

MONTANA STRIKE ZONE

Message from the editor

As we move into the second year and 3rd electronic issue of this newspaper now turned newsletter, it has become obvious just how fast the world is moving and how equally unpredictable even the most predictable things have become. Although it would be nice if everyone read every article in this issue, I ask you to please read the Montana USBC articles on page 2 and 3, especially if you are an association manager or bowling association board member. The following is a snapshot of bowling news you will learn and want to know more about.

First, the unpredictable. For the first time in 20 years, a state tournament was held in the Flathead area - the 2019 Women's State. Everyone in bowling was excited for the tournament to go to such a magnificent part of Montana. The state association budgeted for 200 team entries, an increase from a good year the year before, only to have it fall far short of expectations with 146 entries. What did they learn? Maybe the distance was too far or maybe the threat of bad weather or maybe the cost of living in that area was too high. Similarly, the State Senior tournament has been on a roll (pardon the pun) since 2015 with record entries in Billings, Havre, Ronan and Thompson Falls and another record year expected in 2019 in Forsyth, which is easily accessible located right on Interstate 94. Instead of record entries, entries dropped by 16.2% from the previous year in Thompson Falls. It was even lower than the entries in Bigfork in 2012. So, what did they learn? Probably that the northwest and western regions of Montana are more populated with bowlers than the eastern regions of spacious Montana. Distance will always be a factor, but not so much when the event is closer to the population.

Another example of unpredictability is technology. A year ago, the state association had to upgrade to newer and improved tournament software. In order to change with the times, a new server and several new laptops and printers had to be acquired to the tune of nearly \$10,000. Two months into the new system, it was hacked not once, but twice by ransomware, the most malicious of all hackings. The hackers appeared to be international proving that the presidential elections aren't the only victims of the Russians and Chinese. Now the state association is paying handsomely for IT expertise and internet security. Nobody could have seen that coming.

The national USBC isn't letting any grass grow under its feet either. Fallout from Larry Nassar's crimes in U.S. Gymnastics is affecting all amateur sports including bowling. Now all bowling association board members must be SafeSport trained and Registered Volunteer Program certified. Some local associations are refusing to comply and risk losing their charter. A further ripple effect is that the maximum age for youths to stay in youth bowling is being lowered to 18 effective next bowling season.

Nationals just announced it is changing the way it certifies bowling centers starting in 2022 (see page 4 article). This could become huge.

And starting possibly as early as next year, USBC has announced that it will be taking entries for all state tournaments including ours in Montana. At this time there are way too many questions than answers, so please don't ask because I probably don't know the answer.

To coin an old phrase from an old friend, keep smiling and follow through and enjoy this publication.

Tom Brendgord, Editor



Hall of Fame

Shown above is the Montana State Hall of Fame class of 2019. From left to right: Bob Aleksinski, Terry Pearsall and Don White, all from Great Falls.

Also selected, but not in picture: Bob Helmer, Great Falls.

Hall of Fame banquet held at Star Lanes Butte, May 18.



Scholarship Winners

Shown above are the 2019 Montana USBC & Montana Bowling Proprietors Association scholarship recipients. Left to right: Ryan Evjen (Missoula), Skyler Olson (Missoula), Josie Klapan (Butte), Bryana Curry (Helena). Also a recipient, but not in picture: Caylor Cox (Helena) and Sarah Wiseman (Billings)

In addition to the Hall of Fame inductees and scholarship winners that were honored at the Hall of Fame banquet at Star Lanes in Butte on May 18 was the Family-of-the-Year winner - the Applegate Family of Helena, who were presented by Jacki Huff. Unfortunately, no picture was available as of this printing.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

from the: Montana State USBC Board of Directors

ADDITIONAL MONTANA USBC NEWS (NOT MENTIONED IN PAGE 3 ARTICLE)

By Tom Brendgord

The delegate's election that is scheduled for May 17, 2020, at Westside Lanes in Missoula promises to be an interesting one. For the first time since the Montana USBC was established in 2006 there will be four director positions up for grabs that can't be filled by an incumbent. Due to term limits, directors Rich Foran, Robyn Barker, Sandy True and Debbie Martinich cannot run for the director positions that they currently hold. However, they can run for an officer position of which two are also being contested - president and 2nd vice president. Foran is from district #4, which is the Billings and eastward region, Barker is a director-at-large, which is primarily reserved for a proprietor, True is a youth director from district #1, which is the north-west region, and Martinich is a youth director from district #3, which is the southwest region.

