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Brown, Jordan, Martin, O'Meara, Pender Win Annual SASBA Christmas Tournament

Rivers, Summers and Beavers inducted into SASBA Hall of Fame



Champions Paul Pender, Richard Martin, Ken Brown, Rob O'Meara and Hank Jordan

FORT WORTH, TX – Fifth place qualifiers, The Wacky Wisemen (John Precourt, Ted Warren, Blane Adkins, Phil

Hughes, Derek Williams) bowled the fourth place Wreath Wreckers (Jesse Jackson, Charlie Lacy, Kenny Tynan, John Denton, Clarence McQueen) the first match of the Baker roll-off, Sunday, December 10 at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

The Wisemen won 204-192 and went on to beat the Eager Elves (Tim Caldwell, A.C.

Adam, Jerry Owczarski, John Austin, Jr., John Burkett) 247-156.

In the third match, they got bested by the Ho-Ho-Ho's (John Martin, Frank DeGeorge, Michael Patton, Merv Parrish, Billy Oatman) 214-184.

This set up the final match against the qualifying leaders

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Franklin/Simonsen Win Back-to-Back Over 40/Under 40



Anthony Simonsen, Tournament Director Dino Castillo and Tony Franklin

PLANO, TX - Tony Franklin and Anthony Simonsen repeat as champions of the Over 40/Under 40 Scratch Doubles presented by The Bowling Shops, Saturday, December 30 at Plano Super Bowl.

The Franklin/Simonsen duo defeated Tom Dougherty and Shawn Maldonado to take home the \$4,000 first place prize, with the runner-ups earning \$3,000.

This makes Tony's third win in the seven years he's been eligible to bowl as the Over 40.

In the first round of the bracket finals, Franklin/Simonsen defeated Brett Cooper/Marc Henniger and David Peterson/Michael Steele beat Pete Thomas/Jeff Hatt. Losers earned \$1,400.

In the second round, Franklin/Simonsen beat Ted Pritts/Anthony Lavery-Spahr and Dougherty/Maldonado beat Peterson/Steele. Losers earned \$1,700.

There were 42 teams with 8 cashers and low cash was

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Whitney/Lavery-Spahr Take Post Turkey Trot Doubles



Champions Heather Whitney and Sean Lavery-Spahr with Runner-ups Michelle Rogers and Jim Stephens

PLANO, TX – Heather Whitney and Sean Lavery-Spahr teamed to win the 9th Post Turkey Trot Mixed Doubles Tournament at Plano Super Bowl on December 9th.

The champs defeated qualifying leaders Michelle Rogers and Jim Stephens to take home the \$1,800 first prize, with the runner-ups getting \$1,200.

This year's edition featured a very strong field of 39 teams.

After 6 games of qualifying, it took a score of + 454 to cash and + 501 to make the top 6 stair-step finals.

Other cashers:
3rd Mike Donahue / Genie Franklin \$800
4th Roland Martsof / Jenny Seabaugh \$600
5/6 Tony Franklin / Sandi Charles \$450

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Strikz and Snowball Express Host Families of Fallen Soldiers



Frisco Community creates Walk of Gratitude for families of fallen soldiers at Strikz Entertainment

FRISCO, TX - Strikz Entertainment and Snowball Express hosted over 500 people from families of fallen soldiers for a day of fun, food, entertainment

and sharing. Bowling, games, laser tag, food and drinks and dessert were provided.

This is the 3rd year that

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Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, Publisher



I read this great Tweet from PBA Comish, Tom Clark over the holidays:

'Just checked the Christmas Eve cable TV ratings and I'm not making this up: PBA Bowling Cheetah Championship on ESPN beat Die Hard on Cinemax by nearly 200,000 viewers on average. Jesper Svensson > Bruce Willis'

That's funny stuff, but also a telling tale as bowling continues to beat out other mid-range programming.

Thanks Tom!

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As a follow-up to last month's column on 'people in the news apologizing,' there was another fun one over the weekend.

NY Giants safety, Landon Collins, referred to a teammate and fellow defensive player as

a "cancer." He didn't mention him by name, but named other players in the secondary. He referred to the player, Eli Apple, but never said his name. He then said this as a way to identify him, "that first draft pick...he's a cancer."

Then not-surprisingly, he goes on Twitter the next day and says he met with Eli and the coach and apologized for the things he said, and he just wants him (Eli) to know that he is always there for him.

Why, why, why...why say it if you are not going to stand by what you said? It's never a good thing to criticize a fellow teammate in the press, but if you do, you might as well own it.

Oh, and then a day later the Giants suspended Eli Apple for the regular season finale

bowl.

"The turnouts of these tournaments continues to amaze me for what started out to be a "little" handicap doubles events."

Please make plans to bowl the Midwinter Dreams Mixed Doubles on Saturday, February 10th at Plano Super Bowl.



for 'conduct detrimental to the team.' So at the end of the day, Collins was probably right on his comment.

x-x-x-x-x-x

I got the chance to bowl the Over 40/Under 40 Doubles tournament with Anthony Simonsen over the weekend, and what a treat that was.

The way his mind thinks and operates while he is bowling is fascinating to watch. I understand that the top players in the world are probably very similar to him in this regard, but he is not just a top player, he is at the top of the top. I would easily say he is one of the top five on the planet.

And in order to be at that level, I see what the requirements are. You have to evaluate

every shot, whether it strikes or not and determine if that is the right ball in the right part of the lane. He is not thinking about whether or not he threw it good, he is only seeing if it hooked in the right spot, and if it struck the right way.

An average GOOD bowler is going to throw at least four shots before they start going through the calculations that someone like Simonsen goes through. By then, he is already 20 pins ahead of you.

By the way...he's 20 years old. I learned a ton in the 10 games we bowled Saturday, and I got to laugh at myself several times.

There was a point late in the tournament where I had lost my reaction pretty severely,

he recommended a ball and it worked, I shot 213 and was feeling pretty good. The lanes were getting nasty by then, so 213 was solid in my personal opinion.

We moved to the next match and got a couple of balls of practice and he says to try a different ball, I said, hey, I just 213, that's pretty good, he looks at me and says 213 sucks.

To that, I could only say yes, sir, and go get the other ball.

Like I said, the mind of an elite athlete at the top of their game is a pretty special place. I'm psyched I get the opportunity to see it up close and personal at least once a year.

Those guys are really good, folks.

At Plano Super Bowl

Plagens banks 817, Starry mints 804

Franklin 300/813, Dotson 300/804, Donahue 803, Adkins, Craddock, Crites, Powell, Talley 300's, Hannah, VanBaulen 299's

Mark Plagens ended as the number-one bowler of the week at Plano Super Bowl with an award-winning 260-279-278 = 817 Pepsi Classic Trio series.

Tony Franklin finished close behind Plagens with an 300/813 Monday Classic Trio set while Franklin's league mate, Shawn Dotson followed with a 300/804 and George Donahue ended with an 803 Sportsman session.

Stacy Starry held the top spot for the ladies with an award-winning 278-248-278 = 804 Thursday Girls set.

Blane Adkins, Scott Craddock, Tim Crites, Matt Powell and Greg Talley shared high-game accolades with Franklin and Dotson as each rolled perfect 300's. Mark Hannah and Guy VanBaulen shared runner-up honors with near-perfect 299 solos.

HONOR ROLL

Stacy Harden 279-727, Becky Banks 207-600, Steve Mitchell 261-701, Kim James 221-567, Justin Pittsinger (4 games) 236-808, Natalie Woodward-Hall (4 games) 191-676, Bob Willingham 241-676. Shirley Patterson 179-469, Tyrone Gambrell 265-752, Sybil Williams 247-646, Scott Craddock 794, Tina Taylor 290-760, Russell Wright 255-713, Sierra Gibbons 247-647, Charles Barentine 279-696.

Michelle VanGilder 247-615, Bill Jackson 258-594, Susan Breedlove 189-509, Cameron Starks 279-794, Cindy Mann 279-727, Breanna Kindrick 255-629, Blane Adkins 269-727, Butch Warren 268-711.

Mark Grimes 267-782, Dawn Klapper 265-727, Susan Lee 267-702, Mike Hirtriter 226-582, Sandra Lyman 187-512, George Vaughn 258-742, Elisa Retzlaff 198-581, Bill Fick 280-716, Debby Oulicky 224-628.

Joe Finding (4 games) 279-1049, Julie Locke (4 games) 247-869, Pat Neal 278-760, Breanna Kindrick 254-663, Brian Zoltowski 247-716, Kay Pingsterhaus 202-597, Rick Mann 279-771, Cindy Mann 288-655.

TURKEY TROT

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5/6 Clint Johnson / Ashley Adams \$450

7th Alex Cavagnaro & Kim Newman \$300

8th Brian Lindeman & Sandi Joseph \$250

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Jim Fletcher, Forum Bowl	820
Mark Plagens, Plano Super Bowl.....	817
Dan Brenning, Tenpins & More	802
Denver Neely, Heritage Lanes	798
Billy Hargett, Killeen Bowlerama	789
Adam Pogge, Mel's Lone Star Lanes.....	788
Chris Johnson, JB's Allen Bowl.....	786
Bubba Harwell, Terrell Bowl	776
Tim Dempsey, Pin Center Bowl.....	738
Rick Irvine, Strikz	733
Rick Lawrence, Ennis All Star Bowl.....	726
Tom Merrick, Red Bird Lanes	717
John Dodd, Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama.....	715
Tony Boyd, Rowlett Bowl-A-Rama.....	667

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Stacy Starry, Plano Super Bowl	804
Patty Ellington, Terrell Bowl.....	769
Stacy Starry, JB's Allen Bowl	763
Stephanie Hamric, Killeen Bowlerama	762
Dana Miller-Mackie, Tenpins & More	750
Marissa Mills, Forum Bowl	728
Kayla Endicott, Mel's Lone Star Lanes	718
Stephanie Fein, Heritage Lanes	711
Chandra Clary, Western Bowl	703
Michelle Teel, Cowtown Bowling Palace	676
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At Forum Bowl

Fletcher smashes 300/820, Mills notches 728

Eidenier 299/807, Fletcher, Hartsel, Lohse, Lucas 300's, Hooks, Puckett 299's

Jim Fletcher dominated scoring for the week at Forum Bowl after pocketing thundering 263-300-257 = 820 numbers in the Fast Lane Trio league action.

Bobby Eidenier followed close behind Fletcher with an award-winning 299/807 Columbia 300 Masters series.

Marissa Mills paced fem scoring with a tidy 249-244-235 = 728 Crusaders outing.

Jim Fletcher, John Hartsel, Brian Lohse and Chris Lucas shared high-game accolades with award-winning 12-baggers while Johnathan Hooks and Joseph Puckett shared runner-up honors with Eidenier with a near-perfect 299 solos.

HONOR ROLL

Holly Ginn 190-540, Vicky Dunn 245-626, Bobby Daugomah (9 pin) 290-826, Holly Beers (9 pin) 286-672, Jimmy White 267-742, Teresa Ross 227-653, Alex Bruton 267-713, Tish Patterson 257-672.

Charles Smoot III 259-722, Katrina Smoot 204-546, Jim Fletcher 269-773, Tammy Henderson 257-683, Joseph

Puckett 752, Dana Short 226-642, D J Garrett 276-747, Karen Beigh 222-553.

Brian Lohse (4 games) 1011, Brenda Padilla (4 games) 258-931, Steve Cotter 257-689, Beverly Jackson 180-479, Evan Dahl 258-655, Kristal Rogers 230-604, Wesley Wood, Jr. 223-620, Kayla Lopez 226-597, John Hartsel 751, Jessica Bingham 266-688, Derrick Omey 257-704, Marguerite Vonk 183-497, Aric Alcaraz 264-743, Helen Woodley 257-683, Jim Fletcher 274-761, Emily Montgomery 237-629.

Eusebio Ramos III 222-649, Michelle Duesing 171-500, J T Evans, Jr. 223-603, Ashley Dudley 106-261, Steven Nutt 256-663, Barbara Craig 208-597, Andrea Jaksa 213-596, Vicky Dunn 212-592.

