

Preparing for your future... in bowling



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When it comes to preparing for your future, there are several things you can be doing to improve your game that will allow you to continue in bowling and bowl in college and beyond.

Having a good coach, bowling as much as you can, and practicing often are all key to maximizing your potential. There are so many people that have a ton of knowledge about bowling and one of the great things about our sport is that there is no one right answer.

Having said that, it is important to absorb as much as you can about the game and apply what you can to your own game. It is essentially like adding more tools to your toolbox, because you never know when something you have learned might come in handy in a tournament.



Bowling tournaments and gaining firsthand experience is another great way to prepare for your future in bowling, whether it is in adult tournaments or at the collegiate level. College bowling is a whole different atmosphere that does not have an equivalent any time after you graduate.

The best way to be prepared for the tough conditions you will face in college is to gain as much experience as you can now and bowl on as many different patterns as you can. Team USA Trials are also coming up shortly, which is another path bowling can lead you down. Several youth bowlers that started out bowling in the ISST have gone on to represent the USA on Junior Team USA and Team USA. Bowling the ISST opens several doors for the future while helping you to be better prepared for it.

So whether your future goals include bowling collegiately at all or winning a national championship in college, the ISST is a great place to hone your skills and be the best bowler you can be.



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"The tour has been a wonderful experience and has opened up many doors for me. This is the place to go to learn and grow as a bowler"

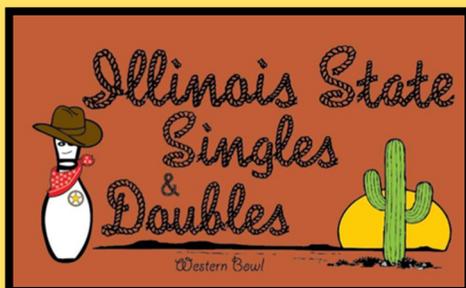
*Julia Bond
Aurora, IL*

Upcoming Tour Stops

- Jan. 25 ~ Plaza Lanes ~ Washington
- Feb. 15 ~ Arlington Lanes ~ Arlington Heights
- Mar. 1 ~ Finale ~ Invite Only Kankakee ~ Brookmont Lanes (must qualify, see rule 17 on entry form.)

Illinois State Singles and Doubles Tournament

Western Bowl, Champaign, IL
March 21 & 22, March 28 & 29 and April 18 & 19



Entry forms, rules, host hotel, and souvenir wear information are posted online.

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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www.ilusbcyouth.org



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ISST TOUR STOP RESULTS

ISST #91 - Stardust Bowl, Addison

Handicap Division

1. Jacob Perry	\$355
2. Kyle Bowman	\$248
3. Mirica Yancy	\$189
4. Allison Wescott	\$142
5. Jenna Newton	\$130
6. Tony Lundy	\$118

Boys Scratch Division

1. Kyle Krol	\$382
2. Aaron Adams	\$267
3. Christopher Wiley	\$204
4. Jarrod Scents	\$152
5. Nick Binetti	\$140
6. Bryan Nowakowski	\$127

Girls Scratch Division

1. Caitlin Hofmann	\$208
2. Megan Szczepanski	\$132
3. Kayla Crawford	\$118
4. Veronica Dreyfus	\$90
5. Courtney Johnston	\$76
6. Nicolette Mendez	\$69

Mystery Blind Doubles

1. Jacob Perry & Kyle Bowman	\$40 ea.
2. Matt LaBonte & Allison Wescott	\$30 ea.
3. Tony Lundy & Mike Dertz	\$20 ea.
4. Melissa Mutters & Pete Trentz	\$15 ea.

