



2024-25 GRUSBC ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Greetings league secretaries, officers and representatives. We hope that you've had a pleasant summer and also that you're getting ready to embark on another league bowling season as members of the Genesee Region USBC.

In case you missed it, we had a wonderful season-ending Annual Banquet & Awards Ceremony on May 11 at Batavia Downs Gaming, where we inducted brothers Tim and Tom Rohl into the Hall of Fame for their bowling achievement and awarded the Barbara J. Kreiley Memorial Scholarship to Benjamin Sputore.

Also at the banquet, the membership voted in favor of a \$1 dues increase for 2024-25 – with that dollar staying in the Genesee Region USBC to enhance the service we provide to our membership. Previously, the USBC national office in Arlington, Texas, announced that it would not be increasing their portion of the membership dues for at least two more years.

Our membership increased by 12 percent from 2022-23 to 2023-24 and we're hoping that upward trend continues.

The board of directors is working on the tournament schedule for this season. We can announce that the annual Association Tournament is scheduled for **March 21-23, 28-30 at Le Roy Legion Lanes (Team) and Rose Garden Bowl in Bergen (Doubles & Singles).**

The 2025 Annual Banquet & Awards Ceremony is scheduled for May 10, 2025, again at Batavia Downs Gaming.

A complete tournament schedule will be posted on our website – www.bowlgr.com – in September, and entry forms will be emailed to league secretaries and distributed to bowling centers.

We have two new directors – Matt Bourg of Alexander and Troy Fanton of Kendall. A list of officers and directors can be found on our website.

1 – MEMBERSHIP DUES

Standard dues: \$25 – with \$15 going to USBC National, \$9 to Genesee Region USBC and \$1 to New York State USBC.

Adult Basic dues: \$15 – 16 weeks or less -- same as last season. **Please note that a bowler must pay the \$15 for EVERY SHORT SEASON LEAGUE HE OR SHE BOWLS IN.** Therefore, it would make more sense for a bowler to purchase a **Standard membership for \$25 just once – which covers all leagues – instead of two Adult Basic memberships.**

Note: If a bowler bowls in both a regular and short-season league in the GRUSBC, the **Standard** dues fee is **\$25.**

Note: If the member starts in a short season league and paid the \$15 Adult Basic fee, and then joins a full-season league, the additional fee would be **\$10** to upgrade to the **Standard** membership.

Local Only Adult dues: \$9 – an increase of \$1 from 2023-24.

Youth league membership dues are **\$11** per bowler – with \$4 going to USBC and \$7 to GRUSBC.

2 – WHO NEEDS TO PAY THE MEMBERSHIP FEE?

ALL who bowl in a league in the GRUSBC are required to pay a fee – whether it is \$25, \$15, \$9 or (for youth, \$11).

Subs are not exempt from paying a membership fee, even if he or she only bowls one game! It is the secretary's responsibility to collect the sanction fee and complete the membership application BEFORE the bowler participates.

We will be obtaining league average sheets at the midway point of the season (January) and will be contacting secretaries with bowlers who have not paid the membership fee. Please make sure that all bowlers, including all subs who have bowled at least one game, are listed on the league average sheets.

Furthermore, we ask that secretaries submit their league sanction application, sanction cards and check made out to GRUSBC within 15 days after the start of their league – as required by USBC.

Also, as a courtesy, please submit the cards in alphabetical order by last name and remember. Your league bowlers DO NOT have to fill in the league name at the bottom of the card UNLESS they are certifying in another league.

Also, very important – please ask your bowlers to make any corrections on their pre-printed membership applications (cards) and to print legibly, especially when it comes to email addresses.

PER USBC, ALL CARDS MUST HAVE AN ACCURATE DATE OF BIRTH OR THEY WILL NOT PROCESS THEM.

3 – LEAGUE PRESIDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

A note to league presidents: It is your job to make sure a bank account is opened in the name of the league, that all funds are deposited promptly by the secretary (treasurer) and that the account is verified with a bank statement each month. If this is not done and there is malfeasance re: funds, your league will not be fully bonded by the USBC.

4 – AWARDS PROGRAM

The GRUSBC will be continuing its generous Awards Program. Information about the program is included in your packet. Director John Wood – jgwood@rochester.rr.com -- has put much time and effort into this program, so you are urged to participate by going to our website and using the award submission form.

We will continue to offer Hats and T-shirts for specific achievements, but only one hat or T-shirt per person per season.

5 – HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

We have included nomination forms for the GRUSBC Hall of Fame – both in achievement and meritorious service categories. If you know of someone you believe is worthy of induction, please complete the form and/or contact Hall of Fame Committee Chair Jerry Davis at jarvis85@hotmail.com.

Thank you.

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