

DREAMS REALLY CAN COME TRUE!



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Kayla Johnson grew up in Washington, Illinois and began bowling at 18 months old. Throughout her years as a youth bowler she competed in various competitive scholarship tournaments to gain experience and knowledge of the game. This experience landed her a scholarship to the University of Nebraska – Lincoln under the coaching staff of Bill Straub and Paul Klempa. She bowled for the Huskers between 2009-2012 while getting a Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design. In 2012, her senior season, Johnson was selected as a National 1st Team All-American for the Huskers, helping them bring home a 3rd place finish at the NCAA Championships. During the NCAA Championships Johnson was also selected for the NCAA All-Tournament team.

After graduating from Nebraska in May of 2012, she moved back home to Washington, IL and took a full time job with Caterpillar. In July of 2013 at Team USA Summer trials in Arlington, TX she earned a spot on the 2014 Women's Team USA. During July of the 2014 season she traveled to Puebla, Mexico to compete in the PASO Tournament for Team USA. She brought home a Silver Medal in Mixed Doubles when partnering up with Mike Fagan. In the beginning of August this year, Johnson once again excelled and earned a spot on Team USA for the 2015 season.



A few months ago, Johnson decided to chase another one of her dreams off the lanes by opening her own pro shop, which is now called The Perfect Angle Pro Shop located in Washington, IL at 209 Muller Rd. She has drilled for several years on the side with other shops' equipment, but is now a fully certified Jayhawk Bowling Ball Driller. The shop is registered with the IBPSIA (International Bowling Pro Shop and Instructors Association) and Turbo Grips has partnered with them in making them a Turbo Xtreme Dealer, giving the customers the best grips and slugs in the industry including the custom SwitchGrip technology, allowing bowlers to have the same feel in all their bowling balls. Among many other products and brands, they are the distributors of The Real Bowlers Tape (Silver Tape) and are passionate about promoting the great Storm & Roto Grip products. Kayla has come back to the I.S.S.T. to help us out. She helps us purchase the balls we raffle off, which has been adding \$100 in Scholarships to each division. She is also donating three new balls to the winners of the year end event.



Sponsorship is one of the key factors in running a successful tournament. Sponsorship can come in many forms, such as, monetary donations, office equipment, office supplies and services provided by businesses. We would like to thank everyone who has played a part thus far in making this tournament what it is today and to welcome any other sponsors that would like to jump on board. I would also like to thank Kristin Johnson for doing whatever I ask of her and for her help at the events as well as Barb Levon and our newest recruit, Ray LaBonte. Many have helped with 50/50's and raffles which is greatly appreciated as well. We wish Kayla all the luck with her newest adventure and invite everyone to stop by and check it out. Remember to stay focused and work hard and your dreams can come true too!

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"We love bowling ISST for the opportunity to bowl Jr. Gold and earn scholarship money!"

We love the challenge to try and master the patterns, have perfect attendance, and make great friends along the way!"

*Matthew and Danny LaBonte
Oak Lawn, IL*

Upcoming Tour Stops

- Dec. 14 ~ Poplar Creek Bowl ~ Hoffman Estates
- Dec. 28 ~ Northgate Lanes ~ Galesburg
- Jan. 25 ~ Plaza Lanes ~ Washington
- Feb. 15 ~ Arlington Lanes ~ Arlington Heights



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ISST TOUR STOP RESULTS

ISST #89 - Mardi Gras, DeKalb

Handicap Division

1. Rachel Clifton	\$246
2. Nicklaus Eberly	\$164
3. Conner Johnson	\$132
4. Megan Douglas	\$107
5. Tyler Rowe	\$90
6. Tony DeVita	\$82

Boys Scratch Division

1. Aaron Adams	\$231
2. Corben Sadowski	\$154
3. Joey Reid	\$124
4. Nate Stubler	\$100
5. David Eggert	\$85
6. Christopher Wiley	\$77

Girls Scratch Division

1. Sara Michalowicz	\$172
2. Kyra Udziela	\$109
3. Felicia Montecinos	\$98
4. Nicolette Mendez	\$74
5. Jessica Eberly	\$63
6. Jordan Newham	\$57

Mystery Blind Doubles

1. Kyle Krumme & Nicklaus Eberly	\$35 ea.
2. Tony DeVita & Jessica Eberly	\$25 ea.
3. Nicklaus Eberly & Tony Lundy	\$10 ea.

