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A Long Time Coming for RobLaw

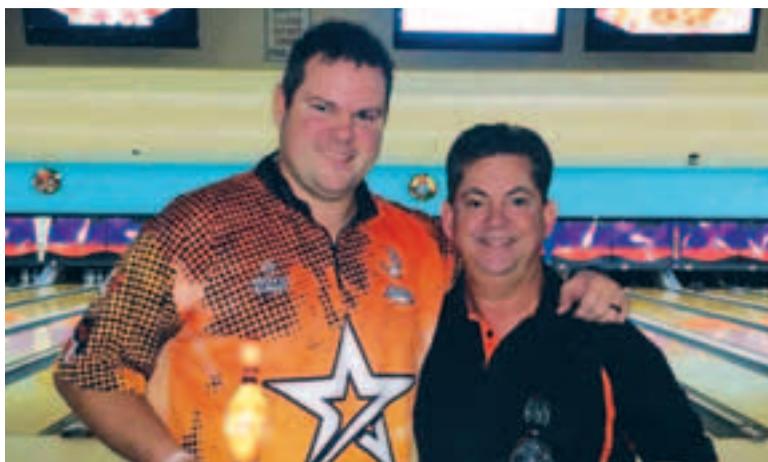
By Tony Franklin, *Publisher*
24 years and 8 months. What have you been doing for the last 24 years and 8 months?

Robert Lawrence knows exactly what he has been doing for the last 24 years and 8 months. He has been working, participating, practicing, thinking about, and spending his time with the game of bowling.

Bowling hasn't always treated him nicely, but it's always been there for him, and he's always been there for bowling.

Two weeks ago, at the PBA/PBA50 Houston Doubles Southwest Open, he got what he truly deserved, his first professional victory in 24 years and 8 months.

Lawrence teamed with Wes Malott, and clobbered the competition by 675 pins, but it wasn't just the Wes show,



Wes Malott and RobLaw

Lawrence was the high senior by a wide margin, and had the fourth highest pinfall for the entire field.

This was his fourth PBA Regional title to go with three National titles.

Rob guesstimates that he has bowled in roughly 350 PBA events since his last title, the 1992 U.S. Open.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I think it would take this long to win again. I thought maybe the Brooklyn I threw to win the U.S. Open was the last bit of luck I was ever going to get," he said.

For Lawrence, the winners circle drought was due to a combination of events.

"For a year or two after (the

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Franklin/Simonsen Win Over 40/Under 40 Doubles at PSB



Anthony Simonsen and Tony Franklin

PLANO, TX – Tony Franklin and Anthony Simonsen led the 8-game qualifying by 289 pins over Aric Alcaraz and Marshall Morrison, and finished off the win by defeating Tony Thayer and Conner Pickford in the bracket finals of the Over 40/Under 40 Scratch Doubles at Plano Super Bowl, presented by The Bowling Shop, Saturday, December 31.

This marks Franklin's second win in 5 years he's been eligible as the Over 40.

There were 34 teams with seven cashers in the 8 game event.

Franklin/Simonsen earned

\$4,000 for the win with Thayer/Pickford winning \$2,600 for second.

3rd/4th place finishers, Alcaraz/Morrison and Chris Lucas and Clint Johnson each earned \$1,500.

5th/6th went to Dino Castillo/DJ Archer and Sandi Charles/Geoffrey Young for \$600 each.

Just missing the top 6 bracket finals, Lynda Barnes/Sean Lavery-Spahr finished 7th for \$500.

As always, Tournament Director Kevin Green did an excellent job with running the show.

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The Luci Doubles has a New Home in Houston

By Tony Franklin, *Publisher*
The Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Tournament or the "Luci" for short is moving from the Bowl on Bellaire to its new home, Copperfield Bowl, this year.

This year's event will be held July 27-30th.

First place will again pay a guaranteed \$15,000 for first with a 1:4 cash ratio, but as always will pay more than the advertised number of spots.

