

## TUCSON METRO USBC UPDATE

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**CITY AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT UPDATE:** Bowlers from Tucson, Pima County, Southern Arizona and across the state took part in the 81st Annual Tucson Metro USBC City Championships and the 75th Annual Women's Championships, at Lucky Strike Bowl in Tucson, with more than 500 total bowlers (112 teams for the City Championships and 25 teams for the Women's Championships.)

Bowling took place over five weekends for the tournaments which were conducted concurrently. This approach Tucson Metro USBC took gave bowlers more opportunities and dates to bowl in these tournaments and Tucson Metro USBC to conduct them. This idea was devised by Association Manager Steve Harris. The concurrent tournaments were also used for the Senior Open and Senior Women's Championships, that took place at Cactus Bowl, increasing the number of participants for both events. The concurrent events is the model Tucson Metro USBC will be using for the foreseeable future.

Two 300 games were bowled in the tournaments, by Paul Holbrook of Flagstaff and Ken Thurman of Sierra Vista. Shawna Strause, Steve Dekker and Ryan Plasterer bowled 299 games during competition.

Here are the First Place Winners for the 81st Annual City Championships and 75th Annual Women's Championships. (Full results are on the Tucson Metro USBC website and social media platforms.):

81st Annual Open Championships: Team - Division 1, Goal 222 - 3002. Team - Division 2, It's All About Me, 2,977. Doubles - Division 1, Paul Holbrook/Bob Hiser - 1,542. Doubles - Division 2, Rachel Powers/Billie Talley - 1,531. Singles - Division 1, Estephen Gaynor - 864. Singles - Division 2, Billy Young - 809. All Events - Division 1, Estephen Gaynor - 2,438. All Events - Division 2, Stephen McMath - 2,344.

75th Annual Women's Championships: Team - Division 1, Fire Storm - 2,908. Team Division 2, Lucky Ducks - 2,782. Doubles - Division 1, Heidi Woods/Shawna Strause - 1,566. Doubles - Division 2, Alison Makowski/Andrea Makowski - 1474. Singles - Division 1, Shea Clark, 845. Singles - Division 2, Kirstin Kahn, 801 All Events - Division 1 (TIE), Bunnie Colwell and Shea Clark, 2,203. All Events - Division 2, Lin Conkin, 2,244.

Here are the Scratch Award Winners (High games and series) for the 81st Annual City Championships and the 75th Annual Women's Championships:

Team – No Pocket, No Problem - 2803, Sean Nosbusch - 764, Kevin Lewis - 639, Darrell Linton - 686, Rich Miller - 714. Doubles – 1450, Dylan Taylor - 676 / Ron Schloss - 774. Singles – 782, Ken Thurman. All-Events – 2223, Ron Schloss 747-774-702. High Series and Games: Paul

Holbrook - 300, Ken Thurman - 300, Steve Dekker - 299 Ryan Plasterer - 299. William Simonar - 783. Kenneth Thurman - 782. Billie Talley - 780.

Team – Fire Storm - 2652, Heidi Woods - 650, Shawna Strause - 617, Kyndle Farrell - 664, Jessica Nosbusch - 721. Doubles – 1413 Heidi Woods – 709 / Shawna Strause - 704. Singles – 716, Shawna Strause. All-Events – 2037, Shawna Strause 617-704-716 High Series and Games: Shawna Strause - 299, Jessica Nosbusch - 721, Lori Elfont - 720, Shawna Strause - 716, Heidi Woods - 709, Michelle Hunt - 704.

Congratulations to Shawna Strause for winning in all Scratch Awards Categories for the 75th Annual Women's Championships.

Tucson Metro USBC also congratulates Heidi Woods and Bennie Gemello for their induction as the Class of 2025 for Superior Performance into the Tucson Metro USBC Hall of Fame, which the ceremony took place after the final squad of tournament bowling.

