



Hernando County Bowling Newsletter



Hernando County United States Bowling Congress Association Newsletter

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Big News! Bowlero has purchased Spring Hill Lanes

As most of you know, Spring Hill Lanes has been purchased by Bowlero AMF, effective approximately November 15, 2021.

As soon as the deal is finalized, the following rewards will be effective to each league bowler.

- 20% discount off the posted price of all food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases. Each bowler will receive a card that must be used to purchase the food and beverages.
- 10% discount on events. League bowlers can book an event with Group Sales and receive a 10% discount.
- Two Free Practice Games per Week* These will be emailed to each league bowler as a coupon to be used when you redeem your free games. Free practice games may **not** be used Friday or Saturday after 6:00 p.m.

There will be no changes to league prices for the rest of the season. If you wrote checks to Spring Hill Lanes for your bowling, you will continue to write checks to Spring Hill Lanes for your bowling. Any name change to the center will be determined at a later time.

You can expect lineage to go up next year for leagues and tournaments, but how much higher will be announced next year.

It is not yet known if Spring Hill Lanes will be renamed to Bowlero Spring Hill or any other name.

At this time any rumors about Bowlero purchasing Strike City, is all just rumors and speculation, according to Bowlero staff who attended the meeting.

As for the Pro-Shop, there are no current plans to make any changes.

They will probably build another Game room in the center.

Who is Bowlero?

Bowlero Corporation (formerly known as **Bowlmor AMF**) is the largest ten-pin bowling center operator in the world with around 300 centers, almost all of which are located in the United States. The centers have an average of 40 lanes compared to the U.S. bowling center average of 21 lanes.

As of September 2019, Bowlero Corporation is also the parent company of the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA).

The company's main bowling center brands in the United States include its namesake Bowlero, Bowlmor Lanes, and the legacy AMF Bowling brands. The company's U.S. centers represent 7% of the country's 4,200 commercial bowling centers.

Bowlmor AMF was formed in July 2013 when AMF Bowling Worldwide, which had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in May 2012, reorganized and combined with Strike Holdings LLC, which operated the upscale Bowlmor Lanes. The new company was jointly owned by Bowlmor, certain of AMF Bowling's second lien lenders including an affiliate of Cerberus Capital Management, and Credit Suisse. At time of the merger, the merged company operated 272 bowling centers and had 7,500 employees and a combined annual revenue of approximately \$450 million.

As part of the AMF Bowling reorganization, Bowlmor AMF assumed control of AMF Bowling's 50% interest in QubicaAMF Worldwide, one of the largest manufacturers of bowling products in the world. In December 2014 the Qubica founders and partners acquired this interest from Bowlmor AMF.

In July 2014, the company announced that it had agreed to acquire all 85 centers of Brunswick Bowling & Billiards in a transaction to be financed by the sale and leaseback of 58 of the centers to iStar Financial, as well as a term loan. The acquisition was completed in September 2014.

Bowlmor AMF changed its name to Bowlero Corporation on January 4, 2018.

On September 10, 2019, Bowlero Corporation announced it had purchased the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA). While retaining current PBA Commissioner Tom Clark, Bowlero also appointed its Chief Customer Officer, Colie Edison, to the new role of CEO for the PBA. In an interview with Lucas Wiseman, senior editor for the PBA's FloBowling channel, Edison noted that Bowlero had been in talks with the PBA leadership for a number of years, before finally deciding the time was right for the acquisition.

By January 2020, all remaining Brunswick locations were rebranded with either the Bowlero or AMF names.

As of June 23, 2021, Bowlero was in merger talks with Isos Acquisition Corporation, a special-purpose acquisition company (SPAC) led by former WWE executives, to go public through a merger. On July 1, 2021, Isos Acquisition Corporation announced it had officially merged with Bowlero, with the intent to take Bowlero public and list it on the New York Stock Exchange.

