

## Bryan Toadvine Jr. Youth Star of Tomorrow Superior Performance



Bryan Toadvine, Jr. was born on February 4, 2006 into a bowling family. Both of his parents were league bowlers at that time with his father having been inducted into the Salisbury Bowling Association (now Eastern Shore USBC) Hall of Fame in 2003. Bryan, Sr. was arguably the best bowler in the Salisbury area during the 1990s and Dad's love of the game did not take long to rub off on Bryan, Jr.

Bryan, Jr. spent every hour he could at the lanes either practicing his own craft or watching the adult league action. A "bowling alley rat" in every way. Bryan, Jr. bowled his first ever league at Cherokee Lanes (now SouthBound Alley) as a member of their Roll-N-Grow (Bumper) league at the age of 5.

It would not take him long to move up to the Preps League where he would really start to get serious about the game. He quickly became the best bowler in that league with a promotion to the SouthBound Majors League coming at the age of 11.

It was during this time that Bryan would spend countless hours practicing with it being quite common for him to bowl 20 games a session in order to learn his equipment and how to read lane transition. His average would really start to climb at this time with his average reaching 179 at the time the pandemic hit.

The closure of the local bowling centers only served to drive him further down his road to improvement. Like many youth bowlers on the Eastern Shore, the lack of tournament bowling during this time did not dim his fire and only served to make their league sessions that much more competitive. The return to league play on the Shore during this past season launched him further.

Bryan's accomplishments on the Shore this past season included the following:

- \*His first two 800 sets (including an 836 – the highest score in the Eastern Shore USBC this past season – even among the adults).

- \*219 average on the Choptank Youth League – highest youth average on the Shore by nearly 20 pins.

- \*Scratch victories in the Eastern Shore Top Ten Invitational (by over 150 pins), Eastern Shore USBC Youth Championship in Singles and All Events (by over 200 pins) and the Eastern Shore USBC Pepsi Regional of the U18 Boys.

- \*4<sup>th</sup> Place in the Maryland State USBC Pepsi Finals in the U18 Boys Division and, most recently, the All-Events Scratch title for the U18 Boys at the Maryland State USBC Youth Championship.

The thing that impresses his coaches the most is that Bryan's demeanor is always steady whether he is shooting a 500 set or an 800 set. He never allows his emotions to get the better of him. A mark of maturity and poise.

The Maryland State USBC is honored to present Bryan Toadvine, Jr. the prestigious Youth Star of Tomorrow Award and wish him continued success.