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**THE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS

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Bowling became an organized sport in the United States when the American Bowling Congress (ABC) was established in 1895 and set the rules and equipment standards. In 1916, the Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC) was founded to oversee women's bowling.

The merger of ABC, WIBC, Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA) and USA Bowling created the United States Bowling Congress, which officially launched Jan. 1, 2005, as the organization to serve adult and youth bowlers in the United States.

Today, USBC is the National Governing Body for bowling as recognized by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). It is a membership organization that provides standardized rules, regulations and benefits to make bowling fair and fun for everyone, and is working toward a future for the sport.

During the 2013-2014 season, USBC had 1.69 million members and certified 57,472 leagues.

**USBC Mission:** The USBC is the National Governing Body for bowling. Our mission is to provide services, resources and standards for the sport.

**USBC Vision:** To be the leading authority to the sport, servicing the needs of bowling.

**USBC Promise:** Our promise is to celebrate the past, be mindful of the present and ensure bowling's future through thoughtful research, planning and delivery. We will protect and nurture the sport with a mutual admiration and respect for all who enjoy bowling.

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# A MESSAGE FROM USBC PRESIDENT ANDREW CAIN



Looking back, 2014 proved to be a significant year for the United States Bowling Congress. We accomplished a great deal, thanks to better collaboration within the bowling industry and renewed commitment of our staff, volunteers and members to cultivate a future for our wonderful sport.

The year also marked the organization's 10th year and the beginning of my final year as USBC President. Reflecting on this past year and decade, I want to acknowledge our predecessor organizations: the American Bowling Congress, the Women's International Bowling Congress, the Young American Bowling Alliance and USA Bowling. Only when we understand the incredible achievements of those groups can we find our path to continue serving bowling in the present and beyond.

When formed in 2005, USBC received designation as the National Governing Body of bowling as recognized by the United States Olympic Committee. National Governing Bodies are charged with guiding all aspects of their respective sports, specifically in core areas of competition, governance, and development. In serving millions of adult and youth bowlers across the country, our Mission very simply and clearly defines what we do: USBC provides services, resources, and standards for the sport. The sport has seen its fair share of contraction and consolidation in the United States over the past few decades. USBC has likewise experienced considerable transition but our promise to celebrate the past, be mindful of the present, and ensure bowling's future through thoughtful research, planning, and delivery will keep our focus fixed on protecting and nurturing the sport with a mutual admiration and respect for all who enjoy it.

Last season, USBC certified 57,472 leagues, more than 8,600 competitions/tournaments and conducted numerous national championship events across all demographics. More than a million members experienced the wide array of services offered – rules adjudication, affinity partner discounts, coaching, and countless hours of live-stream content, just to name a few. Additionally, men, women, seniors, youth, beginners, and advanced competitors alike took advantage of our tournament portfolio and tested their skills against the best players in the country ... and the world.





Women's Team USA

In January, we kicked off the calendar year in a big way. Team USA 2014 was crowned, with an all-star squad led by Chris Barnes and Brittini Hamilton as the USBC Team USA Trials champions. As a former member of Team USA myself, it is often difficult to express in words the magnitude of pride and sense of responsibility that comes with being a member of Team USA – these individuals serve as global ambassadors for the sport and the United States. Continuing a long tradition of success, Team USA and Junior Team USA took home 45 gold, 29 silver and 16 bronze medals, and capped off a notable year with Barnes' victory and 300 game against 85 representatives from around the world in the 50th QubicaAMF World Cup.

We kicked off the world's largest participatory sporting events – the USBC Open Championships and Women's Championships. Fresh oil each squad and dual patterns across competition sets continue to help strengthen the challenge of the Open Championships while maintaining the integrity of competition that was sought by more 45,000 participants in 2014. Champions in multiple events were crowned, but the team event remains the hallmark title of the tournament that has more than 110

years of history. Artistic Expressions 1 was the victors in the Regular Division and Scotty's 1 emerged as champion in the Classified Division. We also watched USBC Hall of Famer Bob Hart and Maynard Johnson reach a remarkable plateau as the 14th and 15th members, respectively, of the 100,000-Pin Club at the Open Championships.

The Women's Championships saw a fair number of major changes in 2014. Based on feedback and a need to reposition the event for future growth, the tournament moved to four-player teams and returned to an all-scratch format with new divisions added to provide a more equitable, enjoyable experience for all competitors. Bowlieve in a Cure, USA-Japan Travelers 1, Fabulous Five II, and Bowling Divas 2 all took home team titles in the Diamond, Ruby, Emerald, and Sapphire divisions, respectively. We capped off the 2014 edition of the Championships by recording five perfect games and honoring six participants, each celebrating their 50th Women's Championships appearance.

Our major tournaments continue to draw outstanding fields and provide exceptional opportunities for competitive bowlers. We saw Australia's Jason Belmonte make history



Masters champion Jason Belmonte

when he became the first bowler in nearly 50 years to win back-to-back Masters titles and we watched 25-year-old Maria Jose Rodriguez of Colombia capture the Queens. A couple of outstanding USBC Hall of Famers won their first major senior titles as Walter Ray Williams Jr. captured the Senior Masters and Robin Romeo won the Senior Queens. The Junior Gold Championships continued its amazing growth with nearly 2,500 youth bowlers competing for scholarships and spots on Junior Team USA, and more than 1,200 youth bowlers taking part in the Youth Open Championships.

Youth programs and tournaments are administered by International Bowling Campus Youth Development, a collaborative effort funded by USBC and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA). In 2014, IBC Youth launched a \$4 youth product along with a new activation program that will strengthen and grow youth programs across the country, providing opportunities for those bowlers just starting out through those competing at the collegiate level.

We continue to develop and expand the Youth Resource Center, an online source of materials and guides to help associations and centers to build their youth programs. Local and state volunteers continue to make the Pepsi Youth Championships a great program for competition and scholarships, and we are seeing the USA Bowling program develop. Last fall, more than 550 youth bowlers took part in eight USA Bowling regional tournaments held throughout the country and we'll see that program continue to expand. The steady growth continues at the collegiate level, providing more opportunities for youth bowlers to receive scholarships and continue to compete in the sport.



USBC's collaborative efforts within the bowling industry provided several success stories in 2014. The Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) was revived and given a three-year minimum commitment by USBC and BPAA. Not only will the PWBA Tour provide a competitive outlet for today's talented women bowlers but it also provides incentive for young bowlers currently competing in high school and college to continue to develop their games.

USBC and BPAA also teamed to bring back Bowling's U.S. Open. Bowlmor AMF, the largest operator of bowling centers in

the world, then made the commitment to host and provide television sponsorship for both the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open. It is important to note that BPAA and Strike Ten Entertainment, the bowling industry's marketing arm and sponsorship activation division, continually are working on ways to make bowling sustainable in today's marketplace and working with these organizations at the International Bowling Campus can only push us toward a more successful future for the sport.

The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) worked with us on a multi-year agreement that has the USBC Masters positioned in a showcase timeslot on national television as part of the PBA Tour schedule. The Masters is a major event on the PBA Tour and this agreement now has the tournament in a significant place on its schedule.

We also saw the opening of the South Point Hotel and Casino's new bowling tournament facility in Las Vegas in late October. The facility was built with the tournament bowler in mind and, because of the partnership of South Point, Vegas Events and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, this arena will serve as host of major USBC events in the future, starting with the 2016 Women's Championships.

The convention and annual meeting brought changes to the dues structure of USBC as delegates voted to remove the maximum restriction on local dues and to raise the state dues maximum. These changes will empower local and state associations to have more control over the operation of their businesses and increase accountability to members in their respective regions. Delegates also voted to reduce the number of delegate directors on the USBC Board of Directors to nine, eliminating one delegate director position starting with the 2015-2016 season and beginning a process for comprehensive Board reduction. The result will be a more streamlined board consistent with governance guidelines for many modern non-profit organizations.

USBC had many success stories in 2014. It is, and always will be, the commitment and support of the bowling community through which that success is made possible. On that note, I extend a heartfelt thank you to my fellow Board members; our staff, led by executive director Chad Murphy; our local and state associations both near and far; numerous industry partners and sponsors, and most importantly, the millions of bowlers who continue to enjoy the sport and inspire others to do the same.

I look forward to an exciting next year as we continue to build a future for the sport.



World Bowling Coach Conference

The Equipment Specifications and Certifications team has developed the Ball On Lane Tracking System (BOLTS), a new measurement system to replace the Computer Aided Tracking System (CATS). USBC is the leading source of technical information in our industry and the development of BOLTS served as a crucial step in aligning the abilities of our ball-throwing robot, E.A.R.L., with a more modern, advanced measurement system. Going forward, this system will be an integral part of the research process. USBC also modified the specifications on bowling ball gripping holes to simplify the specification. Under the new rule, any thumb hole not used for gripping purposes during the delivery would be classified as a balance hole.

The International Training and Research Center staff, led by Team USA head coach Rod Ross, played host to the inaugural World Bowling Coach Conference at the ITRC. The conference, held in conjunction with World Bowling (formerly World Tenpin Bowling Association), drew nearly 100 coaches, including 36 international coaches. We will continue to work alongside and support World Bowling's efforts to have our sport

added to the Olympic program. The sport continues to grow worldwide and having it as part of the Olympics will benefit everyone in the bowling industry.

Speaking of coaching, the USBC Bowling Academy website launched to provide online instructional videos to help bowlers and received an overwhelming response when it went live in late September.

And last, but certainly not least, is the great work of our network of associations in support of Bowl for the Cure and Bowlers to Veterans Link. Bowl for the Cure, the year-round fundraising initiative sponsored by USBC in partnership with Susan G. Komen®, received a late donation at convention to push its total donation to Susan G. Komen to just over the \$1 million mark in 2014. Bowl for the Cure eclipsed the \$10 million mark in total donations to Susan G. Komen with the donation.

The Bowlers to Veterans Link raised more than \$823,000 for America's active-duty and veteran service men and women. BVL is bowling's oldest and most successful charity, raising more than \$30 million.

Andrew Cain

USBC President



# 2014-2015 USBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Andrew Cain, Phoenix  
President through July 31, 2015  
Director through July 31, 2016  
Elected by Team USA athletes

Frank Wilkinson, Staten Island, N.Y.  
Vice president through July 31, 2015  
Director through July 31, 2016  
Elected by IBC Youth Committee

Tamoria Adams, Charlotte, N.C.  
Director through July 31, 2015  
Elected by delegates

Ray Baty, Wichita, Kan.  
Director through July 31, 2015  
Elected by IBC Youth Committee

Tom Bluth, Davie, Fla.  
Director through July 31, 2015  
Appointed as Director-at-large

Anthony Colangelo, Canton, Mich.  
Director through July 31, 2016  
Elected by delegates

Cathy DeSocio, Wichita, Kan.  
Director through July 31, 2017  
Elected by BPAA

Jo Dimond, Columbus, Ohio  
Director through July 31, 2017  
Elected by delegates

Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas  
Director through July 31, 2016  
Elected by Team USA athletes

Margaret (Libbi) Fletcher, Warren, Mich.  
Director through July 31, 2015  
Elected by delegates

Erik Galganski, Orlando, Fla.  
Director through July 31, 2017  
Elected by IBC Youth Committee

Michael Italia, Warrington, Pa.  
Director through July 31, 2016  
Elected by delegates

Cornell M. Jackson, Kilmarnock, Va.  
Director through July 31, 2015  
Appointed as TNBA representative

Karen Jost, Olympia, Wash.  
Director through July 31, 2015  
Elected by delegates

Karl Kielich, El Paso, Texas  
Director through July 31, 2017  
Elected by delegates

Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J.  
Director through July 31, 2017  
Elected by Team USA athletes

Mark Martin, Waterford, Mich.  
Director through July 31, 2016  
Elected by delegates

Tom Martino, Hopelawn, N.J.  
Director through July 31, 2016  
Elected by BPAA

Steve O'Brien, Mount Pleasant, S.C.  
Director through July 31, 2015  
Elected by delegates

Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla.  
Director through July 31, 2017  
Elected by Team USA athletes

Dan Patterson, Buffalo, N.Y.  
Director through July 31, 2015  
Elected by Team USA athletes

Jan Schmidt, Hales Corners, Wis.  
Director through July 31, 2016  
Elected by delegates

Robert Spigner, San Francisco  
Director through July 31, 2017  
Elected by delegates

Marci Williams, Wichita, Kan.  
Director through July 31, 2017  
Elected by delegates

## USBC EXECUTIVE TEAM

Chad Murphy, Executive Director  
Jason Overstreet, Deputy Executive Director  
Jennifer Salazar, Chief Financial Officer  
Neil Stremmel, Managing Director,  
National Governing Body

## USBC PRESIDENTS

Michael Carroll, Huntington, W.Va.  
Aug. 1, 2004 – July 31, 2007

Jeff Bojé, Tampa, Fla.  
Aug. 1, 2007 – July 31, 2010

Darlene Baker, Mahomet, Ill.  
Aug. 1, 2010 – July 31, 2011

Jim Sturm, South Charleston, W.Va.  
Aug. 1, 2011 – Jan. 2012

Andrew Cain, Phoenix  
Jan. 2012 – July 31, 2015



#### Site and Dates for 2015:

Team USA Trials  
(Team USA and Junior Team USA qualifying event)  
Jan. 2-7, 2015  
Las Vegas

Junior Gold Championships presented by Storm, Roto Grip  
and Master  
(Junior Team USA qualifying event)  
July 11-17, 2015  
Dupage County, Illinois

Brittni Hamilton &  
Chris Barnes

As the sport of bowling continues making strides toward inclusion in the Olympics, there are more opportunities to compete internationally. Events such as the USBC Team USA Trials and Junior Gold Championships presented by Storm, Roto Grip and Master provide bowlers the opportunity to earn a place on the national team and compete for their country.