The president's position is currently held by Fred Sadler, who will be completing his 2nd term and is still eligible for one more. The 2nd vice president position is currently held by Nancy Collick, who also will be completing her 2nd term and is still eligible for one more.

Board member applications will be available on the website, www.mtusbc.com, and should be sent to Teri Hodges in Missoula, who is the nominating committee chairperson. There are other positions up for election too, but the ones just mentioned are the most noteworthy.

Hall of Fame application eligibility is changing

Another major change adopted at the Fall meeting of the Montana USBC involves the state Hall of Fame. In the past, for a bowler to be eligible for consideration into the state Hall of Fame they had to be already inducted into their local Hall of Fame if their local association had a Hall of Fame. If the local association didn't have a Hall of Fame, then the bowler could apply directly to the state Hall of Fame. Now, that has changed. The Montana USBC board of directors voted unanimously to allow any Montana bowler, who is Hall of Fame qualified, to apply directly to the state Hall of Fame regardless if their local association has a Hall of Fame or not. See the article in the next column for more information regarding applying for the state HOF.

State dues increase being sought

Finally, the state association is going to ask the delegate's to vote on a state dues increase at the delegate's meeting on May 17. Five years ago, the national USBC voted to allow the state associations to increase their dues up to \$5.00. At that time the Montana delegates voted to increase the state dues from \$1 to \$2 and it has been that way ever since. In May the state association is going to ask the delegates to increase dues again, but this time wants to go to the limit by requesting a \$3 increase. That may seem like overkill, but really it isn't. Last year the state association lost \$11,400 and the budget projection for this year is for yet another loss of over \$15,600.

IT costs are overwhelming the state's ability to conduct its state tournaments. A year ago the national USBC upgraded to new tournament software that wasn't compatible with the state's server. Consequently, a new server had to be purchased causing a chain reaction for new computers and printers. Then hackers got into the system causing great loss plus the need for better and more expensive internet security software. The list goes on and on. The bottom line is that the extra expense of running our state tournaments can no longer be handled through tournament entry fees. By increasing state dues to the maximum allowed, dues won't increase again for a long time.

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Hall of Fame Applications

Many bowlers are not aware of the Hall of Fame process here in Montana. Hall of Fame applications can be obtained from MTUSBC on their website, www.mtusbc.com, or from the Hall of Fame committee chairperson, Nancy Collick, through email: nancy.collick@mtusbc.org or by calling 406-439-9855. This application pertains to all men, women and youth candidates, who meet the filing criteria. Contact Nancy or Association Manager, Tom Brendgord, with questions. The deadline for submission is March 1.

QUEENS QUALIFIER IN BUTTE AGAIN

By Tom Brendgord

The Montana Bowling Proprietors Association will be qualifying a Montana woman for the 2020 Queens tournament by again piggybacking with an optional event to the Jeanette Martinich ladies scratch classic at Star Lanes in Butte. The tentative date for the Martinich Classic is February 29-March 1. The 2020 Queens is scheduled for South Point in Las Vegas May 13-19.

This optional feature was available in 2018 & 2019 and will again be available to women, who are Montana residents. By paying an optional entry fee of \$20 they will have the opportunity to win a paid entry into the Queens or Senior Queens if the winner is age eligible. The highest finishing Montanan, who is entered in the optional event, will receive a paid entry into the Queens tournament.

BOWLERO CORP PURCHASES PBA

In September of this year, Bowlero Corp, the world's largest owner and operator of bowling centers, announced its purchase of the Professional Bowlers Association. Under the new agreement, Bowlero Corp establishes itself as the first media company in the sport, dedicated to growing and enhancing the PBA experience. All scheduled tournaments and programming will continue, with plans to build upon key initiatives including the PBA's groundbreaking FOX Sports partnership, featuring enhanced telecasts with new technology and deeper storytelling. Bowlero Corp Chief Customer Officer, Colie Edison, will serve as the CEO; PBA Commissioner, Tom Clark, will continue in that role. Financial terms weren't disclosed.

