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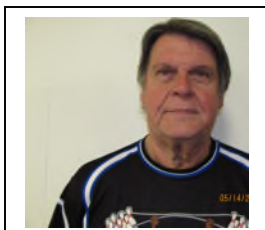
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New Inductees into CT State USBC Hall of Fame Announced

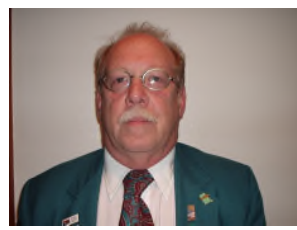


CT State USBC has announced the 4 new inductees into its 2016 class. They are Frank Billowicz, Sr., Monica Schwartz, and Peter Valenti, Jr., all for Superior Performance and Thomas “Frenchie” Gilbert as a Friend of Bowling. All will be honored on Sept. 25th at the Hall of Fame and Awards Brunch at the Marco Polo Restaurant in East Hartford, CT.

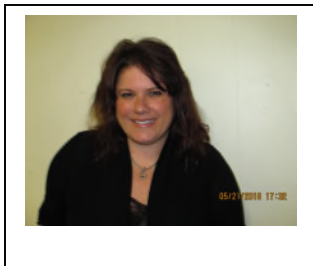
Frank Billowicz is in the Fairfield County USBC Hall of Fame and bowls at Nutmeg Lanes in Fairfield. He was their Bowler of the Year in 2009, has been on 5 of their All Star Teams and has 4 Fairfield scratch team titles. He has over seventeen 800 series, over twenty-two 300 games and more than thirty 750 series. His high average is 233. He has bowled in 25 state, 29 local, and 5 national tournaments. He has owned and run a NABI franchise, and served on both local and state boards and was a youth coach and director.

Tom Gilbert has served in almost every aspect of bowling over more than 35 years. He has served on the GCC since 1989 in many capacities – President, Vice-President, and committee chairman, is a Lifed and Hall of Fame member and their current Director of the Year. He has served on the CT USBC State Board and as manager at Laurel Lanes in Plainville (now Lessard Lanes). He ran pro shops at Laurel and Vernon Lanes where he sponsored many teams in local, state, and national tournaments and has also bowled in most of them since 1989. He attended most ABC/USBC Conventions as a delegate since 1998. From the early 1980's he was a director and Bowlmaster of CT ABT and won several ABT handicap and master tournaments. He has done lane maintenance, is a certified lane inspector and youth coach with a high 300 game, 786 series, and 205 average.

Monica Schwartz is a Fairfield County USBC Hall of Fame member, with many women's scratch titles in their association as well as Greater Danbury USBC and New Haven County USBC in Team, Doubles, Singles and All Events areas. She has been an All Star Team member in all 3 locals, too. In the CT State USBC Women's Championships she has won 3 Doubles, 2 All Events, 1 Team, and 1 Singles scratch titles. She has the distinction of winning an All Events title in Fairfield in the Open Tournament. She has three 800 series, five 300 games, and dozens of 750, 700,



Thomas “Frenchie” Gilbert



Monica Schwartz



Peter Valenti, Jr.

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CT STATE USBC 2016/ 2017 Schedule

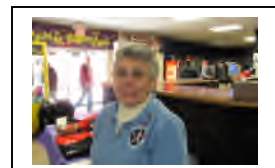
- 2016
- Sept. 25- CT State USBC Hall of Fame & Awards Brunch at Marco Polo in East Hartford, CT
 - Oct. 29 & 30 – CT State USBC Annual Senior Women's & Open Tournament at Apple Valley Bowl, in Plantsville, CT
 - Nov. 13 & 20 - CT State USBC Adult/Youth Tournament at Wolcott Lanes in Wolcott, CT
 - Dec. 1, Hall of Fame Applications Due
- 2017
- Feb. 25 & 26, and Mar. 4, 5, 11 & 12 CT State USBC Open Tournament – location TBA
 - Mar. 26 & Apr. 2 – CT State USBC Youth Open Tournament Location TBA
 - Apr. 29 & 30 and May 6 & 7 - CT State USBC Women's Tournament – location TBA

Captains and bowlers are reminded to follow dress codes & rules for all events to avoid disqualifications.

CT State USBC

2nd Vice President Retires

CT State USBC 2nd Vice President, Elizabeth “Betty” Amato, has retired from the CT State Board as of July 31st. She has been a long standing member of both the CWBA and CT State USBC Boards as well as President of the New Haven County USBC. Many tournament bowlers will miss her running the Ways and Means table and those delicious brownies she made to sell to hungry bowlers!



