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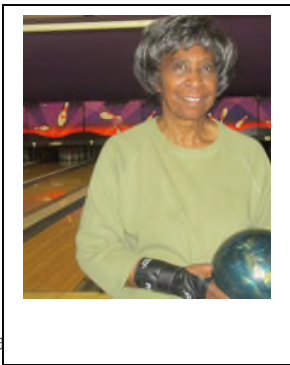
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CT Senior Woman Rolls Record Game



Barbara Ramsey, left, is a 76-year-old senior female bowler who set a Greater Central CT (GCC) local record and most likely a CT State USBC record when she rolled a 300 game at Silver Lanes in East Hartford this past winter. Barbara is a member of the Oldies But Goodies League at the center. It is the only certified mixed senior league in the GCC area. There are several certified senior men's leagues in GCC but all other mixed and women's leagues do not certify. Why is certification important for seniors and all

league who bowl honor scores, like Barbara did, will receive credit in USBC awards associated with such scores on either the local, strata and/or any national levels. In Barbara's case it will be a 300 ring from USBC and a 300 jacket from GCC on the local level. Grandchildren of senior bowlers are eligible for many local, state, and national scholarships (CT State USBC gives out two \$1,000 awards annually). Certified senior bowlers are also eligible to bowl in the CT State Annual Senior handicap tournaments held the last weekend of October. Winners in the various age divisions earn a spot to bowl in the USBC National Senior Tournament held yearly, too. Of course they can also compete in local, CT State USBC, and USBC National handicap tournaments, as well. If your senior league is not certified, these are pretty good reasons to consider doing so next season.

Let's get back to Barbara and her amazing accomplishment. She was averaging in the mid 150's when she shot her 300 in December of 2015. Her career day also included a 675 series. Although there are a few 200 average male bowlers in the league, no one has shot a 300 in the league in years. According to others in the league, 11 of Barbara's strikes were solid pocket hits with only one Brooklyn! A bowler never knows when they will have a record day and Barbara is sure happy she is in a certified senior league. She now has a GCC record and in checking with CT State USBC board members, it appears to be a state record. If anyone knows differently – let us know. In the meantime. We congratulate Ms. Ramsey on a great day of bowling!!!

CT State USBC News

By the time you are reading this, the CT State USBC Open Tournament will have started and the Women's Tournament begins in May. Qualifying rounds for the Pepsi Tournament for youth will be held at Silver Lanes in East Hartford on April 24th and on May 1st at Circle Lanes in East Haven. Come watch these talented young bowlers if you can. The CT State USBC Annual Meeting to be held on July 10, 2016, is at Cielo's Banquet Facility in West Haven at 85 Chase Lane. There is still time to fill out paperwork if you would like to be considered for a director on the CT State Board. There are several openings, but make sure you have Registered Volunteer Program (RVP) clearance from USBC before you can serve.

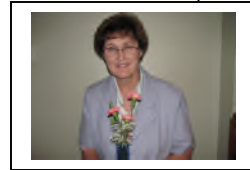
CT USBC 2016 Schedule

- April 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17-CTUSBC Open Tournament at Spare Time Groton Lanes in Groton
- Apr. 2016-Pepsi Youth Tournament- Details, date & location TBA
- May 14, 15, 21 & 22-CTUSBC Women's Tournament at Amity Bowl in Woodbridge, CT
- June 4, 2016-CTUSBC Youth Festival & Awards at Bradley Bowl
- July 10, 2016-CTUSBC Annual Meeting at Italian American Club in West Haven

Captains and bowlers are reminded to follow dress codes & rules for all events to avoid disqualifications.

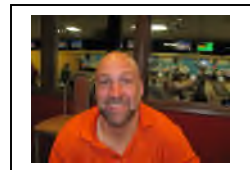
CT State USBC Youth Board Members Pictured

Annie Gallant – Chairperson



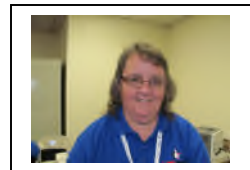
She is a past CT State USBC President, a Vice President of the Eastern local, and longtime CT State USBC member.

