adult competition this season, the A Division certainly has had stronger overall finals fields. Nevertheless, even without Mr. K, perhaps this belief was more evident due to the surprising earlier-than-expected departures of talented past finalists **Jervon Webster** (who was the alternate for the final round), **Sam Anderson** (eliminated after Round 4) and, without

question, **Amara Speights** (Round 2—and you read that right, folks). ... Watch for promising right-hander **Garrett Meadows**, who nearly made it to Round 4, to advance far next year. ... Viewing one or two instances where match play competitors did not even acknowledge one another upon arriving at their lanes brought this thought: Would it be asking too much to have the bowlers shake hands (or even bump fists) prior to each match play contest? ... Last year's Teen Masters 2008 Long lane pattern was replaced by the Autobahn pattern. Said Hall of Famer **Jim Lewis**: "The Teen Masters pattern is flatter throughout the midlane and should play tougher. The Autobahn pattern could in some instances break down into a favorable swing area for a better player." **DeFalco** averaged 213.96 for his 24 games, while **Kolessides** in 2016 averaged 213.08. ... **Kenny Robinson**, who has served as tournament manager since 1994, retired from his position following this year's event, but he plans to still be around the tournament next year, just not in any official capacity. ... Thanks largely to the absolute mess USBC has created regarding tournament entering averages for bowlers of all ages, don't be surprised to see a "D Division" added to the 2018 tournament.

— Bob Cosgrove



Busting a slump; spare combos, the best thumb pitch

Q. *I am in the middle of a terrible slump. Do you have any preferred slump busters?*

A. There are several things you can do to bust a slump. First, you have to remember you haven't forgotten how to bowl. What happens in a slump is you lose confidence

What happens in a slump is you lose confidence in your game, and many times it is just mental.

in your game, and many times it is just mental. When you lose confidence, you begin to press and start to try and figure out what you are doing wrong. You start trying to *place* the ball instead of *rolling* it. You begin to squeeze the ball, and the armswing gets very tight.

I have just been going through a month-long slump myself and am beginning to come out of it now. Here is what I have been doing to break this slump: I went to practice, and all I tried to do was loosen up my armswing. I worked on relaxing my hand by using a softer grip. Then I just relaxed the shoulders and visualized the ball just hanging like it was on the end of a string. I keep my arm as loose as I could and just let the ball roll off my hand at release. I do not care at first where the ball goes—just look for the feel of a very easy and relaxed swing.

This is the most difficult thing to do when you are trying to score and your confidence is down. Do this for a couple of practice sessions before you put pressure back on yourself to score. You have to build trust in your swing again and

start to have some fun again. Then, while still in practice, try shooting for score, but be aware of staying with the relaxed armswing, and you will see that you will begin to score again. Best of all, it will become fun again.

Q. *How many different spare combinations are there in bowling?*

A. Now I did not figure this out on my own, but I looked it up, and what I found was there are 1,023 different spare combinations. Many of these are very unusual combinations, but it does show you the value of a sound spare shooting system and also the value of practicing spares during your practice sessions.

A twist on bowling for practice is to play "low-ball," where you try to knock down the least amount of pins you can. To play low-ball, you shoot for the 7- or the 10-pin on the first ball. If you miss and go in the gutter on the first ball, that is a strike for that frame. You must hit at least one pin on each ball, so on your second ball, if you go in the gutter or don't hit a pin, that is a spare. After both balls, if you leave five pins standing, your count is five.

A perfect game is 20—good luck

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Check Your Knowledge

1. Which center has more lanes—AMF Waldorf or Bowl America Manassas?
2. Must a youth league official be a USBC member?
3. This area center closed in May 2009.
4. NCAUSBCA's 2017 Hall of Fame dinner will occur on this date.
5. NCAUSBCA's 2017 Annual Membership Meeting took place at this center.
6. True or False: Total pins can break a tie when three teams are tied.
7. True or False: A league can allow a league officer to grant postponements.
8. Which center is older—Bowl America Fairfax or Bowl America Burke?
9. The PBA Fair Lanes Open occurred at University in what two years?
10. They won the NCAUSBCA Open Doubles title in 2016.

ANSWERS: 1, Bowl America Manassas; 2, Yes; 3, AMF Bowie; 4, October 7; 5, Bowl America Gaithersburg; 6, False; 7, True; 8, Bowl America Fairfax; 9, 1979 and 1980; 10, Sonja Debrew and Warren Wiggins.