ISST #92 - Poplar Creek Bowl, Hoffmann Estates

Handicap Division

1. Samuel Ritchie	\$310
2. Elyse Spaccapaniccia	\$217
3. Justin Zinga	\$165
4. Gavin Gucwa	\$124
5. Conner Jones	\$114
6. Jacob Schuely	\$102

Boys Scratch Division

1. Zach Woelfel	\$330
2. Aaron Adams	\$231
3. Riley Smith	\$176
4. JR Meagher	\$132
5. Trevor Gunther	\$121
6. Jeff Bartos	\$110

Girls Scratch Division

1. Jessica Eberly	\$150
2. Caitlin Hofmann	\$90
3. Jordan Newham	\$75
4. Bobbi Jo Buhlman	\$70
5. Megan Szczepanski	\$60
6. Kylie Frick	\$55

Mystery Blind Doubles

1. Alex Acosta & Brianna Schmidt	\$35 ea.
2. Jacob Schuely & Justin Zinga	\$25 ea.
3. V. Odarczenko & B. Schmidt	\$20 ea.

ISST Leader Boards

Points Leaders

Handicap Division

1. Alex Acosta	116
2. Blake Reiger	102
3. Tony DeVita	95
4. Rachel Clifton	77
5. Shaun DesRocher	72

Boys Scratch Division

1. Aaron Adams	433
2. Brandon Biondo	281
3. Dakota Vostry	213
4. Chris Wiley	190
5. Nate Stubler	159

Girls Scratch Division

1. Sara Michalowicz	246
2. Megan Szczepanski	160
3. Abby Ragsdale	141
4. Jordan Newham	130
5. Tara Quinlan	122

Scholarship Award Leaders

Handicap Division

1. Tony DeVita	\$970
2. Alex Acosta	\$689
3. Shaun DesRocher	\$584
4. Blake Reiger	\$559.50
5. Rachel Clifton	\$508.50

Boys Scratch Division

1. Aaron Adams	\$1981
2. Chris Wiley	\$1036
3. Brandon Biondo	\$1013
4. Dakota Vostry	\$808
5. Michael Dertz	\$701

Girls Scratch Division

1. Sara Michalowicz	\$802
2. Abby Ragsdale	\$704
3. Megan Szczepanski	\$487
4. Caitlin Hofmann	\$475
5. Courtney Johnston	\$352



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

Stardust Bowl

Frank Lenoci	U20
Derek Poole	U20
Veronica Dreyfus	U20
Sami Perez	U15
Allison Wescott	U15
Jacob Perry	U12
Jenna Newton	U12

Poplar Creek Bowl

Daniel Powell	U20
Thomas Pappa	U20
Sean Mattingly	U20
Bobbi Jo Buhlman	U20
Justin Zinga	U15
E. Spaccapaniccia	U15
Samuel Ritchie	U12

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

ISST Average Leaders

Handicap Division

1. Jim Nowak	186.00
2. Blake Reiger	183.33
3. Paige Reiter	178.78
4. Alex Acosta	176.69

Boys Scratch Division

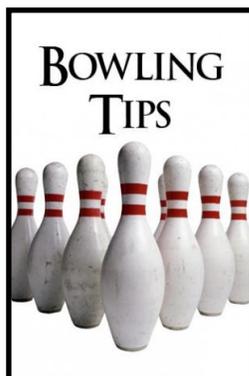
1. Zach Woelfel	230.25
2. Aaron Adams	209.39
3. Kyle Krol	208.27
4. Tony Recsnik	207.50

Girls Scratch Division

1. Morgan Flaherty	213.42
2. Krissy Johnson	212.83
3. Giselle Poss	209.92
4. Jennifer Potts	200.92

Bowlers On Pace For Perfect Attendance

Eric Kramer
Tony DeVita
Danny LaBonte
Matthew LaBonte
Conner Jones
Connor Pula
George McCoy



- Always be ready to bowl when it is your turn.
- If you're not, it disturbs the rhythm and pacing of the game for everyone.
- It is usually true that the longer the wait between shots, the more inconsistent you become.
- A good rule to follow is that when the pins are ready, so are you!