MONTANA USBC FALL MEETING SUMMARY & STATE TOURNAMENT UPDATES

By Tom Brendgord

The Montana USBC state association had their fall meeting September 21-22 at the GranTree Inn in Bozeman. The following is a summary of the highlights.

This isn't new news, but please be aware of the state association's website, www.mtusbc.com, which is a public website. This website provides a multitude of forms, applications and tournament information that can be downloaded. One item now available on the new site for local association managers is instructions on how to submit **January 1st averages** to the state association manager. January 1st averages are essential and still **required** to be submitted to the state association because even though the Montana USBC is continuing to use the newly implemented state tournament average for all adult state tournaments, those bowlers who don't have 21 state tournament games in the last five years will have to use the higher of their two league averages - last year's average or January 1st. A list of a bowler's updated state tournament average will be available on the website, www.bowlmontana.com within each specific state tournament. If a bowler has an average with less than 21 games, then he/she will have to use their end-of-last-season's average or current January 1st average, whichever is higher. If a bowler has none of those averages, then they will be allowed to use their current average as of the date bowling in the state tournament. **All averages require a 21-game minimum.**

In January 2019, the state association's server was attacked twice by hackers within 8 days causing immeasurable damage and loss. The biggest loss was all of the software information associated with all 2018 tournaments. It took several weeks to recover what was recoverable, but ultimately took a toll that will be felt for years to come. Expensive security software had to be acquired and \$6,000 per year has been budgeted for IT expertise necessary to avoid this happening again.

Before going into the highlights of the Fall MTUSBC meeting, a couple of highlights of the May 2019 Spring meeting need mentioning. First, the delegate's voted to allow Montana **Hall of Fame members to have a vote at all delegate's meetings** beginning with the 2020 meeting on May 17 in Missoula. Second, starting with the 2020 Open, Women's and Youth State tournaments, the **prize ratios will change to 1:5** for each event except All Events and all optional events. **This is HUGE!** Now, more bowlers will receive prize checks than ever before. Third, the **2024 state tournament host locations** were determined with the Open in Butte, Women's in Great Falls, Youth in Helena and YBC in Billings.

The large colorful postcard that displays all state tournament and special event information for the coming bowling season will be mailed again for the 2020 tournaments to all bowlers, who participated in the 2019 tournaments. That is good news.

But there is more good news. A year ago the Montana USBC started accepting credit card payments for entry fees for the 2019 state tournaments - Open, Women's, Youth and Seniors. A PayPal account was established for this purpose. A 3.5% fee had to be charged to avoid losing money in the tournaments. The good news is that fee has been reduced to 3.0% for the 2020 tournaments. The system that was established worked flawlessly and was very effective. Cuedos to Don Warner for his vision and outstanding work developing that system.

Future Montana USBC board meetings include the 2020 Spring meetings and Delegate's election meeting to be held at Westside Lanes in Missoula and the Hall of Fame banquet at the Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown. The 2020 Fall meeting is scheduled at the Springhill Suites in Great Falls on September 19-20.

Information on all 2020 state tournaments and any changes to them are as follows: **(continued in next column)**

The 2020 Open State tournament will be in Missoula at Westside Lanes from March 28 thru May 17 **INCLUDING EASTER WEEKEND** (April 11-12). A Friday shift @ 6 pm will be available starting April 17. There will be three shifts available on all Saturdays @ 11am, 2:30pm, & 6pm and three shifts available on all Sundays @ 8am, 11:30am & 3pm. All shifts will be flex shifts, which means that every event - team, doubles and singles, may be bowled on them at the same time. Entry fees are the same as last year @ \$30 per person per event.

AGAIN this year in the Open, Women's and Youth tournaments: A bowler may enter doubles up to 3 times providing they change partners each time plus they also must enter singles each time. A person may cash only once in the singles. A bowler is allowed to multiple enter in doubles and singles in advance, but will not be allowed to cancel a second or third entry and receive a refund.

