



GCU, NSS & SCS COMBINED FRATERNAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

The GCU, NSS Life & Slovak Catholic Sokol Joint Bowling Tournament is fast approaching and we are pleased to offer you the following details:

Bowling... All bowling will take place at Meadows Lanes Bowling inside Hollywood Casino at the Meadows, 210 Racetrack Road, Washington, PA 15301. The phone number is (724) 503-1550 and website is www.hollywoodmeadows.com.

Hotel... We have two hotels for the event. The Hyatt Place Washington, PA is located adjacent to the Casino at 212 Racetrack Road. We were only able to secure a very limited number of rooms at \$180/night + tax due to this being Preakness Weekend which draws a large crowd to the Casino Sports Book and the Hyatt. To reserve a room at the Hyatt: **Phone: 1-888-257-9658** - Mention Group Code G-FSBW; or **Online:** www.hyattplacepittsburghsouth.com—Click Book at top right / Select Dates / Select # of Guests in Room / Click Drop Down where Special Rates appear / Select Corporate or Group Rate / Type G-FSBW in block that appears / Then click check availability.

The second hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton Meadowlands located at 340 Racetrack Road, Washington, PA 15301 has a block of guest rooms available for \$121/night + tax. You can reserve your room by calling **724-222-6200** and using Block Code: **Fraternal Bowling Tournament**. The Doubletree offers a shuttle to and from Hollywood Casino until midnight everyday.

Application Format... Each society will receive applications from their own members, so that membership requirements can be verified. If you need additional applications: GCU members please contact: Basil Wahal-GCU Bowling Coordinator, 724-683-3924 or bwahal@GCUusa.com. Slovak Catholic Sokol members please contact: Kathy Watkins-Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, 412-225-8233 or kathyw323@gmail.com. NSS Life members please contact Bethany Bonnar at 724-770-2093 or bbonnar@nsslife.org. **League bowlers must include a copy of their most recent league average sheet with their application. Application deadline is April 13, 2026.**

Team Event... Team event will be bowled on Friday, May 15 with two squad times at 5 & 8 pm. The format will again be 4-Bowler Teams (Mens & Womens Only-No Mixed Teams), and team members may combine and send only one application if all fees are included. If bowlers are unable to fill all 4 positions on a team, we will assist you.

Doubles Event... The format will again be 2-Bowler Teams (Mens & Womens Only-No Mixed Doubles Teams). Doubles will be bowled in two squads on Saturday, May 16 at 10 AM & 1 PM. If bowlers are unable to find a partner, we will assist you.

Singles Event... There is a major change to the tournament in 2026. Bowlers will only bowl 3 Team games and 3 Doubles games for a total of 6 games bowled. Bowlers participating in both events will be eligible for the Singles event which will be a combined score of both events (all 6 games). To enter the Singles event, bowlers only need to pay the \$20 fee (\$14.00 prize fee and \$6.00 tournament fee) to be eligible for Singles event prizes.

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Additional Actual Prize Money... In an effort to increase participation from higher average bowlers, the GCU Board of Directors has again pledged an additional \$1,000.⁰⁰ to be used to pay actual score prizes across all tournament events. This will not have any affect on the handicap prizes which will continue to be paid as in the past.

Squad Time Assignments... Due to the size of the Meadow Lanes Bowling Center there will be two squad times for both the team event and doubles & singles squads. Team bowling will take place on **Friday, May 15 at 5 & 8 PM**. The doubles squads are scheduled for **Saturday, May 17 at 10 AM AND 1 PM**. If there are less than 80 bowlers entered in the Team and/or Doubles event, there will only be one squad bowled—time to be determined.

Friday Evening and Saturday Hospitality Events... All bowlers (and pre-paid guests) are welcome to join in for food and fraternalism on Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16 at the Meadows Bowling Lanes. There will be a buffet served beginning at 6:30 PM on Friday evening and beginning at 11 am on Saturday. *There is no additional charge for bowlers for either of these hospitality events.*

Guest Hospitality Event Fees... Bowlers that will have a guest with them at the bowling lanes that would like to participate in the Friday and/or Saturday buffets are asked to pay a guest fee of \$15 for each event or total of \$30 for both. Guest fees must be paid in advance to insure we have the correct amount of food ordered for these two events. Deadline is the same as the application deadline of April 13.

Saturday Evening Reception... Due to a continued decline in participation and with so many other activities available in and around the Casino, the committee has decided to once again not have a Saturday evening reception. It is being replaced by the lunch buffet on Saturday at the bowling lanes. We will have a few tables reserved inside the H-Lounge located inside the Casino, for tournament participants and guests to enjoy the live music on both Friday & Saturday evenings.

Membership Requirements... Membership requirements for each organization are available on the reverse side of the individual society bowling applications.

Forms on Each Organization's Website... Remember, if you need extra applications, all of the forms for the National Bowling Tournament are available on your organization's website: GCU— www.GCUusa.com; NSS Life—www.nsslife.org or Slovak Catholic Sokol—slovakcatholicsokol.org.

Early Departure Fee... Both the Hyatt Place and DoubleTree Meadowlands Hotels have the following policy: In the event a guest who has requested a room within your block checks out prior to the guest's reserved checkout date, the hotel will add an early checkout fee in the amount of one room night and tax to that guest's individual account. Guests wishing to avoid an early checkout fee should advise the staff at or before check-in of any change in planned length of stay.

Individual Cancellation... Failure to cancel a guaranteed reservation 48 hours prior to arrival date at either hotel, will result in a charge equal to one night's room and tax from the date of arrival.

We'll be in Touch... An additional newsletter will be forthcoming with the complete bowling and event schedule, prize list and other important information. Plan now to have a great tournament!