

TOURNAMENTS

SETTING THE COURSE

EACH YEAR, THOUSANDS OF BOWLERS head to USBC Championship Tournaments. For many of these bowlers, the only question they usually ask is: "When are we bowling?"

Behind every team is a team captain who takes care of the rest of the details – assembling the team or teams, going online to reserve specific dates and times, collecting money and making payments, setting the pairs for doubles competition ... and that's just for the tournament entry. Many also take care of hotel and travel arrangements for their teams.

Some captains bring one team and possibly a companion team, but quite a few more will put together several teams for championship tournaments. For those team coordinators, USBC has a special club.

The USBC Championship Tournaments Captain's Club provides special benefits to captains bringing six or more fully-paid teams



to the USBC Open Championships or those who have any combination of six or more teams for the Women's Championships and the new USBC Mixed event. For example, if you are the team captain of four teams for the Women's Championships, then put together two teams for the Mixed and you're in the Captain's Club.

USBC will contact those who qualify for the Captain's Club about 1-3 weeks after they submit their teams. But what, exactly, is the Captain's Club?

Captain's Club members receive several benefits, including a USBC Captain's Club polo, a tournament photo package to remember the tournament experience, a \$25 voucher for a selected restaurant, a \$25 savings each way on their shipment through Bowling Ball Express, a really cool messenger bag, plus several other benefits.

"Being a team captain and coordinating a big group for an out-of-town

2015 USBC CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Open Championships

March 7-July 11, 2015
El Paso Convention Center
El Paso, Texas

Women's Championships

April 10-June 30, 2015
National Bowling Stadium
Reno, Nevada

The Mixed

April 10-June 30, 2015
National Bowling Stadium
Reno, Nevada

trip takes a lot of commitment," said Jason Overstreet, USBC Deputy Executive Director who oversees the Marketing team at USBC. "Our loyal captains with groups deserve special benefits and we encourage other captains to add a few teams and join the club."

Club benefits will be awaiting the captains when they arrive at tournament check-in at the 2015 Open Championships in El Paso, Texas, or at the USBC Women's Championships and USBC Mixed at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

Go to BOWL.com/CaptainsClub to learn more.

YOUTH BOWLING

ROLLING THROUGH THE SUMMER

SUMMER IS A GREAT TIME to relax, hang out with friends and to basically do, well, nothing. For top youth bowlers, the break from school wasn't a time to slow down but instead it was time to kick it up another notch.

About 100 youth bowlers had the opportunity to attend the annual Bowling Combine for College Prospects at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas, in late July. Participants were selected based on their application, which asks about bowling scores and academic work, and the program has been at capacity each of its four years.

The Bowling Combine brings together youth bowlers who want to compete at the collegiate level and college coaches looking for talented bowlers for their programs. Six countries and 27 states were represented by student-athletes this year and about 30 college coaches attended.

The Team USA coaching staff put the student-athletes through tests to evaluate skills such as shot repeatability, release ratio, spare proficiency, breakpoint management, vertical leap, and balance. The student-athletes also had the opportunity for one-on-one meetings with collegiate coaches.



Junior Gold winners (from left): Madison Bailey (U12), Tylor Greene (U20), Ashley Channell (U15), Adam Zimmerman (U15), Breanna Clemmer (U20), Anthony Neuer (U12).

"The reason why we come here is they do a phenomenal job," Ben Hoefs, coach at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, said of the Team USA staff that runs the Bowling Combine. "They get a lot of recruits who are very interested in the game, who want to get better. They also look at academics, as well."

But the Bowling Combine wasn't the only scouting trip for many college coaches. The week before the Combine, nearly 2,500 of the best youth bowlers in the nation, and collegiate coaches, were at the Junior Gold Championships in the Buffalo, New York, area.

At this year's Junior Gold Championships, more than \$200,000 in scholarships were awarded, national champions were deter-

mined in six divisions and spots on Junior Team USA were decided.

The Junior Gold Championships culminated an outstanding year for the Junior Gold program, which set a record by surpassing the 5,000-memberships barrier for the first time. The previous membership total of 4,376 USBC Youth members who joined the Junior Gold program was reached last season.

The event also has added a new presenting sponsor. The 2015 event in Chicago and the 2016 tournament in Cleveland will be the Junior Gold Championships presented by Storm, Roto Grip and Master.



Go to **BOWL.com/Combine** to learn more about the Bowling Combine for College Prospects and go to **BOWL.com/JuniorGold** to learn about the Junior Gold program.

ALL AMERICAN FAMILY TOURNAMENT

WITH NEW EVENT, IT'S ALL RELATIVE

WHEN CHILDREN START TO PLAY SPORTS, the parents are put into the familiar roles of coaches, equipment managers, food and beverage providers or simply fans. When the kids take the field, the parents take their place on the sidelines.

But one of the more unique elements of bowling is that unlike other sports, parents and kids actually can have a competitive game on the same playing field.

The new All American Family Tournament, developed through International Bowling Campus Youth Development and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America, will provide families the opportunity to compete together on the lanes.

The tournament, designed to engage families who love to bowl, will be a premier national event to showcase the more recreational side of the game.

"We'll have families competing together and with several age-based divisions we will provide a competitive and fun experience for everyone," said USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy.

Bowling centers will have the opportunity to conduct qualifying events and winners of those events will advance to the national championships set to take place in Chicago from July 7-9, 2015. All participants must be

USBC members to take part in AAFT qualifying events.

"For bowling centers, this is a wonderful way to bring families together on the lanes," BPAA Executive Director Frank DeSocio said. "Bowling always has been a family sport and this will be a fun event everyone."