Jeff Davis (9 pin) 300-858, Dani Kwaczala (9 pin) 217-599, Dean Braudrick 683, Dena Buffington 257-691, DJ Garrett 247-692, Kristal Rogers 222-604, Charles Smoot III 247-695, Katrina Smoot 235-628.

Nate Gillespy 279-759, Andrea Jaksa 201-583, Alex Barnishin 236-690, Donetta Fleming 238-655, Patrick Stratton 248-729, Karen Beich 233-595, Jim Fletcher (4 games) 277-1013.

Aubrey Stephenson (4 games)

Australia's Jason Belmonte Wins Historic PBA World Championship

"Instant classic" includes two sudden-death roll-offs, unprecedented third major title in a single season

RENO, Nev. – Australia's Jason Belmonte re-wrote the Professional Bowlers Association record book again, winning his ninth career major championship with a thrilling 238-225 victory over top qualifier Jesper Svensson of Sweden in the PBA World Championship at the National Bowling Stadium. With the win, Belmonte became the first player in PBA's 60-year history to win three major championships in a single season.

The PBA World Championship, the final tournament of the 2017 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, aired Sunday on ESPN as part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties. Belmonte's 16th career PBA Tour title was worth \$60,000, and it moved him into sole possession of third place on PBA's list of all-time major titlists behind PBA legends Earl Anthony and Pete Weber who both won 10

247-929, Steve Cotter 268-734, Sandra Goodrum 193-524, Rodney Cavaness 266-727, Kristal Rogers 216-585, Billy Mills, Sr. 255-585, Lisa Wood 159-460.

Genie Franklin 215-639, George Forde 245-708, Gena Breedlove 210-546, Shorty Johnson 279-768, DJ Garrett 252-702, Karen Hoyle 232-604, Jesse Guzman 269-676, Whitney Riley 185-486.

Jim Fletcher 783, Kim Jackson 232-591, JT Evans, Jr. 257-581, Ashley Dudley 85-237, Don Craig 200-563, LuAnn Burkhalter 168-455, Holly Ginn 205-530, Kim Jackson 225-579.

Scotty Mazzucco (9 pin) 298-838, Holly Beers (9 pin) 254-686, Dean Braudrick 267-757, Dena Buffington 232-606, Gary Blanchard 237-686, Tamara Hamilton 264-712, Aaron Smith 245-704.

Alys Hodges 187-506, Mark Neville 278-762, Quynh Nguyen 211-608, Alex Barnishing 257-730, Dana Short 226-652, AC Cross 277-730, Holly Beers 208-555, Sean Lavery-Spahr (4 games) 280-988.

Regina Taddy (4 games) 238-896, Floyd Brown 268-732, Sandra Goodrum 191-519, Karl Callier 225-660, Tami Rogers 213-546, Richard Reid 288-687, Kayla Lopez 201-571, Troy Dix 265-762.

Christy Antle 259-666, Derrick Omey 205-613, Marguerite Vonk 180-469, Talmadge Welch 252-722, Lisa Steele 234-640, Chris Osornio 246-536, Syida Johnson 220-549, Jessie Sereseroz 237-672.

Brittany Perez 181-498, Wade Engelsman 206-569, Barbara Craig 225-600.

SENIORS

Carl Coppenger 246-684, Karen Hoyle 247-684, Tom Czajkowski (9 pin) 300-829, Margaret Montgomery (9 pin) 216-619, Carl Coppenger 238-672, Annie Akanni 259-607, Wane Cruse (9 pin) 278-812.

Margaret Montgomery (9 pin) 247-688, Tom Czajkowski 225-671, Karen Hoyle 202-573, Russell Fox (9 pin) 266-781, Joyce Johnson (9 pin) 234-657.



Jason Belmonte with the University of Nevada Cheer Team

majors.

In addition to his historic victory, Belmonte was part of the first nationally-televised PBA Tour event that included two sudden-death roll-offs, one of which gave the two-handed Australian star his shot at the title.

"That's going to go down as one of the most exciting shows in a long time," said Belmonte, who added the PBA World Championship to his collection of major titles that includes two PBA Tournament of Champions, two PBA Players Championship and an unprecedented four United States Bowling Congress Masters titles. At age 34, he is a U.S.

Open title away from the PBA Triple Crown (U.S. Open, TOC and PBA World Championship, Grand Slam (Triple Crown plus Masters) and the "Super Slam" (Grand Slam plus Players Championship).

Since winning his first major in the 2011 PBA Players Championship at age 27, Belmonte has won his nine titles over a span of seven seasons. It took Anthony 11 seasons to win his first nine majors; it took Weber 26 seasons to accomplish the same feat. Both won their 10th majors in the next season.

"It feels bloody amazing," Belmonte said. "I wasn't aware

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Liz Johnson Wins Chameleon Championship, Becomes Second Woman to Win PBA Tour Title

England's Richie Teece wins PBA Shark Championship for first PBA Tour title



Liz Johnson

RENO, Nev. – Liz Johnson of Palatine, Ill., became the second woman in the 60-year history of the Professional Bowlers Association to win a national tour title when she defeated Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., 220-206, in the

title match of the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe at the National Bowling Stadium.

The Chameleon Championship, one of four PBA animal pattern championships conducted during the GEICO PBA

World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties, aired Sunday on ESPN along with the finals of the PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame, which was won by England's Richie Teece. The back-to-back telecasts were part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour package.

Johnson, the only woman to qualify for three PBA nationally-televised finals, threw solid pocket shots on her first nine attempts before leaving the 4-6-7-10 split in the 10th frame after the match had already been decided.

Johnson, a 25-time winner in Professional Women's Bowling Association competition including 10 major titles and three consecutive PWBA Player of the Year honors, was forced to bowl against men when the former women's pro tour ceased operations in

2003. Between 2004, when the PBA opened its membership to women for the first time, and 2015 when the PWBA was resurrected, Johnson won a PBA Regional title, and became the first woman to appear in a PBA national tour telecast in the 2004 Banquet Open in Wyoming, Mich., where she lost in the title match to Tommy Jones, 219-192. She

also finished fourth in the 2014 PBA Cheetah Championship.

Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., was the first woman to win a PBA Tour title, winning the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas by defeating Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, in the title match, 265-195.

"This is the cherry on top of my career," the 43-year-old Buffalo, N.Y., area native said. "This win is for all of the young girls in any sport, not just bowling, who have to compete against the guys. This is for you."

"I never thought I'd have the opportunity again," Johnson

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At Ennis All Star Bowl

Lawrence books 726, Cathey crafts 636

Rick Lawrence booked a banner 242-226-258 = 726 Ennis Mixed Classic series to lead the scoring for the week at Ennis All Star Bowl.

Lauren Cathey, Lawrence's league mate, paced the ladies with a sparkling 218-204-214 = 636 set.

HONOR ROLL

Tracy Holloway (9 pin, no tap) 246-902, April Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 276-869, Tice Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 227-806, Nick Brazeal (9 pin, no tap) 221-730, Ryne McKenrick 200-589, Tice Hopkins 246-632, Cyndy McKenrick 202-553, Tim McGlothlin 238-620, McKinsey Pollan 197-533, Ricky Slack 196-528, Tammy Jones 231-554, Bobby Kennedy 178-521, April Hopkins 205-540, Doug Keffer 200-502.

Mary Sikes 170-472, Tracy Holloway (9 pin, no tap) 300-1067, April Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 245-945, Tice Hopkins

(9 pin, no tap) 239-865, Andy Brazeal (9 pin, no tap) 258-773, Rick Lawrence 215-653.

John Ivey 237-638, Ryne McKenrick 225-568, Lauren Cathey 213-560, Marion Heath 213-619, McKinsey Pillan 206-514, Tracy Holloway 209-565, Mary Sikes 168-498, Tice Hopkins 190-544.

April Hopkins 167-492, Doug Keffer 215-543, Tammy Jones 161-449, Tice Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 235-888, April Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 216-725, Tracy Holloway (9 pin, no tap) 286-875.

Nick Brazeal (9 pin, no tap) 218-778, Tracy Holloway 244-649, Lauren Cathey 218-636, Billy Cathey 235-647, McKinsey Pollan 184-502, Rick Lawrence 226-608, April Hopkins 176-458.

Doug Keffer 214-593, April Hopkins 188-522, Ricky Slack 199-561, Mary Sikes 202-482, John Gray 205-554, Theresa Keffer 158-414.

At Red Bird Lanes

Merrick blisters 717, Cathey fires 630

Tom Merrick outscored the bowlers last week at Red Bird Lanes with a booming 220-276-221 = 717 Tuesday Men's Commercial series.

Lauren Cathey led the ladies with a salutary 203-258-169 = 630 Career Girls session.

HONOR ROLL

Leslie Zinn 193-516, Zachary Wrightsil 267-716, Tyree Jennings (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 288-958, Lauren Cathey (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 253-967, Mary Rappe 224-500, Cindi Wilson 201-514.

Lenwood Sherman 227-634, Deanna Hoffman 198-541, Michael Vanegas 194-544, Johnny Garfias 224-533, Michael Kennedy 288-587, Brian Schoonover 230-587, Cindy Howell 181-506.

Chris McCaleb 213-628, Angela Davis-White 220-562, Jose Jimenez 212-581, Jimmie Parrish 193-528, Leon Littles 187-533, Lisa Conwright 190-528, Tyree Jennings 216-587, Sandra Jennings 164-439.

Victor Ward 192-539, Dale Shaw

180-459, Billy Cathey 256-688, Jennifer Thill 209-600, Isaac Lewis, Jr. 203-575, Lena Williams 155-436, Judy Dillabough 188-528, Lauren Cathey 235-587.

Chester Tyson 245-667, Willie Henderson 244-621, Bill Donahou (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 288-1057, Lauren Cathey (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 300-1108, Joyce Johnson 186-509, Mary Rappe 187-533.

Alex Galeti 278-694, Deanna Hoffman 235-552, Michael Vanegas 235-647, Brian Dickerson 231-620, Tim McGlothlin 243-696, Janean Baker 212-516, George Jones 23-633, Angela Davis-White 183-506.

James Bridges 255-645, Carolyn White 188-532, Keith Jennings 213-591, Angela Chalmers 170-503, Terance Hurd 222-616, Sandra Jennings 204-533, Jimmie Hawkins 179-488, Dale Shaw 203-488.

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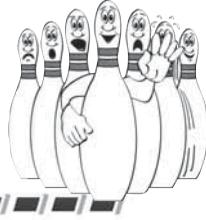


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ARLINGTON, Texas – Strike Ten Entertainment, the marketing arm of the bowling industry, has announced a sponsor-

ship agreement with Strike Spirits, a company specializing in development, sales and distribution of top-shelf private

label and unique branded spirits. Strike Spirits will launch a complete line of spirits in a uniquely designed “bowling pin” bottle. The spirits line will include Dark Rum, Light Rum, Vodka, Whiskey, Tequila and Gin, sourced from some of the highest quality distilleries in the U.S., in January 2018.

“Strike Spirits is exactly the type of partner we are looking for as they are all in on their support and promotion of bowling,” said John Harbuck, president of Strike Ten Entertainment. “The quality of their products is incredible. This, combined with packaging that is unmistakably bowl-

ing, creates a unique product that will be attractive to both bowling centers and to national retailers.”

Effective Jan. 1, 2018, the sponsorship provides Strike Spirits the opportunity to place its line in bowling centers across the U.S., potentially reaching the more than 45 million consumers that bowl annually who are 21 years or older. In addition, the company will also focus on distribution to non-bowling spirits retailers such as Costco, Total Wine, Walmart and others. To support its line, Strike Spirits will produce specialized point-of-sale materials.

“By combining some of the highest quality spirits products available with our custom-designed bowling pin bottles, we are paying tribute to the sport of bowling,” said, Josh King, CEO of Strike Spirits. “We are thrilled to partner with Strike Ten Entertainment and introduce our brand to bowlers across the country. We are confident that our specialty focus on the bowling industry will be a key factor in our successful entry and longevity in the marketplace.

“Our aim is to have Strike Spirits in millions of households across the U.S. as a constant reminder to celebrate bowling with friends and family,” added King.

The Strike Spirits line of premium liquors will be available in early 2018. Visit www.strikespirits.com.

JASON BELMONTE

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of being the first to win three majors in a year until Kimberly Presser mentioned it after the show. It's been a really, really great year. I don't know what else to say.

