

NEWS TO SPARE

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FIRST 900 IN THE STATE OF TEXAS ROLLED BY HOUSTONIAN

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What do you think it would be like to bowl three perfect games in a row? Most of us will never know what it is like or even to achieve perfection for one game, but 24 year old Sean Osbourn can answer that question. Matt Cannizzaro of USBC quotes Sean as saying "I couldn't believe it – I still can't". Sean had bowled four perfect games until the late league, at Copperfield Bowl on Monday, November 21, and could boast of having bowled three 800 series prior to his record score of 900. Sean had bowled as a substitute on the early league and was asked to stay and bowl the NFL Trio League in which he bowled his record score of 900. Sean also said "I wasn't shaking at the end, I think I was in shock. It's great and crazy and I can't believe it happened to me; I love bowling and always have, and this is something I'll never forget". Can you imagine, his average after three games is 300? He came in on a book average of 221.

On Thursday night on Sean's regular

league, Copperfield Bowl was filled with well-wishers, friends and family members. All were coming up to Sean with handshakes and hugs amid best wishes and congratulations. There were three balloons, a nine and two zeros, and Center Manager Mike Nelson offered a tribute to Sean and presented a bowling pin from lanes 37 & 38, a gift certificate to Perry's Steak House and a plaque commemorating the 900. Nelson said he had an 800 wall of plaques but Sean's 900 was on a small wall with only one plaque. He also commented that he did not think he needed a big wall on which to place all the 900s bowled at Copperfield. Sean was also presented with an identical plaque commemorating his 900 score to display where he wanted. There was also a large card on the glass wall of the bar area where well-wishers could sign their names.

Sean did all of his youth bowling at

Copperfield and his Mom and Dad were on the previous boards of the local association prior to the merger in 2006. Dad's average is over 200 and although I could not find his Mom's, she is an excellent bowler also.



In 2011, when Sean was a senior in high school, he was elected to the Greater Houston Coaches/Parents Association Hall of Honor and the same year received the Jim Chesser Memorial Scholarship Award. At the Hall of Honor induction, Sean's coaches and co-workers stated "Sean has continued to excel in the sport, but more importantly grown as a respectful and polite young man. In

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Sean Osbourn



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Easiest-ever health

Think you don't have the time, energy or willpower to adopt the good-for-you habits that will strengthen your heart, ward off cancer, slim you down or help you quit cigarettes? Think again! These recently discovered health-boosting habits are super-easy to do!



Ward off cancer by bowling!

Sounds kooky, but a new study of 1.4 million adults in the journal *JAMA Internal Medicine* proves that simply enjoying more fun activities—such as bowling, playing ping-pong or dancing—significantly lowers your risk of 13 types of cancer, including throat, liver, lung and breast cancers. And this holds true regardless of how much you weigh or if you smoke!

✦ **How it works:** Being physically active helps counter risk factors linked to the onset of many cancers: It reduces inflammation, curbs excess estrogen, reins in weight gain and strengthens your immune system.



And eat apples!

An apple a day cuts your odds of lung, colon, digestive tract and breast cancers! Its antioxidants help shield DNA from damage that can lead to abnormal cells.

IT'S THE RULE

CHANGE TO RULE 319C AVERAGE ADJUSTMENTS (RERATING)

Bowlers who have been rerated must report any adjustment in average under Rule 319c.

The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded.

Unless the tournament rules state otherwise, in a handicap or classified tournament, a bowler who has had his/her average adjusted/rerated in accordance with this rule is required to report all previous assigned average adjustments/rerates, whether the bowler accepted the adjustment/rerate or not, at the time of bowling. The following information must be submitted prior to participation for possible average adjustment/ rerate:

1. *The name of each tournament in which an average adjustment/rerate was assigned.*
2. *The adjusted/rerated average. Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.*

USBC will compile a list of bowlers who have been rerated or adjusted and the list will be available for tournament managers. The list will be updated weekly December through May and monthly during the remainder of the year.



2017 YOUTH LEADER FOOD DRIVE JAN. 22 - MAR 19

The Greater Houston Youth Leaders are hosting a food drive with the Houston Food Bank. Donation boxes will be placed in all the participating centers.

Most needed food items:

Canned fruits with water or light syrup, whole grain pasta (linguine or spaghetti), canned green vegetables or tomatoes, canned tuna or chicken in water.

