

Welcome to your Out! Bowling League Newsletter



THE GUTTER GAYZETTE

May 2026

And that's a wrap!

Dear Family,

How are we already at the end of the season? One minute we were showing up like “yeah, we bowl,” and the next we’re serving full main-character energy every week like it’s our own personal Pride parade... just with more rented shoes and fewer permits.

Let’s be real—you didn’t just make this season fun, you made it queer excellencé. The hype? Giving ballroom commentator. The outfits? Somewhere between retro chic and “this could absolutely win at Pride.” The reactions? Oscar-worthy, even when the ball said “no ❤️” and took a hard left into the gutter.

Somewhere between the strikes we absolutely manifested and the frames we’re blaming on “uranus in retrograde,” this league became more than bowling. It became chosen family. A space where being extra wasn’t just allowed—it was (and always will be) expected. Where every cheer felt like a mini Pride celebration, and every win (no matter how small) got treated like we just headlined our own drag brunch.

I’ll never forget the inside jokes that made zero sense to anyone else, the unapologetic chaos, the “YASSS” echoing across the lanes, the celebratory dances, and the way we all showed up for each other—loudly, proudly, and occasionally a little unhinged.

So, here’s to you and cheers to you—for bringing the sparkle, the sass, and the undeniable queer joy that made this season unforgettable. Next season, we’ll come back even gayer (if that’s somehow possible), even louder, and maybe—just maybe—with a slightly more consistent hook. But no matter what, we’ll always have the real goal: serving looks, serving laughs, and serving community.

Stay fabulous, stay chaotic, and never let a straight spare dull your shine.

XOXOXO! Your Out! Bowling Family ❤️

They did WHAT? In April our league had 4 more PERFECT GAMES! Who were they? How many all season? Glad you asked!! Here’s the season’s perfection in recap:

Averee Bottcher – Feb 5, Apr 9, and Apr 16

Erin Ferriter – Feb 12

John Hagemann – Mar 26

Steve Kurek – Apr 2 (twice!), Apr 9

Congratulations!! We can’t wait to see what magic you do next season!

Winter 2026 Season is done. (collective sad faces!) Congratulations to our top teams!

1st place – PIN ME DADDY – Kelsey Fox, Steve Kurek, Francesco Metouer, and Joe Amadeo

2nd place – FOLLOW THRU FOLLOW THRU – Larry Calvert, John Hagemann, Jim Bergmann, and Dario Gomez

3rd place – CONSISTENTLY INCONSISTENT – Matt Weed, Kevin Jordan, Eddie Bieler-Waite, and Michael Bieler-Waite

And additional awards were given out!

Most strikes – with 323 – Avereer Bottcher

Most spares – with 95 – Mack Story

Most splits – with 56 – John Hagemann

Most improved average – John Travers

Our new Perfect Attendance awards - Jim Bergmann, Michael Bieler-Waite, Avereer Bottcher, Larry Calvert, Dave Chamberlain, Jimmy DeZutel, Trisha Doris, Kelsey Fox, Marianne Frianeza, John Hagemann, Glow Joe, Martin Johnson, Steve Kurek, Francesco Metoyer, Brian Pedersen, Kevin Robbins, Dave Sanchez, Clay Staton, Mack Story, Paul Terrel-Hollins, Dan Zinner, Esther Bourassa, Chris Riske and Rick Grabenstein

And PROUDLY coming in last... bringing up the rear... best of the worst... bottom of the league...

QUEERLY BELOVED – Megan Nowicki, David Settanni, Gerry Tarafa, and Tim McKernan

Don't know what you're gonna do with your Thursday nights this summer? Don't let your skills grow cold...

Summer Season Registration is OPEN!

10 weeks beginning 5/28

\$160 for the season

<https://outbowling.com/season-sign-up/>

Community Events – Want to help to promote Out! Bowling for the upcoming seasons? Or just hang out? Join us at one or more of our community pride events!

May 23 Naperville Health & Resource Fair	June 13 Aurora Pride at the Plaza
June 5 Pride in Park Ridge	June 14 Aurora Pride Parade
June 6 Downers Grove Pride	June 14 Wheaton Picnic with Pride
June 6 Elgin Pride Parade	June 20 Elmhurst Family Pride Fest
June 7 Lombard Pride	June 20 Pride St Charles Festival
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Are you going to another pride event? Tell us about it on our Facebook page and inspire some of our family to join you!

Notable Dates – Let's celebrate our Out! Bowling Family birthdays and special dates!

May Babies

Glenn Guzier 5/12

Jesse Salazar 5/19

Dave Schmidt 5/13

Gerry Tarafa 5/26

Aspen Marcheschi 5/17

Michael Cannon 5/28

Steven Olson 5/17

Marianne Frianeza 5/6

May Anniversaries

Sarah and Jeff
Wronkiewicz 5/25

David Settanni and
Gerry Tarafa 5/30

Helping You Out! – Did you know that some of our Out! Bowling family are in a position to help you out? We have a professional services page on our league website: [Out! & About! – Out! Bowling League](#)

HEAVENLY HANDS – This month, our very own David Olzanowski is a Licensed Massage Therapist and he is offering a service for our Out! Bowling family! 60 minute massage for \$80!

If you would like to book an appointment with David, he can be reached at 630.667.5221

“Everyone needs to be Kneaded!”

For the most up to date information, go to our socials!

Web: <https://outbowling.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/outbowlingleague>

Let’s hear from you! – What would you like to see in our monthly update? Know of any fun, LGBTQ friendly events? Any other league feedback? Email us!

See you on the lanes!