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Dates to Remember

- 14-15, 21-22 October, Youth City Tournament
- 11 November, Veterans Charity Tournament
- 1 January, Hall of Fame Nominations Deadline
- 15 March, Scholarship Application Deadline
- 1 April, Delegate Application Deadline
- 1 April, Board of Directors Application Deadline
- 6-7, 13-14, 30-21 April, City Tournaments
- 22-26 April, National Convention
- 11 May, Annual Meeting

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Season

Welcome back to another great year of bowling! A lot has happened over the summer: we hired a new Association Manager, elected a new Association President, Vice President and Sergeant At Arms, brought on some

new directors and brought on a couple of committee volunteers. In addition to the board changes, we held a special Youth City Tournament in July. The tournament was held at Super Play Beaverton.

Meet the 2023-2024 Board of Directors

Name and Position		Center Rep
Debbie Huber	President	Big Al's, Park Lanes, Tigard Bowl
Brian Dawson	Vice President	KingPins Beaverton, Super Play
Sue Unger	Sgt-At- Arms	Tigard Bowl
Roni Dawson	Association Manager	All, makes deliveries to centers weekly
Dave Oliver	Director	Mt. Hood
Hannah Wools	Director	Mt. Hood
Jenny Acred	Director	KingPins Beaverton
Judy Van Woeart	Director	Mt. Hood
Michael Robillard	Director	KingPins Portland
Patt Johnson Sr.	Director	Milwaukee Bowl
Rebecca Cole	Director	Super Play
Rick Stone	Director	KingPins Portland
Sherri Schmaling	Director	Milwaukee Bowl, Rainbow Lanes, Big Al's
Marianne Solheim	Director	KingPins Portland

With the exception of the Association Manager; all board members are strictly volunteers. They receive no financial compensation for their time. The directors spend countless hours assisting league bowlers, managing tournaments, and attending board planning meetings. They do not write the rules for USBC, but they do enforce the rules and promote fair play. Please be kind to these dedicated volunteers of the bowling community.

18th Annual GPUSBC Youth Championship Tournament

We are holding the Youth tournament early this year. The reason for the change is to give more youth an opportunity to participate. There are several tournaments beginning in January and parents and youth bowlers must choose which tournaments to bowl. Rather than forcing our young bowlers to miss our tournament we decided to move it. This is just a trial run, if it helps, than we will consider making the change a permanent.

The tournament will be held at Tigard Bowl in Tigard, Oregon. I have attached a registration form to the back of this news letter. It isn't too late to get your entry form submitted. You can complete the form and email it to Tournaments@gpusbc.com and pay when you check in.

We have added \$4,000.00 additional SMART Scholarship Money to the prize fund for this tournament and will be awarding scholarship money through out the tournament.

GPUSBC Tournament Dates Announced

Mark your calendars and save those dates. The GPUSBC Championship Tournaments are scheduled, entry forms will be available in the near future. We have added money to all of the tournament prize funds. Come join us!

The City Open and Women's Championship tournaments will be bowled simultaneously. They will still be separate tournaments but we will be sharing the lanes. We are adding a 3rd weekend to the tournaments for flexibility.

Tournament	Dates	Location
Youth City Championship	14-15, 21-22 October	Tigard Bowl
BVL Charity 9 Pin No Tap Tournament	11 November	KingPins Portland
Women's City Championship	First 3 Weekends in April, Subject to change	Tigard Bowl
City Open Championship	First 3 Weekends in April, Subject to change	Tigard Bowl
Adult/Youth Tournament	June or July	TBD



BRIGHTENING THE LIVES OF VETERANS

BVL was founded in 1942 to help support America's heroes in uniform. Since then, we have raised almost \$50 million to provide recreational and therapeutic programs and services. These programs and services will help boost their morale and brighten spirits. Thanks to BVL, more than 550 active duty units have a portable carpet bowling lane at their disposal. Now they can step away from the stress of service and have fun with their comrades. Through funding and support, these veterans recuperating at VA Medical Centers across the country can enjoy a movie, spend the afternoon hanging at a ball game, play a video game, be visited by friendly Labrador, or try their hand at painting.

Our Bowlers to Veterans Charity tournament is scheduled for 11 November at KingPins Portland. This is a 9 Pin No-Tap tournament and is open to everyone to include youth bowlers. It is a great family tournament. It does fill up quickly so get your registration form submitted soon!

