



GFUSBCA



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Important Announcements

GFUSBCA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held on **April 9, 2016** at Liberty Center. If you want to apply for one of the five positions up for election on the board, then fill out an **application** and give it to any GFUSBCA board member or mail it to the Association Manager.

We will be looking for Applicants for 1st Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Director #1, Director #3 and Director #5. We are also looking for a candidate for the position of Association Manager.

Upcoming Local Tournaments and Events

- ◆ **Apr 9, GFUSBCA Annual Meeting 1:00pm Liberty Center**
- ◆ **Apr 19, Liberty Doubles Shootout Handicap Tournament, 10:00am Liberty Center**
- ◆ **Apr 24, TNT Dynamite Handicap Doubles 9:00am AMF Fredericksburg**
- ◆ **Apr 24, Heard Scratch Sport Tournament, 2:00 pm AMF Fredericksburg**
- ◆ **Apr 30, Bobby Phillips No-Tap Tournament 8:30pm AMF Fredericksburg**
- ◆ **Hall of Fame entry submission deadline, June 1, 2016**

Check GFUSBCA Web Site <http://gfusbc.org/events/events.aspx> for more events



AMF Dale City Lanes Woodbridge



AMF Fredericksburg Lanes

NOTICE OF GFUSBCA ANNUAL MEETING

The Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association will hold its Annual Membership Meeting to discuss association business, any proposals to change association bylaws, elect officers and directors who will lead the association, and elect delegates to the 2017 USBC Convention as well as the Virginia State Bowling Association Annual Meeting.



Meeting Location: Liberty Center (Upstairs Meeting Room)
5801 Southpoint Centre
Fredericksburg, VA 22407
~ (540) 710-7467 ~

Meeting Date: Saturday, April 9, 2016

Meeting Time: 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Registration: Begins at Noon, 12:00 p.m.

This meeting is open to all members of the Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association. You must present your local association (GFUSBCA) membership card to be admitted to the meeting. Only those ages 14 or older may vote.

Direction to Liberty Lanes:

From Dale City...

Follow I-95 S to US-1 S/US-17 S in Battlefield. Take exit 126 from I-95 S. Take ramp to RTE 1 South. Follow US-1 S/US-17 S and Southpoint Pkwy to Southpoint Centre Blvd in Lee Hill. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Southpoint Pkwy. Turn right on to Southpoint Centre Blvd. Liberty Center will be on your left.

Honor Scores

Reported February – March

Bowler	Achievement	League or Tournament	Date
Cornell, Tony	823	AMF Fredericksburg, Merchants' Mixed	March 29, 2016
Rumbaugh, Paul	300	Liberty Center, Wednesday Night Men's	March 30, 2016
Heard, John	300	AMF Fredericksburg, Merchants' Mixed	March 29, 2016
Bowling, Jay	300	AMF Fredericksburg, Merchants' Mixed	March 29, 2016
Simpson, Michael	300	AMF Dale City, DCMMCL	March 14, 2016
Marrero, Jorge	300	AMF Dale City, Original Thu Night Mixed	March 10, 2016
Heard, John	300	3rd Annual GFUSBC Mixed Tournament	March 5, 2016
Myers, Jamey	300	Liberty Center, Wednesday Night Men's	March 2, 2016
Dalton, Jamie	300	Liberty Center, Wednesday Night Men's	February 10, 2016
Rumbaugh, Paul	300	AMF Fredericksburg, Merchants' Mixed	February 9, 2016
Dalton, Jamie	300	AMF Fredericksburg, Merchants' Mixed	February 2, 2016
Campbell, Charles	300	AMF Dale City, DCMMCL	February 1, 2016
Cornell, Tony	11-in-a-Row	AMF Fredericksburg, Merchants' Mixed	March 15, 2016
Turner, Leonard	11-in-a-Row	AMF Fredericksburg, Merchants' Mixed	March 15, 2016
Williams, Eric	11-in-a-Row	AMF Fredericksburg, Friday Nite Early	March 11, 2016
McCay, David	11-in-a-Row	Liberty Center, Wednesday Night Men's	March 9, 2016
Myers, Jamey	11-in-a-Row	Liberty Center, Liberty Eagles	March 7, 2016
Grant, Frank	11-in-a-Row	AMF Fredericksburg, Friday Nite Early	February 26, 2016
Sowers, Sean	11-in-a-Row	AMF Fredericksburg, Friday Nite Early	February 26, 2016
Young, Nicholas	11-in-a-Row	Liberty Center, Wednesday Night Men's	February 24, 2016
Wolfe, Jim	11-in-a-Row	AMF Fredericksburg, Friday Nite Early	February 12, 2016
Myers, Jamey	11-in-a-Row	Liberty Center, Wednesday Night Men's	February 10, 2016
Rush, Jennifer	11-in-a-Row	AMF Fredericksburg, Merchants' Mixed	February 9, 2016
Perdue, Daryl	11-in-a-Row	Liberty Center, Wednesday Night Men's	February 3, 2016
Gallahan, Bryan	11-in-a-Row	AMF Fredericksburg, Merchants' Mixed	February 2, 2016