“I'm honored to be one win away from arguably the two best bowlers who ever lived on the all-time majors list,” he added. “I don't know how I'll

feel if I get to 10 majors, but I'll tell you that no. 9 is a pretty good feeling.”

The opening match of the World Championship set the stage for the rest of the day when 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year contender Matt Sanders of Evansville, Ind., and two-time PBA Tour winner Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., finished in a 248-248 tie. After missing a 10 pin spare attempt on his final shot, Troup struck on his first shot in the one-ball sudden-

death roll-off and moved on when Sanders left a 7 pin on his roll-off shot.

In the second match, Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., survived a 193-180 battle with Troup, who missed a pair of three-pin spare conversion attempts.

In the semifinal match, Ciminelli appeared to have Belmonte on the ropes after striking on seven of his first eight shots while Belmonte began with four spares. But Belmonte got lined up and threw the final eight strikes, forcing the finals' second sudden-death roll-off when Ciminelli left the 2-4 on his fill ball for a 257-257 tie. In the roll-off, Belmonte went first and left a 7 pin. Needing a strike to win, Ciminelli left the 2-5-6 on his first shot.

“I was fortunate Ryan didn't bowl one pin higher than me,” Belmonte admitted. “If you watch Ryan enough, you know he's one of the best players out here in the clutch.”

In the championship match, Belmonte started with three strikes, converted a 10 pin spare and then got a fortunate strike in the fifth frame when a finger grip came out of his ball.

“I thought I was in real trouble when the grip came out and I still struck,” he said. “But then I was wondering if the glue (on the new grip) would set, or if I'd start thinking about it coming out again.”

“I also know that just when you think Jesper's having a bad game, he'll strike out on you.”

It appeared that was exactly what was about to happen. After leaving the 4-6-10 in the first frame for an open, Svensson threw the next five strikes to take the lead. Svensson was nursing a nine-pin lead after six frames when the changing

lane conditions impacted both players.

“The traffic of urethane balls Jesper and Kyle were using laid down an oil track that made reading the progression difficult,” Belmonte said. “You can usually see early tell-tale signs, but not this time. It got to the point I didn't know what to do.”

Four consecutive single-pin spares, including a 7 pin on Svensson's first shot in the 10th frame, gave Belmonte an opening.

“In the last frame, needing two strikes to win after not striking on that lane the three previous attempts, I made two of the best shots I've ever thrown in my life,” Belmonte said. “It was a good guess and even better execution.”

“After Jesper left that 7 pin, I knew all I had to do was throw one more great shot,” Belmonte said. “I never think I've won until I look up and see, mathematically, I've won.”

Working on a strike in the ninth frame, Belmonte struck on his first shot in the 10th and needing only a high count on his second to lock up the title, Belmonte struck again and then he looked up at the scoreboard, confirming he had won.

With his fourth title of the 2017 season – including three majors – Belmonte became the odds-on favorite to win his fourth GEICO Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year title in the past five years. Voting will

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At Cowtown Bowling Palace

Henderson hits 300/838, Teel posts 676

Nason 300/826, Flores 300/800, Garcia, Jr., Poe 300's, Maddux 298

David Henderson's dual, award-winning 270-268-300 = 838 VIP's series took top billing on the honor roll last week at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

Ron Nason finished close behind Henderson with an award-winning 300/826 Wednesday Winners outing while David Flores followed with a 300/800 Monday Mixers league production.

Michelle Teel was the gal to beat as she blasted a top-flight 215-216-245 = 676 Wednesday Winners set.

Rudy Garcia, Jr. and David Poe shared high-game honors with Henderson and Nason with award-winning 12-baggers. Monroe Maddux took runner-up honors with a near-perfect 298 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Joann Brower 180, Tyler Fiorentino 280, Jason Magallon, Sr. 277, Jeremy Trubenstein 279-785, Luann Satchell 191-527, Dewayne Hall 252, Timothy Landers, Jr. 248, Scott Teel 279-755.

Jessica Bingham 242, Jason Magallon, Sr. 257, Lina Trubenstein 212, George Stilen 256, Michelle Teel 204-582, Andrew Belschner 289-768, Cathy Nelson 222-609, Marcus Williams 278-753.

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Moore 235, David Poe 728, Miki Jo Parish 232-631, Kris LeCroy 269, Sandy Groh 201.

David Flores 266, Paul Fleming 279, Debby Oulicky 212-609, Bill Jewell II 268-707, Tina Taylor 201, Patrick Prnka 268, Randy Coon, Jr. 275, April Shelton 242, Adam Loviscek 267-729.

Lina Trubenstein 262-620, Steven Smithers 251, George Stilen 270, Charles Walton 265, Rudy Gracia, Jr. 748, Julie McHugh 247, Amy Langham 242-590, Charles Smoot 280, Mike Black 280.

John Jones 268-762, David Dunn 248, Amy Adams 192-526, Michael Williams 244-701, Chris Crum 239, Ron Nason 246-692, Melissa Bailey 221-524, Cory Angevine 245, Sheena Sharp 212.

Robert Lancaster 234, Dirk Freesman 234, Mike Sprinkle 246, Adrianna Espinoza 183-514, Charlie Bean 233-686, Don Ellis 231.

SENIORS

Edward Yarborough 258, Kay Moriarty 242-598, David Henderson 244, Ken Knowles 238-675, David Pruitt 247-629, Betty Odom 181, Ken Knowles 256, Karen Holder 188, George Hernandez, Sr. 237.

Johnny Zaskoda 224-622, Carla Yarborough 209, Frank Stone, Sr. 268, Johnny Zaskoda 266, Butch Sisk 197, Joann Lindquist 201-537, David Henderson 277-719, Ken Eilert 255, Frank Stone, Sr. 248.

Jerry Owczarski 248-712, LA Aragon 247, Frank Stone 247.

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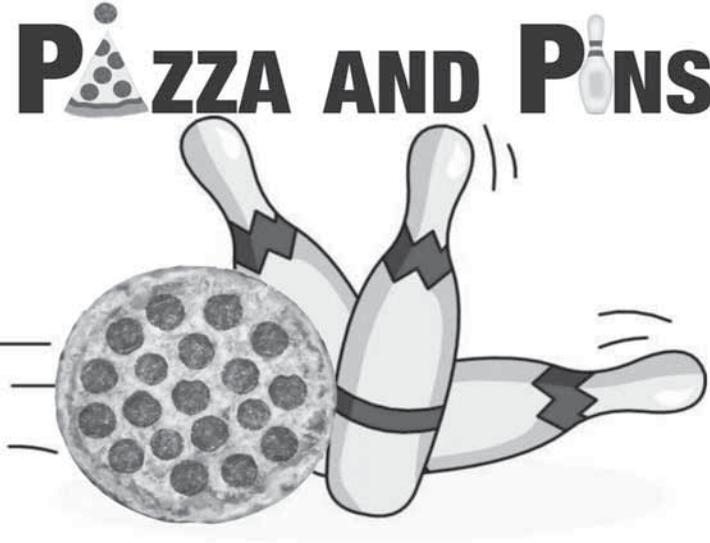
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Brandon Bennight, Killeen Bowlerama.....	611
Grayson Pool, JB's Allen Bowl.....	595
Cody Benton, Rowlett Bowl-A-Rama.....	544
Brandon Rogers, Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama.....	523
Taylor McCaleb, Red Bird Lanes.....	467

Girls

Taylor Ryan, JB's Allen Bowl.....	630
Bailey Dodson, Tenpins & More.....	610
Ashanti Fernandes, Killeen Bowlerama.....	607
Jaelle Hamman, Mel's Lone Star Lanes.....	602
Morgan Hopkins, Ennis All Star Bowl.....	532
Hanna Ross, Rowlett Bowl-A-Rama.....	511
Cheyenne Hancock, Red Bird Lanes.....	477
Alyssa Davila, Forum Bowl.....	426

New Mexico Youth Rockin' on the Lanes

By: Gary Herron, *Rio Rancho Observer*

It seems that every few years, Rio Rancho has an up-and-coming young bowler, and Deo Benard is the latest to fit that bill.

This transplant from Henderson, Nev., is a home-schooled 13-year-old eighth-grader that just started bowling when he was 12, and he's already had three perfect games. (BTW, his first name is pro-nounced "Dee-Oh;" it's a Dutch name, which his parents wanted because his mother is from Holland and has always been a Ronnie James Dio fan. They decided to spell their boy's name differently.)

If that's not unusual enough for the patrons of Tenpins & More, he's also a two-handed southpaw, but he'll resort to one-handed bowling to pick up spares, he said, who spends virtually all his free time watching bowling on TV and YouTube.

At this point in time, it's a good bet to say there's a future in kegling for this youngster. He figured bowling would

be a good sport for him, so he could be like his father, who spent some time bowling professionally." (Doing some online research, one sees Benard was competing against another Tenpins co-owner, Mike Miller, at the Tucson Open in 1996.)

And it wouldn't be a stretch to say the Rio Rancho High School bowling team has a good chance to win a state title in February, wrestling it from Rio Rancho North, aka Cleveland High.

"It's pretty fun (bowling with the Rams)," he said. "It's a lot different than bowling by yourself."

What does he like best about the sport? "I like to strike a lot," he said. (No surprise there.)

"I love rolling the ball down the lane; it's really fun to see

the pins fall down," he added. What about that two-handed style that's brought him so much success?

"I was always a one-handed bowler. I tried two-handed for fun," he said. "My dad (Rick Benard, his teacher at home) said I was really good at it, so I just kept bowling like that."

"He practices every day, bowls between 50 and 100 games a week, and when he goes home, he watches bowling videos – slow motion, how they do it," Rick Benard said. "He's watched every tele-cast for the last six years; you can ask him who won, what happened what frame – he'll tell you."

"I'm basically self-taught," Rick Benard, an Air Force military brat who's lived all over the world, said.

Rick fell in love with bowling and, back then, would be paid to keep score, and then he'd roll his earnings into bowling some games. He attended and graduated from UNLV.

"In 1996, I went pro," he

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Dallas USBC Youth Scores

Taylor Ryan led the Dallas-area USBC youth bowling last week with a power-packed 192-205-233 = 630 Youth Mania series at JB's Allen Bowl.

Grayson Pool led the guys with a solid 200-202-193 = 595 Friday Jr. Gold set at JB's Allen Bowl.

At Ennis All Star Bowl – Morgan Hopkins 194-532.

At JB's Allen Bowl – Joshua Budnik 178-387, Carlen Gattenby 182-510, Ryan Rohlfs 194-551, Nicole Gattenby 212-622, Jakob Budnik 125-347, Is-

sac Gattenby 151-446, Rae McGraw 167-490, Adrian Allen 91-234, Naiya Okwesa 120-324, David Winchester 174-417, Megan Wente 139-344, Daniel Carekin 124-353, Jessica Hubbard 155-411, Jayden Okwesa 153-431, Chaili Rodriguez 117-315, Taylor Ryan 189-520, Victor Munguia 199-550, Kendyl Goodger 176-496.

At Red Bird Lanes – Andrew Diaz 175-415, Cheyenne Hancock 160-477, Taylor McCaleb 179-467, Elizabeth Hoffman 142-380.

At Rowlett Bowl-A-Rama – Cody Benton 225-544, Hanna Ross 203-511.

Fort Worth USBC Youth Results

Elijah Davila led the Fort Worth-area USBC youth bowling with a thundering 257/624 Stars & Strikers series at Forum Bowl.

Alyssa Davila, also from the Stars & Strikers group, lit-up the girls with a rock-star 159/426 set at Forum Bowl.

At Forum Bowl – Mason Boles 80-158, Santana Joseph 95-177, Cassidy Boles 82-162, Hamilton Joseph 121-335, Charisse Graham 163-404, Sam Sebourn 107-290, Alyssa Knight 140-346, Jacob Barron 177-430, Tori Brooks 136-336, Kadence Davila 156-430, Mariah Bell 115-281, Elijah Davila 257-589, Zach Jennings 247-589, Anyssa Boles 164-419, Mason Boles 80-158, Aleny Lopez 95-179, Cassidy Boles 92-172, Hamilton Joseph 143-344, Sam Sebourn 143-288, Charisse Graham 171-411, Amiah Johunkin 113-275, Kadence Davila 158-440, Tori Brooks 106-282, Chandler Burnett 162-431, Arianna Grays 101-267, Alyssa Davila 155-420, True Hardison 217-554, Anyssa Boles 140-372.

Southwest-Area USBC Youth Scores

Jacob Marquis dominated the Southwest-area USBC youth bowlers last month with a hard-hitting 298/684 Family Affair series at Tenpins & More.

Bailey Dodson, also from Tenpins & More, paved the way for the girls by shooting an outstanding 226/610 Cibola High School series.

At Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama, Big Spring – Brandon Rogers 191-523, Alek Rakov 136, Adrian Solis 113, Christina Rawls 164.

At Killeen Bowlerama, Killeen, TX – Brandon Bennight 233-611, Robert

Davie, Jr. 237-608, Britney Bennight 213-585, Ashanti Fernandes 234-607.

At Mel's Lone Star Lanes, Georgetown – Robert Hamman 237-654, Jaelle Hamman 209-602, Ayrtton Hignojo 202-518, Addy Bates 210-554, Bryan Palmer 237-598, Keaghen McBride 182-436, Lauren Baltodano 182-436, Jake Wright IV 230-653, Krysalynn Shaffer 179-499, Wilks Hastings 114-218, Bella Calabresi 116-201.

At Tenpins & More, Rio Rancho, NM – Reid Meuth 158-412, Jamie Meuth 180-456, Luis Garcia 235-675, Aileen Linares 204-589, Ashley Abbott 150-453, Jacob Marquis 231-592.

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Texas State USBC Annual Award Recipients

The Texas State USBC recently announced the recipients of their annual awards. Presentation of the awards will be during annual convention Saturday May 19, 2018 held at the Marriot Houston Hobby. Reservations for the Awards Banquet may be made by contacting Kay Smith, TSUSBC Association Manager, k.smith@texasbowling.com or 979/820-4147.

Bowler of the Year Award for a male was Bryan Viator

of Houston; female was Stacy Starry from Dallas. Glenda Buenrostro of Astro Superbowl-San Antonio was recognized as Proprietor of the Year. Well deserved distinction goes to the Service Award honorees who are past Houston Association Manager Cheryl Polak and North Central Texas USBC's favorite right-hand man, Woody Woodard.

Additional awards were announced for TSUSBC members who work with our youth. Se-

lected as My Best Coach is Art Beasley of North Central Texas USBC. His name was submitted by Kryah Durham of NCTUSBC who will receive a scholarship for her nomination, as will Mr. Beasley's youth program. Youth Service Award winner was Jill Richardson of Conroe, and top Coach of the Year honors went to Deb West of Lubbock.

The most prestigious awards of the year are TSUSBC's Hall of Honor and Hall of Fame. The committee is challenged

every year as many well deserved applications are received. For male Hall of Honor, one young man definitely rose to the top. Russel "R.J." Grantham of Celeste, representing the Greater Dallas USBC, was the only nominee accepted. Bowling since he was eight, this young man has an extensive resume of bowling accomplishments. For female Hall of Honor, two recipients were selected: Chloe Sharp of League City and Kaitlynn George of Arlington. While both are outstanding bowlers, representing Greater Houston and North Central Texas USBCs respectively, each is active in association work at the local and state levels, serving on various youth leader organizations for several years.

Bubba Haney of Bryan has been tallying local, state, and national titles for many years,

with thirty-eight 300 games and twenty-four 800 series to his credit. For his outstanding performance, the male Hall of Fame inductee will be Mr. Haney. Two ladies have been selected for the female Hall of Fame. Julia Halve of Waco and Mary Lee Galey of Lubbock are being recognized for their dedication to the sport of bowling at the local and state levels. Each has worked hard for many years on behalf of bowlers everywhere.

Part of the mission of the Texas State USBC is to recognize our members for their service to the bowlers of Texas. Any Texas bowler may nominate an individual for these awards. Application deadline for all awards is Nov 1 and application forms may be found on the TSUSBC website - www.texasbowling.com.

NEW MEXICO YOUTH

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said. "It was hard. You're traveling for two days, bowling for like four days - over four or five days you might bowl anywhere between 60, 80, 100 games. And then you have to do laundry, you're always eating out - all you want to do is sleep, you're so tired."

Yet it's the lifestyle Deo envisions.

"I got a couple checks, but I didn't realize how elite those (successful) bowlers are. I was really good in my hometown, but when you got there, I was just a nobody," he said. "I was so tired after 10 weeks ... I said I can't do this the rest of my life. It became work. ... I'm like a professional athlete now."

"In (July) 2004, I won the 'High Roller,' which was the biggest tournament in the world. I won so easily I was voted the best bowler in the

world." (He earned a check for \$75,000 for the High Roller win.)

He had been working at a Las Vegas casino, but lost his job when the casino was sold. He found a job in Albuquerque, using his UNLV degree.

Back when Rick was bowling, two-handed delivery "wasn't even allowed," Rick said. "Unless you had a physical deferment, you had to have your thumb in the ball."

Rams senior team captain Cole Poswiatowski said the addition of Benard "has been fantastic," especially since it seems all of the Rams' opponents have two-handed bowlers.

"We finally have a weapon in our bag," he said.

"When I found he was here, I tried to actively recruit him myself," he said. "Watching Deo go down the lanes - how young he was but how accurate he was, really opened my eyes. ... I was amazed by this guy - who shot a 300 six months

after learning how to throw a ball." (For the record, Poswiatowski has one perfect game.)

"He's got a heck of a lot of potential," Tenpins & More co-owner Steve Mackie said. "I started bowling when I was 13 - he is 13, and his average is probably 40 pins higher than mine was."

"He won the Youth Pro-Am, he won the New Mexico Games and he's just tearing pins apart with that two-handed delivery," Mackie added.

So, can the Rams snag that blue trophy, like they had done in 2016, when they were the second-best prep team in the nation?

"I'm not sure if it's gonna be 100 percent enough, but we're definitely going to give them a run for their money," he said. "We're starting out on an amazing hot streak - we're 4-0. Rio Rancho has won first place in every tournament this season. It's not been by a small amount of pins."

"I think it's important that we don't rely on the one two-hander that we have, that everybody continues to work the same amount that he has and everyone continues to push toward that common goal."

"I'm just bowling," Deo says, pressure-free.

"He understands the concepts, how to make the adjustments, how to read the lanes," Rick said. "When I'm bowling tournaments, he's telling me, 'Dad, do this; do this.' One year (of bowling) and he's telling me what to do - and it works."

Deo's next shot at a youth title comes Jan. 6-7, when Tenpins & More hosts the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships.



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At JB's Allen Bowl

Johnson on top with 786, Starry bags 763

Chris Johnson came out on top on the honor roll last week at JB's Allen Bowl with an outstanding 241-287-258 = 786 set in Hammer Scratch Trio session.

Stacy Starry registered a sizzling 216-268-279 = 763 TGF series to lead the ladies high-set race.

HONOR ROLL

Randy Ludwig 256-695, Jami Ellis 224-637, Ben Minter 216-616, Debbie

Schirka 180-495, Natalie Woodward-Hall 214-586, Kirk Blain 279-753, Elynn Boss 246-653, Kurt Gengelbach 287-762.

Lisa Young 174-490, Danny Cooper 187-512, Gwen West 186-468, Mason Kirby 181-512.

SENIORS

Clarence Houser 181-518, Jeanette Hooper 192-516, Laster Shealey 179-516, Melba Moyer 174-490, Danny Cooper 187-512, Gwen West 186-468, Mason Kirby 181-512.

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Minier, Maldonado Win PBA50/PBA Houston Southwest Doubles Title



Shawn Maldonado and Rick Minier receiving their PBA50/PBA Champions Trophies

Houston, Texas, (December 19, 2017) – Former U.S. Senior Open champion Rick Minier of Houston, Texas, and two-time PBA Southwest Region Player of the Year Shawn Maldonado, also from Houston, teamed up to win the fifth annual PBA50/PBA Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Doubles, presented by Bowling Dynamix, Sunday.

The winning duo led the eight-game qualifying portion of the event by 67 pins over Mike Bailey and Kurt Gengelbach, both from Carrollton, Texas. After Minier and Maldonado lost three of their first four matches in the eight-game round-robin finals, the amateur team of Ted Pritts of Little Elm, Texas, and Derek Williams, from Groves, Texas, rolled into a 200-pin lead after winning their first six matches. Minier and Maldonado rebounded by

winning matches five, six and seven to close to within 32 pins of the leaders going into position round where they defeated Pritts and Williams, 462-420, to claim the \$5,000 winners' check along with Minier's 13th regional title and Maldonado's ninth.

The winners' total pinfall, including bonus pins, was 7,590, an even 50 pins better than Williams and Pritts, who held on to second place with 7,540 pins. Williams and Pritts split the \$2,500 runner-up prize. Gengelbach and Bailey settled for \$1,600 for third place.

PBA50/PBA HOUSTON EMERALD BOWL SOUTHWEST DOUBLES, presented by Bowling Dynamix
Emerald Bowl, Houston, Texas, Sunday
Final Match Play Standings

(after 16 game, including match play bonus pins):

- 1, Rick Minier/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 5-3, 7,590, \$5,000.
- 2, n-Derek Williams, Groves, Texas/n-Ted Pritts, Little Elm, Texas, 5-3, 7,540, \$2,500.
- 3, Kurt Gengelbach/Mike Bailey, Carrollton, Texas, 5-3, 7,462, \$1,600.
- 4, Jay Nephew, Houston/Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 4-4, 7,367, \$1,400.
- 5, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas/Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4-4, 7,324, \$1,200.
- 6, n-Darwin Pitre, Houston/Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1-7, 7,174, \$1,150.
- 7, P. Thomas/J. Hatt, Oklahoma City, 5-3, 7,088, \$1,100.
- 8, D. Scardaville/C. Land, Houston, 3-5, 7,044, \$1,050.

n-denotes non-member
300 games: Paul McCordic, Shawn Maldonado.

BELMONTE

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take place early in January.

The PBA Tour will return to action Jan. 23-27 when a field of 15 PBA Tour stars, led by Belmonte and defending champion EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., head to Tokyo to compete in the 2018 DHC PBA Japan Invitational.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
National Bowling Stadium, Reno (aired on ESPN on Dec. 31)

Final Standings: 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$60,000. 2, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$30,000. 3, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$25,000. 4, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$20,000. 5, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., \$15,000.

Stepladder Results: Match One – Troup def. Sanders, 248-248, 10-7 in one-ball roll-off. Match Two – Ciminelli def. Troup, 193-180. Semifinal – Belmonte def. Ciminelli, 257-257, 9-7 in one-ball roll-off. Championship – Belmonte def. Svensson, 238-225.

SNOWBALL EXPRESS

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Strikz has hosted this group, with American Airlines being the umbrella sponsor.

There were up to 500 families and almost 2,000 people of Fallen Heroes in Dallas for 4 days. Many have lost a parent serving in the last year and are first time attendees, but others have come year after year.

There was a Police escort from the Frisco PD from downtown Dallas with a ladder truck welcome from the Frisco Fire Department. High school and middle school students, along with the Frisco community and retired service

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LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

Parker Bohn III wins his 31st PBA title over Rhino Page at the Spartanburg Classic...Clint Johnson led the honor roll with 300/857 at Plano Super Bowl...Bobby Stives shot 835 at Bowl El Paso...Theran Lewis with 799 at Tenpins & More...Sandi Charles led the ladies with 760 at Killeen Bowlerama...Linda Martinez had 750 at Fiesta...Chaney Keyes rolled 732 at AMF Spare Time...Henry Johnson shot a perfect game at AMF Spare Time...B Rad Dewald with 300 at Killeen Bowlerama, shocking I know.

20 YEARS AGO

Carol Gianotti and Tim Criss team to win Merit Mixed Doubles and \$40,000...Aaron Walsh led the honor roll with 852 at Western...Paul Fleming shot 826 at Showplace-Eules...Brian Werry had 800 at Showplace-Garland...Vicki Fitfield led the ladies with 766 at Bowl El Paso...Tiffany Stanbrough had 757 at 66 Bowl...Freda Cockrell with 719 at Killeen Bowlerama...Michelle Adams wins NABI at Showplace-Eules...Joe Roland wins \$2000 for Over 40 Scratch Singles title at DC SW...Youth bowler, Shemeddra Clark was high for the girls with 592 at Showplace-Garland...Gary Dickinson wins SASBA in Enid, OK.

30 YEARS AGO

Ed Saenz wins CASH at Forum and \$1888...Del Ballard wins the Santa Claus Open in Edmond, OK and \$4000 over a full field of 160, with 80 on the wait list. That tournament was in a class all by itself, the best of the best bowled and if you cashed you felt like a god...Steve Burns led the honor roll with 783 at Lewisville...Larry Cowan had 778 at Blazer...Craig Sherwood rolled 774 at Advantages...Mickie Archer led the ladies with 713 at Forum...Cathy Richards with 707 at Southgate...Tim Walker wins MBT at DC East and \$2500...Mike Warren takes NTTB at DC West and \$2000...Mike Jasnau wins first PBA title at the Alameda Open...Sean Quinn led the YABA bowlers with 668 at Showplace.

50 YEARS AGO

Bob Croley named manager of Hart Bowl...George Meisner shot 695 at Cotton Bowling Palace...Dave Davis was the PBA Player of the Year...Gene Lamb rolled 738 at Circle...DD Brannan elected as President of FT Worth Bowling Assoc...Jay Lambert with 690 at Bowlerland.

At Strikz

Irvine drills 733, Tenczar books 613

FRISCO – Rick Irvine led the scoring race at Strikz for the week with a hard-hitting 236-218-279 = 733 Lousy Bowlerz series.

Loren Tenczar paced the ladies with a sturdy 182-233-198 = 613 Monday Mixer set.

HONOR ROLL

Ron Barton 222-594, Crandon Haddock 246-646, Bruce Southerland 228-607, Steve Southerland 225-615, Matt Robinson 256-610, Billie Bennett 244-561, Cathy Eberly 191-535, Ron Shive 222-550.

Loren Tenczar 195-553, Joseph Jimenez 265-651, Brad Bode 299-557, Tommy Davis 248-612, Gary Lument 202-572, Scott Noll 191-554, Chris Marino 213-605, Rob Hudkins 208-570.

Kevin Connell 206-576, Tam Bui 203-586, Danny Carr 210-558, Julie Bloodworth 187-533, Vicki Wilson 175-436, Debra Gorman 158-438, Barbara Schmidt 172-435, Sharon Lawrence 159-433.

Pat Murphey 159-433, Debbie Colby 177-476, Cathy Eberly 196-513, Steve Ray 232-577, Amy Marshall 179-487, Shelly Tull 183-462, Mark Timm 214-566, Carla Eschberger 188-478.

Bobby Prichard 247-574, Gary Condenza 176-454, Jack Muse 177-493, Eunice Burgess 149-403, Candy Anandagoa 151-416, Harriet Belzer 152-421, John Flood 243-560, John Tufnell 206-499.

Dave Taguwa 211-535, Bruce Richardson 189-486, Danny Robertson 185-487, John Dinneen 200-537, Bill Fisher 179-514, Julie Francis 152-409, Eileen Dinneen 150-408, Karly Vogt 183-474.

Penny Anderson 148-418, Richard Stein 212-519, Sue Ellis 172-491, Caron Cohen 148-408, David Cohen 180-506, Rob Freeman 206-537, Barbara Schmidt 172-435, Betty Lamonte 164-451.

John Flood 206-527, Lil Tufnell 150-402, Marilyn Ditore 152-401, JoAnn Fitzgerald 190-521, Joseph Jeanjacques 201-565, David Edwards 223-627, Dwight Stein 235-588, Richard Ferguson 213-595.

Sue Ellis 193-531, Daryl Ellis 206-561, Robert Goldsmith 201-560, Candy Torrey 190-545, Loren Tenczar 213-534, Scott Orofino 222-577, Gerald Walters 242-609, Brad Petzel 223-584.

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Record Performances Highlight National High Series, Average Award Winners for 2016-2017



ARLINGTON, Texas – Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, and Hannah Manetta of Port Jefferson Station, New York, each set a national record in their respective division to highlight the United States Bowling Congress Standard High Series Award winners during the 2016-2017 season.

Kuhlkin, 23, won the Female USBC Standard High Series Award after delivering

games of 300, 300 and 290 for an 890 series during the Reis Group Kim Brown Memorial League at Schenectady's Towne Bowling Academy on Oct. 17, 2016. The previous record belonged to Erica Cutler of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who rolled 889 on Feb. 14, 2016.

Kuhlkin, a Professional Women's Bowling Association titlist, nearly surpassed her own mark later in the season

during the same league, starting with 33 consecutive strikes before finishing with 879 on Feb. 6, 2017. She now holds two of the three highest three-game series by a woman.

Manetta, 15, captured the Youth Female USBC Standard High Series Award with games of 300, 300 and 279 for an 879 series during the Hot Shot Teens summer league at East Islip Lanes on July 5, 2017. Manetta's performance surpassed the previous female youth three-game series mark of 859, set by Samantha Santoro of Ephrata, Pennsylvania, in September 2007.

East Islip Lanes also was the home of the most recent 900 series, rolled by Joe Novara of East Patchogue, New York, on Oct. 16, 2017. Novara's series is the highest of the 2017-2018 season.

The Male USBC Standard High Series Award for the 2016-2017 season was shared by Sean Osbourn of Houston, John Buchanan III of Evansville, Indiana, Sam Esposito of Homer Glen, Illinois, and Brady Stearns of St. Cloud, Minnesota. Each rolled a 900 series, matching the mark set during the 2005-2006 campaign for the most 900s during a league season.

Osbourn, 24, was the first to achieve the feat in the Lone Star State, firing 36 consecutive strikes Nov. 21, 2016 at Houston's Copperfield Bowl during the NFL Fall 2016 short-season league.

Buchanan, 70, became the oldest bowler to roll a 900 series, posting three consecutive 300 games Jan. 11, 2017 during the Woodward Commercial Seniors league at Evansville's Franklin Lanes.

Esposito, 26, recorded his perfect evening Feb. 3, 2017 during the Friday Classic league at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Illinois.

Stearns, 23, added his name to the list March 28, 2017 at St. Cloud's Southway Bowl during the City league.

The Youth Male USBC Standard High Series Award went to Tiler Levesque of Acushnet, Massachusetts, who rolled games of 300, 274 and 300 for an 874 series on April 29, 2017. Levesque, 18, recorded the set during the Kentucky State Youth Tournament at Dixie Bowl in Louisville, Kentucky.

The USBC National Standard High Average Awards went to AJ Rice of Columbus, Georgia, and Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio.

Rice, 26, won the men's award after posting a 254.2 clip for 71 games during the Thursday Nite Blues league at Columbus' Bowlero.

Rice's performance during the 2016-2017 season places him fifth on the all-time average list. Jeff Carter of Spring-

field, Illinois, set the average mark during the 2000-2001 season, averaging 261.7.

Pluhowsky, a 17-time Team USA member, earned her second National Standard High Average Award after finishing the Half & Half league at Beaver Vu Bowl in Beavercreek, Ohio, with a 241 average for 78 games.

The 35-year-old left-hander also won the 2013-2014 award after finishing with a then-record average of 245.1, and she also is the 2008-2009 USBC Sport Bowling National High Average Award Winner.

The Youth Male and Youth Female USBC National Standard High Average Awards went to

David Hooper Jr. of Greenville, South Carolina, and Cameron Strombeck of Durham, North Carolina.

Hooper, 18, maintained a 235 average for 96 games during the AMF Varsity Div. II league at AMF Star Lanes, also located in Greenville. Hooper was the runner-up at the 2017 Junior Gold Championships and earned a spot on Junior Team USA 2018.

Strombeck, 18, finished the Village Youth league at Village Lanes in Durham with a 221 average for 84 games.

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Team USA Trails Round 5 Men
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Stepladder Finals

At Rowlett Bowl-A-Rama

Boyd rounds up 667

Tony Boyd's outstanding 170-264-233 = 667 Thursday Fun Fours outing headed the leader boards for the week at Rowlett Bowl-A-Rama.

Made Chavez, from the Monday Mixers group, posted a rollicking 191-159-225 = 575 set to lead the ladies.

HONOR ROLL

Rob Lavigne 212-585, Janice Olick 173-495, Michael Creasey 234-643, Dean Bray 203-381, Pat Townsend 146-279, Keith Geissler 258-666, Kat

Webster 164-461, Susan Lee 184-500. Jeff Ramirez 240-618, Michelle Reynolds 201-516, Susan Shelton 173-515, Gale Maida 201-509.

SENIORS

Thomas Sutton (2 games) 170-308, Verdis P (2 games) 152-297, J L Morse 217-590, Joy Shields 177-480, Ronnie Waller (9 pin, no tap) 300-717, Glenda Stephens 224-610, Bart (no tap) 207-563.

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the Merry Minstrels (Paul Pender, Richard Martin, Ken Brown, Rob O'Meara and Hank Jordan).

The Minstrels started with the front six, then 9/ and double. They defeated the Ho-Ho-Ho's 258-236 for the title and \$5,000.

It was Ken Brown and Paul Pender's first SASBA titles!

The Ho-Ho-Ho's took home \$3,500.

300s were bowled by Brad Hunter and Clarence McQueen.

Congratulations to Gene Rivers, Randy Summers and Kathy Beavers for their inductions into the SASBA Hall of Fame.

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Second Team: David Smith, John Burkett, Cliff Barnes, Phil Kepner, Rick Cheshier.

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McCordic.

Second Team: Bill Nichols, Willie Wells, Donald Robinson, Kenny Tynan, Mark Estes 70'S

First Team: Roger West (BoY), Randy Summers, Phil Bailey, John Hitzman, Gene Rivers

Second Team: Bill Keenan, AC Adam, David Rountree, Pat Currie, Ernest Ross

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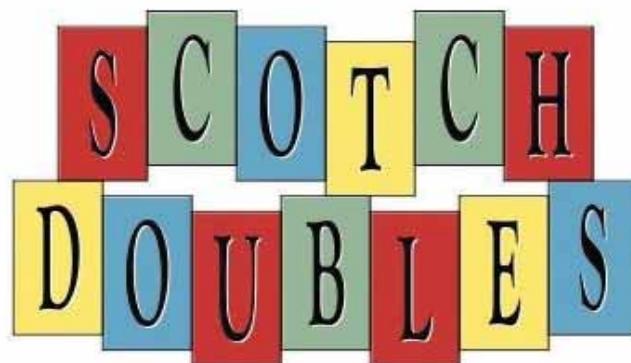
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Junior Gold to have Stepladder Finals in 2018, adds U17 Division for 2019



ARLINGTON, Texas – The Junior Gold Championships will have a stepladder format for its nationally televised finals starting in 2018, and next season will add a 17-and-under division that will have its first finals at the 2019 event.

Each division of the 2018 Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, which will take place in the Dallas area, will conclude with a three-person stepladder final. The tournament will follow the schedule it has used for several years, with four days of qualifying followed by an advancers

round and double-elimination match-play bracket.

The two finalists in the match-play bracket will bowl to determine the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds for the three-person stepladder final, and the winner of the Contenders bracket will be the No. 3 seed for the televised finals. The stepladder finals will be one-game matches, with the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds facing off in the opening match and the winner of the match advancing to face the No. 1 seed for the title.

The boys' and girls' stepladder finals in each age division – U12, U15 and U20 – will be

nationally televised on CBS Sports Network in 2018, as part of the United States Bowling Congress' two-year agreement with the television network.

"The enhancements will provide bowling fans with a format they are more familiar with and allow more youth bowlers the opportunity to compete on national television," Gary Brown, Managing Director of International Bowling Campus Youth Development, said.

The decision to add a U17 division starting with the 2018-2019 season, which starts May 1, 2018, was to ensure youth competitors are bowling against their peers. Over the last several years, research of the event has shown about half of the bowlers in the U20

division were eligible for a U17 division.

