

Thank you for attending
our
Hall of Fame & Awards
Banquet.

We hope you have a
wonderful year and we
look forward to
seeing you next year.

*Let your dreams take flight in the
coming year!*



*17th Annual
Hall of Fame Induction
and Awards Banquet*

October 21th, 2023

**Santa Fe Station Hotel & Casino
(Pecos Room)**

4949 North Rancho Drive, North Las Vegas, NV 89130

5:30-10:30 p.m.

Salads

Build Your Own Wedge Salad (Baby Iceberg)

Dressing - Choice of three

Italian, Ranch, Thousand Island, Blue Cheese, Balsamic Vinaigrette

Toppings

*Bacon Crumbles, Tear Drop Tomato, Sliced Pepperoncini, Carrot Curls
Shaved Red Onions, Sliced Mushrooms*

Penne Pasta Primavera

*Sun-Dried Tomato, Grilled Asparagus, Seasonal Vegetable,
Tomato, Garlic Basil Oil*

Entrees

Herb Crusted Chicken Breast (Picatta Sauce)

Baked Salmon (Lemon Sauce)

Herb Marinated Sirloin Steak (Grilled Peppers & Onions)

Sides

Mashed Potato, Creamed Horseradish, Seasonal Vegetables

Desserts

Assorted Cakes, Cookies, Bars, Sugar Free Desserts

Freshly Baked Breads and Butter

Coffee, Decaf, Tea (Hot and Iced)

In order to have a successful event such as our Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet, we need a lot of help from quite a few folks. Some of these are noted below. To each of them and to those who are not mentioned but have been instrumental in making this event a reality, thank you.

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Danny Mack (DJ Services)

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SNUSBCA 2022 Hall of Fame Inductee

SNUSBCA Board of Directors		
<i>Date in parenthesis following name is the year elected to the Board of Directors</i>		
Term expires July 31, 2026	Term expires July 31, 2025	Term expires July 31, 2024
Vern Vernazzaro President (2005)	Tammi Duffy Executive VP (2019)	Joani Emery Vice President (2007)
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<i>The bylaws of the Southern Nevada USBC set the maximum number of board members at 30.</i>		
Association Manager	Assistant Association Manager	
William "Ben" Benzenhafer Jr	Eva Strobbe	

Janet Tonelli

Meritorious Service



Janet Tonelli was born in Indiana. She and Bob Tonelli, her husband of 38+ years, moved to Henderson, Nevada in 2000, where they immediately became local association members.

Janet was an officer in the Henderson Women's Bowling Association from 2000 to 2005.

Shortly after the merger of ABC/WIBC to USBC in 2005, and the local associations merger to form the Southern Nevada USBC Association, she was elected to the SNUSBCA Board of Directors, and has served on that board for 18 years and counting.

She was appointed to the Awards Committee and later was appointed Chairwoman of that committee, a position she continues to hold as of this writing in 2023. Around 2008, she was asked to Chair the Board's Finance Committee, and remains active in that position as well.

Her passion for the success of our association is coupled with her volunteering to work at the SNUSBCA office most every week and, during the busy sanctioning time, often up to three days a week.

Janet Tonelli is a smiling face you get to meet as she works most every association tournament, doing on-site sign ups and recording scores. Janet works hard at procuring entries from her league bowlers into all of the association's events, often getting ten or more entries into a tournament, and when she's not behind the tournament desk, she just might be seen bowling in as many squads as she and hubby Bob, and a host of doubles partners, can handle. Maybe not a big winner, or regular cashier, but her support and the satisfaction she gets from it are immeasurable.

She is an avid bowler and loves the game - often recruiting new bowlers and supporting our game however she can, using her years of experience, gentle smile and pleasant demeanor.

Janet spent 15 years as a youth coach at Renata Sunset Lanes (now Wildfire Sunset), then at Strike Zone Lanes, where she often interacted with youth bowlers and supported their efforts to become better bowlers.

She has been awarded both Director of the Year and Secretary of the Year honorariums.

Janet's love of bowling, volunteering her time for the betterment of the Association, and her overall dedication to our sport made her a clear choice to be honored with an induction into the SNUSBCA Hall of Fame.

SNUSBCA 2023 Hall of Fame Inductee

Gary Gabriel
Meritorious Service



Gary Gabriel began his love for bowling as a teenager, when he bowled on the Bonanza High School team.

Shortly after turning 17, he rolled his first 300 game at the infamous Charleston Heights Bowl. Two days later, he rolled another 300 game at the equally infamous West Hill Lanes. Not long after, he scored yet another 300 in a PBA Regional Tournament at the world renown Showboat Lanes. Gary was quickly making a name for himself, and has earned two Presidential Awards for his bowling talent.

Among his greatest accomplishments as an adult, Gary earned an Eagle for Team All-Events in the 1991 USBC National Tournament in Toledo, Ohio.

He also rolled another 300 game in the SNUSBCA City Tournament at the Suncoast Bowling Center. To date, Gary has amassed twenty 300 games and “only” two 299’s - which means he mostly gets the job done on the 12th shot!

