Twenty Ninth

Annual

Greater Muskegon Bowling

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Sherman Bowling Center

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Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame

The Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame

The purpose of this organization is to honor, pay tribute and perpetuate the names of those people living or deceased, who have contributed to the growth and welfare of bowling by their ability and/or meritorious service in the Greater Muskegon area.

Candidates may be area bowlers, proprietors, sponsors, sports writers, radio and TV sportscasters, and bowling executives. They must be a minimum of 45 years of age at the time of their induction and shall have actively performed in the Greater Muskegon area for at least 15 years.

Each member shall receive a plaque designating their membership. Living members shall receive a "Hall of Fame" sport coat to identify them as a member of this prestigious group. In addition, a permanent display plaque will be added to those on display at Northway Lanes. The Hall of Fame will induct honorees annually and anyone wishing to nominate a candidate for induction into the Hall may obtain nominating blanks on the internet www.muskegonbowling.com, or by contacting Mary Trautner at mary.trautner@outlook.com. This form must be filed with the GMBHOF President or Secretary by June 1 for consideration. Applications for those not selected in the year nominated will remain on file and be considered annually along with new nominations.

Selection for induction will be determined after careful review of all nominees.

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Members of the Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame

1996	Paul A. Goranson*, John L. Peoples*, Vern Plichta*, Howard Smith*, Thelma Woodruff*
1997	Carl K. Krueger*, William Liefer*, Lucian "Lutz" Majeski*, Ruth Majeski*
1998	Robert F. Jacobs*, Clyde McKentry*, George A. Nietering*
1999	Clare Daniels*, Richard Maus, Kenneth McBride Sr.
2000	Bud LaBarge, Gerald Porter*
2001	Barney Eagan*, Doras Knowlton-Kropf*, Orrie Lauretti*
2002	Sue Ellis, Charles Majeski, Michael Sarade*
2003	Cornell Borgman*, Pauline Matovic*, Shirley Pfister*
2004	Ralph Kuris*, Robert South*, Robert Werner
2005	Jack Heethouse*, Mark Lange, Dorie Shaw*
2006	Bob Grambau , Sam Rice*, Rinda Sells
2007	Tony Campagna Sr.*, Jeff McManus, Dar Zandstra
2008	Kelly Campbell*, Glen Grow*
2009	Lyle Dell*, Linda Hild*, Mark McNarland, Paulette Porter*
2010	Mary (Daymon) Trautner, Bob DeCheney Jr., Fred Erpenbach*, Jane Ryefield*
2011	Patricia Bogner, Bob Flowers, Tom Tomaras*
2012	Jon Caughey, Steve Danicek*, Terry Ross*
2013	Clark Gomery, Otto Liefer*, Dawn Sharlow
2014	Bob Bakker*, Bill Oosting, Kim Vanderwest
2015	Larry Kowalski*, Polly Medendorp*, Kathy Szczesny
2016	Carl Kuzyk, Dick Meisch*, Dar Pontius, John Wolovlek, Jr.*
2017	Mike Gilmore, Greg Schmeling, Fred Stewart
2018	Dave Engle*, Ken Kosheba, Earle Nawrocki
2019	Greg Miller, Dave Olinghouse, Tom Potts*, John Schmidt*
2020	No Inductions held
2021	Chris Churchill, Randy Ryefield, Dan Varboncouer
2022	Benjamin M. Lewis, Jr., Shannon Pomeroy, Dick Strang, Jr.
2023	Vittorio (Vic) Cerchiori, Lonnie DeNio, Chris Durham, Tom Fett*
2024	Mike Jacobs, Billy Orlikowski, Jeff Petroski, Dave Vanderstelt

* Deceased

PROGRAM

Opening Remarks

Invocation

Dinner

Introduction of Special Guests

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies

Closing Remarks

Special Guests

Merry DeBoer	President, Michigan State, USBC
Jim DeGraff	State Board Director, USBC and
Derek Blawsowski	Association Manager, Holland, USBC
James Hartman	Association Manager, West Michigan USBC Association
Dick Strang, Jr.	President, West Michigan USBC Association
Dan Varboncouer	Vice President, West Michigan USBC Association
Fred Reinecke	Photographer

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Carol Linderman

In 1973 Jim Linderman introduced Carol to the sport of bowling by joining a mixed league at Muskegon Lanes. She enjoyed the sport so much so that in 1977 she became a coach for the junior bowlers at Muskegon Lanes where she coached until Muskegon Lanes closed. She then moved bowling centers and began coaching the juniors at Northway Lanes. Some of her great coaching moments included coaching her son Ryan and her daughter Jennifer. Some of the other memorable bowlers she coached through the years include, 2025 HOF inductee Ryan Mouw, Ted Boltz (a long-time employee and ball driller at Northway Lanes), future hall of famer Allyse Miller, and even Kelly Campbell. It makes her smile as she thinks about all their achievements on the lanes. In total, Carol has coached bowlers for over 20 years!

