

TUCSON METRO USBC UPDATE 4/18/2025
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Tucson Metro USBC Masters and Super Senior Masters Update: On the weekend of March 22-23, more than 70 bowlers took part in the two Masters tournaments, which were being held concurrently at Bowlero Tucson. The pattern was Middle Road and bowlers had the opportunity to try the pattern out in the Sweeper Tournament that was held March 16.

A total of 16 bowlers qualified for the Masters two game series, Double Elimination Finals that took place Sunday March 23, and 8 Super Senior Masters (65 and older) bowlers qualified for the one game, Single Elimination Finals held that Saturday, March 22.

Congratulations to Steve Lopez, who won the Masters Tournament, defeating Bryan Van Sickle. Steve came through the losers bracket and won two matches against Van Sickle.

Congratulations to David Majeske, who defeated defending champion, Steve Hiscox, in the Super Senior Masters Final. Majeske also won the Tucson Metro USBC Senior Masters Tournament, held earlier in the 24-25 tournament season.

BVL (Brightening Veteran Lives) In House League Tournament Update: Tucson Metro USBC special In House League Tournament starts April 5, at the four active bowling centers. This tournament is a fun, fundraiser to help benefit the BVL program which helps our veterans. A sanctioned league bowler can enter multiple times in their league during the time frame of April 5 - 19. Cost is \$5 to enter (\$3 for prize fund and \$2 to BVL). A bowler takes their three game league total for that night and respective average. Bowlers can sign up at the front desk at their bowling center.

Pete Tountas: Tucson's bowling family is saddened by the passing of Pete Tountas. Pete Tountas was a pro bowler, winning many PBA titles, including the ABC Masters that was held in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1968. He won Eagles at the USBC Open Championships and his proudest moment was finishing 9th in doubles with his son Mike at the USBC Open in 1988. Pete won many Tucson City and Arizona State titles during his bowling career as well. And is in 4 Hall of Fames for his bowling success.

Pete's other success was his work in bowling, tournaments and leagues in the Old Pueblo. He helped to put Tucson on the national bowling map with his work with the PBA Tucson Open, held at Golden Pin Lanes, making it a staple on the PBA tour from the 70's through the 2000's. Pete also helped to secure the WIBC Championships and Queens Tournament to be held at Golden Pin Lanes as well. With the various leagues, including the Citizen Classic League to name one of many, as well as the junior program at Golden Pin Lanes, Pete helped to build our Tucson bowling family. In 2023, Pete was the proud father, to see his son Mike inducted into the Tucson Metro USBC Hall of Fame.

Pete is up there in Heaven, bowling with the Budweisers and other famous bowling teams, with members such as Don Carter, Dick Weber and Ray Bluth and running Heaven's bowling center. Our condolences to the Tountas family for their loss.

Nancy "Squaw" Kilian: Tucson's bowling family lost a member and dear friend with the passing of Nancy "Squaw" Kilian. For many years, Squaw, as she liked to go by, was a fixture at Fiesta Lanes, bowling in many leagues, including the Ed Faulk Classic, as well as taking part in tournaments there and at other centers, including the 500 Club events, which she was successful in. Squaw also worked at Fiesta Lanes for many years, making new bowlers feel like part of the family as well as being a support to returning bowlers at the Center. Nancy is now up in Heaven, playing bingo and in charge of the front desk at Heaven's bowling center. Our condolences to the Kilian family for their loss.

Tucson Metro USBC Annual Meeting Update: The annual meeting for Tucson Metro USBC will take place Sunday, May 18, 2:00 pm, at the Kaycee Club, 601 S. Tucson Blvd., in Tucson. The election of Board members (information on this website) as well as a discussion on issues at hand and potential proposals will take place at this meeting.

Congratulations:

Derek Tadeo had an amazing two weeks of bowling! On March 18, he bowled 11 In A Row for his first 290 game! He topped that on March 25, bowling his first 300 game, as well as 258 and 247, for his first 800 series, an 805 in the Miller Fun Time League at Bowlero Tucson.

Gustavo Paco, on March 18, bowled a 300 game in the Cactus Mafia League at Cactus Bowl.

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Matt Knapp, on March 20, bowled a 300 game in the Thursday Turkey's League at Bowler Tucson.

Gene Watson, on March 21, bowled an 801 series in the Vegas Here We Come League at Bowlero Tucson.

Shawn Whitelaw, on April 2, bowled 279-279-247, for an 805 series in the Knights of Pythias League at Tucson Bowl.

Luis Ochoa Jr., on April 3, bowled a 300 game in the Vegas Baby Los Bullies League at Cactus Bowl.

Keith Ylvisaker, on April 3, his birthday, bowled a 300 game in the Vegas Baby Los Bullies League at Cactus Bowl.

Brad Bechtel, on April 8, bowled a 300 game in the Monday VIP League at Bowlero Tucson.

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Ryan Scott was on a tear! On April 8, he bowled a 300 game in the Average Joe's League, and on April 10, he bowled 290-239-279, for an 808 series in the St. Joe's League at Cactus Bowl.

Brian Van Sickle, on April 10, bowled a 300-268-288, for an 856 series in the Knights of Pythias League at Tucson Bowl.

John Cook, on April 10, bowled a 300 game in the Knights of Pythias League at Tucson Bowl.

Mike Cicala, who bowled a 299 game in the RTS League on April 3, then on April 10, bowled a 300 in the RTS League at Bowlero Tucson.

Joe Shelton, who bowled a 296 (11 In A Row), as well as a career best 781, in the RTS League at Bowlero Tucson (March 18 and April 2).