



# The Beaufort Bowler

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## 4th ANNUAL LOWCOUNTRY 450/600 Women's & Men's Divisions Singles Handicap Tournament

Open to women who have bowled a sanctioned 450 series and men who have bowled a sanctioned 600 series.

### SANCTIONED BY: THE UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS

**\$400 1st PLACE** (Based on 60 entries per division) ALL PRIZE MONEY RETURNED 100%

SPONSORED BY: THE LOWCOUNTRY USBC ASSOCIATION HOST CENTER: RIBAUT LANES, BEAUFORT, SC

**TOURNAMENT DATES: "In league qualifying" will be from Nov. 9 - 13, 2008 at all bowling centers. Nov. 14 - 16, 2008 at AMF Ribaut Lanes only**

**SQUAD TIMES for AMF Ribaut Lanes: FRI. 14th 6:30 PM Limited Spots (First come, first serve.)**

**SAT. 15th 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM FINALS BEGIN: SUN. 16th 1:00 PM**

Handicap will be 80% of 220. RE-ENTRY WILL BE PERMITTED!

Top 8 qualifiers from each division will compete in a double-elimination roll-off for the championship.

The winner of the men's 600 division will challenge the winner of the women's 450 division for the "BATTLE OF THE SEXES" Championship!

**Early Bird Special of \$31 if entry is received by October 31st \$36.00 ENTRY FEE PER PERSON**

**Please see a flyer today for a complete description of the tournament and the rules!**

### Updates and Tidbits from the Association

1. The Beaufort Bowler (this newsletter) will come out about once a month. We hope you find these simple to read newsletters informative. Remember this is *your association*.
2. This year coaches and individuals working with youth bowlers have had to go through a background check. The program called the *Registered Volunteer Program* ensures that our Youth Bowlers will remain safe. Currently the Lowcountry Association has had 25 individuals checked and all have been cleared! This includes everyone on the association board, youth coaches, and youth volunteers.
3. Have a concern for the Association—Contact Teresa Manning (President) at [teresalmartinez@hotmail.com](mailto:teresalmartinez@hotmail.com) or Bill Brady (Association Manager) at [kbrady@embarqmail.com](mailto:kbrady@embarqmail.com). Also, the other board of directors are also available at any and all times. Remember Association meetings are open to all bowlers. If you have concerns, you can always attend an association meeting or contact the association through a board member
4. Did you know that by being a bowler on a sanctioned league you have numerous benefits? These include discounts at T-Mobile, Wyndham Hotel Group, etc. Check out all the benefits at [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com).

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### Important Dates:

Nov. 3	Association Meeting 7 pm
Nov. 9-16	450/600 Tournament
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving
Dec. 1	Association Meeting 7 pm
Dec. 25	Christmas
Jan. 5	Association Meeting 7 pm
Feb. 1	Scholarship deadline
Feb. 2	Association Meeting 7 pm
Feb. 8-15	2009 USBC Masters
Feb. 13	Advertising Deadline for Association Tournament
Feb. 21-July 29	2009 USBC Open
Feb. 23	Assoc. & Tourney Meeting 7 pm
Feb. 28-Mar 1	1st Week of Annual Tourney
Mar. 7 & 8	2nd Week of Annual Tourney
Mar. 28—July 4	2009 USBC Women's Championship
April 4	Annual Banquet (Open to all bowlers & guests -Cost to cover food)
April 25-29	2009 USBC Queens
May 4	Last Association meeting of the 2008-09 season

Visit the association website today:

**[www.bftbowl.com](http://www.bftbowl.com)**

## Every Sport has colorful terms –Bowling is not an exception By Terry G. Bennett

Bowling is a wonderful sport for the young and old alike. Bowling is an extremely enjoyable activity with an enormously rich and colorful lingo. The slang terms are often clouded in mystery as to their origin and to their meaning. Once people start watching the sport on television or participating at the local bowling center (or is it bowling alley or is it bowling establishment) for fun or on a local league the verbiage starts flying. Just like visiting your local Mexican restaurant, you do not have to speak the language to enjoy the food, but once you become more knowledgeable with the terminology, life is much, much better.