Gary has bowled three or four leagues a season for his entire adult life, and has a huge sense of pride and leadership in the sport, and because of his dedication to his leagues, he has never missed a night of bowling for health reasons.

When the new Suncoast Bowling Center opened in 2000, Gary saw an opportunity to enter yet another facet of the sport that has since become a passion and a hallmark for what made Gary Gabriel a viable candidate for the Hall of Fame.

He formed the Monday Night Men’s league at the Suncoast and was immediately elected League Secretary for the first time. His dedication, expertise and attention to detail soon landed him another position as Secretary of the Budweiser Tuesday Night Scratch league.

Gary is the consummate secretary. He takes the job very seriously, assuring all the rules are followed, all the money is where it’s supposed to be, and awards are secured for all bowlers that earn them. No one was greatly surprised when Gary Gabriel was awarded the SNUSBC Association Secretary of the Year for Large Leagues in 2014.

Gary was offered a position at the K&K Pro Shop at the Suncoast. He was in bowling heaven. By day, he would drill bowling balls, and in the evenings he would continue to post high scores and serve as a truly exemplary league secretary - attributes and opportunities that are afforded so very few. League bowlers, tournament bowlers and bowling center staff members and managers have great admiration for Gary as a secretary and a top player.

Above and Beyond Scholarship Recipients

2005 - 2006	Cayson Coyle	Heather Brown
2006 - 2007	Brandon Allred	Nicole Wellington
2007 - 2008	Zachary Hattori	April Urban
2008 - 2009	Nicholas Lamek	Melissa Huether
2009 - 2010	Cerell Cardines	Katelyn Scott
2010 - 2011	Dallas Leong	No applications Received
2011 - 2012	Andrew Reed	Gabrielle Turner
2012 - 2013	Trevor Lilley	Shyanne Dase
2013 -2014	Joe Gerencser	Gabriella Weis
2014 - 2015	Sergio Torres	LeeAnn Reyes
2015 - 2016	Teagan Smale	Emi Leong
2016 - 2017	Marco Ramirez-Buckles	Eri Leong
2017 - 2018	Devyn Patalina	April McDonnell
2018 - 2019	Gary LaSala	Brenna Clark
2019 - 2020	Zachary Gonzalez	Ryann Clark
2020 - 2021	Sebastian Huffman	Marisol Ramirez-Buckles
2021 - 2022	Robert McNutt	Kelcey Aczon-Karamura
2022 - 2023	Jerrad Barczynsyn	Marissa Ruiz

Secretaries of the Year

01-12 Teams	Debbie Varner
13-24 Teams	Jill Davis
25 + Teams	Pat Kaneshiro

2023 Above and Beyond Scholarship Recipient

Jerrad Barczyszyn

Jerrad is currently a Junior at Shadow Ridge High School. He applied for the Above & Beyond to prepare for the college plan he has already made.

His goal is to attend Wichita State, bowling on their team and ultimately becoming a professional bowler.

Being the realistic young man he is, he also has a back-up plan.

He began bowling at the age of 12 and found a sport he loves. Because of his extensive schedule, joining a league in the post pandemic world was not practical but he hones his skills with private lessons and competes in the Junior Bowlers Tour .

He is also an excellent student with an unweighted GPA of 4.0 and a weighted GPA of 4.5, obtained through Advance Placement and Honors classes and his current field of study is Criminology as a member of the Forensics Career Technical Education program. He is considering jobs like toxicologist or ballistics expert. He is also a member of the National Honor Society, doing service related projects for community service.

He volunteers at Red Rock Pro Shop to further his bowling knowledge, studies in the Culinary Technical Education program at Shadow Ridge to feed his love for cooking (Chicken Piccata is a favorite recipe) and plays video games to stay connected with friends when they can't spend time face to face.



SNUSBCA 2023 Hall of Fame Inductee

Eric Forkel

Superior Performance



Anyone who has followed bowling over the last few decades will certainly know the name of Eric Forkel.

Born and raised in California, Eric learned at an early age that he had the knowledge and talent to be competitive on the Professional Bowlers Tour, and proved it by winning five PBA National titles, and from 1992 to 2016, he won 27 PBA Regional titles. He is the holder of one PBA Major title - the 1992 PBA National Championship.

His last title was a memorable one, not only for him, but for PBA fans around the globe. He won the very first ever outdoor PBA event - the 1999 NYC Experience held in Bryant Park in Manhattan.

He is credited with posting more than 75 300 games and more than 25 series of 800 or better. He set a record of ABC/USBC National events with an impressive 874 series in the 1997 ABC Masters.

He twice made the list of the Bowler's Journal All-American Team. It's no wonder Eric Forkel was elected to the Los Angeles Bowling Hall of Fame and the Southern California Bowling Hall of Fame.