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AWARD PRESENTATIONS—11TH ANNUAL GFUSBCA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT



Division 1 Team handicap with 2560 Dawn Brown, (George French GFUSBCA President), Debora Lanum, Isabelle Pryor, Gayle Bracy



Division 2 Singles Handicap 758 (George French GFUSBCA President), Ashley Couture



Division 2 Team handicap with 2576 (George French GFUSBCA President), Sherry Bordelon, Shelly Surfer, Joan Campion, Deberia Henningsen

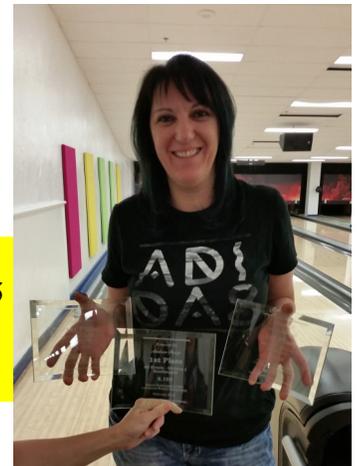


Division 2 Doubles Handicap 1318 Kimberly Metzger (George French GFUSBCA) Rebecca Daniel (Deborah Johnson Hall of Fame Member)



Division 1 Doubles Handicap 1338
Division 1 Singles Handicap 738
Catherine Garneski

Division 1 Doubles Handicap 1338
Division 1 Handicap All Events 2155
Division 2 All Events Scratch 2044
Andrea Sharp



Youth City Tournament Awards

Youth City Tournament Award recipients that were not available when the pictures were taken in February.



Division 2: 1st Place Team
Andrew Sterner, Abigael Tivan,
Omari Ellis, Anthony Picariello



Division 2: 1st Place Doubles
Kenneth Coleman
and Gavin Monroe



Division 1: 1st Place
Singles Handicap—
1st Place All Events
Gavin Monroe



Mullan's Pro Shop

**Steve Mullan, Owner and Operator of Mullan's Pro Shop Liberty Center
Massaponax, Southpoint Centre Boulevard, Fredericksburg, VA 22407**

Mullan's Pro Shop is a Storm VIP Pro Shop. We sell balls from Storm, Roto Grip, Ebonite, Columbia 300, Hammer, Track, Brunswick, DV8, Motiv, Radical, Lane #1 and other great brands. We also sell shoes from Dexter, Storm, and Brunswick. We also sell Gloves, Braces, Towels, shoe covers, Tape, powders and all other kinds of Sundry items.

Services include: Ball Plugging (one hour service), Layout and Drilling, Surface adjustment, Resurfacing, Oil Extraction, Name Engraving and Consultation. We install Thumb Slugs, Turbo Switch Grips, and Interchangeable Thumbs, Finger Inserts, and Ball Static Weight measurements.

Lessons by appointment.

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Fredericksburg Youth League News

15th Virginia State High School Tournament—2016

Fredericksburg Youth Leagues sent 8 teams to the 15th Virginia High School Tournament on 13 March 2016.
The tournament was held at Bowl America Southwest, Midlothian, VA.

Pos	School	Scr	Hdcp	Total	Pos	School	Scr	Hdcp	Total
6	Orange County	3125	1374	4499	24	Riverbend	2776	1266	4244
	Eric Wilson	996	\$165 for Team			Zack Biggs	1000		
	Devin Jobe	1114	\$55 each			Kelly Williams	810		
	AJ Dyott	1016				Jacob Hatfield	1166		
13	Chancellor	3453	912	4365	26	Riverbend	2662	1536	4198
	Rachel Cropp	1044	\$105 for Team			Andrew Sterner	653		
	Pete Oliver	1268	\$55 each			Joey Wilmer	995		
	Kelly Jurkouich	1141				Andrew Young	1014		
15	Colonial Forge	3420	870	4290	27	Spotsylvania	3147	1044	4191
	Caitlin Crandall	1042				Austin Nunnally	1197		
	Nicole Anderson	1190				Shelby Sullivan	897		
	McKayla Lang	1188				James Chase	1132		
16	Mountain View	2248	2040	4288	29	Riverbend	2964	1200	4164
	Garrison Wery	859				Josh Mattice	959		
	Frederick Finch	546				Caleb Mattice	1010		
	Rachel Marlowe	843				Morgan Watkins	995		
21	Riverbend	2742	1524	4266	33	Massaponox	3028	960	3988
	Codie Garrison	796				Cody Abelende	1037		
	Madison Morris	1040				Tessa Hatfield	1020		
	Lenora Leake	906				Josh Eggleston	971		

