

Syracuse has a very unique bowling history. So being one of the oldest bowling communities in the U.S., we have taken the opportunity of collecting information from bowlers scrapbooks, the Onondaga Historical Association, the Syracuse Public Library, the Post-Standard, the Herald Journal and the Herald American. We are going to document some of the highlights of bowling in Syracuse dating back to the 1870's and we will be updating some of this information periodically as it becomes available.

**THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS**

# 1870-1920

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In 1905, the "New York State" bowling league was formed. John G. Foss of Buffalo, Mayor M.W. Gage of Rochester and Manny Goldstein of Syracuse founded it. The first cities included Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Schenectady, Utica, Albany and Binghamton.

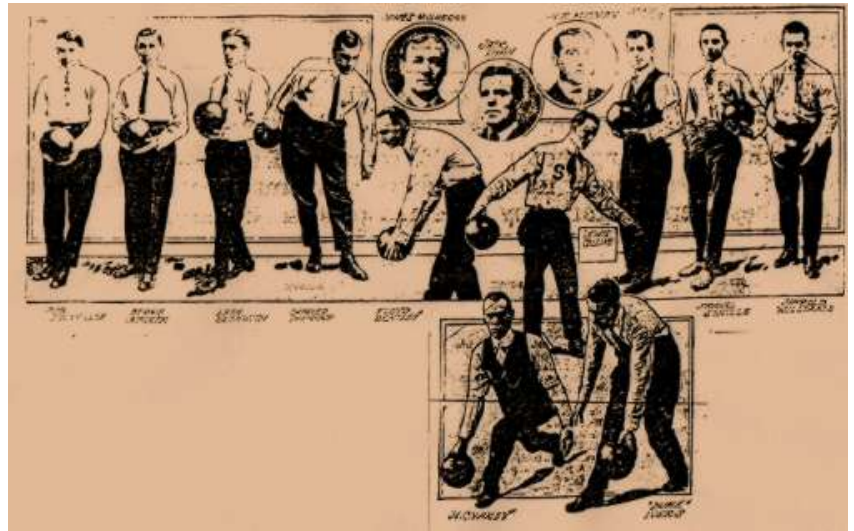
On February 4th, 1907, there was a meeting held at the Gordon Alleys to form the City League. There were six teams with six bowlers each and five of the six bowlers would bowl in the team event each week. The six best bowlers as determined by their fellow bowlers would be made the captains of the six teams. They in turn would pick the other members of their respective teams. The first year, the league started on February 8, 1907 bowling on Friday evenings at Gordon's alleys and also at Potters Club.



Bernie Maurer was considered to be the best bowler in Syracuse and also was considered to be one of the best bowlers in the United States. In 1912, Bernie was rated as the number two bowler in the U.S. while Jimmy Smith of New York City was rated as the number one bowler. For two years, they traveled around the country together putting on exhibition matches.

A chapter of the Atlantic Coast Bowling Association was formed in Syracuse in 1915 and the officers were; James Mulheran (President), Charles Pross (Vice-President), Michael Sargis (Treasurer) and M.H. Paddock (Secretary).

In 1917 the Palace team finished in second place in the A.B.C. Tournament in Grand Rapids Michigan with a score of 3047. They were the very first team to bowl over a 3000 score in the tournament. Members of the team were; Walter Woodin, Frank Scoville, Dave Stockham, Eugene Ryan and Albert Zwilling.



Pictured above is a photo from 1918 which showed fourteen of the areas top bowlers. They were participating in an elimination tournament for Syracuse to see who would represent Syracuse in a Central New York tournament. They were from left to right, Bob Steinmiller, Bernie Maurer, Leon Beckwith, Charles Partridge, Floyd Bentley, (inserts James Mulheran, Jack Ryan, Joe Kilman), Lewis Collins, Mike Carns, Frank Scoville, Harold Williams, on the bottom is H.C. Yakey and "Duke" Ivers.

The first formidable bowling team in Syracuse History came along in 1919. They went by the name 'Romans' and dominated the bowling scene in Syracuse for the next twelve years. They were so popular that they attracted many young bowlers of Italian heritage to the game of ten pins. During the 1920's, all five of these bowlers were picked up on either the first or second All-Star teams no less than five times each. The team members were; James LaTessa, John O. Martino, Frank Cattalane, Harold Williams and Jack Schlie.



THE ROMANS, one of the outstanding bowling teams in Central New York back in the 1920s. Left to right, are LaTessa, Martino, Cattalane, Williams and Schlie.

