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November

BVL Month

It's that time of the year again for BVL fund raising. Associations across the country will begin their push to raise as much money as they can in their association supporting our nation's Veterans.

Last year, thanks to our Richmond bowlers, we raised and donated a total of \$7,500 for BVL. Associations can identify local Veteran organizations to have their funds donated to. The GRUSBC keeps the donations local and our funds are routed back to the Richmond VA Medical Center (formerly known as the McGuire VA Medical Center).

Throughout the month of November, GRUSBC board members will visit all the leagues in the centers doing a 50/50 fund raising activity. When you see them, be sure to purchase tickets and help support our efforts!

BVL DONATIONS WELCOME

If you don't bowl in a league and would like to make a donation, please reach out to any GRUSBC board member. You may also send a check to GRUSBC Association Manager, Raymond Clark at 4207 Farmhill Ln. Chesterfield, VA 23832.



At the USBC convention this year, GRUSBC presented a BVL donation check for \$7,500.

Pictured are: GRUSBC member Mike Shupe, Assoc. Mgr Raymond Clark, President Vickie Rengers, Director Aaron Layne, and BVL Representative Libbi Fletcher.



This year, the BVL has launched the Mission \$2 Million campaign after a record breaking \$1.8 million raised last year. ***Let's do our part and help hit the goal!***

As a reminder, the BVL raises money to fund recreation therapy programs at veterans' hospitals, clinics and community based counseling centers. The mission is to brighten the lives of veterans, and the charity has been around since 1942. The BVL supports therapy programs that address veterans' physical and emotional therapeutic needs.



BVL
BOWLERS TO VETERANS LINK

NO TAP DOUBLES BOWLING TOURNAMENT

NOVEMBER 7
BOWLERO WEST END

CHECK IN: 9:00 AM | **START: 10:00 AM**

TOURNAMENT DETAILS:

- ★ No Tap Doubles
- ★ Handicap is based on 70% of 200
- ★ 50 pins max handicap
- ★ 300 max game
- ★ \$50 entry per doubles team
- ★ 5 games bowled

All Proceeds Benefit BVL!

We'll Have:

- ★ Door Prizes
- ★ Brackets
- ★ 50/50 Raffle and More!

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DOUBLE D TOURNAMENTS

SUPPORT OUR BOWLERS
SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

Grab a partner and sign up for our 5th annual BVL Tournament at Bowlero West End, hosted by Double D Tournaments. This will be a No-Tap Doubles tournament. For an entry fee of \$50 per team, you'll bowl 5 games and be able to participate in raffles and other pots. All proceeds will benefit BVL supporting our local veterans.

Our goal this year is to raise a total of \$2,000 supporting GRUSBC's BVL fund raising efforts. If you don't want to bowl in it, we invite you to come out and participate in some of the activities. Donations are also welcome!

Tournament Season

As the GRUSBC approaches its 4th month into the new fiscal year, the 2026-2027 tournament season is about to begin. This year's tournaments are slightly off from the normal time frames due to the VA State USBC holding their tournaments in the Richmond area. See the last page for this season's GRUSBC tournament schedule.

ENTERING AVERAGES

For any tournament a bowler enters, it is common that you will find a tournament rule that states it is the **bowler's responsibility to verify their entering averages**. If a bowler's entering average is incorrect and not fixed before the bowler bowls, they could be disqualified from the event resulting in a zero score for all games bowled. If your team captain submits the team's information and averages, it still requires each bowler to verify their entering average is correct prior to bowling.

HOW DO I VERIFY? For GRUSBC, a bowler's average is based on what is in the yearbook for the previous season using the highest average. A tournament rule might state that a bowler must use their average as of 21-games in a current league if it is 10-pins or higher than the average noted in the book. Or it might say, 10-pins or higher as of January 1st.

To verify, the bowler should consult with their current league secretary to see what their average is as of that time frame. If you have 21+ games in and your average is 10+ pins or higher, ask the secretary for a written statement with that information. Present that to the tournament director at the time you check into the tournament.

Congratulations!

Chase Rudy

Chase and his doubles partner, Carson Wilkerson, won the Doubles, U12 Youth Open Championships in Minneapolis, MN this past July. His award was presented to him by the GRUSBC. Congrats Chase!



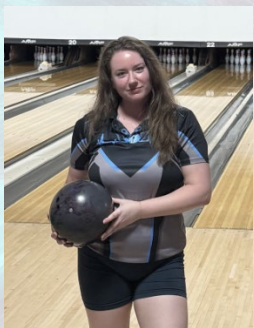
Courtney Spoor

10/1/26: Bowling in the Thursday Night Mixed league at West End, Courtney bowled her 1st ever 600 set with games of 205, 210, and 200 for a clean 615. Nice job Courtney!



Heather Munns

10/12/26: Bowling in the Cross County Rollers league at West End, Heather bowled her 1st 600 set with games of 180, 201, and 221 for a nice 602. Nice job Heather!



Lucille Strauss

Lucille was recognized this year by the USBC Women's Championships for making her 60th year appearance for participating in the tournament. She began her career at the tournament during the 1963 event in Memphis, TN and has made an annual appearance since 1969.