Featured Bowlers



Rachel Clifton
Oswego, IL



James Menard
Kankakee, IL

Age: 14

School: Oswego High School

Home Center: Parkside Lanes, Aurora, IL

Division: Handicap, ISST Average of 162.74

Sanctioned High Game/Series: 263/721

Started bowling at age: 6

When did you start bowling the ISST? 11

What is your favorite thing about the tour? *To bowl on the sport patterns and see my friends that I don't get to see all the time.*

What kept you going through the hard times? *Knowing that if I bowled bad, I could use it as a learning experience and try to do better at the next tournament.*

What advice would you give to someone who's just starting the ISST? *Bowl your best, but don't forget to have some fun.*

Who's your biggest inspiration? *My coach Frank Johnsen. He has helped me improve so much from when I first started.*

How many times have you been to Jr. Gold? *Once. I went to Buffalo, New York and bowled in the U15 division.*

What is your positive take-away from Jr. Gold? *That I got to bowl with people from all over, and a week of fun with my friends.*

What is your negative take-away from Jr. Gold? *It was harder than I expected. But there is plenty of time to improve.*

Overall, what has bowling done for you? *Bowling has given me what I like to think of as a second family. I met my best friends through bowling.*

Age: 12

School: Limestone Middle School

Home Center: Victory Lanes and Brookmont Bowling Center, Kankakee, IL

Division: Boys Scratch, ISST Average of 157.74

Sanctioned High Game/Series: 280/721

Started bowling at age: 3

When did you start bowling the ISST? 2013

What is your favorite thing about the tour? *Sports patterns.*

What kept you going through the hard times? *My Dad.*

What advice would you give to someone who's just starting the ISST? *Always stay calm and focused.*

Who's your biggest inspiration? *My biggest inspiration is my father, because how great of a person he is and all the life lessons he has learned and shared with me. Not just about bowling, but in all aspects of life.*

How many times have you been to Jr. Gold? *Once. I went to Buffalo over the summer and I have also qualified to bowl in Chicago this coming summer.*

What is your positive take-away from Jr. Gold? *Meeting new people.*

What is your negative take-away from Jr. Gold? *None.*

Overall, what has bowling done for you? *Bowling has changed me from getting mad when I do not strike, to making sure I am picking up my spares without attitude. Bowling has also given me a new variety of friends to be with at tournaments so I have a fun time while doing an activity I enjoy. Finally, I have been awarded with college scholarships that I intend to use after high school.*

Bowlers Qualified for Year End Finale at Brookmont in Kankakee

Handicap Division

Alex Acosta	Jenna Mendez
Erin Biccoci	Melissa Muters
Alex Brady	Dalton Myers
Rachel Clifton	Mia Orozco
Shaun DesRocher	Connor Pula
Tony DeVita	Blake Reiger
Megan Douglas	Tyler Rowe
Conner Jones	Bryce Schmitz
Kyle Krumme	Hailey Thompson
Daniel LaBonte	Pete Trentz
Matthew LaBonte	Mackenzie Ullian
Zachary Lantz	
Tony Lundy	
George McCoy	

Boys Scratch Division

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Brandon Biondo	Corben Sadowski
Alex Burchard	Jarrod Scents
Zach Clifton	Josh Singer
Ranzy Collins	Zach Singer
Michael Dertz	Nate Stubler
David Eggert	Dakota Vostry
Trevor Gunther	Chris Wiley
Justin Finnen	Ritchie Zenner
Zach Kotner	
Eric Kramer	
James Menard	
Brandon Mooney	
Kyle Pijarowski	

Girls Scratch Division

Brittany Breedlove
Kayla Crawford
Haley Douglas
Brigitte Jacobs
Violet Kirk
Nicolette Mendez
Sara Michalowicz
Felicia Montecinos
Mikayla Morris
Jordan Newham
Abby Ragsdale
Leah Samuelson
Megan Szczepanski
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Illinois Bowling is the place to go to if you are looking for high school bowling tournament results and updated state bowling rankings.

It is also a great source for college coaches and recruiters to find information and stats on youth bowlers.

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