## 1920-1970

In 1920, after WW1, women started making an appearance at the Palace alleys. Because the women were too self-conscious about the men looking on, the management of the alleys set aside two alleys on the fifth floor for them to use. They were alleys 15&16. Also to ensure privacy for the women, there was a curtain from the ceiling to the floor installed from the seats all the way down to the pits so that no one could see them.

In the mid 1920's, the first notable women bowlers were; Mrs. Brewster, Martha Rompf, Lena Kratz, Nina Speickoff, Dora Knaus and Elsie Schramm. They would bowl under the banner of "Bernie Maurer's Ladies Team".

During the early 1920's, there were several bowling alleys built in the Syracuse area. They included six alleys at the City Club on South Warren St., six alleys at the Chamber of Congress, American Legion, The Eagles Club, the Polish Community Home, Sacred Heart Athletic Club, Solvay Recreation and Eastwood Sports Center.

In 1923, the readers of the "Herald" cast their votes for the areas first all-star bowling teams. The teams for the 1923-24 season were as follows:

**First Team-** Martino, Cattalane, Shaul, Beckwith & Wiler.

**Second Team-** Schlie, Love, LaTessa, H. Williams & J. Williams.

**Third Team-** Parslow, Wolfe, Collins, Reichel & Gaspy.

Prior to the 1925 season, Syracuse belonged to the Atlantic Coast Bowling Alliance. In 1925, Syracuse became a member of the American Bowling Congress, and the Syracuse Bowling Association was formed. The "Herald" all-star team was,

**First Team-** Martino, Monarski, Clausen, Parslow & J. Williams.

**Second Team-** Love, Carey, H. Williams, Shaul & LaTessa.

**Third Team-** Winters, Schlie, Cattalane, Reichel & Gaspey.

When Syracuse first began bowling under the rules of the American Bowling Congress in the 1925-26, they patterned their by - laws after the Buffalo Bowling Association, which was already a member of the A.B.C.. The first officers of the Syracuse Bowling Association were, H. W. Smith (President), James Mulheran ( 1st Vice- President), Leon Beckwith ( 2nd Vice- President), E. P. McGreevy ( 3rd Vice- President), E.E. Young (Secretary), and E.T. Eshelman (Treasurer).

On April 20, 1926, Lyle Jackson became the first person to bowl a 300 game to be recorded in the Syracuse Bowling Association. The all-star teams for that year were, First Team- Martino, Jaspers, Carey, H. Williams, & J. Williams. Second Team- Shaul, Schlie, Bernet, Monarski, & Beckwith. Third Team- Parslow, Domres, Jackson, LaTessa, & Thater.

In 1927, Leon Beckwith became the first Syracusan to serve as an executive committeeman of the A.B.C.. During the 1927-28 season, the Commercial League had 32 teams, which made it the largest league in the United States. In later years, it grew to 72 teams, which made it the largest traveling league in the world.

In 1928, Anthony " Butch" Burgett, bowled a 258 triplicate, which was the highest triplicate ever recorded in the A.B.C.. It would remain the highest until 1936. The Herald All-star teams were, First Team- Martino, Shaul, Parslow, Liss and LaTessa. The Second Team was Rutkowski, Burgett, Jackson, Domres, and J. Williams. The Third Team was Thater, Cattalane, Reichel, Jaspers, and Gaspey.



The Jefferson Bowling Academy was built in 1929 and had 36 alleys. This was the largest bowling alley in Syracuse and had its' alleys on two different floors. Paul Stein and Frank Shaunessey won the New York State doubles with a score of 1317. Also this year, the "Herald Diamond Medal" tournament drew over 1,000 competitors. One of the rules to enter was that you had to live within a 50 mile radius of Syracuse. Only sixteen bowlers qualified for the finals and they would bowl eight game head to head matches to reduce the field to two bowlers.

The two-finalist had to bowl a twenty-game match and they were, Frank Liss of Syracuse and Claire Gould of Cortland. Claire defeated Frank by a score of 4,004 to 3,993. In this match, Claire did not lead it until the fifth frame of the 20th game. This year also there were thirty men from throughout the United States selected to bowl in the world-bowling tournament in Stockholm Sweden. Of the thirty men, five were from Syracuse, and a sixth, Kermit Maurer, could not go because of business reasons. The five that went were, John O. Martino, John Rutkowski, Louis Errico, Jack Parslow, and Bill Shaul. On March 12, 1929, John O. Martino, became only the second man to bowl a 300 game in Syracuse

Bowling Association history.



On April 14, 1930, William Kuhn bowled the third 300 game in the history of the S.B.A.. Also Kermit Maurer bowled an exhibition match against world famous Joe Falcaro. Falcaro won the match with a score of 2077 to 2072. Spencer Clausen, on May 11, 1930, bowled the fourth 300 game in S.B.A. history.