Please do not put perishable items in the boxes; non-perishable items only. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

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addition, he is a leader among his peers.” “Everyone loves Sean and many admire him.” “I am very proud of Sean, from his bowling accomplishments to being a great friend and role model to all that know him. I always stood by the saying ‘good attitudes make good bowlers’, and Sean is a prime example of that.” Sean is a still a quiet, unassuming young man and well-liked by everyone who meets him.

Sean also remarked at his Hall of Honor induction “Youth bowling meant more than just bowling in general to me. It means everything. I’ve been bowling youth for over 10 years and I love it. “I’ve never taken a break from it. I’ve bowled numerous different leagues from doubles, team to

singles, from house shot to sport shot and I’ve never once thought of stopping”. Needless to say, he still has not stopped. If accepted by USBC this will be only the 30th 900 shot in USBC history.

Channel 11’s Matt Musil made a trip to Copperfield and personally interviewed this right-hander and Channel 2 aired a spot on Sean although they did not personally interview him.

We have made note that we were “HOUSTON PROUD” of various bowlers in the past but I think this one tops the list.

SAVE THE DATE - - CITY TOURNAMENT

Each year GHUSBC holds a Championship Tournament for men and women during the month of February. The Scratch All Events Champion is claims the title City Champion for the year and in addition to prize money both bowlers win an entry into the State Masters & Queens Tournament. This year the tournament will be held at Armadilla II and Alpha Bowl on three weekends, February 11 & 12; February 18 & 19 and February 25 & 26. The reserve entry date is January 27; however late fees may be waived. You may also enter the tournament at the center, but please arrive early to complete the necessary paperwork. Entry forms can be downloaded from the GHUSBC website at bowlhouston.com.

Congratulations to the 2016 City Champions: Sabrina Rose-Duncan and Shawn Maldonado and to all the reigning champions from last year.



TEAM CHAMPIONS

WOMEN TEAM CHAMPIONS

Grand Dames 2919
Regina Gonzalez, Tara Alain Litonjua,
Heather Simmons, Angela Montemayor

MEN HANDICAP TEAM CHAMPIONS

Breakin’ Pins-Who Gives a Split 3083
John Lennon, Kevin Rouse, Cameron
Reed, Charles (Shonuf) Crump

MEN SCRATCH TEAM CHAMPIONS

Howlers 2974
Scott Dodson, Thomas Young,
Clint Land, Shawn Maldonado

DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

Doubles – Female

Women Div 1
Cheryl Cole & Sandra Johnson 1523
Women Div 2
Latanya Ford & Nina Johnson 1525

Doubles - Male

Men Handicap
Cameren Reed & Kevin Rouse 1574
Men Scratch
Clint Land & Shawn Maldonado 1455

SINGLES CHAMPIONS

SINGLES - FEMALE

Women Div 1
Kerry Moreland 786
Women Div 2
Bonnie Theimer 795
Women Scratch
Kerry Moreland 741

Doubles - Male

Men Handicap
Arthur Green 889
Men Scratch
Ricky Boudreaux 770

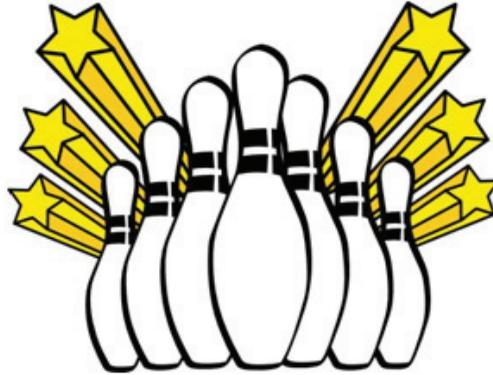
ALL EVENTS CHAMPIONS

SCRATCH ALL EVENTS

Women Div 1
Kendra Garcia 2244
Women Div 2
Latanya Ford 2343
Women Scratch
Sabrina Rose-Duncan 2002
Men Handicap
Cameren Reed 2415
Men Scratch
Shawn Maldonado 2215

NEW TOURNAMENT FOR HOUSTON LEAGUE BOWLERS

JUNE 17-18, 2017



ENTRY FEE
\$125.00/PER TEAM

CROSSOVER
DOUBLES

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

- Teams will be restricted to members of league championship teams of GHUSBC.
- Champions of two, three & four person leagues may use members of their respective league to make up a 5 member team.
- Be the first to have “Bragging Rights” for your league and center
- Leagues may want to include team entry fee in their prize fund.
- Handicap 90% of 225 - Optional Scratch Team Division

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