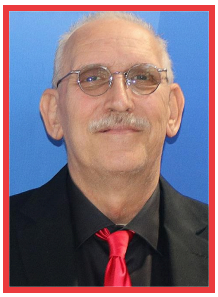
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From the Desk of President Jerry Grochowski

I would like to welcome you to the 2026-2027 bowling season.I am looking forward to seeing all the success stories form the associations and our bowlers. I want you all to know your State Association is here to help with any questions or issue.

Please feel free to go to our website at **www.indianastateusbc.org** for all your state representatives contact information and all our state tournament applications. Looking forward to seeing you all at our tournaments and events. Good luck to all and high scores.

Exciting changes for the 2026 Indiana State USBC!

A new board member and position change for another!



We would also like to welcome newly appointed District 4 Director Missi Lewis. Missi brings extensive leadership and bowling experience to the position, having served in numerous roles with the Fort Wayne Metro USBC and previously with the Huntington WBA. She currently serves as President of Fort Wayne Metro USBC and has been involved in tournament operations since 2018.

Outside of bowling, Missi has successfully managed a thriving Huntington business for more than 34 years with 28 or more employees. Her strong leadership skills and passion for volunteering will be valuable assets to the Indiana State USBC Board. Missi is excited to take on this new challenge and help continue growing the sport of bowling throughout Indiana.



Also, congratulations to Martha Vazquez-Boezeman as she makes a lateral move to assume her new role on the IS USBC Board of Directors moving to the District 2 Director from the Northwest Regional Director position.

Expansion of Staff for an enhanced IS USBC—



Tom Baxter returns in a volunteer position as he comes on board as a Consultant to Association Manager Brian Nunning taking on some special projects. "TommyLee" is a past USBA BA Association Manager, IBA Association Secretary, and a 1993 State Hall of Fame Inductee. We look forward to having his longtime knowledge and experience shared with the IS USBC.



The excitement continues as IS USBC welcomes John Rayburn. John will be sharing, along with Jerry Grochowski, the technology field with title and responsibilities of Technology Manager/Software. He is developing programs for the IS USBC Board to and expand continued assistance to our local association

leaders and drive continuous improvement for IS USBC. John has a strong electrical and electronic background and has an extensive 3-D Printing interest that continues to evolve IS USBC into the future.

Welcome everyone as you embark on this adventure with our state association!

Mark your calendar…

- **The Indiana State USBC Annual Meeting will be earlier this season—June 4 and 5, 2027**
- **Location: Crowne Plaza Indianapolis–Airport. 2501 S High School Road, Indianapolis 46241**
- **Room rates for Friday and Saturday Nights (June 4 and 5, 2027)**
  - **$130 + taxes: Standard King –or– 2 Queen Guestroom**
- **Reservation Discount Cut-off Date: Friday, May 14, 2027**
- **Phone: (317) 244-6861**

New this season...The Golfing Scholarship Fundraiser will continue with details to be announced at a later date, but *we have something new*!





The Suicide Awareness Tournament will also be held on Saturday morning. Details will be announced at a later date, so be sure to make sure that Association Manager Brian Nunning has your local president and association manager's email information...*that's how we communicate*. Information will also be posted on IndianaStateUSBC.org as it becomes available.

For the Records

In the books for the 2026-27 Season

The IS USBC ***Spare A Life Suicide Awareness Scholarship Singles Tournament is a success story!*** This inaugural tourament was held on **August 9** at Expo Bowl in Beech Grove. Entries were accepted from adults and youth bowlers, with the youth bowlers receiving SMART scholarships for their prizes. First place winners were Youth Division-Leyton Rouch and Adult Division-Tyler Hayne. A donation of $1,200 from the IS USBC was provided to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. ***Thank you to the participants and volunteers!***

USBC INDIANA STATE MIXED CHAMPIONSHIPS

The ***Indiana State Mixed Championship*** was held at Vigo Bowl, Terre Haute, on September 5-6 and 12-13. Final tournament standings with Prize List for the 2026 IS USBC Mixed Championship is posted on the **state website HERE**.

IS USBC Mixed Tournament 1st Place Winners are:

- **Team Hcp** (2997) BDDM—Oscar Brown, Portia Duff, Andrea (Andi) Duff, Bruce Miller / Indianapolis
- **Team Act** (2780) Strikes Matter 3—Earl Reynolds, Buffie Clark, Michele Irwin, Desmond Jordan / Indianapolis
- **Dbls Hcp** (1561) Duvall, Louis E. & Bastin, Wendy / Bloomington
- **Dbls Act** (1412) New, Shelby G. \ Rickard, Jerry M. / Anderson
- **All Events, Men's Hcp** (1594) Freeman, Daniel / Indianapolis
- **All Events, Women's Hcp** (1557) Dukes, Holly N. / Columbus
- **All Events, Men's Act** (1502) Reynolds, Earl D. / Indianapolis
- **All Events, Women's Act** (1341) Dukes, Holly N. / Columbus

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It's a *three-peat!* The ***District Challenge*** was decided on September 26! Get your teams in line for next year as the roads will lead back to District 8 for the 2027 District Challenge. Congratulations to the ***Evansville Team #3—Tony Schoenbaechler, Curt Garrett, Scott Boston, Bill Cross, Mike Huff*** champions of this year's challenge, District 8 Director and Tournament Manager John Hammond, and District 8 for

the third year in a row as champions--each year a different team! Great job!