Enjoying the sport as she did, Carol also wanted to learn other aspects of bowling. In 1994 she was elected to the Greater Muskegon Women's Bowling Association (GMWBA) as a director. During her time on the GMWBA, she served on many committees and often as chairperson. The last two years of service on the GMWBA Carol served as President. When the merger with the Greater Muskegon Bowling Association was forced through the USBC, Carol was instrumental during the transition of the two associations. She attended many meetings to form and implement new by-laws. Carol continues to serve as a

Director on the West Michigan USBC board. To date, Carol has served a total of 31 years on the two association boards and throughout those 31 years, she has attended many of the State and National meetings representing Muskegon.

Carol continues her service to the sport as an officer in many leagues that she bowled/bowls. She is currently Secretary/Treasurer for the Sunday Mixed Ups at Northway. She is also the Secretary/Treasurer of the Port City Independents league at Northway. She serves as President of the Sherman Beer League at Sherman Lanes. She was President of the Northway Business Girls League and had been the Secretary on the Starlight League. Carol served as Treasurer of the Greater Muskegon Women's 600 Club for 15 years.

Additionally, Carol promotes the sport by forming many teams to attend, Local, State (She was awarded a plaque for 30 consecutive years of participation at State tournament) and National tournaments.

Carol continues to bowl in three leagues and carries averages in the 180's -190's. She has been on the GMBWA "All-City" silver team a few years, and was also on winning teams in the GMWBA city tournament capturing an actual team event title. She rolled her first 700 in the city tournament and won the actual singles award. She also has won a doubles championship.

Enjoying the sport of bowling the way she does, she encourages kids and their parents to bowl. She has made many lifelong friends throughout her years of bowling and she continues to bowl and hang out with some of the friends she's made.

With her history of being involved in bowling in some way or another for the past 50 years, Carol is well deserving of this GMBHOF induction in the Meritorious Services category. Congratulations Carol and welcome to the GMBHOF.

Ryan Mouw

When you think of Ryan Mouw you think of him as a multisport athlete. Let's face it, he has mastered everything that is round. He played baseball in high school for Muskegon Catholic Central, and golfed at MCC. He then went on to play golf at Grand Valley from 2000-2002.

At the age of 2 his mom and dad (Bob and Dona) were taking him to the bowling centers and when he was old enough, he joined the junior program. In 1986 he competed at the National Junior Bowling Championship, alongside Jeff Johnson, Jason Kops, Erick Grimmer, and Rachelle Grimmer. Suddenly, the next thing you know Ryan is an All-star! Well, it didn't happen quite that quick, as Ryan didn't join his 1st Men's bowling league until he was back from college.

Just as he was gaining success on the lanes, he moved to Chicago for work. He continued to bowl and golf around the Chicago area and just to show how good he was/is at golf, he set the course record at 4 different golf courses around the area. He started to bowl competitively and got to know some of the better bowlers in Chicago. Ryan's 1st honor score came on February 1, 2001 that was when he shot his first 300 game, since then, he has racked up over 30 300 games and has to his credit over 10 800 series. When he moved back to Muskegon, Ryan took a job at Brunswick. This is where he started thriving. He loved to learn and when he got around guys like Ray Edwards, Billy Orlikowski, Carmen Salvino,

Parker Bohn, and Mo Pinel the sport of bowling started to click. Ryan was soon learning all aspects of the sport and started to put his knowledge to use as he became a technical support person for Brunswick and was able to give insight and help others.

Ryan was a part of the team that developed the "Dynamic" core which soon became one of their most versatile cores. Now with the knowledge he was obtaining and along with more practice, Ryan started to heat up on the lanes. Ryan was soon bowling the MSBS scratch events which were held all over the state. He got 1 win and 3 2nd place finishes in those events. In 2014, Ryan won the prestigious Muskegon Masters Tournament, winning the final match 227-224. A couple years later while at the Men's State Tournament in Monroe, Ryan shot a 299 game and ended the night with an 802 series. He went on to toss another 300 in qualifying in the Muskegon Masters in Hart.

