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Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet Scheduled for May 22



ANNUAL MEETING
& Awards Banquet

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for tickets

Get your FM USBC Banquet
Tickets NOW!

Tickets are \$25 through May 8th and can be purchased online or at any of the local bowling centers. Purchase of tickets for tables of 8 are available for \$175. After May 8th, tickets will be \$30.

Date: Wednesday, May 22nd

Location: Avalon Event Center
2525 9th Ave South in Fargo

The **Annual Meeting** starts at 6:00pm in the Sheyenne Ballroom. (Free to attend)

The **Awards Banquet** begins at 7:30pm in the Dakota Ballroom. (Ticket will be required.)

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual Bowling Association meeting is your opportunity to make an impact on the experience for all bowlers in the area. We will be, and will be voting on several changes to the local bylaws, so we need your input. We will also select new and existing members to the Board. Candidates for next year's Board are: Allison Weckman, Val Olson, Arne Breikjern, Jim Nystul, Lisa Juve and Brianna Lundon. Membership can hear them talk about why these individuals want to be elected to the board. Entry to the meeting is free and only requires that you be a certified member of the FM USBC. Spouses and significant others are welcome to attend but cannot vote. Come out to the Avalon Center on **May 22nd** beginning at **6:00pm**



AWARDS BANQUET

The annual Bowling Association Awards Banquet is a celebration of this year's season, with a delicious meal, a silent auction, certificate presentations for honor scores and Dream Team, commemoration to new Hall of Fame inductees, a tribute to friends who are no longer with us as well as a salute to all things bowling. Come and join the fun beginning at **7:30pm!**

Contact us with comments, suggestions or requests for further information: fmusbc@gmail.com



HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

BECKY UNTERSEHER Legend Category

- Over 25 years of participation in ND State, Women's State and Seniors Tournaments
- Over 15 League championships
- "Becky is probably one of the friendliest players you could ever meet in our sport; always pleasant and cheering on all bowlers."
- Currently bowls three nights each week
- Traveled with her children weekly to attend Junior events and tournaments. Proud parent of children who have excelled at bowling.
- Previously bowled on FM Travelers League, where she was known at "Super Sub"

GARY BENNETT Legend Category

- Over 25 years of participation in ND State and Seniors Tournaments
- Over 35 years of participation in USBC Open National Singles and Mixed Doubles Tournaments
- Bowled multiple times weekly from the early 1960's through 1999, with over 20 League championships
- In 1974, he bowled a 300 game (715 series) during a tournament with his brother, who shot a 299
- Received the 1976 FM Achievement Award for his 300 game
- Five games of 275 or more during his career
- His 300-game ball is set by his graveside in a place of honor

LONNIE THIELBAR Ability Category

- Over 35 years of participation in State and Tournaments, including a 300 game at the 2009 national tournament
- 11 League championships
- USBC Certified 15- 300 games, with an additional six games of 11 strikes in a row and three 800+ series
- As he says, "Many" seasons with a league average of 220 or above and games above 275
- Long time operator of the pro shop at Sunset Lanes



STAN MORLOCK Meritorious Service Category

- Over 30 years of participation in local leagues and tournaments, winning many league championships
- Acted as league secretary starting in 1977 and was active in league administration for over 30 years
- Spent several years coaching Junior leagues
- Won a 24-game marathon tournament in Hillsboro, ND with a "Varipapa 300", throwing 13 strikes in a row over two games

TINA NORDMAN Ability Category

- Over 20 years of participation in local leagues, winning eight championships
- Over 10 years of participation in local, state and national tournaments, and was a four time winner of the ND Women's State Queens Tournament
- Served on the local FM USBC Board for three years
- Coached the Youth Travel Team for three years
- Coached the Moorhead High Junior team for two years



North Dakota USBC members attended the national Convention in Las Vegas in April. Pictured above are (L-R): Jon Sauve, Val Olson, Lisa Perreault, Joan Achtenberg, Allison Weckman, Kayla Voltz, Matt Voltz

