
















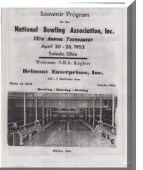
















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	Date	EVENTS	Notes
	1920s	Major Bowling Establishment access for African Americans was primarily as Pin Setters or Janitors	
	1932-1938	Inter-City Matches/ Starting Five Cities	Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, Detroit and Toledo
	1938	The first Black bowling tournament in the US was held at Ontario-St. Clair Recreation in Cleveland	Chicago's Woodland Alcumes team won the Joe Louis Trophy and shared a \$25 cash prize.
	1939	FIRST ORGANIZATION MEETING FOR The National Negro Bowling Association (1st national convention)	Detroit, Frogs Club August 20
	1939	WYNSTON BROWN, CLEVELAND	Organizer of the United Clubs Bowling league in 1931; the inter City match games and Helped Sponsor the First TNBA(NNBA) tournament. First President
	1940	VIOLA CROSSWHITE, CLEVELAND	Organizer of Ladies Progressive League in Cleveland OH; TNBA founder and instrumental in women bowling in the 2nd NNBA tournament in Cleveland 1940. Last Women to receive Joe Blue Award
	1940	FIRST CONVENTION CINCINNATI	First Officers: Wynston Brown President-Cleveland; Luscious Huntley, Vice President-Toledo; Richard Benton Secretary
	1940	Second Tournament, first time for women participation.	The Second Tournament set NNBA(TNBA) aside as the only major bowling organization that permitted men and women in the same venue.
	1941	J ELMER REED, CLEVELAND	First Black owner of Bowling establishment (United Recreation). The facility was located in Cleveland. Organizer of the Brunswick Singles Classic Tournament(Reed-Hawthorne Classic). Strong advocate for UNCF, Sickle Cell Foundation and March of Dimes
	1944	The NNBA Incorporated and changed their name to "The National Bowling Association, Inc." (TNBA).	The NNBA found themselves with many non-Black, non-White members (Latin, Asian, American Indian, etc.) who also could not join ABC or WIBC
	1945	JOSEPH BLUE, CLEVELAND. The JOE BLUE AWARD for outstanding achievement and contribution to TNBA was donated by the Postal Alliance League in memory of Joseph L. Blue.	Eric deFreitas organized the first black bowling league in Brooklyn and chaired the Greater New York Committee for Fair Play in Bowling.
	1946	JACK MARSHALL , CHICAGO FIRST RECEIPT OF THE JOE BLUE AWARD	He was an All American. Played in the Negro Baseball League and was drafted by Major League Baseball in the early 1940s. His ethnicity was not known until his arrival to baseball camp. He was not retained as a possible player in the MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL.
	1948	Bill Rhodman became the first bowler to roll a 300 in an official TNBA sanctioned game	Finished 12th in first ABC tournament Singles event WITH A 719 SRATCH SCORE in 1951. Possibly undisputed greatest African American bowler of his time. Four regional Classic tournaments held in his honor Annually.
	1950	SIDNEY CELESTINE, CHICAGO, coordinated the integration of African Americans with ABC and WIBC.	ABC and WIBC removed the non-Caucasian restrictive clauses from their constitutions