In 2018 Ryan joined the S & P Pro Shop Team. Together with the other members of the team, Marcus McClain, Bill Orlikowski, Kurt Pilon, and Andrew Burke they took 1st place in the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Nationals in Syracuse, NY. This team went on to win the team all-events title. Ryan was not done yet, the very next year (2019) with some great competition going on around him he would shoot 646 in team, 708 in doubles and then went 299 for an 802 in singles. At the end of that shift, he had put himself in the lead in all 4 events. Shooting an All-event score of 2156. That was enough to secure 1st place. Winning the individual All-events title earning him a second "Eagle." The event was held in Las Vegas and had over 50,000 entries that year. Ryan was in numerous articles on many different platforms around the US and the quote I like the best was one he told Scott Decamp on Mlive when asked about his new son Max in 2019 "bowling is

bowling and golf is great, being good at those things are fine and dandy, whatever, but they don’t really match up to what it’s like being a father, being a parent, bringing that aspect in my life. It just kind of puts things into perspective. The golf and bowling accolades are great but there's other things that are more important.

Ryan with all that you have accomplished to date and surely, more to come, it is an honor to have you in the Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame.

Steve Schuitema

There are those that just jump right into things and for Steve that was certainly the case. At the age of 9 he joined the Junior Leagues at Maple Lanes and soon found himself bowling with his brothers and cousins to make up a team. Being with his family members every Saturday morning was a lot of fun, and bowling gave all of them something to look forward to. This was a driving force as to why Steve got so involved in the bowling scene. Steve often kept score manually for those teams, as the scorekeeper would receive coupons for free bowling which enabled Steve to have opportunities to bowl even more. Later, while in high school, Steve put those scoring skills to use while keeping score for the city tournament. Often, Lorraine Kuzyk would provide a ride for Steve to the various bowling centers where the tournament was begin held as she was also a scorer for the tournament. Scoring for so many good bowlers was something that Steve really enjoyed and added to his love for the game. He also enjoyed watching his father, Sherwood Schuitema, and his uncles bowl on Tuesday nights at Maple Lanes. One of his uncles, Robert South, was inducted into the Greater Muskegon Bowing Hall of Fame in 2004.

Steve went away to college at CMU. When he returned, he resumed bowling with family members and steadily kept improving his game. In 1978, Steve improved his average to 202, and he was recognized with the “All-Star Bowler” award for securing the high

average at Maple Lanes that encompassed all their leagues. He was recognized again in 1988 as Maple Lanes "All-Star Bowler" with an average of 207.

Once Steve started averaging over 200, he has not looked back and has held an average over 200 every year since. Even this past season at the ripe young age of 70, he still carried an average above 200 ending the season with a 203.

In the early 1980's Steve and some of his bowling friends put together a team sponsored by Danicek Auto. Original members were Steve, Tom Fett, Steve Danicek, Denny Danicek, and Bob Bennett. Through the years players came and went. Many that joined the team have also ended up in the GMBHOF. That includes, Bill Oosting, Ken Kosheba, Bob DeCheney, Greg Schmeling, Clark Gomery, and this year's fellow inductee Ryan Mouw.

Steve viewed his bowling with his teammates from Danick Auto as being very instrumental in his development as a bowler. Saturdays you could often find Steve practicing with his life-long friend, Tom Fett, (inducted in the GMBHOF in 2023). Through their years of friendship came competition and camaraderie. Steve fondly remembers their Saturday "friendly wagers" as they both worked to become better bowlers.

Danicek Auto achieved great success as a team. In 1984, they won the actual city team tournament title with a then record of 3124. They once again won the city team event in 1992 with another team event record of 3299, and then once again were champs in 1997. In 1998, the team broke the team actual record with a 3388 series.

Let's talk more about Steve's accomplishments. In 2001, Steve was the first bowler in Muskegon with 3 honor scores in the same set, shooting 214-299-299 for his first 800 series, an 812 at Bob-Hi Lanes. Then on February 3, 2016, Steve let loose! he started the first game with the front 11 for a 299, 2nd game he had the front 8 for a 279 and the 3rd game he rolled the front 9 for a 275, shooting a career best of 853. This would stand through the season to become the high series for that year as well. At the age of 69, Steve put together another memorable night as he shot 780 and finished the year with an average of 210.

What many people do not know about Steve is that he has coached baseball for the past 30 years, with 17 of them as the head varsity coach at Muskegon Catholic Central. In 2015, MCC won the state championship and Steve was recognized by his peers as being the Top High School Coach in Michigan. Steve also coached the Roosevelt Park Little League team in 2001and took them to a state championship and an appearance on ESPN2. That team lost 4-1 on national TV with the winner moving on to Williamsport.

Steve with your dedication to bowling, to both the juniors and adults, along with your accomplishments it is an honor to welcome you to the Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame.

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