



TOURNAMENT TIME 2013. HERE IS AN UPDATE!

By Tom Brendgord

U.S. Open Qualifier: Helena & Great Falls Bowlers Win

The 2013 Men's and Women's U.S. Open Qualifier was contested at Five Valley Center in Missoula on Feb. 23-24 for the 1st time in many years. The women's winner, Kristen Dehn from Great Falls, is very familiar among the distaff bowlers of Montana. On the men's side, the winner was from Helena again only this time his name was not Broderson. Shawn Jacobs improved upon his 8th place finish from last year to win his first U.S. Open Qualifier. Two-time defending champion, John Broderson from Helena, finished in 7th place.

The two champions took totally different paths to their victories. In the stepladder finals, Kristen, who started in 5th place had to defeat four bowlers to win her title. The most difficult win for her was in the semi-final match against Doris Kimmerle, also from Great Falls, which Kristen won 228-218. She defeated Julie Redfern from Billings in the championship match 193-164. Shawn, on the other hand, had a much easier time having to win only one match, which he did against Butte's Nate Gelling 215-203.

Entries were up slightly from last year, but not much. The men's entries totaled 92, up 1 from 2012 and the women's entries were 29, up 2 from 2012. Compared to last year, only 7 men's qualifiers made this year's cut, whereas, the women repeated 10 from last year's top 16.

I can't help but notice the performances of two senior citizens, who continue to amaze me. First, there is the venerable Rick Perry from Kalispell, who seems to never age. He finished in 3rd to go with his countless titles in the past, not only in this event, but in just about everything he has ever entered. Second, there is Chris Leary, from Missoula, who finished 20th. Chris is in his mid-70's

and continues to beat guys in their 20s & 30s.

Lane conditions were tough, as they should be. It took a 187 average to make the men's cut and a 172 average to make the women's cut.

U.S. Open Qualifier - Men

1. Shawn Jacobs - Helena
2. Nate Gelling - Butte
3. Rick Perry - Kalispell
4. Josh Link - Glendive
5. Ken Curry - Great Falls
6. Brian Thomas - Bozeman
7. John Broderson - Helena
8. Andy Kost - Missoula
9. Ryan Sears - Missoula
10. Harry Shaffer - Butte
11. Jon Conger - Missoula
12. Tom Sroczyk - Helena
13. Rich Hoffman - Missoula
14. Mike Reed - Helena
15. Leroy Thom - Libby
16. Wayne Quinby - Great Falls
17. Dirk Thompson - Bozeman
18. Tony Woodward - Helena
19. Richie Hoffman - Missoula
20. Chris Leary - Missoula
21. Tim Jennison - Missoula
22. Terry Wahl - Missoula
23. Cory Hanninen - Missoula
24. Matt Stricker - Billings

U.S. Open Qualifier - Women

1. Kristen Dehn - Great Falls
2. Julie Redfern - Billings
3. Doris Kimmerle - Gt. Falls
4. Mary Porter - Missoula
5. Brenda Shaffer - Butte
6. Jamie Webster - Ronan
7. Misty Spooner - Missoula
8. Barb Lankford - Great Falls
9. Karin Osborn - Great Falls
10. Dawn Hanninen - Missoula
11. Nilda Zacher - Anaconda
12. Brittany Dobie - Bozeman
13. Guyla Streit - Great Falls
14. Staci Williamson - Whitefish
15. Angie Burk - Choteau
16. Nicole Lowe - Missoula

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

Looking for a road trip? Depending on where you live, you may not even have to leave the interstate. Some things that affect road trips are weather, gas prices and the state of the economy. As of this printing, one couldn't ask for better conditions on all of the above. Of course, this is Montana and things can change in a hurry. If you are planning a road trip to a state tournament, here is some helpful information.

