

GRUSBC 2017-18 Tournament Results

Youth Eliminator – Oct. 28 – Perry Bowling Center

Joshua Morris of Livingston Lanes in Geneseo, bowling in his first tournament ever, captured first place. Joshua, 15, defeated Megan Jarkiewicz of Rose Garden Bowl, Bergen, 212-190, to win a \$150 scholarship and a \$25 gift certificate from Game On.

Megan earned a \$125 scholarship. Both bowlers also received plaques.

Josiah Yantz of Scopano's Lanes, Oakfield, placed third, winning a \$100 scholarship, while Brooke Jarkiewicz, Megan's sister, placed fourth for a \$75 scholarship.

In the first match of the finals, Megan edged Brooke, 217-216. Megan then topped Josiah, 197-188, before facing Joshua.

Seventeen youth bowlers competed in the handicap tournament.

Senior Masters – Nov. 11 – Medina Lanes

Batavian Paul Spiotta became only the second bowler to win a GRUSBC Masters and Senior Masters title when he captured the 12th annual Genesee Region USBC Senior Masters.

The 60-year-old right-hander defeated 50-year-old lefty Mike Johnson, also of Batavia, in an exciting final match, winning a ninth and 10th frame rolloff, 59-40, after both bowlers put up scores of 246.

Spiotta strung four strikes before leaving one pin on his final ball, forcing Johnson to get three strikes to win. Johnson got the first two -- the second one on the cross -- before leaving a solid 7 pin, setting up the roll-off.

In "overtime," after Johnson spared, Spiotta delivered three straight strikes to come away victorious.

The victory was worth \$260 for Spiotta, a former GRUSBC association president, who averaged 226 for his seven games -- qualifying 10th with 630 before posting 485 for two games in the second round and 223 for his one game in the third round.

Johnson earned \$150 for placing second while Jim Foss of Medina won \$100 for placing third. Johnson defeated Foss, 267-192, in the first game of the three-bowler stepladder finals to earn the right to face top-seeded Spiotta.

Jim Pursel of Batavia, Rick Saunders of Batavia and Phil Schepis of Medina finished in the fourth through sixth spots, winning \$70 each, while Bill Logan of Albion, Fred Gravanda of Batavia, Bob Hodgson of Medina, Scott Shields of Batavia, John Wolff of Batavia and Joe Trigilio of Attica also cashed.

Spiotta joins Gravanda, his cousin, as the only Masters and Senior Masters champions.

Gladys Ford Senior Women – Nov. 3-4 – Rose Garden Bowl

Bowlers from Albion, Batavia, Pavilion, Mount Morris, Churchville and Silver Springs captured age group titles at the 33rd Gladys Ford Memorial Senior Women's Tournament.

Winners were Gail Ward, Albion, Class AA, 75-and-over, 644; Georgene Della Penna, Batavia, Class A, 70-74, 654; Donna Davis, Pavilion, Class B, 65-69, 634; Roselena Smith, Mount Morris, Class C, 60-64, 663; Jackie Gallup, Churchville, Class D, 55-59, 609, and Lisa Granger, Silver Springs, Class E, 50-54, 554.

Youth Baker Team – Dec. 8 – Oak Orchard Bowl

The Albion Purple Eagles team of (in photo from left) Bailey Snook, Ben Lennox, Paige Snook, and Matt Baker placed first on Saturday in the Youth Baker Team tournament.

The hometown squad posted 1,699 with handicap for eight Baker-style games to edge Grape Crush, which had three Albion bowlers and a Bergen bowler, by nine pins.

First place was worth \$100 in scholarships each while the second-place bowlers each won \$40 scholarships.

Bee Stings of Rose Garden Bowl in Bergen placed third with 1,555 while Game On of Mancuso Bowling Center was fourth with 1,509.

Scratch Memorial – Jan. 6-7 – Letchworth Pines

Scott Culp of Lima put on a dominating performance over the weekend to capture his second straight Genesee Region USBC Scratch Memorial Tournament title.

The high-revving 39-year-old right-hander posted a wire-to-wire victory – leading both the qualifying and semifinal rounds and capping it with a 215-180 win over Jerry Blair of Le Roy in the championship match of the stepladder finals on Sunday at Letchworth Pines in Portageville.

Using a Storm Crux, Culp, a 240-plus average bowler at Livingston Lanes in Geneseo, rolled 900 to place first in the four-game qualifying round and added 873 in the four-game semifinals to earn the top seed for the stepladder finals with a 1,773 total (221 average).