Pictured here is the Markson Furniture of the Major league. They became the first team in Syracuse to bowl over a 1200 game. Team members were on the top, Tony Malone, Bill Shaul, Frank Turco, and sponsor Henry Markson. Seated were, Greg Griffio and Sam Pasquale. They did it on February 9, 1932. Starting with Greg Griffio in the sixth frame, the team rolled twenty-two consecutive strikes. Each bowler used a two-fingered ball and the alleys had no dots or arrows for markings. Their scores were, Bill Shaul-263, Tony Malone- 247, Frank Turco- 209, Sam Pasquale- 214, and Greg Griffio- 279.



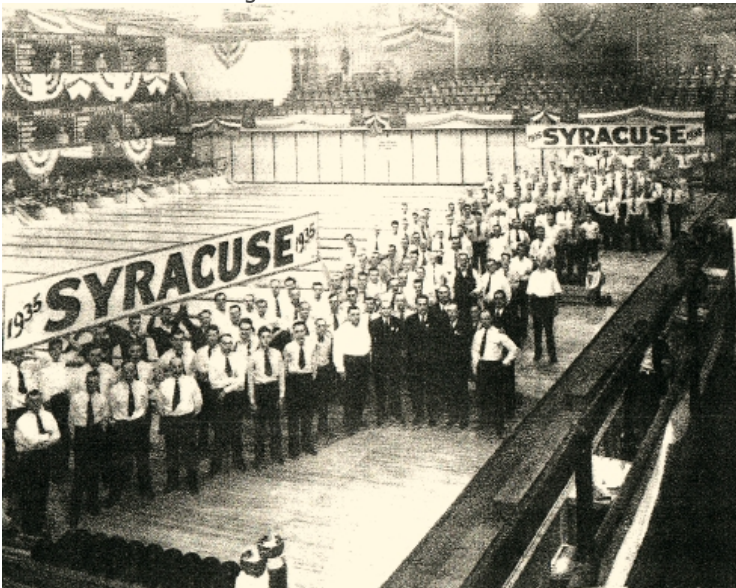


Pictured above is the 1933 Byrne Seiberling bowling team. All five members are in the Syracuse Bowling Association Hall of Fame. They are standing from left to right, Andrew Piraino (1956), Louis Errico (1976), and James LaTessa(1982). Seated are, Frank Cattalane (1963) and John O. Martino(1954).

Also in 1933, Veronica Peters and Mary Kite became the first women from the Syracuse Women's Bowling Association to win a W.I.B.C. championship when they won the doubles with a score of 1135.

John Rutkowski won the Syracuse Individual Bowling Association championship in 1934. He defeated Mario Spezielli by a score of 1873 to 1872. This match took place in the Polish Home and there were more than 500 spectators inside the building an hour before the match and another 50 people standing outside listening to someone yelling out the results as the match was going on.

Hurlburt W. Smith was one of the first industrialists in the nation to recognize the value of bowling as a recreation for his employees. He also saw that it established friendship and harmony among the bowlers. He was very influential in getting the 1935 A.B.C. tournament in Syracuse where he entered a large number of teams from Smith-Corona into the tournament.



In 1935, the American Bowling Congress national tournament was held in Syracuse. It had the largest attendance in the history of the tournament when it hosted 2,837 teams, 3,409 doubles, and 6,889 singles. Andrew Piraino became the first person in Syracuse bowling history to shoot an "800" score in league competition. He shot 824 on games of 299,279,246 at the Palace Alleys on January 15, 1935.

At the 1939 American Bowling Congress Tournament in Cleveland, Ohio, the "Solvay Bank" sponsored bowling team shot a 3075 score in the team event. They received the admiration of the nation and Syracuse, and especially their home community of Solvay, where they held a parade in their honor for finishing in second place in the national tournament. They shot games of 980-1027-1068 for their 3075 total. Team

members were, Leonard Capucilli-601, Joe Lydon-570, "Ace" Ferretti-677, Adalio Togni-557, and Henry Bresadola-670.



### **Solvay's "Fabulous Five" 1939**

Representing the Solvay Bank, these five men bowled 3075 in the 1939 American Bowling Congress in Cleveland... Coming in second and being recognized as the "Number One Surprise Team" in that year's ABC Classic. Seated L to R... Anthony "Ace" Ferretti, Leonard Capucilli... Standing L to R... Henry Bresadola, Joe Lydon, Adalio Togni.