This tournament, while being a charity event to fight breast cancer, is also all about the bowlers.

That has been tournament and foundation organizer, Donna Conners' mission statement for the last decade.

And this mission is coming off of a record setting 2016 that collected over \$82,000 to fight breast cancer.

"I'm excited and a little nervous to be in a new place, but they are really excited to have the tournament, and that gets me excited," said Conners on the move to Copperfield.

Copperfield has phenomenal ownership that has a long history in the bowling industry,



as well as hosting professional events for years.

The center has 44 lanes and Conners is hoping that they fill out the four squads once again this year; last year they had 152 entries, a Luci record.

One of the biggest changes for this year is a reduction in qualifying games from eight to seven.

One of the main reasons is to get the Pro-Am started on time and also help the bowlers get some rest before the semi-finals start on Sunday.

Entries are now available, so do not delay in getting yours sent it. It's the tournament of the year, don't be left out.

Visit the FaceBook page - Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Tournament Page, do download the official entry form.



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22 Years Later, Mitch Beasley Wins PBA Chameleon Championship for First Title

RENO, Nev. – Twenty-two years, a crushed wrist, debilitating hip and back injuries and a whirlwind marriage later, Mitch Beasley won the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com for his first PBA Tour title.

The Chameleon Championship, the second of four PBA animal pattern championships conducted during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII, presented by Silver Legacy Resort & Casino, at Reno's National Bowling Stadium, aired Sunday on ESPN.

Beasley, at age 48, held off A.J. Johnson of Oswego,



Mitch Beasley

Ill., 246-237, for a title he began chasing in the early

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Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, Publisher



Clint Dacestranamous

The NFL playoffs are here, the regular season is over, so it's time to review our season predictions.

The Dallas Cowboys finished 13-3, are the #1 seed in the NFC and have home field advantage throughout the playoffs. Never in my wildest dreams did I see that coming, nor did anyone else that we asked, but...there were some good predictions this year.

Chris Johnson predicted the Cowboys would go 10-6, but will win the Super Bowl over Pittsburgh, still a possibility.

I predicted they would go 6-10, I was wrong.

Frisco Doug predicted they would go 9-7, make the playoffs and lose in the 2nd round to Green Bay, also still a

possibility.

Genie predicted they would go 8-8, she was also wrong.

Del Ballard had them at 8-8, wrong, Terry Taylor 6-10, wrong, Karleen Reynolds 8-8, wrong, GMA 6-10, wrong, Jay Burgess predicted sadness, thank goodness he was also wrong.

What about the one, the only, Dacestranamous...well buckle up everyone, I couldn't believe my eyes when I went back to review his predictions.

He predicted the following printed in the September 1 Southwest Edition:

The Cowboys will go 9-7 under the leadership of Dak and win the NFC East...while the record wasn't exact, the result was.

Zeke runs for 1500 yards and doesn't win Rookie of the Year...he ran for 1631 yards, and may not win rookie of the year.

Dak will not only win the Rookie of the Year, but he will also win the starting job from Tony Romo once he comes back from his broken back...he might win rookie of the year, but the second one he was spot on.

Dallas will lose to Carolina in the NFC Championship Game...it won't be Carolina, but they might be in the NFC

Championship game.

And my very favorite prediction...Cleveland Browns will be AWFUL! 1-15...he nailed this one.

Very impressive stuff by Dacestranamous, truly cementing himself as the finest prognosticator around.

I'm looking forward to the rest of the NFL season, and hopeful that the Cowboys will continue their great play, and find themselves in Houston in February.

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As a bit of 2017 fun, I will be doing something a little different this year. Everyone out there knows Anthony Simonsen right?

