



Hernando County Bowling Newsletter



Hernando County United States Bowling Congress Association Newsletter

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Welcome Back Newsletter!

You may or may not have noticed, the newsletter hasn't been published in over a year. Here is a recap for the majority of changes in the past year or so.

Annual Dues (USBC Sanction Card) The annual fee you pay for your sanction card is broken into 3 parts; USBC National Dues, Florida USBC State Dues, and Hernando County USBC Dues. In 2021, National Dues were \$13.00, State Dues were \$0.00 and County Dues were \$12.00. For the 2022-2023 season, the USBC National dues were raised to \$15.00. This was a planned increase. To get the increase, the National USBC had to propose this at the annual meeting and all of the conventions delegates voted on the raise. The State dues remained at \$0.00. The Hernando County USBC also planned for the National dues increase. When the National Dues increased by \$2.00, the Hernando County Dues were reduced by \$2.00. For the bowler, their sanction card total dues will remain at \$25.00, and if a bowler from another association wants to bowl in our association or league, they only have to pay \$10.00.

Bowlero Spring Hill. The Bowlero Corporation has purchased Spring Hill lanes and renamed it to Bowlero Spring Hill. While the prices have gone up, Bowlero is offering discounts to help offset the increase.

- 20% discount off the posted price of all food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases. Each league bowler receives 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
- Lineage for all leagues has gone up to \$13.00 per week with free secretary fees
- Lineage for all tournaments have gone up to \$12.00 for a 3 game tournament
- Bowlero has invested quite a bit of money in the center, for example;
 - ◆ Replaced old tables with new tables behind each lane.
 - ◆ Replaced scoring machines with Qubica/AMF scorers
 - ◆ Replaced carpeting with tile for easier maintenance and cleaning
 - ◆ Fixed the air conditioning in the Center
 - ◆ Game room has been updated
 - ◆ Bar is being reconfigured

Strike City has not been sold and as of this writing, there are no plans to sell the bowling Center.

- ◆ Strike City is matching Bowlero Spring Hill lineage for tournaments. This makes the bookkeeping for Hernando County tournaments easier to maintain, because the lineage is the same for all of our tournaments.

Hernando County USBC 2023 Tournaments

National USBC requires each local USBC Associations to hold three Championship tournaments; Women's, Open, and Youth Championships.

To bowl in the Association Championship tournaments, bowlers must be sanctioned in Hernando County Bowling Association. If a bowler from a different association wants to bowl in our association championship, then the bowler must pay local association dues, which are currently \$10.00.

- Jan 22 / HCUSBC Youth Invitational / Strike City
- Jan 29 / HCUSBC Open Championship / Bowlero Spring Hill
- Feb 19 / HCUSBC Youth Championship / Strike City
- Mar 19 / HCUSBC Men's Championship / Strike City
- May 21 / HCUSBC Women's Championship / Bowlero Spring Hill

Other Local 2023 Tournaments

- Jan 15 / Ladies 500 Club- Invite-a-Friend / Strike City
- Mar 5 / Ladies 500 Club- 8-pin no-tap Invitational / Bowlero Spring Hill
- May 7 / Ladies 500 Club - Meeting - Lunch - 7-8-9 Pin No-Tap / Strike City

Florida State USBC 2023 Tournaments

- 2023 Landen Memorial Youth Scholarship Tournament - January 14 through January 15 - Jax Lanes Bowling Center (Jacksonville)
- 2023 Florida State USBC Mixed Tournament in Memory of Bob and Connie Peters - March 18 through March 26 - Orange Bowl Lanes (Lakeland)
- 2023 Open State Championship Tournament - May 6 through June 25 - Pin Chasers East Pasco (Zephyrhills) and Pin Chasers Midtown (Tampa)
- 2023 Women's State Championship Tournament - May 20 through June 4 - Coral Lanes (Cape Coral) and Lightning Strikes (Ft. Myers)

National USBC 2023 Tournaments

- USBC Open Championships Mar 4– July 23 National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nevada
- USBC Women's Championships Apr23– July 1 Southpoint Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Nevada

Bowling Ball Death

Bowling ball death describes the loss of performance of a high performance bowling ball where it no longer reacts on the lanes as it did out of the box. You will see a noticeable loss in performance and ball reaction from your bowling ball when a bowling ball has died.

Ball death is a natural occurrence in bowling but it doesn't have to be fatal. Each time your ball rolls down the lane it soaks up oil, like a sponge. This is how it is supposed to work and this is what makes the ball hook on heavy oil conditions. After a time, like 3-6 months of picking up oil and dirt all of the pores in the ball get clogged up and the ball cannot pick up any more oil. Also, as your ball rolls down the lane, the microscopic hills on the surface are flattened out and make the ball smoother, much like a "spare ball" or a plastic ball. When the ball can no longer pick up oil, it begins to skid over the top of the oil and not get any traction. As the ball loses traction, the ball hooks less and less over time, and doesn't have any power when it gets to the pins. It just quits working like it is supposed to and your ball seems dead, i.e. "Ball Death".

The way to revive a ball that has suffered ball death is to remove the oil from the ball and sand it to return the surface of the ball to its original state. There are a few ways to do this:

- Take the ball to your Pro shop and have them remove the oil and resurface the ball to the original out of box surface, or the surface you prefer. This should cost from \$30 to \$50.
- Buy your own personal ball revivor for between \$200-\$300. It sounds a little expensive, but consider the one time price split among all your bowling balls. Also, the rejuvenator will last you several years.
- The dishwasher method could also be used, but you should be careful. Turn off the heating cycle on the dishwasher. Put tape over the finger and thumb holes. Use some simple green detergent from the hardware store. Let the ball cool down naturally. Let the ball air dry for 24 hours before using it.
- The kitty litter method is almost always available to us, especially in the summer. Place about 2 inches of kitty litter in a bucket. Put your bowling ball in the bucket. Cover the ball in kitty litter. Put the bucket in the sun for a couple of hours. The sun's heat should bleed the oil out of the ball and the kitty litter will soak up the oil,
- Under NO circumstance do you put the bowling ball in a regular oven. The lowest setting on a standard oven is about 200-250 degrees. The maximum heat for a bowling ball is 140 degrees. If you put a bowling ball in a standard oven, you will ruin your bowling ball.

I personally recommend sanding the bowling ball with a 500 grit Abralon sanding pad to open up the pores and put some bite back in the bowling ball surface. After the oil is removed from the ball, then sand and polish as desired.

This is a real Bowling Ball Death. This small crack makes the ball unusable and unrepairable. The only place for this ball is the trash.

