

USBC forming Lane Conditioner/Cleaner Task Force

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First meeting scheduled for Jan. 21, 2008 in South Carolina

Continuing to foster cooperative working relationships regarding research initiatives, the United States Bowling Congress is creating a task force with manufacturers of lane conditioners and lane cleaners.

The **USBC and Manufacturer Lane Conditioner/Cleaner Task Force** will include USBC research technicians and representatives from companies that produce bowling lane conditioners and cleaners.

The group's first meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 21, 2008 at the Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort and Spa at Grande Dunes during the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America Bowling Summit Jan. 20-24, 2008, in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The meeting agenda is expected to cover: lane conditioner viscosity testing, possible future specifications, flash point testing of lane cleaners and conditioners, setting a federal safety code designation and annual permit renewals.



"The goal of this study group is to jointly discuss long-term research projects relating to lane conditioners and cleaners and investigate the possible need to set new specifications in that area," said **USBC Technical Director Neil**

Stremmel (pictured).

Conditioner - more commonly referred to as "lane oil" - is a liquid applied by a machine to a bowling lane and has two purposes: to protect the wood or synthetic surface and to affect the level of difficulty of the sport by applying the oil in a specific pattern. Lane cleaner is the liquid used to clean and strip oil from a bowling lane.

Representatives of bowling lane conditioners and cleaners are invited by USBC to be part of the task force. Those interested should contact USBC Research Engineer Robert Roloff at

robert.roloff@bowl.com or (800) 514-2695, ext. 3203 no later than Friday, Oct. 12.

Participation is on a voluntary basis. Manufacturers agreeing to join the task force are responsible for making all arrangements and costs for attending meetings.

USBC is currently part of joint industry task forces on bowling balls and lanes. USBC is forming a task force with companies that make synthetic bowling lanes to study how issues relating to the sport's playing surface affect scoring and credibility.

The first meeting of the USBC and Manufacturer Lane Surface Task Force is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 17 at USBC Headquarters in Greendale, Wis.

The USBC Bowling Ball Specifications Task Force - formed in 2005 and comprised of representatives from 13 bowling ball manufacturing companies and USBC staff - addresses bowling ball performance issues and their impact on the sport.