The 2020 Women's State tournament will be held in Billings starting April 17 and ending May 10 for a total of four weekends including a shift @ 6pm on every Friday night. Team event will be at Town & Country Lanes with doubles and singles at Fireside Lanes. Entry fees remain the same as last year @ \$30 per person per event. Multiple doubles & singles entries up to 3 times will be allowed the same as mentioned in the Open tournament information. Souvenir pins for the 2020 tournament will sell for \$6, which is \$1 more than in the past. The 2021 Women's State tournament will be in Missoula.

The 2020 Youth State tournament will be held in Great Falls at Little's Lanes from April 18 thru May 3 for three weekends total. All shifts will be flex shifts. Entry fees will be the same as last year - \$20 per person per event for divisions 1-4 and \$15 per person per event for division 5. Division 5 (bantams) will include all youth who are age 8 or under as of August 1, 2019. Bantams will again be allowed to bowl up into higher divisions as well as enter their own division. Anyone reserving 4 team spots or more are required to have all entry forms and fees to the tournament director by or before March 5, 2020. The same provisions that allow adults to enter multiple times up to 3 doubles & singles entries in the Open & Women's tournaments also apply to the youths in this tournament.

The 2020 Pepsi YBC tournament will be held at Sleeping Giant Lanes in Helena on April 3-5. The biggest change to this tournament will be coming in 2021 in Butte when USBC implements its age change for youth bowlers from 20 years of age to 18. This will result in changes not only to the number of divisions, but also to the description of the divisions advancing to Junior Gold in July. For more precise information regarding this year's Pepsi YBC, please go to bowlmontana.com, helenausbc.com or butteusbc.com.

The 2020 Senior State tournament will be held in Cut Bank running for four weekends starting September 25 thru October 18. This includes one Friday night shift each weekend. Future Senior tournaments include Miles City in 2021, Hamilton in 2022, Billings in 2023 and Havre in 2024.

Standing Rules changes made last year that continue to be in effect are no ball cleaner of any kind, including ones marked "USBC approved" will be allowed in all state tournaments, including youth state and YBC. Additionally, **no ball surface changes of any kind** will be allowed once scoring has started. **Any violations will result in immediate disqualification.**

2019 MT USBC Senior State Championships Results - Forsyth, MT

<u>Mixed-Super Senior</u>				28 entries	<u>Super Senior - (Women)</u>				22 entries
<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Prize</u>		<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Prize</u>	
1. Millard Hultgren	Huntley	1397	\$172.50		1. Elaine Lohrenz	Billings	1348	\$169.40	
2. Roxy Caerbert	Bigfork	1353	\$129.35		2. Judy Nevins	Shelby	1344	\$101.65	
3. Ray Cox	Hamilton	1339	\$ 86.25		3. Sharon Smith	Miles City	1342	\$ 67.75	
4. Ronnie Gimnich	Helena	1319	\$ 43.10						
<u>Mixed - A</u>				15 entries	<u>A - (Women)</u>				17 entries
1. Tom Brendgord	Billings	1352	\$140.00		1. Raye Shaw	Whitehall	1363	\$157.00	
2. John Brown	Troy	1337	\$ 91.50		2. Judy Reighard	Sunburst	1340	\$ 78.50	
					3. Ellie Bruner	Great Falls	1332	\$ 26.30	
<u>Mixed - B</u>				19 entries	<u>B - (Women)</u>				14 entries
1. Darrell Reinhardt	Billings	1356	\$132.00		1. Margaret Stoll	Powell, WY	1417	\$130.00	
2. William Alderman	Broadus	1354	\$102.00		2. Lori Buckalew	Billings	1393	\$ 85.60	
3. David Polkow	Billings	1349	\$ 58.60						
<u>Mixed - C</u>				28 entries	<u>C - (Women)</u>				15 entries
1. Karen Bockemuehl	Bozeman	1405	\$172.50		1. Robyn Barker	Missoula	1333	\$140.00	
2. Barry Campbell	Forsyth	1391	\$129.35		2. Marie Murphy	Belgrade	1288	\$ 91.00	
3. Jack Ahern	Butte	1357	\$ 86.25						
4. John Lafko	Laurel	1353	\$ 43.10		<u>D - (Women)</u>				13 entries
					1. Juanita Morehouse	Glasgow	1445	\$120.00	
<u>Mixed - D</u>				17 entries	2. Penny Teeters	Forsyth	1386	\$ 80.20	
1. Monte Haugen	Ashland	1421	\$157.00		<u>E - (Women)</u>				11 entries
2. George Maragos	Billings	1404	\$ 78.50		1. Susan Watson	Hathaway	1368	\$113.40	
3. Rodney Dresbach	Forsyth	1363	\$ 26.30		2. Michell Gantenbein	Helena	1349	\$ 56.00	
<u>Mixed - E</u>				9 entries	Total entries: 208 @ \$15.40 prize fee = \$3,203.20 Prize Fund paid				
1. Glenn Whitewater	Ronan	1404	\$ 93.00		Complete standings are posted on BowlMontana.com				
2. Sam Bruno	Missoula	1368	\$ 45.60						