In 1942, Kermit Maurer had the third highest A.B.C. tournament average for 90 games with an average of 201.09. There was also a controversy in 1942 among the bowlers and the proprietors. The controversy started when some bowling alleys raised the cost of three games of bowling from \$.65 for three games to \$.70 after the leagues had already started their season. Some leagues decided to suspend their leagues while others kept on bowling.

Vic Giromini, in 1946, rolled the second "800" series in Syracuse bowling history when he shot 814. That total ended up being the second highest series in the nation that year behind Dick Hoovers' 847.

John O. Martino was elected president of the American Bowling Congress in 1947. Vic Giromini and Frank Hermans won the first of their three New York State doubles titles with a score of 1266.

In the 1951 A.B.C. tournament, Vic Giromini bowled a 1948 in the all-events. This was the highest score that was shot by a New York State bowler and ended up being in 8th place at the end of the tournament. In the very first Van Wie Doubles tournament, the brothers Marty and Andy Piraino II won the first of six consecutive Van Wie Doubles championships.

Benjamin Berinstein was one of eight bowling proprietors in the United States to install automatic pinspotters in his bowling establishment in 1952, the 32 lane Syracuse Bowling Center.

The Syracuse Bowling Associations' Hall of Fame was started in 1954. The inductees were; John O. Martino, John Rutkowski, Bernard Maurer, and Michael Sargis.

On February 28, 1955, at Columbus Park Lanes, Genesee Beer bowled the highest sanctioned series in the history of the Syracuse Bowling Association with a score of 3383. Team members and scores were; Dan Capucilli-718, Tony Miller-694, Win Scheduling-675, Marty Piraino-627, and Andy Piraino II-669. In 1956, this same team finished in 8th place in the A.B.C. tournament team event.

Greg Griffo, in 1957, won the very difficult and prestigious Peterson Singles Classic in Chicago. During the 1958 A.B.C. tournament held in Syracuse, there was a meeting at the Hotel Syracuse. Sixty men including Don Carter, Frank Esposito, Dick Weber, Carmen Salvino, Billy Welu, Steve Nagy, Buzz Fazio, Harry Smith, Ray Bluth, Dick Hoover, Junie McMahon attended. They were there to listen to Eddie Elias speak about starting a Professional Bowlers Association. After listening to his proposal, thirty-three men each contributed \$1,650 to start the organization and the P.B.A. was then formed.

While the A.B.C. tournament was hosted by the city of Syracuse in 1958, it drew 5,434 teams, 8,712 doubles, and 17,402 singles. Marty Piraino set an A.B.C. qualifying record with a score of 1769 for eight games. Also Benjamin Berinstein started the very popular Syracuse Bowls television show at his Syracuse Bowling Center.

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Marty Piraino became the only person to go undefeated in the very popular "Utica Club" New York State bowling show in 1960. He had won all of his matches for eleven consecutive weeks. Marty also set a Syracuse Bowling Association record when he averaged 223 at South Side Recreation Lanes.

1960 was the very first year of the Herald Masters. Win Sheding won it by defeating Phil Zollo. On April 4th Teddy's Collision of the Syracuse Classic League, set a league all-time record of 3301. The individuals and their scores were, Pete Mossotti-712, Chuck Muhl-621, Dom Carapella-630, Sam Fanizzi-633, and Paul Jacuk-705.

In 1963, Marty Piraino won his first Professional Bowling Association championship in Warren, Ohio by defeating Dick Weber in the championship match.

On October 25, 1966 at Imperial Lanes, Trailer Diner bowled the highest team sanctioned series in the history of the Syracuse Bowling Association. They bowled a score of 3431 in the Post-Standard Classic League. Nini Sgroi bowled 660, Alex Pandozzi-706, Tony Mano-660, Lou Scrimale-687, and Marty Piraino-718.

On September 15, 1967, the Syracuse Women's Bowling Association inducted its first two members. They were Mrs. Mary Kite and Mrs. Alberta Crowe.

At the A.B.C. tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1968, Raphael's Restaurant finished in 9th place in the team event with a score of 2992. The teams' scores were Raphael Caloia-555, Joe Borello-595, Tony Caloia-574, Don Gates-615, and Greg Griffo-652. This team also set an S.B.A. single game record of 1229 on April 23, 1968. Raphael Caloia bowled 288, Joe Borello-233, Tony Caloia-235, Don Gates-230, and Greg Griffo-243.

The "World of Ten Pins" bowling paper, announced its' first all-star bowling team as chosen by the bowlers of Syracuse. They were, First Team- Greg Griffo, Joe Borello, Marty Piraino, Lou Scrimale, and Sam Piraino. The Second Team was, "Flash" Caloia, Don Gates, John Savage, Nini Sgroi, and Howie Stearns.

