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GREATER RICHMOND



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UPDATE

THANK YOU RICHMOND BOWLERS

\$6,200+ Raised

This year, with the support of the league bowlers, we raised over \$6,200 for the **Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL)**. As mentioned before, the GRUSBC has designated the Richmond VA Medical Center as the recipient of the money we raise.

Here's a recap of the top centers and leagues where we collected the most funds. A special thank you to all the 50/50 winners who donated some or all of their winnings back to BVL.

Top Centers:

- #1: **Bowlero Mechanicsville** \$1,551
- #2: **Bowlero West End** \$1,513
- #3: **Bowl America Southwest** \$1,490

Top Leagues:

- #1: **Friday Night Mixed** \$560
- #2: **Thursday Night Mixed** \$405
- #3: **Wednesday Morning Dbls** \$280
- #4: **Odds-N-Ends** \$268
- #5: **Friday Night Coed** \$258



Thank you to all those who participated in our 3rd annual BVL tournament and most importantly, thank you to our military veterans and active duty service men and women!



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CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate this year's GRUSBC Hall Of Fame Inductees:

Bowling Achievement

- Robert Brownie
- Tracie Edmonds

Meritorious Service

- Betty Gleason
- Rhonda Walker

Youth Bowling Achievement

- Juliana Kerrigan



GRUSBC COMMITTEES

What are they and what purpose do they serve?

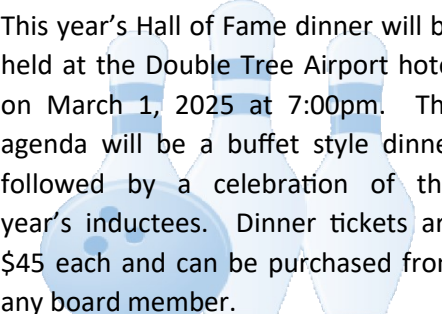
The GRUSBC has various committees that focus on certain things and activities within the association. The intent of the committees is to help ensure the association runs efficiently supporting the bowlers. Each year, Association President Vickie Rengers assigns board members and chairpersons to the committees based on their skill sets and requests. In most cases, committee members meet and come up with ideas presenting them to the board to vote on. Here's a recap of the GRUSBC committees and their purpose:

- ✓ **Audit, Finance, & Budget** Responsible for creating a budget and other financial matters including periodic audits.
- ✓ **Awards** Responsible for local award programs for the bowlers.
- ✓ **BVL** Responsible for finding ways to raise money for our annual fund raising activities for the Bowlers to Veteran's Link. The funds raised by the GRUSBC stay local and supports the Richmond VA Medical Center.
- ✓ **Hall of Fame** Responsible for the creation and operation of the GRUSBC local Hall of Fame and includes development of the criteria requirements and reviews all the submitted nominations.
- ✓ **Legislative / Parliamentarian** Responsible for ensuring the board operations are within legal guidelines and recommends updates to the association's by-laws.
- ✓ **Meeting / Workshop** Responsible for securing meeting locations for board meetings and meetings that involve the attendance of local bowlers.
- ✓ **Memorial** Obtains and maintains a list of bowlers who have passed away during the season and published in the annual yearbook.
- ✓ **Nominating** Responsible for recruiting/selecting nominees for GRUSBC board and delegate positions.

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Hall Of Fame

Celebration Dinner



This year's Hall of Fame dinner will be held at the Double Tree Airport hotel on March 1, 2025 at 7:00pm. The agenda will be a buffet style dinner followed by a celebration of this year's inductees. Dinner tickets are \$45 each and can be purchased from any board member.

Trivia Questions

Answers on page #4

Below are some common questions among bowlers. Do you know the answer?

- 1) True or False: I injured my bowling hand and am unable to bowl with it. The Doc says I can't lift over 10lbs and I can't bowl with it for several months. I've been practicing using my other hand and have gotten pretty used to it. I can use my other hand in my leagues until I've recovered and can switch back to my regular hand.
- 2) True or False: It is legal for a right-handed bowler to use his right hand only on the initial delivery and then use both hands for the spare as long as the right hand is imparting the force on the ball when released.
- 3) True or False: A "Mixed" league must consist of at least one person on the team to be of the opposite sex.



Bowler Spotlight: Ollie Morton

This quarter's bowler spotlight is on GRUSBC Board Member and Hall of Famer, **Ollie Morton**. Ollie has been bowling for 32 years getting her start on the lanes when she was in the military. Ollie met her husband Arthur Morton while they were stationed in Italy and both took advantage of the free games they got each month. After returning to civilian life in the states, she joined her first summer league where she threw a backup ball. Soon after, she started bowling routinely in various leagues in the city improving her game throughout the years. During her career, she has been in the top 20 women bowlers with the highest average in the city, top 10 for most of her career and currently maintains a 200+ average.

