

Rob, Traci Gustke Lead the Way as Association Tournament Ends

MARCH 31, 2025 – High scores were the order of the day on Sunday as the 18th Annual Genesee Region USBC Association Tournament came to a close at Rose Garden Bowl in Bergen and Le Roy Legion Lanes.

Rob and Traci Gustke, members of the Pizzaland Doubles League at Legion Lanes, led the way in Doubles & Singles competition at Rose Garden Bowl.

First, Rob combined with Scott Culp, who bowls in the Mancuso Real Estate Monday Doubles League at Mancuso Bowing Center, for a 1,534 score to win the **Open Doubles** event. He then followed that up with a tournament-best 793 series – all scratch – in the **Open Singles** event.

The 255-279-259--793 eclipsed the 780 rolled on March 23 by Rob Husted, a league bowler at Rose Garden Bowl.

His wife, Traci, who rolled an 833 series earlier this season in the Pizzaland Doubles League, placed first in the **Women's Singles** event with a 702.

Both Rob and Traci also placed first in **Open and Women All-Events**, respectively, with Rob knocking down 2,269 pins – six more than runner-up Shayne Herold – and Traci amassing 1,986.

In **Women's Doubles**, Karen Allis and Jane Chaddock successfully defended their title by recording a 1,258 score – 25 pins more than Cathi Fournier and Karen Henry.

In **Open Team** competition at Legion Lanes, the Thursday Special team of LeRoyans Shayne Herold, Rob Panepento, Rick Howe and Mickey Hyde led the way with a 2,749 score – 39 pins better than the Le Roy-based Nothnagle Realty team.

First place in the Open Team division pays a guaranteed \$1,000.

In the **Women's Team** event, Pretty Sweet Bakery, comprised of Oak Orchard Bowl, Albion bowlers, tops the standings with a 2,346 total. Team members are Emily Cassidy, Pamela Jenks, Judy Ward and Sarah Cassidy.

Individual high scratch games:

288 – Shayne Herold, Shawn Hurlburt.

287 – Scott Culp.

286 – Rob Husted.

279 – Gustke, three times; Chris Bailey.

Another highlight of the tournament was the **conversion of the 7-10 split** by Brian Green of Batavia while bowling in the Doubles event on Saturday at Rose Garden Bowl. The Genesee Region USBC is adding \$750 generated through fundraisers and a portion of expense fees to the prize fund. Morgan Tackentien of Arcade won the Hammer Raw Hybrid bowling ball.

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Buckley, Sheffield, Cobb win No-Tap Triples

MARCH 15, 2024 -- The team of Katie Buckley, Robb Sheffield and Rodney Cobb combined for 2,514 with handicap to place first in the Genesee Region USBC No-Tap Triples Tournament on March 8-9 at Perry Bowling Center.

Bowling on the last of six squads, Cobb led the way with an 815 series while Sheffield and Buckley added 695 and 641, respectively. The victory was worth \$780.

Forty-four teams competed -- just four short of the maximum number. Perry bowlers dominated, taking nine of the 11 cashing spots.

Final standings:

Katie Buckley-Rob Sheffield-Rodney Cobb 2514 \$780
R Smith-Jeff Wolinski-Brady Weber 2419 \$450
R Smith-Jeff Wolinski-Brian Weber 2340 \$360
Nate Tackentien-Ryan Naylor-Curtis Hoffman 2279 \$255
Kipp Comstock-Heather Forrester-Mike Chenaille 2220 \$195
Eric Sickles-Sean Sickles-Matt Hurlburt 2190 \$180
Katie Buckley-Tina Burger-Rodney Cobb 2173 \$165
Ayden Jones-Rich Covell-Orlando Jones 2147 \$150
Nate Tackentien-Kyle Tackentien-Curtis Hoffman 2139 \$135
Dennis Van Duser-Ryan Naylor-Scott Briggs 2139 \$135
Tony Farruggia-Zach Farruggia-Mark Washburn 2135 \$120

Mount Morris trio wins GR Youth Team tourney

FEBRUARY 6, 2025 -- The team of Jacob Salamone, Jackson Bennett and Jerami Kane combined for a 1,968 total with handicap to win the Genesee Region USBC Youth Team Tournament on Sunday at Mancuso Bowling Center.