Solvay resident, John O. Martino, was inducted into the American Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in 1969. He was born in 1897 and went from being a pinboy to becoming president of the American Bowling Congress in 1947.

Also in 1969, Marty Piraino won his second Professional Bowlers Association championship in Houston, Texas, when he defeated Billy Hardwick. Syracuse was awarded the 1973 A.B.C. tournament during the 1969 A.B.C. convention. Marty Piraino was chosen to the 31st annual Bowlers Journal All-American team as a member of the second team. The "World of Ten Pins" all-star bowling team for the 1968-69 season were First Team- Marty Piraino, Greg Griffo, "Flash" Caloia, Joe Borello, and Lou Scrimale. The Second Team- Tony Caloia, Nini Sgroi, Rusty Collier, Dan Capucilli, and Nick Raphael.

Marty Piraino won his third P.B.A. championship in Fresno, California in 1970 by defeating Nelson Burton Jr. Lou Scrimale won the Landgraf Singles tournament in New York City with games of 216, 203, 244, and 244 for \$4,000. Sam Piraino & Nick Raphael won the doubles with a score of 1328.

In 1971, Marty Piraino finished 4th in the Professional Bowlers Association "Firestone Tournament of Champions".

Casmir Podgorniak, in 1972, was elected to the All-American Deaf bowling team. He had been a top-notch bowler in Syracuse for many years. Some of the other honors that he has received are; elected to the New York State Deaf Hall of Fame in 1970, the Eastern Deaf Bowling Hall of Fame in 1980, the Great Lakes Deaf Hall of Fame in 1987, and the National Deaf Bowling Hall of Fame.

On March 9th, 1972 Dominick Cefalo bowled 827 at Eastwood Sports Center setting an Association record for series. He broke the long standing individual series record established by Andy Piraino at the Palace Alleys on January 15th, 1935.

Syracuse was host to the A.B.C. tournament in 1973 and the tournament drew 5,590 teams that year. Marty Piraino continued his fine bowling on the P.B.A. tour by winning his 4th championship in Waukeegan, Illinois. He defeated Jay Robinson by a score of 299 to 195.

At the 1975 A.B.C. tournament in Dayton, Ohio, Marty Piraino became the first bowler from Syracuse to win an A.B.C. championship. He teamed with Bill Bunetta to win the A.B.C. Classic Doubles title. Marty shot a 300 game and a 772 series while Bill shot 620 for a 1392 score. Eastwood Sports Center had the largest entries in S.B.A. tournament history, (562) teams, (760) doubles, and (1520) singles.

During the 1977 season Twin Trees Restaurant won the New York State tournament with a score of 3151, Andrew Melnyk won the singles with 724, and Marty Piraino won the all-events with 2007.

On December 21, 1977, Twin Trees also shot the highest single game score in Syracuse history when they bowled 1298 in the Post-Standard league at Holiday Bowl. Team members and scores were; John Russo-256, Sam Misita-279, Frank Cutri-210, Len Paduana-253, and Lou Scrimale-300.

On January 30, 1979 Jim Robarge shot 828 at South Side Recreation to break Dom Cefalo's S.B.A. highest three game series mark set in 1972.

On February 4, 1979 Don Collins shot the highest three game series in S.B.A. history. He bowled 867 in the Van Wie Doubles with games of 279, 299, 289 at the Baldwinsville Sports Bowl.

Food Factory, bowling in the Post-Standard league at Holiday Bowl on April 11, 1979 shot the highest team series in S.B.A. history with a score of 3495. Their scores were; Al Danzy-646, Lloyd Scanlon-672, Mike Cornish-619, GusRusso-(300) 822, and Jim Robarge-736.

Twin Trees won the New York State team championship with a score of 3039 in 1980. In 1982, John O. Martino became the first bowler from Syracuse to be elected to the New York State bowling Hall of Fame. Jim Robarge and Mike Cornish won the New York State Doubles with a score of 1290 and Syracuse Bowlers Pro Shop won the team event with a score of 3000.



Cliff Saliba became the second Syracuse bowler to win an A.B.C. title when he was a member of Doug Heim's Bowling Supply, which won the team title by shooting 3286 in 1983 at Niagara Falls.

Syracuse was host to the New York State tournament in 1984. A&W Restaurant won the team event with 3200, John Russo and Don Gates won the doubles with 1451, and Chuck Wainwright won the all-events with 2007. Berard Sarno Sr. was elected to the New York State bowling Hall of Fame for meritorious service.

Greg Griffio was elected to the New York State bowling Hall of Fame as an outstanding bowler in 1986.