It all starts with the Montana USBC Open state tournament. This year's event is being held in Butte and runs for nine big weekends (including Easter) starting March 16th and ending May 19th. 4-member team event, unlimited team entry and 3 divisions instead of 4 will remain the same as last year. However, there is a major change this year, but not in the format of the tournament. Every event will be conducted at Star Lanes. The other center, King Pin Lanes, underwent a major overhaul reducing it to 6 lanes. Because they are using only one center, not only will every event be held at Star, but also every shift will have the capability of bowling team or double/singles. The tournament will run for 9 weekends with kind of a strange twist to the scheduling - the Open is working around the long-standing Ringin' Ten Classic, but will be running on Easter weekend. Bowlers entering the 1st weekend should also be aware that is St. Patrick's Day and to plan accordingly. St. Pat's Day is largely celebrated in Butte. Entries close on May 19th prior to the start of the last scheduled shift.

The 2013 Women's State tournament starts on April 19th and runs for four weekends ending May 12th. It will be held in Missoula this year with team event scheduled at Five Valley Center and doubles/singles set for Westside Lanes. Some Friday night shifts are available this year on every weekend. Another caution of note for bowlers intending to bowl the final weekend - that is also graduation weekend at the University of Montana, so you might want to make motel reservations before you make your tournament reservations, as motel space might be difficult to find. Entries close on May 12th prior to the start of the last scheduled shift.

The Montana USBC Youth state tournament will be held three big weekends starting April 6th and ending April 21st. It is scheduled for Great Falls with the team event being conducted at Black Eagle Lanes and double/singles at Elks Lanes. This tournament has been in a state of limbo since last September when a fire main burst at Little's Lanes creating major damage to the entire interior of the center. Hope that Little's would be able to rebound from this disaster in time for this tournament was being held until the first of January. Sadly, that didn't happen and the Montana USBC had to go with plan B, which is to use the lanes at Black Eagle. Since Black Eagle is smaller than the Elks, the team event had to be switched to Black Eagle. Entries are coming in nicely to date. The tournament should be successful despite the last-minute changes in venue.

The Pepsi YBC state finals is being held May 4-5 at Sleeping Giant Lanes in Helena. Terri Johnson is the tournament director. Major changes have again been made to this event making it strictly a scratch event. I strongly urge parents to read the YBC article in the December 2012 issue of this paper or check the smaller one on page 4.

SPARE NOTES

By Mike Evjen, President MUSBC

Have you ever thought of why you enjoy this sport of bowling so much? I will be honest with all of you and tell you that I have from time to time. In all seriousness, after being involved in the business for the past 31 years and a bowler for the past 41 years there must be a reason to still be involved. Today I was reminded of that exact reason.

The fact is that in bowling you do not have to belong to a clique or be part of the "in crowd" to be successful. You do not have to worry about who you have to please because your success in this sport is dependent upon only one person. That person is you. I was reminded of how some adult leaders in sports can make the mistake of believing the only true goal to achieve is that of winning. They forget that these children are people and that our actions and the lessons that we teach them when they are young are part of what will mold them into the adults that they will become.

I look back at my own coaching career which has included bowling, baseball, and football and I hope that the way I was portraying myself was not in a way that would be detrimental to the children. I applaud the youth leaders in our sport for being able to recognize that not all children have the same ability but they may have the same desire.

The Annual State Championships are about to begin. The Open Championships will be hosted by the Butte USBC this year. The Women's Championships will be held in Missoula and the Youth State Championships will be held in Great Falls. The host associations have been working to make sure that your experience in their city is a positive one. Remember that although winning is always fun, the actual achievement is that of spending the time with your friends and family as you participate in this sport that you enjoy.

MT USBC UPCOMING ELECTION

The Montana USBC Association will be holding its annual Spring Delegate's Meeting in Butte on Sunday, May 19th at 9:00 am. Positions on the board that will be voted on are 1st 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 Tom Simkins, 314 Adams, Anaconda, Mt. 59711, Phone # 406-563-8473 or email tsimkins_jr@hotmail.com.

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

SILENT AUCTION SET FOR BUTTE IN MAY

By Tom Brendgord

The Montana Bowling Proprietors Association will be conducting a Silent Auction at Star Lanes the final weekend of the Open State tournament, which is also the same weekend as the state Hall of Fame Banquet and the Montana USBC meetings and delegate's election meeting.