These qualifying tournaments are held on the same challenging conditions Team USA and Junior Team USA members face across the globe each year, so the players with USA on their backs definitely are prepared when they travel to take on the rest of the world's top bowlers.

In 2014, Team USA and Junior Team USA members logged thousands of miles to locations that included South Florida, Hong Kong and Abu Dhabi, all with a spot atop the medal stand as the ultimate goal.

International events typically include some combination of singles, doubles, mixed doubles, trios, team and Masters competition. The team event usually is held in the highest regard, while the tournaments generally end with the individual Masters event.

The 2014 schedule included some exciting moments.

Professional Bowlers Association star Chris Barnes was victorious in his first QubicaAMF World Cup appearance, including a perfect game in the semifinals, the Junior Team USA boys successfully defended their team title at the World Youth Championships and the Team USA men and women both qualified for the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto.

The year ended with the Team USA men competing in 2014 World Bowling Men's Championships in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Mike Fagan led Team USA with four silver medals, including all-events, Masters, trios with Sean Rash and Marshall Kent, and team with Rash, Kent, Chris Barnes, Bill O'Neill and Tommy Jones. Jones also won bronze in singles.

## TEAM USA 2014

### MEN

Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas  
Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas  
Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas  
Rob Gotchall, Clarksville, Tenn.  
John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla.  
Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.  
A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill.  
Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.  
Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.  
Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.  
John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y.  
Geoffrey Young, Keller, Texas

### WOMEN

Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas  
Holly Harris, Long Prairie, Minn.  
Brittni Hamilton, Webster, N.Y.  
Kayla Johnson, Washington, Ill.  
Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y.  
Stefanie Johnson, Grand Prairie, Texas  
Kelly Kulick, Union N.J.  
Sarah Lokker, New Baltimore, Mich.  
Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y.  
Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill.  
Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif.  
Shannon Pluhowsky, Kettering, Ohio





## JUNIOR TEAM USA 2014

### BOYS

Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich.  
Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn.  
Matthew Farber, Plainview, N.Y.  
Ronnie Fujita, El Sobrante, Calif.  
Tylor Greene, Davison, Mich.  
Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill.  
Wesley Low, Palmdale, Calif.  
Darren Tang, San Francisco  
Greg Young Jr., Viera, Fla.  
Ryan Zagar, Kenosha, Wis.

### GIRLS

Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla.  
Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill.  
Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C.  
Makayla Douglas, Gresham, Ore.  
Amanda Fry, Antelope, Calif.  
Natalie Goodman, O'Fallon, Ill.  
Liz Kuhlkin, Rotterdam, N.Y.  
Sarah Lokker, New Baltimore, Mich.  
Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis.  
Mary Wells, Westerville, Ohio



## 2014 USBC TEAM USA TRIALS

The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas From Jan. 3-8

### MEN'S STEPLADDER RESULTS

**Semifinal** – Mike Fagan def. John Szczerbinski

**Final** – Chris Barnes def. Mike Fagan

### MEN'S OVERALL STANDINGS

(Position, name, hometown, total points. Points based on finishing position in each round; top three advance to stepladder finals after five rounds. All players who advance to stepladder earn automatic spots on Team USA).

1. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 42.
2. John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 67.
3. Michael Fagan, Hurst, Texas, 69.
4. Robert Gotchall, Lincoln, Neb., 88.
5. Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 112.
6. Darren Tang, San Francisco, 118.
7. John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 119.
- T8. Eddie VanDaniker, Chatsworth, Calif., 123.
- T8. Cameron Weier, Federal Way, Wash., 123.
10. Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 125.

### WOMEN'S STEPLADDER RESULTS

**Semifinal** – Brittni Hamilton def. Sarah Lokker

**Final** – Hamilton def. Shannon Pluhowsky

### WOMEN'S OVERALL STANDINGS

(Position, name, hometown, total points. Points based on finishing position in each round; top three advance to stepladder finals after five rounds. All players who advance to stepladder earn automatic spots on Team USA).

1. Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 36.
2. Sarah Lokker, New Baltimore, Mich., 42.
3. Brittni Hamilton, Wood-Ridge, N.J., 79.
4. Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 94.
5. Holly Harris, Wichita, Kan., 99.
6. Sara Vargas, Albuquerque, N.M., 106.
- T7. Elysia Current, Ephrata, Pa., 110.
- T7. Samantha Kelly, Streamwood, Ill., 110.
9. Kelsey Muther, Wichita, Kan., 112.
- T10. Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., 117.
- T10. Josie Earnest, Nashville, Tenn., 117.



## 2014 USBC SUMMER TEAM TRIALS

International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas  
Aug. 29-31 (15 games, top two earn spots on Team USA 2015)

### MEN'S RESULTS

1. Michael Fagan, Hurst, Texas, 3,384
2. Chris Colella, Templeton, Mass., 3,344
3. Matt McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 3,313
4. Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 3,301
5. Vince Biondo, Carpentersville, Ill., 3,281
6. Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 3,280
7. Cory Simmons, Wichita, Kan., 3,272
8. Justin Bui, Terrytown, La., 3,233
9. Bryant Ezell, Fayetteville, Ark., 3,166
10. Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 3,164

### WOMEN'S RESULTS

1. Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill., 3,305
2. Kayla Johnson, Washington, Ill., 3,185
3. Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 3,107
4. Christina Halen, Kennesaw, Ga., 3,092
5. Stefanie Johnson, Grand Prairie, Texas, 3,059
6. Kimi Davidson, Irving, Texas, 3,035
7. Brandy Silva, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,011
8. Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb., 2,999
9. Ashley Rucker, Bartlesville, Okla., 2,995
10. Grace Hall, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2,982

## 2014 WORLD BOWLING MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dec. 6-14

**Singles** – Tommy Jones, bronze

**Trios** – Mike Fagan/Sean Rash/Marshall Kent, silver

**Team** – Mike Fagan/Chris Barnes/Sean Rash/Bill O'Neill/Marshall Kent/Tommy Jones, silver

**All-Events** – Mike Fagan, silver

**Masters** – Mike Fagan, silver

## 2014 QUBICAAMF BOWLING WORLD CUP

Wroclaw, Poland

Nov. 2-9

Chris Barnes – men's champion

Brittni Hamilton – women's third place

## 2014 WTBA WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hong Kong

Aug. 6-15

**Singles** – Wesley Low, silver

**Doubles** – Sarah Lokker/Liz Kuhlkin, gold; Matthew Farber/Kamron Doyle, silver; Greg Young Jr./Wesley Low, bronze

**Team** – USA boys (Wesley Low, Matthew Farber, Kamron Doyle, Greg Young Jr.), gold; USA girls (Mary Wells, Liz Kuhlkin, Sarah Lokker, Stephanie Schwartz), bronze

**All-Events** – Wesley Low, gold; Kamron Doyle, silver; Mary Wells, silver; Liz Kuhlkin, bronze

**Masters** – Wesley Low, silver; Kamron Doyle, bronze

## PAN-AMERICAN SPORTS FESTIVAL

Puebla, Mexico

July 17-20

**Singles** – Mike Fagan, gold; Nathan Bohr, silver

**Doubles** – Mike Fagan/Nathan Bohr, silver

**Mixed Doubles** – Sarah Lokker/Nathan Bohr, gold; Kayla Johnson/Mike Fagan, silver

**Masters** – Mike Fagan, gold; Nathan Bohr, bronze

## PAN AMERICAN BOWLING CONFEDERATION WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cali, Colombia

Sept. 12-17

**Singles** – Kelly Kulick, silver; Liz Johnson, bronze

**Doubles** – Kelly Kulick/Missy Parkin, gold; Shannon O'Keefe/Danielle McEwan, bronze

**Trios** – Shannon O'Keefe/Danielle McEwan/Missy Parkin, gold; Liz Johnson/Shannon Pluhowsky/Kelly Kulick, silver

**Team** – USA (Shannon Pluhowsky, Shannon O'Keefe, Danielle McEwan, Liz Johnson, Kelly Kulick, Missy Parkin), gold

**All-Events** – Missy Parkin, gold; Kelly Kulick, silver; Liz Johnson, bronze

**Masters** – Danielle McEwan, gold; Missy Parkin, silver; Liz Johnson, bronze

## LEE EVANS TOURNAMENT OF THE AMERICAS

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

July 27-Aug. 2

### SINGLES

**Adult Men** – Rob Gotchall, gold

**Adult Women** – Brittni Hamilton, silver

**Junior A boys** – Andrew Anderson, gold

**Junior A boys** – Ronnie Fujita, bronze

**Junior A girls** – Breanna Clemmer, gold

**Junior A girls** – Julia Bond, bronze

**Junior B boys** – Sean Wilcox, gold

**Junior B boys** – Cortez Schenck, silver

**Junior B girls** – Ashley Channell, gold

**Senior Women** – Tish Johnson, gold

**Senior Men** – Rick Steelsmith, gold

**Senior Men** – Larry Porter, silver

**Super Senior Women** – Carol Teel, gold

**Super Senior Men** – Sam Carter, gold

**Super Senior Men** – Jack Nelson, silver

### DOUBLES

**Adult Women** – Holly Harris/Brittni Hamilton, bronze

**Junior A boys** – Andrew Anderson/Ronnie Fujita, gold

**Junior A girls** – Julia Bond/Breanna Clemmer, gold

**Junior B boys** – Cortez Schenck/Sean Wilcox, gold

**Junior B girls** – Leah Glazer/Ashley Channell, gold

**Senior Women** – Karen Barcal/Tish Johnson, gold

**Senior Men** – Rick Steelsmith/Larry Porter, gold

**Super Senior Women** – Jesslyn Rhoades/Carol Teel, gold

**Super Senior Men** – Sam Carter/Jack Nelson, silver

### MIXED DOUBLES

**Adult** – Brittni Hamilton/Rob Gotchall, gold

**Junior A** – Julia Bond/Andrew Anderson, gold

**Junior A** – Breanna Clemmer/Ronnie Fujita, silver

**Junior B** – Leah Glazer/Cortez Schenck, gold

**Junior B** – Ashley Channell/Sean Wilcox, silver

**Senior** – Tish Johnson/Rick Steelsmith, gold

**Senior** – Karen Barcal/Larry Porter, silver

**Super Senior** – Carol Teel/Sam Carter, gold

**Super Senior** – Jesslyn Rhoades/Jack Nelson, bronze

### TEAM

**Adult** – USA, silver

**Junior A** – USA, gold

**Junior B** – USA, gold

**Senior** – USA, gold

**Super Senior** – USA, silver

### ALL-EVENTS

**Adult Men** – Rob Gotchall, bronze

**Adult Women** – Brittni Hamilton, gold

**Junior A boys** – Andrew Anderson, gold

**Junior A boys** – Ronnie Fujita, silver

**Junior A girls** – Breanna Clemmer, gold

**Junior A girls** – Julia Bond, silver

**Junior B boys** – Sean Wilcox, gold

**Junior B boys** – Cortez Schenck, silver

**Junior B girls** – Ashley Channell, gold

**Senior Men** – Rick Steelsmith, gold

**Senior Men** – Larry Porter, silver

**Senior Women** – Tish Johnson, gold

**Super Senior Men** – Sam Carter, gold

**Super Senior Women** – Carol Teel, gold





**Site and Dates for 2015:** El Paso Convention Center El Paso, Texas  
March 7 – July 12, 2015

The USBC Open Championships (previously called the American Bowling Congress Championships Tournament) debuted in Chicago in 1901 and featured 41 teams competing for a \$1,592 prize fund. The tournament has grown into the world's largest annual participatory sporting event and attracts between 10,000 and 16,000 five-player teams each year. Participants in two divisions (Regular for averages of 181 and above; Classified for averages of 180 and below) now compete in team, doubles, singles and all-events for a prize fund between \$4.5-7.5 million.

The event has been held in 49 cities in 26 states during its 112-year history, including its first visit to El Paso in 2015. The 2015 edition will be held on 52 specially-constructed lanes inside the El Paso Convention Center.

Despite more than a century of history and tradition, the Open Championships is a work in progress, adapting to changes in the game and showcasing the latest technology the bowling industry has to offer. This includes the world's largest mobile scoreboard of its kind, custom venues, on-site side tournaments and well-received recent changes such as two challenging lane conditions – one for team competition and another for doubles and singles – and fresh oil for every squad, both in 2013.

Competitors at the 2014 Open Championships in Reno, Nevada, definitely turned in their share of memorable performances.

A record nine teams topped the 3,500-pinfall mark at the National Bowling Stadium, including Artistic Expressions 1 of Oklahoma City, which claimed the Regular Team title with the highest team score (3,720) in the 111 years of Open Championships competition.