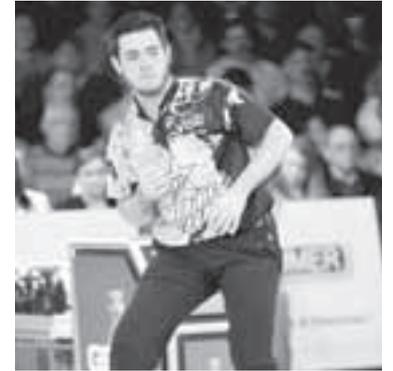
Well, along with being one of the best bowlers in the game, he's also one of the busi-

est bowlers in the game. He not only travels the US to bowl in just about any tournament he can, he travels the globe to bowl in any tournament he can.

This year we will be tracking his travel, sort of like we track Santa on Christmas Eve.

On a monthly basis, we will be posting his miles travelled for bowling, and nights were he didn't sleep in his own bed. Here's a little tip...it's only the second day of the year, and he hasn't slept in his own bed yet.

Just to get us started, I will predict that he only spends the night in his own bed 190 times and I think he will travel 77,000 miles. And just for good measure, I think he will visit 10 different countries. How cool would it be to see that



Anthony Simonsen

much of the world at 19 years old...pretty darn cool.

So, get your Simonsen travel predictions ready.

We will be tracking his progress on our Facebook page and having a product giveaway to the winners. More info to come.

At Forum Bowl

S Lavery-Spahr smashes 837, Whitney notches 727

Washington 299/825, Grange, Lucas, Padilla 300's, Anderson, Money 299's

Sean Lavery-Spahr dominated scoring for the week at Forum Bowl after pocketing thundering 269-278-290 = 837 numbers in the Fast Lane Trio league action.

Ken Washington finished close behind Lavery-Spahr with a dual, award-winning 299/825 Crusaders series.

Heather Whitney paced fem scoring with a sparkling 246-267-214 = 727 Fast Lane Trio outing.

Brian Grange, Chris Lucas and Stephen Padilla shared High-game honors with award-winning 12-baggers. Johnny Anderson and James Money shared runner-up accolades with Washington with near-perfect 299 solos.

HONOR ROLL

Holly Ginn 225-599, Vicky Dunn 245-659, David Flores (9 pin, no tap) 300-856, Laura Dickens (9 pin, no tap) 233-657, Stephen Gray 253-757, Kathlene Lyons 258-680, Mike Young 267-774, Kara Congi 238-631. James Sherwood 233-658, Janie Greggs-McClain 180-502, Stan Wells 267-747, Tammy Henderson 279-686, Scott Grimmert 278-704, Dana Short 222-607, Derrick Omev 248-741, Gena Breedlove 223-572.

Jack Rogers 268-782, Wendy Streater 202-582, Tony Rigoni (4 games) 280-987, Heather Whitney (4 games) 267-972, D J Garrett 279-792, Regina Stewart 189-510, Kyle McCullough 247-719.

Kristal Rogers 225-616, Billy Mills, Sr. 246-685, Kayla Lopez 246-603, Billy Mills, Jr. 279-792, Christy Antle 245-657, Akeshia King 267-692, Brian Castro 279-750, Dena Buffington 234-636.

D J Garrett 278-749, Kim Jackson 203-570, Larry Reed 247-643, Lisa Pool 150-422, Philip Mills 260-641, Luann Mills 150-431, Karen Beich 210-570, Edgar Chavez (9 pin, 4 games) 300-849.

Dani Kwaczala (9 pin, 4 games) 256-693, Brian Heath 288-747, Kathlene Lyons 227-620, James Sherwood 246-683, Kara Congi 268-702, Alex Bruton 290-727, Jennifer Cantrell 211-585, Stan Wells 278-736. Tammy Henderson

231-608, Marvin Sitts, Jr. 289-739, Lisa Girton 225-597, Derrik Omev 253-662, Gena Breedlove 172-511, Cliff Baumgardner 268-745, Tisha Patterson 225-598.

Sean Lavery-Spahr (4 games) 1072, Brenda Padilla (4 games) 268-985, D J Garrett 254-746, Regina Stewart 198-542, D J Garrett 276-775, Judy Phillips 183-522, Wesley Wood, Jr. 266-688.

