



TOURNAMENTS GALORE! IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

By Tom Brendgord

U.S. Open Qualifier: Helena & Fort Benton Bowlers Win

The 2012 Men's and Women's U.S. Open Qualifier was contested at Westside Lanes in Missoula on Feb. 25-26 for the second consecutive year. The winners again were a couple of familiar faces among Montana's premier bowlers. John Broderson from Helena, who practically owns this tournament, successfully defended his title from last year. While Guyla Streit from Fort Benton and Mary Porter from Missoula swapped 1st & 4th place finishes from last year.

Entries were down a little from last year, but not much. The men's entries totaled 91, down 4 from 2011 and the women's entries were 27, down 2 from 2011.

I always like to compare last year's qualifiers to this year to see if there are many repeat performers. On the men's side there were only ten this year who made the cut last year, but that is still better than last year when only 7 repeated qualifying. On the distaff side there were eleven who repeated, again better than the eight who repeated last year. I notice an interesting blend of youth and veterans especially in the men's division where brothers Ryan and Matt Sears (Missoula), fairly recent high school graduates, made the cut along with ageless Bob Orham (Great Falls), who finished 16th to go along with his 24th place finish last year.

The qualifying round on Saturday was interesting this year. A 186 average for the men and a 167 average for the women made the cut to Sunday's match play indicative of tough scoring conditions. However, on Sunday the conditions must have improved a little, for it took a 215 average to make the top 5 stepladder for the men and a 202 average to do the same for the women.

There was a roll off for the alternate position in the men's division, which Tony Woodward of Helena won. Normally, that is not a big deal, but it paid off for Tony this time, as he had to take over for Dave Sears on Sunday and ended up in 19th, good for \$200.

U.S. Open Qualifier - Men

1. John Broderson - Helena
2. Brad Muri - Billings
3. Nate Gelling - Butte
4. Brian Thomas - Bozeman
5. Ted Bertrand - Billings
6. Ryan Sears - Missoula
7. Mike Hayes -
8. Shawn Jacobs - Helena
9. Paul Dehn - Great Falls
10. Cary Shulund - Missoula
11. Monte Baker - Bozeman
12. Mark Hodges - Butte
13. Chris Guidry - Billings
14. Jon Conger - Missoula
15. Ron Parsons - Missoula
16. Bob Orham - Great Falls
17. Mike Christiansen - Great Falls
18. Jim Ouellette - Missoula
19. Tony Woodward - Helena
20. Bruce Hruska - Great Falls
21. Matt Sears - Missoula
22. Brian Robbins - Missoula
23. Nick Haney - Billings
24. Jack Spooner - Missoula

U.S. Open Qualifier - Women

1. Guyla Streit - Ft. Benton
2. Katie Eslick - Helena
3. Carol Sears - Missoula
4. Mary Porter - Missoula
5. Julie Redfern - Billings
6. Doris Kimmerle - Gt. Falls
7. Kristen Dehn - Gt. Falls
8. Dawn Hanninen - Missoula
9. Becky Millman - Billings
10. Misty Spooner - Missoula
11. Laurie Sickler - Livingston
12. Brandy Bruch - Missoula
13. Staci Williamson - Kalispell
14. Nicole Lowe - Missoula
15. Karen Bockemeuhl - Boz.
16. Brenda Shaffer - Butte

State Tournaments Coming to Helena, Great Falls, Billings and Butte.

Some go for the fun. Some go for the competition. Some go because of tradition and some go just because it is there. But regardless the reason, state tournaments are a huge and integral part of bowling in Montana. If you are planning a road trip to one of these tournaments, here is some helpful information.

It all starts with the Montana USBC Open state tournament. This year's event is being held in Great Falls and runs for nine big weekends (including Easter) starting March 24th and ending May 20th. 4-member team event and unlimited team entry will remain the same as last year, but the number of divisions was changed from four to three (A, B, C). Team event will be at the Elks Lanes and doubles/singles at Little's Lanes. Mike Bowles is the tournament director. Entries close on May 20th prior to the start of the last scheduled shift.

