

BOWLING ANSWERS

Questions from Suburbanite Bowl's Spring 2015 Newsletter

1. Traditionally, when throwing a hook, as the ball travels down the lane, what is the proper sequence of events?
2. When you bowl a proper strike, how many pins does the ball actually hit?
3. What branch of the US Military issued a unit patch that featured a bowling ball knocking down pins?
4. How many boards of wood are in a bowling lane?
5. What is the lowest recorded series with a 300 game?
6. What material were bowling balls made out of in the early 1900's?

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1. The ball skids, rolls, then hooks.
The ball skids through the oil, then as it gets to the "drier" area, it begins to roll. As the ball gets to an even drier part of the lane, it creates more friction and starts to hook.
2. For righties 1, 3, 5, 9. For lefties 1, 2, 5, 8.
So for a perfect 300 game you actually knock down 48 pins... the rest are taken out by pin action.
3. US Army 19th Bombardment Squadron
4. 39
5. In 1989 Reed Townley of Gadsen, Ala., completed every bowlers dream by closing out his series with a 300. The bad news was that his opening pair of games were 88s. His final three game total: 476.
(wonder what adjustment he made?)
6. Wood – we have one in the display case on the Media Wall.