Both rounds were contested on "Sport" oil patterns (considerably more difficult than "house" shots) – with the qualifying round rolled on Kegel Middle Road (39 feet) and the semifinals and finals on Kegel Route 66 (45 feet).

The event drew 46 entries – down from the 69 that bowled when Culp won the title last year at Medina Lanes.

The victory was worth \$600 for Culp, while Blair earned \$350.

Blair moved up the ladder by defeating Brady Weber of Perry in a 10th frame roll-off, 20-9, after the bowlers had tied at 212-212; stopping Don Parrott of Warsaw, 215-176, and edging Kevin Gray Jr. of Warsaw, 220-214. In the semifinal match against Gray, Blair struck on the first ball in the 10th to secure the win.

Gray won \$260 for his third-place finish, while Parrott earned \$210 and Weber \$160.

The five other finalists were Dana Freeman of Silver Springs (\$150), Dean Cadieux Jr. of Oakfield (\$140), Mike Pettinella of Batavia (\$130), Ron Bacon of Warsaw (\$120) and Brian Green of Batavia (\$110).

Parrott had the tournament's high game (279), followed by Culp (278).

Masters – Feb. 10-11 – Livingston Lanes

Kevin Gray Jr. of Warsaw captured the 2018 Genesee Region USBC Masters title today, by defeating defending champion and fellow left-hander Rich Wagner of Warsaw, 213-204, in the position round match of the eight-game Peterson Point competition.

Gray, 36, earned \$300, a Masters champion ring and plaque for winning the two-day tournament at Livingston Lanes in Geneseo. This is his second major GRUSBC title in three seasons; he placed first in the Scratch Memorial at Mount Morris Lanes in 2016.

The outcome wasn't decided until Gray struck on his first ball in the 10th frame to shut out Wagner, who entered the match down 44 Peterson Points to Gray.

That meant that Wagner needed to beat Gray by at least 15 pins to win the event (30 pins for winning the match and 15 pins for the margin of victory).

Wagner placed second, earning \$250, followed by Brian Green of Batavia (\$200), Fred Gravanda of Batavia (\$150), Chris Bardol of Brockport (\$100), Mike Johnson of Batavia (\$100), Scott Culp of Lima (\$90) and Brady Weber of Perry (\$90).

Gray averaged 222 for the eight-game finals - compiling a 7-1 match play record -- and 222 for his 16 games in the tournament (qualifying and semifinals took place on Saturday).

Wagner averaged 218 on Sunday and 227 for the tournament. He earned \$250.

Other cashers were (in ninth through 16th place) Jim Pursel of Batavia, Matt Balduf of South Byron, Dean Cadieux Jr. of Oakfield, Geoff Harloff of Batavia, Dana Nowack of Livonia, Joe Trigilio of Attica, Paul Spiotta of Batavia and Josh Elliott of Attica.

The tournament drew 45 entries.

Adult-Junior – Jan. 12-14 – Mancuso Bowling Center

13 & OLDER DIVISION – James Townsend/Brian Green, 1439, \$260; Gracelin and Jason Mahnke, 1404, \$230; James and Paul Townsend, 1399, \$200; Sam and Greg Miller, 1388, \$160; Sam Miller/Tom Fluker, 1375, \$120; Samantha and Mickey Hyde, \$80.

12 & UNDER DIVISION – Ryleigh and Rich Culver, 1510-\$240; Juliana Allis/Brian Cline, 1504, \$200; Allie Faryna/Matt Slocum, 1432, \$160.

GRUSBC Youth Team – Feb. 17 – Le Roy Legion Lanes

Teams from Le Roy and Perry captured divisional titles at the GRUSBC Association Youth Team Tournament.

In Division A, the Le Roy team of Trey Prevost, Tyler Klein, Aaron Leone and Samantha Hyde place first with a 2,531 score -- 90 pins better than the Medina team of Lorelei Sanders, Graceland Mahnke, Juliana Allis and Ryleigh Culver.

Ryan Bigsby, Tony Sprague, Sam Miller and James Townsend placed third with 2,412.

In Division B, the Perry squad of Gavin Slocum, Brooke Jurek, Dennis Van Duser and Matt Hurlburt finished on top with 2,536 -- 90 pins better than the Mount Morris team of Alexis Patterson, Britney Rathburn, Brad June and Trenton Willis.

Kyle Regatuso, Ava Tortorice, Hannah McKenzie and Isabel Laney placed third with 2,426.

Members of the first-place teams in both divisions earned \$100 scholarships each, while the top three teams in both groups received trophies.

