

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great summer and that you are looking forward to this new bowling season!

As I sit here at the Rose Bowl on this Thursday night, it's great to see many familiar faces and several new ones. For those new faces, my name is Judy Hocke and I am President of the Muscatine USBC Board of Directors. The board is also sporting some new faces this year as we welcome Fran Miller, Matt Weggen and Brandon Gasaway to our team. I'm looking forward to working with them and I'm positive they will be great contributors! And hopefully, this weekend, we will be adding one more new face to our board.

I would like to thank Robert Delano for his time and service he volunteered as a board member. Robert has decided to resign his position and I know you all join me in wishing him all the best.

We have another busy year ahead of us. Just to mention a few events.....We, along with Rose Bowl, are hosting the Iowa State Mixed Tournament, the weekends of October 26th – November 10th, 2019. Entry forms can be found at the front desk. I'm hoping Muscatine will have an outstanding number of entries as this is a fun tournament.

Our second big event will be hosting the Iowa State USBC 2020 Women's Championship Tournament, March 7th – May 3rd, 2020. These entry forms can also be found at the front desk. This tournament will bring approximately 3000 plus women bowlers to Muscatine. I am currently working with the Muscatine CVB to welcome all these bowlers to our town.

Please note the dates of these tournaments. They take place on the weekends only, with several shifts each day. We learned many things hosting the Men's State Tournament last year, one of which is we need volunteers to help us!! If you would be interested in volunteering with such things as check-in/score monitoring, PLEASE see me or any board member. I am also working on a sign-up sheet with dates and squad times that I hope to have on the information wall, as you enter the main door, soon. (If you sign-up to be a score monitor, you must have knowledge on how to correct scores.) If you have any questions or concerns with anything, please don't hesitate to ask any of our board members. Remember, we represent you!

As you all remember, last season we had to change the normal dates of our City Tournament as well as Bowler of the Year and Sweet Sixteen. I'm happy to let you know this season will only be one week earlier than normal! Since Women's State starts the first weekend in March, we were able to schedule City Tournament the week of February 17th – 22nd, 2020, with Bowler of the Year and Sweet Sixteen taking place February 29th and March 1st, 2020. This is only a seven day turn around for us to get bio forms passed out and pictures taken. Please bare with us as we try to make it all run as smoothly as possible.

Although youth sign-up has already taken place and most adult leagues have started, it is **NEVER** too late to join a league!! IF you know anyone interested in bowling, bring them along with you and get them signed up.

Again, welcome back to you all and thanks for supporting the game of bowling!

Here's to a fun and healthy season---

Judy

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