

**REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION MANAGER**  
BURLINGTON, IOWA  
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To the Officers, Directors, Delegates and guests assembled at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Iowa State USBC:

Greetings from the office of the Iowa State USBC! I thank you for being here and doing the work of bowling in your local association and across Iowa.

My second year as your association manager has again brought many challenges and many rewarding moments. It remains a great opportunity to meet and work with bowlers within our state.

As we gather again as one group, united for the sport we all love may we all work together to keep bowling strong in Iowa and moving forward and as always, with the best interest of the sport and our bowlers always in the brightest light.

My thanks to this great Board of Directors for allowing me another year to work for our bowlers and bowling in general. It truly is a privilege and one I would never take lightly.

Now for the “report” part of my report; the facts and figures!

Iowa State Mixed Tournament: Muscatine USBC and Rose Bowl hosted the 2019 tournament with 67 teams, 137 mixed doubles, 118 men and 118 women all events. These participation figures, unfortunately, are a 35% decline from the previous tournament. Total income was \$12,020.00 with a prize fund payout of \$7,380.50 which included \$2,000.00 of earmarked funds from the former WBA.

Open State Championship Tournament: Burlington Area USBC and King Pins is hosting the doubles and singles while the team event is bowled at Iris Bowling Center in Mt. Pleasant with the Mt. Pleasant USBC handling the operation there. The tournament fielded 944 teams, 2,383 doubles, 4,752 singles, and 4,559 all events. Total income from entry fees is \$331,472.00 with a projected payout of \$174,937.50 which includes \$25,000.00 in added prize money from Burlington and Mt. Pleasant. The 2019 Open hosted 949 teams, less than a 1% decrease in entry, a fantastic accomplishment!

Some great bowling already in the first five weekends:

800 - 1      300 - 5      100 POA - 5      150 POA - 18

678 team spots are reserved to date for the 2021 Open tournament.

Women's State Championship Tournament: Opened March 7 at Rose Bowl in Muscatine. 419 teams, 836 doubles, 1,666 singles, 208 scratch singles, 1,621 handicap all events and 209 scratch all events will be bowling through May 3. Total income from entry fees is \$118,877.00 with a prize payout of \$65,700.00 which includes \$10,000.00 earmarked prize fund from the former WBA. The 2020 event shows a 14% decline in entry.

Women's Senior State Tournament: The scheduling of this event is ongoing until April 1 although late entries will be accepted subject to lane availability. The tournament will be held at Spare Time Lanes in Jefferson with the Greene County USBC handling the operation of the tournament. At the time of this writing, 63 doubles and 126 singles along with 126 all events are scheduled.

Membership: As of March 1, total membership is at 25,653 adults and 4,317 youth from 86 local associations.

Jamboree: The annual Jamboree was held October 5-6, 2019 in Jefferson. USBC youth representative Gary Brown presented information from USBC focused on the Registered Volunteer Program (RVP), Safesport and the upcoming change in age for youth members. The 2020 Jamboree is planned for October 3-4 in Cedar Rapids.

The 2020-2021 bowling season is fast approaching and I expect all tournaments to remain strong and healthy along with the Iowa State USBC.

It is with mixed emotions that I announce that the 2020-2021 season will be my final season as your association manager/tournament manager. I have enjoyed, and yes loved, working for the bowlers in Iowa, but it's time for me to retire and "just bowl". I look forward to assisting with the transition of my position to the next person(s) and helping maintain and grow bowling events in Iowa.

Again, thank you for being here today and for taking care of our beloved sport here and at home.

Bowling forever,

*Charla Wilke*  
Association Manager