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10. Back-to-back team shifts will require one hour less time than 5-person teams.
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8. 4-member league teams don't have to find additional bowlers.
7. Teams with 6 players can enter 3 times.
6. Teams with 7 or 8 members can easily make two teams and enter 6 times or more.
5. Perfect format for mixed league teams.
4. Less seating needed & more room available on ball returns.
3. Don't have to find extra bowlers to complete doubles.
2. Easier to find subs.
1. Faster pace.

The 2012 Women's State tournament starts on March 31st and runs for seven weekends ending May 20th. There will be no bowling on Easter weekend (April 7-8). It will be held in Helena this year with all events scheduled at Sleeping Giant Lanes. Some Friday night shifts are available this year primarily in May. There are several optional scratch events including team, doubles, singles, and all events. These events are also available in the Open tournament. The optional Double/Team singles event was deleted a year ago from all our state tournaments. Unlimited team entry is also available at this tournament. Jacki Huff is the tournament director. Entries close May 20th.

The Montana USBC Youth state tournament will be held on two big weekends starting April 14th and ending April 22nd. It is scheduled for Billings with the team event being conducted at Sunset Bowl and double/singles at Fireside Lanes. The entry deadline for guaranteed spots is April 6th. The tournament director is Bobby Herring.

The Pepsi YBC state finals is being held May 4-6, 2012 at Star Lanes in Butte. Deb Martinich is the tournament director. I strongly suggest checking this event out on our website, BowlMontana.com or Butteusbc.com for precise information.

SPARE NOTES

By Mike Evjen, President MUSBC

It seems that the last time I looked at the calendar it said it was time for the holiday season. It seems like time always flies when you are having fun. Speaking of fun, I sure hope that everyone out there has been having a great time during this bowling season. This will be my last article for the year as this is the final installment of The Strike Zone for this season. With this time of year comes the time to remind everyone about a few events that will be taking place that our very important to our Association.

The first is that it is that time of year again when we play host to our State Association Championships. The Open is being held in Great Falls this year at the Elks Lanes and at Little's Lanes. The Women's Championship is being held in Helena at Sleeping Giant Lanes and the Youth Championship is being held in Billings at Sunset Bowl and Fireside Lanes. All of these local Associations along with the cities are proud to be hosting these fine tournaments and are ready to welcome the bowlers of Montana with open arms. It is my hope that each of you will take the time to participate in these championship tournaments and as you do enjoy the company of the friends and family that accompany you.

The second item on the upcoming calendar is the Annual State Meeting which will be held in Great Falls on May 20th, 2012. This is the chance for each Association to let themselves be heard. The offices up for election this year are: President, 2nd Vice President, Directors from each of the Districts, 1 – Director at Large position, and Youth Directors from District 1 and District 3. I would encourage everyone that if you are interested in serving on the Montana Board of Directors that you fill our your application and make sure it is sent in to the nominating committee Chairperson, who this year is Sandy True in District 1.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Meeting and hope that all of your bowling adventures put a smile on your face.

TIME TO VOTE !!

By Sandy True

The Montana USBC Association will be holding its annual Spring Delegate's Meeting in Great Falls at the TownHouse Inn on Sunday, May 20th at 9:00 am. Positions on the board that will be voted on are President, 2nd Vice President, one Director for each district (4 total), one Director at Large and two Youth Directors. Anyone interested may download an application on line at: bowlmontana.com or contact nominating committee chairman Sandy True, 10 Fern Gulch Lane, Thompson Falls, Mt. Phone # 406-827-4748. Applications need to be submitted by April 15, 2012.

Participation on the Montana USBC Association Board of Directors is both challenging and rewarding. Help support the sport of bowling by getting involved.

SENIOR ARTS & SPORTS FESTIVAL

By Ruth Sprankel

The annual Senior Arts & Sports Festival sponsored by the Billings Clinic is set for May 14 - 20, 2012. There are many events included in the festival and the bowling event will be held at Fireside Lanes. You may contact Mary K. Hart at 259-6479 or at mkwindsor@msn.com for details on the bowling. The Billings Clinic can give you more details about other events such as golf, card games, crafts, etc. There's sure to be something of interest for all seniors! Come to Billings and participate.

