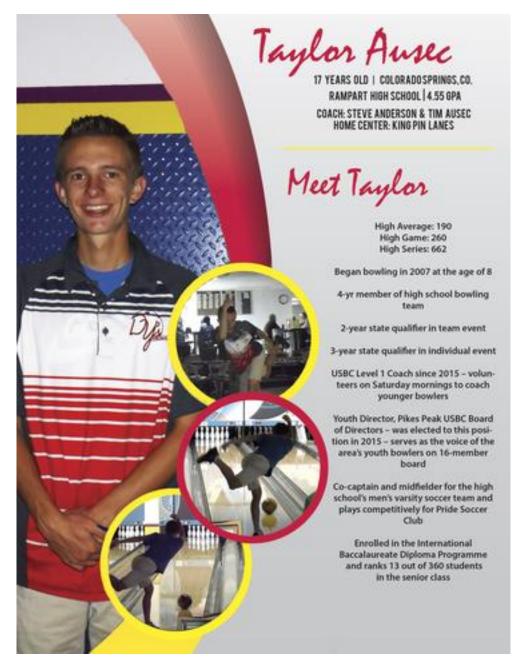
#### **DECEMBER**

We are extremely excited to announce <u>Taylor Ausec</u> as the Youth Athlete of the Month.



We asked Taylor a few questions about himself and his bowling career so far and here is what he had to say -

What is your proudest moment so far in your bowling career?

My proudest moment is coaching young bowlers. I love watching their

improvement from week to week and the joy they experience when they have success.

# Who is your favorite PBA or WPBA bowler of all time? Why do you look up to and/or admire this person?

Chris Barnes is my favorite PBA bowler because of his class and composure while winning but also in defeat.

What advice do you have for young athletes getting started in bowling? Persevere. Bowling may seem easy on the surface but it takes time and lots of practice to master the skills. Set attainable goals and do what is necessary to reach them but never forget to have fun.

#### **OCTOBER**

We are proud to announce **Calaeb Sapa** as the Youth Athlete of the Month for October 2016.



Calaeb's coach, Mark Brown, gave us a little insight into who he is, on and off the lanes.

"Calaeb Sapa is a great kid. After adjusting a ball to fit his hand from a growth spurt, I started working with him and helping him back in January of this year. Calaeb is a good student and loves the sport. He is very enthusiastic about

learning everything that revolves around bowling. Calaeb has started a little bowling throughout the state and is trying to bowl in every bowling center here in ND to bring awareness to the sport and help get new kids to bowl. He has a Facebook page set up for his adventures and takes pictures and videos at each bowling center to see. He also has a huge heart for others and is trying to figure out how to get kids involved in his area that can not afford to bowl, as well as putting together a fundraiser in the near future. - Mark Brown"

We asked Calaeb a few questions about his bowling career so far and here is what he had to say -

### What is your proudest moment so far in your bowling career?

His first city bowling tournament at Red Ray Lanes when he brought home (3) 1st place awards.

# Who is your favorite PBA or WPBA bowler of all time? Why do you look up to and/or admire this person?

Jason Belmonte because he has a great style of bowling, he is a humble person, he does great things with kids, he's charitable and he admires his sportsmanship.

## What advice do you have for young athletes getting started in bowling?

It doesn't matter if you win or lose, you just go out and have some fun. Just bowl your game and go with your gut instincts. It is a great way to meet and make new friends.

#### **AUGUST**

We are proud to announce **Jaylen Zaragoza** as the Youth Athlete of the Month for August 2016.



Usually if he is not at a bowling alley, he is talking about bowling. Practice, practice, practice is all he wants to do.

We asked Jaylen a few questions about his bowling career so far and here is what he had to say -

### What is your proudest moment so far in your bowling career?

"My proudest moment so far in my bowling career is when I won the South Carolina youth Pepsi tournament to make it to my first Junior Gold tournament."

## Who is your favorite PBA or WPBA bowler of all time? Why do you look up to and/or admire this person?

"My favorite bowler of all time is Jason Belmonte. I look up to him because he always keeps a level head while bowling and has had a very successful career so far. He has helped grow the sport of bowling even if some people do not agree with his style."

## What advice do you have for young athletes getting started in bowling?

"My advice for young athletes just getting started in bowling is don't get mad whenever you do bad, don't get sad when you lose, and practice a lot. Also, listen to your coaches."

#### **JULY**

We are proud to announce **Madison Janack** as the first Youth Athlete of the Month. Madison is a wonderful example of integrity, honesty, professionalism and respect and we are excited to see how she will continue to grow and make a difference in the bowling industry.



We asked Madison a few questions just the other day about her bowling career - here is what she said:

What is your proudest moment so far in your bowling career?

The most memorable moment was when I won my first TSR Tournament when I was 13. After throwing my last ball I looked back at my father and seen him in tears because he was so proud.

The proudest moment I've had was last year which was my first year in Tough Shots Tour U-20 girls division. I won the year end Masters Tournament and was also name Bowler of the Year. It was the proof I needed that Hard Work Pays Off!

## Who is your favorite PBA or WPBA bowler of all time? Why do you look up to and/or admire this person?

My favorite bowler is Jason Sterner. He is the hardest worker on tour and his dedication to the sport is really unparalleled in terms of the effort he puts in to be successful on the lanes. I have been able to meet him a few times and he's given me words of encouragement about my game and tells me to continue working hard to reach my goals. He's been a great mentor and role model for me.

### What advice do you have for young athletes getting started in bowling?

Bowling is a great sport. Everyone can participate from recreational play, youth or fun leagues or even if you have a disability anyone can enjoy it. But most importantly is to have FUN. If you decide you want to take your game more serious set yourself yearly goals that your able to achieve (example increase average over previous years, bowl your first 200 game or 600 series). Don't get discouraged if your bowling bad as everyone is going to have bad days. It's how you react and bounce back that determines how great of a bowler you are. Also use motivational quotes to fuel you to become the best bowler you can be. Here are a couple of my favorites.

"Work so hard that one day your signature becomes an autograph."

"You earn your trophies at practice. You just pick them up at tournaments."

Do you know a youth athlete that we should know about?? We'd love hear their story. Please send your youth athlete submissions to bowl4lifefoundation@gmail.com.

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