



AWARDS COMMITTEE

I wish to welcome you all back to the game we love and the friends we have missed. Due to the pandemic, the State board had little to do except keep up on any changes in bowling and try to stay in touch with as many bowlers we can.

The Awards committee has met several times online and has kept up with the applications that have been sent to us. To keep you informed the following named persons will be honored next year at the State Convention Awards Banquet in Fresno.

2020 Recipient:

Alvin Lou - Superior Performance
Steve Mathews - Superior Performance
Frank Weiler - Meritorious Service

2021 Recipients:

Lynn Graves - Meritorious Service
Bette Addington - Meritorious Service
Charles "Chuck" Russell Ellena (posthumously) - Meritorious Service

I would like to thank the members of my committee for their work. Thank you for honor of inducting these people into our California Hall of Fame!!

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Lucas
Co-Chair



AWARDS BANQUET COMMITTEE

The California Board of Directors had to unfortunately cancel the Awards Banquet for 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We will be hosting an Awards Banquet in 2022 and hope to see everyone in attendance where we will honor the Hall of Fame recipients for those two years.

You will receive information for the Awards Banquet in the near future.

Thank you and we appreciate your attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Armstrong
Chairperson



Budget & Finance

We have held no formal meetings, operational work was done by Kathy Bruegeman, Larry Peppers and Lynn Matsubara. The committee was kept apprised of actions at the Board meetings held during the period.

We applied for and received a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan, May 11, 2020. We applied for and received a PPP 2 loan on March 26, 2021. We made application for forgiveness on our initial PPP loan, which was approved May 4, 2021.

We furloughed our Adult Tournament Director on October 16, 2020 and reduced pay for all remaining employees on February 1, 2021. Upon receipt of funds from PPP 2, we returned employees to their regular salaries on May 1, 2021, since forgiveness is based on payroll paid during the examination period.

We did run the Senior and State Singles Tournaments and the Diddy Watts Youth Championship in fiscal year 2019-20. We refunded all Adult Tournament entry fees for the 2019 tournament. We have had to forego all remaining adult and youth tournaments for the fiscal year, 2019-20. We suspended all but a possible youth or youth/adult tournament in 2020-21. We have received only \$24,000.00 in dues for this fiscal year (2020-21), as of April 30, 2021.

I want to thank the Kathy Bruegeman, Lynn Matsubara, and the committee members for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,



BVL COMMITTEE

Welcome delegates to the Annual Meeting of the California State USBC.

This has been a trying year for all Californians – especially hard hit has been the bowling industry. With the pandemic shutting down all bowling centers for a year, the associations have had very little in the way of fundraising for the BVL.

The centers are now starting to open with limited capacity and things should slowly get back to normal.

This year's donations totaled only \$5,685. We had a carry over of \$6,142.64 from last year before the shutdown, which gives us \$11,827.64 in total donations for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Worrall
BVL Chair



CALIFORNIA YOUTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2020 California Youth State Championships was supposed to be held at Forest Lanes in Lake Forest. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we had to cancel that event. With the centers now starting to re-open and plans to be 100% fully re-opened by June 15, we are moving forward with running the 2021 California Youth State Championships at Forest Lanes on July 10-11 and July 17-18.

This year's event will be slightly modified due to the year-long shut down from COVID-19. The format will be Team Event only, but with a virtual Singles Event. The Singles Event will use the individual scores from Team Event. Scholarships will be awarded in both events within divisions. The tournament format is scratch competition within five (5) divisions based on average. Teams consist of any four (4) youth members.

Advanced registration forms and official entry forms are available online at **CalUSBC.com**. Because there will be only one squad per day, I would strongly suggest that youth programs take advantage of the advanced registration forms to secure their desired date. Youth who do not have a current USBC membership can purchase youth membership for just \$5 in order to participate. Please e-mail us at **YouthChampionships@calusbc.com** if you have any questions or if you need help in filling a team.

We will also be holding our annual Queens & Masters, Prince & Princess, and Coaches Relief Tournaments on July 10 and July 17 at 4pm. Youths must be entered in the Youth Championships in order to bowl in the Q&M or P&P events. Meanwhile, the Coaches Relief Tournament is for our awesome Youth Program Directors, Coaches, parents and supporters.

Queens & Masters: No Minimum Average (Scratch)

Prince & Princess: 159 Average & Under (Handicap)

Coaches Relief (Adults): No Minimum Average (Handicap No-Tap)

We hope to see you at Forest Lanes this July. Spots are filling up quickly so please get those entries in as soon as you can. All forms and tournament information can be found online at **CalUSB.com**.