Betty Amato

2016 CT State USBC Annual Meeting

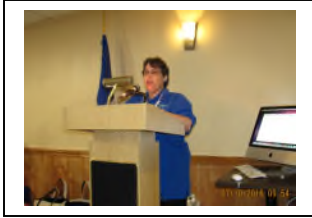
On July 10, 2016, the CT State USBC held its Annual Meeting in West Haven, CT. After breakfast the event started with a memorial service for bowlers of each local who died during the season, presided over by Vice President, Scott Hockford. Sgt.-At-Arms, Tom Kapitan, Sr., ran the flag ceremony with one member from each local participating, then President, Pat Lupacchino called the meeting to order. Various Directors gave their committee reports with discussions and questions following. A new legislation change of raising state dues to \$2 was passed (dues have not changed in 10 years) and elections were held. Director John Turgeon was voted in as 2nd Vice President, Re-elected as directors were Marsha Gilbert, John Marchitto, and Richard Weglinski. Sue Kogelis was elected by youth delegates as a new youth director. Pete Dombrowski was elected to be a state delegate to the 2017 USBC National Convention. Photos are below.



Eastern's rep puts a flower in the vase.



Tom Kapitan, Sr., carries the flag in.



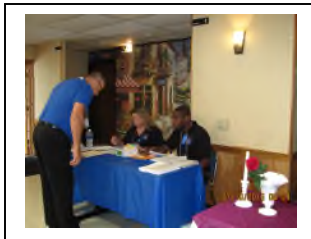
President Lupacchino opens the meeting.



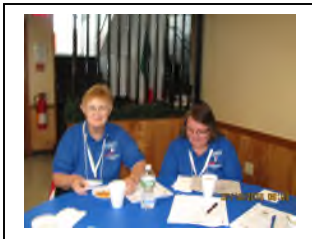
Some New Haven County delegates



The delegates enjoy breakfast.



Delegates sign in for the meeting.



Directors enjoy breakfast, too!



Delegates look over reports.

Hall of Fame continued

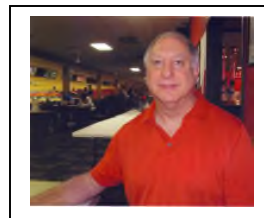
and 650 series. Monica's high average was 223 at Brookfield Lanes in 2008-2009 and 181 in a sports league at Nutmeg Bowl. She has competed in 11 CT State Open and 16 CT State Women's Tournaments as well as NEBA, ABT, TBA, NABI. 19 Nationals, the National Queens, and many of the 3 local association championships

Peter Valenti, Jr., of New Haven County USBC, now joins his father and brother into the CT State Hall of Fame. All 3 are in New Haven's local Hall of Fame, too. In New Haven, Pete, Jr., has also been their Bowler of the Year twice, in 1993 and 1994. He has 2 New Haven scratch titles in Team (2000) and Doubles (2008). On the state level he has 4 championships. Under CSBA, he won a Singles title in 1990 and a Doubles title in 1992. Once CSBA merged with CWBA into CT State USBC, he won 2 Team titles in 2015 and 2016. Peter has a NEBA Doubles win in 2001 at Silver Lanes. To date, he has bowled seven 800 series with a high of 833, thirty 750 series, twenty-two 300 games and 7 each of 299 and 298 games. He holds a high average of 231. Pete has bowled in 34 CT State Open Tournaments, 34 National ABC/USBC Tournaments and the same number of local New Haven Tournaments

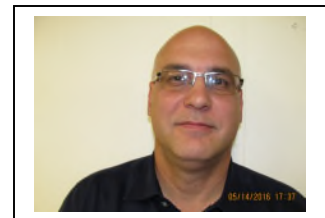
CT State USBC extends its warmest congratulations to its new Hall of Fame members and thanks Annie Gallant and her committee for all their work in selecting the new members. It reminds anyone submitting applications for the next year, (found on our website), to mail them in by Dec. 1st of 2016. For photos of all CT State Hall of Fame members, also visit the website Hall of Fame Photo Gallery.

Valenti Family Sets CT Hall of Fame Record

Although there are a few couples and a few father and sons in the CT State Hall of Fame, the latest addition of Pete Valenti, Jr. (Superior Performance) sets a new record by having 3 blood related members of 1 family to receive this honor. Pete's dad, Peter, Sr., was inducted for Bowling Ability in 1980 and his brother, Rich, went in last year in 2015 for Combination (both Bowling Ability and Meritorious Service). It's amazing how much they look alike, too, as seen in their photos below.



Rich Valenti



Petrer Valenti, Jr.