The talented group had games of 1,255, 1,188 and 1,277, the sixth-highest team game in tournament history, to catapult past previous leader and record holder, Motion Plus Lanes of Cudahy, Wis. (3,561), by 159 pins.

Ted Pritts led the way for Artistic Expressions 1 with a 768 series and was followed by Pete Thomas (758), Xeno Garcia (752), Jimmy McMartin (736) and Anthony Lavery-Spahr (706).

Individually, Anthony LaCaze of Melrose Park, Illinois, solidified his place in tournament history by claiming a coveted eagle for the second consecutive year, adding the Regular All-Events title to the Team All-Events title he helped Junior Team USA Support 1 of Mansfield, Texas, win in 2013.

The 32-year-old right-hander was consistent in navigating the tournament's two USBC Sport Bowling-certified lane conditions on the way to sets of 766 in doubles, 765 in team and 742 in singles for a 2,273 total.

The 2014 tournament, which made its record 12th trip to Reno, also featured the highest team game (1,318) in tournament history, fired by Team Turbo Grips of Fort Wayne, Indiana. There were 35 perfect games, 12 299s, eight 298s and 43 11s in a row. Seven bowlers rolled 800 series at the 2014 tournament.

Dedication also was a theme at the NBS in 2014 as 10 bowlers joined the coveted 50-Year Club, bringing the total membership to 174.

Frank Clay of Crystal Lake, Illinois, and Clinton Zavakos of Daytona Beach Shores, Florida, both reached 60 years of participation, while USBC Hall of Famer Bob Hart of Suwanee, Georgia, and Maynard Johnson of Crystal, Minnesota, became the 14th and 15th members of the elite 100,000-Pin Club.

## 2014 USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Feb. 28 – July 13, 2014 (136 days of competition)

National Bowling Stadium

Reno, Nevada

9,024 five-player teams

# A LOOK AT THE TOP PERFORMERS IN 2014

## REGULAR DIVISION

### TEAM

1. Artistic Expressions 1, Oklahoma City, 3,720
2. Motion Plus Lanes, Cudahy, Wis., 3,561
3. Donovan's Bunch, Painted Post, N.Y., 3,551
4. Lodge Lanes Kids, Orlando, Fla., 3,527
5. Thanks Ronnie, Orlando, Fla., 3,514

### DOUBLES

1. Clark Poelzer and Carl Poelzer, Arden Hills, Minn., 1,465
2. Chris Drewes and Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,463
3. Tom Hess and Angela Chirpich, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,445
4. Steve Harman and Nicholas Hoagland, Indianapolis, 1,439
5. Lonnie Waliczek and Justin Hromek, Wichita, Kan., 1,428

### SINGLES

1. Louis Jenkins Jr., Warr Acres, Okla., 826
- T2. Chris Murray, San Jose, Calif., 802
- T2. Jon Trzcinski, Lake Wales, Fla., 802
4. Jeff Grego, Fort Wayne, Ind., 798
5. Matt Riege, Waterloo, Wis., 792

### ALL-EVENTS

1. Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 2,273
2. Tim Damerow, Waupun, Wis., 2,228
3. Eric Copping, Websterville, Vt., 2,226
4. Ben Canfield, San Diego, 2,209
5. Dan Higgins, Westerville, Ohio, 2,208

### TEAM ALL-EVENTS

1. Janz's H.I., Beaver Dam, Wis., 10,363
2. Artistic Expressions 1, Oklahoma City, 10,258
3. Lodge Lanes Kids, Orlando, Fla., 10,205
4. Team NABR, West Henrietta, N.Y., 10,169
5. Rose Bowl Lanes, Newark, N.Y., 10,144

## CLASSIFIED DIVISION

### TEAM

1. Scotty's 1, Alexandria, Minn., 2,843
2. Ten Spot Lanes, Mandan, N.D., 2,806
3. Yeah Spare II, Sacramento, Calif., 2,795
4. Kenn's Pro Shop, Frankfort, Ill., 2,755
5. Chaser's Pub, Las Vegas, 2,740

### DOUBLES

1. Paul Beyer, Benson, Minn., and Chad Razink, Clontarf, Minn., 1,222
2. Cory Baltunado and Rogelio Baltunado, Waipahu, Hawaii, 1,196
3. Ron Morgan, Strasburg, Colo., and Randy Taylor, Bennett, Colo., 1,180
4. Don Allen, Eugene, Ore., and Todd Vrooman, Tualatin, Ore., 1,165
5. Melissa Sharp, Mountlake Terrace, Wash., and Joe Erickson, Auburn, Wash., 1,159

### SINGLES

1. William Hawkins, Houston, 669
2. Peter Colangelo, DeLand, Fla., 662
3. Jacob Ramos, Kapolei, Hawaii, 659
4. Richard Cracco, Monee, Ill., 658
5. Mark Heilman, Kasota, Minn., 650

### ALL-EVENTS

1. Trevor Silva, Davis, Calif., 1,855
2. Mark DeMesa, South San Francisco, Calif., 1,837
3. Ryan Yadao, Las Vegas, 1,792
4. Adam Martin, Rio Rancho, N.M., 1,784
5. Steve Johnson, Rosholt, S.D., 1,774



Artistic Expressions 1



Carl & Clark Poelzer



Louis Jenkins Jr.



Anthony LaCaze



Janz's H.I.





**Site and Dates for 2015:** National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nevada  
April 10 – June 30, 2015

The USBC Women's Championships is the national event open to all female USBC members and dates back to 1916. The tournament, which is the largest participatory sporting event in the world for women, offers bowlers of all ages and skill abilities the chance to compete for a national title in an event filled with tradition as well as fun.

The 2014 Women's Championships introduced new divisions, returned to an all-scratch format and transitioned to four-player teams for the first time in tournament history, and the new era was welcomed in by several hall-of-fame performances.

USBC Hall of Famer Lynda Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, led the way at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center as she added two titles – Diamond Team and Diamond All-Events – to her Women's Championships collection, bringing her total to six. Only five competitors in the event's 95-year history have captured more wins.

During her team event June 26, Barnes joined Bowlieve In A Cure of Arlington, Texas, to put up games of 971, 924 and 924 for a winning total of 2,819 to take the top spot in Diamond Team, just hours after Storm Nation of Brigham City, Utah, had secured the lead with 2,745.

Barnes posted 678 in the effort and was joined by 2005 USBC Queens champion Tennelle Milligan (752), Team USA's Shannon O'Keefe (724) and Kendra Gaines (665).

The strikes kept adding up for Barnes the following day during doubles and singles, including 20 in a row to conclude her doubles set with a perfect game and 779 series. She added 683 in singles to finish with an all-events tally of 2,140 to pace the field in Diamond All-Events.

Prior to Bowlieve In A Cure's effort June 26, fellow hall of famers Jeanne Naccarato of Tacoma, Washington, and Robin Romeo of Newhall, California, put on a show of their own to take home the Diamond Doubles title.

Naccarato led the way with games of 222, 300 and 224 for a 746 series, while Romeo nearly matched the effort by adding games of 200, 254 and 279 for a 733 mark to finish with 1,479, the fourth-highest doubles total in tournament history. The doubles win in 2014 gave Romeo her fifth Women's Championships crown, and Naccarato her fourth.

Although experience prevailed in Diamond Team, Doubles and All-Events, the top performance in Diamond Singles belonged to a newcomer at the event.

Danielle van der Meer of Washington, Illinois, made her first Women's Championships appearance one to remember as she fired games of 258, 248 and 245 for a 751 series June 28 to capture the Diamond Singles title.

The 26-year-old right-hander may have been making her tournament debut in 2014, but is no stranger to success on the lanes. She helped Nebraska capture the 2009 NCAA national championship, and won two gold medals at the 2006 European Youth Championships and one gold and two bronze medals at the 2006 World Youth Championships for the Dutch national youth team.

The winning scores towards the end of the 2014 tournament coincided with the Queens and Senior Queens taking place at the nearby National Bowling Stadium, but the excitement at the 81-day event was not limited to the final week.

A record five bowlers connected for perfect games in 2014, including Naccarato and Barnes. The first to fire 12 consecutive strikes was Tracey Stevens of Dunellen, New Jersey, on May 10 during her team event. Two days later, Jeri Espinoza of South San Francisco, California, bowled the first perfect game of her career during team event. Anna Green of Tacoma, Washington, also rolled her first 300 at the RSCC, as she got lined up during doubles June 18. The five perfect games in 2014 bring the all-time total at the Women's Championships to 25.

Longevity at the tournament also was honored in 2014, as six participants made their 50th Women's Championships appearance.

Mary Lewis of Cartersville, Georgia, was the first to be welcomed to the 50-Year Club in 2014, and she was joined by Janet Burgess of Belmont, California, Delphine Brands of Crete, Illinois, Janet Cleugh of Nova, Ohio, Carolyn Evans of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Lorraine Sandven of Tucson, Arizona.

## 2014 USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Site:** Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Reno, Nevada

**Dates:** April 11 – June 30, 2014

**Total Team Entries:** 4,209

# 2014 USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS TOP FIVE

## DIAMOND

### TEAM

(For bowlers with combined averages of 725 and above)

1. Bowlieve In A Cure, Arlington, Texas, 2,819
2. Storm Nation, Brigham City, Utah, 2,745
3. Storm Nation 2, Brigham City, Utah, 2,696
4. Some Strike It Hot, Albuquerque, N.M., 2,667
5. 1, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,659

### DOUBLES

(For bowlers with combined averages of 380 and above)

1. Jeanne Naccarato, Tacoma, Wash./Robin Romeo, Newhall, Calif., 1,479
2. Jackie Carbonetto, Blauvelt, N.Y./Brittini Hamilton, Wood Ridge, N.J., 1,411
3. Shannon O'Keefe, Arlington, Texas/Kendra Gaines, Orlando, Fla., 1,406
4. Lisa Friscioni, Saddle Brook, N.J./Kathleen Weissman, Fair Lawn, N.J., 1,399
5. Tennelle Milligan, Arlington, Texas/Lynda Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,395

### SINGLES

(For bowlers with averages of 190 and above)

1. Danielle van der Meer, Washington, Ill., 751
2. Lisa Kelley, Wichita, Kan., 748
- T3. Amy Stolz, Newport, Wash., 743
- T3. Brandy Sanderson, Bossier City, La., 743
5. Natalie Singleton, Lone Jack, Mo., 742

### ALL-EVENTS

(For bowlers with averages of 190 and above)

1. Lynda Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,140
2. Jasmine Laugerman, Papillon, Neb., 2,110
3. Adrienne Hare, Rio Rancho, N.M., 2,093
4. Jeanne Naccarato, Tacoma, Wash., 2,081
5. Shauna Shannon, Albuquerque, N.M., 2,078



Bowlieve In A Cure



Jeanne Naccarato  
& Robin Romeo

## RUBY

### TEAM

(For bowlers with combined averages of 650-724)

1. USA-Japan Travelers 1, Orange, Calif., 2,215
2. Old Friends 2, Lake Helen, Fla., 2,192
3. All Star Lanes 2, Silverdale, Wash., 2,187
4. Tickets, Las Vegas, 2,185
5. Reno Divas, Greendale, Wis., 2,174

### DOUBLES

(For bowlers with combined averages of 350-379)

1. Denise Johnson, Durango, Colo./Karyn Coffey, Rio Rancho, N.M., 1,207
2. Elizabeth Bryant, Newark, Calif./Sandi Milby, Santa Ynez, Calif., 1,202
3. Charla Scott, Muskogee, Okla./Jesslyn Rhoades, Oklahoma City, 1,191
- T4. Kellie Inouye, Honolulu/Jan Nagamine, Kaneohe, Hawaii, 1,183
- T4. Kimberly Crabtree, Gardnerville, Nev./Shannon Spivack, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., 1,183

### SINGLES

(For bowlers with averages from 175-189)

1. Eva Erlich, Warner Robins, Ga., 682
2. Jan Schmidt, Naperville, Ill., 677
3. Debra Pahdocony, Shawnee, Okla., 667
4. Robin Cnossen, Ponca City, Okla., 659
5. Lana Albrecht, Wyoming, Minn., 646

### ALL-EVENTS

(For bowlers with averages from 175-189)

1. Mallory Nutting, Monmouth, Maine, 1,853
2. Susan Schlink, Chicago, 1,843
3. DeAnn Barry, Omaha, Neb., 1,822
4. Debra Pahdocony, Shawnee, Okla., 1,799
5. Sandra Giddens, Orlando, Fla., 1,798



Danielle van der Meer



Lynda Barnes

## EMERALD

### TEAM

(For bowlers with combined averages of 575-649)

1. Fabulous Five II, Richton Park, Ill., 2,036
2. Country Ladies, Rhodes, Mich., 2,029
3. Tigger's Gals, Oswego, Ill., 2,007
4. California Bowlers, Long Beach, Calif., 2,003
5. Whatever, Deer Park, Texas, 2,000

### DOUBLES

(For bowlers with combined averages of 320-349)

1. Sue Moen, Beloit, Wis./Denise Jenson, Chaska, Minn., 1,169
2. Jennie Rious/Belinda Matthews, Lake Charles, La., 1,150
3. Michelle Little/Christina Scholten, Cadillac, Mich., 1,135
4. Toni Draeger/Roxanne Graham, Bakersfield, Calif., 1,117
5. Carmencita Bell/Kimberly Butler, Waldorf, Md., 1,114

