



Florida State USBC Youth
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This is your first Florida State Youth Newsletter

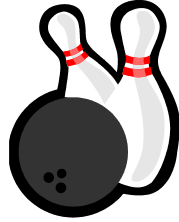
We are hoping to reach all Florida youth bowlers.

Letting you know what is happening in Florida, know about scholarships, tournaments, offered in Florida and Nationally!!

You can always visit the Florida State USBC Youth website and find out lots of information. The website is www.fsusbcy.com

The Landen Tournament took place at Orange Bowl Lanes in Lakeland. It was dedicated to Margaret Digan.

The results can be found on our website. We had 88 bowlers which is up from last year, and we hope that with this newsletter we can reach more youth bowlers next year, and possibly double that number in November 2013.



The first week in November was Pepsi & Florida State qualifying. Hopefully everyone understands the new rules for Pepsi. The next qualifying rounds will be on January 19-25, 2013.

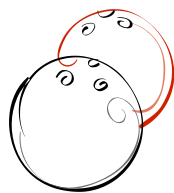
After both qualifying windows your coach will mail the entries to Allen Solomon. He will coordinate all the paper work and mail confirmations of your bowling times to your coach. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Allen at beachbowlyouth@aol.com.

Our mission with this newsletter is to reach all youth bowlers in the State of Florida. Our plan is to do 4 newsletters a year.

The 48th Annual Florida State Scholarship Tournament entry form is on the website. Entries close April 1, 2013. Team will be at AMF Lakeland Lanes & Double/Singles will be at Cypress Lanes. Start asking your teammates & friends to bowl. Have your mom and dad talk to your friend's parents to make plans for a weekend away.

Have you had a 299, 300, 700, 800 or 11 in a row, let us know and we will post your name, your accomplishment & the center where you bowl.

Has anyone been to www.bowl.com they have a new page called High Five it recognizes accomplishments for youths all over the country. This is what we want to do for Florida State.



Scholarships: Florida State offers a \$1000 scholarship to High school seniors or collegiate bowlers in the State of Florida. The application will be on the website after January 1, 2013 we encourage you to participate.

Proprietor of the Year - We have an application on our website. Is there a proprietor in your area that has gone above & beyond for youth bowling, that you think is deserving to be the Florida State Proprietor of the Year? If so, nominate that person.... Get with your local association and find out information and send it in. This year it went to Jean Barwick of Bowl of Fun Lanes in Wauchula. On the website there is a list of past Proprietors of the Year.

How about Hall of Fame nominations? Do you know a youth that has had a lot of accomplishments? They could be a current youth or even a former youth bowlers as far back as 1985. Outstanding service or bowling ability are the two categories for the Hall of Fame. Be sure to read the rules and fill out the application completely. Turn in by the deadline date of March 1, 2013.

You can also nominate an adult for the Florida State Hall of Fame. To be nominated it must come from your local association. If there is a coach or someone you feel meets the criteria, contact your local association. This application has to be turned in by September 1, 2013.

For a list of who has been inducted into the Florida State USBC Youth Hall of Fame for youth or adult, visit the website.

We are trying to get the youth interested in becoming a youth leader for their association. They may ask what I can do.

You can help out at tournaments.

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In my association, in Seminole our youth started a couple of years ago and they have put together a local Youth Hall of Fame, they raised money with ball raffles to pay for rings for the youth that were inducted into the Hall of Fame. They changed a tournament so it was fair to both scratch bowlers as well as handicap bowlers.

Youth are our future adult bowlers. You need to be heard. Ask your local association manager if you can start up a youth leader program. If you are not sure how to go about doing this, contact our Florida State USBC Youth President, Eric Smith, he can help you through the transition. His email info is on the website.

Would you like to become a Director on the Florida State USBC Youth board? Email us and let us know.

Learn what other tournaments are out there, whether it is a State 600 Club, high school tournaments, National Open Youth, Junior Gold, Burkins, Southwest Florida Classic, Pin Action. Do you have any youth tournaments in your area open to all USBC youth bowlers?

What do you do as a Florida State USBC youth director, help out a Landen, State Tournament, Pepsi and serve on different committees.

For instance, a new committee formed for BVL – Bowlers to Veterans Link. Raising money for our country's Veterans. A committee was formed and they have worked and put together a Bowl for Veterans Charity Event.



The Florida State Leaders are having the Charity Event at Saint Lucie Lanes, in Port St. Lucie on February 23, 2013. The flyer is on the website, if you would like to go and bowl and support the BVL.



My name is Celeste O'Neill and I just became a Zone Director for the Florida State USBC Youth Board. I maintain their website.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the newsletter. We will be putting it out to each of the associations. What we would like to do is have all the youth bowlers send us their email address. Please send me your name, where you are from and email address to coneill@tampabay.rr.com

IF you do not have email, please have your association mgr. or coach email us your name and address.

We are hoping to get positive response from our Florida bowlers.

Do you have any suggestions? Ideas? Questions?

Would you be interested in us having a Facebook page?