Kayla Lopez 198-525, Jeremy Cunn 289-795, Diana Jessie 284-721, Leroy Willis, Jr. 288-761, Marissa Neville 257-651, William Keys 256-740, Emily

Montgomery 290-710, John Mann 279-740.

Marcella Mills 247-632, Jeremy Marton 241-679, Lisa Pool 152-396, Steven Nutt 234-623, Luann Mills 199-484.

SENIORS

Rickey Franklin 268-671, Karen Hoyle 210-612, Bobby Daugomah (9 pin) 300-851, Pam Stewart (9 pin) 297-785, Don Hoyle 247-674, Judith Guillory 239-645, Bobby Daugomah (9 pin) 300-856, Hazel Bunyea (9 pin) 268-749.

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2017 Team USA Trials, U.S. Amateur begin Wednesday

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress Team USA Trials returns to a familiar venue as the 2017 edition makes its way to Sunset Station's Strike Zone Bowling Center in Henderson, Nevada.

The 2017 USBC Team USA Trials, along with the United States Amateur Bowling Championships, will feature a near-record field of men, women and youth competitors seeking the opportunity to represent Team USA and Junior Team USA in 2017. Competition kicks off Wednesday.

The Team USA Trials is making its sixth trip to Sunset Station, and its first visit to the 72-lane facility since 2013, where Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, and John Szczerbinski of North Tonawanda, New York, captured wins.

McEwan once again will return to the event as the defending champion after claiming her third Team USA Trials title in 2016. She'll be joined in the field by the reigning men's champion Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington, and 2016 U.S. Amateur champions Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, and Stephanie Schwartz of Racine, Wisconsin.

Qualifying at the 2017 Team USA Trials will take place Wednesday through Sunday, with all competitors bowling five six-game blocks. Each block will be contested on a different World Bowling lane condition.

"I have worked very hard over the years to be versatile and consistent from pattern to pattern, and I believe that's a big reason for my success at this event," said McEwan, a five-time Team USA member. "This format and having the chance to compete on five patterns helps me show the versatility I have worked so hard to attain."

Competitors will earn ranking points based on their finishing positions in each of the qualifying rounds – the top bowler of the block earns one ranking point, second place earns two points, etc. – with the lowest total of ranking points after the five blocks determining the men's and women's Team USA Trials champions. Each will earn an automatic spot on Team USA for 2017.

The winners also will represent Team USA at the 2017 QubicaAMF World Cup in Hermosillo, Mexico.

McEwan was the runner-up at the 2016 World Cup in Shanghai, falling to Sweden's Jenny Wegner in the title match, 231-204. Kent finished in 11th place on the men's side.

"Making the team each year definitely is the ultimate goal, and it means the world to me," said McEwan, who finished

fourth at the World Cup in 2012 and 2013. "This year's second-place finish still is very fresh in my mind, so I would love the opportunity to go back and have another shot at it."

Immediately after Sunday's final qualifying round at the Team USA Trials, the top three amateur men and top three amateur women will advance to a stepladder final to determine the U.S. Amateur champions. Both winners also will earn spots on Team USA.

If the U.S. Amateur champion already has earned a spot on Team USA, the spot will be awarded to the next-highest Team USA Trials qualifier based on ranking points.

BOWL.com's BowlTV will provide wire-to-wire coverage of the events.

A minimum of 12 men and



12 women will join Team USA 2017. The top four men and top four women at the 2017 Team USA Trials, based on ranking points, will earn automatic spots, while two additional men and two additional women will be selected by the National Selection Committee from the pool of players that competed during the week at Sunset Station.

The National Selection Committee also will select a maximum of five men and five women for the team based on submitted resumes. Those applicants must have been Team USA or Junior Team USA members within the last 10 years or among the top 25 in earnings during the 2016 Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Tour season or top 25 in points

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At Strikz

Irvine drills 709, Tenczar books 605

FRISCO – Rick Irvine led the scoring race at Strikz for the week with a hard-hitting 240-257-212 = 709 Lousy Bowlerz series.

