

Welcome to the 2016 – 2017 Bowling Season

The Bowlers of California have proved yet again that “**WE ARE THE BEST**” when it comes to supporting our Veterans. From 1950 thru 2013-14, the California BVL Fund has donated a total of \$9,183,478.55 to our veterans. The 2015-2016 year’s efforts, totaling \$106,000.00 brings that total to \$9,289,478.55. The committee **Thanks** all of you on behalf of the Veterans of California.

As you know, these funds are used to purchase recreational equipment, field trips, coffee, and office equipment for use by the veterans, and to help with social events and special outings. The California BVL Fund was recognized by the National BVL Organization for making the largest donation by a State Association at the USBC Convention in Reno, Nevada this year. We know none of this would be possible without your continued dedication, resourcefulness, hard work and again, **We Thank You**.

Unfortunately, our Military is currently in conflict and we are again asking for your continued support and assistance in helping our veterans return to the way of life they left. We urge you to remember the BVL Creed, as follows:

“For the good things of life at hand for millions of us, thousands gave their lives. In our service and Veterans Administration Hospitals are other thousands who escaped death fighting with the same spirit for the same cause. Our debt to them is profound. The least they might expect is that all of us accomplish everything within our means to restore them to normal existences.”

The bowlers of California have kept the promise made to our Veterans in 1950, “We won’t forget you”.

Awards will be presented to the local associations that donate the three highest amounts. Awards will also be presented to the associations who have donated \$2.00 or more per member. All of the Awards will be presented during the California USBC Annual Meeting on June 11, 2017.

Association Managers, please make a copy of the packet for BVL Chairman and President.

Please read all of your enclosed information.

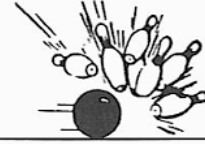
1. **Youth** bowlers in California will continue to be a part of the Fundraising as well as participating in the Championship Tournament event. All the information needed to include the **Youth** is in your packet.
2. The California USBC Helen Duval Veterans Tournament will be held on:

Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Manteca Bowl, 1251 E. Yosemite Ave., Manteca, CA 95336

PLEASE REVIEW THE CHANGE ON AVERAGE RULE A. B. C. on the California USBC Helen Duval Veterans Tournament Rule sheet.



CALIFORNIA BOWLERS B V L FUND
Serving California Veterans



Eugene McCown. PO Box 608, Bellflower, CA 90707-0608

2016-2017

Attention Association Managers:

Enclosed is the information regarding your Local Association BVL Tournament and Donations to our CA Veterans, for the 2016-17 Season.

This year we're asking you to send us ONLY THE NAMES OF THE BOWLERS WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE Helen Duval Veterans Tournament.

The hosting center, Manteca Bowl, is a 48 lane center, with only two squads, so all entrants will be assigned lanes, based on their 1st and 2nd choice of squad times.

Should you have any questions regarding the enclosed information, please contact Eugene, by phone at 562-243-0279 cell or email ecmccown@sbcglobal.net or Mabel by phone at 209-463-6271 home or email mabelruth@aol.com .

PLEASE INCLUDE THE YOUTH IN YOUR AREA, EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT PART OF YOUR MERGED/NON-MERGED ASSOCIATION.

PLEASE CHECK THE CHANGE ON AVERAGE RULE A. B. C. on the California USBC Helen Duval Veterans Tournament Rule sheet.

- A. Use the highest KNOWN certified average from the previous season, Summer or Winter as they both apply, bowled in a certified league with 21 games or more.
- B. If no entering average, bowlers may enter the BVL qualifying provided they have bowled 21 games or more in a certified league at the time of qualifying. USBC Rules 319C, 319D and 319E shall not apply.
- C. Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average. If the submitted average is incorrect, the score will be disqualified.

**Thanking you in advance,
Eugene McCown, BVL Co-Chairperson
Mabel Sheasley, BVL Co-Chairperson**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 17, 2017 Local Roll-Off Finalist Names are due. Please fill out the information form completely and mail. (Unless you have requested an extension)
- March 1, 2017 Donations are due to be eligible for California USBC Achievement Awards.