Senior Tournament Sidenotes

The 2020 Senior National Championships will take place at the Executive Strike & Spare bowling center in Louisville, Kentucky, from July 28-31. As of this printing it appears that most all of the divisional winners in the Montana State Seniors tournament are planning to attend.

Susan Sweatman from Trout Creek, Montana, won the women's 65-69 division at the 2019 USBC Senior National Championships held in Cincinnati, Ohio, in August this year pocketing \$700 in the process. CONGRATULATIONS SUSAN!!! Montana is very proud of you.

The 2020 Montana Senior State tournament will be held at Glacier Lanes in Cut Bank, Montana, which is tentatively scheduled from September 25 thru October 18. Future Montana Senior State tournament sites have been awarded to Miles City in 2021, Hamilton in 2022, Billings in 2023 and Havre in 2024.

National News.....

USBC TO IMPLEMENT TIERED CENTER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Following a recent study of the lane certification process and analyzing data from lane inspections, the United States Bowling Congress determined it will implement a center certification program, featuring tiered levels of certification and a national staff of lane inspectors, over the next five years. Details of the tiered center certification program will be announced at the 2021 USBC Convention. The decision was made by the USBC Equipment and Specifications Committee.

USBC also determined it will not require local associations to perform annual lane inspections as the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications team continues its work to fully develop the program. The decision means all bowling centers will be certified until the national staff begins center certifications in 2022.

Once the tiered center certification program is in place, centers will be inspected and assigned to a tier based on the level it meets in regard to USBC specifications. The decision to make any necessary improvements, based on the results of an inspection, will be left to the center and no longer mandated by USBC.

COMING EVENTS

January: Westside Lanes - 36th Mixed Dbls Calcutta 1/04-05/2020
 Little's Lanes - 40 & Over Scratch Classic 1/04/20
 Little's Lanes - 40/90 Doubles Classic 1/05/20
 Sleeping Giant Lanes - Jr. Masters/Masterettes 1/18-1/19/2020
 Snowy Lanes - Budweiser Hdcp 1/25-2/23/20 weekends
 58th Annual Lucky Strike Lanes Hdcp Invitational; Lucky Strike Lanes (Ronan) 1/11-19/2020

February: Super Bowl Swiss Trio (Msla)-Westside Lanes 2/2/20
 THE "Scratch" Tournament - Lucky Strike Lanes (Ronan) 2/8-9/20

March: Jeanette Martinich/Queens Ladies Scr, Star Lanes (Butte): 2/29-3/1
 6th Annual Great & Greatest: Lucky Strike Lanes (Ronan) 3/7-8/20
 Gary Gerhardt Memorial, The Bowl (Boz) 3/14-15/2020
 60th Annual Mission Valley Women's Invite: Lucky Strike (Ronan) 3/21-29/2020
 Ringin' Ten Scratch Classic - Star Lanes (Butte) 3/21-22/20
MTUSBC Open Championships: March 28-May 17, 2020 (8 wkends + 5 Friday nights starting 4/17 Missoula (Westside Lanes))

April: **Pepsi YBC State Finals:** 4/3-5/2020 Sleeping Giant Lanes (Hel.)
MTUSBC Youth State Tournament: 4/18-5/3/2020 (3 weekends- Little's Lanes (Great Falls))
MTUSBC Women's Championships - April 17-May 10, 2020
 Billings (4 weekends including all Friday nights) Town & Country Lanes (team), Fireside Lanes (dbs/sgls)
 20-Game Marathon - Lucky Strike Lanes (Ronan) 4/4-18/2020