1 – Jacob Salamone-Jackson Bennett-Jerami Kane, Mount Morris, 1,968, \$100 scholarship and trophy each
2 – Sarah Wilson-Jeffery Wilson-Trea Nickerson, Mount Morris, 1,944, \$25 scholarship each
3 – Jacey Wagner-Emily Maloy-Maddy Bourg, Mancuso's, 1,870, trophy each
4 – Colby Calmes-Liam Beagle-Hudson Klein, Le Roy Legion Lanes, 1,865
5 – Sarah Ingersoll-Robbie Hickmon-Omer Fugate, Oak Orchard, 1,839
6 – Blaiklyn Elmore-Owen Elmore-Zaiden Gray, Rusty Rail, Oakfield, 1,833
7 – Lucas Rolfe-Blake Young-Evan Phillips, Rose Garden, 1,829
8 – Sarah Wilson-Jeffery Wilson-Riley Mantegna, Mount Morris, 1,819
9 – Wyatt Bourg-Kayson Johnson-Caleb Green, Mancuso's, 1,810
10 – Brett George-Matthew LaPiana-Gianna LaPiana, Mount Morris, 1,808
11 – Daniel Neus-Matthew Neus-Dom LaPiana III, Mount Morris, 1,781
12 – Violet Shisler-Ashlynn Shisler-Elianna Shisler, Mancuso's, 1,767
13 – Shyann Covell-Kiara Hughes-Dom Forrester, Perry, 1,757
14 – Hunter Clark-Gavin Slocum-Dillin Goulet, Perry, 1,710
15 – Jordyn Henning-Mason Schramm-Henry Sanchez, Mancuso's, 1,668

Eleven youth bowlers earn scholarships at the GR Adult-Junior tourney in Albion

JANUARY 31, 2024 -- Eleven Genesee Region USBC youth bowlers earned scholarships through the annual Adult-Junior Tournament on Jan. 25-26 at Oak Orchard Bowl in Albion. Forty-one teams participated in the event that featured competition in 12-and-Under and 13-and Over divisions. Scholarships will be submitted to each youth bowler's SMART account associated with the United States Bowling Congress. Results are as follows, with youth bowler listed first:

12 & Under (15 entries)

Wyatt Bourg/Matt Bourg, 1,149 -- \$200 scholarship
Sutton Clark/Erica Granger, 1,430 -- \$125 scholarship
Robbie Hickman/Bill Hickman, 1,393 -- \$100 scholarship
Sarah Ingersoll/Dave Ingersoll, 1,345 -- \$50 scholarship
Jerami Kane/Jamie Watson, 1,331
Owen Elmore/James Elmore, 1,325
Bentley Forrester/Mike Chenaille, 1,322
Jameson Liles/Jane Chaddock, 1,312
Sebastian Stritzinger/Curtis Foss, 1,291
Silas Stock/Rob Gustke, 1,272
Kayson Johnson/Nick Johnson, 1,266
Matt LaPiana/Chad LaPiana, 1,236
Connor Washburn/Mark Washburn, 1,226
Kayson Johnson/Nick Johnson, 1,201
Colby Calmes/Justin Calmes, 936

13 & Over (26 entries)

Dominic LaPiana/Tim LaGeorge, 1,407 -- \$275 scholarship
Grayson Standish/Ben Lennox, 1,388 -- \$175 scholarship
Gianna LaPiana/Dave DiSalvo, 1,382 -- \$125 scholarship
Brett George/Chris George, 1,369 -- \$100 scholarship
Riley Mantegna/Jason Neus, 1,368 -- \$75 scholarship
Sarah Wilson/Holly Wilson, 1,358 -- \$60 scholarship
Jeffrey Wilson/Jeff Wilson, 1,349 -- \$30 scholarship
Bailey Hickman/Greg Gilman, 1,317
Shyann Covell/Richard Covell, 1,315
Matthew Neus/Joni Neus, 1,283
Trea Nickerson/Rick Pernicone, 1,281
Omer Fugate/Reid Cole, 1,280
Emily Maloy/Karen Allis, 1,274
Dom Forrester/Matt Hurlburt, 1,272
Jackson Bennett/Anthony Drum, 1,271
Trea Nickerson/Mike Kime, 1,270
Hunter Clark/James Clark, 1,241
Evan Phillips/Frank Jarkiewicz, 1,232
Elianna Shisler/Timothy Shisler, 1,232
Maddie Bourg/Megan Bourg, 1,228
PJ Stritzinger/Melissa Metcalf, 1,228
Ashlynn Shisler/Timothy Shisler, 1,214
Daniel Neus/John LaGeorge, 1,197

Tim LaGeorge finishes strong to win GR Scratch Memorial, joining dad and brothers

JANUARY 6, 2025 – With his dad cheering him on, 22-year-old Tim LaGeorge of Retsof became the fourth member of his family to capture the Genesee Region USBC Scratch Memorial crown on Sunday afternoon at StrikeForce Lanes in Oakfield.

