

Welcome to Fall Leagues 2017!

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And we're off! The new Fall leagues are off and running. It is always fun to start fall leagues, the excitement of a fresh start, new goals, seeing old friends and of course old foes.

Starting the season with a positive attitude and trying to stay positive throughout the year can be a challenge at times. Understanding that some bowlers are in it to win it, while others are there for the beer and camaraderie can be difficult. How can we all possible get along?

Starting on the right league could be the answer to these questions. If you are a bowler who has the desire to win money and be competitive, you may want to look for a league that has higher average bowlers that bowl head to head, like 12 Grand at KingPins or Mt Hood Commercial at Mt Hood Lanes. Most bowling centers have these compet-

itive leagues. The bowling fees for these leagues tend to be higher but the prize fund is much higher as well. Another option for the more competitive bowler would be the Traveling Leagues. There are several Traveling Leagues in the Greater Portland area. Traveling leagues bowl at a different center each week.

"Fun leagues", as they are referred to, are leagues that have a mix of all averages and abilities. Generally these are Mixed Leagues. Most bowling centers have these leagues set up through out the week and even on the weekends. These leagues generally cost less to bowl and have smaller prize funds at the end of the season. Mixed leagues are great leagues for friends and family to join and enjoy being together and get a little exercise. Bowlers of all ages (18-100) and skill level bowl in these leagues, handicap is used

to help even the playing field between the teams.

Senior leagues are leagues with age requirements, generally 55 and over. Most Senior leagues bowl during the day, Monday through Friday. Bowling fees are a bit lower. Don't be fooled by the term "Senior", some of these bowlers average in the 200 range and can take you to school on the lanes. There are a couple leagues that are all women, such as Accidentals at KingPins or Sunset Senior Men at Sunset Lanes which are all men.

Keeping it fun and maintaining a positive attitude will make bowling leagues enjoyable for everyone. Consider the composition of the league and adjust your attitude accordingly. Most importantly BE KIND!

Dates to Remember

- January 1st -HoF Submissions are due to the GPUSBC office
- April 1st- GPUSBC Board Application are due.
- April 1st- GPUSBC Delegate Applications for both State and Nationals due.
- March 15- GPUSBC Scholarship Applications due to the office.

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 and a few surprises as well. Come join us!

Tournament	Dates	Location
Jr / Adult	12 and 19 November	Wilsonville Lanes
Youth	13-14 and 20-21 January	Mt Hood Lanes
City Open	10-11 February 17-18 February	Milwaukie Tigard
Women's	24-25 March 31 March-1 April	Kellogg Bowl

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.

Did You Know?

8,589 awards were processed through our local association last year, with 91 of them being 300 Games.

Nice bowling everyone!

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.

Bowler Spotlight



Pictured left to right: (Back Row) John Drake, Debbie Sattergren, Patt Johnson Sr, Larry Schwab (Front Row) Debbie Huber, Mike Arronson, Katy Bouwens

It's the last night of league, Sweepers Night and the pressure is on to bowl the best you can.

On 3 May. 2017 Mike Arronson started his Broadway Commercial Sweepers Night with high hopes and wanting to bowl well. He started the evening with a nice 277 game, followed that up with a 258 game, and a 267 game, for his first 802 series!

Mike had to wait all summer to receive his brand new ring.

On Wednesday, 13 September at KingPins Bowling Center he was presented his ring.

Congratulations Mike on bowling your first 800 series, keep up the great bowling.

With A Sad Heart and Fond Memories

Did You Know?

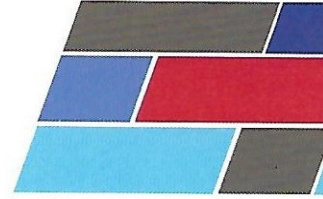
20 years ago GPUSBC serviced over 20 Bowling Centers and over 10,000 sanctioned members. Today we service 12 bowling centers and less than 7,000 members.



We've heard it was coming and prayed it wouldn't happen. On 17 September, 2017 AMF Pro 300 closed its doors for the final time. With the closer of Pro 300 goes over 60 years of bowling memories. This leaves KingPins as the only bowling center inside the Portland city limits.

Thank you Pro 300 for all of the great memories, you will be missed by all bowlers!

A message from USBC



Your league and members are USBC and building A Future for the Sport. Because of your support, we are able to provide many benefits to certified bowlers.

Why certifying your league is great for bowling:

- Setting and enforcing bowling's rules
- Inspections of nearly 100,000 lanes each year by local associations
- Bonding insurance provides protection for league prize funds
- Local, state and national championship events for bowlers of all ages and skills
- Certified averages for all bowlers who compete in a certified league
- BOWL.com website for news and information
- Access to a network of dedicated volunteers to run USBC leagues and tournaments
- Local associations annually raising more than \$1 million for charities such as Bowlers to Veterans Link and Bowl for the Cure
- TV coverage of bowling's major events
- Supporting programs such as Bowlopolis to engage the next generation of bowlers
- Certifying 300-plus bowling balls each year
- Local, state and national awards and scholarships
- Working with SMART to manage scholarships
- Registered Volunteer Program to protect our youth
- Online resources for members such as the USBC Bowling Academy to improve your game and Member Rewards to save you money on your purchases

USBC'S PROMISE

Celebrate the past, be mindful of the present and ensure bowling's future.





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ensures the integrity
and protects the future
of the sport, provides
programs and services
and enhances the
bowling experience.**

Did You Know?

The members on the Board of Directors are all volunteers? Board members donate their time and money to future the sport of bowling.

We're on the Web!

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Managers Corner

AWARDS

It has come to my attention that some leagues are not turning in awards that may be previously earned. PLEASE turn them in. These awards are used not only to get the award but in the following ways:

1. The bowler can track their history and take pride in everything they have done.
2. Team captains can use this information when putting together teams for tournaments
3. The Hall of Fame needs the scores to be recorded so that when a bowler is nominated for the Hall of Fame they have enough points to be inducted. The Superior Performance Award is based on points for 300 games, 800 series, tournament participation, etc.

So as you can see, recording awards is not just for the award but for many other uses.

Please help me to ensure that every bowler is recognized by turning in every award.



Thank you!
Debbie Sattergren
GPUSBC Association Manager

Board of Directors Spotlight



Patt Johnson Sr. Joined the board in 2015. He currently holds the position of Vice President and is the Hall of Fame Committee Chairmen as well as the Open Championship Tournament Director. Patt bowls at Milwaukie Lanes, Mt Hood Lanes and King-Pins, managing a high book average of 196. Patt is the oldest member on the Board of Directors and has earned the respect of all of us for his hard work and dedication to the bowlers in our association.

If you see Patt running around your center, take a minute and let him know he is appreciated.

Thanks Patt for all that you do!

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