DeFalco, Epps, and Rush recipients of 2017 Ted Gruszkowski Jr. Youth Star Award

Jarrett DeFalco, Deborah Epps, and Thomas Rush are the 2017 recipients of the prestigious NCAUSBCA Ted Gruszkowski Jr. Youth Star Award, which is named in honor of the late association Hall of Fame member who was a strong supporter of area youth bowling. The announcement of this year's winners took place January 21 prior to the start of opening round of the NCAUSBCA 48th Annual Youth Invitational Scratch Singles Tournament at Bowl America Manassas.

The award winners, honored for their bowling achievement and/or service to youth bowling, each were presented with a plaque and \$200 in scholarship funds, which will be administered through the USBC SMART program. In addition, their names will appear on the plaque that contains the names of the 19 previous award recipients.

JARRETT DeFALCO Leesburg, Virginia

Jarrett DeFalco, 19, graduated from Heritage High School in 2015. He is presently a staffer at the Off 7



Kenny Robinson and Jarrett DeFalco

er to grow the sport of bowling. This is Jarrett's last year as a youth bowler, and he has had a very impressive run. His accomplishments include a Tournament of Champions victory and several 600 Club wins, numerous Vern Burke Scholarship

Bowling Pro Shop, where he works for Geovel Lopez. Jarrett also is a Junior Staff Representative with Creating the Difference (CtD), which seeks to educate bowlers and inspire people to work together

Tournament victories, four PJBT titles, 38th and 64th place finishes at Junior Gold, numerous NCAUSBCA Scratch All-Events and State Scratch All-Events titles, Top 8 finishes in the NCAUSBCA Youth Invitational Scratch Singles, high placement in several Pepsi Tournaments, and an eighth-place finish at the 4th Annual Tough Stuff event.

Jarrett's high average this season approaches the 235 level. He has 15 perfect games and two 800s, with a high series of 836.

Considering Jarrett's past and looking at Jarrett today, you will find a night and day personality. He has shown that he can be responsible by maintaining a job, going to school, and showing respect toward adults and his fellow teammates. His transformation has gone 180 degrees from this time last year.

He continues to excel on the lanes and reach for his goals. Robert Morris University has contacted the DeFalco family, requesting that Jarrett attend the school this fall. He currently plans to attend Robert Morris University.

Everyone deserves a second chance.

DEBORAH EPPS Fort Washnigton, Maryland

Deborah Epps started bowling at the age of 4 at Shaw AFB Bowling Center in South Carolina, where she



Deborah Epps and Marina Akers-Epps

was a bumper bowler. Her mother bought her a 5-pound Scooby Doo ball, drilled it fingertip, and took away the bumpers! Needless to say, that summer was a bumpy road, but that just gave Deborah the determi-

nation to get this sport. As the years went by, Deborah became more and more engrossed into bowling—she almost had to—as the entire family bowled and her mother was her coach.

Once the family moved back to this area in 2006, Deborah joined the Silver Hill Strikers (SHS) at AMF Marlow Heights and flourished. She stayed in the Bronze division (100-119 average) for two years but quickly moved up, skipping the Silver division (120-149), and landed into the Gold division (150-169), where she averaged 152 at age 9. For the next several years, she joined and stayed in the Platinum division (170-190) until last year, where she was placed in the Titanium division (191-plus).

As she began to fine tune her skills, she began to understand the sport more and help others, including several members of the Silver and Gold divisions. Even up through last year, she has helped several of the SHS youths earn scholarship funds at several local tournaments.

Deborah has represented herself and this area in several local, regional, and national tournaments. She has placed in numerous 600 Club singles tournaments, twice finished second in the TNBA Eastern Regional Junior Tournament Team and Doubles events, finished fourth in the NCAUSBCA 2012 Invitational Scratch Singles and countless others. She has won the Nelson Perry Tournament and most recently won a Central Jersey Girls Scratch Tournament at Majestic Lanes in Woodbridge, N.J. In Junior Gold tournaments, Deborah has had great showings, seeming to finish just around 100 pins less than the cuts.

Deborah has held one of the highest youth averages in this area the past several years. She finished sec-

ond in the 2013-2014 Juniors division with a 192.0139, third in the 2014-2015 Majors/Seniors division with an 182.7967 and then placed first in the Majors/Seniors last season with a 191.2338. Deborah started bowling in the Sport Challenge Tour travel league in Virginia in 2015 that really helped her game because it is bowled on Sport patterns.

Deborah is not only knowledgeable about bowling, she is excellent in school as well. Deborah attends the Academy of Health Sciences at Prince George's Community College, where she holds a 4.5 high school GPA and a 3.808 collegiate GPA. In May 2017, Deborah will graduate with a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree in General Studies. She has several colleges looking at her for full-ride scholarships, but she needs to hurry and pick one!