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Hall of Fame Banquet, Delegate's Meeting/Board Election Headline Huge Weekend in Great Falls May 18-20

By Tom Brendgord & Ron Curtiss (Hall of Fame Chairman)

It starts with the Tournament Committee meeting on Friday, May 18th and ends with the Annual Delegate Meeting and MUSBC election on Sunday, May 20th. In between there will be a state Hall of Fame banquet on Saturday night, and a Montana USBC board of directors meeting on Saturday morning. This will all happen at the TownHouse Inn in Great Falls.

The Hall of Fame Banquet starts with cocktail hour at 6pm Saturday at the TownHouse with dinner being served at 7pm. Tickets can be obtained from Ron Curtiss 293-5837, email: srurtiss@gmail.com or Roz Gallup 652-5141.

The inductees for this year are yet to be determined, since the application deadline was not until March 1, 2012. Late applications may be accepted if already in process. A Pioneer division is also available for eligible older bowlers. Applications can be mailed to Ron Curtiss, PO Box 156, Libby, MT 59923. Applications for the state Youth Hall of Fame will also be accepted. Applications are available on our website, bowlmontana.com.

The Delegate Meeting will start at 9 am on Sunday. Among other business, the delegates will elect seven new board members and two officer positions totaling about half of the board. Hopefully, there will be a good turnout in both applicants and delegates.

On My Mind.....

In a Slump? Get Over It! LOL

By Tom Brendgord

From time to time people ask me how I determine what to write about when composing this article. The answer is relatively simple. Since bowling has consumed my entire life since I was 12, I literally have something bowling-related "on my mind" all of the time. When I choose a subject to write about, it quite often involves something I recently did, saw or was involved in. I don't believe in bragging about myself and I am not a vain person, so when I relate a self-incident, there is usually a moral to the story. Hopefully, there is a reader out there, who can relate to what I have to say and can learn from it.



It is not much of a secret that I am in the twilight of my bowling career (just turned 66) and that my average has dropped off substantially in the last three years (25 pins) coincidentally since I moved to Billings. I figured that my average would drop as I grew older, but never figured the bottom would fall out of it in one fell swoop. Most heartless people will say, "your old, get over it". But I refuse to believe that the demise of my average has nothing else to blame, but old age.

So I started analyzing my problem and all of the indicators came back to the same thing - lack of ball speed. The lane conditions in Billings seem drier to me than where I bowled in Great Falls. Drier lanes means more friction between the ball and the lane resulting in less speed. That made sense to me, but how do I compensate for that?

What I thought would be a simple answer turned out to only be part of the answer. I dropped to 14 pound bowling balls this year. The problem then became how to stroke the lighter ball instead of trying to throw it. Hence, my problem became a timing issue. I then worked on different starting positions and a shorter first step, but still couldn't figure out how to harness more speed consistently. I still didn't have the energy to do what I wanted to do.

Then, in December, a strange thing happened. My doctor discovered that I had a vitamin B-12 deficiency, which among other things, causes low energy. I started taking B-12 pills daily.

Shortly after that I also worked on increasing my pushaway. All of a sudden everything came together. The combination of lighter equipment, shorter first step, greater pushaway and more energy have improved my average over 10 pins since Christmas. My spare shooting has improved mainly because I am rolling more strikes and not leaving the many ugly spare combinations that I used to.

On a recent league night I rolled a 680 series with every game over 200 and only one open frame. Having almost three clean games made me feel better than the 680, which is my highest series in the last two years. However, the best thing that night was that I won a \$500 strike-ticket pot. The league conducts these pots weekly, but I have refused to get in because of my lack of confidence.

It has taken me a lot of time and soul searching to get over this slump, but I think I am now on the uphill side of bad bowling. And there is a moral to all of this for fellow seniors and other slump-ridden bowlers. There is usually a reason when your average takes a huge dive. Don't accept old age as an excuse until you have exhausted all other options. You owe it to yourself.

