

The 15th Annual Tonawandas USBC Bowl for the Cure Strikes Big

By Chris Hutchins February 29th, 2024

The 15th Annual Tonawandas USBC Strike Out Breast Cancer Tournament was held at Mallwitz's Island Lanes Sunday February 25th. Each year our association holds this event to help generate funds that will be donated to Roswell Park Cancer Institute Foundation Alliance and The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. The day consists of bowling, basket raffles, 50/50s and a bake sale. For our big raffle ticket item this year we were able to secure a framed and autographed Josh Allen jersey that was certified by Beckett Services. This fantastic piece was the main attraction of our raffles and it definitely garnered some attention. Between this and all the events that ran during the day of the event the Tonawandas Association is proud to announce that we are donating a total of \$10,000 split between the two organizations previously mentioned. This is a record amount donated by the association and it could not have been done without the support of all of those who donated to this fantastic yearly event.

The bowling community of Western New York continues to show how great it can be. You have helped someone in need, given someone a brighter day and secured hope as they continue to fight. Thank you! A special thank you goes out to event chairman Joey Bellanti who dedicates his time relentlessly to put the event together. We would also like to thank the Mallwitz family for hosting. A family oriented atmosphere at a great bowling facility. A shout out and thank you as well to WIVB Channel 4 News who took the time to cover our event! (See link below)

The winner of the Josh Alley jersey was Cassie Fracassi who purchased the ticket from our own Ryan Reese! Congrats Cassie!!!

While many people came to visit, spend a little time and get in on the raffles the tournament portion of our event consisted of a non-sanctioned No Tap (9 pins = Strike) tournament where bowlers bowled 3 games with handicap for total pinfall. 47 bowlers came out to compete in two divisions. In the Open division it would be Daniel Griggs taking the top spot as he shot a no tap 300 game along with a 277 to bowl 797 scratch! Marc Cutting (two 266 games), Jon Gerrtiz (280), Ron Krzystek (266, 268) followed next all bowling a 779. Next up Warren Bush (275) with 777 followed by Evan Bush (268) with 776 and Dave Gottler (264) with 776, Dan Eberl (290) and Tom Bilson (278) finished with 775 to round out the top 9 bowlers who cashed for the event.

Other scores of note in the Open division included Tiffany Mitchell (234, 235, 241), Tricia Zemla (230, 244, 246), Nick DiPota (300), James Austin (253), Scott Clinton (253), Michael Kwiatowski (241), Kevin Kemp (241), John Rowell (287), Joe Schamdel (255, 243), Jeff Krywcum (256), Justin Schmadel (233), Nick Dudkowski (240), Jaharra DiPota (240, 244), Paul Krull (two 234s), Eric Shine (242), Bob Skovenski (262), Meech Jackson (224, 223), Trevor Palamuso (230) and Jim Bilson (227).

In the Women's division 4 would make it to the cash line. Abi Krull was the winner after rolling games of 241, 231 and 250 for a 722 scratch set that led to 776 with handicap. Savannah Haner finished second with 765 after games of 216, 199 and 202. Two bowlers tied for third with 764. It would be Jazz Igiel with games of 218 and 224 and Tina Hutchins who won the women's event in 2019, rolling games of 212 and 244.

Other scores of note in the Women's division included Darlene Hoover (206, 200), Sarah Grimaldi (219), Jenn Wheeler (203, 213), Alexis Westermeyer (214) and Dee Igiel (211)

Thank you again to all who attended, donated and helped us continue to put on a great event that is for a great cause.

Channel 4 News link:

<https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/erie-county/grand-island/bowlers-in-grand-island-aim-to-strike-out-breast-cancer-during-fundraising-event/>

Bowl for the Cure No-Tap Tournament

Open Division

Div		Name	Lane	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Scratch	Hdcp	Total	
O	1	Griggs, Daniel	14	220	300	277	797	0	797	\$120
O	2	Cutting, Marc	16	266	242	266	774	5	779	\$80
O	3	Gerrtiz, Jon	20	280	233	264	777	2	779	\$80
O	4	Krzystek, Ron	21	266	218	268	752	27	779	\$80
O	5	Bush, Warren	18	243	275	232	750	27	777	\$60
O	6	Bush, Evan	18	268	228	229	725	51	776	\$50
O	7	Gottler, Dave	19	213	245	264	722	54	776	\$50
O	8	Eberl, Dan	19	200	234	290	724	51	775	\$50
O	9	Bilson, Tom	23	278	258	177	713	62	775	\$50
O	10	Mitchell, Tiffany	13	234	235	241	710	64	774	
O	11	Zemla, Tricia	13	230	244	246	720	54	774	
O	12	DiPota, Nick	20	208	300	209	717	56	773	
O	13	Austin, James	22	230	253	228	711	62	773	
O	14	Clinton, Scott	13	234	253	204	691	81	772	
O	15	Kwiatkowski, Michael	14	231	210	241	682	89	771	
O	16	Kemp, Kevin	19	230	241	222	693	78	771	
O	17	Rowell, John	22	201	189	287	677	94	771	
O	18	Schamdel, Joe	13	183	255	243	681	89	770	
O	19	Krywcum, Jeff	17	198	256	230	684	86	770	
O	20	Schamdel, Justin	14	233	226	200	659	110	769	
O	21	Dudkowski, Nick	15	240	189	224	653	116	769	
O	22	DiPota, Jaharra	20	240	244	194	678	91	769	
O	23	Krull, Paul	24	234	234	207	675	94	769	
O	24	Shine, Eric	17	204	242	209	655	113	768	
O	25	Jackson, Demetrius	21	224	200	223	647	121	768	

O	26	Palamuso, Trevor	17	199	209	230	638	129	767
O	27	Nola, Rodney	17	191	155	297	643	124	767
O	28	Skovenski, Robert	16	262	177	201	640	126	766
O	29	Bilson, Jim	23	210	189	227	626	140	766
O	30	Vest, Jason	24	194	212	206	612	151	763
O	31	Gentile, Kevin	18	207	167	187	561	197	758
O	32	Michael Steins Jr	23	167	157	220	544	213	757
O	33	Neilson, Frank	22	114	185	233	532	224	756
O	34	Tom, Brendan	16	153	189	156	498	253	751

Women's Division

Div		Name	Lane	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Scratch	Hdcp	Total	
W	1	Krull, Abi	24	241	231	250	722	54	776	\$100
W	2	Haner, Savannah	23	216	199	202	617	148	765	\$75
W	3	Hutchins, Tina	15	171	212	244	627	137	764	\$50
W	4	Igiel, Jazz	18	166	218	224	608	156	764	\$50
W	5	Hoover, Darlene	14	195	206	200	601	162	763	
W	6	Grimaldi, Sarah	16	219	195	181	595	167	762	
W	7	Wheeler, Jenn	15	203	213	155	571	189	760	
W	8	Westermeyer, Alexis	15	168	214	168	550	207	757	
W	9	Igiel, Dee	18	159	211	170	540	216	756	
W	10	Kemp, Kathy	19	184	159	182	525	229	754	
W	11	Kurzdorfer, Kim	24	135	182	128	445	302	747	
W	12	Gottler, Lisa	19	116	152	129	397	345	742	
W	13	Krawczyk, Rachel	23	140	110	131	381	359	740	