Individual Awards

High Game Handicap - MaKayla Lang - Colonial Forge - Scratch 265 Hdcp 46 Total 311 \$75
High Game Scratch - Nicole Anderson - Colonial Forge - Scratch 264 \$75

Brackets:

Jaymes Chase \$50 Andrew Sterner \$30
Caleb Mattice \$40 Rachel Cropp \$25
Madison Morris \$25

PEPSI News

Fred City Strikers Youth League is sending 21 bowlers to participate in the State Pepsi Bowling Tournament. All are scheduled to compete on 4/9, 4/17, or 5/1. The tournament will be held at AMF Hanover Lanes, Mechanicsville, VA.

Good luck to all!

*U8 M – Hunter Couture
U10 M – Anthony Picariello
U12 M – Omari Ellis
U12 M – Troy Stoudt
U12 M – Evan Snowman
U12 M – Thomas Marinari
U12 F – Abigael Tivin*

*U15 M – Devin Jobe
U15 M – Caleb Mattice
U15 M – Scott Southall
U15 M – Dylan Perdue
U15 F – Tessa Hatfield
U15 F – Morgan Watkins*

*U20 M – Kyle Mann
U20 M – Pete Oliver
U20 M – Cody Abelende
U20 M – Jacob Hatfield
U20 M – Joshua Mattice
U20 M – Nicholas Brown
U20 F – Nicole Anderson
U20 F – Caitlin Crandall*

Qualifying through the Sports Challenge Tour Travel League are:

U15 M – Kenny Coleman U20 F – McKayla Lang U20 M – Keishon Ellis

2017 USBC Open Championships Rule Changes

We wanted to make you aware of very important rules changes that will take place for the 2017 USBC Open Championships in Las Vegas.

With the move to three divisions, we have changed the requirements for determining the entering average of bowlers for the 2017 Open Championships. The new requirements will use additional data to ensure bowlers are in the correct divisions.

For 2017, participants must use their highest average from the following sources:

- Open Championships tournament average based on most recent 27 games since 2008, adjusted utilizing the USBC Sport Average Adjustment Scale
- Past three seasons of USBC-certified league play

Any league average reported as a Sport or Challenge league will be adjusted utilizing the USBC Sport Average Adjustment Scale

These average requirements likely will require extra planning by teams, but we believe it is important to protect the integrity of the event and do our best to control average manipulation.

Also, in order for teams to bowl in the Classified or Standard Divisions in 2017, we will require teams to set their rosters 14 days before they bowl to allow tournament staff time to evaluate and verify averages. Teams that don't submit rosters will default to the Regular Division.

The USBC Tournaments Team wants to make sure every team has a great time at the Open Championships. We also understand issues beyond your control can arise. If you are unable to submit your roster by the deadline, contact tournament staff and we will work with you to make sure your team or teams are placed in the correct divisions.

To help in reporting the proper entering average, a new version of "Find a Member" now is available on BOWL.com.

The new "Find A Member" function, located [here](#), includes a tab for Championships Average, which shows a member's Open Championships tournament average. This average is based on a bowler's most recent 27 games at the tournament since 2008, adjusted utilizing the USBC Sport Average Adjustment Scale.

Bowlers should use the Sport Adjusted Average for the 2017 Open Championships, if it is the highest average available. We will take average manipulation very seriously moving forward. Any bowler found using an average below the player's ability will be disqualified and subject to suspension charges initiated by USBC.

As a reminder, the Open Championships will have three divisions in 2017, and there are limitations for each division related to doubles and limitations on the number of high-average bowlers on a team:

- Regular Division – Averages of 210 and above. Regular Division bowlers may not compete in Classified Team or Classified Doubles regardless of team composite average.
 - Standard Division – Averages of 181-209. No more than one bowler can have an average of 210 or higher.
- Classified Division – Averages of 180 and below. No more than one bowler can have an average between 181-209.