**MASTERS AND SUPER SENIOR MASTERS UPDATE:** The pre-Masters and pre-Super Senior Masters Sweeper will take place Sunday, March 16 at Bowlero Tucson, 114 S. Camino Seco. Entry is \$50. This event is to give bowlers the opportunity to try the bowling pattern, Middle Road (ul 50) which will be used for the 45th Annual Tucson Metro USBC Masters and 2nd Annual Super Senior Masters (65 and older) on March 22-23. The sweeper, five games across five pairs of lanes, is a walk-in tournament and is limited to 48 participants.

The Masters and Super Senior Masters (65 and older) qualifying will take place Saturday, March 22, at Bowlero Tucson, with check-in beginning at 9 am and bowling beginning at 10 am. The entry fee for the Masters is \$100, for the Super Senior Masters is \$65. A person who could qualify for both can bowl both for \$150.

Masters will have five games of qualifying, cut to a minimum of 12, based on entries, and will qualify for the double elimination finals taking place on Sunday, March 23.

Super Senior Master participants will bowl four games and the top 8 will qualify for the single elimination final that will take place Saturday, March 22.

For more information about the Sweeper or the Masters or Super Senior Masters, email [am@tucsonmetrousbtc.com](mailto:am@tucsonmetrousbtc.com).

**BVL IN HOUSE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT UPDATE:** With the current situation with Tucson's bowling center under reconstruction and requests made, Tucson Metro USBC will be conducting a special BVL (Bowlers for Veterans Link) In House League Tournament, April 5 - 19.

Tucson Metro USBC sanctioned league bowlers will have opportunities to take part in the tournament during the time frame. Entry is \$5 (\$3 for prize fund and \$2 going to BVL), with

opportunities to enter more than once. It is based on bowlers' three game league scores for that respective league night.

Further information will be online at the Tucson Metro USBC website and social media, as well as the four active bowling centers. For more information email [am@tucsonmetrousb.com](mailto:am@tucsonmetrousb.com).

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Eric Rogers, who bowled his first ever, 300 game, in the Vegas or Bust League at Lucky Strike Bowl on January 6.

Sue Lindgard, who bowled a 300 game in the Villagers League at Cactus Bowl on January 22.

Zach Ramirez who bowled a 300 game in the Awesome Foursome League at Lucky Strike Bowl on January 27.

Delano Coveris, who bowled a 300 game in the RTS Knights of Pythias League at Bowlero Tucson on February 12.

Jesus Batista, who bowled his first ever, 300 game, in the VA Vegas League at Lucky Strike Bowl on February 12.

Carlos Alcantara, who bowled his first ever, 300 game in the Los Bullies League at Cactus Bowl on February 21.

Bruce Coffman, who bowled a 300 game in the Kings and Queens League at Bowlero Tucson on February 24.

Rich Tyler, who bowled a 300 game in the Monday Men's League at Bowlero Tucson on February 24.

Dylan Donohue, who bowled another 300 game, this time in the Monday VIP League at Bowlero Tucson on February 24.

Shawn Whitelaw, who bowled a 300 game in the Awesome Foursome League at Lucky Strike on February 24.

Keith Ylvisaker, bowled a 300 game, his first since his accident in the Los Bullies League on February 25.

Joe Pate, who bowled a 279-287-279 for his first 800 series (845) in the VA Vegas League at Lucky Strike Bowl on February 26.

Todd Thrasher, who bowled a 300 game and 778 series in the Vegas or Bust League at Lucky Strike Bowl on March 3.

Brian Centers, who has bowled two 300 games in the Average Joe's League at Cactus Bowl, the latest on March 3.

Anthony Cruz, who bowled his first 300 game at the RTS League at Bowlero Tucson on March 5.

Frank Buck, who bowled two 300 games: at Tucson Bowl in the Knights of Pythias League on March 5, and the Thursday Turkeys League March 6, and an 800 series in the Thursday Turkeys League at Bowlero Tucson on March 6.

Billie Talley, who bowled a 300 game in the Kings and Queens League at Bowlero Tucson on March 9.