During the 2017 event, for example, there were about 1,600 qualifiers in the U20 Boys division and nearly half of those bowlers (745) would have been eligible for a U17 division. The U20 Girls was equally split as 457 of the 937 girls qualifying for the 2017 event would have been eligible for a U17 division.

The U15 division was added to the Junior Gold Championships in 2012 and the U12 division made its debut two years later.

Since 2011, when the event had just over 1,600 participants, the field for the Junior Gold Championships has more than doubled.

"We have found having peer-to-peer competition is important to youth bowlers," Brown said. "The U17 division provides the next step in the development of those who compete in the Junior Gold program."

The Junior Gold program also is adjusting its timeframe to conduct qualifying events, requiring events or tournaments be completed by May 15 of the event's year. Starting next season, qualifying events for the 2019 Junior Gold Championships must be conducted between May 1, 2018 and May 15, 2019.

The Junior Gold Championships is an annual national tournament for the top male and female youth bowlers in the United States. In addition to earning scholarships, youth bowlers have the opportunity to earn a spot on Junior Team USA.

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LIZ JOHNSON

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said. "You never know, bowling against the guys. Conditions haven't been very conducive to my 'A' game the past couple of years, but I felt pretty confident coming into the show.

"I don't think I've ever been intimidated, in my entire life, or scared of anyone on the lanes," she continued. "I grew up bowling against the guys since I was 10 or 11. I've been beating them since I was 17, so I didn't feel like I had anything to prove. I didn't have anything to lose, so I just went out to do my best, and that's all I can ask of myself."

Johnson advanced to the title match by bowling the highest score in a preliminary four-player shootout match where the two highest scores moved on. Johnson had a 257 game and Pepe a 255 while Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas (248) and Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich. (236), were eliminated.

To reach the Chameleon Championship telecast Johnson out-bowled a WSOB IX field of 195 bowlers from around the world.

In the second telecast of the ESPN doubleheader, Teece won the Shark Championship with a 193-176 victory over Charlie Brown Jr. of Grandville, Mich., in a battle of first-time PBA

Tour television finalists. Teece put the title away with back-to-back strikes in the ninth and 10 frames for his only double of the contest.

Brown earned his berth in the championship match with a 227 in the preliminary shootout. Teece was second with a 209, eliminating Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla. (197) and Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash. (193).

"It's incredible," Teece said. "It's been a dream of mine ever since I started watching old VHS tapes of the PBA when I was 10 years old. I really, really give credit to the guys who won, and now I've joined that circle."

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Brunswick® SASBA SENIOR TOUR 2018 SCHEDULE

Jan. 6-7	Crossroads	Beaumont, Tx.	Member/Guest Doubles
Jan. 20-21	Cityview Lanes	Ft. Worth, Tx.	Age Bracket
Feb. 3-4	USA Bowl	Dallas, Tx.	Non Champions Singles
Feb. 10-11	Cityview Lanes	Ft. Worth, Tx.	70/60/50/50 Foursome
Feb. 17-18	All Star Lanes	Shreveport, La.	C. Thomas Mem. Sngles
March 3-4	Planet Bowl	Midwest City	Member/Guest Doubles
March 10-11	Astro Bowl	San Antonio	60/50/Guest Trio
Mar 31-Apr 1	Cowtown	Ft. Worth, Tx.	70/60/50/Guest 4-some
April 14-15	Emerald Bowl	Houston, Tx.	Age Bracket
April 28-29	Red Bird Lanes	Duncanville	Singles
May 5-6	AMF All Star Lns	Kenner, La.	60/50/Guest Trio
May 19-20	University Lanes	Denton, Tx.	Super Senior Singles
May 26-27	Armadilla I	Pasadena, Tx.	Age Bracket
June 16-17	USA Bowl	Dallas, Tx.	70/60/50/Guest 4-some
June 23-24	Oil Bowl	Longview, Tx.	Member/Guest Doubles
Jun 30-Jul 1	Plano Super Bowl	Plano, Tx.	Firecracker

PBA Announces 14-Event 2018 PBA50 Tour Season

CHICAGO (Dec. 15, 2017) -- The Professional Bowlers Association has announced a 14-event PBA50 Tour schedule for 2018 that includes four major championships and three new venues.

In what is becoming the traditional opening event for PBA's tour for players 50 and over, Lane Glo Bowl in New Port Richey, Fla. will once

again kick off the season with the PBA50 Florida Open April 21-23 which will be followed by the season's first major, the PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical April 24-28 in The Villages, Fla.

Las Vegas will once again be home for two of the PBA50 Tour's most prestigious majors. The USBC Senior Masters will

be held at Sam's Town in Las Vegas June 4-10, followed by the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm at the Suncoast Bowling Center June 10-15.

New to the schedule in 2018 will be first-time stops in Monticello, Minn., for the PBA50 River City Extreme Open presented by Ebonite at River City Extreme July 17-20, the PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship presented by Track at Dave Small's Heritage Lanes in Kokomo, Ind., July 28-31, and the PBA50 Cup presented by DV8, the season's fourth major, at Spectrum Lanes in Wyoming, Mich., Aug. 9-12.

Returning to the schedule for 2018 will be stops in Mooresville, N.C., April 29-May 2; Farmingdale, N.Y., May 5-8; Brentwood, Calif., May 27-30 and three other stops in Indiana (Hammond, July 23-26; Anderson, Aug. 4-7 and Fort Wayne, Aug. 14-16).

The season will also include two PBA60 tournaments for players 60 and over; the USBC Super Senior Classic at Sam's Town May 31-June 3 and the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by 900 Global at Pro Bowl West which closes out the season in Fort Wayne, Aug. 14-16.

Entries for PBA50/60 events will be accepted beginning March 1. PBA members can enter online via pba.com. For additional entry information, questions and non-member entries contact Mary von Krueger at maryvk@pba.com.

2018 PBA50 TOUR SCHEDULE

April 21-23 - PBA50 Florida Open, Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla.

April 24-28 - PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical,

Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla.

April 29-May 2 - PBA50 Mooresville Ford Open presented by Columbia 300, George Pappas Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C.

May 5-8 - PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, presented by Brunswick, Farmingdale Lanes, Farmingdale, N.Y.

May 27-30 - PBA50 Northern California Classic, presented by MOTIV, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif.

May 31-June 3 - USBC Super Senior Classic, Sam's Town, Las Vegas

June 4-10 - USBC Senior Masters, Sam's Town, Las Vegas

June 10-15 - Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, presented by Storm, Suncoast Bowling Center,

Las Vegas

July 17-20 - PBA50 River City Extreme Open, presented by Ebonite, River City Extreme, Monticello, Minn.

July 23-26 - PBA50 South

Shore Open, presented by Hammer, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind.

July 28-31 - PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship, presented by Track, Dave Small's Heritage Lanes, Kokomo, Ind.

Aug. 4-7 - PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic, presented by Roto Grip, Dave Small's Championship Lanes, Anderson, Ind.

Aug. 9-12 - PBA50 Cup, presented by DV8, Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich.

Aug. 14-16 - PBA60 Dick Weber Championship, presented by 900 Global, Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind.

At Pin Center Bowl

Dempsey dunks 738

CLEBURNE - Tim Dempsey racked up a rousing 235-290-213 = 738 PCB Masters series to earn the top spot on the honor roll last month at Pin Center Bowl.

Jana Bural, Dempsey's league mate, booked a banner 177-198-201 = 576 set to earn fem scoring laurels.

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Bobby Martindale 230-649, Charolette Harlan 193-497, Bobby Martindale 245-661, Anna Mae Petrey

189-536, Brian Boase 240-680, Debbie Harth 177-492, Tim Mattox 254-631, Stacie Parrish 195-538.

Joe Vargo 268-716, Stacie Parrish 187-511, Noel Hatfield 228-625, Stacie Parrish 216-530, Noel Hatfield 254-703, Stacie Parrish 204-547, Bobby Martindale 257-707, Stacie Parrish 212-560.

Bobby Martindale 219-603, Gerri Connor 208-505.

SENIORS

Loren Eisenhauer 247-641, Stacie Parrish 194-504, Bill Barber 216-618, Frances Boase 180-523, Bill Rider 230-611, Anna Mae Petrey 188-537, Bill Barber 232-590, Anna Mae Petrey 210-555.

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Up Your Average
By Susie Minshew

Taping as an Art Form - It's cheaper than an open frame!
There are folks who, while spraying the ball all over the lane in practice, will say, "Don't worry. My thumb will swell up here in a minute and

I'll be fine."
Don't be one of these people. While they are waiting for their thumb to swell or shrink or whatever, they squeeze the ball, execute poor shots, and get bad reads. Then they wonder where "the shot" went

At Western Bowl

Gentry rolls 821, Clary claims 703

Crabtree 300/811, Foshee 300

AMARILLO - Mike Gentry was definitely on target last month at Western Bowl as he dominated scoring with a superb 286-279-256 = 821 Potter County league performance.

Bryan Crabtree finished close behind Gentry with an award-winning 300/811 WT Mixed series.

Chandra Clary was the leader for the ladies with pin-spilling 232-258-213 = 703 Pantex numbers.

Chris Foshee shared high-game honors with Crabtree as each recorded award-winning perfectos.

HONOR ROLL

Kellen Lavery 698, Randy Ingram 279-779, Kirk Kerbo 279-772, Seth Brackett 286-754, Jeff Campbell 279-752, Terry Thome 290-741, Robert

Sicks 258-734, Chris Foshee 726, Jim Turner 257-725.

Terry Thome 262-721, Kevin Edmondson 247-720, Layne Darnell 249-718, David Wilson 279-718, Chris Foshee 280-717, Randy Ingram 246-717, Brennan Chaparro 256-716, Nathan Herring 712.

Darrel Davis 256-711, Chuck Collins 243-711, Patrick Clark 259-710, Nathan Herring 278-710, Mike Gentry 278-710, Terry Thome 256-706, Chris Fox 245-705, Robert Sicks 246-705, Carl See 258-702.

John Pristash 211-563, Candra Clary 246-694, Carrie Wichers 662, Debra Shannon 222-657, Debra Shannon 245-642, Glenda Bouker 225-635, Debra Shannon 224-629, Debra Shannon 219-625.

Melanie Scroggins 218-623, Samantha Fox 232-610.

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Tape does not go in the

"middle" of the thumbhole. It does go in the middle of where your thumb is in the hole.

The middle is not found by drawing a straight line from the bridge (space between the finger holes) directly down to the thumbhole. If you line up the middle of your thumb with this line and spread your hand over the ball, your fingers will be far to the left of the finger holes for a right-hander and far too right for a left-hander.

With your hand in the ball, you can easily gauge where

the tape belongs. Depending on the angle of your thumb, it's very likely the LEFT edge of the tape will be close to the "middle" of the thumbhole. The pad of the thumb actually fits in the thumbhole from about 1:00 to 3:00 on a clock face (12:00 being that line directly down from the bridge). The tape should match perfectly with this angle of the thumb in the ball. Any other placement can cause your thumb to drag on exit, a very bad idea.

SNOWBALL EXPRESS

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members and hundreds of others, were there to welcome the families for their Walk of Gratitude.

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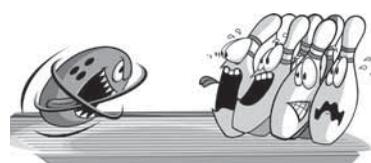
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Jesper Svensson Wins PBA Cheetah Championship; EJ Tackett Tames the Scorpion

Former Rookies of the Year continue to set the pace for PBA's youth movement

RENO, Nev. – Two former Professional Bowlers Association Rookies of the Year, Jesper Svensson of Sweden and EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., continued to set a high standard for the PBA's youth movement with victories in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties at the National Bowling

Stadium. Svensson, the 22-year-old 2015 PBA Rookie of the Year, defeated Denmark's Thomas Larsen, 245-194, to win the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game for his seventh career PBA Tour title while Tackett, the 25-year-old 2013 Rookie of the Year, picked up his ninth title with a

245-207 victory over Australia's Jason Belmonte in the Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com. The Cheetah and Scorpion Championships were the final two PBA animal pattern championships conducted during the WSOB IX and aired back-to-back Sunday on ESPN as part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour package.

Svensson, a hard-throwing left-handed two-handed player, struck on eight of his first nine shots, overpowering Larsen despite missing a 7 pin spare attempt in the fourth frame for his only flaw.

"By the end of the first match, I got lined up so I thought if I threw good shots, I'd have a good chance to win," said Svensson, who finished the preliminary round game with a string of eight strikes. "I screwed up a little when I missed that single pin, but I got right back in it."

If there was anything unusual about the match, it was an extraordinary level of intensity by the normally sedate, emotionless Swede.

"It was by far the most emotional title I've ever won," Svensson admitted. "Things have happened at home while I was here that..." He stumbled and added, "This title means more to other people than just me. I'm just really, really happy I could finish it off. I had a friend who passed away a week ago and I really believe he was watching me today. This one is for him, 100 per-

cent. There's nothing I can do but continue doing what I love to do. It makes me appreciate that even more."

To reach the Cheetah Championship telecast Svensson edged Larsen in the four-player shootout preliminary, 259-256, but both advanced to the title match while Australia's Sam Cooley (236) and Jason Belmonte (222) were eliminated with the lowest scores.

In the second match of the ESPN doubleheader, Tackett made his only WSOB IX television appearance count, striking on five of his first six shots and adding another string of three strikes late in his match against Belmonte, the two-handed Australian star who is the leading challenger to displace Tackett as PBA Player of the Year in 2017. The win was Tackett's fourth of the year, one ahead of Belmonte, but two of Belmonte's titles are majors and he'll have a shot at another one in next Sunday's

PBA World Championship finals.

Tackett not only realized where he stood compared to Belmonte in the competitive ranks, but he knew Belmonte was bowling at less than his physical best after an acute attack of food poisoning the night before.

"I found out Jason wasn't feeling well, but before the first game, I told him to dig deep... and after the first match, I told him to just keep on going, and he did," Tackett said. "I told him that we should finish the year on a high note, and we did. It could have gone either way."

"I knew the only chance I had (for Player of the Year) after the first few days here was to make this show and win," Tackett added. "In my eyes, (Belmonte) wins by a landslide, but if he doesn't win the (PBA World Championship), I think it'll be a pretty close vote. It's

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At Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama

Dodd racks up 715

BIG SPRING, TX – John Dodd headed the leader boards last month at Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama after booking a banner 258-232-225 = 715 Men's Caprock set.

HONOR ROLL

Mary Lou Saldana 195, Lois Ellison 165, Becky Chilton 165, Patrick Hill 235-678, Eddie Gonzales, Sr. 244-656, James Rawls 226-638, Fred Gutierrez 247-631, Jacob Braxton 217-629.

Pete Garcia 278-611, Aaron Gonzales 240-626, Sam Gonzales, Sr. 207-612, Mason Peoples 226-602, Jerry Barnes 226, Jay Nettles 221, Red Dunaway 205, Kyle Lacey 222, Josh Rochelle 213.

Thomas Booth 203, Eric Gutierrez

208, Jason Gonzales 206, Martin Leija 215, Joe Roemisch 220, Ray Gutierrez, Jr. 205, Aaron Hindricks 209, James Rawls 237-637, Eddie Gonzales, Sr. 225-612.

Aaron Gonzales 206, Clint Walker 203, Mike Holt 213, John Dodd 224-640, Greg Clarke 226, Claud Fryar 213, Vicki Daniel 175, Donna Brown 168, Petra Vasquez 153, Michael Leuschner 250-665.

Jake Braxton 245-632, Monty Hendricks 213, Eddie Gonzales, Sr. 213, Eddie Gonzales, Jr. 228-608, Mary Lou Saldana 224, Toni Saldana 222, Russell Parks, Sr. 221, Fred Schroyer 212, Mark Thompson 202-600.

At Mel's Lone Star Lanes

Pogge soaks in 788, Endicott lands 718

Pederson 300's

GEORGETOWN – Adam Pogge made it rain strikes in the Pot O Gold league by firing a 244-278-265 = 788 series at Mel's Lone Star Lanes last month.

Kayla Endicott was the leader on the ladies' side by filling up the score sheet with 227-227-264 = 718 numbers in Thursday Thunder action.

Dale Pederson captured high-game accolades with an award-winning 12-bagger.

HONOR ROLL

Mark Raymond 254-609, Wanda Clark 213-609, James Du 265-730, Dellene Davis 205-581, Ed Lorts 279-762, JR Tackett 246-709, Jennifer Jordan 219-576, Scott Stafford 259-690, Dianna Jarrett 246-605.

Wanda Clark 246-630, Kevin Hale 254-716, Elena Johnson 199-575, Eddie Franz 249-622, Taylor Thompson 191-508, Lori Shultz 239-677.

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THE SOUTHWEST REPORT

Just Paying Attention

By Mark London
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Since I didn't have space or time to recap 2017 at the end of the year, I'll do that now and keep it brief. Three names come to mind for their outstanding years, with the first being Jason Belmonte for reclaiming his spot on top of the PBA rock, overcoming the food poisoning during the television finals recording of the PBA World Series of Bowling.

Liz Johnson is next for beating the guys at the WSOB Chameleon Championship to win that PBA title she's been aiming at for some time, while claiming another PWBA Player of the Year. About the only title she didn't win was the Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship won by the third name on my list, Shannon O'Keefe.

She coached her McKendree Bearcats through the rarity of not one, but two women's college national championships (IBC and NCAA) and a trip to the White House. O'Keefe then added another PWBA title before overcoming a tenth-frame split in the semifinal against the reigning Player of the Year, for her second PWBA title of the year and first major crown. O'Keefe also performed occasional sideline reporter duties on PWBA telecasts. Doing it for the first time, she looked like she'd been doing it for years.

Personally, last year was one of the most rollercoaster ones I've had, period. Besides the usual media duties of weekly JPA here in TBN and running the monthly IBMA Keggl Bowl of the Month balloting, there were a handful of Bowl-

ers Journal stories and a couple of interviews I had dreamed about getting for years. Then there was the weekend of PBA Xtra Frame commentary during the Luci Doubles, too. That was like riding a bike and I hope to do it again this summer.

Along with sitting under the most unique hurricane (Harvey) anyone has ever seen in late August, the down-part was not rolling a ball for much of the second half of the year. I'm looking at it as being fortunate to have bowled with a 35-year-old body for twenty years with no physical discomfort. Then, time caught up with me in the spring. If you have a chance to tear your meniscus on your sliding leg, don't. The ongoing rehab and just trying to bowl league, now three months after the surgery, is still a grind. Yes, I can tell when the weather changes and when Texas A&M wins a game (operation was done in College Station). Hope to be a lot further along for this year's USBC's in late June and the Luci in late July.

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Finally this week, a couple of bowling influences in my life passed away since the last edition of TBN.

First was three-time PBA50 titlist in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Mickey Spiezio. Like many senior tour players of the time, Spiezio went to work rather than try the PBA Tour. After reaching the age of 50, like many others of the time, he joined the senior tour. With his trademark stiff-arm

pose at the start of his approach, the 1989 Illinois State Bowling Hall of Fame inductee did well enough to make what I remember to be around a dozen or so ESPN telecasts among those three titles.

I was fortunate to bowl with Spiezio in a Joliet area league and several over/under 50 doubles tournaments in the early 90s (when I was young enough to be the under). He wasn't afraid to share some of his tour experiences, how he attacked some pairs, laid off others, and kept notebooks on how certain portions of certain houses played. Remember, this was before PBA oil patterns were named and publicized ahead of time.

If he was behind late in a game, even if was in league, it was an education to watch him throw a string of strikes at the end of a game for the win. He was one of the first to tell me you have to practice that part of the game, too. I listened closely as he detailed this portion, recalling how he won titles numbers two and three by running the stepladder, winning four matches enroute.

My favorite note was when he told me "not to forget that release, it gives you a reaction no one else has" referring to a certain way I threw the ball then. Needless to say, I've kept "that release" in my arsenal since.

Spiezio was not the first in his family to enjoy professional athletic success. Cousin Ed and Ed's son Scott both played major league baseball. Both earned a pair of World Series rings, Ed for the '64 and '67 Cardinals, Scott for the '02 Angels and the '06 Cardinals.

Thanks, Mickey, it was pleasure to lace'em up with you.

The second loss is Helen Jaros-Kozak, mother of former long-time touring player Steve Jaros. Being the only member in my family who bowls, I regarded Helen as my bowling mom. Working at the pro shop she owned along with Steve when he was on tour, J and J Bowling Supply in suburban Chicago, we would often talk about bowling and many other things. She spoke of life after Steve's dad and her first husband, Ron, had suddenly passed away several years before. Being a few years older than Steve, I was stunned, then honored, when she regarded me as a long-lost son because we got along so well. She was adjusting to life as a widow, unsure if there was someone

else to share life with or if Ron would be happy with that, as she was now in her 60's.

She eventually found that special someone, but it wasn't until she said out loud in her kitchen one day for Ron to give her a sign it was ok. Hearing a noise, Helen looked to see a stationary drinking glass in an open cabinet appeared to move just a little on its own. She and Russ Kozak tied the knot shortly thereafter, sharing life together for the last ten years.

Thanks, Bowling Mom.

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Now that league activity is back on my schedule, I can resume something I was doing before last year's knee injury, reviews on the latest Motiv balls. Next week, I'll have words on the Lethal Paranoia, Trident Quest, and the soon-to-be released Jackal Rising. Glad to be Motivated (Bowling) for the fifth year and Turbo (Bowling Accessories) charged for three times that long.



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Patty Ellington led the ladies by rolling a stellar 259-277-233 = 769 Tuesday Night Mixed series.

Mark Gulledge captured high-game honors with an award-winning 12-bagger.

HONOR ROLL

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Ross 229-559, Robert Holmes 290-655.

Jen Nolan 192-526, Richie Rylant 280-722, Ginger Kesterson 214-568, John Stelting 256-670, Mary Warren 202-575, Bobby Leach 279-719, Teresa Reyna 203-523, Derian Hatcher 269-701.

Lisa Stewart 245-615, Jerry G Flowers 269-700, Kari Bell 216-592, Mike Chavez 268-720, Katie Perales 195-530, Bobby Holley 258-722, Janet Newkirk 278-633, Joshua Renfro 259-752.

Mark Gulledge 692, Larry Carter 238-690, Wayne Bell 237-669.





Collegiate Ticker



This time of year welcomes some of the biggest regular-season events of the United States Bowling Congress Collegiate season, and a pair of Tier 1 tournaments from Las Vegas highlighted last week's action. The Glenn Carlson Las

Vegas Invitational at the South Point Bowling Plaza included 36 men's varsity teams and 22 women's varsity teams, with the Wichita State men and St. Francis-Illinois women earning their first Tier 1 titles of the 2017-2018 season.

The Wichita State men successfully defended their title at the Las Vegas Invitational, defeating Emmanuel in the championship match, 3-2. The Shockers, who qualified second overall, faced a 2-1 deficit before firing games of 257 and 279 to secure the victory.

Wichita State defeated Grand Canyon in the semifinals, 3-2, while Emmanuel, the No. 8 seed, swept Newman, 3-0, to advance to the final.

Wichita State's Wesley Low Jr. took home the men's individual title for the second consecutive year, averaging nearly 234 on his way to a nine-game total of 2,105. Webber International's Evan Baranecky was second with 2,066, while Midland's Donovan Thomas (2,041), Webber's Matt Russo (1,971) and Nevada-Las Vegas' Dallas Leong (1,952) also earned top-five finishes.

On the women's side, St. Francis-Illinois went back and forth against Calumet in the title match before claiming the deciding game, 214-184, to record the 3-2 victory.

The Fighting Saints qualified sixth for the bracket and rallied against Newman in the semifinals, 3-2, to move onto the title match, and Calumet, the No. 5 seed, knocked off defending champion and top seed Wichita State in the semifinals, 3-0.

Reigning National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association Most Valuable Player Sydney Brummett of Wichita State claimed her third individual title of the season, topping the standings with a 1,882 total. Midland's Candice Goldfinch placed second with 1,847, and Webber's Caitlyn Johnson (1,825), Emmanuel's Danielle Lane (1,822) and Wichita State's Sierra Kanemoto (1,800) finished in the top five.

The teams moved across town for the Collegiate Shoot-Out at The Orleans, where the Wichita State women recorded

their eighth consecutive victory at the event, and the Webber International men cruised to the top spot.

The Collegiate Shoot-Out featured six traditional games and 16 Baker games, with total pinfall, including bonus pins, determining the champions in each division.

The Wichita State women claimed their second Tier 1 title of the 2017-2018 season by posting a 11,774 total, finishing more than 300 pins ahead of runner-up Newman (11,430). Emmanuel (10,996), Calumet (10,766) and St. Francis-Illinois (10,424) rounded out the top five.

Wichita State's Kanemoto recorded her second top-five finish of the week as she claimed the top spot in the women's individual standings, posting a six-game mark of 1,388, a 231.3 average. Kanemoto's teammate Hollyann

Johansen finished second with 1,348, while Newman's Leanne Vastbinder (1,317), Grand Canyon's Correen Lieber (1,303) and Emmanuel's Chelsea Lein (1,302) placed in the top five.

The Webber men rolled to a 535-pin victory to win their first Tier 1 of the season, finishing with a 12,163 total. Newman was second with 11,628, narrowly edging William Penn (11,609), Midland (11,581) and Wichita State (11,558).

Webber's Russo continued his hot hand in Las Vegas, rolling 1,462 for his six games to top the men's individual standings. Grand Canyon's Cameron Smith posted 1,419 to finish second, while Wichita State's Briley Haugh (1,404), Arizona State's Andrew Hall (1,402) and William Penn's Quincy Bruce (1,401) recorded top-five finishes.

At Killeen Bowlerama

Hargett posts 789, Hamric shelves 762

Barkley, Codrington, Gidden, Vanecek add 300's

KILLEEN – Billy Hargett headed the scoring parade for the month at Killeen Bowlerama with a high-powered 288/789 Stars session.

Stephanie Hamric was equally dominate for the ladies with a rollicking 269/762 Rebels set.

Danny Barkley, Damian Codrington, Desmond Gidden and Jeff Vanecek shared high-game accolades with award-winning 12-baggers.

HONOR ROLL

Robert Davie, Sr. 691, Larissa Mitchell 234-660, Mike Kowalske 258, Bob Chouinard 675, Kathie Trembath 548, TeeJay Jones 653, Sue Cummings

540, Paul Noyes 266, Nadine Huber 211.

Nee Wallace 211, Billy Hargett 762, Sandi Charles 258-727, Robert Davie 755, Erica McPhail 714, Josh Maxson 752, Doug Sharper 747, Allan Smith 763, Jean Maxson 253-683, Jeff Vanecek 741.

Christi Hellon 633, Kris Vanecek 632, B-Rad Dewald 719, Billy Hargett 288-781, Jen Morgan 663, Nyle Maxson 725, Luis Baez 730, Alycia Blackwell 643, Johnny Ramirez 279-722.

Milissa Bennight 247-601, Dustin Gatliff 721, Brandon Foster 279-693, John Breytspraak 733, Verlena Fernandes 199-534, Ernest Kihe 704, Norma Rios 519, Rufino Camba 279-700.

At Heritage

Neely tosses 798, Fein snags 711

Majma 299 (2), Cummings 298

OKLAHOMA CITY – Denver Neely led the scoring for the month at Heritage Lanes with a rip-roaring 263-256-279 = 798 Bowlers R Us series.

Stephanie Fein paced the ladies with a hard-hitting 257-242-212 = 711 Tuesday Twisters series.

Mory Majma captured high-game honors with two near-perfect 299 solos while Lyn Cummings took runner-up accolades with a 298 game.

HONOR ROLL

Kevin Baldwin 243-669, Brianna Norman 189-557, David Hereford 243-627, Sissy Christy 185-509, Gabe

Fein 248, Stephanie Fein 220-596, Lyn Cummings 760, Vicki Frederick 228-656.

Travis Parker 223-597, Jerilyn Mayhak 235-651, Kevin Baldwin 289-717, Brianna Norman 217-581, Andy Seay 214-595, Sissy Christy 175-535, Kevin Jones 267-763, Vickie Frederick 231-673.

William Blackmon 246-667, Judi Jones 193-521.

SENIORS

Bruce Ellis 258-671, Jeri Taylor 227-665, Mory Majma 753, Jeri Taylor 257-628, Mory Majma 730, Jeri Taylor 225-592, Ray Aaron 246-681, Jeri Taylor 258-631.

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out of my hands.”

Belmonte's 269 topped the preliminary shootout. Tackett was second with a 258 while Brandon Novak of Chillicothe, Ohio (242) and Shawn Maldonado of Houston, Texas (225) were eliminated.

PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME

National Bowling Stadium,

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THE SOUTHWEST REPORT

Bowling Update

From Ten Pins & More

* Two events were finalized at Tenpins & More in the past couple weeks, paying out over \$ 3,000 in prizes. The annual Thanksgiving Eve Doubles Marathon went to the father-daughter team of Dan and Nicole Rupp, while seven different winners emerged from the Christmas Cash 9-pin No-Tap finals a few days later.

Coming up next is the 18th annual Champion of Champions tournament, qualifying rounds for which opened last Thursday and continue through December 23. Total prize-money is \$ 4,000.

In the Marathon, teams of two bowled eight match-games.

LIZ JOHNSON

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Teece made his decision to come to bowl in PBA competition more by necessity than choice.

"I was a web developer for three years after college, but the company I worked for ran out of projects for me. I was pretty sad about it, but the money they gave me (as a severance package) made me think about it. Joining the PBA was something I'd always dreamed about. I was young and three or four years later, here I am."

In winning his first PBA

The Rupps went unbeaten, tying one game, to win outright with 15 points, followed by two teams, Cliff and Andy Byer and Josh and Dennis Helmick tied on 14 points.

In the one-game decider, the Byers shot 235 and 257 respectively to take second, with the Helmick's third.

Five teams came in with 6-2 records at 12 points, needing another tie-breaker ninth game.

Jill Levy (166) and Jeff Jones (269) finished fourth with handicaps factored in, ahead of Warren Smith (192) and Jeremiah Martin (245) in fifth, Gilbert and Tiana Martinez sixth, Dana and Marcus Sanders seventh and Monte Gustafson/Kano Williams in eighth.

The next Doubles Marathon is in the morning of Superbowl Sunday in February.

* One of the highest scoring No-Tap tournaments concluded

Tour title, Teece joined the ranks of the handful of players who have won a PBA title in their first television appearance. Canada's Graham Fach was the most recent to accomplish that feat when he won the 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship.

PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY RENO TAHOE

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (finals aired on ESPN on Dec. 17)

Championship: Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill. (\$20,000) def. Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y. (\$10,000), 220-206.

Shootout Match (top two scorers advance to champion-

last Sunday at Tenpins & More.

Marty Bedford won Open from Rick Benard by five pins, with former New York City policeman, Joe LaRosa third, 23 pins away.

Lorenzo Rico set a new record in winning Men's A with 1,700 over six games, after shooting 300, 278, 266, 300, 268, 288 (nine pins over on the first ball of a frame is scored as a strike, inflating scoring potential). Rico beat Robert Edwards and Jacob Marquis in to minor placings.

Alvin Thon also had a big margin of victory in Men's B with 1,536 ahead of Esequiel Lopez 1,391 and George Hutton 1,372.

Alex DeVargas, who practices every Wednesday night, put together 1,205 to win Men's C over Mike Davis by 12 pins followed by new senior league bowler, James Ryan in third.

Troi Donnachaidh had a

ship match): Johnson 257; Pepe 255; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 248 (\$5,000); Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 236 (\$4,000).

PBA SHARK CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY XTRA FRAME

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (finals aired on ESPN on Dec. 17)

Championship: Richie Teece, England (\$20,000) def. Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich. (\$10,000), 193-176.

Shootout Match (top two scorers advance to championship match): Brown 227; Teece 209; Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 197 (\$5,000); Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 193 (\$4,000).

JESPER SVENSSON

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Reno, Nev., Nov. 18 (finals aired on ESPN on Dec. 24)

Championship: Jesper Svensson, Sweden (\$20,000) def. Thomas Larsen, Denmark (\$10,000), 245-194.

Shootout Match (top two scorers advance to championship match): Svensson 259; Larsen 256; Sam Cooley, Australia, 236 (\$5,000); Jason Belmonte, Australia, 222 (\$4,000).

PEPSI PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY GOBOWLING.COM

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Nov. 18 (finals aired on ESPN on Dec. 24)

Championship: EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind. (\$20,000) def. Jason Belmonte, Australia (\$10,000), 245-207.

Shootout Match (top two scorers advance to championship match): Belmonte 269; Tackett 258; Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 242 (\$5,000); Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 225 (\$4,000).

booming 1,492 to win from Bobbie Vega and Melissa Drummond in Women's A.

Gloria Gonzakowski won Women's B from Tammy Michel by 36 pins with Vickie Greenwood next 31 pins behind.

Michel Cameron had perhaps one of the biggest margins of difference ever between two consecutive games. Opening with a split-riddled 109, Cameron fired 300 then added 167, 222, 213 and 164 to win

Women's C on 1,195, beating Claire Jaramillo 1,148 and Jan Medas 1,127.

* It took over 16 plus years but it happened Wednesday in the Bud Trios League when three bowlers all rolled perfect games of 300 on the same night. John Hayes, Monte Gustafson and Guillermo Espinosa emulated the feat by Jim Tillery, Rich Coffel and Luke Richard set in the Monday Men's League in 2001.

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RIO RANCHO, NM - Dan Brenning blasted to the top of the charts last month at Tenpins & More with an award-winning 244-300-258 = 802 Bud Trios outing.

Dana Miller-Mackie pounded out a solid 258-247-245 = 750 Thursday Doubles set to lead the ladies honor roll.

Brian Bledsoe, Dan Brenning, Carl Chavez, Eric Espinda, Guillermo Espinosa, Monte Gustafson and John Hayes shared high-game accolades with award-winning 12-baggers. Jacob Marquis, Youth bowler, took runner-up honors with a near-perfect 298 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Mark McNary 263-642, Brittany Leiby 221-556, Brian McCoy 279-708, Dusti Griffin 238-676, Dan Brenning (4

games) 1,037, Dana Miller-Mackie (4 games) 269-981, John Gerber 192-561.

Troi Donnachaidh 236-617, Mark McNary 246-722, Dana Miller-Mackie 258-750, Troi Donnachaidh 268-532, Dan Brenning 254-720, Troi Donnachaidh 235-596, Brian Bledsoe (4 games) 223-798.

Yarelis Alvarez (4 games) 213-784, Jeremy Worthen 258-735, Troi Donnachaidh 215-631, Eric Espinda 794, Dana Miller-Mackie 269-692, Mike Dewart 191-512, Jessica OrtizYPino 169-462.

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YOUTH BOWLER OF THE MONTH



Deo Benard

Deo Benard, (pronounced Dee-Oh), from Rio Rancho, NM is a home-schooled 14-year-old eighth-grader, who just four days ago shot his 3rd sanctioned 300 game.

Hometown Bowling Center: Tenpins & More, Rio Rancho, NM

How many leagues: I bowl one league but try to practice every day. I generally bowl 10 games a day.

How did you get started bowling: I started when I was three, but didn't stay with it. When I turned 11 I got interested in it by watching bowling videos online.

High Game: 300; I shot my first one a year ago, my high series is 806.

Other sports/Hobbies: I like to watch Golf and Tennis, but all I really do is bowl, and bowl and bowl.

Favorite Bowler: Jason Belmonte. His two-handed style is so smooth, with little effort. That's what I am trying to do.

What do you love most about the game of bowling: I love to watch the pins fall, and I love the competition. I really like to bowl other people because it makes me try harder, but generally I try and just beat myself.

Favorite bowling accomplishment: I shot 300 in the JBT (Junior Bowlers Tour) Main Event in Las Vegas. It was the most nerve-wracking moment for me because there were a couple of hundred people watching and it was at the South Point Bowling Center. I ended up 11th place out of 240 bowlers.

What are your future bowling plans: I would like to join the PBA tour if I can get good enough. I know it's a long shot, but I would love to shoot a 900. It would be a really cool accomplishment to throw 36 strikes in a row.



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