Loren Tenczar, Irvine's league mate, paced the ladies with a sturdy 202-202-201 = 605 set.

HONOR ROLL

Scott Noll 235-677, Bruce

Southerland 241-676, Danny Cervantes 266-676, Mark Donnelly 265-670, Tommy Davis 234-665, Joseph Jimenez 269-650, Dan Anderson 236-639, Steve Southerland 231-614.

Curt Frye 208-611, Billie Bennett 211-606, Kevin Smith 224-605, Dan Frinkso 217-602.



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2016-2017 NCTUSBC Tournament Schedule

Date	Tournament Detail	Location
Nov. 26-27, 2016	Wild Turkey Mixed Team - \$2k added	AMF Sparetime
TBD	Scratch Tournament - \$2k added	Cowtown
Jan 28-29, 2017	Mixed Doubles - \$3k added	AMF Eules
Feb 11-12, 2017	Youth City - \$3k added	TBD
Feb 18-19 / 25-26	Ladies City - \$5k added	Watauga
Apr 1-2/Apr 8-9	City Open Championship - \$10k added	Cityview
April 30, 2017	Youth/Adult Doubles - \$2k added	Sparetime
April 11-18, 2017	Senior - \$1k added	Mail-O-Graphic
July 8-9, 2017	After the Fire Works - Mixed Trios - \$2k added	Forum Bowl

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Canadian Rookie Francois Lavoie Wins PBA Shark Championship



Francois Lavoie

RENO, Nev. – Canada's Francois Lavoie dramatically improved his Professional Bowlers Association Rookie of the Year chances when he defeated the PBA's all-time titles leader, Walter Ray Williams Jr., 204-196, to win the PBA Shark Championship and spoil Williams' bid for history.

The Shark Championship was the fourth and final PBA animal pattern championships conducted during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII, presented by Silver Legacy Resort & Casino, at Reno's National Bowling Stadium. The Scorpion and Shark Championships aired back-to-back Sunday on ESPN.

Lavoie, who joined the PBA late in the 2016 season, threw the only back-to-back strikes in the title match and bowled

an otherwise error-free game to edge the 57-year-old Williams. The 23-year-old former Wichita State University star survived two 4 pin leaves on high pocket shots by Williams – both times following strikes – to claim his second victory of the year. In November, the Quebec City native won the U.S. Open, bowling the first nationally-televised 300 game in U.S. Open history en route to his first PBA title.

"Being able to bowl someone like Walter is special," Lavoie said after his Shark victory. "I watched him a lot when I was a kid. It seemed like he was always on TV. It's amazing he's still competing with us, but to be able to bowl against him is a privilege. It was definitely a close match, and I was fortunate to come out on top."

Williams, at age 57 years, 65 days, was in position to become the oldest player to win a PBA Tour title when he advanced out of the four-player elimination match to open the championship round. Williams broke open that match with three late strikes for a 227 game. Lavoie was second with a 212, followed by a 208 by Andrew Cain of Phoenix and a 201 by Matt O'Grady of South Amboy, N.J.

The record for the oldest PBA Tour titlist is held by John Handegard, who was 57 years, 55 days old when he won the PBA Tour event in Kennewick,

Wash., in 1995. The significance of bowling Williams for the title wasn't lost on the young Canadian.

"He's definitely the most accomplished player I've ever beaten, so it's great," Lavoie said. "We talk about the history and a little part of me kinda feels bad it didn't happen, but when we're competing like this, everyone has to be a little selfish. I wanted to do it for myself."

"That's what you dream about as kids," he said after throwing a decisive strike on his first shot in the 10th frame. "Anyone who's a true competitor wants to be in that position, wants to have the ball in your hand to win a title. It's one of those dreams come true, but I always try to stick with the process and not think of things I shouldn't be thinking about. When you do that, it's a lot easier to throw a shot in a situation like that."