Hernando County USBC 2020-2021 Tournaments

National USBC requires each local USBC Associations to hold three Championship tournaments, they are:

1. Women's Championships
2. Open Championships
3. Youth Championships

To bowl in the Association Championship tournaments, bowlers must be sanctioned in Hernando County Bowling Association, so if a bowler from a neighboring association want to bowl in our association championship, then the bowler must pay local association dues, which are currently \$12.00.

The other optional tournaments that we envisioned will not be held this year. Based on the number of entries, or should I say, the lack of entries, we have decided not to run them this year. We are hoping to add them in the future.

Other Local 2020-2021 Tournaments

- Nov 14 / **500 Club - Bring a Friend** / Check-in Noon Bowl at 1:00pm / Spring Hill Lanes
- Nov 28 / **Spring Hill Singles** / 2:00pm / Spring Hill Lanes
- Dec 5 / **1st HCUSBC Youth Invitational** / 12:00 Noon / Strike City
- Dec 12 / **Strike City Santa Sweeper** / 10:00am / Strike City
- Dec 12 / **Spring Hill Christmas Tournament** / 2:00pm / Spring Hill Lanes
- Jan 1 / **Strike City Red Eye** / 10:00am / Strike City

Upcoming State 2020-2021 Tournaments

- Jan 8 - Feb 6 / 53rd Annual Florida State Seniors / Weekends / Spring Hill Lanes

Hernando County Youth/Adult Tournaments

Doubles Division A

Name	Hdc Score	Place	Amount
L.Rendola/R.DoanDoan	1494	1	\$131.50
A.Dipaolo/J.McnealMcneal	1490	2	\$79.00
T.Bisard/G.BisardBisard	1474	3	\$31.00
A.Delucia/M.DeluciaDelucia	1412	4	
B.Carepellucci/E.BinghamBingham	1398	5	
G.McEnerney/C.McenerneyMcenerney	1382	6	
J.Macedonio/C.MacedonioMacedonio	1378	7	
T.Robancho/N.RobanchoRobancho	1376	8	
D.Chaney/H.MorganMorgan	1347	9	
A.Dipaolo/B.DavidsonDavidson	1343	10	
J.Gonzalez/Q.RosetteRosette	1323	11	
K.Delucia/M.MoranMoran	1195	12	

Doubles Division B

Name	Hdc Score	Place	Amount
L.Magrie/D.Formento	1556	1	\$106.00
L.Papillo/L.Papillo	1481	2	\$65.00
I.Appel/M.Appel	1466	3	\$29.00
B.Branham/J.Branham	1452	4	
J.McCalla/J.Cintron	1448	5	
A.Bonacki/L.Bonacki	1365	6	
J.Miller/M.Magrie	1354	7	
J.Mielke/G.Mielke	1347	8	
R.Keelin/R.Keelin	1321	9	
C.Willinsky/J.Sonnenblick	1277	10	

High Game Boy and Girl in Each Division

Bowler Division A	Hgm	
John D. Macedonio, Jr.	294	\$20.00
Gabrielle M. McEnerney	250	\$20.00
Bowler Div B	Hgm	
Larry M. Magrie	287	\$20.00
Audrey J. Bonacki	270	\$20.00

Meet our Bowlers—George Monroe



I was searching for a new vision for the newsletter and wanted to give it a more personal feel. The newsletter was beginning to look like a summary sheet as to how the high average bowlers were bowling. I decided to add a “Meet our bowlers” column, so everyone could get a feel for the types of bowlers we have, how they started and what their history looked like. I decided to interview George Monroe as my first article. He has the same last name as me and I thought that would be a good place to start. Here it is:

George Monroe is a bowler that I have wanted to get to know for quite a while. We have the same last name, but we are not related. George was born in Connecticut on March 14, 1939. He actually began bowling before he joined the Military. He and his friends began bowling in 1952 as a group. He had 5 sisters and one brother. He has outlived all of them. He was married to his wonderful wife Joan for 58 years. Sadly, she passed about 3 years ago. I asked George how he came to live in Florida and he said it was his daughter’s fault. He worked very hard to move his family from Connecticut to Iowa. He was getting settled and they drove to Florida in 1993 to watch his daughters college graduation. This trip to Florida is when his wife told him that their daughter had helped her find a house to buy in Florida. George was miffed, but I guess watching his 4 grandsons, and 2 granddaughters grow up was enough to ease the pain of the move to Florida. George has an approach to the game, that I have never been able to have. Bowl, root for everyone, and enjoy the game. When he had his 300 game, his wife started streamlining, “You did it”. George asked, “did what?”. He never paid attention to the score, just rolled each frame as well as he could, and had fun. What a concept! He has also had a 299, but doesn’t remember when. When I pressed him for his high series, he said he has no idea.

