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CTUSBC OPEN TOURNAMENT

The CTUSBC Open Tournament was held at Super Bowl Lanes in Plantsville in April. It was hosted by the Greater Central Connecticut (GCC) USBC local association. The Chronicle presents pictures and happenings from the event. Winners will be posted on the CTUSBC website.



CTUSBC Association Manager, Sue Kogelis, left, signs in bowlers before the start with help from GCC volunteer staff.



Jeff Esakov, top left, poses with CTUSBC President, Annie Gallant. Jeff traveled from New Jersey to roll out the first ball of the tournament (bottom photo) in honor of his father, Dan Esakov. The tournament was dedicated to Dan, who passed away last year. Dan was a past ABC National, CSBA, and CCBA Executive Director and member of the CTUSBC, GCC and Northeast Council Halls of Fame for his Meritorious Service.

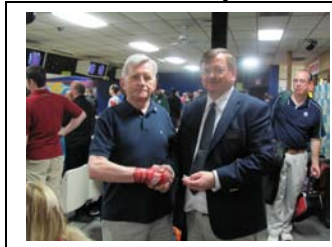


Annie Gallant, right, presents a plaque to Jeff, in honor of the event.

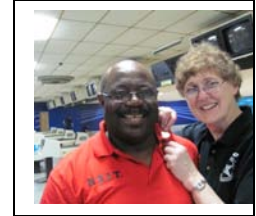
CTUSBC awarded participation pins to bowlers for years of bowling in state tournaments. Some are pictured below.



These 5 Hunter brothers all received 30 year pins from President Gallant. Standing, left to right, are Randolph, Donald, and Henry. Sitting in front from left are Leonard and Larry.



John Kamenitsky, left, receives a pin from GCC Director, Jerry Kowaluk. John has bowled in the state tournament for a remarkable 50 years! He and Jerry are both former CSBA Board Members as well as being in the CT State Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service-John in 1979 and Jerry in 2007.



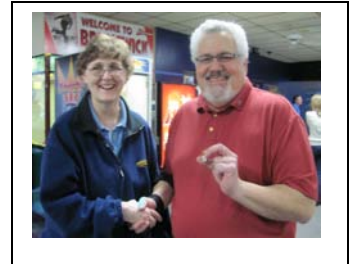
Donald Williams receives his 30 years pin from President Gallant above.



Stephen Spencer got a 25 year pin in photo above as did Dave Kyle, below left, from Jerry Kowaluk., for his 20 years of state tournament bowling.



President Annie Gallant presents CTUSBC 1st Vice President, Joel Reichen, his pin for 25 years bowling in the states.

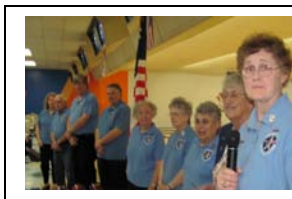


CTUSBC SCHEDULE

June 26-CTUSBC Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon-Fantasia's-North Haven

CTUSBC Women's State Tournament Opening

The CTUSBC Women's State Tournament opened at Saybrook Lanes on May 7th. Below are photos from the day's events.



CTUSBC President Annie Gallant, right, introduces some state board members.



President Gallant holds the ribbon for Barbara Bates, right, to cut.



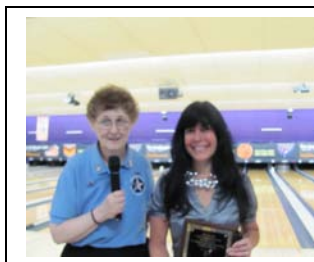
The Nutmeg Volunteer Jr. Ancient Fife & Drum Corps play the national Anthem.



Some members of the hosting, New London WBA, are presented.



Linda Donahue, a NLWBA bowler, throws out the first ball of the tournament and receives a plaque from President Gallant. She even rolled a strike!!



L. to r., Darlene Ridolfi, Susan Stollner, and Beverly Figlar, received participation awards for 20, 25 & 35 years, respectively.



Left, NLWBA President, Dolores Voelker, presents Elizabeth Siegel a pin for 25 years in the tournament.



The two presidents, Dolores and Annie, cut the cake celebrating the fourth year of the merged CTUSBC State Women's Tournament. Don't forget to sign up next year if you missed this year's event. Look for details of all tournaments in The CT Chronicle newsletter or the CTUSBC website. Try it - you'll like it!

Top Honor Scores in State Open Tournament



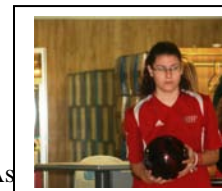
Nicholas Mele



Anthony Valentine

The two young men pictured above rolled some of the top scores in the CTUSBC Open Championship Tournament held in April at Super Bowl Lanes in Plantsville, hosted by the Greater Central Connecticut (GCC) USBC local. Pictured on the left is Nicholas Mele, a GCC bowler, out of Bradley Bowl in Windsor Locks. He rolled a 299 game. Others bowling 299 honor scores include Steve Fiume from GCC, and Thomas Hansen from the Southeastern BA. Hansen also bowled the only scratch 800 series in the tournament - a fine 807. On the right is Anthony Valentine who bowls in the Greater Danbury USBC local. Anthony had a perfect 300 game. Other 300's were rolled by Stephen Lynn and Roger Miskolczi, both of New Haven USBC. Throwing 11 in a row for 290 scores were Vic Marotto of New Haven and Dave Patterson and Joshua Young, both of GCC. To all of these bowlers-CONGRATULATIONS! For complete and final results of both the Open and Woman's Tournament, held in May, go to the CTUSBC website.

SACRED HEART BOWLER WINS AWARD



held its National Awards Banquet in Taylor, MI in April where it named Nicole Trudell, in photos above, as the Division I Rookie of the Year. Nicole is a freshman on the Sacred Heart Team. The college is located in Fairfield, CT. The award goes to a bowler who has demonstrated, despite minimal experience, potential to make significant contributions over the course of a four-year career.

Nicole was a dominant newcomer, earning the Northeast Conference Rookie of the Year after winning the NEC Rookie of the Week five times and Player of the Week once. She was a first-team all NEC selection. She made All Tournament Teams in 2 of 6 tournaments, handling the anchor position by season's end. Her 205.5 average was the 8th best for the 601 NCAA bowlers! She is from Coventry, RI.

Nicole is coached at Sacred Heart by Becky Kregling. Becky has won many bowling championships and awards in CT and the nation, and is in the CTUSBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance.