

Gladys Ford Senior Tournament Results

NOVEMBER 16, 2020 -- Bonnie Willey of Geneseo took top honors in the Class AA (75-and-over) division of the 35th Gladys Ford Memorial Women's Senior Singles Tournament at Livingston Lanes in her hometown, rolling the highest three-game series of the event.

Willey's total of 676 enabled her to take the top prize in the age group, \$150.

Carole Flicker of Lakeville was second at 661, winning \$100. Other cashers were Dawn Bertrand, Wyoming, 656, \$80; Bonnie Wass, Warsaw, 628, \$50, and Joanne Reed, Livonia, 596, \$30.

In Class A (70-74), Bernie Hotchkiss of Mount Morris placed first with 607, good for \$85.

In Class B (65-59), Betsy Flint of Portageville was first with 596 (\$85).

In Class C (60-64), Marian Gerhardy of Albion was first with 634 (\$85), followed by Dawn Luckenbach of Caledonia, 626 (\$57).

In Class D (55-59), Penny Brown led the way with 633, winning \$85, and Lisa Granger of Silver Springs was second with 584 (\$57).

In Class E (50-54), Diane Hurlburt placed first with 584 (\$60).

Thirty-four GRUSBC members competed. The GRUSBC contributed \$200 to the tournament.

GR Youth Doubles Tournament Results

DECEMBER 8, 2020 – Twenty-one teams participated in the Genesee Region USBC Youth Doubles Tournament over the weekend (Dec. 5-6) at Oak Orchard Bowl in Albion – 16 in Division A (250 and over combined average) and five in Division B (249 and under combined average).

Bowlers on the first-place teams in both divisions will earn \$100 scholarships, while members of the top three teams in both divisions will receive trophies.

The top three in each division of the handicap tournament are as follows:

DIVISION A

Trenton Willis and Brad June, Mount Morris Lanes, 1,267.

Bailee Snook and Ryleigh Culver, Oak Orchard Bowl, Albion, 1,254.

Evan Phillips, Rose Garden Bowl, and Ben Sputore, Mancuso Bowling Center, 1,226.

DIVISION B

Ethan Clarke and Anthony Cuzzo, Mount Morris Lanes, 1,280.

Adelynn Neal and Bailee Snook, Oak Orchard Bowl, 1,265.

Dominic LaPiana and Brett George, Mount Morris Lanes, 1,242.

GRUSBC Youth Directors Frank Jarkiewicz and Joann Van Duser wish to thank the parents and bowlers for participating in the event, and Oak Orchard Bowl staff for hosting the tournament.

Hyde Claims 2nd Straight Senior Masters Title

DECEMBER 24, 2020 -- Mickey Hyde of Le Roy was a model of consistency on Sunday as he captured the Genesee Region USBC Senior Masters Tournament for the second straight year, this time at his hometown Legion Lanes.

Hyde pocketed the \$250 first place check along with a plaque and paid entry to next month's GRUSBC Scratch Memorial Tournament with a 200-184 victory over Batavian Mike Pettinella in the title match. (Photo at top, Pettinella, left, and Hyde).

The 54-year-old right-hander, manager of Tompkins Bank of Castile in Le Roy, won the 2019 event at Mount Morris Lanes.

Pettinella, a two-time GRUSBC Senior Masters champion (2007 and 2011), earned \$150 for placing second.

Hyde led the three-game qualifying round with a 626 score, one of only five series of 600 or better on challenging lane conditions.

He went on to post 466 in the 12-bowler, two-game second round and then rolled a 181 game in the six-bowler, one-game semifinals to earn the No. 1 seed in the three-bowler stepladder finals based on his six-game total.

In the title match, Hyde doubled in the eighth and ninth frame to secure the victory after a pocket split in the eighth frame hurt Pettinella's chances.

"I thought the shot was very tough but it was really fair, and there was less oil than normal," said Hyde, who is the secretary of the Thursday night American Legion Men's League in Le Roy. "It was fair because you were penalized if you missed your mark."

He said he used a Hammer Black Widow ball during the qualifying round and a Black Hammer urethane ball for the second round and finals -- averaging 210 for his seven games.

"I liked my chances because I knew it wasn't going to be a carry contest and you had to be able to pick your corner pins," he said. "I was a nice surprise to win and thanks to Paul Spiotta for running a great tournament."

Pettinella qualified in the 10th position with a 563 series but then posted 418 in the second round (to capture the sixth and final spot) and 224 in the semifinals -- the only bowler of the six to hit the 200 mark.

In the opening match of the finals, the GRUSBC Hall of Famer defeated Brett Van Duser of Perry, 202-192, with Van Duser being victimized by a split in the 10th frame.

Van Duser won \$100 for his third-place finish.

Other cashers were as follows:

John Lowe of Le Roy, Rick Pernicone of Dansville (who had the high second-round score of 499) and Al Vlietstra of Geneseo, \$70 each.

