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# The Ten-Pin Tribune

**League Week 14 - Bowling January 31, 2026**

## Parent Announcements

### New This Week

- January 31st starts the second half of the season. We will be presenting our mid-season awards. Please allow extra time this week to celebrate these achievements!
- After much deliberation, we have decided to keep with the 4 person teams. We had several bowlers move up from the bumper league, and we will also be adding 4 new teams.


### The Schedule Ahead

- February 14th will be our Valentine's Day party! There will be candy - and probably ducks! 🦆🦆🦆
- March 7th - Beat Your Coach 9-pin no tap event
- March 14th - No bowling due to a previously scheduled event at the bowling alley



## Weekly League Highlights

### Junior Highlights January 24th:

 **Turkey Towel** - Julian, Julian's Buddy, Axel, Jackson, Ronan, Christian

**High Game Mention** - Vincent bowled a non-bumper 137 game!

**They are moving on up!** - Connor, Emmett, & Vincent will be bowling the 2nd half without bumpers and have been moved up to the junior league!

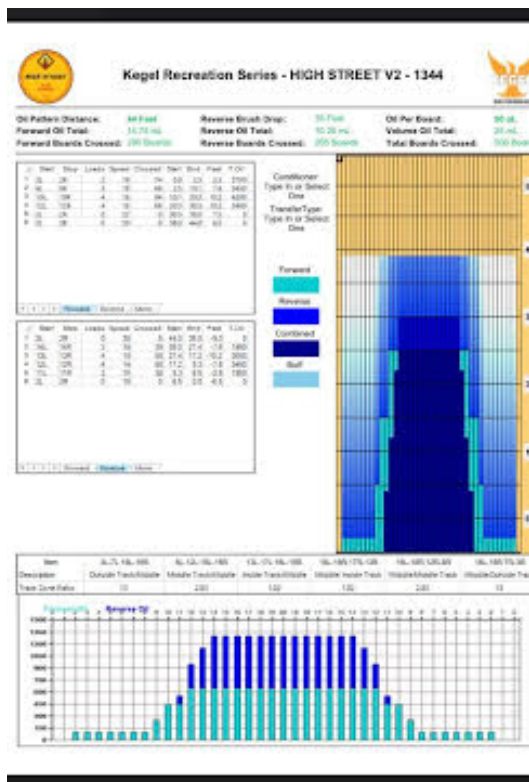
### Bumper Highlights:

**Strike Towel** - Alex, Vincent, Thad, Callan

## Upcoming Tournaments

- Multiple dates in January & February: 2025-26 [Greater Pittsburgh USBC Youth Championship at New Great Valley Lanes](#)
- Multiple dates - REGIONALS - February 15 -March 15 - [PA Youth Scratch Championship & Handicap Scholarship Singles](#)

[See the Junior Bowlers website for additional tournament opportunities](#)



## Coach's Corner

### Oil Patterns

The more time you spend in a bowling alley, the more likely you are to hear complaints about the lanes being "burnt up" or "flooded." Oil is used on the lanes to protect the lanes from damage and influences the movement (hook) of the ball. A **house shot** is an easily playable oil pattern that is the bowling alley's go-to pattern. Lanes are typically oiled before league bowling. Most house shots favor the bowler; there is less oil (re: dry) on the outer part of the lane near the gutter and more oil towards the center of the lane. Simply put, when a reactive bowling ball rolls over a dry part of the lane, the ball will hook and when a ball rolls through a wet part of the lane, it will slide. This allows for a greater margin of error for the bowler. If they miss their mark outside, the ball will roll over the dry part of the lane and hook away from the gutter. If they miss their mark toward the center of the lane, the extra oil in that area will prevent the ball from hooking all the way to the 7-pin (or 10-pin for my lefty friends).

Challenge patterns and sport shots are classes of oil patterns that increase the degree of difficulty significantly by distributing the oil more evenly across the lane. This means that a bowler needs to be more accurate in their targeting and be able to control other variables like speed and ball choice.

## Upcoming Bowling Events at AMF Mt. Lebanon for Spectators

### High School Bowling:

- WPIBL Boys Team Championships - Wednesday 2/11 @ 1:15
- WPIBL Girls Team Championships - Thursday 2/12 @ 1:15
- WPIBL Boys Singles Championship - Wednesday 2/18 @ 1:15
- WPIBL Girls Singles Championships - Thursday 2/19 @ 1:15

### College Bowling (use this link for the full schedule)

- Intercollegiate Singles Championship - March 13
- Intercollegiate Team Sectionals (ITC) - March 14 & 15

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