### SINGLES

(For bowlers with averages from 160-174)

- T1. Marilyn Brown, Chicago, 623
- T1. Cecelia Daniels-Harrod, Bowie, Md., 623
3. Melody Feathers, Houston, 616
4. Sabrina Middleton, Loxley, Ala., 612
5. Connie Wood, Long Beach, Calif., 611

### ALL-EVENTS

(For bowlers with averages from 160-174)

1. Betty Nakatani, Adelanto, Calif., 1,767
- T2. Eileen Stires, Hammonton, N.J., 1,705
- T2. Angie Boone, Santa Barbara, Calif., 1,705
4. Nicole Huth, Hermiston, Ore., 1,702
5. Shannon Ross-Porter, Dallas, Ore., 1,700

## SAPPHIRE

### TEAM

(For bowlers with combined averages of 574 and below)

1. Bowling Divas 2, Loveland, Colo., 1,885
2. Outsiders, Hueytown, Ala., 1,856
3. Oneida County Hospital, Garland, Utah, 1,850
- T4. Wanna Bees, Minier, Ill., 1,835
- T4. Sandhills Strikers, Valentine, Neb., 1,835

### DOUBLES

(For bowlers with combined averages of 290-319)

1. Casey Kacena/Carole Kacena, Iowa City, Iowa, 1,082
2. Audrey Osborn, Federal Way, Wash./Gloria Arend, Auburn, Wash., 1,077
3. Marg DeLorme, Sunnyside, Wash./Nicole Huth, Hermiston, Ore., 1,073
4. Paula Thomson, Western Springs, Ill./Robyn Brown, Lockport, Ill., 1,069
- T5. Stephanie Edwards-White/Sherley Bourland, Rialto, Calif., 1,063
- T5. Dee Bell/Ruth Lugert, Port Charlotte, Fla., 1,063

### SINGLES

(For bowlers with averages from 145-159)

1. Cathy Torgerson, Ozark, Ala., 613
2. Anne Hjelmberg, Saint Charles, Ill., 589
3. Audrey Cannizzaro, Monroe, N.Y., 580
4. Veronica Clark, San Antonio, 572
5. Clarita Laje, Milpitas, Calif., 571

### ALL-EVENTS

(For bowlers with averages from 145-159)

1. Anne Hjelmberg, Saint Charles, Ill., 1,672
2. Jasmine Northup, Fullerton, Calif., 1,646
3. Elaine Weaver-Purdy, Las Vegas, 1,601
4. Linda Couser, Bakersfield, Calif., 1,600
5. Heather Sherman, Aberdeen, Md., 1,597

## AMETHYST

### DOUBLES

(For bowlers with combined averages of 260-289)

1. Tess Li/Marlyn Bisnar, Henderson, Nev., 1,028
2. Angel Bachman, Inver Grove Heights, Minn./Rose Burke, Austin, Minn., 1,005
3. Marcia Campbell, Columbus, Ohio/Elaine Hibbler, Grove City, Ohio, 980
4. Daisy Murphy, Jacksonville, Fla./Gayle Selph, Callahan, Fla., 976
5. Sandy Marsh, Moore, Okla./Kathy Rose, Oklahoma City, 975

### SINGLES

(For bowlers with averages from 130-144)

1. Laura Roberts, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 558
2. Mitzi Nichols, Ft. Sumner, N.M., 553
3. Michele Sedersten, Saronville, Neb., 534
4. Angie Erickson, Valentine, Neb., 533
5. Janet Radke, Corvallis, Ore., 532

### ALL-EVENTS

(For bowlers with averages from 130-144)

1. Mitzi Nichols, Ft. Sumner, N.M., 1,518
2. Michele Sedersten, Saronville, Neb., 1,478
3. Marie Lerandau, Cottonwood, Idaho, 1,473
4. Angie Erickson, Valentine, Neb., 1,467
5. Rita Toedebusch, Grain Valley, Mo., 1,464

## TOPAZ

### DOUBLES

(For bowlers with combined averages of 259 and below)

1. Myrlee VanAusdal/Georgie Johnson, Santaquin, Utah, 965
2. Janice Johnson, Albuquerque, N.M./Patricia Davis, Renton, Wash., 926
3. Deborah Hales, Rockport, Texas/Brenda Owen, Bay City, Texas, 878
4. Anne Pattillo/Brenda Terral, Little Rock, Ark., 877
5. Jody Brown-Garcia/Sylvia Bakken, Brighton, Colo., 873

### SINGLES

(For bowlers with averages of 129 and below)

1. Maxine Jenkins, Jacksonville, N.C., 534
2. Stacy Rafferty, Eureka, Calif., 531
3. Michelle Hernandez, Stroudsburg, Pa., 499
4. Mardelle Corker, North Highlands, Calif., 490
- T5. Ann Jenkins, Gastonia, N.C., 489
- T5. Constance Callera, Vallejo, Calif., 489

### ALL-EVENTS

(For bowlers with averages of 129 and below)

1. Maxine Jenkins, Jacksonville, N.C., 1,441
2. Penelope Wilkins, San Leandro, Calif., 1,406
3. Terry Fallon, Natick, Mass., 1,396
4. Stacy Rafferty, Eureka, Calif., 1,382
5. Linda Silcott, Sacramento, Calif., 1,379







Jason Belmonte 2014  
USBC Masters champion



**Site and Dates for 2015:** The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley, Green Bay, Wisconsin, Feb. 2 – 8, 2015

The USBC Masters got its start in 1951 as an invitational event showcasing the top national stars and best local players in the host city, and it traditionally was held in the same custom venue that was home to the USBC Open Championships.

The Masters has grown in popularity over the years and has traveled on its own for most of the last decade. It now features men and women from all 50 states and several foreign countries. It is one of the major tournaments on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour schedule.

The event features 15 games of qualifying over three days with the top 63 players plus the defending champion entering the double-elimination match-play round.

At Brunswick Zone Carolier in North Brunswick, New Jersey, in 2014, Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte became the first player in nearly 50 years to successfully defend a Masters title when he defeated top seed EJ Tackett of Huntington, Indiana, in the championship match, 221-177.

The two-hander took advantage of a slow start by Tackett, the reigning PBA Rookie of the Year, and was able to shut him out with a spare and strike in the final frame.

Belmonte, who earned \$50,000 for the victory, became just the third player to win back-to-back Masters titles, joining Billy Welu (1964 and 1965) and Dick Hoover (1956 and 1957). The win was part of an exciting run for Belmonte. He also added his name to the short list of bowlers who have won consecutive majors after claiming the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions a month earlier.

The 2014 Masters featured a sold-out field of 468 competitors from 15 countries and paid a prize fund of \$315,000.

## 2014 USBC MASTERS

**Site:** Brunswick Zone Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J.

**Dates:** Feb. 18 – 23, 2014

**Total Entries:** 468

## FINAL STANDINGS

1. Jason Belmonte, Australia, 885 (four games), \$50,000
2. EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 177 (one game), \$25,000
3. Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 234 (one game), \$15,000
4. Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 173 (one game) \$10,000
5. Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 214 (one game), \$8,000

## STEPLADDER RESULTS

Match One - Belmonte def. Ciminelli, 227-214

Match Two - Belmonte def. Smallwood, 202-173

Match Three - Belmonte def. Haugen, 235-234

Championship - Belmonte def. Tackett, 221-177

In 2015, the Masters will return to the Midwest, where it welcomed full fields from 2004-2007, and it heads to The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Wisconsin, starting Feb. 2 with the finals broadcast on Feb. 8. Originally scheduled for late summer, the move to February allows it to remain part of the PBA Tour schedule and earn a prime timeslot as part of the Tour's national television coverage.

USBC's agreement with the PBA calls for the Masters to return to Brunswick Zone Carolier in 2016. The 2013 and 2014 tournaments there both sold out.



Maria Jose Rodriguez 2014  
USBC Queens champion



**Site and Dates for 2015:** The Ashwaubenon  
Bowling Alley, Green Bay, Wisconsin  
May 13 – May 19, 2015

The USBC Queens features the top female competitors from around the world, all vying to take home the coveted tiara awarded to the winner and adding their name to the historic list of champions that began in 1961.

At the 2014 event, Colombia's Maria Jose Rodriguez knew she would benefit from the lanes transitioning during the stepladder finals, and took advantage of being the No. 1 seed as she outlasted Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey, 190-189, to claim her first major title.

Rodriguez went undefeated during match play to earn the top seed, including victories over defending champion Diana Zavjalova of Latvia, 2011 Queens titlist Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, California, and Kulick, but often found herself making a late charge during the three-game match as the pattern broke down and the lanes opened up at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

As Rodriguez waited to see who she would face in the finals, Kulick put on a show in the opening matches of the televised championship round as she averaged 257 in wins against Parkin (255-220), Jennifer Higgins of Westerville, Ohio (268-209) and Tannya Roumimper of Indonesia (248-137) to put herself in position to claim her third Queens title.

The championship match looked like it was going to follow suit as Kulick jumped out to an early lead with three out of the first four strikes, while Rodriguez started the match with four consecutive spares.

The tides turned in the fifth as Kulick lost her carry, resulting in four consecutive spares of her own, as Rodriguez put together three strikes in a row before an open in the eighth.

With the match nearly even, Kulick made a ball change in the ninth resulting in a 7-10 split, giving Rodriguez the opportunity

to take home the tiara with two marks and good count. She delivered a strike in the ninth, but was unable to convert the 2-4-5-8 in the 10th, giving Kulick another chance to finish her run up the stepladder by throwing a double in the final frame.

Kulick's first shot made it to the pocket, but the 10 pin did not budge, handing Rodriguez the title in the back-and-forth final and the \$20,000 top prize from the more than \$91,000 prize fund.

The 2014 Queens saw 178 players compete in 15 games of qualifying over three days, before the field was cut to the top 32 for the double-elimination match-play bracket. The highest three-game total determined the winner of each match until the stepladder finals.

## 2014 USBC QUEENS

**Site:** National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nevada

**Dates:** June 27 – July 3, 2014

**Total Entries:** 178

## STEPLADDER RESULTS

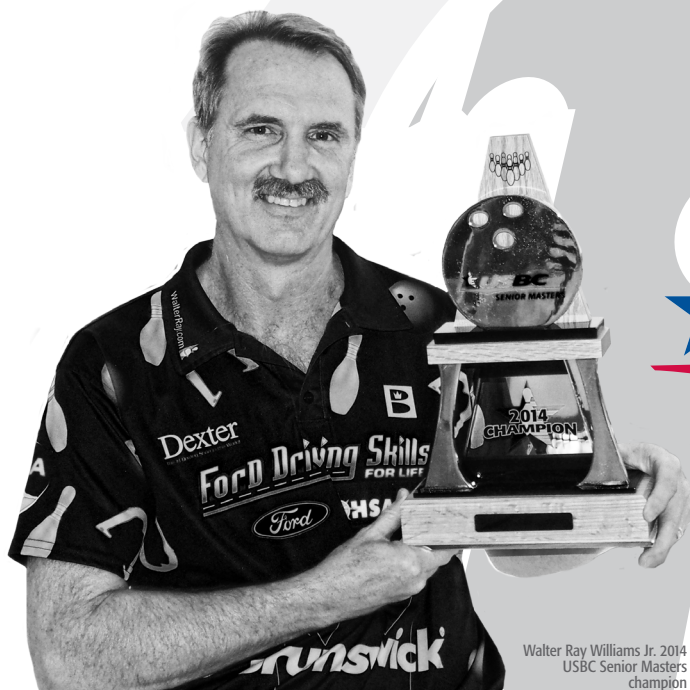
Match One – Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., def. Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 255-220

Match Two – Kulick def. Jennifer Higgins, Westerville, Ohio, 268-209

Semifinal – Kulick def. Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 248-137

Championship – Maria Jose Rodriguez, Colombia, def. Kulick, 190-189





Walter Ray Williams Jr. 2014  
USBC Senior Masters  
champion



**Site and Dates for 2015:** The Ashwaubenon  
Bowling Alley, Green Bay, Wisconsin  
July 27- Aug. 1, 2015

The USBC Senior Masters gives USBC members age 50 and older the chance to enjoy the exciting double-elimination format featured at the USBC Masters, but on their own stage. The tournament traditionally attracts the sport's most talented veteran athletes and hopefuls, both professional and amateur, to compete for a prize fund of up to \$100,000.

Since its debut in 1993, the Senior Masters has used the same challenging qualifying and double-elimination format that makes the traditional Masters one of the most popular events on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour schedule.

Senior Masters competitors roll 15 games of qualifying (three five-game blocks) before the top 63 scorers based on total pinfall join the defending champion in the match-play bracket. Like the regular Masters, the Senior Masters format includes a winners' bracket and an elimination bracket, where bowlers compete head-to-head in three-game matches. The bowler with the highest pinfall total after three games advances to the next round.

At the 2014 Senior Masters, the PBA Tour's all-time title and money winner Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Florida, got a little bit of luck in claiming his first Senior Masters crown.

