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CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate this year's GRUSBC Class of 2026 Hall of Fame Inductees:



Walt Mallory
Adult
Achievement



Justin Barnett
Youth
Achievement



Vickie Brown
Youth
Meritorious

Dinner tickets can be purchased for \$45 from any GRUSBC board member. The honorary ceremony will be at River City Roll on March 1, 2026.



Thank You For Your Support

The Greater Richmond USBC would like to thank our local bowlers for their support of this year's BVL fund raiser. We raised over \$6,700 which will stay local and support our local veterans. Everything our association raises ultimately is donated to the Richmond VA Medical Center. Here's a recap of the top centers and leagues where we collected the most 50/50 funds. And thank you to all the winners who donated some or all of their winnings back:

Top Centers:

- #1: **Bowl America Southwest: \$2,035**
- #2: Bowlero West End: \$1,253
- #3: Bowlero Mechanicsville: \$1,108

Top Leagues:

- #1: **Thursday Nite Mixed (BA Southwest): \$380**
- #2: Thursday Night Mixed (West End): \$330
- #3: Odds N Ends (Mechanicsville): \$286
- #4: Young at Heart (West End): \$281

We also raised over \$1,800 in our 4th annual BVL tournament held at Bowlero West End. Thank you to those who participated and a special thanks to all our military veterans and active duty service men and women!

There's Still Time to Donate

We don't write the BVL check until we're ready to head to the USBC convention. Please consider donating during our local tournaments this year!



FIRST TIMERS

Congrats On Your First Notable Score



Bruce Isphording

On December 9th, bowling on the Merchants Men's league, Bruce bowled his first 800 series set! He had games of 279, 258, and 263 for a nice 800 series!

Congratulations Bruce! See you in next year's 800 Club Tournament?



Logan Fowler

Also on December 9th and bowling on the Merchants Men's league, Logan bowled his first 300 game!

Wear your new USBC ring with pride! We're proud of you!

AWARDS

Local GRUSBC Awards

Did you know that part of your annual membership fee goes to GRUSBC? GRUSBC uses these funds to help pay for local awards recognizing bowlers for high and notable scores. Your league secretary has the forms to submit your scores to get your award. Some awards are once per season while others are once per lifetime. The [Achievement Award Form](#) can be found on grusbc's website.

GAME AWARDS

- ___ 150 Game (120 avg or less)
- ___ 175 Game (140 avg or less)
- ___ 200 Game (165 avg or less)
- ___ 250 Game (200 avg or less)
- ___ 275 Game (220 avg or less)
- ___ 75 Pins over game (150 avg or less)
- ___ 100 Pins over game (190 avg or less)
- ___ 11 in a row (once every 2 years)

SERIES AWARDS

- ___ 400 Series (115 avg or less)
- ___ 500 Series (140 avg or less)
- ___ 600 Series (175 avg or less)
- ___ 700 Series (190 avg or less)
- ___ 140 Pins over series (199 avg or less)
- ___ 700 Series (700-749 plaque*)
- ___ 750 Series (750-799 plaque*)

MISC AWARDS

- ___ 7-10 Split (any avg)
- ___ Big 4 Split (any avg)
- ___ All Spare Game (any avg)
- ___ Dutch 200 (any avg)
- ___ Triplicate (any avg)

Trivia Questions

Answers on page #3

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

- 1) A bowler went to deliver the ball and stopped a few inches over the foul line. The ball stuck on his hand but it never left his possession. Did the bowler foul by crossing the foul line?
- 2) A bowler threw their ball and it stuck on their hand causing the ball to loft into the air landing on the adjacent lane falling into the gutter. This caused the adjacent lane to move into the 2nd cycle with all 10 pins still standing. Not realizing the frame was in the 2nd cycle, the bowler on the adjacent lane threw their 1st ball and got 7-count and the sweep took out the remaining three pins. Is this considered a dead ball and the pins reset and bowled again?
- 3) Our bowling center has started putting open bowlers on the lanes that butt up against our league. We have always had these lanes open during league play in the event two teams have to move due to a lane breakdown. Are the centers required to provide a breakdown pair for when this happens?
- 4) A substitute bowled game 1 on a team and the absent regular bowler showed up to bowl games 2 and 3. Can the substitute bowl games 2 and 3 on a different team?



CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

February 14 - 15, 2026: GRUSBC Senior Tournament at Bowlero West End.

March 1, 2026: GRUSBC Hall of Fame Celebration/ Dinner. 5:00pm at River City Roll. Dinner tickets are \$45 and can be purchased from any GRUSBC board member. Last day to purchase tickets: Feb 15, 2026.

March 6, 2026: GRUSBC 700 Club Tournament at Bowlero West End.

March 7-8, 21-22, 2026: GRUSBC Women's Tournament at Bowlero West End.

March 7-8, 21-22, 2026: GRUSBC Open Tournament at Bowlero West End.

March 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 2026: Virginia State USBC Mixed Handicap Tournament in Fredericksburg and Dale City, VA. Visit vastateusbc.com for details.

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2025 - 2026 GRUSBC TOURNAMENTS



GRUSBC tournaments have been established for the 2025-26 season! Tournament forms will be available on our website later in the year. In the meantime, mark your calendars!

Nov 15, 2025 BVL Tournament—Bowlero West End

Nov 23, 2025 Youth/Adult—Bowl America Southwest

Jan 18, 2026 800 Club—Bowlero West End

Jan 30, 2026 Youth/Adult—Bowl America Southwest

Jan 31, 2026 Youth City Team & Pee Wee—Bowlero West End

Feb 1, 2026 Youth City SGLs & DBLs—Bowlero Mechanicsville

Feb 14 - 15, 2026 Senior—Bowlero West End

Mar 6, 2026 700 Club—Bowlero West End

Mar 7 - 8, 21 - 22, 2026 Women's—Bowlero West End

Mar 7 - 8, 21 - 22, 2026 City Open—Bowlero West End

Trivia Questions Answered: *from page #2*

- 1) No. The bowler did not complete a legal delivery. A legal delivery occurs when the ball leaves the bowler's possession and he crosses the foul line. (5a/2).
- 2) No. The bowler on the adjacent lane made a legal delivery and the pins were properly set. There would be no basis for declaring a dead ball. The three pins would be reset for a 2nd delivery. (8/2)
- 3) USBC has no rule requiring open lanes be provided on either side of the league. If there is a concern, the league officer should address it with center management. (100a/1)
- 4) If the league does not have a rule that allows a substitute to bowl with more than one team in a match, the substitute cannot compete on more than one team in the same scheduled time and then again with another team. (110a/3)