Calendar of Upcoming Bowling Events

- MARCH:** Gary Gerhardt Memorial - The Bowl (Bozeman), March 10-11
Family Tourney State Finals - Snowy Lanes (Lewistown), 3/24-25
Youth Traveling League Final Stop - Msla (Westside Lanes), 3/18
Ringin' Ten Classic-Star Lanes, Butte - March 24-25
- APRIL:** MUSBC Youth State Championships-Billings-Apr. 14-22 (2 weekends)
MUSBC Women's Championships-Helena-Mar. 31-May 20 (7 wkends)
MUSBC Open Championship-Gt. Falls-Mar 24-May 20 (9 weekends),
Same Sex Calcutta - Westside Lanes, Missoula - April 14-15
- May** MUSBC Board Meeting - Great Falls, May 19
MUSBC Hall of Fame Banquet - Great Falls, May 19
MUSBC Delegates Meeting & Election - Great Falls, May 20
- MAY:** Pepsi YBC State Finals- Star Lanes (Butte) - May 4-6
- SEPT:** Montana.Bowling Jamboree - Missoula, Sept. 28-30, 2012

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

IVERSON RECLAIMS 600 CLUB TITLES

Teri Iverson of Sunburst has captured the Singles Event once again in the Montana State 600 Club annual mail-a-graphic tournament with a score of 767. She and her blind doubles partner, Brandi Pitt of Lovell also won 1st place with a score of 1456. Two years ago, Teri also won both events! Teri's reaction was "Wow and double wow" when she received the good news. The week before the tournament, she rolled a 623 and had hoped she would have saved it for the tournament. Teri bowls in Shelby and travels 25 miles from where she lives to bowl every week. She says that "The tournament is something I look forward to because it gives me another reason to get off the couch and go bowling. It's relaxing because it is done by mail, and still has a competitive edge to it even at our own center because of getting other friends involved. It is not costly...and that helps also".

The high scratch series of 602 was rolled by Eileen Nelson of Missoula.

The singles winners are:

1. Teri Iverson, Sunburst - 767
2. Susan Hiller, Billings - 732
3. Eileen Nelson, Missoula - 719
4. Darla Dunham, Billings - 708
5. Vicki Michael, Billings - 706
6. Karla Visser, Manhattan - 705
7. Debb Clark, Missoula - 705
8. Mona Lou Moulton, Missoula - 701
9. Tracy Shaw, Ronan - 699
10. Helen Johnson, Billings - 698
11. Karen Goligoski, Hamilton - 697
12. Gigi Nance, Billings - 694
13. Cindy Allen, Billings - 692
14. Shirley Kline, Rudyard - 692
15. Amanda Tish, Missoula - 689
16. Brandi Pitt, Lovell - 689
17. Patricia Gunsch, Billings - 688
18. Laurel Walker, Rudyard - 688

Blind Doubles winners:

1. Teri Iverson, Sunburst & Brandi Pitt, Lovell - 1456
 2. Helen Johnson, Billings & Laurel Walker, Rudyard - 1386
 3. Eileen Nelson, Msla & Eileen Schaff, Sealy Lake - 1364
 4. Jean Summers, Hamilton & Karla Visser, Manhattan -1354
 5. Tracy Shaw, Ronan & Debb Clark, Missoula - 1350
 6. Gigi Nance, Blgs & Ginger Ward, Thompson Falls - 1340
 7. Linda Emineth, Laurel & Aquilla Robertson, Lolo - 1337
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3rd ANNUAL MONTANA STATE 500 CLUB TOURNAMENT RESULTS

By: Mary K. Hart, Tournament Chairman

The 500 Club Mail-o-graphic tournament had 26 entries this year, not as good as last year, but about the same as the first year. We paid 5 places with the ratio of 5:1. The top 5 winners were:

1. **Lynda Peterson of Alberton with a score of 734 \$67.60**
2. **Crystal Knutson of Ramsey with a score of 702 \$59.80**
3. **Meg Steinman of Hamilton with a score of 684 \$52.00**
4. **Patricia Eide of Billings with a score of 668 \$44.20**
5. **Toni Clemmons of Billings with a score of 650 \$36.40**

Thanks to all who participated and hope to see you next year.

YOUTH COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Roz Gallup

The USBC Board of Directors has approved a change to a USBC Youth bylaw and also two rulebook changes related to awards. These changes are effective immediately. This decision was made based on a recommendation and feedback from merged associations. Accordingly it was difficult for associations to attain a quorum of youth reps and the youth committee was often fragmented from the rest of the association. This should make the election process easier.

