



ISST NEWS



Welcome Readers

to our first ISST News newsletter. The Illinois State Youth Leaders have created this monthly newsletter to share information regarding the Illinois State Scholarship Tour, Illinois State Youth Leader Program, bowling opportunities and to announce bowlers achievements.

We would appreciate any feedback to help us improve content and provide readers with information they are looking for. Please submit all feedback to our editor, Will Deters at wdeters1995@gmail.com or parent volunteer, Kristin Johnson at kmgj89@yahoo.com

ISST Celebrates 10 Years Serving Illinois' Youth Bowlers



Who knew that a son's dream of wanting to compete for a spot on Jr. Team USA would create one of the nations largest state qualifiers for the USBC Junior Gold competition.

Founder, Patti Mauerman started the Illinois State Scholarship Tour in an effort to provide youth bowlers with more opportunities to compete statewide. "My son, Kyle wanted to be more competitive in bowling and wanted to bowl at the Junior Gold National competition. He had been involved with the Ill. State Youth Leaders for a year or two and they were looking for a new Advisor. I decided it was time to stop complaining about others not doing anything for the kids and took this as an opportunity to start something for my son, daughter and their friends. It has been such a fulfilling journey working along side my children and the rest of the Youth Leaders who have been with me from past to present."

Mauerman recalls "In the beginning we had about 12 to 20 bowlers competing in either a handicap or scratch division. Today we have three divisions, adding a girls scratch division in 2008 and we now average 400+ members. With the help of the Youth Leaders, we have made adjustments and worked out the kinks and built an event that we all can be proud of." Mauerman admits that she hoped that the tour would grow, but never dreamed of events having up to 190 bowlers. "I never thought that there would be a time when I would have to turn bowlers away from an event."

For the past few years the ISST continues to advance over 70-80 youth bowlers to the Junior Gold National Championship making it the single largest qualifying tour in the country. Sixteen bowlers over the years have earned their spots onto Junior Team USA. "Nothing is more rewarding than watching the bowlers grow up through the years, developing their game, building self-esteem and ~ continued on page 2

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"Words cannot express the amount of gratitude I have for Patti Mauerman, the Youth Leaders and all the parent volunteers.

Through the Illinois State Scholarship Tour I have gained so many friends and worked along side them to become the bowler I am today."

*Erin Heuer
St. Charles, IL*

Upcoming Tour Stops

- Aug. 17 - Town & Country Lanes ~ Joliet
- Sept. 7 - King Pin ~ Springfield
- Sept. 28 - Arena Lanes ~ Oaklawn
- Oct. 12 - IL Valley Super Bowl ~ Peru



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10 Year Anniversary Continued

confidence in their abilities, and fulfilling their dreams while creating life long friendships. Little do they know, when they win, I win too and I am so very proud of all of them."

"We pride ourselves on giving the kids what they want." Patti said, "We listen to them, because the events are for them." Sometimes those requests require additional volunteers. She has 4-5 parent volunteers and the Youth Leaders to assist with tournament needs. Volunteers are the backbone of helping things run successfully over the years and she is always looking for more.

"My son Adam started bowling ISST events back in 2007 when he was a freshman in high school. A friend of ours told us about the tour. The sport shot patterns, field of competition and tournament experience helped him fine tune his game." says parent volunteer Kristin Johnson. "Patti provided my son with an opportunity to earn much needed scholarship money for college." Adam graduated this past May from McKendree University where he bowled for their men's team. "I continue to volunteer today as a simple way to thank Patti for all her program has provided for Adam; a "pay it forward" if you will."

Johnson agrees with Mauerman when it comes to watching bowlers grow to be successful forces in the sport. "Some of the kids I've met over the years, are now successful college and adult bowlers. I'm sure we will be watching them on TV in the near future," said Johnson.

"It truly is a Bowling Family to me," Patti said. "Many, including my son Kyle with his wife Jennifer (Levon) and Ryan McDaniel with his wife Melanie (DeCarlo) to name a few, have even gone on to build relationships, marriages and families. It's hard to believe it's already been 10 years...can't wait to see what happens in the next 10.....hopefully see the Mauerman name on the score board again!"



Patti Mauerman
Illinois State Youth Leader
Advisor

ISST Bowlers Make Jr. Team USA



The Illinois State Scholarship Tour advanced 60 youth bowlers to compete in the Junior Gold Championships in Buffalo, New York. Our bowlers had strong representation in the top 100 of each division throughout the tournament. When all was said and done, four ISST bowlers were awarded positions on Jr. Team USA.

Congratulations to Julia Bond (Aurora, IL) and Stephanie Schwartz (Racine, WI) for earning a spot for the second consecutive year. Also congratulations to Michael Preston (Oswego, IL) and Chenoa Rhodes (Lafayette, IN) for earning spots on Jr. Team USA.

2015 Junior Gold Championships will be held in Chicago, IL. As always, you may attempt to qualify at any ISST Tour stop for an additional fee.

For more info, contact Patti Mauerman at pattimauerman@gmail.com or at 309-369-3862

New Tour Shirt Designs Wanted

We are looking for inspiring artists to help create new tour shirt designs.

All shirts must feature: the ISST logo, the State of Illinois, and a bowler's name.

Submit your ideas to the Youth Leaders via Corben Sadowski at:

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President's Note

Bowlers and Parents,

I have been with the ISYL (Ill. State Youth Leaders) for 4 years. Since joining the ISYL, I have served one year as Vice-President and I am currently on my second year as the President.

Being on the board is a lot of fun and builds teamwork. I have learned a lot and enjoy working with Patti and the other Youth Leaders making decisions about the ISST and Singles/Doubles tournaments.