Peter Dombrowski



Pete is a GCC Youth Director and a youth coach at East Hampton Lanes

Margaret Shonti



Margaret is a Bradley Bowl youth coach and newest CT State director.

Photos of Bowlers Winning Local Honors



Doug Card
Fairfield



James Dickerson
Fairfield



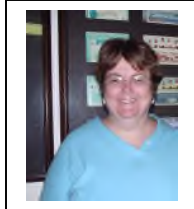
Keith DeMaine
GCC



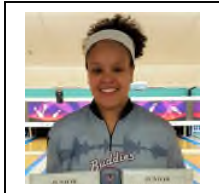
Steve Landry
GCC



Danny Kaye
Fairfield



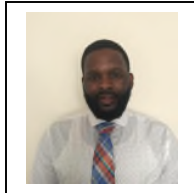
Jan Harrison
GCC



Kayla Bivens
Fairfield



Mike Lichstein
GCC



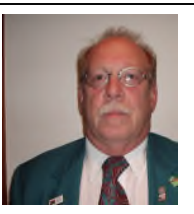
Jon Sellers
Fairfield



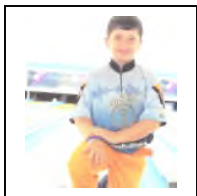
Susan Kogelis
GCC



Monica Schwartz
Fairfield



Tom Gilbert
GCC



Jack Tebeau
Fairfield



Diane Trotman
GCC



Shawna Turner
Fairfield



Kim Higgins - Fairfield

All of the bowlers photographed have won some local honor or award in their local association. Read the column to the right to see what they did.

Local Associations' News

Greater Central CT local (GCC) has announced three members that will enter its Hall of Fame at its upcoming October Annual Awards Dinner. They include Keith DeMaine and Susan Kogelis, for Bowling Ability, and Jan Harrison for Meritorious Service.

GCC also had a new association record series -879- at Laurel Lanes in Plainville by Steve Landry. He rolled games of 300, 279, and 300. The old record was shot in 2010 by Christopher Wood at Silver Lanes in East Hartford.

At its February board meeting, GCC hosted USBC Regional Manager, Ben Brose. Ben spoke to the group about proposed amendments to be presented and voted on at the USBC National Convention in April.

Another GCC record was established at its recent Open Tournament when Mike Lichstein rolled a nine game scratch series of 2390 for singles, doubles and team events. He had two 800 sets and a high 770 series. Mike is in both the GCC and CT State Halls of Fame in the Superior Performance category as is his dad, former pro, Larry Lichstein. He bowled this record at Apple Valley Bowl in Plantsville where the tournament was held.

Tom "Frenchie" Gilbert was chosen as GCC Director of the Year and Diane Trotman was named GCC Secretary of the Year. Both were presented with jackets at the GCC Annual Meeting on March 19th.

Fairfield County USBC has announced four new members into its Hall of Fame. They were inducted on March 5th, 2016 at Cinzano's in Fairfield. All were inducted into the Bowling Ability category. They include Doug Card, James Dickerson, Danny Kaye, and Monica Schwartz.

Fairfield also announced its Bowlers of the Year. Jon Sellers was named Male Bowler of the Year and Shawna Turner took the Female Bowler of the Year honors. Kim Higgins was named Fairfield's Director of the Year. (Photo not available)

Matt Favreau has announced the two Youth Bowlers of the Year award winners for Fairfield County. The boys' winner is 8 year old, Jack Tebeau, and the girls' recipient is teenager, Kayla Bivens.

Fairfield's Annual Meeting will be held on May 1st at Nutmeg Bowl.

Eastern USBC has announced that a new awards program is coming out. Its Annual Meeting will be held on June 10th.

New Haven County USBC will hold its Annual Meeting on June 29th at their New Haven office.