The USBC Board of Directors is now allowing merged state and local Youth Committee members to be appointed by their association president with the approval of their board of directors. So now they will be appointed just as any other committee is appointed in their association. They will be appointed for one year as all other committees are and there are no term limits. Names of interested individuals can be given to the president for consideration. The size of the Youth Committee would be decided by the President and the Board taking into consideration the number of individuals needed to serve the youth membership of their association in the best way. However, it is recommended that the Board consult with the Youth Committee prior to making a decision.

What is the new role of the Youth Committee? The Committee would be responsible for the same basic duties of overseeing youth programs and other tasks assigned by the board, which is what their real purpose always has been. The Board may also assign other tasks or duties to the committee as they see fit. However, the committee does not have authority over all youth programs and they are not decision making body.

Since you may already have people in place due to elected terms, USBC urges you to allow those individuals to remain on the committee until their term expires.

This committee change has no effect on how the Youth Delegates are elected, which is still the same way as in the past. USBC has removed restrictions on local association merit awards. Local associations may now set their own criteria for merit awards.

2012 PEPSI YBC

By Deb Martinich

The 2012 Pepsi YBC is scheduled for May 5-6 at Star Lanes in Butte. Each division is age specific as of August 1, 2011 and has its own shift time on Saturday, May 5. Those shifts are:

Boys 11 & Under - 8am Boys 12+Hdcp - 2pm Boys & Girls
Girls 11 & Under - 11am Girls 12+ Hdcp - 5pm 12+Scratch 8pm

All entry forms, complete rules and a Butte motel listing can be found at the Butte website www.butteusbc.com. Division entries must be sent with all appropriate fees by April 1, 2012. There will be no refunds after the entry deadline. March 15 averages (12 game minimum) must also be submitted by April 1. Final Rounds will be on Sunday, May 6 for the top 6 per division:

Boys and Girls 11 & Under Finals	Sunday, 9 am
Boys and Girls 12+ Hdcp Finals	Sunday, 11 am
Boys and Girls 12+ Scratch Finals	Sunday, 1:30 pm

1st & 2nd place winners in the Boys and Girls Scratch divisions receive paid entries in the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana July 14-20.

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY TOURNAMENT

By Tom Brendgord

The International Family Tournament is a doubles event featuring parents and their children bowling in a progression of levels with the ultimate goal to reach the international finals and win scholarships along the way. The first and second levels of qualifying have already occurred with the state finals next scheduled at Snowy Lanes in Lewistown on March 24-25. The following is a list of those who qualified for state finals advancement.

Western Region

Parent/Youth Division: (adult listed first/youth listed last)

1. Dana Curry/Jacob Curry	Helena	1488
2. Dana Curry/Bryana Curry	Helena	1472
3. Kristi Bauman/Kelson Bauman	FrTown	1461
4. Travers Cox/Caydann Cox	Helena	1459
5. Kevin Shulund/Madelynn Shulund	Lolo	1456
6. Tiffany Cox/Caylor Cox	Helena	1437
7. Lana Curry/Jacob Curry	Helena	1427
8. Kristi Bauman/Gavin Bauman	FrTown	1411

Parent/Teen Division:

1. Nancy Collick/Paige Collick	Helena	1458
2. Jack Spooner/Steven Erickson	Msla	1446
3. Jenifer Johnson/Damon Johnson	Msla	1407
4. Brent Sipe/Dylan Sipe	Lewistown	1403
5. Misty Spooner/Steven Erickson	Msla	1386
6. Sandra McCann/Kendra Hertweck	Helena	1385
7. Robert Jester/Levi Jester	Helena	1379

Eastern Region

Parent/Youth Division:

1. Kadee Torno/Lacee Torno	1535
2. Michele Oak/Skylar Oak	1522
3. Laura Link/Jullian Link	1520
4. Matt Steorts/Tanner Steorts	1512
5. Jeremy Link/Hunter Link	1507
6. Jason Torno/Reanna Torno	1496
7. Barbara Stewart/Everette Alden	1474
8. Laura Link/Hunter Link	1472
9. Jason McDonald/Jacey McDonald	1467
10. Laura Link/Mia Link	1452
11. Ron Frank/Ben Steorts	1449
12. Jon Ottenbacher/Toby Ottenbacher	1441
13. Duffy Oak/Skylar Oak	1436
14. Jeremy Link/Mia Link	1430
15. Shawn Feller/Kelly Feller	1419
16. Cory Morgan/Isaac Morgan	1416