Deborah currently has a 208 league high average in the Fort Meade Youth League, with several 700 series already bowled.

If you ask her about this sport called bowling, be prepared for a lesson. Deborah has so much passion for this sport that she tapes all the bowling telecasts and watches them over and over again. If you don't see her practicing, you may see her helping out a couple of the youths, or even some adults!

THOMAS RUSH Centreville, Virginia

Thomas Rush started his journey with bowling at the age of 6. He completely immersed himself in the sport and with much practice and hard work, and with the help of coaches, found his passion for bowling. Through bowling, he has accomplished a great respect for the game and for life.



His bowling accomplishments include placing fourth in the 2011 Invitational, a 300 game in 2015, and a 299 game in 2014.

Thomas's desire to improve his game has afforded him many opportunities. At the young age of 11, Thomas was selected to represent the United States for bowling in Vienna, Austria with the People-To-People Sports Ambassador Tour. He was there for two weeks (without his parents) and worked closely with Team

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Past NCAUSBCA Ted Gruszkowski Jr. Youth Star Award recipients

2008 — Eric Helmrich, Adam Mitchell, Allen Windsor

2009 — Alonso "A.J." Kinney Jr.

2010 — Malcolm James

2011 — Jason Eman, Brandon Lowe, Kayla Meadows

2012 — Zahir Holmes

2013 — Conner Kolessides

2014 — Gene Blair, Nicholas Dean, Michael Simpson

2015 — Samuel Anderson, Tabitha DeBat,
Amara Speights

2016 — Cayla Davidson, Brandon Driver,
David Zweiban

ASSOCIATION HONOR AWARDS

800 Series

- 848 Taylor, Adonas L - GB007
- 845 Colleton, Sammy J - WB017
- 842 Lindsay, Christian S - RD008
- 836 [Turner, Gregory L](#) - CR010
- 835 Alexander, Marcus A - RD008
- 834 Eman, Jason R - SL001
- 833 Bell, Tiffanie E - PK013
- 829 Smith, Derek T - CA010
- 827 Pilkington, Michael S - MA020
- 826 Guttridge, Johnny C Jr - WB017
Tsubawa, James J - FC010
- 825 Medina, Hector M II - WB015
- 823 Bates, Gary R Sr - WA027
Butler, Kenneth A - WB001
- 822 Guttridge, Johnny C Jr - WB017
Medina, Hector M II - WB009
- 821 Hayes, Allen A - BA002
- 816 Gaines, Gregory B - WA023
- 815 Crookston, Sean R - BU011
Weber, Daniel P - WB017
- 814 [Hall, Bobby V II](#) - CA010
- 813 Campbell, Roger L Jr - GB007

- Carpenter, Scott M - CR001
- [Holt, Ronald A](#) - CA010
- Smith, Howard K - WB005
- To, Chhoeun - SL002
- Waters, Carvel K - CR023
- 812 Callis, Sherman C Jr - BA002
- Fillis, John R Sr - WB009
- Hayes, Allen A - BA002
- Lowe, Kenneth E Jr - CA010
- 811 Baron, Jeffrey S - ME013
- 806 Einhorn, James D Jr - SL *
- Moton, DeMarr H - WA022
- Rollins, Derrick R Sr - WB009
- Smith, Derek T - CA010
- [Spriggs, Ernest W](#) - CA010
- 805 Brown, Antwan C - PK010
- Corder, Adam J - SL013
- Hickmon, Michael W - CR004
- Nelson, Chad E - GB007
- Richardson, Anna-Lisa - GB011
- 804 Bibbs, Eric L - RD003
- Holt, Ronald A - SL *
- Joy, Nicholas J - BA010
- Martin, Paige R - CA010
- Mercado, Lorenzo A - WB001
- Parham, Jason E - CA010
- Schatz, John W - GB001

