



# NEWSLETTER

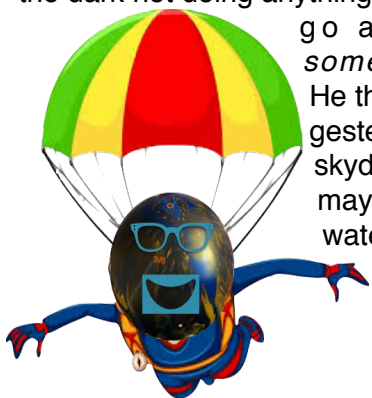
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## Make Sure Your Bowling Balls Are Staying Active

As I moved my bowling bag so I could vacuum under it the other day, I overheard my three bowling balls complaining about the recent lack of activity.

My DV8 "Prowler" was the most vocal, saying that he was accustomed to rolling almost every day. He says, "Jeez guys, I am REALLY tired of laying around in the dark not doing anything. Let's

go and do something." He then suggested some skydiving, or maybe even waterskiing.



His brother, (a DV8 "Verge") agreed that he was bored too, though he said he would rather just do some swimming.



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My Columbia "TZone" is considerably more conservative though. She also wanted to get out and do something, but thought maybe golfing instead of waterskiing, and wanted no part of skydiving.

"Besides, I get plenty of air time when he lofts me at all those 10-pins," she said.

Anyway, after I finished up my household chores and put the

vacuum cleaner away, I took them out of the bag, gave them a good cleaning with 60% alcohol wipes and explained the situation with the current pandemic and promised that I'd get them out to the bowling alley as soon as I could. Then, in an effort to make them feel respected, I took them out in my backyard and threw a practice game. The neighbors gave me some strange looks and thought maybe I had lost it, but...

If any readers have taken their balls on any adventures, please share them with your fellow bowlers. Send descriptions and photos (Jeez I'd love to have some photos!) of their activities to us at [fmusbc@gmail.com](mailto:fmusbc@gmail.com).



**PLEASE NOTE THAT REAL BOWLING BALLS ARE PICTURED IN THIS ARTICLE AND NONE WERE INJURED DURING THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED.**

## USBC Rules Are Modified

The USBC Board of Directors approved temporary waivers and modifications to USBC Playing Rules to allow certified leagues and tournaments more flexibility to return to bowling while adhering to local health guidelines related to COVID-19. The modifications allow certified competition to take place on one lane for the entirety of a game. Additionally, bowlers will be allowed to use isopropyl alcohol, commonly known as rubbing alcohol, to clean their bowling ball during competition. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lists isopropyl alcohol as an approved disinfectant for use against COVID-19.

Click [HERE](#) to read more, including the FAQ.

In additional news, USBC will not print the 2020-2021 USBC Rulebook, as it will be online only. The rulebook will be posted to [BOWL.com/Rules](http://BOWL.com/Rules).

## FMUSBC Future Meetings

Next FMUSBC Board Meeting is scheduled for **7:00pm** on **Tuesday June 9th**. The location and/or method of meeting (in person or virtual) are yet to be determined, depending on pandemic developments.



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## End-Of-Season

League Secretaries: Please perform all end-of-season activities.

- Email [Nadine](#) with the final date of your league bowling
- **Final Year-end averages must be submitted within 30 days** of the end of the league
- ALL Award applications should be submitted for your league. [Nadine](#) will fill the awards and send them to the league secretaries

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact [Nadine](#).

## We REALLY Want Your News!

### Calling All Members!

As you can tell from the advice about how to “Keep Your Bowling Balls Active” on the first page, we need your news before I start doing something really wacko, waiting for the bowling centers to open. Did you achieve an interesting score earlier in the season that was not listed in the Newsletter? How about an amusing anecdote that pertains to bowling? Most anything that you consider newsworthy is fair game. and photos are *especially* welcomed. Forward it to us at [fmsbc@gmail.com](mailto:fmsbc@gmail.com) and we’ll include it in the next newsletter.

## Bowling Movies

During this current bowling dry spell, if you are looking for some movies that feature bowling and are tired of watching “The Big Lebowski” (All praise for “The Dude”!) and “King Pin”, there are other choices available.

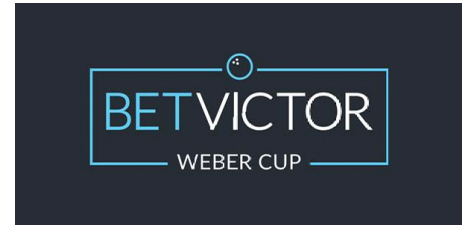
Early in his career, Hollywood darling Ryan Gosling starred in a rather, well, odd film titled *Lars and The Real Girl*. In a pivotal scene, Lars is shown bowling with a group of local residents, which only increases his anxiety and makes him realize that this is the kind of social experience that Lars’s condition causes him to overlook.

On a more serious note, *Bowling for Columbine*, despite its title, is only marginally about bowling. Michael Moore’s documentary focuses on America’s obsession with guns and includes only stock images of bowling. Still, the sport plays a key role since the two Columbine shooters were scheduled to be bowling during the time when they were actually shooting up their school.

In a similar vein, *The Deer Hunter* uses bowling as a symbol of an easy, complacent life that Steven—played by Robert DeNiro—feels is no longer his dream.

Those of us more, ahem, *experienced* bowlers remember a movie from 1979 titled *Dreamer*. Tim Matheson plays a bowler from a small town who dreams of hitting it big by winning a tournament against an older, veteran player and earning a PBA card. His near-  
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## PBA News



The 2020 BetVictor Weber Cup has been rescheduled, subject to government policy, to take place from Friday, October 23 until Sunday, October 25, at Morningside Arena, Leicester. Bowling’s annual transatlantic tenpin tussle was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. News on player selection will be announced shortly.

Some PBA events are still scheduled for the coming summer months. A schedule is [HERE](#).

- At press time, the PBA Playoffs Final Four is scheduled for 2:00pm on Saturday May 16 on Fox and the Players Championships is scheduled for 2:00pm on Sunday May 17 on FS1.

- The PBA Team League series is actively trading players and planning for events this summer.

(Continued from left column) obsessive determination is highlighted when he ignores pain in an attempt to meet his goal. Do you have any other movies that feature bowling, either as a sport or as a metaphor? Share your thoughts with us at [fmsbc@gmail.com](mailto:fmsbc@gmail.com).