

Welcome to your Out! Bowling League Newsletter



# THE GUTTER GAYZETTE

September 2026

## ***Come Join Us!***

Dear Family,

We're back, my fabulous bowlers, with a new logo, but the same loving community we've built! After a long, hot summer break, it's time to dust off those bowling shoes, resurrect your lucky ball, and get back to doing what we do best: knocking down pins, talking a little trash, and serving looks while we're at it. Whether you're a seasoned league veteran or joining us for the first time, we're thrilled to have you rolling with us. We've missed the laughs, the cheers, the questionable bowling technique, and, of course, the occasional dramatic reaction to a split that absolutely did not deserve that much emotion.

As we kick off another season, let's remember what makes this league special: **\*\*we show up for one another.\*\*** We're here to bowl, but we're also here to make friends, build community, celebrate who we are, and have a ridiculous amount of fun along the way. So bring your best game, your biggest personality, and your most fabulous bowling attire. May your strikes be plentiful, your gutters be few, and your sass be **\*\*consistently above average\*\***. Welcome back, darlings—let's get this ball rolling!

## ***XOXOXO! Your Out! Bowling Family*** ❤️

**They did WHAT?** Lots has happened over the summer! What you ask? Here's some news for you:

- Steve Kurek bowled a perfect game on May 28<sup>th</sup>!
- Dave Chamberlain bowled a perfect game on July 9<sup>th</sup>!
- Our own Brian Van Vels participated in a One Day Ride Across Michigan! Although his target was \$3,700, as of now he has raised \$4,600! Donations are accepted through 9/8 so it's not too late!

[Pledgereg.com/5749/BrianV](https://pledger.com/5749/BrianV)

Congratulations to you all!!

Do you have some news to share about yourself or another in our Out Bowling family? Drop us a line!

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

1<sup>st</sup> place – Rainbow Raiders – Kelsey Fox, Steve Kurek, Alehandro Ferre

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Striking J.E.M.M Stones – Mel Simpson, Ether Bourassa, Martin Johnson, Jeff Martin

3<sup>rd</sup> place – All-Dis-Dik – Kevin Jordan, Eddie Bieler-Waite, Michael Bieler-Waite

**Fall Season Registration is OPEN! Space is limited! We** have 87 bowlers registered so far. There are only a few spots left so **DON'T DELAY!**

12 weeks beginning 9/10

\$240 for the season

Go to [outbowling.com/season-sign-up](https://outbowling.com/season-sign-up) now to secure your spot

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

| May                       | July                    | September                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| David Schmidt - 5/13      | Bob McPherson - 7/2     | Ashley Porter - 9/2                     |
| Steven Olson - 5/17       | Tim McKernan - 7/6      | Ian Smart - 9/11                        |
| Gerry Tarafa - 5/26       | John Hagemann - 7/8     | Brian Van Vels - 9/13                   |
| Jerry Prochaska - 5/27    | Jon Walt - 7/14         | Michael Bieler-Waite - 9/20             |
| Michael Cannon - 5/28     | Teresa Rodriguez - 7/17 | David Sanchez - 9/20                    |
| June                      | August                  | Anniversaries                           |
| Adam Jahovic - 6/6        | Ryan Adams - 7/21       | Larry Calvert - 9/21                    |
| David Olszanowski - 6/18  | Colin Hope - 7/23       | Rick Grabenstein - 9/25                 |
| Steve Jedlicka - 6/22     | Steve Kurek - 8/12      | Dave Chamberlain &<br>Clay Staton – 6/3 |
| Eddie Bieler-Waite - 6/25 | Casey Wooley - 8/13     | Eddie & Michael<br>Bieler-Waite – 8/15  |
| Mike Gary - 6/25          | David Settanni - 8/21   | Ryan Adams &<br>Ashley Porter - 9/28    |
| Ryan Wallace - 6/29       | Clay Staton - 8/24      |                                         |
|                           | Esther Bourassa - 8/27  |                                         |
|                           | Chris Riske - 8/28      |                                         |
|                           | Melissa Lang - 8/31     |                                         |

And check out this season's theme nights - Dress to impress!!

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|-------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 9/10  | Pride Night     | 11/5  | Veteran's Donation                              |
| 9/24  | 70's Night      | 11/19 | Chili Night                                     |
| 10/8  | Movie Night     | 11/26 | NO BOWLING                                      |
| 10/22 | Flannel Night   | 12/3  | AIDS Day                                        |
| 10/29 | Halloween Party | 12/10 | End of Season Banquet and<br>Charity Fundraiser |

Also, we will be visited by Ben McAdams, candidate for Illinois State Senator District 24.  
Ben is running for the first time and will be available to answer questions!

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**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](#)

### Gus Mendoza Real Estate

Gus Mendoza has been helping buyers and sellers navigate the Chicago and western suburban real estate market since 2005. Gus says: "With EXIT Grace Realty, I believe real estate is more than a transaction. It is about building relationships, strengthening communities, and helping people achieve their goals. I'm bilingual in English and Spanish, deeply connected to the neighborhoods I serve, and committed to providing honest advice, dependable service, and results that make a difference."

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## Magical Memories by Casey

Looking to take a trip **anywhere**? Our very own Casey Wooley is a fee-free travel planner who specializes in travel to international destinations like Italy, all-inclusive resorts in the Caribbean, Disney, Cruises, Universal, and more! And as a member of the LGBTQ-community he understands the unique needs we have. He's helped plan several trips within our Out Bowling family and is even organizing our own Out Bowling Alaskan cruise. Visit his website at [www.CaseyWooley.com](http://www.CaseyWooley.com) or reach out to him at 734-718-6024 or just find him on Thursday nights!

Do you have a business to promote? [Tell us about it!](#) We may include it in an upcoming newsletter

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**Looking for some fun activities** to fill those long days between bowling?

**Theater for Charity** is putting on The Prom! A hilarious, heartfelt musical about acceptance, courage, love, and having the confidence to be exactly who you are — with plenty of laughs, great music, and **ZAZZ** along the way! Shows are Sept 26 & 27 and Oct 3 & 4. Tickets are \$25 online at [theaterforcharity.com](http://theaterforcharity.com) or \$30 at the door

Profits from *The Prom* will benefit **Youth Outlook**, supporting LGBTQ+ youth in our community.

Do you like sports? Musically inclined? Check out all the fun activities that **NaperPride** is cooking up for you! [www.facebook.com/NaperPride19](http://www.facebook.com/NaperPride19)

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**Check out the new Out! Bowling Merch on our Zazzle page!** <https://www.zazzle.com/store/outbowling>

Get your own t-shirt with the new logo or go old school with something from our past seasons! For the most up to date information, go to our socials!

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

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

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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!***