The USBC Hall of Famer carried a light shot that collapsed the 2-4-5 for a strike to defeat Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, New York, 240-219, to claim the title at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

Heading into the final frame, Williams needed a strike to lock up the title or nine, spare, strike to secure at least a tie. Had he left anything less than nine on his first shot in the last frame, he would have lost.

In the semifinal, Williams took down fifth seed Mike Edwards of Tulsa, Okla., 237-214. Edwards had opened the stepladder with a 254-184 win over Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli and then defeated defending champion Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., 237-209.

Williams earned \$18,000 for the victory, while the total prize pool for the event was \$144,400. The 2014 tournament featured 310 bowlers.

## 2014 USBC SENIOR MASTERS

**Site:** South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas

**Dates:** June 9-13, 2014

**Total Entries:** 310

## STEPLADDER RESULTS

Match One - Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., def. Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 254-184

Match Two - Edwards, def. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 237-209

Semifinal - Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., def. Edwards, 237-214

Championship - Williams def. Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 240-219



Jack Jurek



Robin Romeo 2014  
USBC Senior Queens  
champion



**Site and Dates for 2015:** The Ashwaubenon  
Bowling Alley, Green Bay, Wisconsin  
May 13 – May 19, 2015

The USBC Senior Queens attracts the top female bowlers age 50 and above who are ready to compete for the championship tiara in one of the premier events of the senior season. The Senior Queens features a format similar to the USBC Queens, with an abbreviated match-play format.

USBC Hall of Famer Robin Romeo of Newhall, California, donned her first tiara after capturing the 2014 title with a 241-188 win over fellow hall of famer Tish Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The victory marked the first win in more than 30 years of USBC Queens and Senior Queens competition for the 57-year-old right-hander, which included winning three matches in the stepladder finals to take home the \$3,500 top prize at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

Romeo, who qualified as the No. 3 seed, opened her day against USBC Hall of Famer and defending champion Lucy Sandelin of Tampa, Florida. Despite some early spare-shooting woes in the match, Romeo was able to strike her way to a win, 217-191.

Her momentum continued in the semifinal as she defeated 2011 Senior Queens champion Paula Vidad of Sun City, California, 234-191, to earn her spot in the championship match against Johnson.

Johnson, who also was seeking her first victory at either the Queens or Senior Queens, had earned the No. 1 seed for the second consecutive year. The final match was tightly-contested until the seventh frame, when Johnson left a 4-6-10 split and was unable to convert. As she stepped up for her final frame, Johnson still had the chance to stay in the match, but a 7-10 split sealed the game and title for Romeo.

Romeo nearly did not participate in the Senior Queens after having surgery on her left thumb, but was able to start practicing several weeks prior to the start of the event.

Her journey to Reno also included a stop at the USBC Women's Championships at the nearby Reno-Sparks Convention Center, where she teamed with fellow hall of famer Jeanne Naccarato of Tacoma, Washington, to win the Diamond Doubles title.

The 2014 Senior Queens had all competitors bowl 15 games of qualifying before the field was narrowed to the top 16 for the double-elimination match-play bracket. Competitors bowled three-game total-pinfal matches to determine who would advance to the stepladder finals.

## 2014 USBC SENIOR QUEENS

**Site:** National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nevada

**Dates:** June 27 – July 3, 2014

**Total Entries:** 56

## STEPLADDER RESULTS

Match One – Robin Romeo, Newhall, Calif., def. Lucy Sandelin, Tampa, Fla., 217-191

Semifinal – Romeo def. Paula Vidad, Sun City, Calif., 234-191

Championship – Romeo def. Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 241-188







**Site and Dates for 2015:** The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley, Green Bay, Wisconsin, August 5 – 7, 2015



**SUPER  
SENIOR  
CLASSIC**

**Site and Dates for 2015:** The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley, Green Bay, Wisconsin, Aug. 2 - 5, 2015

More than 400 competitors from across the United States and Canada made their way to the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, to compete at the 2014 USBC Senior Championships, a national event for bowlers who qualified through their state's senior tournament.

The tournament features two divisions, Open and Women's, with six age classifications – 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, and 75 and above.

All competitors bowled six games of qualifying over two days, before the field was cut to the top six bowlers in each division and classification. Those who advanced competed in a medal round the following day, featuring three more games.

All pinfall carried over, and winners were determined by their nine-game totals, including handicap.

## 2014 SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Site:** National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nevada

**Dates:** July 7 – 9, 2014

### OPEN DIVISION WINNERS

Ages 50-54 – Herman Ferguson, Los Angeles

Ages 55-59 – Patrick Foley, Sparks, Nev.

Ages 60-64 – Alex Inglet, Preston, Idaho

Ages 65-69 – Randall Morgan, Burkesville, Ky.

Ages 70-74 – Rick Aldous, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Ages 75 and above – George Vice, Turner, Ore.

### WOMEN'S DIVISION WINNERS

Ages 50-54 – Amy Neron, New West, British Columbia

Ages 55-59 – Clarita Laje, Milpitas, Calif.

Ages 60-64 – Jennie Nubie, Daly City, Calif.

Ages 65-69 – Paulette Swartz, Grand Forks, N.D.

Ages 70-74 – Marilyn Marshall, Deatsville, Ala.

Ages 75 and above – Jackie McLellan, Sarnia, Ontario

The International Training and Research Center Super Senior Classic, first held in 2013, is open to all USBC members age 60 and older.

Jim Knoblauch of Waukesha, Wisconsin, captured the 2014 ITRC Super Senior Classic by upending defending champion Kerry Painter of Henderson, Nevada, in the championship match, 224-213.

Knoblauch, a 60-year-old right-hander, earned the No. 3 seed through qualifying and stayed clean in his first match against Howard Partell of Las Vegas in a 194-170 victory. With the match already locked up in the 10th, Knoblauch used the opportunity to try a different ball and found the right look for the rest of his run up the stepladder at the ITRC.

Knoblauch started with the front five in the semifinal against former Team USA member Ed Roberts of Braintree, Massachusetts, en route to a 218-196 victory.

Painter was looking for a wire-to-wire title defense in the title match but a light hit in the fifth frame resulted in an 8-10 split and turned out to be the difference in the match. Knoblauch needed nine pins on his first shot of the 10th to secure the victory and delivered to earn the \$3,000 top prize.

All 38 competitors bowled 16 games of qualifying over two days before the field was cut to the top 10 for the cashers' round. An additional four games determined the five finalists for the stepladder finals.

## 2014 SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC

**Site:** International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas

**Dates:** Oct. 29-31, 2014

### STEPLADDER RESULTS

Match One – Howard Partell, Las Vegas, def. Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., 234-217

Match Two – Jim Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., def. Partell, 194-170

Semifinal – Knoblauch def. Ed Roberts, Braintree, Mass., 218-196

Championship – Knoblauch def. Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 224-213



**Site and Date for 2015:** Northrock Lanes, Wichita, Kansas, April 13 – 18, 2015

Diana Zavjalova & Francois Lavoie  
2014 ISC champions



The XBowling Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships are the pinnacle of the collegiate bowling season, crowning the top performers of the year.

The Intercollegiate Team Championships (ITC) features the top 16 men's and top 16 women's teams competing for the Kerm Helmer Cup, which is awarded to the tournament champions. The Intercollegiate Singles Championships (ISC) brings together the top 24 men and top 16 women to compete for individual national titles.

The men's final of the 2014 ITC featured 2005 champion Lindenwood against Urbana in the best-of-five Baker final at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nevada. After edging out the first two matches, 204-202 and 200-195, Lindenwood continued to rely on near-flawless spare shooting as they claimed their second ITC title, 201-167.

Robert Morris-Illinois and Pikeville squared off in the women's final, and despite an ominous pocket 7-10 to start the championship tilt, Robert Morris-Illinois battled back to capture the opener, 196-184. The momentum continued for Robert Morris-Illinois as they cruised to their first ITC title with wins of 192-167 and 213-163.

Urbana's Graham Fach and Pikeville's Katelyn Simpson were named the tournament's most valuable players.

Webber International's Diana Zavjalova put together a near-perfect performance as she struck on 21 of 23 shots to capture the women's ISC title. The 2013 USBC Queens champion started her opening match against Nebraska's Elise Bolton with 10 consecutive strikes on her way to a 289-153 victory, and finished the championship match with the final 11 strikes to defeat Wichita State's Tannya Roumimper, 290-247.

Roumimper, who also finished second at the ISC in 2013, defeated Wichita State teammate Heather Melvin, 203-184, in the other semifinal to advance.

On the men's side, Wichita State's Francois Lavoie converted splits in the seventh and ninth frame of the championship match to claim the ISC title with a 217-188 victory over Midland's Perry Crowell. After knocking out Webber International's Gabriel Garcia-Rinelli, 244-206, in the semifinal, Lavoie covered the 5-7 and 2-10 to keep the late-charging Crowell at bay in the finals.

Crowell bested Chris Via of Notre Dame-Ohio in the other semifinal, 201-183.

Teams and individuals qualify for each event at one of four sectionals held throughout the country each year.

## XBOWLING INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

### Men's Championship

Lindenwood def. Urbana, 3-0 (204-202, 200-195, 201-167)

### Women's Championship

Robert Morris-Illinois def. Pikeville, 3-0 (196-184, 192-167, 213-163)

### Men's All-Tournament Team

Graham Fach, Urbana (most valuable player)

Perry Crowell, Midland

Darren Tang, San Jose State

Kyle Sherman, Lindenwood

Francois Lavoie, Wichita State

### Women's All-Tournament Team

Katelyn Simpson, Pikeville (most valuable player)

Samantha Kelly, Robert Morris-Illinois

Lori Hanken, Robert Morris-Illinois

Brittany Smith, Grand View

Brianna Larson, Pikeville

## XBOWLING INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

### Men's semifinals

Francois Lavoie, Wichita State, def. Gabriel Garcia-Rinelli, Webber International, 244-206

Perry Crowell, Midland, def. Chris Via, Notre Dame-Ohio, 201-183

### Men's final

Lavoie def. Crowell, 217-188

### Women's semifinals

Tannya Roumimper, Wichita State, def. Heather Melvin, Wichita State, 203-184

Diana Zavjalova, Webber International, def. Elise Bolton, Nebraska, 289-153

### Women's final

Zavjalova def. Roumimper, 290-247



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**Site and Dates for 2015:** Dupage County, Illinois  
July 11 – 17, 2015



The Junior Gold Championships presented by Storm, Roto Grip and Master is an annual national tournament for the top male and female youth bowlers and gives competitors a chance to take home scholarships and earn a spot on Junior Team USA.

The Junior Gold Championships features six age-based divisions – U12 Boys, U12 Girls, U15 Boys, U15 Girls, U20 Boys and U20 Girls – and bowlers can qualify for the event by purchasing a Junior Gold membership and participating in qualifying tournaments.

The 2014 event, presented by Ebonite, Columbia 300, Track and Hammer, saw a record-number of participants, 2,479, descend on six bowling centers in the Buffalo, New York, area to compete for more than \$200,000 in scholarships.

In the U20 Girls final, Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina, claimed her second Junior Gold title as she defeated Rachael Albright of Genoa, Ohio, 387-353. Clemmer, 16, captured the U15 title in 2012. Tylor Greene of Davison, Michigan, took down defending champion Wesley Low of Palmdale, California, 443-388 in the U20 Boys title match.

Ashley Channell of Morris Chapel, Tennessee, made it to the U15 Girls championship match for the second consecutive year, and came out victorious in 2014 with a 365-273 win over Brogan Zengel of Centerville, Ohio. Adam Zimmerman of Deer Park, New York, already had a loss going into the championship round against Michael Schoerner of Plymouth, Wisconsin, but won consecutive matches, 377-350 and 387-274, to take home the U15 Boys title.

The U12 division was a new addition in 2014, and Madison Bailey of Rocklin, California, and Anthony Neuer of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, etched their names in the record books as the first U12 Girls and U12 Boys champions. Bailey bested Sarah Sanes of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 151-135, while Neuer defeated Alexander Horton of Douglassville, Pennsylvania, 169-131.

Six boys and six girls earned spots on Junior Team USA through Junior Gold, and two boys and two girls were added to the Junior Team USA developmental program.

All competitors in the U15 and U20 divisions bowled 15 games of qualifying over three days, while the U12 divisions featured 12 games of qualifying. The field in each division was cut to an advancers round, and total pinfall determined who continued to the double-elimination match-play bracket.

The U15 and U20 match-play brackets featured the top 16 bowlers competing in two-game total-pinfall matches to determine who would advance to the finals, while the U12 bracket had the top eight in each division competing in one-game matches.

## 2014 JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTED BY EBONITE, COLUMBIA 300, TRACK AND HAMMER CHAMPIONS

**Under 20 Boys** – Tylor Greene, Davison, Mich., def. Wesley Low, Palmdale, Calif., 443-388

**Under 20 Girls** – Breanna Clemmer, Clover S.C., def. Rachael Albright, Genoa, Ohio, 387-353

**Under 15 Boys** – Adam Zimmerman, Deer Park, N.Y. def. Michael Schoerner, Plymouth, Wis., 377-350 and 387-274

**Under 15 Girls** – Ashley Channell, Morris Chapel, Tenn., def. Brogan Zengel, Centerville, Ohio, 365-273

**Under 12 Boys** – Anthony Neuer, Lewisburg, Penn., def., Alexander Horton, Douglassville, Penn., 169-131

**Under 12 Girls** – Madison Bailey, Rocklin, Calif., def. Sarah Sanes, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 151-135

### JUNIOR TEAM USA SELECTIONS

#### Boys

Michael Coffey, Melbourne, Fla.

Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn.

Wesley Low, Palmdale, Calif.

Michael Preston, Oswego, Ill.

Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo.

Michael Tang, San Francisco

#### Girls

Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill.

Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C.

Melanie Hannon, Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Chenoa Rhoades, Lafayette, Ind.

Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis.

Katelyn Simpson, Emmett, Idaho

### JUNIOR TEAM USA DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM

#### Boys

Cortez Schenck, Phoenix

Michael Schoerner, Plymouth, Wis.

#### Girls

Ashley Channel, Morris Chapel, Tenn.

Brogan Zengel, Centerville, Ohio





**Site and Dates for 2015:** Orland Bowl, Orland Park, Illinois, July 9 – 26, 2015

**Site and Dates for West Region:** Cloverleaf Family Bowl, Fremont, California, June 20-21, 2015

The Bowling.com Youth Open Championships is a national championship event open to any USBC Youth member. Bowlers compete in team, doubles, singles and optional all-events in four age-based divisions – Under 8, Under 12, Under 15 and Under 20. There's also separate categories for boys and girls competition.

The 2014 event was highlighted by one perfect game and three bowlers who claimed multiple titles as more than 1,200 participants competed for approximately \$80,000 in scholarships at AMF Thruway Lanes in Cheektowaga, New York. Eric Gauroniak of Palm City, Florida, put together 12 consecutive strikes during his doubles competition to record the seventh perfect game in Youth Open history on his way to a 728 series. Gauroniak's 300 also was the first in tournament history that was not rolled during the team event.

Trent Pektas of Volant, Pennsylvania, captured the U15 singles and all-events titles with scores of 713 and 1,954, respectively. Natalia Delgado of Toa Baja, Puerto Rico, was part of the U12 winning team and also grabbed the all-events crown for the U12 Girls division with a 1,580 total, while Micah Voorhis of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, rolled a 444 in singles, 1,314 in all-events and teamed with Jake Diaz of Manalapan, N.J., for an 811 score in doubles to claim three U8 titles.

## 2014 BOWLING.COM YOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS

### UNDER 20 DIVISION

**Team** – PFC, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,649

**Open Doubles** – Jack Cook and Dan Mangano, Denville, N.J., 1,368

**Girls Doubles** – Courtney Barney and Paige Sutfin, Columbus, Ohio, 1,210

**Boys Singles** – Cody Schmitt, Elkhart Lake, Wis., 713

**Girls Singles** – Lauren Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 660

**Boys All-Events** – Kenneth Sexton Jr., Manalapan, N.J., 2,072

**Girls All-Events** – Jenna Wenning, Coldwater, Ohio, 1,911

### UNDER 15 DIVISION

**Team** – Team Norcal, Winton, Calif., 2,285

**Open Doubles** – Jonathan Lovett, Columbia, S.C., and Brandon Magennis, Fort Mill, S.C., 1,200

**Girls Doubles** – Keondra Eaton and Nicole Taylor, Baton Rouge, La., 1,125

**Boys Singles** – Trent Pektas, Volant, Pa., 713

**Girls Singles** – Rhianna Smith, Mount Olive, N.J., 616

**Boys All-Events** – Trent Pektas, Volant, Pa., 1,954

**Girls All-Events** – Caitlyn Titer, Land O' Lakes, Fla., 1,675

### UNDER 12 DIVISION

**Team** – Paradise Kids 2, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, 1,850

**Open Doubles** – Connor Brink and Cameron Hurwitz, Shortsville, N.Y., 1,063

**Girls Doubles** – Kameron Peters and Paige Peters, Toms River, N.J., 1,012

**Boys Singles** – Spencer Robarge, Springfield, Mo., 601

**Girls Singles** – Mabel Cummins, Elburn, Ill., 588

**Boys All-Events** – Anthony Strickland, Columbia City, Ind., 1,584

**Girls All-Events** – Natalia Delgado, Toa Baja, Puerto Rico, 1,580

### UNDER 8 DIVISION

**Under 8 Team** – Freeway Lanes 7, Cleveland, 1,270

**Open Doubles** – Jake Diaz, Manalapan, N.J., and Micah Voorhis, Cherry Hill, N.J., 811

**Girls Doubles** – Deja Brown and Kayla Brown, Dublin, Ohio, 599

**Boys Singles** – Micah Voorhis, Cherry Hill, N.J., 444

**Girls Singles** – Kayla Brown, Dublin, Ohio, 372

**Boys All-Events** – Micah Voorhis, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,314

**Girls All-Events** – Abbie Leiendecker, Wooster, Ohio, 1,164



# **USBC CONVENTION**

**CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESS  
2015**

**Site and Dates for 2015:** Omaha, Nebraska  
April 27 – 30, 2015

The USBC Convention and Annual Meeting takes place each spring. In addition to the presentation of several national awards, reports from industry leaders, and workshops, delegates vote on proposals involving changes to USBC bylaws, league rules and tournament rules during the Annual Meeting and elect board members for any delegate vacancies on USBC Board of Directors.

At the 2014 USBC Convention in Reno, Nevada, Jo Dimond of Columbus, Ohio, and Marci Williams of Wichita, Kan., were re-elected to the USBC Board of Directors along with Robert Spigner of Chicago and Karl Kielich of El Paso, Texas. The board members were elected for three-year terms starting Aug. 1, 2014.

Six candidates slated by the USBC Nominating Committee were on the ballot. A candidate needed a majority of the 825 eligible voting delegates (794 association delegates, eight athletes and 23 board members) for election and each of the four board members were elected on the first ballot. Spigner received 564 votes followed by Williams (528), Dimond (506), Kielich (460), Jay Daryman (378) of York, Pa., and Brian Bulko (309) of El Paso, Texas.

Delegates voted on six proposals relating to USBC bylaws (two were withdrawn), one proposal relating to league rules, and one proposal related to tournament rules. USBC bylaws proposals required a two-thirds vote to pass while league rules and tournament rules required a majority vote.

Five proposals (one league rule, one tournament league rule and three USBC bylaws) were accepted and three proposals (USBC bylaws) were rejected.

USBC also showcased its significant financial support of charitable causes. USBC Bowl for the Cure made a donation of \$1,000,427.09 to Susan G. Komen. In 2014, USBC Bowl for the Cure eclipsed the \$10 million mark in total donations to Susan G. Komen.

The Bowlers to Veterans Link raised more than \$823,000 for America's active-duty and veteran service men and women during the 2012-2013 season. The top BVL state contributors for the season were California (\$129,766.33), Virginia (\$45,276.90) and Texas (\$39,928.71). For local associations, Citrus Belt USBC was the top contributor with \$23,026.57 followed by Minneapolis USBC with \$15,466.87 and Nation's Capital Area USBC with \$15,319.



# ALL-TIME CHAMPIONS

## USBC MASTERS

2014 Jason Belmonte, Australia  
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2012 Mike Fagan, Dallas  
2011 Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa  
2010 Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla.  
2009 John Nolen, Waterford, Mich.  
2008 No event  
2007 Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan.  
2006 Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y.  
2005 Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas  
2004 (Oct.) Danny Wiseman, Baltimore  
2004 (Jan.) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla.  
2003 Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore.  
2002 Brett Wolfe, Reno, Nev.  
2001 Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J.  
2000 Mika Koivuniemi, Finland  
1999 Brian Boghosian, Middletown, Conn.  
1998 Mike Aulby, Indianapolis  
1997 Jason Queen, Decatur, Ill.  
1996 Ernie Schlegel, Vancouver, Wash.  
1995 Mike Aulby, Indianapolis  
1994 Steve Fehr, Cincinnati  
1993 Norm Duke, Edmond, Okla.  
1992 Ken Johnson, North Richland Hills, Texas  
1991 Doug Kent, Canandaigua, N.Y.  
1990 Chris Warren, Dallas  
1989 Mike Aulby, Indianapolis  
1988 Del Ballard Jr., Richardson, Texas  
1987 Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan.  
1986 Mark Fahy, Chicago  
1985 Steve Wunderlich, St. Louis  
1984 Earl Anthony, Dublin, Calif.  
1983 Mike Lastowski, Havre de Grace, Md.  
1982 Joe Berardi, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
1981 Randy Lightfoot, St. Charles, Mo.  
1980 Neil Burton, St. Louis  
1979 Doug Myers, El Toro, Calif.  
1978 Frank Ellenburg, Mesa, Ariz.  
1977 Earl Anthony, Tacoma, Wash.  
1976 Nelson Burton Jr., St. Louis  
1975 Ed Ressler Jr., Allentown, Pa.  
1974 Paul Colwell, Tucson, Ariz.  
1973 Dave Soutar, Kansas City, Kan.  
1972 Bill Beach, Sharon, Pa.  
1971 Jim Godman, Lorain, Ohio  
1970 Don Glover, Bakersfield, Calif.  
1969 Jim Chestney, Denver  
1968 Pete Tountas, Tucson, Ariz.  
1967 Lou Scalia, Hollywood, Fla.  
1966 Bob Strampe, Detroit  
1965 Billy Welu, St. Louis  
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1963 Harry Smith, Baltimore  
1962 Billy Golembiewski, Detroit  
1961 Don Carter, St. Louis  
1960 Billy Golembiewski, Detroit  
1959 Ray Bluth, St. Louis  
1958 Tom Hennessey, St. Louis  
1957 Dick Hoover, Akron, Ohio  
1956 Dick Hoover, Akron, Ohio  
1955 Buzz Fazio, Detroit  
1954 Eugene Elkins, San Carlos, Calif.  
1953 Rudy Habetler, Chicago  
1952 Willard Taylor, Charleston, W. Va.  
1951 Lee Jougard, Detroit

## USBC QUEENS

2014 Maria Jose Rodriguez, Colombia  
2013 Diana Zavjalova, Latvia  
2012 Diandra Asbaty, Chicago  
2011 Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif.  
2010 Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J.  
2009 Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y.  
2008 Lynda Barnes, Double Oak, Texas  
2007 Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J.  
2006 Shannon Pluhowsky, Lincoln, Neb.  
2005 Tennelle Milligan, Yorba Linda, Calif.  
2004 Marianne DiRupo, Succasunna, N.J.  
2003 Wendy Macpherson, Henderson, Nev.  
2002 Kim Terrell, Antioch, Calif.  
2001 Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, North Richland Hills, Texas  
2000 Wendy Macpherson, Henderson, Nev.  
1999 Leanne Barrette, Pleasanton, Calif.  
1998 Lynda Norry, Wichita, Kan.  
1997 Sandra Jo Shiery, Coldwater, Mich.  
1996 Lisa Wagner, Bradenton, Fla.  
1995 Sandy Postma, Lansing, Ill.  
1994 Anne Marie Duggan, Edmond, Okla.  
1993 Jan Schmidt, Rochelle, Ill.  
1992 Cindy Coburn-Carroll, Tonawanda, N.Y.  
1991 Dede Davidson, San Jose, Calif.  
1990 Patty Ann, Arlington Heights, Ill.  
1989 Carol Gianotti, Australia  
1988 Wendy Macpherson, Henderson, Nev.  
1987 Cathy Almeida, Pennsauken, N.J.  
1986 Cora Fiebig, Madison Heights, Mich.  
1985 Aleta Sill, Dearborn, Mich.  
1984 Kazue Inahashi, Tokyo  
1983 Aleta Sill, Dearborn, Mich.  
1982 Katsuko Sugimoto, Tokyo  
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1980 Donna Adamek, Apple Valley, Calif.  
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1978 Loa Boxberger, Russell, Kan.  
1977 Dana Stewart, Morgan Hill, Calif.  
1976 Pam Rutherford, Reno, Nev.  
1975 Cindy Powell, Navarre, Ohio  
1974 Judy Soutar, Leawood, Kan.  
1973 Dorothy Fothergill, Center Ossipee, N.H.  
1972 Dorothy Fothergill, Center Ossipee, N.H.  
1971 Mildred Ignizio, Rochester, N.Y.  
1970 Mildred Ignizio, Rochester, N.Y.  
1969 Ann Feigel, Tucson, Ariz.  
1968 Phyllis Massey, Alameda, Calif.  
1967 Mildred Ignizio, Rochester, N.Y.  
1966 Judy Lee, Lakewood, Calif.  
1965 Betty Kuczynski, Cicero, Ill.  
1964 D.D. Jacobson, Playa Del Rey, Calif.  
1963 Irene Monterosso, East Rutherford, N.J.  
1962 Dorothy Wilkinson, Phoenix  
1961 Janet Harman, Cerritos, Calif.