May: MTUSBC Hall of Fame Banquet, Missoula (Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown) 5/16/2020
 MTUSBC association spring board meeting, Missoula 5/16/2020
 MTUSBC Delegate Meeting & Election, Missoula (Westside Lanes) 5/17/2020

October: **Senior State Championships** - Glacier Lanes (Cut Bank) 9/25/20-10/18/20

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

MONTANA STATE 600 CLUB & 500 CLUB TOURNAMENTS

The Montana State 600 Club & 500 Club will hold their annual mail-a-graphic tournaments once again in 2020. The tournament dates are usually around the first two weeks in February. This is a handicap tournament in which bowlers use their scores bowled during their regular league play using their league average as of the date bowled. One of the best things about this tournament is that there is no need to travel in order to participate as well as being inexpensive to enter. Please contact Ginger Ward in Thompson Falls at (406) 827-4597 for more information. Ginger is the coordinator of these tournament for the second year after replacing Ruth Sprankel of Billings a year ago. Please watch for entry blanks in early January.



Youth Scholarship Application Deadline March 1st. Bowling Proprietors and the Montana USBC to Again Share Same Application

By Tom Brendgord

The scholarship application process for the 2019-20 season is essentially the same as last year. Once again the Montana USBC and Montana Bowling Proprietors Association are sharing the same application and that application needs to be submitted as one copy to only one person. The Montana USBC has \$3,500 in scholarships to award and the Montana Bowling Proprietors will be awarding \$2,000. High school seniors in Montana, who have strong scholastics, community service achievements and a willingness to be involved in our sport as well as have a great competitive bowling resume will have a great opportunity to receive college financial support in their future.

After having undergone many changes in the past, the scholarship application is unchanged this year. Pictures are no longer required and also no social security numbers. But gender designation is required. Although it is always admirable to be a youth officer or delegate or assist with state tournaments, points will no longer be given for those accomplishments mainly because not all youth bowlers have the opportunity to participate in those things. A 150-word essay is still required and up to 10 points can be earned.

This application is normally available from your youth program director. For those who don't want to wait, you can download it from mtusbc.com and/or bowlmontana.com, which should be available on either the MUSBC tab or the Youth tab or both. (continued next col.)

There is a March 1st deadline for submitting this application, which again goes to Tom Brendgord in Billings this year. Applications may be mailed, faxed (406-252-3220) or scanned and emailed (tom.brendgord@mtusbc.org). Regardless of how submitted, the March 1st deadline still applies. The following list shows the scholarships that are available through this process.

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| 1 - MTUSBC (boy or girl) High Pts. Scored | \$1,000 |
| 2 - MTUSBC (one boy and one girl) | \$ 750 ea |
| 1 - MTUSBC Harvey L. Pierce (boy) | \$ 500 |
| 1 - MTUSBC Isabel Cummings (girl) | \$ 500 |
| 2 - MBPA/Steve Ryan Memorial (boy & girl) | \$ 500 ea |
| 2 - MBPA/Gary Gerhardt Memorial (boy & girl) | \$ 500 ea |

Eligibility requirements for consideration are:

1. Be a graduating senior.
2. Be a current member of a certified USBC league in Montana and be in good standing for the current season.
3. Have unimpaired amateur standing in all athletic participation.
4. Bowled at least three years in a USBC league in Montana.
5. Not bowled or participated in Adult leagues or tournaments, jackpots, Monte Carlo's etc. **EXCEPTION:** *It is acceptable to bowl an adult singles league/tournament as long as any prize money is sent to SMART.*
6. Plan on attending a college, university, vocational-technical school or other accredited school of higher learning.
7. To be eligible for the proprietor's scholarships, a youth must bowl league in an MBPA member center with a current average of at least 21 games. A list of member centers is shown on the website, bowlmontana.com.