Respectfully,

Lynn Matsubara



CALIFORNIA PEPSI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2020 California Pepsi Youth Bowling Championships with eight District Finals locations was supposed to be held on March 14-15 and March 21-22, with the State Finals to be held at Harley's Valley Bowl in Simi Valley on May 2-3. Unfortunately, on March 12, 2020, just two days before the start of our tournament, the President declared a national emergency and everything subsequently shut down – the Pepsi Championships was cancelled.

The 2019-20 season was also the last year of youth bowling for those bowlers aged 18-19, as USBC would be lowering the youth age cap to 18 years old starting August 1, 2020. With the Pepsi Championships cancelled, not only could a potential scholarship payout of \$40,000 not be awarded to over 200 youth bowlers, but also potential collegiate recruits and scholarships were not scouted or awarded to our California youths. Total devastation. I asked Chad to postpone the age change for one year due to the pandemic shutdown, but that request was denied. In November 2020, it was announced that USBC collegiate eligibility would be extended for one year, but still not for the youth bowlers. We were told the percentage of youth in that age range was just not significant enough.

While the pandemic was forcing businesses to remain closed (especially in California), we still moved forward and prepared to run the 2021 Pepsi Championships. Everything was set. We even secured permission from USBC to run a modified version of the format and go straight to the District Finals in March 2021 since we were still shut down during the league level qualifying windows in November 2020 and January 2021. The caveat was that if the California centers remained shut down as of February 2021, we would unfortunately have to cancel Pepsi again. And that's just what happened. We sadly had to announce the cancellation of the 2021 California Pepsi Youth Bowling Championships.

Looking forward, we will be organizing the 2022 California Pepsi Youth Bowling Championships hopefully with the same host centers that were scheduled for 2020. With centers now opening around the state, we are hopeful that things will start to get back to normal when the new 2021-22 season starts on August 1. Tournament packets for 2022 Pepsi will be emailed to all youth programs in Sept/Oct and of course all information will be posted online at **CalUSBC.com**.

Unfortunately, we are losing our District #6 Director, Kristen Luzanilla (Citrus Belt USBC area) as she is moving out of state. We also need to fill the District #4 Director position (Central California area). If anyone is interested in these positions, please contact me at hpekmp@yahoo.com. The position will entail running the Pepsi District Finals and helping to work our other State youth events.

Last year was tough, yet we got through it. Let's all start to rebuild California youth bowling together.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Matsubara



CALIFORNIA YOUTH COMMITTEE (CYC)

Welcome to our first virtual meeting! Although our events were cancelled due to the pandemic, the CYC still worked virtually on a number of important items. In particular, we awarded scholarships and our “Best Bowlers come from CA” awards, which includes a free entry into the California Adult State Championships helping to bridge the transition from youth to adult bowling.

2020 AWARD WINNERS:

- Braheme Family Memorial \$1,000 Youth Scholarship Award – **David Waybright**, Bakersfield
- CA Youth State \$1,000 Scholarship Award – **Leoj Chin**, Montclair and **John Mehlum Jr**, Castaic
- “Best Bowlers come from CA” Award – **Michaela Buhain**, **Jason Gee**, **Peter Ruiz** and **David Schneider**

2021 AWARD WINNERS:

- CA Youth State \$1,000 Scholarship Award – **Zach Greim**, San Diego
- “Best Bowlers come from CA” Award – **John Mehlum Jr**, **Cheyenne Shoemaker** and **Sabrina Tan**

We are very proud of these winners and look forward to hearing about their future bowling achievements!

Also, we are looking for youth bowlers aged 14-17 who might be interested in joining the CYC. You are our future and you should have a say in it! Please email Lynn at hpekmp@yahoo.com for more information.

THANK YOU again to all of the Youth Program Directors and Coaches in California. We know how much time and money you dedicate to our youths and that commitment shows tremendously through the great achievements of our California youth bowlers.

Summer leagues are just starting up and I’m sure the kids are all super excited to get out on the lanes. We are too and look forward to seeing everyone very soon!!

Respectfully submitted,

Andre Eubanks & Lynn Matsubara, Co-Chairs

California Youth Committee:

Brett Kociemba
Shelby Sanz
Tim Pato
Anthony Guevara

Kristen Luzanilla
Gary Philip
Linda Stewart
Tom Leigh

Rocky Leigh
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Derek Delgado
Miranda Emery