Williams, who continues to defy the calendar, was disappointed, but he took the loss in stride.

"It wasn't my best game and Francois deserved to win," the 47-time PBA Tour titlist said. "Hopefully it won't be the last chance I get. Winning another PBA Tour title is something I definitely want to do."

The Shark Championship was the final PBA Tour event of the 2016 season, but ESPN's World Series of Bowling coverage continues with an encore presentation of the PBA World Championship on New Year's Day at 4 p.m. ET., followed by the special USA vs. The World team event on Sunday, Jan. 8, at 1 p.m. ET.

The PBA's first event of the 2017 season will be the DHC PBA Japan Invitational Jan. 11-14 at Bentencho Grandbowl in Osaka, Japan, featuring a field of 16 PBA international players and 16 Japan PBA competitors in a 32-game match play event. The winner will earn a projected \$40,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title (if he/she is a member). The entire tournament will be live streamed on PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

PBA SHARK CHAMPIONSHIP
National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (aired on ESPN on Sunday, Dec. 25)

Final Standings:

- 1, Francois Lavoie, Canada, \$20,000.
- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$10,000.
- 3, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, \$5,000.
- 4, Matt O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., \$5,000.

Stepladder Results:

Elimination Match (top two scores advanced): Williams 227, Lavoie 212, Cain 208, O'Grady 201.

Championship: Lavoie def. Williams, 204-196.

PBA, PWBA Renew Partnership for 2017

CHICAGO – The Professional Bowlers Association will provide regional competitions and player services, plus live event coverage of the Professional Women's Bowling Association through Xtra Frame, its online video streaming service, after renewing its strategic partnership agreement with the PWBA.

The PBA plans to conduct seven "women only" PWBA-PBA regional events in 2017 which will be operated by PBA's regional managers, will complement the PWBA Tour schedule to provide more competitive opportunities for women bowlers.

"The PBA is committed to helping build a strong tour and providing regional events for women bowlers," PBA Tour CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark said. "We're excited to continue showcasing these talented bowlers on Xtra Frame, and we're looking forward to another great season."

The PWBA will utilize Xtra Frame to provide PWBA fans with exclusive live coverage of the tour starting with the 2017 PWBA Sonoma County Open, which kicks off the season April 27-29.

"The PBA-PWBA partnership is a great example of the bowling industry working together to build a future for

the sport," United States Bowling Congress Executive Director Chad Murphy said. "The partnership not only provides great opportunities for today's women bowlers, it also gives youth and collegiate bowlers an aspirational goal."

The PBA will continue to provide player services, equipment transportation and a mobile pro shop for PWBA Tour members during the season.

The agreement provides PWBA members the eligibility to bowl in all PBA events. In 2016, PWBA members earned points in regional competitions, culminating with the PBA-PWBA Women's Regional Challenge event that kicked off the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII in late November.

Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, Calif., representing the PBA West Region, defeated Ashly Galante of Palm Harbor, Fla., representing the PBA South Region, 267-188, to capture the title.

"The services the PBA provides, such as transport and mobile pro shop, are important elements in operating a professional tour, and we appreciate the PBA's collaboration," Bowling Proprietors' Association of America Executive Director Frank DeSocio said.

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At Cowtown Bowling Palace

Fiorentino masters 776, Dorin-Ballard posts 651

Shields 300, Boroff 299

Tyler Fiorentino's hard-hitting 232-279-265 = 776 Monday Mixers series took top billing on the honor roll last week at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

Carolyn Dorin-Ballard was the lady to beat as she blasted a top-flight 236-214-201 = 651 Storm Bowling Scratch Trio set.