Barbagallo's, in 1987, shot the highest team total in S.B.A. history, 3619, in the Post-Standard Classic league at Seneca Lanes. Their scores were; Sam Ventura Jr.-722, John Scaia-682, Joe Creno-667, Joe Losurdo-842, and Gary Cunningham-706. Also that year Marty Piraino and Danny Biasone were selected to the Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame.

Creno and Kelley's Pro Shop won the New York State team title with a score of 3119. On October 9, 1989, Barbagallo's shot the highest team series in Syracuse bowling history with a score of 3641. Team members and scores were; Buddy Amidon- 813, Barry Clute- 650, Gary Cunningham- 696, Joe Losurdo- 752, and Sam Ventura- 730. Greg Griffio was elected to the Greater Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame.

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In the New York State tournament, Bob Hoefer won the singles with a score of 784 and Marty Fichera won the all-events with 2163. Also, Greg Griffio won his first A.B.A. tour singles title in Buffalo at the age of 80.

In 1991, Dean Distin won the New York State singles title with 813. John Russo was elected to the New York State Bowling Hall of Fame as an outstanding bowler and John O. Martino was elected to the Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame. Also Joseph Pausa Jr. became a life member of the American Bowling Congress at the A.B.C. convention in Toledo, Ohio.

Bob Youker Jr. was a co-champion in the singles event of the A.B.C. tournament with games of 246-288-267 for an 801 series in 1992. Benjamin Berinstein (meritorious service) and Marty Piraino (outstanding bowler) were inducted into the New York State bowling Hall of Fame. Casmir Podgorniak was elected to the Deaf Bowling Hall of Fame and Claude "Red" Parton was selected to the Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame. Also this year, Joe Ciccone became the first junior bowler in Central New York to bowl an 800 series (813) and Mike Tryniski finished in second place in the Super Hoinke Classic and won \$50,000.

The 1993 season saw some record scores shot in the association. Marty Piraino set an S.B.A. league record score of 854 on games of 269, 285 & 300. Thunderbird Lanes set a team record with a score of 3,649. Team members and scores were Dennis Van Gordon-693, Ron Clifford-723, Art Alexander II-783, Joe Petrowski-721, and George Cavanaugh-729.

On March 15th, Nick Moro rolled back to back 300 games at Bowling Green Lanes along with a 215 for an 815 series. Then in April, Bob Hoefer duplicated this feat by shooting 300-300-229 for 829 at the Syracuse Bowling Center. Two members of the Syracuse bowling family were elected to the New York State Hall of Fame, Lou Scrimale (outstanding bowler) and Joe Pausa Jr.(meritorious service). Also "Red" Parton was elected to the Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame.

National Cleanway had a monumental year in 1994. First they set an S.B.A. record series score of 3664 on February 14th with games of 1215,1177,& 1272. Jeff Gordon had 723, Bob Hoefer-706, John Hough III-749, Dean Distin-802, and Mike Tryniski-684. They won the City Tournament with a score of 3635 and they rolled the highest game in S.B.A. history with a score of 1300. In that game, Gordon had 299, Hoefer-234, Hough III-243, Distin-258, and Tryniski-266. To cap off their brilliant year, they won the A.B.C. team all-events title with a combined score of 9808 and Dean Distin(738) and Mike Tryniski(730) -1468 won the A.B.C. doubles.

Other events in 1994 included Joe Petrowski tying an association record league series score of 854 by hitting games of 299, 280, 275. Creno and Kelly's Pro-Shop won the New York State team title with 3320 and Andrew Melnyk won the New York State all-events with 2102. Kelly Rapp became the first girl to roll a 300 game in the Syracuse Young American Bowling Alliance while bowling in the traveling league at the Syracuse Bowling Center. Also, Bill Reddy was elected to the Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame.

In 1995, Edward Reddy was elected to the New York State Bowling Hall of Fame for meritorious service to the game of bowling. Bernard Maurer was selected to the Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame. National Cleanway bowled the highest series in Syracuse bowling history when they bowled a 3763 series on games of 1216-1317-1230. The "Syracuse Bowls" television show ended its' 36 year show on April 20, 1995. Youker Construction became the very first team to ever bowl over a 3700 series in Syracuse when they shot 3710 on March 27th. Team members and scores were T.J. Wroblewski-729, Ron Clifford-759, George Cavanaugh-774, Bob Youker Jr.-693, and Joe C. Petrowski-755. Also in 1995 Greg Griffio was inducted into the A.B.C. Bowling Hall of Fame. He became the second member of the Syracuse Bowling Association as well as the second Solvay resident to be selected. The other was being John O. Martino. Also Greg became only the fourth person to knock down over 100,000 pins in the history of the tournament.

