

- 1904 - The first lanes were on N. Broadway in conjunction with a saloon operated by Larry Whitmer originally from Cleveland.
- 1905 - Frank Andorka opened lanes in South Lorain also in conjunction with a saloon.
- 1906 - Frank Rathwell opened 3 lanes, Columbia Alleys, next to his bicycle shop on Broadway.
- A traveling team was organized by Mr. Rathwell and called the Columbia Team.
 - Team members were: Ben Feldkamp, J.J. Jelly, Ed Riffle, Fred Bark, Frank Rowley, Charles Harper, Bill Jones, William Trebie, James Daniels, Marian Jacobs, V.D. Gray, Will Strike, Harry Shanafelt.
 - At a later unknown date the lanes were moved to the Eagle-Building.
 - Louis Hemminger buys Columbia Alleys from Mr. Rathwell after the lanes were moved.
- Other early bowling establishments were : (Exact dates are not known for some)
- Ujhelyi opened 2 lanes in 1600 block of 28th street in conjunction with a wine store.
 - Steel Plant Cigar Store Alleys operated by E. M. Griffin.
 - George Czap Alleys (two lanes) in South Lorain.
 - Kerekes Café operates 4 lanes on Vine Ave.
 - Pont Canalos had lanes in the downtown area. Later became 333 Bar.
 - Fred Visci had four lanes at 14th Street and Broadway in Lorain until 1946.
 - Andorka's opened Vine Ave. Alleys in 1919.
 - Saxon Club opens 2 lanes in 1922 and follows with 8 lanes upstairs in 1941.
 - Sam Cooke's alleys in the Broadway Building were opened in 1927. In 1948 the name changed to Broadway Lanes. The lanes were closed in 1988.
 - Diannes Recreation opened in 1944. The building was sold in 1955, and became
 - Croation lanes. The building was sold and torn down in 1997.
- 1924 - The Lorain Bowling Association was organized and received its charter from the ABC.
- 1939 - In the Fall season there were 36 Lanes located in 5 LBA establishments.
- 1946 - Rebman Recreation opens at 1040 Broadway with 4 downstairs,8 lanes upstairs in 1947
- 1948 - Avon Lake Recreation opens 16 lanes and closes in 1963.
- 1954 - First automatic pin setters in the association installed at Saxon Club Lanes.
- 1955 - Rebman Recreation moves to 5300 Oberlin Ave. with 24 new lanes.
- 1957 - Slovak Lanes are opened. Andorkas moves to Bridge and Iowa streets, closes in 1988.
- 1959 - In the fall season there are more than 100 lanes for bowling in the association.
- Lake Erie Lanes opens with 12 new lanes, adds 6 in 1984. LBA has 4210 bowlers.
- 1961 - Aquamarine Lanes opens with leagues. The name later changed to Tommy Hudson Family Lanes and closed in 1997.
- 1962 - Shoreway opens with leagues. (North Coast Shoreway Lanes)
- 1976 - Rebman Rec. at 5300 Oberlin Ave. adds 24 lanes - now a 48 lane establishment.
- 1979 - At the start of the fall season LBA has 6122 sanctioned bowlers; an all time high.
- 1989 - LBA has 4125 sanctioned bowlers.

1990 - Saxon Lanes sold, renamed Our Place Lanes.

1995 - Our Place Lanes Sold, renamed 6th District Lanes.

2001 - High School bowling teams are formed and competition begins between schools.

2003 - Spevock's Nautical Lanes (formerly Tommy Hudson Family Lanes) is purchased and refurbished.

2003 - 6th District Lanes sold, renamed Game Time Entertainment Complex & closes in 2006.

2006 - The Lorain Bowling Association receives its new charter from USBC. The new name is the Lorain USBC Bowling Association.

2006 - Park Lanes is purchased by Joe Gambish and remodeled.

2009 - North Coast Shoreway Lanes closes at the end of the 2009 season.

2011 - Park Lanes sold and re-opened under new owner.