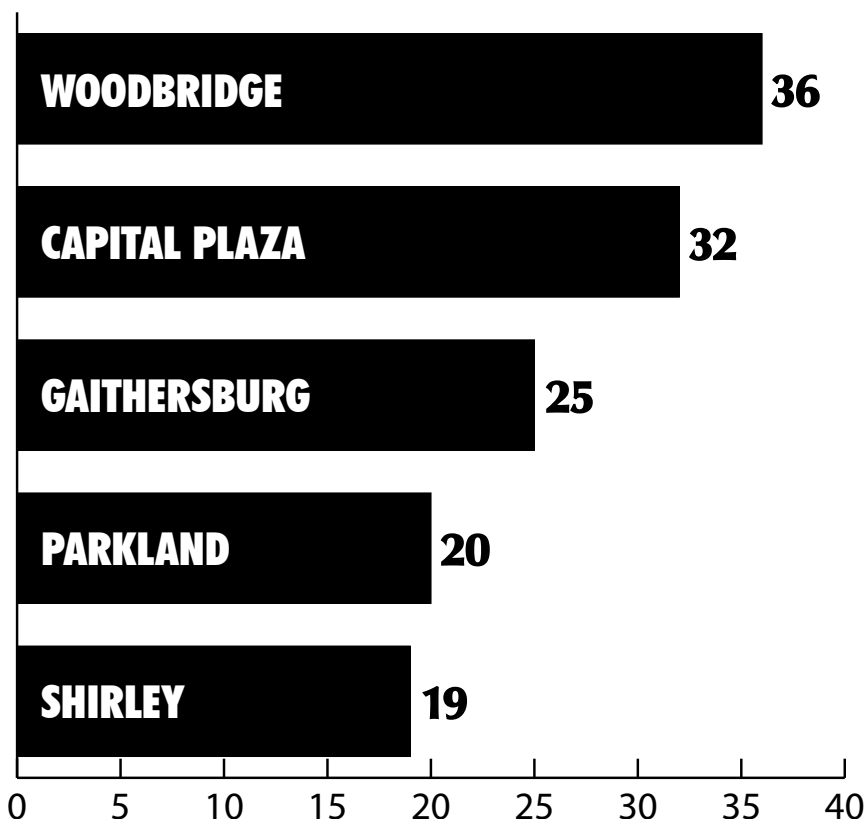
- Taylor, Robert M - CR010
- 803 Green, William E Jr - CA010
- Herman, Michael P Jr - WB009
- Payton, Troy D - GB015
- 802 Abel, Keith A - WB009
- Gaines, Gregory B - WA005
- Gibson, Stephen L - CR006
- Strickland, Michael - PK010
- 801 Corder, Adam J - SL001
- Gaspsie, Larry J Jr - CR007
- Hickok, Anthony G - WB017
- Holloway, Brandon J - CA007
- Williams, Charles M - SL001
- 800 Bell, Darnell R - PK013
- Johnson, Frank D - WB004

300 Game

- Alston, Robert P - MH027
- Anderson, Bryan P - FC026
- Anderson, Derek L - WB001
- Artis, Wayne Jr - CA010
- Ballentine, Seth R - FC014
- Baron, Jeffrey S - ME013
- Bates, Gary R Sr - WA012
- Beach, Jeffrey A - WA012
- Beck, Edward G - GB017
- Bell, Darnell R - PK013
- Bennett, Brian K - CA010
- Bibbs, Eric L - RD003
- Boersma, Daniel J - WB022
- Brown, Antwan C - WA012 / PK010
- Brown, Charles C Jr - RD006
- Brown, Michael D - CA007
- Brown, Richard T Jr - BA007
- Byers, Sherwood E Sr - WA012
- Campbell, Roger L Jr - CA010 (2)
GB007
- Carl, John J - CR001
- Carpenter, Scott M - CR001
- Chulick, David C - SL004
- Clark, Alfonza - CR007
- Clark, Zachary J - WB002
- Clay, Christopher S - WB017
- Cole, David T - LC012
- Cook, Patrick M - GB007
- Cowart, Shawn C - GB023
- Crookston, Sean R - BU011 (2)
- Crossett, Christopher L - CY014
- Cunningham, William F III - BR002
- Darden, Ira J Jr - MH027
- Davis, Albert - WB002
- Davis, Ronald H Jr - CA010
- DeVore, Warner A - CA011

HONOR SCORE CENTERS

(this issue, based on listed scores)



Calendar of Events

MARCH

18 — NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club Tournament of Champions at Bowl America Falls Church.

18-19, 25-26 — NCAUSBCA 72nd Annual Women's Championship Tournament at Riverdale Bowl.

25 — VA Junior Gold Tournament at Riverside Lanes in Danville.

25 — Junior Gold Tournament at Bowl America Manassas.

26 — Paul Goodwin Youth/Adult Scholarship Tournament at Bowl America Gaithersburg.

APRIL

1 — NCAUSBCA Vern Burke Scholarship Tournament at Bowl America Manassas.

1 — Youth Sweeper at Bowl America Manassas.

1-2, 8-9, 22-23 — [NCAUSBCA 72nd Annual Open Championship Tournament](#) at Bowl America Shirley (Team) and Bowl America Gaithersburg (Singles & Doubles).

8 — VA Junior Gold Tournament at Superbowl in Christiansburg.

22 — Junior Gold Tournament at Bowl America Manassas.