Over the past few years, the ISST has taught me how to be a better bowler by watching other bowlers and learning how to adapt to the different types of lane conditions. Also, I have made so many new friends.

I would like to thank Patti, Jenn, ILUSBC Youth Board, Youth Leaders and volunteers for all the hard work you guys have done throughout the 10 years this tournament has been running. Everyone has showed nothing but lots of hard work, and I couldn't be any more proud. I can honestly say that I have made one of my best decisions by becoming a Youth Leader.

I look forward to meeting all the new bowlers this year! If you see me walking around and have a question, don't be afraid to stop me and ask. I am friendly and I don't bite...I promise! :)

Paige Wernsing

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Thank You!! For Your Donations

With great appreciation, the Youth Leaders would like to thank everyone for their donations. It is your donations that keep expenses at a minimum, which create additional scholarship awards for your youth bowler(s).

We have received: monetary donations, free printing, paper, bowling balls, raffle items, laser printers and more.



2013-14 Year End Results

Champions

Scratch Boys: Dominic Partipilo
Scratch Girls: Tara Quinlan
Handicap: Haley Douglas

Bowler of the Year

Scratch Boys: Dominic Partipilo
Scratch Girls: Krystyna Johnson
Handicap: Jarrod Scents and Tony DeVita (tied)

Perfect Attendance:

Matt Lee, James Menard, Krystyna Johnson, Laura Crocker, Danny LaBonte, Matthew LaBonte, Mia Orozco, Tony DeVita and Alex Acosta.

New Dress Code



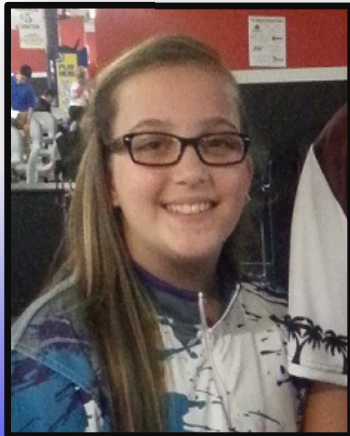
Rule #16. Bowlers must be dressed in proper attire when checking in; a shirt with a butterfly or mock collar and dress pants for both boys and girls. USBC youth jerseys will also be acceptable. No hats, jeans of any type, skirts, skorts, shorts, spandex, yoga pants or t-shirts are allowed.

THIS RULE IS STRICTLY ENFORCED!

In the past, due to the heat in August, the first two events allowed bowlers to wear shorts, skirts and skorts. This is no longer acceptable due to concerns regarding styles and appropriate lengths.

If you have any doubts about your clothing being acceptable, it is best not to wear it. You may bring the item to a tour stop and ask Patti if it is acceptable, then change later.

Featured Bowlers



Mackenzie Ullian
New Lenox, IL



Corben Sadowski
Roselle, IL

Age: 12

School: Liberty Junior High, 7th grade

Home Center: Joliet Town & Country

Division: Handicap, ISST Average of 132

Sanctioned High Game/Series: 244/567

Started bowling at age: 6

When did you start bowling the ISST? 8

What is your favorite thing about the tour? I get to see my friends there and make new ones. I also get to bowl on harder patterns to improve my game.

What kept you going through the hard times? Knowing that I can always bowl better the next game.

What advice would you give to someone who's just starting the ISST? The patterns are harder than league, but don't get down on yourself if you are having trouble.

Who's your biggest inspiration? My parents, because they always help me at tournaments, practice and league.

How many times have you been to Jr. Gold? U12 division was just added so this was my first year I could qualify for Jr. Gold. I will try my hardest to qualify next year in the U15 division because it will be near my hometown.

What is your positive take-away from Jr. Gold? I was one of 84 girls that competed in a brand new division of the tournament.

What is your negative take-away from Jr. Gold? You definitely can't put pressure on yourself during qualifying rounds. I was in the running to advance after the first two days. On the third day I blew it because I was worrying about all the other scores.

Overall, what has bowling done for you? I have enjoyed bowling because I have a sport that takes my mind off of everything else. I have made many friends from it on and off the lanes. I enjoy learning more about the game and improving each time I play.

Age: 18

School: 2014 graduate from Lake Park High School, Attending University Wisconsin-Whitewater this fall.

Home Center: Brunswick Zone Roselle

Division: Scratch Boys, ISST Average of 181

Sanctioned High Game/Series: 300/799 (has one sanctioned 300 game and two 299 games)

Started bowling at age: 12

When did you start bowling the ISST? 15

What is your favorite thing about the tour? I like to bowl on sport patterns under a tournament conditions. That isn't offered much. Also, to be able to see all people from around the state and catch up with friends.

What kept you going through the hard times? Going minus 300 for 6 games made me really want to work harder on my game. I prefer to be more competitive. It's motivating.

What advice would you give to someone who's just starting the ISST? Take the first couple of tournaments as a learning experience and then look at what the people around you are doing. If you watch what makes them excel, you can apply it to your own game.

Who's your biggest inspiration? Norm Duke, because I have always loved his bowling game and the man he is off the lanes.

How many times have you been to Jr. Gold? Three times. I will try to qualify for 2015 in Chicago and 2016 in Cleveland. After that I will have aged out.

What is your positive take-away from Jr. Gold? Watching the top 16 bowlers to see what they were doing to achieve the scores they had.

What is your negative take-away from Jr. Gold? Three days of bowling is mental exhausting for a new bowler.

Overall, what has bowling done for you? It gives me a sense of family, like a family get together and have made a lot long time friends.