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	<p>1951</p>	<p>ALLEN SUPERMARKET TEAM, DETROIT First all Black Team to compete in an ABC Tournament in St. Paul, Minnesota</p>	<p>Team members, Bill Rhodman, Lafayette Allen, George Williams, Maurice Kilgore, Len Griffin and C.W. Williams</p>
	<p>1953</p>	<p>1953 TNBA Souvenir Yearbook. The Cleveland Courier named Charles Bedell, Sterling Scott, Bill Rhodman, Morris Kilgore and Levert Griffin to its all-star team as "the nations best" Black bowlers.</p>	<p>TNBA's 12 Annual Tournament was held in Toledo, OH.</p> 
	<p>1956-1958</p>	<p>Dehart Hubbard</p>	<p>9th President of the National Bowling Association. First African American to win Gold Medal in the Olympic. He won the ,long jump in 1924 Olympics in Paris, France.</p>
	<p>1958</p>	<p>CHARLES WILSON, CHICAGO</p>	<p>Succeeded in getting the NBA Convention in a Hotel for the first time. It was the Sheraton Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio.</p>
	<p>1959</p>	<p>TNBA Brunswick National Singles Classic, Director and originator J. ELMER REED</p>	<p>J. Wilbur Sims won the first four Classic events for men. Florence Richardson won the first event for women.</p>
	<p>1959</p>	<p>MARY L WILKES, CLEVELAND</p>	<p>The MARY L. WILKES AWARD was established in memory of this extraordinary contributor to the growth and survival of TNBA.</p>
	<p>1960</p>	<p>First Annual King and Queen Contests, JOSEPH THOMAS contest originator</p>	<p>William E. Doar Jr. First King and Kitty Bracey First Queen both from New York, Empire Senate</p> 
	<p>1960</p>	<p>MARTHA BURTON, WASHINGTON DC-FIRST RECEIPT OF THE MARY L. WILKES AWARD</p>	<p>Prior to 1960, six Joe Blue Awards recipients were women: Mary L Wilkes; Geraldine Wells Bennet; Rosa Strothers; Rachel Ridley; Viola Crosswhite and Charlie Mae McIntosh</p>
	<p>1960</p>	<p>MARTIN KELLEY, CLEVELAND -DIRECTOR TNBA FOUNDATION. Initiated the Development Foundation Fund to " put TNBA on a SOUND financial basis with the ultimate goals of purchasing a permanent headquarters building..." Senates were assessed a certain amount over a three year period to get this fund established.</p>	<p>J. Wilbur Sims and Don Scott became the first Blacks to compete in Professional Bowling Assocaion events.</p>
	<p>1961</p>	<p>Sadie Dixon became the first Black to compete in the Bowling Proprietors Association of America National All Star Tournament in San Bernardino, CA <i>[Sadie Dixon (l) with Louise Fulton (r)]</i></p>	<p>First Regional All Events Tournament. Eastern and Western Regional tournament implemented</p>
	<p>1964</p>	<p>Louise Fulton became the first Black to win a professional championship when she won the Professional Womans Bowling Assn. Princeton (NJ) Open. <i>[Ms Fulton at Hoff Induction]</i></p>	<p>First time Annual Tourny and Convention held in same city at same time. 1963 Royal Court: King John Pipkin, Queen Alice Wright, Prince Bill Merryweather & Princess Margaret Cohen</p> 
	<p>1966</p>	<p>MARGARETTE UNCLES, WASHINGTON DC, First woman in TNBA to bowl 300 Game</p>	<p>1966 Royal Court: King Tony Fikes Queen Marietta Clark, Prince John Lowen & Princess Velma Clayton</p> 
	<p>1970</p>	<p>Mixed Team Event added. Chicago's William H. (Bill) Hall Sr. was the first Black elected to ABC's Board of Directors</p>	<p>1970 Royal Court: King Edward Hudson Queen Margaret Lee, Prince John Hudson & Princess Ruth Hood</p> 

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	<p>1972-1978</p>	<p>JOSEPH KING, Director TNBA Field Representative Program</p>	<p>UNDER MR. KINGS' EFFORT, TNBA had its greatest increase in membership from 6500 to over 23000 members in less than 4 years. TNBA National Tournament to Atlanta Ga. First time in the South 1976</p>
	<p>1972</p>	<p>First Rhodman Classic Scratch Tournament</p>	<p>First Rhodman Classic Tournament in honor of Bill Rhodman , Madison Square Garden. Lou Ballard of New York was organizer and Tournament Director</p>
	<p>1973</p>	<p>GEORGE WILSON FORMER CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR STARTED THE BUILDING FUND.</p>	<p>THE Building FUND WAS A SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT THAT WAS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A TNBA HEADQUARTERS.</p>
	<p>1974</p>	<p>JUNIOR BOWLING PROGRAM, RUTH PAYNE, CINCINNATI- DIRECTOR</p>	
	<p>1976</p>	<p>First Tournament and Convention in Southern United States. The Mixed Doubles event was added.</p>	<p>The 37th Annual Convention and 35th Annual Championship Tournament was held in Atlanta GA</p> 
	<p>1978</p>	<p>J. Elmer Reed Inducted in ABC Hall of Fame</p>	<p>Mr. Reed, was first African American inducted into the ABC Hall of Fame- Meritorious Service at it's Convention in St Louis, Mo.</p>
	<p>1980</p>	<p>Inaugural TNBA's Hall of Fame , MARTHA BURTON DC. Coordinator</p>	<p>Inaugural Inductees: Sidney Celestine; J. Wilbur Sims; Viola Crosswhite; Margarett Uncles and J. Elmer Reed</p>
	<p>1980</p>	<p>SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM INITIATED BY OWENS WASHINGTON, CHICAGO</p>	<p>TNBA's Junior Program/Scholarship Program, Inc. established</p>
	<p>1980</p>	<p>JOAN McDuffie, CHICAGO, became first female president of TNBA</p>	<p>The 41st Annual Convention and 39th Annual Championship Tournament was held in Los Angeles, CA.</p>
	<p>1980</p>	<p>NANCY CLARK became TNBA's first female National Sergeant-At-Arms</p>	<p>Aubrey Harrison was the first male to bowl a 300 at a National TNBA Tournament.</p> 
	<p>1984</p>	<p>Inaugural Celebrity Bowl Event, RUTH PAYNE Coordinator</p>	<p>The 45th Annual Convention and 43rd Annual Championship Tournament was held in Louisville, KY.</p>
	<p>1989</p>	<p>GOSPEL FEST , New Orleans EMELDA GREENWOOD(New Orleans) and CAROLINE SIMMONS (Louisville) initiators, Valerie Martin, Director</p>	 <p>Emelda Greenwood & Caroline Simmons</p> 
	<p>1992-93</p>	<p>First appointment of TNBA representatives to ABC and WIBC's Boards of Directors</p>	<p>James "Jim" Alston was appointed to the Board of Directors of ABC in 1992 and Debbie Lewis was appointed to represent TNBA on the WIBC board in 1993.</p> 