We appreciate your commitment to the Open Championships and hope you will read the entire FAQ, located [here](#), which discusses the changes for 2017 in detail.

Please remember, while the change in average parameters might change your team's division, it does not force any team to break up or prevent anyone from participating. It simply means you will be placed in a different division. We are committed to taking proactive steps to discourage average manipulation and to prevent teams from managing their averages to stay in a lower division. The new rules are a key part of this objective.

We realize some teams may need to modify their rosters, if staying in a lower division is a priority. We hope you can understand that whatever inconvenience this may cause is in the best interest of the overall integrity of the tournament.

Registration for the 2017 Open Championships starts in early March. Please visit BOWL.com/2017OpenChamp for everything you need to know about the event.



Life in the (inspected) fast lane

Terry Bigham, USBC Communications, Published: March 24, 2016
| Bowl.com

ARLINGTON, Texas - Every sport has its ups and downs. This year's NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament once again has shown us that.

But the only thing athletes want is a level playing field. Sure, one team or one person might "look better on paper" but we know games are contested on perfect fields where ability, and perhaps a little luck, determine the best. In bowling, our playing field is the lanes. Each

year the USBC Equipment and Specifications Team works with associations throughout the country to make sure the playing field is the same for all bowlers as we continue to build a future for the sport. Making sure lanes are set to specifications should be simple, right? Well, it would be easy if all lanes were constructed the exact same way with identical materials. But some bowling lanes are made of wood and others are made of synthetic materials. Those wood lanes, for example, need protection – we're not even talking lane oil yet – and there are several substances that can be applied to keep the wood from being damaged by heavy balls being rolled or thrown on them.

Besides the lane itself, you also would need to check the gutters, the pin deck (where the pins are set), the kick-backs (the sides of the lane at the pin deck), and many other things to make sure a bowling ball rolls the way it is supposed to roll and the pins react the way they are supposed to react.

So how is it possible to check every lane in every center? Well, that's where the local associations step up to help. Each year, USBC local associations visit the bowling centers in their area and use a variety of tools to perform a physical inspection of the lanes.

Because center certifications expire on Aug. 31 of each year, the inspection process usually starts in April with inspectors contacting centers. Associations can inspect the center and give the center operator time to make needed corrections, then re-inspect and certify the center before the center's certification expires. Associations do try to handle their inspection before the middle of June so it can submit the paperwork needed to have a center approved for certified competition.

While the center inspection is detailed, late last year USBC and Lane Analytics took the inspection process a little deeper leading into the U.S. Open with a "comprehensive topography evaluation" was performed on the lanes of AMF Garland Lanes.

To explain what we mean, let's start with that word "**topography**" ... which is the science of elevation mapping or, more simply, showing where things rise, where they dip and where they are flat. If you look at a map, for example, and see ^^^ then you know that is where there are mountains, right?

So now we're back to the "comprehensive evaluation" part of the process. How comprehensive? Well, each board of each lane was inspected and leveled every 42 inches in 18 locations per lane. This basically reduced the severity every dip and every hump on every lane.

If you want to get down to the nitty-gritty technical part of this, each lane was within twenty-thousandths of an inch of flat. That's 0.020 when the standard is +/-0.040.

So why are a center's lanes inspected each year and why did USBC team with Lane Analytics and Bowlmor AMF to do the "comprehensive topography evaluation" before the U.S. Open?

Because it is important for bowlers to know that when they walk into any certified center, they will be competing on a level playing field. **Every sport needs standards, and someone to make sure the standards are followed.**

So the next time you walk into a center, take another look at the USBC Certified Center sticker on the door and take pride in knowing that you, as a USBC member, are helping to build a future for the sport.

USBC revokes certification approval for two Motiv balls: USBC has revoked approval of two Motiv brand bowling balls and removed them from the list of balls approved for competition effective March 15, 2016. The revocation comes after USBC determined that the Jackal and Jackal Carnage balls do not comply with current specifications and requirements in the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications Manual. Click [here](#) for the full news release.

Associations should be aware that Chapter 8 in the USBC Playing Rules book states bowling balls must be on the approved ball list. Any ball not on the approved list is ineligible for use in USBC certified competition. Should a ball that is not on the approved bowling ball list be used in USBC competition, the games in which the ball was used are subject to forfeiture. While this can be a sensitive issue, please work with your league officers and tournament directors on how to peacefully inform bowlers who are using these balls that the balls no longer are approved for use in USBC certified competition.