

Bowling in Essex County**Fall 2010****The Official Publication of the USBC Essex County Bowling Assoc.****JOSEPH L. MYERS****DEC. 30, 1931–DEC. 1, 2009**

Joseph L. Myers, a Past President of the Essex County USBC BA, passed away on December 1, 2009. Joe was born in Brooklyn, the oldest of five children. After a stint in the armed forces, he settled in New Jersey where he resided until his death. He was a long-time bowler in houses throughout Essex County – captain of most of the teams he was on and secretary for many of the leagues in which he bowled. Through those years, he consistently maintained an average in the 180s. Over those years, Joe entered many teams in both the Essex County Championship Tournament and the New Jersey State Tournament, finishing as high as second place in the NJ Tournament. Joe and Bob Cottrell, then Essex County Assoc. Manager, became friendly over the years and Bob asked Joe to join the Essex County Board – an invitation Joe accepted. Over the next twenty years Joe became a dedicated member of the Board, serving as President in 2004, 2005 and 2006. Joe also spearheaded the annual BVL collection at Eagle Rock and Joe's legendary success as a collector vaulted Essex County near the top of the national rankings in annual donations to BVL. After Joe was no longer able to bowl because of injuries, he remained a staunch supporter of the Essex County BA by assisting at all functions, especially as the

man behind the success of the 50/50 collection. He also continued his duties as league secretary for several leagues and was always present to watch his wife Doris, compete in her leagues. Joe will be missed by all bowlers, but especially by members of the Essex County BA, but no one will miss Joe more than his beloved Doris.

COMING EVENTS

John Val Senior Tournament	Eagle Rock
October 29, 30, 31 –	12:30 p.m.
Bowling Council Mixed Doubles	Eagle Rock
November 7, 14, 21 -	3:00 p.m.
Annual 700 Tournament	
Eagle Rock	February 2011
Brunswick Zone	February 2011
Annual Essex County Tournament	
Brunswick Zone	March 26, 27, 2011
	April 2, 3, 2011
	April 9, 2011
Annual New Jersey State Tournament	
Country Lanes, Manalapan	April-May 2011

Entry forms available approximately two months before each tournament.

THE SENIOR TOURNAMENT NEAR

The 16th Annual John Val Senior Tournament will be held on the last weekend of October, Jeff Volker, Tournament Chairman announced.

The tournament, conducted as a singles event, will be contested at Eagle Rock Lanes in West Orange, on Friday, October 29, Saturday, October 30 and Sunday October 31, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. on all three dates. Entry forms are available at the desk of each bowling center or by walking in on the date you wish to bowl. Early entries are appreciated so the committee can be prepared for each day. The competition is in five classes and the winner in each class receives a free paid entry into the singles of next year's State Senior Tournament. The handicap is 10% of 230. The five classes and top finishers in each category last year are below (scores are handicap scores):

Class A – Age 70 and older

John Colgate	746
Leon Mack	742
Roe Haymon	740

Class B – Age 65-69

Curt Frazier	795
Jeff Volker	729
Hilliard Davis	724

Class C – Age 60-64

Charles Bianco	774
Joe DiBiasi	693
Rob Sperling	692

Class D – Age 55-59

David Tucker	736
Ivry Moswenn	705
Ed Wallace	692

Class E – Age 50-54

Rudy Johnson	793
Aimee Banks	740
Dan Cunningham	629

Eagle Rock Lanes in West Orange on the first three Sundays in November. Entry blanks are available at the lanes. The mixed doubles tournament is a handicap tournament and each team must have one male and one female bowler. There will be a single squad on all three Sundays (November 7, 14 and 21) which will bowl at 3 p.m. Tournament Chairman, John Colgate, points out that this tournament is very popular and suggests early registration to make sure your team is entered. Walk-ins are permitted if space is available. **The Top Ten finishers from last year's tourn. are:**

Deborah Minniefield-Ross Mitchell	1282-1498
Linda Spahle-Lonzia Ellison	1294-1486
Michelle Squire-Jim Eason	982-1483
Tina Wheeler-James Ocasio	1297-1471
Wendy Daniels-J. Crawford	1130-1436
Loretta Ellison-Murphy –Andre Van Drost	1068-1431
Candice Hess-Charlie Bianco	1230-1416
Aimee Banks-Kevin Coleman	1128-1414
Brenda Pearson-Kevin Coleman	1100-1412
Terri Anthony-Kyle Murray	1206-1404

**HONOR SCORES BY PRESTON KIRK
ASSOCIATION MANAGER
From February 2010 to August 2010**

800 SERIES

BRUNSWICK ZONE

Aaron Trimblett	EC USBC BA 700 Tourny
Richard Haug Sr.	Belles & Beaux
Mike De Benedetto	Anytime Fitness
Michael Sanders	Belles & Beaux
Thomas Kopp	HLR Mixed
Rudy Johnson	Anytime Fitness
Gary Eida	NJ 200 Club
Michael C. Veneziano	NJ 200 Club
Noah A. Lynch II	450 Scratch Dbls
Brian Alexander	450 Scratch
Ernesto Cabrera	Anytime Fitness

