

DECEMBER

We are extremely excited to announce Taylor Ausec as the Youth Athlete of the Month.



Taylor Ausec
17 YEARS OLD | COLORADO SPRINGS, CO.
RAMPART HIGH SCHOOL | 4.55 GPA
COACH: STEVE ANDERSON & TIM AUSEC
HOME CENTER: KING PIN LANES

Meet Taylor

High Average: 190
High Game: 260
High Series: 662

Began bowling in 2007 at the age of 8

4-yr member of high school bowling team

2-year state qualifier in team event

3-year state qualifier in individual event

USBC Level 1 Coach since 2015 – volunteers on Saturday mornings to coach younger bowlers

Youth Director, Pikes Peak USBC Board of Directors – was elected to this position in 2015 – serves as the voice of the area's youth bowlers on 16-member board

Co-captain and midfielder for the high school's men's varsity soccer team and plays competitively for Pride Soccer Club

Enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and ranks 13 out of 360 students in the senior class

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 Sapa
11 YEARS OLD | GRAND FORKS, ND
SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
COACH: MARK BROWN | HOME CENTER: RED RAY LANES

Meet Calaeb

Calaeb was born in Grand Fork, ND. He started out bowling when he was 4 years old and joined league when he was 10 and he's hooked. He bowled an 82 average when he started and currently has a 135 average. He practices about 4 times a week. He has set a goal of bowling at every bowling alley in the state of North Dakota. He has bowled at 11 centers so far. He has a Facebook page, *Calaeb Bowls ND* and he has a great following so far. He is excited for next year when he can be on the High School Bowling Team. He has a real passion for this sport.

Latest Achievements

- A USBC bowling association scholarship 2015-2016 for 2nd place boys all events handicap division with 1943 total pins
- 2015-2016 YA Tournament Boys Singles Division 1st Place
- 2015-2016 Bantam Prep High Series/- Most Improved Average/High Game
- 2016 - The Presidents Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement

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.



Jaylen Zaragoza

13 YEARS OLD | ROCKHILL, SC

Meet Jaylen

Jaylen has been bowling really since before he was born. Bowling goes back at least five generations in our family, but Jaylen is the first one to take it seriously. As a baby he set up empty Coca-Cola bottles and bowled them over with whatever balls he could find. He asked me to join his first league at age 3 and the rest is history. He finished his first league with high average, a 69 in the Pee Wees. Bowled his first 100 game, a 115 at age 4. That was one handed, and no bumpers. In 2013, he received the South Carolina Youth United States Bowling Congress Fortieth Annual Superlative Award for High Average in the Prep Division. He has a Tough Shots Tour banner with his name on it for coming in first place at one of those tournaments. Last year he came in second place in the U15 Division of the Tough Shots Masters, a year before he was supposed to be in that division. He also came in second at the Storm Survivor in Chicago in 2015 in the U12 Division.

Latest Achievements

He has bowled Junior Gold twice so far, and has already earned his spot to return to Junior Gold in Cleveland in 2017.

He bowls Tough Shots Tour, TSR tournaments, Classic Carolina Tournaments when he can, and bowls Saturday Morning league at Stokers in Rock Hill.

He also bowls the PBA Experience league.

He bowls the Top Dog League on Thursday nights against the likes of two of his biggest influences, Robert Layman and Brian Lamb.

He was a member of the original Bowling Solutions Travel Team. During the Bowlers, Jr. Tournaments last year, he was on all three winning Baker teams at each tournament.

Last year he was an alternate on the South Carolina All Stars team. This year, he has earned his spot as a member of the team, and not an alternate.

He won the South Carolina Pepsi Tournament in 2015. He finished fifth in the SC Pepsi tournament in 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.



Madison Janack
16 YEARS OLD | MYRTLE BEACH, SC

CLASS OF 2018 AT CAROLINA FOREST HIGH SCHOOL
A HONOR ROLL STUDENT CAREER 4.3 GPA
COACH: CHUCK SCHOMMER

Meet Madison

Madison was born June 6, 2000 to Mark & Olesha Janack. After bowling at her 9th birthday, she begged her parents to take her bowling constantly. She joined her first league the following season and averaged 96. Her family moved to Myrtle Beach, SC that summer and her love for bowling continued to grow. She started bowling competitively at 12 when she was selected to the South Carolina Youth Interstate All-Star Team. Madison's future goals include going to college to become an elementary school teacher and member of the Women's Bowling Team, to be selected as a member on Team USA and become a member on the PWBA Tour and travel the world.

Latest Achievements

- 2-Time - Chuck Gordon's Bowl4Life Champion
- 3-Time - SC Pepsi Tournament Champion ('13, '14, '15)
- 4-Time - SC Interstate All Star Team Bowler of the Year ('12-'13, '13-'14, '14-'15, '15-'16)
- 3-Time - SCNCA Interstate All-Star Overall Bowler of the Year ('14-'15 & '15-'16)
- 4-Time - Timothy Spurgeon Bow Tournament Champion
- 6-Time - Tough Shots Tour Tournament Champion
- Top 20 - 2013 Junior Gold in Detroit (315)
- Top 30 - 2014 Junior Gold in New York (315)
- Top 10 - 2015 Junior Gold in Chicago (315)
- SC Youth Female Season High Average Award ('13-'14) (262 Average)
- SC Youth Female Season High Average Award ('14-'15) (259 Average)
- SC Youth Female Season High Average Award ('15-'16) (221 Average) Set SC All Time Record
- Tough Shots Tour U15 Girls Bowler of the Year ('14-'15)
- Tough Shots Tour U20 Girls Bowler of the Year ('15-'16)

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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