18th ANNUAL BUD ATCHISON JUNIOR RINGIN' TEN SCRATCH INVITATIONAL

By Debbie Martinich

The 18th annual Bud Atchison Junior Ringin' Ten Scratch Invitational was held at Star Lanes in Butte on November 24. This one-day tournament is now comprised of 3 Scratch Divisions: Division A for averages of 165 and over, Division B for averages 134 to 164 and Division C for averages 133 and under. Five-game qualifiers started off the field of entrants with the top-8 high series scorers advancing to their Match-play of 3 games and a position round to determine the FINAL FOUR in each division. The "Eliminator" format, where the top four in each division bowl a game with the lowest score taking 4th place and being eliminated, was used. The next single-game match with the remaining three bowlers takes the lowest score and places them in 3rd place with the 2 remaining bowlers competing in a single-game championship match to determine the winner. All top-8 in divisions A & B and the Top-12 in Division C were awarded a combined TOTAL of \$3,145 in SCHOLARSHIPS. Since the inception of this tournament in 2002, over \$45,000 in scholarships have been awarded. All scholarship money is held in the SMART program.

Division A (Averages 165+)

The "Final Four" matches:

Match 1:

Michael "Q" Hawk	Missoula	183		
Brady Garner	Butte	246		
Hope Bunk	Billings	232		
Lucas Forthofer	Butte	158	4th	\$125 scholarship

Match 2:

Michael "Q" Hawk	Missoula	192		
Brady Garner	Butte	193		
Hope Bunk	Billings	141	3rd	\$150 scholarship

Championship Match:

Brady Garner	Butte	211	1st	\$250 scholarship
Michael "Q" Hawk	Missoula	162	2nd	\$180 scholarship

Other Scholarships awarded: 5th place-Josie Klapan (Butte) \$80, 6th place-Evan Hinds (Helena) \$60, 7th place-Trey Betterman (Butte) \$55, 8th place-Jeremy Gallagher (Cut Bank) \$50.

Division B (Averages 134 to 164)

The "Final Four" matches:

Match 1:

Taylor Hess	Helena	193		
Aryana Rodrigues	Butte	172		
Ethan Oddy	Belgrade	174		
Devin Petersen	Helena	142	4th	\$125 scholarship

Match 2:

Taylor Hess	Helena	150		
Ethan Oddy	Belgrade	146		
Aryana Rodrigues	Butte	145	3rd	\$150 scholarship

Championship Match:

Taylor Hess	Helena	148	1st	\$250 scholarship
Ethan Oddy	Belgrade	136	2nd	\$180 scholarship

(Division B results continued next column)

17th Annual Junior Ringin' Ten results (continued)

Other Division B Scholarships awarded: 5th place-Ethan Lester (Billings) \$80, 6th place-Brek Strobel (Billings) \$60, 7th place-Emily Kendall (Butte) \$55, 8th place-Hailey Hess (Helena) \$50.

Division C (Averages 133 & under)

The "Final Four" matches:

Match 1:

Brooklinn Gelling	Butte	111	4th	\$125 scholarship
Payton Day	Belgrade			135
Alexander Balcerzak	Helena			165
Kaelan Doherty	Butte			174

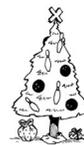
Match 2:

Alexander Balcerzak	Helena			141
Payton Day	Belgrade			175
Kaelan Doherty	Butte	116	3rd	\$150 scholarship

Championship Match:

Payton Day	Belgrade	137	2nd	\$180 scholarship
Alexander Balcerzak	Helena	195	1st	\$250 scholarship

Other Scholarships awarded: 5th place-Sidney Keller (Butte) \$85, 6th place-Arianna Grundhauser (Butte) \$80, 7th place-Jacob Balcerzak (Helena) \$75, 8th place-Acen Martinich (Butte) \$70, 9th place-Kyler Rector (Butte) \$65, 10th place-Caleb Heard (Butte) \$60, 11th place-Samantha VanDyken (Manhattan) \$55, 12th place-Dakota Willman (Butte) \$50.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE MONTANA USBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICE	NAME	CITY
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1 YEAR DIRECTOR	ROBYN BARKER	MISSOULA
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1 YEAR DIRECTOR	DEB MARTINICH	BUTTE
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2 YEAR DIRECTOR	DAVE MARTINICH	BUTTE
2 YEAR DIRECTOR	DON WARNER	MILES CITY
2 YEAR DIRECTOR	RON BOLAN	HELENA
2 YEAR DIRECTOR	PAM BRENDGORD	BILLINGS
2 YEAR DIRECTOR	TERRI JOHNSON	HELENA
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