GRUSBC Youth Doubles – March 10-11 – Scopano's Lanes

Dennis Van Duser and Matt Hurlburt of Perry Bowling Center combined for a 1,350 score with handicap to each win \$100 scholarships and trophies at the GRUSBC Association Youth Doubles Tournament.

The winning duo in Division A topped second-place Ryleigh Culver and Ethan Cramer of Medina Lanes by 115 pins. Culver and Cramer and third-place Aaron Leone and Samantha Hyde of Le Roy Legion Lanes also won trophies.

In Division B, Brad June and Alexis Patterson of Mount Morris Lanes placed first with 1,314 (winning \$100 scholarships and trophies), while Paige Snook and Matt Baker of Albion, and Brooke Jurek and Van Duser of Perry placed second and third, respectively.

In Division C, Brendan Pimm and Megan Jarkiewicz took first with 1,261 (winning \$100 scholarships and trophies), and were followed by Dominic LaPiana and Hanna McKenzie of Mount Morris, and Josh and Tony Sprague of Mancuso Bowling Center in Batavia.

Association – March 16-18, 23-25 – Mount Morris, Livingston

Lofty scores in both the Team and Doubles & Singles events highlighted the final two days of competition over the weekend at the 12th annual Genesee Region USBC Association Tournament.

In Open Team action at Mount Morris Lanes, the Dinger Stingers team out of Perry Bowling Center erupted for a 3,513 score with handicap – 3,200 scratch – on Saturday as Nathan Tackentien posted 743, Curtis Hoffman 711, Ryan Wetmore 641, Doug Stratton 615 and Jamie Schery 490.

Their score is 149 pins more than the 3,364 posted on Sunday by the Hello team, also out of Perry, consisting of Chris Huntz (699), Stratton (618), Rachel Van Duser (565), John Huntz (554) and Ben Jaggard (545).

Recipe for Disaster, captained by Batavian Tom Fluker, and Barber's Five, captained by Batavian Gerry Barber, are third and fourth at 3,358 and 3,336, respectively.

The top six teams in the Open division will cash.

In Women's Team play, King & Her Court (Mount Morris Lanes), captained by Jan King, held on to the top spot with 2,444, and Hawks (Medina Lanes), captained by Jackie Jurinich, are in second at 2,408.

Appleby's (Perry Bowling Center), captained by Caroline Appleby, took third at 2,345.

The top three teams in the Women's division will cash.

In Doubles & Singles at Livingston Lanes in Geneseo on Sunday, Batavian Mike Johnson, Byron's Matt Balduf, Bergen's Laurie Morgante and Medina's Hayden Allis posted big scores to lead the way, while Attica's Josh Elliott registered the tournament's only 300 game in the Singles event. It is the 35-year-old right-hander's first USBC-certified perfect game.

Johnson and Balduf combined for 1,506 (all scratch) to run away with the Open Doubles title – with Johnson rolling a 299 to cap an 802 series and Balduf adding 704.

Morgante (616) and Byron's Frank Jarkiewicz (660) placed second at 1,390 with handicap, while Chris Huntz and William Winspear (Perry Bowling Center) are third at 1,381.

The top six teams in Open Doubles will cash.

In Women's Doubles, the mother-daughter duo of Joann and Rachel Van Duser (Perry Bowling Center) moved into first with 1,281 with handicap – 30 pins more than previous leaders Cathi Fournier and Karen Henry (Mount Morris Lanes) and 40 pins more than Dawn Bertrand and Bonnie Wass (Perry Bowling Center).

The top three teams in Women's Doubles will cash.

Morgante (174 entering average) caught fire in Open Singles with 254-211-259 for 724, her first 700 series, and 834 with handicap to edge Allis, who rolled an 822 series (scratch) on games of 279-264-279.

Al Vlietstra of Geneseo and John Wolff of Batavia were third and fourth with 749 and 744 with handicap, respectively.

The top 13 in Open Singles will cash.

Roxanne Clar of Avon posted 652 with handicap to edge teammate Dawn Johnston of Livonia (632) and Fournier and Jeanne Rosa of Perry (628 each) in Women's Singles.

The top six in Women's Singles will cash.

Johnson actually put three high series together en route to winning the Open All-Events title. He had 763 in the Team event, 802 in Doubles and 706 in Singles for a 2,271 score.

Aaron Verheyn of Medina had 2,210 and Scott Gibson of Oakfield is third at 2,113.

The top seven in Open All-Events will cash.

Fournier paced the Women's All-Events with 1,996, followed by Rachel Van Duser at 1,875 and Wass at 1,854.

The top five in Women's All-Events will cash.