Ollie has been recognized by her fellow bowlers and was inducted into the GRUSBC Hall of Fame in 2014, made Bowl America's Star of the Year three times, and will be inducted into the Virginia State USBC Hall of Fame this year. We are all excited for her and can't wait to attend the ceremony where she will receive this great, well-deserved honor.

Having bowled four 300 games and two 800 series in her career so far, we asked Ollie, knowing what she knows now, what advice would she give herself when she started bowling so many years ago. "Don't wait until you're 32 years old to take bowling seriously," says Ollie. "I love this sport and have met so many wonderful people over the years, some being life-long friends."

When Ollie is not on the lanes, she loves to read, quilt, and make bags. Additionally, she and husband Arthur continue to coach their grandson, Tyshawn Morton who has become quite a bowler himself and sure to keep the Morton bowling legacy going for years to come.

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- ✓ **Publicity / Website** Responsible for the upkeep of the association's website and Facebook page.
- ✓ **Scholarship** Responsible for creating and administering scholarship programs for youth bowlers.
- ✓ **Standard Operating Procedures** Responsible for developing and maintaining the board's SOP manual which are the guidelines for which the board operates.
- ✓ **Tournament** Responsible for the preparation and operation of GRUSBC tournaments.
- ✓ **Uniform** Responsible for securing GRUSBC board uniforms. Uniforms are worn to help bowlers identify board members during tournaments or open meetings, including state and national meetings to represent the association.
- ✓ **Ways and Means** Responsible for finding ways to help the association raise funds. GRUSBC is a non-profit organization and must have ways to sustain itself financially.
- ✓ **Yearbook** Responsible for developing the annual association yearbook which contains the prior year's averages for all the bowlers within the association among other valuable information and resources.
- ✓ **Youth** Responsible for monitoring programs and services provided to youth members.



CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

January 19, 2025: GRUSBC 800 Club tournament at BA Southwest.

January 31, 2025: GRUSBC Youth / Adult tournament at Bowlero West End.

February 1 & 2, 2025: GRUSBC Youth City tournament at BA Southwest and Bowlero Mechanicsville.

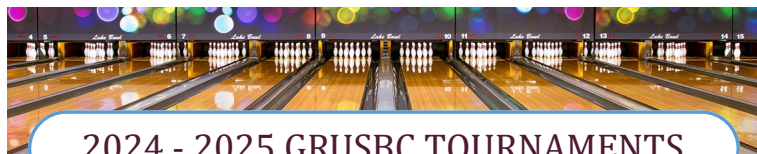
February 15 & 16, 2025: GRUSBC Senior tournament at Bowlero West End.

March 1, 2025: GRUSBC Hall Of Fame Dinner: 7:00pm at the Double Tree Airport hotel.

March 8-23, 2025: VA State USBC Mixed tournament.

March 21, 2025: GRUSBC 700 Club tournament at BA Southwest.

March 22-30, 2025: GRUSBC Women's and City Open tournaments at BA Southwest.



2024 - 2025 GRUSBC TOURNAMENTS

- ◆ **700 Club:** Mar 21, 2025 @ Bowl America Southwest
- ◆ **800 Club:** Jan 19, 2025 @ Bowl America Southwest
- ◆ **Youth / Adult:** Nov 24, 2024 @ Bowlero West End
- ◆ **Youth / Adult:** Jan 31, 2025 @ Bowlero West End
- ◆ **Youth:** Feb 1-2, 2025 @ Bowl America Southwest & Bowlero Mechanicsville
- ◆ **Senior:** Feb 15-16, 2025 @ Bowlero West End
- ◆ **Women's:** Mar 22-23, 29-30, 2025 @ Bowl America Southwest
- ◆ **Open:** Mar 22-23, 29-30, 2025 @ Bowl America Southwest
- ◆ **BVL 3-6-9 Charity Tournament:** Nov 9, 2024 @ Bowlero West End (non-certified - all proceeds go to BVL supporting the Richmond VA Medical Center).

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Trivia Questions Answered: *from page #2*

- 1) **FALSE** - A bowler cannot switch hands at will while bowling. The bowler must seek league approval to switch hands. Upon doing so, a new average must be established for that hand. When recovered, the bowler must also get league approval to switch back to his original hand he started bowling with. (108e)
- 2) **TRUE** - As long as both deliveries are with the same dominant hand (in this case, his right hand) and every hole in the ball has a finger in it, the delivery is legal. (108b/3)
- 3) **FALSE** - USBC rules define a "mixed league" as having members of all sexes participating in the league. Teams can consist of all men, all women, or mixed. A league, however, can establish a rule that a team must have at least one member of the opposite sex bowling on the team. (100b)