



Gulf Coast USBC  
8668 Park Blvd. Ste J  
Seminole, FL 33777  
727-399-2695

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8 am - 3 pm  
Saturday - 8 am - 2 pm

Hours do vary, always a good idea to call before coming out

Website: [www.gcusbc.org](http://www.gcusbc.org)

Email: [gcusbc@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:gcusbc@tampabay.rr.com)

Facebook: Gulf Coast United State Bowling Congress - GCUSBC

Bowlers just some information that you may already know or info you may learn, from this newsletter. We hope you read and learn something new.

Gulf Coast USBC is your association if you bowl at Liberty Lanes, Seminole or Sunrise Lanes, and Ten Pins.

Things Gulf Coast does throughout the year:

- Certify your centers lanes
- Provide tournaments throughout the season
- Certify your bowling league
- Record your yearbook average to National office
- Certify your membership
- Process Awards, such as games, series, 300 or 800 plaques, 11 in a row, clean series
- Have fundraisers for BVL - Bowlers to Veterans Link



Coming in January will be 2019 Hall of Fame applications. A lot of people think that Gulf Coast chooses a bowler for the Hall of Fame, this is NOT true. You can fill out an application for someone you think is deserving of being inducted into the Hall of Fame. Be sure to read the guidelines, everything must be filled out, and turned in by due date to the Gulf Coast office. AND Gulf Coast board does not choose the Hall of Fame member either.

We have Hall of Fame for Adults & Youth bowlers. We have a Lifetime Achievement, Coach of the Year. So think about it who do you think is deserving of these awards?

The Hall of Fame committee, consists of any St. Pete Bowling Association or St. Pete WBA or Gulf Coast member who is a Hall of Fame inductee. They choose the new Hall of Fame member.

So be on the lookout for the applications they are normally sent to the league secretaries, they will be on our website and posted on Facebook.

**AWARDS - Adults - We provide the following:**

- Games/Series - Pens
- 300 or 800 - Pin Plaque (if you have addtl' ones throughout the season you can pay \$3 for a plate to add to your plaque)
- 11 in a row bowling ball plaque same as above
- Clean Series Plaque - same as above

**AWARDS - Youth - We provide the following:**

- Games/Series - Dog Tags
- 300 or 800 - Pin Plaque (same as above)
- 11 in a row bowling ball plaque (same as above)
- Clean Game plaque 11 & under
- Clean Series plaque 12 & over

Youth Clean Game or Series plaques have been paid for by Arlene Levine for years, and we thank her for supporting and caring for our youth bowlers.

If you have never thrown a 300 or 800 you will get a ring from USBC National office. And then after that you would receive the plaques that Gulf Coast provides.

If you can think of another form of an award for games/series, do remember we have to pay for these awards, pens are cheap \$ so that is why we use them. If you know of anything that we can purchase for the bowlers, please give us some ideas? Email: celeste@gcusbc.org

BVL - Bowlers to Veterans Link or Brightening Veterans Lives. This is our only charity. We normally collect right around \$5000 each year and we send \$500 to Re-Creations, they are a group that travel around the United States and perform for Veterans at VA hospitals. I do not see their schedule out yet, but in January they usually visit Bay Pines Hospital. Then we give \$500 to the State of Florida VA Hospitals and the remainder goes to Bay Pines, directly to them. If you are interested in making a donation, you can either bring by cash or write a check payable to Gulf Coast USBC and we will add it to our yearly total. Our address is at the beginning of the newsletter.

We do have some upcoming tournaments:

- Senior - January 24 & January 26 @ Sunrise
  - Youth Trio - Feb 2 & 3 @ Liberty
  - Open Trio - Feb 16 & 17 @ Ten Pins

Be sure to visit our website for entry and you can sign up on Facebook as well.

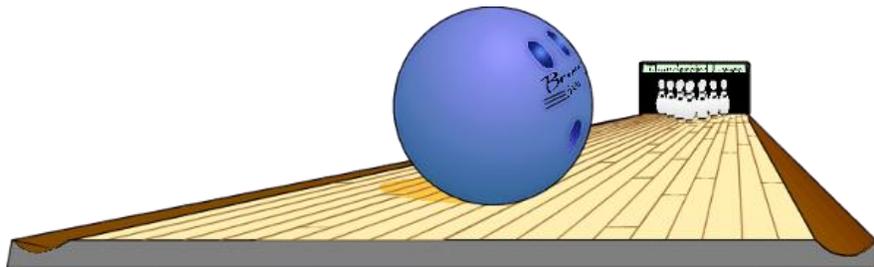
Parents if you have kids at home, that are not bowling and they are interested, each of our four centers have youth bowling programs. All you need to do is contact a center and ask and they will set you up with the information. Let's get the kids interested in our great sport of bowling.

Bowlers on our website is a Business Resources page, send us your business card in a jpg file and we will advertise your business on our website and on our Facebook page. Great FREE advertising!!! Just another resource for you!!!

Another thing that we have on our website is Amazon Smile. When you use the Amazon site to purchase anything click on this link and we will receive 0.5% of your purchase price, these \$\$ will be used for youth scholarships. Here is our link to use: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-4927556>

Anyone interested in becoming a board member? We have 4 meetings a year, you are put on committees, some meet once a year, some maybe more. You help out at tournaments, the main tournament help is The Women's St. Pete Classic, that we have each November for two weekends. Promote tournaments, give out awards, pick up paperwork from your assigned center, bring paperwork back to office. It sounds like a lot, but it really is not bad. If interested or would like to know more about it, email or call us.

Anyone interested (youth or adults) in learning how to certify the lanes ? We do this in the summer months, and it is very interesting, we can always use volunteers for this, again if interested, email or call us.



Another thing, and this of course is sad, and that is someone who has passed. But we do keep track of our bowlers that have passed and we honor them at our yearly annual meeting. So if someone in your league has passed, again, please let us know.

And usually in April we have our Annual meeting which every member of Gulf Coast is invited and can attend, and vote. Depending on the year, depends on if we vote for a new President, Vice Presidents, Sgt. of Arms, & Directors. We vote on any changes USBC wants to make. And if we have any changes to make we vote. We induct Hall of Fame members (youth & adult), Coach of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement.

Just want everyone to know about Gulf Coast things that are offered, and what we do for you!!!!

Youth bowlers, parents & coaches be on the lookout for Florida State USBC to send out the Scholarship applications. These are \$1000 scholarships that your youth bowler needs to fill out the application and turn it in before the deadline, for a chance at a \$1000 scholarship.

And your certified sanction card has benefits as well. If you go to bowl.com and then to bowlers, member rewards, and you can find all sorts of stuff you can get savings on. Go to the benefit hub, check this out:

- Movie Tickets
- Sporting Events
- Restaurants
- Pay over time gift cards, pay a certain amount and pay low monthly payments
- Car rental discounts
- Free Month Unlimited Car Washes at Nascar Car Wash (next to Seminole Lanes)
  - Build a Bear
  - Universal, Disney
- Car Rentals, Hotel Stays

We wish everyone a Happy 2019 !!!! Keep bowling and keep those scores up and improving your average. Hope to see you at our upcoming tournaments.