The AAFT qualifiers can be a league or tournament, though league qualifying events must be a minimum of 16 total games

and tournament qualifying events must be a minimum of three total games.

For each of the four divisions, one adult will be paired with one youth; divisions are based on the age of the youth bowler – Under 8, Under 12, Under 15 and Under 17 – and the adult must be at least 24 years old. The tournament also is a handicap-based event so centers can promote it to anyone who bowls, regardless of their age, skill or physical ability.

Centers can conduct qualifying leagues or tournaments through May 31, 2015. Any state/provincial championships must be completed by May 31, 2015.



Go to **BOWL.com/AAFT** to learn more about the All American Family Tournament, including how to conduct league and tournament qualifying events.

USBC QUICK STRIKES

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS

2015 USBC Convention heading to Omaha, Neb.

The 2015 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting will take place April 27-30 in Omaha, Nebraska, at the Ramada Plaza Omaha. The convention will start a day earlier than previously announced with the final day of the Annual Meeting, which includes the legislative session, scheduled for Thursday, April 30. The convention originally was scheduled for Indianapolis.

Las Vegas will serve as host city for the 2016 and 2017 conventions. Go to BOWL.com/Convention to learn more about the USBC Convention.

Team USA Trials set for Jan. 2-7

The 2015 USBC Team USA Trials, where five men and five women will earn spots on Team USA, will take place at The Orleans Bowling Center in Las Vegas from Jan. 2-7, 2015.

Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, and Brittini Hamilton of Webster, New York, won the titles last year and will represent the



Andrew Cain (far right) has been elected for a third one-year term as USBC president.

United States at the QubicaAMF World Cup in Wroclaw, Poland, on Nov. 2-9.

Super Senior event set for the ITRC

The Super Senior Classic, a high-level competitive tournament for bowlers age 60 and older, which will take place at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas, from Oct. 28-Nov. 1.



Brittini Hamilton and Chris Barnes

Competitors will bowl 16 qualifying games, two eight-game blocks, before the field is cut to the top 25 percent for the casher's round. After four more games, the top five will advance to the stepladder

finals, which will be shown live on BowlTV. Go to BOWL.com/SuperSenior for more details.

Kegel's Cross receives Jaryszak Laneman Award

Steve Cross, who has handled lane conditions for bowling tournaments around the world, was named the recipient of the 2014 Jim Jaryszak Laneman Award during Bowl Expo in Orlando, Florida. The Jim Jaryszak Laneman Award is named for the former USBC Research Manager who was instrumental in setting up the USBC Sport Bowling program.

Cain, Wilkinson re-elected; Murphy named ED

Andrew Cain of Phoenix has been elected for a third one-year term as USBC president and Frank Wilkinson of Staten Island, New York, will continue to serve as vice president. The USBC Board of Directors elected Cain and Wilkinson as officers for the 2014-2015 season during a USBC board meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Chad Murphy, who had served as USBC Interim Executive Director since February 2014, was named Executive Director in June. The Executive Director serves as an officer of the corporation and has overall operational responsibility for staff, programs, finance, and execution of the strategic plan.

Dexter team has familiar names

Sierra Kanemoto of Riverside, Ohio, and Derick Holmes of Wichita, Kansas, were selected to the 2013-2014 Dexter/USBC High School All-American Team for the second consecutive year.

Also selected for the team were: Haley Carroll, Williamsville, N.Y.; Kendall De Jong, Chesapeake, Va.; Jessica Mellott, Lauderhill, Fla.; Krystina Nealon, Coral Springs, Fla.; Michael Dertz, Tinley Park, Ill.; Joey Miller, Loves Park, Ill.; Paul Brendan Schink, Dravosburg, Pa.; and Alex Sommer, Rockford, Ill.

This year's selections mark the ninth year Dexter has named a high school All-American team.



CALENDAR

Sept. 12-17, 2014
PABCON Women's Championships
Cali, Colombia

Oct. 28-Nov. 1, 2014
ITRC Super Senior Classic
International Training and Research Center
Arlington, Texas

Nov. 2-9, 2014
QubicaAMF World Cup
Wroclaw, Poland

Dec. 4-15, 2014
WTBA World Men's Championships
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Jan. 2-7, 2015
Team USA Trials
The Orleans Bowling Center
Las Vegas

Feb. 2-8, 2015
USBC Masters
Ashwaubenon Bowl
Green Bay, Wis.

March 7-July 12, 2015
USBC Open Championships
El Paso Convention Center
El Paso, Texas

March 13, 2015
XBowling Intercollegiate Singles Sectionals
Addison, Ill.; Fort Worth, Texas; Smyrna, Tenn.; Stratford, N.J.

March 14-15, 2015
XBowling Intercollegiate Team Sectionals
Addison, Ill.; Fort Worth, Texas; Smyrna, Tenn.; Stratford, N.J.

April 10-June 30, 2015
USBC Women's Championships
National Bowling Stadium
Reno, Nev.

April 10-June 30, 2015
USBC Mixed
National Bowling Stadium
Reno, Nev.

April 13-18, 2015
XBowling Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships
Northrock Lanes
Wichita, Kan.

May 13-May 19, 2015
USBC Queens
USBC Senior Queens
Ashwaubenon Bowl
Green Bay, Wis.

July 9-26, 2015
Bowling.com Youth Open
Orland Bowl
Orland Park, Ill.

July 11-17, 2015
Junior Gold Championships presented by Storm, Roto Grip and Master
Stardust Bowl, Hillside Bowl, Classic Bowl, Orland Bowl, Brunswick River Grove
Dupage County, Ill.

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