The MBPA is attempting to fundraise the extra funds required to send two sets of doubles teams to the International Family Tournament national finals in Columbus, Ohio, in July. They normally are only able to send one set of teams.

Many fantastic prizes will be available. Bidding will be mostly on Saturday, May 18th.

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Hall of Fame Banquet, Delegate's Meeting/Board Election Headline Huge Weekend in Butte May 17-19

By Tom Brendgord

It starts with the Tournament Committee meeting on Friday, May 17th and ends with the Annual Delegate Meeting and MUSBC election on Sunday, May 19th. 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 Butte Plaza Inn in Butte.

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

The inductees for this year are yet to be determined, since this paper was printed prior to the application deadline. 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 one officer position totaling about half of the board. Hopefully, there will be a good turnout in both applicants and delegates.

On My Mind.....

Thank a Senior, Keep Praying For Little's

By Tom Brendgord

I had a birthday the other day—#67 to be exact. When you get to be my age, a person usually doesn't keep track, nor look forward to them, but this one got me thinking about so many others in our industry here in Montana who are close to my age and some even older that are heavily involved in the promotion and administration of bowling. In other words, these senior citizens make bowling better for all of us and do it for the love of the sport. It is time to show our appreciation.



The first one to come to mind is Dan Fix from Missoula. He is the manager and a part owner of Five Valley Center there. The weekend of Feb. 23-24, he conducted a highly successful U.S. Open Qualifier tournament. This event sends a man and woman to their respectful U.S Opens, which are crown jewels of our sport. I hope that Dan doesn't mind me telling on him, but he is 73 years young. Fifty years ago he was winning tournaments like the one that he is now running. That kind of longevity and dedication should not go unnoticed. Thanks Dan. You are truly a living legend.

The next person that comes to mind is Roz Gallup, who is the Montana USBC association manager and lives in Billings. Roz is the only association manager this state has ever had. She went in to that position in 2006 when the merger of all bowling entities occurred. She literally developed a job that had no precedents, a job that most states pay a lot more for than Montana and have a whole staff to do the work. Roz is an accountant by trade and, I might add, a financial wizard. Oh, I forgot to mention that she is in her mid-70's. Most people that age don't even know how to turn on a computer. She can give most people computer lessons.

There are many others. On the Montana USBC board of directors you will find Bert Stiles (Blgs), Ron Curtiss (Libby), Tom Simkins (Anaconda) and Mary Reuter (Gt. Falls). Among bowling proprietors there is Frank Pratt & Steve Westberg (Blgs), Archie Caraveau (Forsyth), Rod Hackett (Gt. Falls), Ken Brubaker (Havre) and Mel Willey (Gt. Falls). I know that I have left out many others. And for those left out I apologize. I don't know everyone's age and it is better to err in caution than to risk offending someone's age unjustifiably.

Anyway, we bowlers in Montana owe these people and others a great deal of gratitude for their unselfish commitment. Despite its size, Montana is a leader in bowling nationwide and the aforementioned people are a major reason for it.

Little's Lanes update

Speaking of Mel Willey, the owner of Little's Lanes in Great Falls, I have an update of my article from December 2012, in which I pointed out the disaster that occurred there in September and the futility that Mel is going through dealing with his insurance company.

Well, the update is that still nothing is happening. I was there in mid-February and saw the center. The lanes are totally unusable with splits and cracks between the wood. The degree of lack of levelness is off the charts. Those lanes were installed used in 1966 making them over 50 years old. They cannot be sanded anymore and need to be replaced.



On My Mind (cont.)

Yet, Mel's insurance company is still being non-committal. The Montana Insurance Commissioner's office has tried to help, but to no avail. It appears that legal action might be Mel's only recourse.

We can only pray that something positive will happen soon for Mel's sake and for the bowlers of Great Falls, who need that center desperately, for it truly is the last best place.