Ways to Help Out

GPUSBC raises money every year for Veterans. We hold a Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL) Charity tournament which is scheduled to be held on 11 November at KingPins Portland. Entries are limited to the first 120 bowlers so please get your entries in early. The cost is only \$30.

The week of Veterans Day we send envelopes around to each league secretary and ask that they pass the envelope around to their bowlers to donate money. Some leagues donate their 50/50 proceeds from that week.

Note to secretaries : Envelopes will be delivered to centers the last week of October.

We are looking for donations for our raffle drawing which is held during the BVL Charity Tournament. Previous donations have included: Tickets to Blazer Games, Tools, Salon Basket, Blankets, Bowling Balls, Services. If you would like to donate items or Services to our raffle please contact the office.

Lane Sponsors are needed. We have 30 lanes reserved for our tournament. We are looking for businesses to sponsor a lane, we will mark each sponsored lane with the name of the individual or business information. I have attached a donation form to the back of this news letter. For more information please contact the office.

Awards, Awards, Awards

Everyone wants to win awards and be recognized for their achievements.

USBC recognizes the big achievements like bowling your first 300 game or first 800 series. Most of the awards bowlers receive through out the season are provided by our local association GPUSBC. Funding for awards come from the local bowling fees.

Each year the GPUSBC Awards Committee attempts to select awards that bowlers will enjoy receiving. We try to change it up while keeping the cost under consideration. The committee is always open to suggestions. Feel free to send us an email if you have an idea you would like us to evaluate.

Make sure your secretary is informed when you are eligible for special awards. They won't be able to see a clean game or split conversion from the recap sheet.

Award	Requirement	Awarded
125 Game	100 Average or less	Once per year
150 Game	120 Average or less	Once per year
200 Game	165 Average or less	Once per year
225 Game	190 Average or less	Once per year
250 Game	215 Average or less	Once per year
275 Game	All eligible	Once per year
300 Series	90 Average or less	Once per year
400 Series	120 Average or less	Once per year
500 Series	145 Average or less	Once per year
600 Series	175 Average or less	Once per year
700 Series	All eligible	Once per year
Clean Game	140 Average or less	Once per year
75 Pins Over Average	All eligible	Once Per year
140 Pins Over Series	All Eligible	Once Per year
Closed 30 (3 Clean Games)	All eligible	Once per year
Stair Step	1 pin difference each game up or down	Once per year
Big 4 split conversion	All eligible	Once per year
7-10 split conversion	All eligible	Once per year
11 Strikes in a Row	All eligible	Once per year

Generally awards are distributed to the league secretary within 30 days of earning the award. GPUSBC has strict guidelines for awards but we rely on league secretaries to submit the required documentation in a timely manner.

If you believe you are eligible for an award and haven't received it, contact your secretary to investigate why you haven't received it.



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**The Greater Portland
USBC Association
ensures the integrity
and protects the future
of the sport, provides
programs and services
and enhances the
bowling experience.**

Managers Corner

Roni Dawson was hired into the position of Greater Portland USBC Association Manager in May 2023.

She has been working hard to get her new in-home office set up and to learn all the ins and outs of the position. She has been working closely with all of the bowling centers to learn what their needs are and how best to support their leagues.

Roni can be reached at 503-257-9511 or email at gpusbc@gpusbc.com. She is always willing to help answer questions or has a good idea who she can call to find help.

Roni will be attending the USBC leadership seminar in Texas in a few weeks and hopes to learn more about USBC and best practices from other Association Managers.

If you happen to see Roni as she flies through your center, be sure to say hi and let her know she is appreciated.



Board of Directors Spotlight

Did You Know?

We have a Face Book Group page. Find us at Greater Portland USBC group. We post events and special information on our page.

We're on the Web!

GPUSBC.COM

Sign up for our
News Letter



Sue Unger returned to GPUSBC Board of Directors last year and is currently sitting on the Executive Committee as Sergeant At Arms. She is a member of the Oregon State USBC Board of Directors. Sue has stepped up to lead our Finance and Budget committee. She has been working closely with Roni Dawson to ensure all of our finances and expenditures are documented and justified. We can't thank her enough for all of her hard work the last several months as we reorganized our Association and Board of Directors.

Written by: Debbie Huber



6th ANNUAL GPUSBC Charity 9 Pin no Tap Tournament

November 11, 2023 9:30AM

Join with the GPUSBC and support all of our Veterans!

Check in 8:30 AM Bowling starts at 9:30 AM

KingPins Portland Bowling Center

3550 SE 92nd Ave

Portland, OR

This tournament is limited to the FIRST 120 bowlers that have paid/verified entries.

Cost: \$30.00 per person before Nov. 3 2023

\$35.00 per person after Nov. 3 2023 (\$5 will go to BVL)

QUESTIONS:

Please contact the GPUSBC office

PO Box 16880

Portland OR 97292

Cell 503-257-9511

gpusbc@gpusbc.com(email)

gpusbc.com (website)

Greater Portland USBC (FacebookGroup)

FEE BREAKDOWN

LINEAGE: \$ 12.00

PRIZES: \$ 8.50

Exp: \$ 1.00

BVL: \$ 8.50

COST \$30.00

Prize Payout is 1 in 10

Mail entry with payment to:

GPUSBC BVL Tournament, PO Box 16880 Portland, OR 97292 or Turn in registration and payment to the desk at KingPins Portland.

Name _____ Average _____ USBC # _____

I want to bowl with: _____

RULES

Tournament is open to ALL bowlers.

This will be a 9 Pin No Tap Singles Tournament.

9 Pin No Tap rules: If you knock down 9 pins on your first ball it is a STRIKE! All other scoring is the same as regular bowling. HAVE FUN!

Handicap: 100% of 250.

Entering Average: 2022-2023 Composite Average from Bowl.com, Or provide standing sheet with current average of 21 games or more. If you do not have a certified average use the following:

Men: 175 Women: 150 Youth: 125

USBC Youth bowlers are not eligible for the 50/50 drawing . Any youth winnings will be sent to their SMART account.

All completed and paid entries must be submitted to the GPUSBC office no later than November 8th to guarantee a spot in the tournament.

Walk ins are welcome if space is available.

Tournament director will make all decisions.





**6th Annual
9 Pin No-Tap BVL
Singles Tournament
Saturday
November 11, 2023**

Lane Sponsorships	
1 Lane	\$100
2 Lane	\$175
3 Lanes	\$250
4 Lanes	\$325

Other Sponsorships: _____ _____ _____ _____

To benefit the Bowlers to Veterans charity. Money raised is returned to veterans in the Oregon area! \$0.95 of every \$1.00 is returned to help our veterans

SPONSOR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

All sponsors names will be displayed above the lanes. We need Sponsor's names before November 1, 2023, to get the signs printed.

Please make sponsor checks payable to: Greater Portland USBC

**Mail to: GPUSBC BVL Tournament
PO Box 16880 Portland
OR 97292**

If you need it, Our Tax ID # is 13-4299277

Questions please contact:
GPUSBC Office
503-257-9511

Contact: _____ _____ _____ _____
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**18th Annual Greater Portland
USBC
Youth Championship**



October 14-15, and 21-22, 2023

**\$4,000.00 SMART Scholarship
Money Added to Prize fund!**

**Center:
Tigard Bowl
11660 SW Pacific Hwy
Tigard, OR 97223**

**Additional SMART
Scholarship
Money Awarded each
squad**

Entry Fee

Scholarships:	\$11.00
Lineage	\$12.00
Expenses/wards	\$ 2.00
Total per person, per event	\$ 25.00
All Events:	\$10.00

Saturday	9:00 AM	Squad 1
10/14/23	12:00 PM	Squad 2
	3:00 PM	Squad 3
Sunday	11:00 AM	Squad 4
10/15/23	2:00 PM	Squad 5

Saturday	9:00 AM	Squad 6
10/21/23	12:00 PM	Squad 7
	3:00 PM	Squad 8
Sunday	11:00 AM	Squad 9
10/22/23	2:00 PM	Squad 10

SQUAD TIME REQUEST — REQUEST BY SQUAD NUMBER

Team 1st choice _____ **2nd choice** _____ **Doubles** 1st choice _____ **2nd choice** _____
Singles 1st choice _____ **2nd choice** _____

Team Name _____ **Home Center** _____

List Bowlers in the order they will bowl. Please list first and last name.