22-23, 29-30, May 6-7 — State Pepsi Finals at AMF Hanover Lanes in in Richmond.

MAY

6 — VA Junior Gold Tournament at Bowl America Bull Run.

6 — Youth Sweeper at Bowl America Manassas.

7 — VA Junior Gold Tournament at Bowl America Manassas.

20 — Junior Gold Tournament at Potomac Lanes.

21 — Board of Directors Meeting at NCAUSBCA office.

Tournament Roundup

NCAUSBCA Mixed Scratch Doubles Tournament at Bowl America Manassas — 1, Kayla Meadows (688 series) & Jason Eman (707), Springfield, Va., 1,395, \$750; 2, Crystal Shaw-Wesby, Landover, Md. (646) & Sean Friendly, Manassas, Va. (711), 1,357, \$400; 3, Ambrianna Bankston, Woodbridge, Va. (697) & LaShawn Lenore, Alexandria, Va. (651), 1,348, \$228. ... *Men's Singles* — 1, Eman, 734, \$45; 2, Popeye Blackmore, Fairfax, Va., 715, \$30; 3, Friendly, 711, \$20. ... *Women's Singles* — 1, Bankston, 697, \$45; 2, Meadows, 688, \$30; 3, Michelle Mullally, Sterling, Va., 676, \$20.

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USA head Coach Jeri Edwards. He made it to the finals while in Austria and gained a new respect for the game while competing with people from around the world. There he made lifelong friends and had once-in-a-lifetime bowling experiences.

Thomas also was selected to participate in the 2015 Bowling Combine (one of only 60 male bowlers from across the U.S.), where he received high evaluations in all aspects of his bowling game as well as his personality profile and coachability. While there, he had the incredible opportunity to work with Team USA members.

Thomas enters as many tournaments as he can afford. He placed fifth in the Danny Wiseman Tournament in 2015 and 2014. He won two Youth/Adult scratch tournaments in 2016, and placed second in the handicap division. In 2015, Thomas was introduced to the Junior Gold Bowling Program, where he learned to compete at the highest level. He won the State Qualifier and went on to come in the top half of the U20 division. During his second year at Junior Gold, he came in the top third and placed 28th of 220 U20 boys in the Survivor Tournament, qualifying him for the Cleveland games in 2017.

Thomas works close to 40 hours a week to support his passion for bowling. His earnings have eased the financial burden on his parents and go to his equipment, entry fees, practicing, and even lodging for tournaments. He is currently saving up to attend college, where he can bowl competitively at a higher level.

While not on the lanes, Thomas has always found a way to give back. He is a frequent blood donor for the Inova Blood Bank. He has volunteered to coach younger bowlers with Have-A-Ball classes, as well as on league days, and volunteered to bowl in the Special Olympics Tournament in November of 2016, where he was asked to help coach these special athletes for future events. He has put on baseball clinics for younger children and raised money and participated in events to raise awareness of childhood leukemia. He also has worked with the Special Olympics baseball program. Additionally, he has worked on environmental concerns, such as stream monitoring for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Project, where he was responsible for collecting signs of life in Cub Run Stream. His findings were reported to the state.

Peers have described Thomas as “probably the most underrated bowler around.” Coaches have described him as the most coachable bowler they have worked with—fiercely competitive, motivated, and truly dedicated to the sport of bowling, as well as a terrific teammate.



Five medal-wearing divisional champions appear with event staff members at the recent NCAUSBCA 8th Annual Youth/Adult Fellowship Sports Day at AMF Capital Plaza. The youth winners (from left) are De-Juan Robinson (Juniors), Amina Hall (Preps), Tywon King Jr. (Bantams), Diamone Colbert (Majors), and Marcian Richardson (Pee Wees). Staffers include (at far left) NCAUSBCA 4th Vice President Diane Garrett, (center rear) Raynell Hinton and Director Dominic Parham and (at right) Director Judi Butler.

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on doing that. This is a great game for working on spares and is a nice variation on just throwing shots with no purpose in practice. It keeps spare practice interesting.

Q. *I am getting a new ball, and I have been having problems with hanging up in the thumb at release. What thumb pitch is best?*

A. Thumb pitches in a bowling ball are like fingerprints—they are different for everyone. Someone
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with a short span or very flexible fingers can use a zero or even plus pitch in the thumb. Conversely, someone with a long span or very stiff fingers will require varying amounts of reverse pitch in the thumb hole.

So the answer is, *I don't know*, but your local pro shop operator will know, so place your trust in her/him. This individual should watch you bowl, check your hand, and then decide the best thumb pitch for you.

To ask Bob a question send an eMail to askbobk@gmail.com.

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