LaGeorge defeated former champion Adam Philp of Batavia, 267-234, in the title match to claim the \$650 first prize in the annual event that began years ago as the Perry Bowling Association's premier scratch singles event.

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The two-hander finished with a flurry – posting a 267 in the final game of the semifinal round to make the five-bowler stepladder finals and adding games of 234 and 242 in the stepladder round to earn the right to meet the top-seeded Philp.

“I had to do it at some point,” said LaGeorge, who joins his father, John (2000-2001 season), and brothers Justin (2002-2003 season) and Matt (2015) in the Scratch Memorial winners’ circle.

In his senior year at St. John Fisher, majoring in Sports Management, LaGeorge said he used the Roto Grip RST X-1 ball in the semifinals and finals.

The tournament, which drew 67 entries, was contested on the Kegel Gateway Arch challenge oil pattern.

It is the first tournament victory for LaGeorge, who said he started out as a two-hander at the age of 5 or 6. He said quit the sport for several years, taking it back up when he turned 18. He said he is averaging around 215 in the Wednesday Night Classic League at Mount Morris Lanes, where he bowls with his father.

Philp, the reigning Super Bud Bowl champion, earned the No. 1 seed with a 911 total in the four-game semis. He earned \$340 for his second-place finish. Mickey Hyde of Le Roy (899) was the No. 2 seed, followed by LaGeorge (878), former champion Brian Weber of Perry (866) and Geoff Harloff of Batavia (854).

Weber opened the stepladder finals with a 221-192 win over Harloff before LaGeorge topped Weber, 234-146, and Hyde, 242-211, to advance to face Philp. In the title match, LaGeorge started with a triple, spared in the fourth frame and then strung six in a row to hold off Philp, who finished with five consecutive strikes.

Hyde pocketed \$225 for third while Weber won \$195 and Harloff \$170.

Mike Pettinella of Batavia, this season’s Senior Masters champion, rallied to finish sixth with an 832 score (\$150). Other cashers, in order of finish, were Don Parrott of Warsaw, Roger Allis of Medina, Scott Shields of Batavia, Brian Cline of Middleport, Jim Foss of Medina, Rick Pernicone of Dansville, Paul Bacon of Lockport, Zach Farruggia of Mount Morris, Rich Wagner of Batavia, Keith Nugent of Portageville and Kevin Gray Sr. of Honeoye Falls. Bacon claimed the \$25 bonus for posting the high four-game qualifying score of 918.

Morgan Allis, Andy Ritz team to win GR No-Tap Doubles Tournament

DECEMBER 18, 2024 -- Morgan Allis of Medina and Andy Ritz of Lockport combined for a 1,675 three-game score to win the Dec. 14-15 tournament's \$600 first prize.

Ritz recorded an 812 series (remember, nine or 10 pins on the first ball equals a strike) and Allis posted a 773 series, including a 300 game, for 1,587 scratch. Toss in their 90 pins handicap to get 1,675.

Two teams tied at 1,664 and will split the second and third place money of \$316 and \$200. They were the Oakfield father-son duo of Jeremy (801 scratch) and Peyton Yasses (803 scratch) and the team of Ricky Daniels of Albion (818 scratch) and Tim Talbot of Barker (807 scratch). Both Daniels and Talbot registered perfect games.

Remaining cashers are as follows:

- 4 – \$146 -- Naomi Hyde/Mickey Hyde, Le Roy, 1,654.
- 5 – \$138 -- Gavin Lawlis/Ian Lawlis, Batavia, 1,647.
- 6 – \$132 -- Shannon Popovich, Barker/Austin Carpenter, Middleport, 1,639
- 7 – \$122 -- Dan Daniels, Albion/Tim Talbot, Barker, 1,638
- 8 – \$116 -- Samantha Hyde/Tom Rohl, Le Roy, 1,613
- 9 – \$110 -- John Wolff/Bill Neubert, Batavia, 1,582
- 10 – \$106 -- Juliana Allis/Mike Schepis, Medina, 1,557
- 11 – \$98 -- Marc Wilder/Gary Kuchler, Oakfield, 1,546
- 12 – \$92 -- Brandon Luce/Haley Luce, Oakfield, 1,525
- 13 – \$86 -- Zach Moden, Medina/Frank Jarkiewicz, Byron, 1,523.

Le Roy, Perry teams capture Youth Doubles titles

DECEMBER 13, 2024 -- Twenty-two teams participated in the Genesee Region Youth Doubles Tournament on Dec. 8 at Mancuso Bowling Center in Batavia.