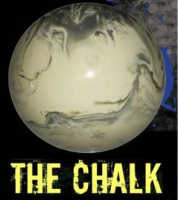












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 <p>WILLIAM H. HALL SR.</p>	<p>1993</p>	<p>William H. (Bill) Hall Sr., Sydney Celestine, Eric deFreitas and Lafayette Allen were inducted into the ABC Hall of Fame.</p>	
	<p>1995</p>	<p>Cheryl Daniels became the first Black to win a BPAA US Open title.</p>	<p>The winningest Black woman professional bowler in history with more than \$500,000 entering 1997, Daniels also became the first Black to win 10 national professional titles. She was inducted into TNBA's Hall of Fame in 2004.</p>
	<p>1996</p>	<p>Perry Daniels was the first TNBA president to address both the ABC convention and WIBC convention.</p>	<p>Representing TNBA, Perry Daniels addressed the ABC convention in Salt Lake City, Utah and the WIBC convention in Buffalo New York.</p>
	<p>2000</p>	<p>First All Female TNBA Cabinet. CORNELL JACKSON, Washington DC President; ALESIA BRYANT, St. Louis, MO. Vice President; MARGARET S. LEE Secretary/Treasurer.</p>	
	<p>2000</p>	<p>TNBA member Thomas Dechulas became first Black to become President of the American Bowling Congress</p>	<p>Dechulas was from Deer Park, New York. The 61st Annual Convention and 59th Annual Championship Tournament was held in Dallas TX.</p>
	<p>2004</p>	<p>LOIS WILSON Former Central Regional tournament director. Located and negotiated acquisition of Headquarters Property. JIM ALSTON Former National Tournament Director provided financial assistance in both in collaboration with the Development Foundation under LARRY PUMPHREY in completing the purchase of this Property.</p>	
	<p>2005</p>	<p>TNBA relocates its national headquarters to their newly renovated building in Evendale, OH. Established Interim Board of Directors to govern TNBA.</p>	<p>It is a wonderful reality to have a Place where all of our members are welcome. It is the place where we all can call our own.</p>
	<p>2008</p>	<p>Historical 4-Day National Convention in Reno, NV. Sign first contract agreement with Hammer Brand Products</p>	
	<p>2009</p>	<p>Elected National President and Vice President from the same Senate.</p>	<p>Both President Elect Dr. Michael Boykins and Vice President Elect Gregory Green were from the Jackson Mid-South Bowling Senate</p> 

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 <p>THE CHALK</p>	<p>2009</p>	<p>Hammer Brand Products creates "The Chalk" bowling Ball to support TNBA activities.</p> 	<p>Other TNBA related balls from Hammer Brand Products include:</p> <p>The Swagga The Rhythm & The Chalk</p>  <p>THE SWAGGA THE RHYTHM THE CHALK</p>
	<p>2011</p>	<p>TNBA Held its first Bowlers Appreciation Picnic in Detroit MI</p> 	 
	<p>2012</p>	 <p>HISTORY BRICK WALK</p> 	<p>History Brick Walk of Fame is one of the visible tangible legacy features at the National Office of TNBA. First Bricks were sets August 2012. Junior TNBA members will design and develop an accompanying TNBA Shrine during this 75th anniversary year.</p>
	<p>2013</p>	<p>.TEAM TNBA</p>	<p>TEAM TNBA is comprised of the National Cabinet, Directors and Chairpersons. The 74th Annual Convention and 72nd Annual Championship Tournament was held in Louisville, KY.</p>
	<p>2015</p>	<p>TNBA bowler Adam Barta from Girard, Ohio set a new Guinness World Record for the highest pinfall in an hour by an individual.</p>	<p>Adam Barta's 2,708 total hammered by 576 pins the previous record set in Queensland, Australia.</p>
	<p>2015</p>	<p>Hakim Emmanuel from Stoughton, Massachusetts made history by rolling three perfect games for a 900 pin series.</p>	<p>The 217 average right-hander became the first Black in the state of Massachusetts to bowl a 900 series, second in New England and the 27th bowler in the United States. What makes this so remarkable is that it was his first, second and third 300 games and it was rolled back to back to back.</p>