Calendar of Upcoming Bowling Events

- MARCH:** Gary Gerhardt Memorial - The Bowl (Bozeman), March 9-10
Family Tourney State Finals - Sleeping Giant Lanes (Hel), 3/23-24
Youth Traveling League Final Stop - Msla (Westside Lanes), 3/18
Ringin' Ten Classic-Star Lanes, Butte - March 23-24
MUSBC Open Championships-Butte-Mar 16-May 19 (9 weekends)
no bowling Mar 23-24, bowling Easter weekend
- APRIL:** MUSBC Youth State Championships-Gt. Falls-Apr. 6-21 (3 weekends)
MUSBC Women's Championships-Missoula-April 20-May 12 (4 wkends)
- May** MUSBC Board Meeting - Butte, May 18
MUSBC Hall of Fame Banquet - Butte, May 18
MUSBC Delegates Meeting & Election - Butte, May 19
- MAY:** Pepsi YBC State Finals- Sleeping Giant Lanes (Helena) - May 4-5
- SEPT:** Montana.Bowling Jamboree - Livingston, Sept. 20-22, 2013
- OCT:** MUSBC State Seniors - Palace Lanes (Laurel) - Oct. 5-20 weekends

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

RIGHT HAND – LEFT HAND AVERAGE?

By Roz Gallup, MUSBC Association Manager

One tournament rule that is easily misunderstood is Rule 319a concerning a bowler who has a right hand and a left hand average. This happens when an injury occurs. Normally in league play one informs the league secretary and the new average is established and the old average stays on record.

Tournament play is different. Rule 319 states “use the highest 21 game average or composite average”. Our state tournaments do not use composite averages at this time, we use the highest 21 game average as of last season. It is just as it says “highest 21 game average”. It does not stipulate right hand or left hand. So here tournament rules require a bowler to use their highest average from last season, but the bowler had to establish a left handed average due to an injury, which of course, is somewhat lower. He or she plans on entering state tournament and due to a right hand injury must use their left hand. That is when we refer to Rule 4e which is “tournament average relief”.

Permission for the tournament average relief comes from USBC. A player provides the doctor’s certificate describing the injury or disability and the reason for a downward average adjustment. They also require the weekly game-by-game bowling record from each league in which the bowler participates. When permission is granted in writing from USBC, the bowler can then notify the director of the average relief adjustment. The Tournament Manager does not have the authority to grant relief, it must come from USBC first. If one does not do this procedure than they must use their highest average.

This happens with a few bowlers every year. Some just go through the procedure with USBC and have the permission granted with the relief letter. Some call and ask about it. Some just believe that they can come in and use the lower average as long as they bowl with their left hand and, of course, that is not the case. So please keep this in mind if you or anyone on your team has to change hands due to injury or disability and plans on entering a tournament.

Big Changes to MT Pepsi YBC

By Terri Johnson, 2013 YBC Tournament Director
(The following is a modified reprint from Dec. 2012 issue)

The Montana Pepsi YBC tournament is a premier event for Montana youth bowling athletes and will be held at Sleeping Giant Lanes in Helena, May 4-5, 2013. This year, big changes have been adopted by USBC for the Pepsi YBC tournament nationwide. Pepsi has for a long time been both a scratch and handicap youth tournament, but starting this year competition will be solely scratch in all divisions. Another big change is the rearranging of age divisions along with the addition of more divisions. The new format allots for 10 divisions instead of 6 with age breaks at 6, 8, 12, 15, and 20. However for the 2013 Montana Pepsi YBC, only the U8, U12, U15, and U20 age divisions will be used as there were not enough U6 youth bowlers in previous years to warrant the division. An important note, a youth bowler will not be placed into a division based on his/her age as of Aug 1, 2012, instead the bowler will be placed into the age division according to what age they will turn over the course of the year. For example, if a bowler is 15 on August 1st but will turn 16 at some point in the coming bowling year, the bowler would be placed in the U20 division. (See birthdate ranges to check). Other than the new divisions and the elimination of handicap, the tournament will run with much the same format.