After leaving the Tour full time, Eric moved to Southern Nevada and became a member of the local association in 2004. Needless to say, he continued to bowl his way into area stardom by winning the Nevada State Masters senior division title six times, which earned him entries into the national USBC Masters Tournaments.

In the prestigious Southern Nevada Bowlers Tour (SNBT), Eric has amassed 26 titles, the second most of all time since the series began.

In the Southern Nevada City Tournaments, Eric won the 2008 and 2011 Scratch All-Events titles. As a league bowler, his highest average was an impressive 246 in the 2019-20 season.

Even after turning age 50, Eric has not slowed down. In 2021, he won the prestigious Southern Nevada Senior Masters Division I.

Eric Forkel is a USBC Certified Bronze Coach, and with his work with fitting and drilling bowling balls for players of all levels as an employee of Bowlersmart in Las Vegas, he is eager and willing to offer guidance and valuable information to help bowlers improve their games.

SNUSBCA Hall of Fame Members

Ann Adams	Gene Haggerton	Janie Neill
John Alexander *	Char Hammel	Susan Nixon
Bobby Allen *	Lorie Hartwell	Ora Norris *
Elaine Anderson *	Carol Harsh	Betty Null
Richard Baker	David Haynes	Glen Olson
Bob Barnowsky	Margie Heaton *	Judy Ostroff *
Jan Barnowsky	Gary Higashi	Kerry Painter
Steve Bassin *	Bobbi Hoven *	Howard Partell
Charles Bearfield *	Bob Hubbard *	Kathy Prange
Harold Begley	Loraine Huffman	Scott Payne *
Rick Benard	Bob Hughes, Sr.	Gerry Perry *
Jeanne Berry	Richard Hughes	David Prange
Dawn Bourgon	Allan "Bob" Jones *	Otis Reed *
J. Wayne Bowman *	Dale Jones	Paul Renteria
Nate Brewer	Don Johnson *	Helen Robinson *
Keli Callahan	Marge Kadin *	Jeanette Robinson *
Mary Carter *	Michael Kaufman	Ralph Roles *
Beverly Cambio *	Elton Kelly *	Maxine Ruggeroli *
Joe Cambio *	Joe Kelly *	Ross Salter *
Jim Clay	Kottie Kemp *	Jeanne Schwab *
Mike Clemence	Louise Kemp	Tim Schwerdtfeger
John Cocchi *	Christina Kinney	Les Shirwindt
Dotty Corbett	Keith Kolozsi	Mabel Sexsmith *
Sandy Cox	Janet Kuhn *	Don Smale *
Vi Daly	Walter Kuhn	Rose Smith
Billy Das	Carol Lassiter	William Shumway *
Russ Davies	Terry Leong *	Valeria Shaw *
Odeil Davis *	Frenchy Letourneau	Benjamin Siggall, Jr. *
John DeBenedetta, Jr.	Bob Linn *	Vicki Snyder
Joyce Deitch *	Wendy MacPherson	Ruth Soehlke *
Fran Deken	Pat Mahoney	Dusty Springston *
Myr Deputy	Mabel Manning *	Linda Sterner
James Deskin *	Robb Marriott	Wesley Sterner
Ruthe Deskin *	Adrian Massa *	Chuck Swift
Helen Donoghue *	Cathy McCloskey	Norma Jean Thornton *
Vaughn Doody	Daniel McRoberts	James Tindall *
Annese Dunleavy	Frank Mirabelli *	Shirley Tophigh *
Joanie Emery	Walter Mlezko *	Vern Vernazzaro
Paul Enright	Mike Monyak	Betty Jo Ward
Tom Enright	Harold Mountain, Jr.	Hal Wilbur
Karl Farkas	George Musso *	Marge Wilkes *
Lisa Fershin	Dan Nadeau	Dave Wodka
Mike Foreman	Beth Nebeker	Kathy Wodka
Harold Gayman *	Claude Neely, Jr.	G. Jean Wright
James Gilliard	Rochelle Neige *	Marguerite Yarbrough *
Frank Guccione *	B.E. "Gene" Neill *	
		* Deceased

2023 Above and Beyond Scholarship Recipient

Marissa Ruiz



The 2022-23 Girls Above and Beyond Scholarship winner is Marissa Ruiz. Marissa is currently studying Wildlife Biology at Hasting College, with an eye to a career in the rehabilitation, conservation and protection of endangered species. She states that her main goal is to leave the planet a better place than she found it.

She has always studied hard and graduated from Northwest Career Technical Academy with a weighted GPA of 4.77 and an Unweighted GPA of 3.97. The weighted grade point comes from the many college level classes she completed as a high school student.

She was a member of the Student Council and the National Honor Society. One of her teachers characterized her as an ideal student.

She began her bowling career at 7 years of age then took a seven-year hiatus until she joined a youth league. She credits her bowling league with helping her to grow as a person, develop more confidence and connect with her peers.

She believes that, because of the bonds they developed on the lanes and despite scattering to various colleges and jobs, she and her friends will stay close and their relationships and choices will be crucial in meeting her goal of making the world a better place to live.