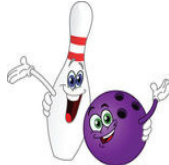


BAYSTATE SCORESHEET

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THE PRESIDENTS GAVEL
Maureen Morrison
President



One of the tasks that I have the most trouble with as president of our state organization is writing my reports and "Greetings from the President." I have been trying to come up with ideas on what words will get the bowlers motivated and involved in keeping the sport of bowling alive.

On the business end of bowling, we are seeing bowling centers closing and cutting their hours to be more cost effective. We are very lucky here in Massachusetts as the majority of the center managers are still league friendly. We have been seeing a decline in membership and tournament entries.

What is the answer? Are the bowlers receiving the information that is provided for them? Are the officers starting at the league level up conversing with the bowlers? Do the bowlers want to receive information electronically? Are we communicating in the right manner to the local associations? Are the forms required sent out too early?

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be over and December will be winding down. Here is my hope for you all:

"I hope that in the year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something.

(President's Gavel cont.)

So that's my wish for you, and all of us, and my wish for myself, Make new mistakes. Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or isn't perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or work, or family, or life. Whatever it is you're scared of doing, Do it. Make your mistakes, next year and forever."
-Neil Gaiman



Congratulations to Tammy Holtan Schmidt of Greater Springfield who set an association record of 798 on 12/23/13 (243-276-279). She also bowled her 3rd 300 game on 1/13/14. Congratulations also to both Eva Boyer and Tammy Holtan Schmidt on being inducted into the Greater Springfield Hall of Fame.

VACANCIES ON MWBA BOARD

MWBA currently has 3 vacancies on the board and are looking for interested members to lend their voice. If interested, please contact Judy Webb for more information.

"SPOTLIGHT ON"

We at the Baystate Scoresheet are considering a new section to shine a light on local association members who go above and beyond to serve the league bowlers. If you have a member who you would like to see featured in this section, please submit their information and a brief summary of what makes them stand out to Valerie Smith at tazzmingo@netzero.net.



FOOD PANTRY

Delegates to the 2015 MAUSBCWBA Annual Meeting are being asked to bring canned and dry goods donations for a local food pantry. Your contributions to this worthy cause are greatly appreciated by those in need. MWBA thanks everyone for their past donations and continued support of this effort.



THE MANAGERS DESK
Judy Webb

**Welcome to the 2014-2015 season of the
Massachusetts USBC WBA.**

MWBA ended the 2013-2014 season with a total membership of 2,618. Congratulations to the following high score bowlers from each reporting association.

Berkshire County

No Report

Cape Cod

No Report

Foxvale

High Average	Amie Goodspeed	216
High Series	Alana Bergeron	753
High Single	Jeannette Carter	289

Greater Boston

High Average	None Reported	
High Series	Lisa Dorfman	727
High Single	Linda Dembro	300
	Lisa Sheehan	300

Greater Gardner

No Report

Greater Springfield

High Average	Desiree Short	216
High Series	Tammy Schimdt	798
High Single	Diane Porcello	300
	Tammy Schimdt	300
	Christine O'Donnell	300

Merrimack Valley

High Average	Debra Pincence	198
High Series	Debra Pincence	714
High Single	Patricia Landry	287

Southeastern MA

High Average	Stephanie Millward	218
High Series	Cindy Ferreira	785
High Single	Brandi Souza	289

Southern Berkshire

High Average	Elizabeth Andrade	203
High Series	Elizabeth Andrade	766
High Single	Elizabeth Andrade	300

Tri-City

High Single	Sandra Litchfield	300
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Worcester County

No Report

Congratulations to all MWBA High Scorers.

(Manager's report cont.)

MWBA looks forward to working (and learning) with each association. If you need any help or have questions regarding MWBA or would like to meet with an officer, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Judy Webb, MWBA Manager

MWBA 52nd CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT
Judy Webb

The 2015 MWBA 52nd State Championship Tournament will be held at Brunswick Zone in Lowell, the weekends of May 9-10, 16-17, and May 30-31, 2015. Entry fee is \$25.00 per event. **Closing date for entry into the tournament is April 1, 2015.**

New this year is the option to enter a Scratch Cash Event for Teams, Double, Singles, and All Events at a fee of \$5.00 per person per event.

Re-entries will be "cash only" and only allowed if lanes are available (See Rule #9).

Another reminder: **Rule #12** states that a current USBC membership card must be presented at check-in or a **\$5.00** fine will be assessed. Any monies collected will be donated to BVL. An instruction sheet will be included with the team captain's confirmation to advise how to print out a duplicate membership card from **bowl.com**.

We are looking forward to seeing you at this year's tournament at Brunswick Zone Lanes in Lowell.