MASTER/MASTERETTE’S SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Master/Masterette’s Scholarship Tournament was held at Sleeping Giant Lanes on Saturday, Jan. 19 and Sunday, Jan. 20. There were 66 youth entries in the preliminary qualifying rounds on Saturday - 37 in the Handicap division and 29 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 Riley Corneil (Billings) 239, High Scratch Series to Cordell Bird (Billings) 1194 (6 games), High Hdcp Game was a tie between Cheyanne Hafer (Helena) and Mari Pizzini (Helena) with a 240, and High Series to Dyantha Atwood (Helena) with a 1299 for six games. 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 Kimberly Bolan (Helena).

Scratch Division:	City	Scholarship
1st - Dayton Willoughby	Billings	\$300
2nd - Caylor Cox	Helena	\$200
3rd - Daniel Murphy	Clancy	\$100
4th - Cordell Bird	Billings	

Handicap Division:	City	Scholarship
1st - Mackenzie Mosness	Helena	\$300
2nd - Allison Wiedbusch	Helena	\$200
3rd - Hayden Juvik	Helena	\$100
4th - Colton Lindgren	Helena	

Tourney High Game: Dayton Willoughby 254 (boy), Ali Coster 234 (girl)

Changes to Pepsi YBC (cont.)

The competition format at the state finals will be much the same. Following qualifying rounds on Saturday, the top six bowlers in each of the 8 divisions will compete on Sunday.

The winners of the BU15, BU20, GU15, and GU20 at the state/zone finals will win a berth in their respective divisions to the 2013 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, July 13-19, in Detroit, MI, if they meet the membership requirement for the USBC Junior Gold Program. There they are able to compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.

Please remember: An athlete is not required to belong to the USBC Junior Gold Program to bowl in the Scratch Division. If an athlete wins the U15 or U20 Divisions and he/she is not a Junior Gold Program member, he/she must purchase membership prior to the 2013 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships to advance. If he/she is unwilling to purchase membership, the athlete keeps any awards given from the state/zone, but will not be allowed to advance to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships and an alternate will be chosen.

State Competition will be held at Sleeping Giant Lanes in Helena, May 4-6, 2013. Entries and fees are due April 1, 2013, no confirmations will be mailed out; a list of submitted entrants will be posted on the Helena Association website as are the complete set of rules and entry forms at www.helenausbc.com.

Please make sure your athletes are entered in the correct age divisions or they may be disqualified. Divisions are based on the bowler’s age as shown: U8 - Born 8/1/04 or later; U12 - Born 8/1/00 thru 7/31/04; U15 - Born 8/1/97 thru 7/31/00; U20 - Born 8/1/92 thru 7/31/97.

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 Sleeping Giant Lanes in Helena on March 23-24. The following is a list of those who qualified for state finals advancement.

Western Region

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

1.	Sydney Evjen/Mike Evjen	Msla	1527
2.	Grayson Gunderson/Ron Gall	Msla	1490
3.	Ryan Evjen/Gloria Evjen	Msla	1442
4.	Keidon Reynolds/Don Reynolds	Lolo	1421
5.	Turney & Mike McCullough	Msla.	1420
6.	Ryan Evjen/Mike Evjen	Msla	1376

Parent/Teen Division:

1.	Steven Erickson/Misty Spooner	Lolo	1425
2.	Douglas Yoder/Diane Farra	Msla	1390 tie
3.	Matthew Bolan/Danielle Bolan	Helena	1390 tie
4.	Kimberly Bolan/Danielle Bolan	Helena	1363
5.	Daniel Murphy/Marie Murphy	Clancy	1337
6.	Steven Hanninen/Dawn Hanninen	Msla	1332

Eastern Region

1.	Kelly Feller/Shawn Feller	Hardin	1512
2.	Tharyn Headswife/Diandra Headswift	Busby	1485

Eastern Region (cont.)