CALIFORNIA USBC HELEN DUVAL VETERANS TOURNAMENT WILL BE HOSTED BY THE MANTECA USBC

Saturday, March 25, 2017

**Manteca Bowl
1251 E. Yosemite Ave
Manteca, CA 95336
(209) 824-2889**

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| CALIFORNIA BVL CHAIRPERSON – Donations and Tournament | |
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PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO “CUSBC”

Annually there are visits and presentations to various Veterans Facilities in our state. Your association manager will receive notification of the time and date. This is a very good opportunity to witness what happens to your BVL donations. For further information, please contact Eugene at the number listed.

One last reminder: If you need an extension on reporting the name of your finalists, please call. A donation must be received from your local association by March 1, 2017 in order for your finalists to be eligible to bowl in the California USBC Helen Duval Veterans Tournament. If an extension is needed, please call.

Thank You for all YOU do for our California Veterans.

California USBC HELEN DUVAL VETERANS Tournament
HOSTED BY THE MANTECA USBC

Manteca Bowl
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Saturday, March 25, 2017 – 11:00 AM, 3:00 PM (7:00 PM if needed)
Opening Ceremonies – 10:30 AM

The California USBC and the Manteca USBC Association's will host the Helen Duval Veterans tournament. The BVL qualifying winners from each division will represent their local association in this tournament. There will be two squad times available, for the convenience of scheduling the bowlers. Please Check-in, 1 hour before your scheduled squad time.

1. Winners will be determined from a 3 game scratch series in each individual division.
2. Jackets, Watches and Medals will be awarded to each division winner in lieu of prize fund.
3. There will be two Adult categories; female and male as well as two Youth categories; boy and girl, each with several divisions.
4. The representatives from your association must be a member of your association. (Non-USBC members can qualify by purchasing an affiliate membership at the local tournament)
5. There must be a rule concerning tie scores in determining the representative from your association. Only one entrant in each division will bowl in the California USBC Helen Duval Veterans Tournament and each division winner may represent only one association.
6. A donation must be received from your local association by March 1, 2017 before your finalists are eligible to bowl in the California USBC Helen Duval Veterans Tournament.

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- C. Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average. If the submitted average is incorrect, the score will be disqualified.

DIVISIONS:

| <u>WOMEN</u> | | <u>MEN</u> | | <u>YOUTH/ BOY & GIRL</u> | |
|--------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| CLASSIC | 181 AND OVER | CLASSIC | 191 AND OVER | CLASSIC | 185 AND OVER |
| A | 166 - 180 | A | 170 - 190 | A | 165 - 184 |
| B | 151 - 165 | B | 151 - 169 | B | 145 - 164 |
| C | 136 - 150 | C | 131 - 150 | C | 125 - 144 |
| D | 121 - 135 | D | 130 AND UNDER | D | 100 - 124 |
| E | 120 AND UNDER | | | E | 99 - UNDER |

Suggested Rules for Local BVL Singles Qualifying

Associations may decide how their representatives to the BVL Tournament will be determined. You may use league scores or hold a separate tournament to determine your local qualifiers, as long as the same rules apply to everyone. The league or tournament must be certified through USBC.

1. All series will be scratch and the bowlers will qualify by Division.
2. There will be two Adult categories; male and female as well as two Youth categories; boy and girl, each with several divisions.
3. The representatives from your association **must** be a member of your association. (Non-USBC members can qualify by purchasing an affiliate membership at the local tournament)
4. There **must be a rule** concerning **tie scores** in determining the representative from your association. Only one entrant in each division will be eligible to bowl in the State Singles Classic Tournament and each division winner may represent **only one association**.
5. **Any money collected in the name of the California BVL fund must be sent to the State BVL Chairman.** Additional money collected to help defray the cost of the winners going to the California USBC Helen Duval Veterans Tournament must be stated on your local entry information. **A donation must be received from your local association by March 1, 2017 before your finalists are eligible to bowl in the California USBC Helen Duval Veterans Tournament.**

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STATE SINGLES CLASSIC TOURNAMENT:

The California USBC Association will host the Helen Duval Veterans Tournament. Please send your BVL Qualifying winner from each division who will represent your association in this tournament. There will be two squad times available, for the convenience of scheduling your bowlers. A form is included for you to return with the necessary information.