## USBC SENIOR MASTERS

2014 Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla.  
2013 Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo.  
2012 Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla.  
2011 Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis.  
2010 Wayne Webb, Grove City, Ohio  
2009 Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis.  
2008 Kenny Parks, East Chicago, Ind.  
2007 Tom Baker, King, N.C.  
2006 Tom Baker, King, N.C.  
2005 Vince Mazzanti Jr., Levittown, Pa.  
2004 Gary Dickinson, Edmond, Okla.  
2003 Dale Eagle, Tavares, Fla.  
2002 Pete Couture, Titusville, Fla.  
2001 Bob Glass, Lawrence, Kan.  
2000 Dave Soutar, Bradenton, Fla.  
1999 Darrell Storkson, Everett, Wash.  
1998 Pete Couture, Titusville, Fla.  
1997 Gary Dickinson, Edmond, Okla.  
1996 Dave Davis, West Palm Beach, Fla.  
1995 Dave Davis, Lantana, Fla.  
1994 Hobo Boothe, Canoga Park, Calif.  
1993 Phil Ware, Knoxville, Tenn.

## USBC SENIOR QUEENS

2014 Robin Romeo, Newhall, Calif.  
2013 Lucy Sandelin, Tampa, Fla.  
2012 Anne Marie Duggan, Edmond, Okla.  
2011 Paula Vidad, Sun City, Calif.  
2010 Char Hammel, Las Vegas  
2009 Janine Primrose, Gardnerville, Nev.  
2008 Sandy Postma, Lansing, Ill.  
2007 Lucy Sandelin, Tampa, Fla.  
2006 Sandy Postma, Lansing, Ill.  
2005 Shirley Levens, Cocoa, Fla.  
2004 Sandy Postma, Lansing, Ill.  
2003 Andi Whitlock, Middletown, Del.  
2002 Shirley Levens, Cocoa, Fla.  
2001 Fran Minton, Iowa Park, Texas  
2000 Rose Smith, Las Vegas

## TEAM USA TRIALS

Year	Men
2014	Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas
2013	John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y.
2012	Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.
2011	Scott Boyle, Salida, Calif.
2010	John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla.
2009	Cassidy Schaub, Ashland, Ohio
2008	Derek Eoff, Greenfield, Wis.
2007	David O'Sullivan, Orlando, Fla.
2006	Dan Patterson, Buffalo, N.Y.
2005	Rhino Page, San Diego
2004	Richard Fairley Jr., Lynchburg, Va.
2003	Bill Hoffman, Columbus, Ohio
2001	Andrew Cain, Tempe, Ariz.
2000	Scott Norton, Fullerton, Calif.
1999	Bill Hoffman, Columbus, Ohio
1998	Michael Mullin, New City, N.Y.
1997	John Gaines, Davidsonville, Md.
1996	Vernon Peterson, Dearborn Heights, Mich.
1995	Drew Hylen, Denver
1994	Patrick Healey Jr., Niagara Falls, N.Y.
1993	Robert Smith, Moor Park, Calif.
1992	Anthony Chapman, Landover, Md.
1991	Paul Fleming, Lincoln, Neb.
1990	Jon Juneau, Baton Rouge, La.
1989	Adam Apo, Mililani, Hawaii
1988	Darold Meisel, Muskego, Wis.
1987	Mark Lewis, Wichita, Kan.
1986	Dan Nadeau, Las Vegas

Women
Brittni Hamilton, Wood-Ridge, N.J.
Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y.
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Shannon Pluhowsky, Kettering, Ohio
Brenda Edwards, Mansfield, Texas
Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y.
Shannon O'Keefe, Brookfield, Wis.
Lynda Barnes, Double Oak, Texas
Diandra Asbaty, Chicago
Lynda Barnes, Flower Mound, Texas
Shannon Pluhowsky, Phoenix
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Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J.
Diandra Hyman, Dyer, Ind.
Debbie Kuhn, Baltimore
Janette Piesczynski, Cheektowaga, N.Y.
Lucy Giovinco, Norcross, Ga.
Lynda Norry, Pleasant Hill, Calif.
Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Joey Simpson, Lexington, Ky.
Julie Gardner, Huntington Beach, Calif.
Julie Gardner, Huntington Beach, Calif.
Linda Graham, Des Moines, Iowa
Patty Ann, Arlington Heights, Ill.
Heather Nelson, West Brattleboro, Vt.
Cora Fiebig, Madison Heights, Mich.

## SUMMER TEAM USA TRIALS

Year	Men
2014	Mike Fagan, Hurst, Texas
2013	Geoffrey Young, Denton, Texas

Women
Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill.
Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas

## INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	Men	Women
2014	Lindenwood	Robert Morris-III.
2013	Robert Morris-III.	Maryland Eastern Shore
2012	Webber International	Webber International
2011	Fresno State	Maryland Eastern Shore
2010	Wichita State	Webber International
2009	Wichita State	Wichita State
2008	Wichita State	Pikeville
2007	Saginaw Valley State	Wichita State
2006	Saginaw Valley State	Lindenwood
2005	Lindenwood	Wichita State
2004	Kansas	Pikeville
2003	Wichita State	Central Missouri State
2002	Western Illinois	Morehead State
2001	Western Illinois	Nebraska
2000	West Texas A&M	Morehead State
1999	Western Illinois	Nebraska
1998	Wichita State	Morehead State
1997	Saginaw Valley State	Nebraska
1996	Nebraska	West Texas A&M
1995	Wichita State	Nebraska
1994	Wichita State	Wichita State
1993	Wichita State	William Paterson
1992	William Paterson	West Texas State
1991	Saginaw Valley State	Nebraska
1990	Nebraska	Wichita State
1989	Cal State-Fullerton	Morehead State
1988	Erie CC	West Texas State
1987	Wichita State	West Texas State
1986	Erie CC	Wichita State
1985	Wisconsin-La Crosse	West Texas State
1984	Buffalo State	Indiana State
1983	Vincennes	West Texas State
1982	Washington State	Erie CC
1981	Arizona State	Arizona State
1980	Wichita State	Erie CC
1979	California	Penn State
1978	Minnesota	Wichita State
1977	West Liberty	Wichita State
1976	South Carolina	San Jose State
1975	Wisconsin-La Crosse	Wichita State

## INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	Men	Women
2014	Francois Lavoie, Wichita State	Diana Zavjalova, Webber International
2013	Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw Valley State	Kristina Mickelson, Nebraska
2012	Geoffrey Young, Wichita State	Georgia Drewes, Newman
2011	Kyle Barnes, Middle Tennessee	Brittni Hamilton, Vanderbilt
2010	Chris Bardol, Robert Morris-III.	Jenn Boisselle, Central Florida
2009	Adam Chase, St. John's	Daniela Alvarado, Wichita State
2008	Dan Vick, RIT	Jennifer Wright, Pikeville
2007	Tim Pfeifer, Robert Morris-Pa.	Elysia Current, Wichita State
2006	Brian Valenta, Lindenwood	Olivia Sandham, Wichita State
2005	P.J. Haggerty, Fresno State	Bianca Montagnino, Newman
2004	Cory Simmons, Newman	Shannon Pluhowsky, Nebraska



## USBC JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Year Boys

2014	Anthony Neuer, Lewisburg, Pa. (U12)
	Adam Zimmerman, Deer Park, N.Y. (U15)
	Tylor Greene, Davison, Mich. (U20)
2013	Cortez Schenck, Phoenix (U15)
	Wesley Low, Palmdale, Calif. (U20)
2012	Bradley Crouse, Nazareth, Pa. (U15)
	AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill. (U20)
2011	Gary Faulkner, Memphis, Tenn.
2010	Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.
2009	Mike Conn, Crestwood, Ky.
2008	Geoffrey Young, Denton, Texas
2007	Adam Martinez, San Antonio
2006	Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J.
2005	Chris Bolosan, Newport News, Va.
2004	Clay Herrbach, Naperville, Ill.
2003	Erik Vermilyea, Maplewood, Minn.
2002	Sean Rash, Anchorage, Alaska
2001	Michael Remaklus, Florissant, Mo.
2000	Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas
1999	Scott Norton, Cypress, Calif.
1998	Rory Kalanquin, Davison, Mich.

### Girls

	Madison Bailey, Rocklin, Calif. (U12)
	Ashley Channell, Morris Chapel, Tenn. (U15)
	Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C. (U20)
	Taylor Russell, Tupelo, Miss. (U15)
	Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill. (U20)
	Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C. (U15)
	Robyn Renslow, Brentwood, Calif. (U20)
	Natalie Jimenez, Rowland Heights, Calif.
	Brittni Hamilton, Webster, N.Y.
	Maggie Zakrzewski, Palatine, Ill.
	Kristie Petravich, West Palm Beach, Fla.
	Jenny Brown, DeLand, Fla.
	Jennifer Wright, West Columbia, S.C.
	Stefanie Nation, Miami
	Stefanie Nation, Miami
	Stefanie Nation, Miami
	Olivia Sandham, Boulder, Colo.
	Shannon Pluhowsky, Phoenix
	Shannon Pluhowsky, Phoenix
	Shannon Pluhowsky, Phoenix
	Melissa Bellinder, Fullerton, Calif.



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**Independent Auditors' Report**

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP  
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Board of Directors  
United States Bowling Congress, Inc.  
Arlington, Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of United States Bowling Congress, Inc. which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2014, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of United States Bowling Congress, Inc. as of December 31, 2014, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*CliftonLarsonAllen LLP*

Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
March 13, 2015

**UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**December 31, 2014**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,232,499
Accounts receivable, net	125,028
Due from related parties	345,886
Inventory	56,334
Prepaid expenses and other	<u>831,272</u>

Total current assets 20,591,019

**INVESTMENTS**

Investments, at fair value	7,766,619
Investment in International Bowling Campus, LLC	<u>7,070,173</u>

Total investments 14,836,792

**PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Furniture and fixtures	13,551,917
Tournament equipment	11,319,236
Vehicles	66,965
Software	705,011
Construction in progress	<u>202,394</u>
Total, at cost	25,845,523
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>19,332,685</u>

Total property and equipment 6,512,838

**TOTAL ASSETS**

\$ 41,940,649

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 788,858
Due to related parties	114,910
Accrued liabilities	923,159
Current portion of deferred revenue - national tournaments	7,780,057
Current portion of deferred revenue - membership dues and other	<u>6,865,625</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>16,472,609</u>

### LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Deferred revenue - national tournaments, less current portion above	2,748,000
Deferred revenue - membership dues and other, less current portion above	3,648
Postretirement benefit obligation	<u>1,314,565</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>4,066,213</u>
Total liabilities	<u>20,538,822</u>

### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted net assets:	
Designated for youth scholarship	228,491
Undesignated	20,785,168
Permanently restricted	<u>388,168</u>
Total net assets	<u>21,401,827</u>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 41,940,649</u></b>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



**UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Permanently Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Membership dues	\$ 14,764,425	\$ -	\$ 14,764,425
Merchandise sales	78,896	-	78,896
Workshops and seminars	140,166	-	140,166
Special events, booths, and concessions	384,831	-	384,831
Tournament entry and prize fees	11,462,280	-	11,462,280
Tournament and conventions subsidy	2,105,716	-	2,105,716
Brackets	1,109,978	-	1,109,978
Advertising	107,206	-	107,206
Royalty	992,642	-	992,642
Sponsorship	857,492	-	857,492
Contributions	63,468	-	63,468
Interest and dividends	314,884	-	314,884
Realized and unrealized losses on investments	(69,652)	-	(69,652)
Other	71,463	-	71,463
Total revenues	<u>32,383,795</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,383,795</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Salaries	6,669,793	-	6,669,793
Fringe benefits	1,364,342	-	1,364,342
Training, professional memberships and tuition	120,091	-	120,091
Temporary agency services	2,967,513	-	2,967,513
Professional services	2,676,386	-	2,676,386
Supplies	151,162	-	151,162
Resale merchandise	29,601	-	29,601
Prizes	6,647,091	-	6,647,091
Awards	1,862,898	-	1,862,898
Telephone	106,166	-	106,166
Postage and freight	867,129	-	867,129
Facilities	651,138	-	651,138
Equipment maintenance and repairs	486,327	-	486,327
Depreciation	868,605	-	868,605
Printing	270,037	-	270,037
Promotion, sponsorships and programs	1,207,903	-	1,207,903
Travel	903,821	-	903,821
Insurance	327,005	-	327,005
Contributions	1,216,405	-	1,216,405
Lineage and construction	1,493,326	-	1,493,326
Miscellaneous	297,566	-	297,566
Total expenses	<u>31,184,305</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,184,305</u>
Change in net assets from operations	1,199,490	-	1,199,490
<b>EQUITY IN NET LOSS OF INTERNATIONAL BOWLING CAMPUS, LLC</b>	(67,268)	-	(67,268)
<b>CHANGE IN POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATION, OTHER THAN PERIODIC EXPENSE</b>	<u>(249,420)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(249,420)</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	882,802	-	882,802
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>20,130,857</u>	<u>388,168</u>	<u>20,519,025</u>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 21,013,659</u>	<u>\$ 388,168</u>	<u>\$ 21,401,827</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Change in net assets	\$ 882,802
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities	
Depreciation	868,605
Provision for bad debts	39,004
Increase in postretirement benefit obligation	33,202
Net realized and unrealized losses on investments	69,652
Loss on sale of property and equipment	474,029
Equity in net loss of International Bowling Campus, LLC	67,268
Effects of changes in operating assets and liabilities	
Accounts receivable	578,450
Due from related parties	96,921
Inventory	282,336
Prepaid expenses and other	(218,068)
Accounts payable	(613,316)
Due to related parties	(516,940)
Accrued liabilities	(121,290)
Deferred compensation	(36,094)
Deferred revenue	<u>(491,561)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,395,000</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

Sales of investments	6,129,278
Purchases of investments	(6,669,304)
Contribution to International Bowling Campus, LLC	(225,085)
Purchases of property and equipment	<u>(751,792)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(1,516,903)</u>

**NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

(121,903)

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD**

19,354,402

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD**

\$ 19,232,499

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2014**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The United States Bowling Congress, Inc. (USBC) was incorporated on June 3, 2004, in the state of Wisconsin, for the purposes of developing interest and participation in the sport of bowling, overseeing competition, and providing programs and services to its membership. USBC's revenues are derived primarily from membership dues and tournament entry fees. During 2013, USBC changed its fiscal year end from July 31 to December 31. The following footnotes report information for the year ended December 31, 2014. Significant accounting policies followed by USBC are presented below.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Cash Equivalents**

USBC considers all liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

**Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable are uncollateralized obligations. Accounts receivable are stated at the invoice amount. Payments of accounts receivable are applied to the specific invoices identified on the remittance advice or, if unspecified, to the earliest unpaid invoices.