3.	Connor Emineth/Krystal Emineth	Park City	1478
4.	Tyler Lawrence/Kristy Emineth	Laurel	1458
5.	Caylor Cos/Tiffany Cox	Helena	1457
6.	Taylor Hess/Michael Hess	E. Helena	1449
7.	Parker Phillips/Kathy Phillips	Billings	1445
8.	Kade Schreiner/Jeremy Schreiner	Laurel	1419
9.	Eli Barcus/Danny Barcus	Billings	1415
10.	Tristen Rodriguez/Jason Johnson	Billings	1409
11.	Kaiden Hess/Michael Hess	E. Helena	1408
12.	Tennille Cihak/Kurtis Cihak	Billings	1406 tie
13.	Colton Marquart/April Dinardi	Billings	1406 tie
14.	Tennille Cihak/Aimee Cihak	Billings	1391
15.	Cierra Sundheim/Barbara Martin	Billings	1389 tie
16.	Casey Borg/Joel Borg	Billings	1389 tie
17.	Tanner Geiss/R.C. Geiss	Huntley	1373 tie
18.	Cierra Murray/Michelle Murray	Billings	1373 tie
19.	Skylar Oak/Michele Oak	Laurel	1369
20.	Rhylee Geiss/R.C. Geiss	Huntley	1366
21.	Elliot Guidry/Chris Guidry	Billings	1362

Parent/Teen Division:

1.	Amber Hoyt/Dean Hoyt	Billings	1460
2.	Keilei Kohlman/Zane Kohlman	Billings	1426
3.	Amber Hoyt/Leanne Hoyt	Billings	1421
4.	Jonathan Ferguson/Charles Ferguson	Hardin	1417
5.	Keilei Kohlman/Heather Kohlman	Billings	1394
6.	Samantha & Terri Dorendorf	Billings	1385
7.	Wyatt Bosch/Aaron Dinardi	Billings	1379
8.	Jennifer Lang/Bob Lang	Billings	1361
9.	Isaac Morgan/Cory Morgan	Billings	1355
10.	Karissa Kohlman/Zane Kohlman	Billings	1350
11.	Dallas Bunk/Dani Bunk	Billings	1347
12.	Dalton Weiss/Mickey Ash-Weiss	Billings	1346
13.	Karissa Kohlman/Heather Kohlman	Billings	1335



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COLUMBUS, OHIO - THE PLACE TO BE THIS JULY

By Tom Brendgord

Last summer I had the privilege to watch in person much of the U.S. Women's Open and Senior Women's Open tournaments in Reno, Nevada. It was awesome to say the least. For those, who have been to the national finals of the International Family Doubles tournament (IFT), you also know what it is like to experience the red carpet treatment and the excitement generated when competing at the top level of any national event.

So one can only imagine what it will be like being in a city that is not only hosting all of the above events, but also the U.S Open (men) and all at the same time. Yes, Columbus, Ohio, is the place to be starting July 20 and ending with the televised finals on July 27. The IFT tournament is slated for Columbus July 25-28.

I can't imagine the looks on those youth's faces when they get to watch and meet the best bowlers in the world. Just being involved with one of those events is an experience you will remember the rest of your life.

This was all put together by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America and probably will never be duplicated again. Kudos to them.

Montana is sending two U.S. Open representatives, one U.S. Women's Open rep, and four IFT doubles teams.

SMART TO DISTRIBUTE EARNINGS TO PROVIDERS

The Board of Directors of SMART (Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins) Corporation will make an income earnings distribution of \$400,000 to providers' funds in the form of a credit before March 4, 2013. This will be their largest distribution since 2008.

The SMART Board's investment policy is designed to invest the largest portion of earned scholarships into fixed income highly conservative and safe securities. The remainder of the assets are invested in a diversified portfolio of securities expected to yield greater returns while still maintaining a highly conservative investment strategy. The SMART fund has shown good returns while maintaining the safety and stability their stakeholders expect.

The United States Bowling Congress SMART program began operation in 1994 as a service offering the bowling community a centralized location to manage bowling scholarship funds as well as providing USBC members with a resource for inquiries about bowling scholarships. In 2010, the SMART Bowling Scholarship Funding Corporation was created as an independent entity dedicated to the management, protection and promotion of the SMART scholarship funds.

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