



BOWLING NEWS

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There's Still Time To Get Your Tickets!!!

INTRA-MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Looking for extra cash? Our Intra-Mountain Association is giving you a chance to win **\$200 worth of lottery tickets**. Raffle tickets are available at \$2 for 1 or \$5 for 3 tickets. The drawing will be held on October 29th. When filling out your tickets please print your name and a good phone number. To purchase raffle tickets, see one of the Board members: Mel White, Larry Snyder, Tony Lynch, Susan Ganitch, Nicole Lands, Candice Theriot, Miki Rice, Pam Bierce, or Bill Cox.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

We have a **Doubles Tournament** scheduled for **Saturday, November 14**. \$30.00 per person/\$60.00 per team. Starts at 10:00am, with check-in between 9:00-9:30.

Leagues are going well. We are always looking for more bowlers. **Young@Heart** – 14 teams, **Monday Night Ladies** – 6 teams, **Monday Night Men** – 9 teams, and **Thursday Night Fun Mix** – 11 teams.

Young@Heart and the Ladies leagues are looking for one more bowler.

Excitement is in the air.



Next Level Lane Play: Understanding Rule of 31

By Jason McEwen (National Bowling Academy)

Beginner to intermediate bowlers struggle with understanding how to play the lanes, especially when things aren't going well. By now you've found a comfortable place to play on the lanes, but when that doesn't work it can be overwhelming, leaving you guessing what to do next? Understanding rule of 31 are principles every bowler needs to understand to make adjustments and be successful on the lanes.

The rule of 31 in bowling is a simple equation that takes the pattern length, subtracts it by the number 31 and leaves you with where the bowling ball should exit the pattern. For example, a house shot that is put out for most leagues is 40 feet long. Take that 40 and subtract it by 31 and you'll get 9 for the exit point or breakpoint. The number 9 is the board on the lane 40 feet down (pattern length) where the bowling ball will exit the oil pattern and begin to hit friction and hook.

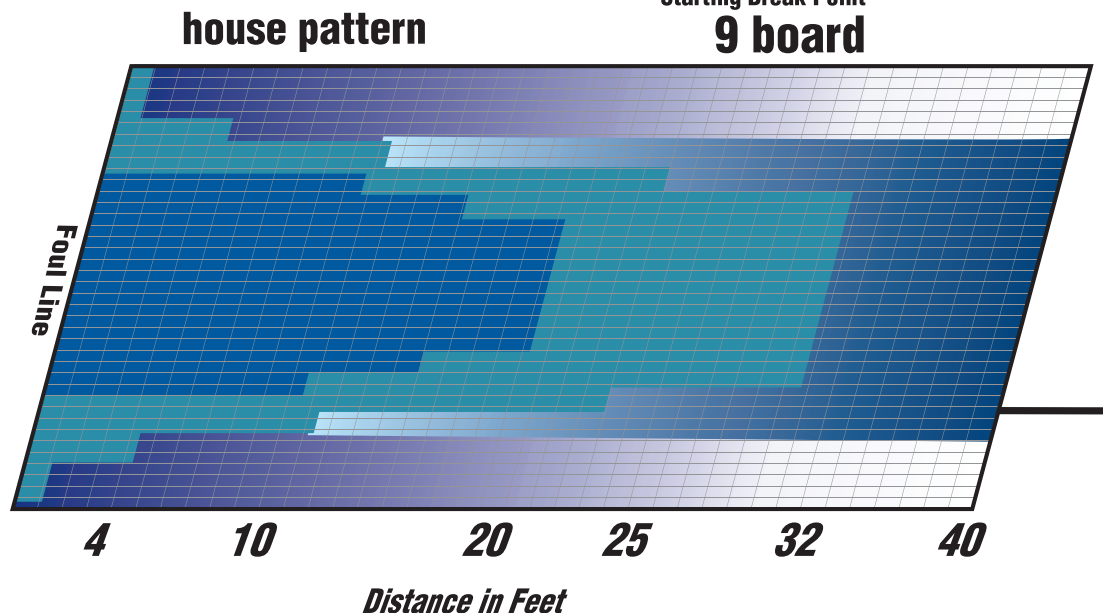
It is important to note that a bowling lane is 60 feet long so if the oil pattern laid down is 40 feet there are 20 feet of bowling lane that has no oil on it initially, with no bowling balls thrown on the pattern. The 20 feet without oil is considered "friction" because where the ball was once sliding on oil on the first 40 feet, the last 20 feet it is grabbing on to the surface of the lane.

A simple analogy for this is to imagine yourself driving on ice, no matter what you do your car will slide because you are on ice. However, once your car exits the ice onto the pavement, it grips the road and you regain control of your car. Knowing the pattern length you are bowling on and the rule of 31 gives you a general idea of where your bowling ball needs to go to get into the pocket.

RULE OF 31

**Oil Pattern: 40 ft
- 31 ft**

**Starting Break Point
9 board**



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 sueganitch@gmail.com