Spiotta of Batavia, Matt Balduf of South Byron, Jim Pursel of Batavia, Mike Johnson of Batavia, John LaGeorge of Retsof, Paul Bacon of Lockport, \$50 each.

Mike Kime of Honeoye Falls, \$35 (lost to Van Duser in a one-game rolloff after tying for the 12th and final qualifying spot).

The tournament drew 34 entries.

Albion Duo Wins No-Tap Tournament

Bill Logan and Jim Passarell of Albion combined for a 1,725 score with handicap to win the first GRUSBC No-Tap Doubles Tournament on Saturday at Medina Lanes.

Logan rolled 890 and Passarell had 820 for 1,710 scratch in the event, which awards a strike for a first ball of nine or 10 pins. The victory was worth \$320.

Seven other teams (out of the 33 entries) cashed as follows:

Kyle and Mike Johnson, Batavia – 1,596 -- \$220;

Chase Cone, Bergen, and Josh Elliott, Attica – 1,592 -- \$160;

Tom Rohl, Le Roy, and Mark Brown, Attica – 1,586 -- \$130;

Samantha and Mickey Hyde, Le Roy – 1,576 -- \$120;

John Wolff and Bill Neubert, Batavia – 1,571 -- \$110;

Gary Kuchler, Batavia, and Frank Jarkiewicz, Byron – 1,569 -- \$100

Paul Bacon, Lockport, and Derek Leach, Batavia – 1,567 -- \$90.

Medina's Jake Rosenbeck Wins Scratch Memorial

JANUARY 3, 2021 -- Jake Rosenbeck of Medina, bowling in just his third scratch singles event, captured the 67th Genesee Region USBC Scratch Memorial Tournament on Sunday with a 233-212 victory over top-seeded Matt Balduf of Batavia.

Rosenbeck, a strong right-hander with a high-powered release, struck on six of his last eight deliveries – including three strikes in the 10th frame – to close out Balduf for the \$600 first prize.

Balduf was the tournament's high qualifier with an 893 four-game series on Sunday morning, and followed that up with an 882 four-game series in the semifinals to earn the No. 1 seed. He earned \$340.

The two-day tournament drew 58 entries – up from 37 when it was held at Oak Orchard Bowl in Albion last year. Thirteen of the bowlers – five from the Saturday 12:30 p.m. squad, four from the Saturday 4 p.m. squad and four from the Sunday 10 a.m. squad -- advanced to the semifinals.

Rosenbeck, 34, a manufacturing group leader at General Motors in Rochester, qualified off the Saturday 12:30 p.m. squad with 859 for four games and then posted 778 in the semifinals to earn the No. 3 seed for the five-bowler stepladder finals.

In the first match, four-time champion Scott Culp of Honeoye Falls defeated 18-year-old Dennis Van Duser of Perry, 231-170, before dropping a 209-185 decision to Rosenbeck.

Rosenbeck then knocked off second-seeded Brady Weber of Perry, 224-186, before meeting Balduf in the title match.

Weber, who rolled a 275 final game in the semifinals to advance, won \$260, while defending champion Culp pocketed \$225 and Van Duser \$200.

He said he was expecting a challenging oil pattern – which it was – and had the mindset to not give away the 1-3 pocket and pick his spares.

“I knew that it was going to be a tough condition out there – as it should be for a scratch tournament -- and I was just trying to make my spares – fill the frames,” Rosenbeck said. “I figured that being on the plus side of 800 after four games would put me in a pretty good spot.”

Using a Roto-Grip Halo throughout the tournament, he played around the third arrow, staying behind the ball for maximum forward revolutions.

“My game is up and in -- not to covering a lot of boards – and that's where I get my best carry,” he said. “The big hook is not my game. I try to stay behind the ball and not get around it too much.”

Rosenbeck competed in the tournament last year, but didn't make the cut. He finished in second place two years ago in the GRUSBC Masters at (then) Scapano's Lanes in Oakfield.

He and his wife, Kayla, have a son, Henry, almost 2, and are expecting another child in April. He bowls in the Thursday Firefighters League at Medina Lanes. Balduf's effort was marked by several big games, including 253 in qualifying (his 893 was good for a \$25 bonus) and 259 and 269 in the semifinals.

Geoff Harloff of Batavia, the leader of the Saturday 4 p.m. squad with 872, fell one pin short of tying Van Duser and Culp for the fourth and fifth spots in the stepladder finals – shooting 771 in the semis. He earned \$130.

Mickey Hyde of Le Roy placed seventh at 765 in the semifinal round and won \$120.

Other cashers were Brian Weber of Perry, \$110; Mike Pettinella of Batavia, \$105; Mike Johnson of Batavia, \$100; Don Parrott of Warsaw, \$95; Chris Huntz of Castile, \$90, and Kevin Reigle of Elba, \$90.