1) USBC Member # _____ Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____
Address _____ Email _____
City, State, Zip _____ Average _____
 Team Dbls Sgls A/E

2) USBC Member # _____ Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____
Address _____ Email _____
City, State, Zip _____ Average _____
 Team Dbls Sgls A/E

3) USBC Member # _____ Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____
Address _____ Email _____
City, State, Zip _____ Average _____
 Team Dbls Sgls A/E

4) USBC Member # _____ Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____
Address _____ Email _____
City, State, Zip _____ Average _____
 Team Dbls Sgls A/E

Doubles Partners

1) _____
2) _____

Doubles Partners

1) _____
2) _____

Mail Entry and Payment to: GPUSBC Youth Tournament, PO Box 16880, Portland OR, 97292

18th Annual Greater Portland USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

October 14-15, and 21-22, 2023

FORMAT: Each event will consist of three (3) games bowled on one pair of lanes.

CLASSIFICATION & HANDICAP: Each entry will be classified based on average in accordance with the tables below. There will also be a scratch division available for any bowler, for all of the events.

	DIVISION	TEAM AVG	HANDICAP	DOUBLES AVG	HANDICAP	SINGLES AVG	HANDICAP
1	561 & OVER		100% OF 880	281 & OVER	100% OF 440	141 & over	100% of 220
2	560 & UNDER		100% OF 880	280 & UNDER	100% OF 440	110-140	100% of 220
						109 & UNDER	100% of 220

SIDE POTS: Scratch side pots will be run. Entry is optional, enter at the tournament, and will cost \$5 per bowler.

Winnings will be paid out in Smart scholarships.

AWARDS: A ratio of 1 out of 5 entries or greater portion thereof in each division.

MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION: A bowler may enter as many times as he/she wishes in team, doubles, and singles but may only cash once in each event. ALL EVENTS will consist of the first (1st) scores bowled in the team, doubles, and singles.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Any bowler may substitute on a previously entered team or doubles entry provided at least one-half of the original entry bowls. A substitute may cause a change of division. Substitutions will not be allowed in singles. THE TOURNAMENT OFFICE MUST BE NOTIFIED AT CHECK-IN PRIOR TO SQUAD TIME.

ELIGIBILITY: All entrants must be current USBC YOUTH members.

AVERAGES: It is each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average whether originally submitted by the bowler, their team captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average or make corrections prior to, or at the time of bowling will disqualify the scores if the submitted average is lower than the actual average. If the average that is submitted is higher than the actual average, prize winnings will be based on the higher average. USBC rule 319a(2) will be followed in this tournament. If your current average, of 21 games or more, is 10 pins or higher than your USBC book average you must use your current average and bring a standing sheet as proof.

Bowlers will use their highest USBC certified average for the 2022-2023 Fall or Summer seasons provided they have bowled 21 games or more, even if bowled as a substitute in a league.

If a bowler does not qualify under (a) above they will use their highest current average in a certified league of 60

games or more at the time of their first tournament participation. **Verification of average (printed standing sheet) to be used must be submitted at time of their first tournament participation or you will be entered at the 220 average.**

If none of the above applies an average of 200 will be used.

Reclassification: USBC Average adjustment Rule 319C will apply.

TOURNAMENT ATTIRE: NO HATS. Shirts must have sleeves. All clothing must be presentable. The Tournament Director will have the final authority to determine the appropriateness of any clothing worn by any participant and to disqualify any participant if deemed necessary. No undergarments will be visible at any time.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITY: It is the responsibility of all participants in this tournament to read and be aware of all of the rules. Failure to have read the rules will not be considered a valid excuse if a disqualification is necessary.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR shall decide any questions not covered by the rules. Including dress code.

USBC RULES: USBC Tournament Rules will apply to any situation not covered by the above rules.

Electronics: Use of personal electronic devices is not allowed during tournament bowling.

PROTESTS & APPEALS: Protests & Appeals must be in writing and follow USBC Rule 329.

*** ATTENTION PROGRAM DIRECTORS AND COACHES ***

Birth Dates and Graduation Years MUST be provided to assist with reporting to the SMART Scholarship Program

Emphasize to all, no food or drinks in the settee area. No youth bowler participating in this tournament may use

tobacco products of any type anywhere on the premises of the tournament site while the tournament is in session.

Remind every bowler to check in at least 30 minutes prior to their squad times.

If at all possible, have your bowlers bring balls and shoes from your center.

Read and be aware of the tournament rules (see above). Make sure all your bowlers are also aware of these rules.

You are responsible for notifying participants of their squad times.

Walk-ins will be accepted as space is available. Only completed paid forms will hold spots. Standings will be available on our website and on our Facebook page.