Youker Construction, in 1996, bowled the highest team game in S.B.A. history when they shot 1329. Members and games were Ron Clifford-279, George Cavanaugh-300, T.J. Wroblewski-269, Bob Youker Jr.-246, and Joe Petrowski Jr.-235.

Donald Brush bowled the highest series in S.B.A. history when he bowled 279-300-277 for an 856 at Erie Lanes. On Oct. 24th, David Demperio bowled the highest triplicate in Syracuse when he shot 258-258-258 for 774. Also John Rutkowski was selected to the Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame.

In 1998, Barry Clute bowled the highest triplicate in S.B.A. history. He bowled three games of 279 at the Pastimes Club.

Highlights of the 1999 season included John Kohanski Jr. bowling an S.B.A. record tying high series of 867 at Strike and Spare lanes on games of 267-300-300.

Also Salibas Pro Shop finished in Eighth place in the A.B.C. tournament by shooting 3272 on games of 1117,1036, and 1119. Team members were, Cliff Saliba-718, Scott Bayer-678, Sonny Pickard-710, Mike Piston-655, and Dick Salibe-511.

In the finals of the Van Wie Doubles in 2000, Dean Distin shot the second highest eight game series ever shot in the world on games of 236,279,299,247,267,268,253, and 299 for a 2148 series.

Don Gates was elected to the New York State Bowling Hall of Fame. Also P.J. Kohanski had the all-time high average in S.B.A. history with 235 at Strike and Spare lanes.

On December 12th 2001, while bowling in the Ken Whiting League at Strike and Spare Lanes, the Lakeport Bait & Tackle Shop team shot an all-time S.B.A. team record game of 1363. Team members and scores were Paul Richards-269, Vince Diflorio-300, Mike Paduana-268, Jim Pangara-249, and Chuck Richmond-277.

Chris Rockburn tied a New York State record and set a Syracuse record when he bowled 886 at Fremont Lanes on games of 297-290-299.

Richard Trapnell tied an S.B.A. triplicate record of 279 at the Syracuse Bowling Center.

For the 2001-02 season, Michael Daley set a Syracuse Bowling Association average record when he averaged 237 for the season at Flamingo Bowl.

Martin Fichera was inducted into the New York State Bowling Hall of Fame in May of 2002. Joe M. Pausa (meritorious), Joseph Petrowski Sr. (outstanding), and John F. Savage (outstanding veteran) were inducted into the S.B.A. Hall of Fame.

In the City tournament, Lighthouse Lanes #1 won the scratch team championship with a score of 3538, Art Alexander won the all-events with 2230, Todd Redhead and Art Alexander won the doubles with 1434, and Jeremy Macri won the singles with 774. Ed Batruch and David Maxween won the Van Wie Doubles, John Kohanski Jr. won the Post-Standard Masters and Sonny Pickard won the Officers tournament.

In the Annual Champion of Champions tournament, Marty Fichera won with a score of 774. There were a few state champions in 2002. This list included, Light House Lanes in the team event with 3636, Dan Smith and Cliff Saliba in the doubles with 1596, and Dan Smith in the all-events with a score of 2276. Don Gates was elected to the Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame.

Highlights of the 2002-03 season included, Burnet Books #2 winning the team event in the City tournament with a score of 3571. Team members included P.J. Kohanski, David Gonzalski, John Kohanski Jr., Tim Lawton and David Maxsween. In the Singles event, Ron Clifford won with a 795, Doubles went to Marty Fichera and Tom Minnegan with a scratch score of 1589, and Tom Minnegan won the All-Events with a score of 2297.

That season the Van Wie Doubles were won by the duo of Mike Cottrell and Pete Flora. Also Jeremy Paninski won the Post-Standard Masters by defeating Rodger Blanchard in the finals.

There were four individual bowlers inducted into the Syracuse Bowling Association Hall of Fame. They were Wilson "Sonny" Pickard as an outstanding bowler, David Demperio also as an outstanding bowler, Robert Steinmiller as a veteran outstanding bowler from the 1920s and 30s, and Mitchell Balamut for meritorious service.

In 2003, Burnet Books#2 repeated as the City Tournament team champions with a score of 3582. The team members this year included P.J. Kohanski, David Gonzalski, John Kohanski Jr., David Maxsween, and Gary Rozyczko. Tim Adams and Bill Timmons won the Doubles with a score of 1555, Dennis VanGorden won the Singles with 772 and Tony Lennox won the All-events with 2206.

The team of Joe Petrowski Jr. and Art Alexander III won the Van Wie Doubles. Scott Stachnik defeated Gary Cunningham to win the Post-Standard Masters.