BOWLING COUNCIL MIXED DOUBLES

The Annual Essex County Bowling Council Mixed Doubles Tournament will be held at

Michael DeBenedetto Sunday Trios
EAGLE ROCK
 Steve Stecher Tuesday Singles
 Rudy Johnson Tuesday Singles
 Giles Ward Essex Cty Police
 Marcus Jeter Essex Cty Police
 Ivvry Moswenn Sunday Doubles

Steve Stecher Tuesday Singles
 Kendrick Hamlett Iron Man Mixed
 Glenn Griffith Tuesday Trios
 Rudy Johnson Tuesday Singles
 Marcel Danley Saturday Nite Mixed
 Doug Koehnlein Essex Cty Police
 Toni Lunceford (female) Tuesday Singles
 Kyle M. Murray Saturday Nite Mixed

300 GAMES

BRUNSWICK ZONE

James Patti Four Seasons
 Brian Ross Anytime Fitness
 Richard Haug Belles & Beaux
 George Mendez III Four Seasons
 Jerry Melillo Outcasts
 Joe Aragona Outcasts
 Michael DeBenedetto Belles & Beaux
 Steve Smith Sunday Trios
 Michael DeBenedetto Anytime Fitness
 Adam Concepcion Belles & Beaux
 Mike Covello Anytime Fitness
 Robin Jones (Female) Belles & Beaux
 Ralph Gallo Four Seasons
 Rudy Johnson EC USBC BATourny
 Jose Cabrera, Jr. Four Seasons Summer
 Noah A. Lynch II 450 Scratch Dbls
 Russell Van Housen 450 Scratch Dbls
 Jermaine Jones 450 Scratch
 Chris Mota Tuesday Trios
 Brian Alexander 450 Scratch Dbls
 Al Torre Hooper 450 Scratch Dbls
 Michael De Benedetto 450 Scratch Dbls

EAGLE ROCK

Rudy Johnson Tuesday Singles
 Matthew Graham Sunday Doubles
 David Nash Sunday Doubles
 Jeff Fischman Sunday Doubles
 Al-Torre Hooper Saturday Nite Mixed
 Toni Lunceford (female) Tuesday Singles
 Jay Whitehurst Jersey Satellites
 Matthew Graham Westward

299 GAMES

BRUNSWICK ZONE

Aaron Trimletts EC USBC BA 700 Tourny
 Jorge Perez NJ 200 Club
 Pedro Lopez, Sr. NJ 200 Club
 Felipe Camacho Anytime Fitness
 Brian Ross Anytime Fitness
 Steve Smith A.C. Challenge
 Wilfredo Perez Belles & Beaux
 Fernando Le Bron Sunday Trios
 Rudy Johnson Anytime Fitness
 Roberto Valle NJ 200 Club
 Kristian Keller-Jones Sunday Trios
 Johnny Martinez Four Seasons
 Dennis Domerstad AC Challenge
 Michael C. Veneziano NJ 200 Club
 Roberto Valle Jr. NJ 200 Club
 Ralph Gallo Tuesday Trios

EAGLE ROCK

Charles Singletary Essex Cty Police
 Dante Morrison Sunday Doubles
 Larry Trembett Essex Cty Police
 Sidney Grimes Unique Trios
 Jeff Fischman Sunday Doubles
 Ivvry Moswenn Sunday Doubles

298 GAME

BRUNSWICK ZONE

Ronald Johnson 450 Scratch Dbls
EAGLE ROCK
 James Ocasio Saturday Nite Mixed
 Edward Hunter Essex Cty Police
 Kyle M. Murray Essex Cty Police

HALL OF FAME INDUCTS FOUR

The Essex County USBC BA Hall of Fame welcomed four new members into its hallowed Halls at the annual dinner held on June 15th at the Hanover Manor. Inducted in the Achievement category were Jose Cabrera, Jr. and Joe Kowalski, while Alvin Spraggins was inducted in the Achievement/Meritorious Service category and Joe Myers was inducted for Meritorious Service.

Jose Cabrera, Jr. began bowling at age 6 and has been a member of the Essex County BA for 10 years. His composite average in those ten years is 217. His highest league average is 231 and he has averaged over 200 twenty-one times. He has bowled eight 300s, three 800 series and 149 700 series in Essex County, was on the championship team in the 2004 and 2008 county tournaments and bowler of the year in 2006 and 2007.

Joe Kowalski also began bowling at an early age in the youth leagues at Eagle Rock. Joe has been a member of the Essex County BA for fifteen years. His highest league average is 234 and he has finished over 200 eighteen times. He has twenty-two 300s to his credit and eleven 800s. He has two county championships in singles, doubles and team events and one all events championship. He was bowler of the year in 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06.

Alvin Spraggins has been an Essex County BA member for 29 years. During those 29 years, he has bowled in seventy-two leagues in four different houses. Over those years, he has bowled three 300 games. His highest season average is 215 and his best five year composite average is 207. He also is a regular in Essex County tournaments as well as the annual national tournament.

Joe Myers was inducted posthumously for Meritorious Service. See page 1 for details.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Bowler:

Thank you for returning to another exciting season. It is an honor and a privilege to represent the Essex County USBC BA as President. Every effort will be made to service you professionally and promptly. We have scheduled several tournaments that we anticipate you will enter, compete and enjoy. If you have any ideas on how we can improve our service to you, please share. Good luck! Great bowling!

GARY A. SMITH, President
Essex County USBC BA

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