ISST #90 - Pheasant Lanes, Bloomington

Handicap Division

1. Melissa Mutters	\$288
2. Dylan Sjouwke	\$202
3. Mia Orozco	\$154
4. Zach Lantz	\$115
5. Destiney Rottman	\$105
6. Pete Trentz	\$96

Boys Scratch Division

1. Michael Dertz	\$258
2. Aaron Adams	\$172
3. Nate Stubler	\$138
4. Kyle Pijarowski	\$112
5. Jeff Bartos	\$94
6. Will Deters	\$86

Girls Scratch Division

1. Abby Ragsdale	\$161
2. Nikki Pochay	\$96
3. Brittany Breedlove	\$80
4. Sara Michalowicz	\$75
5. Erin Heuer	\$64
6. Savannah Erickson	\$59

Mystery Blind Doubles

1. Zach Lantz & Blake Reiger	\$35 ea.
2. Blake Reiger & Tony DeVita	\$25 ea.
3. V. Dreyfus & M. Mutters	\$18 ea.
4. Dalton Myers & Jeff Bartos	\$12 ea.

ISST Leader Boards

Points Leaders

Handicap Division

1. Alex Acosta	111
2. Blake Reiger	92
3. Tony DeVita	85
4. Rachel Clifton	77
5. Joey Preston	71

Boys Scratch Division

1. Aaron Adams	326
2. Brandon Biondo	246
3. Dakota Vostry	184
4. Nate Stubler	159
5. Michael Dertz	141

Girls Scratch Division

1. Sara Michalowicz	227
2. Abby Ragsdale	141
3. Tara Quinlan	96
4. Jordan Newham	90
5. Brigitte Jacobs	87

Scholarship Award Leaders

Handicap Division

1. Tony DeVita	\$925
2. Shaun DesRocher	\$569
3. Blake Reiger	\$549.50
4. Alex Acosta	\$534
5. Rachel Clifton	\$439.50

Boys Scratch Division

1. Aaron Adams	\$1473
2. Brandon Biondo	\$968
3. Chris Wiley	\$742
4. Michael Dertz	\$681
5. Nate Stubler	\$672

Girls Scratch Division

1. Sara Michalowicz	\$802
2. Abby Ragsdale	\$704
3. Tara Quinlan	\$328
4. Megan Szczepanski	\$285
5. Julia Bond	\$273



Bound For Jr. Gold

Landmark

Michael Dertz	U20
Kyle Flanagan	U20
Nate Stubler	U20
Jennifer Potts	U20
Dana Brandt	U20
Blake Reiger	U15
Alex Acosta	U15
Conner Jones	U12

IL Valley Super Bowl

Tyler Kurcz	U20
Zach Clifton	U20
Brigitte Jacobs	U20
Rachel Clifton	U15
Zach Lantz	U15
Connor Pula	U12

Mardi Gras

Joey Reid	U20
Brandon Mooney	U20
Jessica Eberly	U20
Felicia Montecinos	U20
Nicklaus Eberly	U15

Joliet Town & Country

Eric Ullian	U20
Nick Binetti	U20
Eric Kramer	U20
Abby Ragsdale	U20
Kyra Udziela	U20
Julianna Kowalski	U20
Kylie Frick	U15
Mabel Cummins	U15
James Menard	U15
Matthew LaBonte	U15
Haylie Frick	U12
Danny LaBonte	U12

Pheasant Lanes

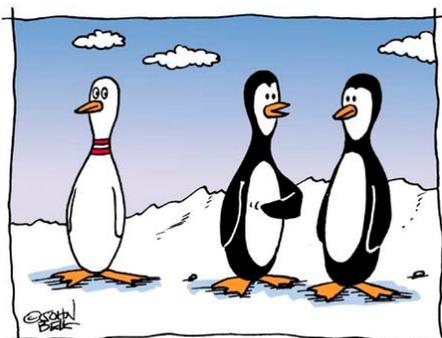
Tony DeVita	U20
Mason Lutz	U20
Erin Heuer	U20
Brittany Breedlove	U20
Jacob Newton	U15
Ashlyn Burkeybile	U15

King Pin

Brandon Biondo	U20
Brad Behrends	U20
Zach Singer	U20
Leah Samuelson	U20
Violet Kirk	U20
Joey Preston	U15
Trevor White	U12

Arena

Alex Burchard	U20
Kai Devine	U20
Morgan Flaherty	U20
Sara Klawitter	U20
Shaun DesRocher	U15
Bryce Schmitz	U15
George McCoy	U12



HE'S IN THE "WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM".