FINAL STANDINGS

A DIVISION (250 AND OVER)

- 1 – Liam Beagle/Hudson Klein, Le Roy, 1,340, \$100 scholarship and trophy each
- 2 – Hunter Clark/Gavin Slocum, Perry, 1,323, trophy each
- 3 – Daniel Neus/Matthew Neus, Mount Morris, 1,289, trophy each
- 4 – Jerami Kane/Trea Nickerson, Mount Morris, 1,203
- 5 – Gianna LaPiana/Matthew Neus, Mount Morris, 1,191
- 6 – Blake Young/Evan Phillips, Rose Garden, 1,190
- 7 – Jacob Salamone/Jackson Bennett, Mount Morris, 1,181
- 8 – Riley Mantegna/Dom LaPiana III, Mount Morris, 1,165
- 9 – Sarah Wilson/Jeff Wilson, Mount Morris, 1,161
- 10 – Matthew LaPiana/Daniel Neus, Mount Morris, 1,159
- 11 – Lucas Rolfe/Evan Phillips, Le Roy, 1,150
- 12 – Kiara Hughes/Shyann Covell, Perry, 1,145

B DIVISION (249 AND UNDER)

- 1 – Bentley Forrester/Dom Forrester, Perry, 1,251, \$100 scholarship and trophy each
- 2 – Wyatt Bourg/Kayson Johnson, Mancuso's, 1,200, trophy each
- 3 – Matthew LaPiana/Gianna LaPiana, Mount Morris, 1,173, trophy each
- 4 – Sarah Ingersoll/Omer Fugate, Oak Orchard, 1,129
- 5 – Sarah Ingersoll/Robbie Hickman, Oak Orchard, 1,116

Pettinella captures third Genesee Region USBC Senior Masters

Press release:

NOVEMBER 2024 -- Batavia's Mike Pettinella became the first three-time champion of the Genesee Region USBC Senior Masters Tournament on Saturday, defeating fellow GRUSBC Hall of Famer Tom Rohl of Le Roy, 237-160, in the title match at Mount Morris Lanes.

The victory was worth \$360 plus a free entry into next month's GRUSBC Scratch Memorial Tournament for the 69-year-old right-hander, who also is the oldest competitor to win the event.

Pettinella now has five Senior Masters' titles – two in the Batavia Bowling Association (2003, 2005) and three in the GRUSBC (2009, 2011, 2024) – along with three second-place finishes.

After starting with 193 and 189 in the three-game qualifying round, it didn't look like Pettinella, local journalist and bowling columnist, would make it to the next round. It took a 268 third game, including a closing string of seven strikes, to hit a 650 total – just enough for him to advance.

A member of the MOTIV Bowling team, he said a switch to the MOTIV Crimson Jackal to begin the third game of qualifying was a turning point in the tournament.

In the two-game quarterfinals, Pettinella's 430 was good for the fifth spot – with the top six advancing – and in the one-game semifinals, his 247 tied with Rohl to put him in the three-person stepladder finals along with Rob Manners of Rochester, who posted 234.

Pettinella defeated Manners, a 52-year-old righty, 216-160, before facing the 51-year-old left-hander Rohl for the title.

Rohl, who was looking to join Batavians Paul Spiotta and Fred Gravanda as the only bowlers to win a regular Masters and Senior Masters, earned \$250, while Manners pocketed \$150.

Bowlers advancing to the semifinals, winning \$120 each, were defending champion Rob Gustke of Rochester, Paul Bacon of Lockport and Kevin Gray Sr. of Honeoye Falls.

Gustke led the qualifying round with a sparkling 809 series, highlighted by a 299 third game.

Eight bowlers eliminated in the quarterfinals earned \$70 each. They were Don Parrott and Brian Weber of Perry, Pat Donaghue of Pittsford, Gregg Wolff and Spiotta of Batavia, Reid Cole and Tim Talbot of Albion and Jim Hunt of Piffard. Parrott rolled 749 and Donaghue registered 716 in the qualifying round. The tournament drew 47 entrants.

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75 & over

Bernice Maloney, Mount Morris, 640 series, \$120

Bonnie Wass, Warsaw, 627, \$100

Beth Krueger, Piffard, 625, \$53.

70-74 – Betsy Linsner, Piffard, 587, \$90.

60-69 – Deborah Hurst, Wyoming, 646, \$120

Christine Bovee, Dansville, 616, \$100

Lisa Granger, Silver Springs, 569, \$53.

50-59 – Mary Lou George, Dansville, 657, \$90.

49 & under – Vanessa Hurlburt, Gainesville, 669, \$180

Judy Wright, Silver Lake, 626, \$120

Sarah Cassidy, Albion, 625, \$80

Heather Forrester, Perry, 624, \$51.