The carrying amount of accounts receivable is reduced by a valuation allowance that reflects management's best estimate of amounts that will not be collected. The allowance for doubtful accounts is based on management's assessment of the collectibility of specific accounts and the aging of the accounts receivable. If there is a deterioration of credit worthiness, or actual defaults are higher than the historical experience, management's estimates of recoverability of amounts due USBC could be adversely affected. All accounts or portions thereof deemed to be uncollectible or to require an excessive collection cost are written off to the allowance for doubtful accounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts was \$4,035 at December 31, 2014.

**Inventory**

Inventory consists of resale merchandise and awards and is valued at the lower of cost or market with cost determined on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis.



**UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2014**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Investments**

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments are included in the statements of activities.

**Risks and Uncertainties**

USBC utilizes various investment instruments. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect USBC's account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

**Investment in International Bowling Campus, LLC**

USBC owns a 50% interest in International Bowling Campus, LLC (IBC), formerly known as New Era Bowling, LLC. The investment is accounted for using the equity method. Under the equity method, the investment is carried at cost, adjusted for USBC's proportionate share of undistributed earnings or losses.

**Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment over \$1,000 with a useful life 3 years or more are stated at cost and depreciated on the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, which range from three to thirty years.

Maintenance, repairs and replacements are generally included as expenses of operations during the year in which the expense is incurred. Cost of replacements, which constitute improvements or extend the life of the respective assets, are recorded as additions to property and equipment.

**Impairment of Long-lived Assets**

USBC reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to future undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets. Assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell.

**UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2014**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Revenue Recognition**

Deferred revenue - national tournaments consists of tournament subsidies and tournament entry fees. These amounts are recognized as revenue in the period in which the event is held or the related expenses are incurred.

Deferred revenue - membership dues and other consists primarily of membership dues. These amounts are recognized in the fiscal year in which the individual receives the privileges that membership offers.

**Advertising**

USBC expenses advertising costs as they are incurred.

**Net Assets**

Net assets, revenues, expenses, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. However, donor restricted investment earnings whose restrictions are met during the same year are directly reported as increases in unrestricted net assets. The net assets of USBC and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

**Unrestricted net assets**

These represent net assets that are not subject to external donor-imposed restrictions.

**Permanently restricted net assets**

These represent net assets that are subject to donor-imposed stipulations requiring that the principal be invested in perpetuity and that only income be expended for SMART scholarship awards.

**Income Tax Status**

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued a determination letter dated October 5, 2004, granting USBC an exemption from federal income tax under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3). However, income received from certain activities is subject to income tax as unrelated business income. No income tax expense has been recorded in the financial statements as cumulative unrelated business net operating loss carryforwards would offset any current tax liability. In addition, a 100% valuation allowance has been provided against the deferred tax asset resulting from the net operating loss carryforwards. Management is not aware of any items that could cause revocation of the tax-exempt status.

The federal and state income tax returns of USBC for 2011, 2012, and 2013 are subject to examination by the IRS and state taxing authorities, generally for three years after they were filed.

**UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2014**

**NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS**

Investments consist of the following at December 31, 2014:

Equities	\$ 598,661
Bonds	266,753
Mutual funds	6,477,183
Separately managed account	<u>424,022</u>

Total investments	<u>\$ 7,766,619</u>
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Investment income for the period ended December 31, 2014:

Interest and dividends	\$ 314,884
Net realized and unrealized losses	<u>(69,652)</u>

<b>Total investment income</b>	<b><u>\$ 245,232</u></b>
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**NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Generally accepted accounting principles establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under generally accepted accounting principles are described as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.



**UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2014**

**NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS** (continued)

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

Equities are valued at the closing price reported in the active market in which the individual security is traded.

Mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value of shares held by USBC at year end.

Bonds are valued based on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings. When quoted prices are not available for identical or similar bonds, the bond is valued under a discounted cash flows approach that maximizes observable inputs, such as current yields of similar instruments, but includes adjustments for certain risks that may not be observable, such as credit and liquidity risks.

Separately managed account is valued based on the net asset value of the units of the fund held by USBC, based on the fair value of the underlying investments of the fund. The fund does not have a finite life, unfunded commitments or restrictions on redemptions. The investment strategy of the fund is to generate capital appreciation by investing, trading, and otherwise dealing in domestic small capitalization equity securities of high-growth companies. The fund generally invests in U.S. companies with market capitalizations similar to companies included in the Russell 2000 Growth Index or other small cap indices at the time of purchase. However, a material portion of the portfolio of the fund may be invested in companies with market capitalizations that preclude their inclusion in such indices.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while USBC believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

**UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2014**

**NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)**

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, USBC's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2014:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Equities	\$ 598,661	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 598,661
Mutual funds				
Mid cap	290,192	-	-	290,192
Large cap	1,486,071	-	-	1,486,071
Fixed income	4,700,920	-	-	4,700,920
Separately managed account	-	424,022	-	424,022
Bonds				
Corporate bonds	<u>-</u>	<u>266,753</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>266,753</u>
<b>Total assets at fair value</b>	<u><b>\$ 7,075,844</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 690,775</b></u>	<u><b>\$ -</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 7,766,619</b></u>

**NOTE 4 - INVESTMENT IN INTERNATIONAL BOWLING CAMPUS, LLC**

IBC holds title to the land and building which USBC uses as its national headquarters. Summarized financial information for IBC for the year ended December 31, 2014 is shown below.

Total assets	\$ 14,284,420
Total liabilities	753,277
Net assets - unrestricted	13,531,143
Change in net assets	(134,537)
Capital contributions	421,112

**NOTE 5 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATION**

USBC provides defined benefit postretirement health benefits to certain current and former employees. Covered employees became eligible for these benefits at retirement after meeting minimum age and service requirements. USBC's unfunded cost that existed at August 1, 1995, is being accrued primarily in a straight-line manner that results in full accrual in 20 years.

**UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2014**

**NOTE 5 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATION** (continued)

The postretirement health care plan is unfunded. The following reconciles the change in accumulated benefit obligation and the amounts included in the statement of financial position at December 31, 2014:

Benefit obligation at beginning of period	\$ 1,281,363
Service cost	2,383
Interest cost	61,959
Benefits paid	(131,247)
Actuarial loss	<u>100,107</u>

<b>Accrued postretirement benefit obligation</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,314,565</u></b>
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In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, all previously unrecognized actuarial gains or losses are reflected in the statement of financial position. The plan items not yet recognized as a component of periodic plan expenses, but included as a charge to change in net assets at December 31, 2014 are as follows:

Cumulative changes, beginning of year	\$ (825,759)
Prior service cost	89,722
Actuarial change	<u>159,698</u>

Current year decrease in net assets	<u>249,420</u>
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<b>Cumulative changes, end of year</b>	<b><u>\$ (576,339)</u></b>
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Net periodic postretirement benefit expense (credit) for the year ended December 31, 2014, included the following components:

Service cost	\$ 2,383
Interest cost	61,959
Amortization of net gain from prior periods	(59,590)
Amortization of unrecognized prior service cost	<u>(89,722)</u>

<b>Periodic postretirement benefit credit</b>	<b><u>\$ (84,970)</u></b>
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The following benefit payments, which reflect expected future service, as appropriate, are expected to be paid as follows:

2015	\$ 105,000
2016	128,000
2017	115,000
2018	97,000
2019	96,000
2020-2024	461,000



**UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2014**

**NOTE 5 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATION** (continued)

The assumptions used to develop the net postretirement benefit expense and the present value of the benefit obligation is as follows:

Discount rate	4.10%
Health care cost trend rate for the next year	6.60%

The health care cost trend rate assumption has a significant effect on the amounts reported. The health care cost trend rate used to value the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation is assumed to decrease by approximately 1.20% over the next three years to an ultimate rate of 5.40%.

**NOTE 6 - RETIREMENT PLANS**

USBC participates in a 401(k) retirement plan (along with Bowling Proprietors' Association of America, Inc. (BPAA), International Bowling Campus, LLC (IBC), International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, Inc. (IBM&HF), IBC Youth Bowling, Inc. (IBCYB), and The Bowling Foundation) available to all employees who have reached the age of 21 and completed one month of service. Employees may contribute to their accounts up to the annual amount allowed by law. USBC matches 100% of the first 3% of employee contributions, plus 50% of the next 2% of the employee's contribution.

Total contribution expense recorded under the plan was \$103,450 for the year ended December 31, 2014.

**NOTE 7 - EXPENSES BY FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION**

Program services	
Membership services	\$ 4,479,561
Public relations, marketing and industry relationship	1,961,369
Management information systems	2,667,802
Equipment specifications	470,364
Tournaments	14,033,663
Other	<u>2,601,574</u>
Total program services	26,214,333
Management and general	<u>4,969,972</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 31,184,305</u></b>

**UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2014**

**NOTE 8 - SIGNIFICANT ESTIMATES, CONCENTRATIONS AND CONTINGENCIES**

Generally accepted accounting principles require disclosure of information about certain significant estimates and current vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations. These matters include the following:

**Reserve for Self-insurance**

Under its self-insurance plan, USBC accrues the estimated expense of health care claims costs based on claims filed subsequent to year-end and an additional amount for incurred but not yet reported claims based on prior experience. Accruals for such costs of \$101,099 are included in accrued liabilities at December 31, 2014, respectively. Claims payments based on actual claims ultimately filed could differ materially from these estimates.

**Concentration of Credit Risk**

USBC maintains the majority of its cash and investments in two commercial banks. Balances on deposit are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to specified limits. Balances in excess of these limits are uninsured.

**NOTE 9 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

BPAA is represented by two members on the USBC board of directors. For various shared costs, USBC has a receivable of \$15,750 from BPAA as of December 31, 2014.

USBC administered a scholarship program to local associations known as Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins (SMART) prior to the formation of SMART Bowling Scholarship Funding Corporation. USBC is represented on SMART's board of directors and continues to provide administrative services for the operation of the SMART Program and certain shared services. USBC had a payable to SMART of \$40,500 as of December 31, 2014. USBC also contributed \$294,024 to SMART during the year ended December 31, 2014.

USBC provides certain shared services to IBM&HF. USBC had a receivable from IBM&HF for these services of \$29,569 as of December 31, 2014.

USBC provides certain shared services to the Bowling Foundation. USBC had a receivable from the Bowling Foundation for these services of \$948 as of December 31, 2014.

IBCYB is represented by two members of the USBC board of directors. USBC contributed \$164,581 to IBCYB during the year ended December 31, 2014. USBC has a payable to IBCYB of \$74,410 as of December 31, 2014.

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**NOTE 9 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)**

USBC leases its facilities from IBC under a non-cancellable operating lease agreement. The lease includes automatic extensions for one year terms until cancelled by either party. Rent payments under the lease include an annual base rent of \$1 per year and USBC's proportionate share of taxes and operating expenses in accordance with the agreement, which is determined to be the equivalent of market rate rent. Total rent payments to IBC totaled \$666,259 for the year ended December 31, 2014. Additionally, USBC contributed \$610,015 to IBC. USBC had a receivable from IBC of \$299,619 as of December 31, 2014.

**NOTE 10 - LINE OF CREDIT**

USBC and BPAA have a \$4,000,000 revolving joint line of credit agreement with a bank. Borrowings under the line of credit bear interest at 3.25% as of December 31, 2014. The line is unsecured. No borrowings on the line of credit were outstanding at December 31, 2014.

**NOTE 11 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management evaluated subsequent events through March 13, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Events or transactions occurring after December 31, 2014, but prior to March 13, 2015 that provided additional evidence about conditions that existed at December 31, 2014, have been recognized in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014. Events or transactions that provided evidence about conditions that did not exist at December 31, 2014, but arose before the financial statements were available to be issued, have not been recognized in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Effective January 1, 2015, the International Training and Research Center (ITRC) was spun off into USBC from IBC. This results in ITRC receivables, inventory, equipment, accounts payable, and accrued liabilities being transferred to USBC.

This information is an integral part of the accompanying financial statements.





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