Bowling Trivia

A Trivia and Exercise Game

Let's test your knowledge

1. The night our league was supposed to bowl, there was a snowstorm. As a result, the league officers decided to cancel that night of bowling extending the league by 1 week. Our team prebowed for that night and can now make the rescheduled match. Can we bowl the rescheduled match?
2. A team had to post bowl due to their ineligibility to field a legal lineup on the scheduled match. They used a sub in their makeup game not knowing the sub had already subbed on a different team for the same scheduled match. Can they use the subs score in their makeup game?
3. I bowl on 2 leagues. In one league, each team member was able to vote on one of the submitted prize funds. In my other league, the team as a whole got 1 vote. Which one is illegal?
4. My league is advertised as a mixed league but allows teams to be either all female or all male. In past mixed leagues I've bowled in, teams had to have at least 1 member of the opposite sex. Is this league legal?
5. One of the bowlers on the opposite team has been struggling and after missing a spare in the 3rd frame of the 2nd game, he got upset and quit bowling. Do you carry his blind score for the remaining frames of game 2? What about game 3?

See answers on next page.....



Richmond Pride Hits the Lanes: Our First-Ever Bowling Jerseys!



Get ready to wear your **Richmond pride!** For the first time, the Greater Richmond USBC will be selling bowling jerseys featuring the Richmond, VA skyline and our association's logo—a bold new way to celebrate our city and our bowling community.

The design puts Richmond front and center with a bright orange skyline and dark accents that bring definition to the buildings. Paired with the Greater Richmond USBC logo, this eye-catching look brings hometown spirit to the lanes, whether you're bowling in league play or stepping up for a tournament.

Jerseys will sell for **\$55 each** and will be available for purchase during our tournaments. **No tournament entry is required!** Bowlers can purchase a jersey without participating in a tournament, so you don't have to compete to sport the new look.

Watch for the jerseys at our tournaments and make one part of your bowling wardrobe. Bright orange, a Richmond skyline, and Greater Richmond USBC pride—let's bring a little more hometown flair to every frame! While supplies last!

Trivia Answered...

How well did you do?

1. USBC recommends one of two options which should be decided by a board of director's vote: a) The pre-bowled scores count and the team would not be permitted to bowl the week their scores were bowled. Or b) The board votes to null and void the pre-bowled scores and the team is permitted to bowl the rescheduled night. (110a/2)
2. No, a sub may not bowl for two teams for the same scheduled match. In the post-bowl situation, the sub's scores would be null and void and the missing bowler's blind score used. (110a/4)
3. Both are legal, depending what the league rules state. If the league rules state that every member of the league gets a vote, then you follow league rules. However, if there is no league rule, then the prize fund is approved by the board of directors which consists of all team captains and officers. The team captain submits 1 vote for their team. (106a 2)
4. USBC defines a mixed league as one that has both male and females participating. Teams can be made up of all male, all female, or mixed. However, a league may adopt a rule that teams must have at least 1 member of the opposite sex. (106b)
5. If a player quits for reasons other than injury or emergency, the player shall receive a zero score for remaining frames. The 3rd game, you would carry the bowler's absentee score. (116b)

Got a rules question you'd like answered? Send us your question at GRUSBC@grusbc.com.



Upcoming Events

November 1, 2026: Appomattox River USBC 10th annual BVL No-Tap tournament at Holiday Bowl. \$25 per person and shifts are 9am and 1pm. Visit arusbcbowling.com for more information.

November 7, 2026: GRUSBC's 5th annual BVL No-Tap Doubles Tournament at Bowlero West End. Check-in is at 9am and the tournament starts at 10am. \$50 per team entry, 5-games bowled. All proceeds benefit the BVL.

November 15, 2026: Deadline for the GRUSBC Hall of Fame nominations. Send them to committee chairperson, Ollie Morton at luv4quilts76@yahoo.com.

November 22, 2026: GRUSBC Youth/Adult doubles tournament at Bowl America Southwest. 1pm and 3pm shifts are available. Walk-ins are welcome up to 15 minutes before the shift starts. Tournament forms are available at grusbc.com or in the centers.

December 5-6, 2026: GRUSBC's 9th annual Senior tournament at Bowlero West End. Entries close on November 9th. If we have enough participation, we have the 12th reserved if needed. Tournament forms are available at the centers and at grusbc.com.

Rules Questions

If you find our trivia section educational and you have a question about something related to leagues and rules, submit your question to GRUSBC@grusbc.com. You may see your question featured in a future Trivia section of our newsletters.

Or, if you have a question in general, send us an email and we'll get back to you!

2026 – 2027 Tournaments



The GRUSBC tournaments have been established for the 2026-2027 season. Tournament forms will be available on our website later in the year.

Please note that some tournaments do not follow the same time frames as years past due to the State holding some of their tournaments at the same time.

Nov 7, 2026 BVL Tournament (Bowlero West End)

Nov 22, 2026 Youth/Adult (Bowl America SW)

Dec 5-6, 2026 Senior (Bowlero West End)

Jan 24, 2027 800 Club (Bowl America SW)

Jan 29, 2027 Youth/Adult (Bowlero West End)

Jan 30, 2027 Youth City S&D (Bowl America SW)

Jan 31, 2027 Youth City Team (Lucky Strike Rich.)

Feb 19, 2027 700 Club (Bowl America SW)

Feb 20-21, 27-28, 2027 Women's (Bowl Am. SW)

Feb 20-21, 27-28, 2027 City Open (Bowl Am. SW)

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