Many of the terms deal with the scoring of bowling. Just like Algebra in Middle School, keeping score in bowling is a lost art with modern technology. But terms like Turkey, Hambone, and Six-Pack all deal with the number of strikes thrown by a single player in a row. (Three, four and six respectfully). Also how the pins are left standing after a first throw can give you some fun terminology: Split, baby split, bucket, wash-out and big-four! Of course, a big-four is a split, but not all splits are involving four pins. Actually knocking down all the pins on your first ball is called a strike and knocking down all the pins in two deliveries is called a spare. If you have a split, the odds of getting a spare go down tremendously. Since spares and strikes are more desirable, they have their own special lingo called “marks” probably because you are hitting on the mark or in the older days you had to mark up the score sheet with special symbols to indicate your good score.

Some terminology has to do with the lanes or is that alley. The ditches or channels to the side of the lane are called gutters. The idea is to keep the bowling ball on the lane and hit the pins. The actual ten items you try to knock down are called pins. The pin is a 15 inch high maple wood object, which looks like a club. In the earlier 1900's there were no mechanical pin setting machines like we have today and the pins had to be racked up by hand: the "pin boy" sat above the lane and set the pins up for bowlers to knock down again. The area that a bowler uses to walk up to the lane is called the approach.

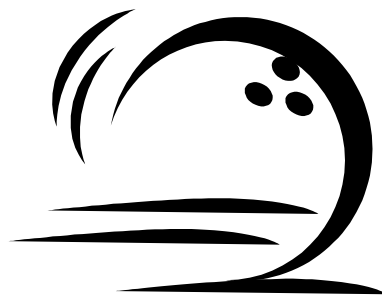
A perfect game in bowling is 12 strikes in a row. Bowlers have ten frames to try and knock down all the pins. A game with spares and strikes in alternating frames is called a Dutch 200. The term is believed to be a take-off of the term “dutch treat” where two people split the cost of an event. In a Dutch 200 game the strikes and spares share the game. Earlier I mentioned that three strikes in a row is called a turkey. Long ago in bowling centers, the first person on a team to get three strikes in a row during the holiday season would often be rewarded with a turkey. The recent term hambone (four strikes in a row) was created by newcomer ESPN announcer Rob Stone. When he learned about the origin of the term turkey and found out there was no colorful term for four strikes (other than four-bagger), he invented the term and promoted it by having fans place the term on signs. Stone promised that if signs with his new term were held up at televised events, they would be featured.

To keep things rolling, the alleys are coated with oil. The actual oil patterns have numerous nicknames like: Christmas tree, Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion, and Shark. The actual tossing of the bowling ball in the air down the alley is called lofting. Just like basketball there is a foul line, but if you go beyond it, a buzzer will sound and your score is zero. Just like curling there is a sweeper, but it is nothing more than a mechanical arm that drops down to tidy up the lane. If a pin escapes the sweeper and enters the playing area that pin is called deadwood.

Bowling teams have the lead-off man just like in baseball, but the last bowler on the team is called the anchor-man. If your bowling team is short a bowler and you do not have a substitute, you bowl him or her “blind”. A “blind score” is usually the bowler’s average minus a ten pin deduction. Bowlers are often called keglers. The term is not heard in the bowling alley too much these days and has its origin in the European history of the game. It has nothing to do with beer kegs, but beer does have a long history with bowling.

### More Tidbits and Associations Updates:

5. The Lowcountry Association offers up to two scholarships each year. The scholarships are available for *anyone* in the association (if you bowl you are) in good standing for the last two years attending a post secondary school (beyond high school). The scholarship is for direct expenses at any accredited university, college, or vocational school in the United States. The deadline is February 1, 2009. Applications are available in the bowling center and at our association website. Please see the applications for all requirements and restrictions.
6. The Lowcountry Association hopes that everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving. We are extremely thankful for your continued support at association events and tournaments and for supporting the youth bowling program with 50/50 ticket purchases and other fundraising events.



Nov. 11th is Veteran’s Day—  
The Lowcountry Association would like to thank all of the veterans (and especially those that bowl) for their service to this great country.

God Bless America!