



BOWLING NEWS

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Why Does The USBC, Intra-Mountain Association and Most Leagues Support the BVL?

- The Bowlers to Veterans Link is a national non-profit charity (501(c)3) which supports America's veteran and active duty service men and women
- Founded in 1942, BVL is the sport of bowling's oldest charity
- BVL is the sport's most successful charity – raising over \$50 million dollars for America's active duty service members and veterans
- BVL is America's only national sports organization specifically devoted to those who have served our country
- The BVL Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and the Bowling Proprietor's Association of America (BPAA)

PROGRAMS

- BVL grants provide arts and crafts programs, music and sports activities, reading materials, board games and much more to help boost spirits, speed recuperation, and improve morale
- BVL supports veterans recuperating in VA Medical Centers, Vet Centers and State Veterans Homes
- Along with the VA, BVL operates one of the longest running mail-in bowling tournaments for veterans – now in its 72nd year



- The BVL helps sponsor six national veterans' recreational events – the Winter Sports Clinic, the Golden Age Games, the Wheelchair Games, The Summer Sports Clinic, the Training/Exposure/Experience Tournament and the Creative Arts Festival
- BVL sponsors the tours of the entertainment troupe "Re-Creation" which performs at VA Hospitals and State Veterans Homes around the country
- BVL supports an on-line tribute campaign to those who have served our country through "Operation: Honor Force"
- BVL responds to veterans in need – recuperating veterans, veterans suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and aging veterans – giving them an outlet for the joy, freedom, and friendship that recreation and sport can bring

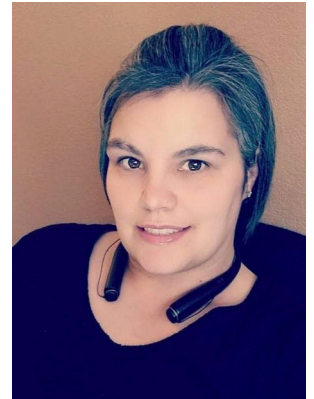
Most leagues support this fine organization thru 50/50 drawings, instead of half the money going to the league's prize fund, once a month the money goes to support BVL. So when someone says they are collecting this week for BVL, please give generously and help our veterans that have given so much to protect our freedom. Thank You so much!

OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Candice Theriot is a new Director on the Board. Her reason for joining is to better serve the leagues. Born and raised in Gretna, LA she moved to the area 20 years ago and works in accounting. She and Brandon Hartness have been together for 13 years and have 3 children: Amry, Christian and Kiley who all also bowl. Candice has been bowling for 20 years and her highest score has been a 234. She bowls on two leagues; the Monday Night Ladies League and Thursday Night Fun Mix. Her dream accomplishment in bowling is to just be consistent.

Nicole Lands is also a new Director on the Board. Her reason for wanting to join the Board is to help in any way she can. Born in Florida, she grew up in Blairsville. She is a Realtor here in Blairville. She and Jeremy have been married for 12 years and have 3 children: Nathanyal, Bryleigh, and Aldyn. Nicole has only been bowling for about 3 years and her highest score has been a 197. She bowls on the Thursday Night Fun Mix League. Her goal in bowling right now is to have a 200+ game.



Coming Events

Intra-Mountain Bowling Association Doubles Handicap Tournament – Saturday, February 15th, 10:00AM, Galaxy Bowling, 104 Backyard Lane, Blairsville, GA. **Entry deadline is Feb. 5th.** Entry fee \$30 per person. Entry forms available at Galaxy Bowling and on their website GalaxyBowling.net

2020 Queens and Senior Queens Tournament – Saturday, February 22 - Sunday, February 23, Marne Lanes Bowling Center, 54 Steele Ave., Ft. Stewart, GA. **Closing date for entries is February 7.** Entry fee is \$55 per person. 160+ Average required to participate. Rules and entry forms are available at gastateusbc.com.

71st Georgia State USBC Open Championship – April 18-19, 25-26, May 2-3, 9-10, Team Center (4-person teams) - Ft. Benning Bowling Center, 8140 Marne Rd., Ft. Benning, GA. Singles and Doubles - Bowlero Columbus, 1636 Bradley Park Dr., Columbus, GA. **Reserved Entries March 15.** Entry fee is \$29 per bowler per event. Rules and entry forms are available at gastateusbc.com.

Georgia Games – July 11 & 12, Bowlero Lilburn formerly “Brunswick Zone Lilburn”, 3835 Lawrenceville Hwy, Lawrenceville, GA. All bowlers who are certified through a Georgia Bowling Association are eligible to participate. Qualifying will be March 1 - April 30 during League Play, and any Sanctioned Tournament held during the current 2019-2020 bowling season. Qualifying is \$3.00.

ATTENTION!

This newsletter welcomes input from all members of Intra-Mountain USBC. If you have an article you would like included on a bowling subject or milestone someone has accomplished, please send your submission to glenda.warren17@gmail.com