Three individuals were inducted into the Syracuse Bowling Association Hall of Fame. They were Robert "Butch" Seymour as an outstanding bowler, Joel Mareiniss for meritorious service and Thomas Hinchey also for meritorious service.

Donald Brush set an all-time association record mark with an average of 241 for the entire season. Andrew Melnyk and Frank Hermans were both elected to the New York State Hall of Fame as outstanding bowlers.

For the 2004-05 season Jeremy Macri equaled the all-time high average mark in the Syracuse Bowling Association with a 241.

Sam Ventura and Jeremy Macri won the Van Wie Doubles tournament while Cliff Saliba defeated David Brownlee to win the Post-Standard Masters.

Mike Tryniski became the newest member of the New York State Hall of Fame as an outstanding bowler while there were four new members elected to the Syracuse Bowling Association Hall of Fame. These included Martin Fichera as an outstanding bowler, Jay Piraino as an outstanding bowler, Al Butler for meritorious service and Richard Saliba for meritorious service.

## Women's

### OVERALL SWBA RECORDS

High series: Kristy Rapp 845 (2003) High average: Michelle Feldman 232 High three-person series: Tina Fabrizio, Maria D'Imperio, Becki McNally 2183 (2005) High two-person game: Sandy Causer and Colby Alexander 1523 (2003) High three-person game: Tina Fabrizio, Maria D'Imperio, Becki McNally 808 (2008)

Van Wie Women's Doubles • Past champions • 2016- Britini Flask - Taeler Kuss, 2015-Ashley Skinner/Kelly Newton, 2014-Annie and Deb Peterson, 2013-Tina Fabrizio/Sherry McClusky, 2012-Nicole O'Brien/Rosa Moro, 2011-Candy McArdell/Judy Boyke, 2010-Trish DeSantis/Stephanie DeSantis, 2009-Emilie Pawlick/Janice McCarthy, 2008-Jennifer Cole/Kristen Koenig, 2007-Adrienne Fello/Lucetta Rostek, 2006-Annmarie Reed/Jennifer Bertolini; 2005-Lynn Schaffer/Adrienne Abear; 2004-Colby Alexander/Sandy Causer; 2003-Colby Alexander/Sandy Causer; 2003-Tammy and Kathy Hoefler; 2001- Joanne DelBalso/Janine Joss; 2000-Karin and Kristy Rapp; 1999-Dawn VanGorden/Fenni Clark; 1998-Julie Sakran/Dineen Manipole; 1997-Sharon Sitar/Deb Sidon; 1996-Karen Demperio/Chris Zimmerman; 1995-Freida Gates/Jennette Adams; 1994-Freida Gates/Jennette Adams; 1993-Freida Gates/Jennette Adams; 1992-Freida Gates/Jennette Adams; 1991-Freida Gates/Jennette Adams; 1990-Freida Gates/Jennette Adams; 1989-Linda Hulbert/Jean Cooper; 1988-Freida Gates/Cathy Dyess; 1987-Kathy Uva/Jennette Adams; 1986-Linda Recore/Bev Rapp; 1985-Sharon Jackson/Nancy Weslowski; 1984-Joann Marlow/Debbie Sojdak; 1983-Kathy Uva/Jennette Adams; 1982-Kathy Uva/Jennette Adams; 1981-Kathy Uva/Jennette Adams; 1980-Kathy Uva/Jennette Adams; 1979-Dee Willey/Carolyn Himpler; 1978-Barb Stauffer/Joann Edick; 1977- Barb Stauffer/Joann Edick; 1976- Sharon Cook/Dottie Klein; 1975-Sharon Sojdak/Marie Bates; 1974-Mary Jane Egloff/Roseann Bratzer; 1973-Joan Flask/Dee Willey; 1972-Freida Gates/Carolyn Grund •

Queens • Past champions 2015-Jen Creno, 2014-Roseanne DiFlorio, 2013-Krystal Ashby, 2012-Margie Chetney, 2011- Roseann DiFlorio, 2010-Adrienne Turbeville, 2009-Courtney Radick, 2008 Colby Stejbach, 2007-Marni Vincitore; 2006-Jennifer Creno; 2005-Maria D'Imperio; 2004-Rosa Moro; 2003- Martha Cameron; 2002-Martha Cameron; 2001-Jennette Adams. 2000- Maria D'Imperio; 1999- Karin Rapp, 1998-Colby Stejbach, 1997-?, 1996-Sherry McClusky; 1995-Jennette Adams; 1993-Roseann DiFlorio; 1992-Freida Gates; 1991-Jennette Adams; 1990- Roseann DiFlorio