I am ALWAYS interested in stories, photos and other miscellaneous bowling-related information to include in this publication. Please help me out by submitting any of your photos, amusing anecdotes or bowling information to me at: arnebee@gmail.com



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Champion of Champions Tournament

FARGO-MOORHEAD USBC 2024 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS TOURNAMENT

Sunset Lanes
620 Hwy 75
Moorhead, MN

\$200.00 ENTRY FEE PER TEAM

SHIFT TIMES:
May 7th - 6:30 PM
May 8th - 6:30 PM
May 9th - 6:30 PM

LEAGUE NAME:	USBCID #	FINAL LEAGUE AVERAGE	OFFICE USE ONLY ENTRY NUMBER
CENTER NAME:			
TEAM CAPTAIN'S NAME:			
TEAM NAME:			
BOWLER INFORMATION NAME:			
1.			
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Entry Fee Per Team: Prize Fund \$125.00, Lineage \$60.00, Expenses \$15.00, Total \$200.00

USBC Certified

Tournament Rules:

- This is a 5-person team event open to each FM USBC League Champion team from their league for the 2023-2024 season. If the League Champion team can not bowl the tournament, the 2nd Place team becomes eligible. Non-USBC certified bowlers are not eligible to bowl in this event.
- There will be one division in the tournament. Women's, Men's, and Mixed leagues are all eligible to participate.
- The event is a 5-member team tournament bowling three games each. Total pins, including handicap, will decide the winner.
- Average for the tournament will be the highest FINAL league average from the 2023-24 season, with a minimum of 21 games. Handicap will be 90% of 220.
- USBC Rule 319 (b,c,d,e) will not be enforced.
- At least two of the entering team's bowlers must be on their roster with a minimum of 21 games.
- Teams from leagues with a playing strength of less than 5 bowlers may add bowlers from other teams in their league. The added bowlers must have a minimum of 21 games in their league and their average must be equal to or less than the composite average of the rostered bowlers bowling the tournament. If a non-rostered bowler's average is higher than the composite of the rostered bowlers, the bowler must bowl scratch.
- Entry fee will be \$40.00 per bowler with it split as follows: Lineage=\$12.00, Expenses=\$3.00, Prize Fund=\$25.00.
- The prize fund will be paid out on a 1 for 3 ratio. Champions will receive a jacket or \$75.
- Use of an average lower than the average required in Rule 4 will be grounds for disqualification. If the bowler uses an average higher than Rule 4 and the error is not corrected by the end of the first game, the bowler will use the higher average for the tournament.
- USBC Rule 322a: A player or team missing one or more frames by not being present and ready to bowl in turn shall begin play with the score to count from the frame then being bowled and will receive zeros for any frames missed.
- Entries close at the start of the last shift of the tournament. Pre-registration is required or a walk-in fee of \$5.00 will be charged per person. Walk-ins are accepted based on lane availability.
- USBC rules pertaining to equipment will be enforced.
- The FM USBC Board of Directors shall decide any questions not covered by the tournament rules.
- Smoking is NOT allowed during the tournament.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS: VAL OLSON (701) 866-4993 OR FMUSBCTOURNAMENT@GMAIL.COM
CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: FM USBC WWW.FMUSBC.COM

League Champions are encouraged to participate win the FM USBC Champion of Champions Tournament at Sunset Lanes on May 7, 8 and 9. Registration forms are on our website [HERE](#).

LEAGUE SECRETARIES!



**TOTAL GAMES
LEAGUE AVERAGE
HONOR SCORES**

As the current league winds down, PLEASE remember to submit your final numbers to the Association Manager. We especially need Honor Scores, so they can be included with the presentation at the Annual Banquet, but we also need final win totals and bowler averages to submit to USBC.

ALSO: Please forward the names of any bowlers that have passed away this year so we can recognize them for an 'In Memorium' section during the banquet.