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On August 13, 2026 we celebrated our four Hall of Fame inductees and Stars of the Future.

Tournament Season is Here!

Get ready for an exciting year of competition! Explore all the upcoming tournaments and find out how to register. Don't miss your chance to be part of the action!

2026-27 Scholarship Information

It is never too early for high school seniors to think about scholarships for their higher education. See what the Madison Area USBC requires for our scholarship.

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

What a great time to visit our bowling centers. It is great to see so many leagues and bowlers back on the lanes.

There are many new things going on in our Association. First off we have a new Association Manager, Lindsey DesRochers. Lindsey has been on our board for several years now. Previously to the merging of the Associations she was a youth association delegate, participated in youth leagues in the Madison Area USBC, bowled in the high school bowling club, even went to the state tournament as a high school bowler. One of her biggest accomplishments was winning the Queens Title and then beating Chris Pounders scratch in the 11th Frame Challenge between the Queens and Masters titlists that year. Lindsey is definitely the Future of our Sport.

Currently we are working on getting the tournament entry forms ready to go. The Senior Championship entry form has been fully revised and is available now. The Women's and the Open entry forms will come soon. You can see the entry forms on our website. Speaking of our website have you seen that it has gone through an upgrade? It is a work in progress but it is much more user friendly and works on our handheld devices much better. There is more to come but we are liking what the new layout is.

We are getting ready to celebrate our Champions of last season. Our Dinner with the Champions invitations went out and we will be celebrating everyone on October 18 at the Doubletree Hotel on East Washington. It is always an event I enjoy being at. There are always some first time champions and some repeating champions that we celebrate to the fullest. I hope if you received an invitation you will be joining us to celebrate your success!

Other things you will find in this newsletter are hours we will have the office staffed this season, a wrap up of our youth scholarship golf outing, and information on our youth scholarships.

Remember to send your league applications to our office as soon as you can we are ready to them all entered for you.

I hope you're off to a great start of your bowling season and look forward to seeing all the high scores coming in!

Keep Rolling,
Mary Conklin
Madison Area USBC President

TOURNAMENTS



The Best Time of the Bowling Year is Finally Here

There's a distinct shift in energy in the bowling center this time of year. Weekly scores carry a little more weight, team banter gets sharper, and the change in season signals one thing for our local bowling community: city tournament season is upon us!

Whether you've been competing in our local championship for decades or you're considering entering your very first event, tournament season is the heart of our association. It's the time when weekly league routines give way to something larger—a showcase of skill, friendly rivalries, and shared passion for the sport.

Over the coming weeks and months, we'll see new champions crowned, memories made, and high-stakes action across all divisions. Beyond the scoreboard, though, these tournaments are really about celebrating our local community and the bonds built 30 frames at a time.



Get Ready for the Lanes: Next Steps

Check the Schedule: Full tournament schedules and squad times are now posted on our bulletin board and online at <https://madisonba.com/tournaments/>.

Form Your Squad: Talk to your teammates and league mates and assemble your teams for team, doubles, and singles divisions.

Submit Entries Early: Entry forms will be available online in each event's webpage. Be sure to submit yours before early deadlines to reserve your preferred squad times.

Senior Open – Kicking off first!

October 24-November 15
Lake Ripley Lanes

Women's Championship

November 7-21
Viking Lanes

Youth Championship

December 12, 13, & 20 at
Prairie Lanes

Masters & Queens

January 3, 2027
Dream Lanes

Open Championship

January 9-February 7, 2027
Dream Lanes

Grab your gear, gather your team, and let's make this another unforgettable season on the lanes!

ASSOCIATION NEWS

2026 Hall of Fame



On August 13, 2026 the Madison Area USBC honor four Hall of Fame inductees. Chris Pounders, Brian Hoffman, and Rick Erce were inducted for the distinguished performance in our Association. Karine Aslakson was inducted for her Meritorious service.



In addition we honored the 2026 Star of the Futures, Kaylee Kleinheinz and Gavin Vossekuil.

THANK YOU!

The Madison Area USBC would like to thank everyone who joined us for this year's golf outing at Coachman's Golf Course. From the golfers who came out for a day on the course to the volunteers who helped everything run smoothly, we're grateful for the support that made the event possible.

A special thank-you goes to our sponsors and everyone who donated raffle prizes. Your generosity helped make the outing a success and showed just how strongly our community supports local bowling.

Together, we raised **\$3,800**. Thank you to everyone who golfed, sponsored, volunteered, donated, or helped spread the word. We hope to see you again next year!

ASSOCIATION NEWS



2026-27 Scholarship Entries

Senior Bowlers, it is now time to submit your entry for the Madison Area Association USBC Scholarship for 2026/2027. Madison Area USBC awards up to \$5000 in scholarships annually based on the review by the Madison Area USBC Scholarship Committee.

Madison Area USBC scholarships are available to any graduating senior who is a certified member in good standing of a youth bowling program in a Madison Area member center*.

Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited secondary learning institution. This may be a public or private university, junior or state college, business school, technical institute, vocational school, or specialized trade school.

Applications must be completed in full by the applicant, accompanied by two letters of reference, one from a teacher or school official, and your high school transcript.

Start gathering the required documents today to ensure a smooth and timely submission. All applications, including all required documents, must be submitted to the **Madison Area USBC office by February 1st, 2027. NO EXCEPTIONS**



Need Help or Have a Question?

We're here to help! Our office is staffed by volunteers throughout the bowling season.

Office Hours:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

If these hours don't fit your schedule, no problem! Give our office a call at 608.221.0300 or email mba@madisonba.com to arrange a time that works for you.

We look forward to helping you throughout the bowling season!



2026-27 Senior Open Championships

Lake Ripley Lanes, Cambridge | October 24 - November 15, 2026

Age 50 & Over

Any Madison Area member

100% Handicap

You bowl against your own average

\$7,200+

Total prize money last year

Four Weekends | 16 Squads | 2 Squads per Day

Team and Doubles & Singles on every squad, Saturdays 11:30 and 2:30, and Sundays 10:00 and 1:00. Pick the one that fits your schedule.

Handicap is 100% of your 2025-26 composite average from bowl.com.

One prize awarded for every five entries in each event and in each division, with all prize and sponsor money returned 100%.

Competitive Divisions

Team Division 1: 800+

Team Division 2: 799-

Doubles Division 1: 400+

Doubles Division 2: 399-

Singles: 5 Age Divisions

All Events: 5 Age Divisions

Shift Raffles

Cash and bowling ball raffles every squad. Last season you helped raise over \$4,400 for BVL!



This year the ball raffle is featuring a Storm Bowling ball from Phoenix Pro Shop.



Free Ball Drawing

Every team captain is entered to win a new bowling ball from Phoenix Pro Shop.

One ball given away for every 30 team entries.

Entry Fees

Team: **\$25.00** / person

Doubles & Singles: **\$50.00** / person

All Events: **\$5.00** / each

Scratch Events: **\$5.00** / person

Dinner with the Champions

Every division champion and scratch titlist is invited to the annual banquet in the fall of the following season.

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