Brett Family Bowlers Place First in GRUSBC Adult-Junior Doubles

JANUARY 21, 2021 -- Members of the Brett family of Albion took top honors in the 7th annual Genesee Region USBC Adult-Junior Doubles Tournament at Mount Morris Lanes on Jan. 9-10.

In the 13-and-over Division, Wayne and son, Tyler, placed first with a 1,451 score with handicap for the \$200 top prize (\$100 gift card to the adult and \$100 scholarship to the youth).

In the 12-and-under Division, Reid Cole teamed with Kyle Brett for a 1,409 score with handicap to take first place, good for \$176 (split equally between a gift card and scholarship).

Other cashers in the tournament are as follows:

13-and-over Division

Second place – Rich and Ryleigh Culver, Medina, 1,409, \$150.

Third place – Alex and Julianna Allis, Medina, 1,368, \$120.

Fourth place – Tim and Jesse Keller, Albion, 1,358, \$100.

12-and-under Division

Second place – Chad and Dominic LaPiana, Mount Morris, 1,405, \$120.

Third place – Rick Pernicone and Trea Nickerson, Mount Morris, 1,330, \$90.

The tournament drew 28 teams.

Allis Crew Captures Youth Team Tournament

FEB. 7, 2021 -- The Allis Crew team of Gracelin Mahnke, Juliana Allis and Ryleigh Culver of Medina and Bailee Snook of Albion rolled 2,454 with handicap to place first in the Genesee Region USBC Youth Team Tournament on Jan. 23-24 at Mancuso Bowling Center in Batavia.

Each member of the winning team will receive a \$100 scholarship -- which has been posted to their SMART accounts -- and a trophy.

The second- and third-place teams also earned trophies.

They are:

Rose Garden, 2,397, Megan Jarkiewicz, Madelynn Pimm, Brooke Jarkiewicz, Brendan Pimm;

Mount Morris #1, 2,378 – Kylie Regatuso, Hannah McKenzie, Ava Tortorice, Allie Faryna.

Oak Orchard Bowl, Brown II Teams Finish on Top in Association Tourney

UPDATE -- APRIL 12, 2021 -- The Genesee Region USBC Board of Directors met on Sunday and made the Association Tournament results official.

APRIL 12, 2021 -- The Oak Orchard Bowl team of Albion and the Brown II team representing Legion Lanes in Le Roy placed first in the Open and Women's Team events, respectively, at the 14th annual Genesee Region USBC Association Tournament.

The Team event took place March 19-21, 26-28 at Rose Garden Bowl in Bergen (Team) and at Legion Lanes (Doubles & Singles).

Led by Robbie Hanks' 791 series, the Oak Orchard Bowl team posted 3,020 with handicap. Other members of the team were Ben Lennox, Matt Baker and Richard Heise.

Lawrence Four, sparked by Ron Lawrence's 810 series, placed second at 2,880, followed by the Trigger Tribute team (2,876), which featured a 300 game by GRUSBC Hall of Famer Mike Pettinella -- the tournament's only perfect game. Trigger Tribute had the high scratch score, 2,777.

The Open Team event drew 33 entries.

In the Women's Team event, the Brown II team of Judy Blaun, Donna Davis, Robin Blaun and Penny Brown placed first out of the six entries with 2,394 -- 61 pins better than Perry All-Stars II. Robin Blaun led the way with a 597 scratch series.

Other event champions are as follows:

Open Doubles -- Todd Mortellaro and Scott Shields, 1,321; Gary MacDonald and Frank Jarkiewicz, 1,311.

Women's Doubles -- Patricia Gilbertson and Jeanne Rosa, 1,234; Montana Copeland and Katy Bzduch, 1,203.

Open Singles -- Harris Busmire Jr., 765; Ballard Maye, 763.

Women's Singles -- Katy Bzduch, 673; Rachel Huntz, 660.

Open All-Events -- Nathan Cordes, 2,111; Richard Pernicone II, 2,087.

Women's All-Events -- Rachel Huntz, 1,899.

The following bowlers recorded scratch series of 700 or better:

Lawrence, 810; Jason Hurlburt, 793; Hanks, 791; Kevin Gray Jr., 765; Kevin Gray Sr., 760, 748; Matt Balduf, 736, Cordes, 736; Mark Brown, 733; Pettinella, 729, 717; Rob Manners, 728; Busmire, 722; Geoff Harloff, 721, 712; Mike Johnson, 720; Frank Jarkiewicz, 719, 700; Josh Elliott, 719; Tom Baker, 712, 711; Rob Husted, 710; Dick Cousins, 706; Pernicone, 705; John Lowe, 702.

The following bowlers recorded scratch games of 279 or better:

Pettinella, 300; Lowe, 279; Brown, 279; Hurlburt, 279; Lawrence, 279; Hanks, 279; Pettinella, 279.