Parent/Teen Division:

1. Dean Hoyt/Amber Hoyt	1551
2. Zane Kohlman/Karrissa Kohlman	1446
3. Kelly Corneliusen/Avery Corneliusen	1433
4. Teresa Lang/Jennifer Lang	1429
5. Cherie Errecart/Hunter Errecart	1424
6. Jill Foran/Michael Foran	1421
7. Lynne Corneliusen/Avery Corneliusen	1420
8. Dave Corneil/Riley Corneil	1417
9. Paul Garrison/Ashley Garrison	1412
10. Linda Emineth/Kaleb Emineth	1406
11. Robert Vetch/Derek Vetch	1395
12. Craig Marshall/Kristin Marshall	1393
13. Diane Vetch/Derek Vetch	1388
14. Rich Foran/Michael Foran	1387

MASTER/MASTERETTE'S SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Master/Masterette's Scholarship Tournament was held at Sleeping Giant Lanes on Saturday, Jan. 21 and Sunday, Jan. 22. There were 71 youth entries in the preliminary qualifying rounds on Saturday - 40 in the Handicap division and 31 in the Scratch division. The top 16 from each division moved on to the match play finals on Sunday. 4 awards were given Saturday - High Scratch Game to Dayton Willoughby (Billings) 234, High Scratch Series to Jeffrey Preston (Butte) 1219 (6 games), High Hdcp Game and Series to Shelby Vernon (Gt. Falls) 279 and 1312. A \$100 scholarship was awarded to the highest placing girl in the scratch division if she was not already in the top 3 finishers. This scholarship, sponsored by Placer Motors (Ray Mills) and Terri Johnson, was awarded to Paige Collick (Helena).

FINAL RESULTS AFTER MATCH PLAY

<u>Scratch Division:</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>
1st - Tanner Routzahn	Helena	\$300
2nd - Jeffrey Preston	Butte	\$200
3rd - Daniel Murphy	Clancy	\$100
4th - Cordell Bird	Billings	
<u>Handicap Division:</u>		
1st - Bryana Curry	Helena	\$300
2nd - Tristan Lehman	Helena	\$200
3rd - Ali Coster	Great Falls	\$100
4th - Jacob Curry	Helena	

Tourney High Game: Cordell Bird 268 (boy), Shelby Vernon 245 (girl)

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BOWL FOR THE CURE

By Ruth Sprankel

Once again the Thursday Night Mixed League at Sunset Bowl in Billings has done a terrific job in their annual fundraiser to benefit Bowl for the Cure. Each year a committee on the league organizes the event that has been so successful. Each team accepts the responsibility of donating a basket through procurements or contributions. A bowling night in February is chosen to sell raffle tickets to a chinese auction for each of the baskets. It's always a fun atmosphere and this year they raised \$507.00 within the league.

Although this is a year-round fundraising initiative, USBC has chosen the month of February to strongly promote bowlers participation. USBC has been in partnership with the Susan G. Komen Foundation to help raise awareness of breast cancer and search for a cure since 2000 and in 2011 raised \$952,000. for this very worthwhile cause. No event or no donation is too small. If your league has not yet held a fundraising event this year, it's not too late to still do so.

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ENTRY DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR 2012 USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

There is no experience like competing on the lanes at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. Right now more than 30,000 bowlers are already scheduled for the 2012 USBC Women's Championships. For those, who are not part of that 30,000, there is still time to enter, as the entry deadline has been extended to April 1. There are even some weekend spots available for the event, which begins April 14 running 86 consecutive days, concluding July 8.

The USBC Women's Championships is open to any female USBC member and features a much different look than when it last was held in Reno..

The tournament now features a three-division, 100% handicap format that was introduced in 2010. The divisions based on skill level: Diamond for bowlers with averages of 180 and above (handicap is based on 220); Ruby for averages of 150-179 (handicap based on 180) and Sapphire for averages of 149 and below (handicap based on 150). Prizes also are awarded for the top overall scratch scores.

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