Tip of the Month

Reduce injuries by warming up with common arm, leg and torso exercises.

Stretching muscles reduces strain and offers balance and flexibility.



Featured Bowlers



Aaron Adams
Roselle, IL



Tony DeVita
East Peoria, IL

Age: 21

School: DeVry University

Home Center: Brunswick Zone, Glendale Heights

Division: Boys Scratch, ISST Average of 210.58

Sanctioned High Game/Series: 300/805

Started bowling at age: 16

When did you start bowling the ISST? 18

What is your favorite thing about the tour? *The amount of events as well as the people. Seeing friends, along with Patti and her team who do a great job of running the events.*

What kept you going through the hard times? *The hunger for success. I am a winner, and like to be good at the things I do. Therefore, when things got tough I used them as learning opportunities because I knew with hard work and dedication I would be a successful bowler and competitor.*

What advice would you give to someone who's just starting the ISST? *Bowl as many events as you can. Last year was the first year I competed in more than 2 events, and this year the experience I gained from last year has really shown in my performances. You can never get enough experience under your belt.*

Who's your biggest inspiration? *My coach and good friend Rich Gucwa. I would not be where I am today if it was not for him. I have learned so much from drilling bowling balls to reading lane conditions as well as helping me learn that I am a winner and fueling my hunger to be successful.*

How many times have you been to Jr. Gold? *Three*

What is your positive take-away from Jr. Gold? *Every time I bowled Jr. Gold, I came back a stronger bowler, mainly mentally. It is a grueling and frustrating week, but you learn a lot about yourself and it is easy to notice where you need to improve.*

What is your negative take-away from Jr. Gold? *The only bad thing about Jr. Gold would be the expenses it costs to bowl. All 3 of mine were out of state so financially it is difficult.*

Overall, what has bowling done for you? *Bowling has helped me mature and grow into a better person. The friends I have made and relationships I have found through bowling have been life changing. I have learned so much about myself since I started bowling like my attitude. The lifelong friendships I have made are priceless and I cannot thank my friends and family enough for their support. I would not be the man I am today if it was not for bowling. Thanks everyone!!*

Age: 18

School: East Peoria Community High School

Home Center: Landmark Lanes, Peoria

Division: Handicap, ISST Average of 170.38

Sanctioned High Game/Series: 289/744 (3 unsanctioned 300 games)

Started bowling at age: 9

When did you start bowling the ISST? 13

What is your favorite thing about the tour? *I like the tough patterns and being able to see friends.*

What kept you going through the hard times? *Knowing that everything will get better in the future.*

What advice would you give to someone who's just starting the ISST? *Don't expect to shoot lights out every game. Just stay relaxed and make your spares.*

Who's your biggest inspiration? *My dad. He has always supported my bowling career and helps me when I am in doubt.*

How many times have you been to Jr. Gold? *Once. I went to Buffalo over the summer.*

What is your positive take-away from Jr. Gold? *Having the opportunity to bowl with people from all over the country. I also learned a lot about my physical and mental game.*

What is your negative take-away from Jr. Gold? *It was tougher than I expected and I didn't bowl well. It was a physical and mental grind.*

Overall, what has bowling done for you? *Bowling has helped and continues to help pay for my college education and has opened up many opportunities for my future.*



Illinois Star of Tomorrow

applications are due December 31st.

This is a great way to earn state recognition and scholarship funds.

Go to www.ilusbcyouth.org for information and an application.

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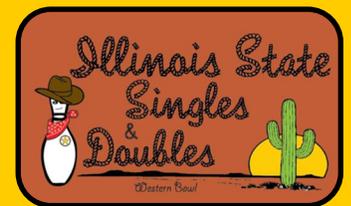
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Entry forms will be posted online and arriving in your mailbox next week.

Look for details on a special event for bowlers participating on March 21st and 22nd only.

Make your reservations quickly! You don't want to miss out!!!

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