Evansville Team 3 Champions



Tony Schoenbaechler, Curt Garrett, Scott Boston, Bill Cross, Mike Huff

All Tournament Entry Forms are Available at – IndianaStateUSBC.org

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Following are up-coming events with links—

The **Indiana State Jamboree is Here**!! It is this weekend (October 10) and will be a one-day event at Fairfield by Marriott, Columbus, with the Columbus Bowling Center hosting the Tournament. ***Get your information in now...***

October 10, 2026

36th Annual Indiana State Jamboree | District 9 (documents)
Fairfield by Marriott, 2820 Merchant Mile, Columbus, IN 47201
Tournament–Columbus Bowling Center
District 9 Director Debbie Middleton — (812) 498-6685

The 2026-2027 Adult Scratch Tournaments Online Payment link is indianausbc.square.site/

October 24-25

Indiana State Senior Masters (Entry Form–entry deadline of *October 9*)
Championship Lanes, 1920 E 53rd Street, Anderson
Tournament Manager, Austyn Bragg — (317) 721-7558

November 14-15

Indiana Scratch Classic | *OPEN TO ANY USBC MEMBER* (**Entry Form**–entry deadline of ***October 30***)
Aulby's Arrowhead Bowl, 2331 Brothers Drive, Lafayette
Tournament Manager, Zach Spencer — (765) 271-3397

February 5-7, 2027
Indiana State Masters
Championship Lanes, 1920 E 53rd Street, Anderson
Tournament Manager, Austyn Bragg — (317) 721-7558

March 6, 2027
32nd Annual Indiana State Queens Tournament
Championship Lanes, 1920 E 53rd Street, Anderson
Tournament Manager, Austyn Bragg — (317) 721-7558

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*The **Indiana State Youth Scratch Tournament***

This year the IS USBC is contributing ***extra money*** to the Prize Fund. ***Get your entry in now...***

November 7-8 and 14-15, 2026
Youth | IS USBC Scratch Youth Championships (Entry Form)
Location: Villa Lanes, 1704 Nuttman Avenue, Decatur, IN 47433
Tournament Manager, Mindy Wright — (812) 251-5827

Complete 2026-27 IS USBC Calendar.

2027 Up-Coming Tournaments



February 5-7, 2027
Indiana State Masters
Championship Lanes, 1920 E 53rd Street, Anderson

February 20 – May 9 (No Bowling Easter Weekend–3/28/2027)
Indiana State Open Championship–Lafayette
Location: Aulby's Arrowhead Bowl, 2331 Brothers Drive, Lafayette

February 20 – April 18 (No Bowling Easter Weekend–3/28/2027)
Youth | Ind State Youth Championship | Team/Dbls/Sgls

Location: Richmond 40 Bowl, 75 S 37th St., Richmond, IN 47374

February 20 – April 17
Youth | Adult/Youth Competition | Fri & Sat
Location: Richmond 40 Bowl, 75 S 37th St., Richmond, IN 47374

March 6
32nd Annual Indiana State Queens Tournament
Championship Lanes, 1920 E 53rd Street, Anderson

March 26-May 2 (Central Time)
Indiana State Seniors Tournament
(will not bowl Easter Sunday–3/28/2027)
Olympia Lanes, 1901 S. Woodland Ave., Michigan City

April 3 – April 25
100th Annual Indiana State Women's Championship
Pro Bowl West, 1455 Goshen Road, Fort Wayne

April 24-25
Youth | Masters & Queens
All Star Bowl 1, 726 N Shortridge Road, Indianapolis

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USBC Updates/Information & Links

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United States Bowling Congress

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October - National Breast Cancer

Awareness Month

Suggestions to educate people and the importance of early detection of breast cancer

We have all been touched by this disease or know someone who has, and this is a way we can help to fight back.

Plan your Breast Cancer Awareness event early with the Bowl for the Cure **resources from USBC**.

They are giving us the tools for success!

Bowlers are not just about bowling--we are filled with heart and compassion!

USBC Young Delegate Grant

The **USBC Young Delegate Grant** program supports the next generation of volunteer leaders by providing financial assistance to attend the annual USBC Convention. This year's Convention is May 3-6, 2027, in Las Vegas.

Applications for the Young Delegate Grant **will open on October 1, 2026**. If you or someone you know fits the following USBC criteria, please apply or encourage them to apply!

Young Delegate Criteria:

- You must be an eligible delegate under 45 years of age to be considered.
- Preference will be given to new delegates who have never attended a USBC Convention.
- Past grant recipients will not be considered.

Recipients will receive transportation, meal reimbursement and hotel accommodations for the duration. The ***application deadline is January 31*** with detailed information for those chosen in February 2027.

Tools, Tools, Tools

How many of our local associations have reached perfection and do not need ideas of improvement or growth?

USBC is offering such a wealth of tools to assist everyone in developing and/or growing the local youth programs! The planning work is already out there with the guidance, forms, etc Check it out on bowl.com. Again, it's more than just bowling... it's about developing character, responsibility, and leadership.

2027 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting

- **2027 USBC Convention**
  The 2027 USBC Convention will take place from May 3-6, 2027, at South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa in Las Vegas.

ARC-Home (Association Resource Center)

- **Your Members' and Association Needs**

Mission Statement

Work with other bowling organizations to Promote the Sport of Bowling by Providing Programs, Events and Services to the USBC Associations and USBC members along with non-bowling events or functions within the State.

Indiana State USBC Vision Statement

The vision of the Indiana State USBC is to provide Leadership Opportunities and Quality Services that will enhance Bowling Experiences, Stimulate Growth and prepare its members for the Future of the Sport.

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