PRE ORDERED MWBA TOURNAMENT SHIRTS
Beverly Peritz

Feb. 15, 2015 is the deadline for the preordered/prepaid purchase of a white tournament shirt with tournament logo. Purchase forms will be available at all bowling centers by the end of December. Prepaid cost of shirts is **\$15.00**. Shirts purchased at the tournament site will be **\$20.00**. Shirts will not be sold during the Annual Meeting.



**MWBA AWARDS PROGRAM
Maureen Morrison**

Every bowler who is a member of MWBA by paying \$1.00 dues is eligible to receive the following awards. Awards must be submitted to MWBA by your association awards person or secretary. All awards are for **scratch scores only.**

**265 game and above – 300 game – 650 – 699 series
700 – 799 and 800 series**

Other available awards are: High Average, High Series, High Single for the year, Bowler of the Year, Service Award, Hall of Fame and League Secretary of the Year.



**MWBA USBC SCHOLARSHIP
Kathy Henze**

MAUSBCWBA awards a \$250.00 scholarship annually to an eligible MAUSBCYA female member. Applications are available through your local association office. Applications will also be available at the MAUSBCYA State Championship Tournament. If an application is needed, you may request a copy be sent to you through Manager Judy Webb. Applications must be submitted by 09/15/15

**2015 SENIOR TOURNAMENT
Maureen Morrison**



The 35th Annual Senior tournament was held November 8 & 9, 2015 at AMF Auburn Lanes, Auburn. We had 86 entries with a prize fund of \$1710.00. The winners will have the opportunity to represent Massachusetts in August 2015 in Green Bay, WI. For the USBC National Senior Tournament. We Hope to see you all next year at Cove Lanes in Great Barrington.

**Class I Winner:
(65 & over)**

**Yvonne Baidy GS 1437 (average of 201 scratch)
(low to cash—1340)**

**Class II Winner:
(50 to 64)**

**Eva Boyer GS 1449 (average of 216 scratch)
(low to cash—1375)**



**MWBA 49th 600 CLUB AND 15TH 500 CLUB
TOURNAMENT**

Roberta Harrington

The 49th 600 Club and 17th 500 Club tournaments were bowled in conjunction with the 2014 MWBA Championship Tournament at Cove Lanes, Great Barrington, MA. 32 entries participated in the 600 Club with a total prize fund of \$415.00. 71 entries participated in the 500 Club with a total prize fund of \$993.00. Both tournaments will be bowled again in conjunction with the 2015 MWBA Championship Tournament at Brunswick Zone, Lowell, MA.

TOP 3 600 CLUB WINNERS

(Handicap)

Joanne Duris	WC 757	\$110.00*
Marsha Smith	FOX 692	90.00
Karen Umbrello	GG 682	75.00

TOP 3 500 CLUB WINNERS

(Handicap)

Cheryl Washington	GB 750	\$145.00*
Sheri Jenny	SB 744	125.00
Deb Limone	MV 742	110.00

*plus award



MASSACHUSETTS WBA AWARDS

The following awards were presented at the MA USBC WBA Annual Meeting on April 5, 2014 for the 2012/2013 season.

Bowler of the Year: Desiree Short/GS

Secretary of the Year: none submitted

High Average: Alexandra Kiesman/FOX - 216

High Series: Diane Porcello/GS - 775

High Single: Diane Porcello/GS
300 Games: Tammy Schmidt/GS
Sarah Schultz/SB
Yvonne Breen/GG
Melissa Peterson/TC

Star of Tomorrow: Dayla Ziegler/SB YA

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 28, 2015	MWBA Annual Meeting Holiday Inn, Tewksbury
April 1, 2015	Entry Closing date for 52nd MWBA Championships
April 22-25.2015	USBC Annual Convention Reno, NV
May 2015	MWBA 52nd Annual Championships–Lowell
April -July 2015	USBC Women's Championships Reno, NV
November, 2015	MWBA Senior Tournament Great Barrington
April – July 2016	USBC Women's Championships Las Vegas, NV
May, 2016	MWBA 53rd Annual Championships – Berkshire County
April – July 2017	USBC Women's Championships Baton Rouge, LA

Bowling news, association anniversaries and other noteworthy items may be sent to: Valerie Smith @ tazzmingo@netzero.net. Subject: Scoresheet

Did You Know...?

- 1.... that standardized rules for modern bowling were first established in 1895.
- 2.... that 10-pin bowling was derived from Skittles, an ancient ball-throwing game.
- 3.... that according to statistics, over 75 million people participate in bowling around the world.
- 4.... that there is no minimum weight of a bowling ball.
- 5.... that bowling is the #1 participation sport in America.
- 6.... that bowling made it's T.V. debut in the 1950's.
- 7.... that AMF stands for American Machine and Foundry.
- 8.... that Jeremy Sonnenfeld was the first person to bowl a 900 series in 1997.
- 9.... that a "turkey sandwich" is the term for a spare followed by a turkey then another spare.
- 10...that a site in Southampton, England claims to be the oldest active lawn bowling site with records that date back to 1299!!