When George was a young man, he wanted to serve his country. World War II was over before he was old enough to sign up. When the Korean war started George enlisted in the Army. He was 17 years old and was assigned to the 2nd Armored Division. He was sent to Cook and Baker school and was trained on the M1 Carbine rifle. The M1 carbine is a lightweight semi-automatic carbine that was a standard firearm for the U.S. military during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He was assigned to Japan, then to Pusan Korea. George went to his commanding officer and said if he was going to be shot at, he wanted to be on the front lines so he could shoot back. His commander finally said OK, and George’s unit was assigned to escort Tanks or steel coffins as they were referred, to the front. George changed his weapon of choice to the BAR. The Browning Automatic Rifle M1918 (BAR or B.A.R.) is an automatic rifle that fired the .30-06 Springfield rifle cartridge. This was a much more powerful weapon than the M1 Carbine. As his unit was heading north, the snow was coming down very hard and the ground was covered. Too late, they realized they were in a mine field, and began to receive heavy enemy fire. George heard a dull thud near his head and knew what it was. He yelled “Grenade” and hit the ground. The grenade exploded and a piece of shrapnel hit him in the neck. He was almost killed and stunned. Soon after, another grenade landed near his leg and did serious muscle damage to his leg. As the battle finally slowed down, George was barely aware of someone taking his boots and other belongings off his body. He called them “Joe Sheets”, a term I have never heard in my 20 years of Army service. Certainly a nicer name than we gave to the North Vietnamese soldiers. Later on, “Joe Sheets” came to his body and tossed it over a cliff. He landed between the cliff and a large boulder that ended up saving his life. When he came to, he heard soldiers marching in one direction, so he began to walk in the other direction, hoping to meet up with his unit. When he was walking for some time, he saw puffs of snow exploding on both sides of him. Through his dazed mind, he knew they were gunshots. He began to run and finally outdistanced the bullets, or “Joe Sheets” just gave up on him. Soon he heard some yelling from above him. He asked them if they were Americans, and they said they were the Field Medical Unit. He told them he was wounded and needed them to come get him and help him. He was put in a cot and the doctors began to work on him. When he awoke, the doctor was looking down at him. The doctor told him that he must have had an angel looking over him. He was told that his Flak jacket had 58 holes in it from bullets and grenade shrapnel. The two steel plates on the sides of the jacket were completely gone. George asked about the others in his unit, and the Doctor told him, that they were all dead. He was the only soldier in his unit that survived. As soon as he was healthy enough to travel, he was taken from the Field Hospital via chopper, then on to Japan, Hawaii, California, and finally Walter Reed Medical Center in Maryland. In Walter Reed, the surgeons did more surgery on his leg. George had to recuperate from multiple gunshots, shrapnel wounds, and severe frostbite on both feet. Like almost all service members that served in combat, they come home with wounds you can’t see. None of his brothers or sisters would come into his bedroom to wake him up. The results were, shall we say, unpredictable at best.

This interview doesn’t really do justice to what George went through for his country. If you see George on the lanes, be sure to thank him for his service to the USA. George Monroe is a real American Hero!

Who says men can't cook?

Whenever my wife is away, she is afraid I will just order pizza or eat junk from a take out place. Well for her information, I almost never go out when she is gone. So here are a couple of my dishes I have cooked up while she was gone. I think she will be impressed. I felt so good about my recipes, I decided to share them with all the bowlers in Hernando County!



Fried Fish



Corn Dogs

Since winter is almost here, I decided to can my own soups. Let me know if you want the receipts.



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