David Shields captured high-game honors with an award-winning 12-bagger while Ron Boroff took runner-up honors with a near-perfect 299 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Michelle Teel 237-606, David Poe 268, Ronnie Sloan 267, Sandy Soule 279-720, Pat Currie 269, Maury Newman 256, Greg Heinrich 265, Rosemary Brown 200, Jesse Callan 253, Skeeter Martin 243.

Chris Lucas 279-751, Yolanda Garrett 208-599, Marion Miller 278, Brian Grange 269, George Stilen 268-747, Coy Hart 256, Miki Jo Parish 225, Darrell Hart 254, Amy Hart 224, Micah McCracken 288.

Ryan Boroff 279, Ron Boroff 279-721, Larry Fewell 279, Scott Brown 279, David Dunn 256, Christina Tucker 234-579, Duane Skinner 249-720, Chris Crum 248, Ron Nason 248, Bill Anderson 278.

Maury Newman 268-709, Jesse Negrete 258, Lina Choun 235, Jeremy Trubenstein 247-684, Sandy Groh 213, James Davis 243, Brian Grange 288-770, Scott Teel 278, Yolanda Garrett 222.

Toney Nelson 277, Steven Sanchez 262, Amy Hart 236-636, George Stilen 259-720, Michelle Teel 222, Danny Seeders, Jr. 256, Katie Tallant 216, Blane Adkins 280, Andrew Belshner 279.

Jason Bumgarner (4 games) 960, Ray Ballaro 288-740, Dawn Crum 205-528, David Dunn 278, Tracy Brower 201, Grady Adams 254.

SENIORS

Frank Stone 267-673, Karen Holder 212-549, Les Messinger, Jr. 254, Joann Lindquist 203, Red Kelly, Jr. 233, Diane Fleck 201, Ken Knowles 253-675, Cheryl Berube 209, Johnny Zaskoda 246.

Karen Holder 193-490, Mike Moschella, Sr. 224, Raymond Loftis 203, Cheryl Berube 226-543, Jesse Donald 203, Ken Knowles 266, Diane Fleck 215-559, Ken Eilert 257-697, Alice Phillips 202.

Larry Thun 253, David Pruitt 256-696, Karen Burgess 190, Johnny Zaskoda 245, George Hernandez, Sr. 235, Les Messinger 257-610, Wanda Eads 192, Butch Sisk 213, Frank Powell 191.

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Tommy Jones Wins PBA Scorpion Championship for 18th Career Title



Tommy Jones

RENO, Nev. – Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., took another step toward his goal of joining an elite group of Professional Bowlers Association champions to win 20 titles when he captured the PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno Tahoe USA for his 18th PBA Tour title.

The Scorpion Championship, the third of four PBA animal pattern championships conducted during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII, presented by Silver Legacy Resort & Casino, at Reno's National Bowling Stadium, aired as part of a WSOB VIII doubleheader Sunday on ESPN.

Jones, at age 38, made another statement for age-and-experience overcoming youthful exuberance when he defeated B.J. Moore III of Greensburg, Pa., 211-168, to win the Scorpion title.

"That (Scorpion) pattern is

really tricky, especially when you've got four guys playing in a similar part of the lane," Jones said. "You have to stay ahead of the moves, but if you get too far ahead, you go right by what's happening to the condition. It's one of the hardest patterns for me because I'm not very good at throwing the ball slow. It actually hurts the next day because I'm so tense from trying to slow down."

Jones won the event by starting the title match with four strikes to jump into a 41-pin lead midway through the match, and he kept the pressure on while the 28-year-old Moore struggled to find the pocket.

"I got fortunate on the first shot, but the next three were as good as I've thrown all week," Jones said. "I got off to a little lead and he got a bad break (4-6-7 split in the third frame). From that point, it was just a matter of surviving."

"It was hard throwing the ball slow during the week, but it was really hard on TV when you've got the adrenalin going. It's something I've been working at and I'm getting better. We'll call it mission accomplished."

Moore, who was trying for his first PBA Tour title, won his berth in the final match with a 224 game in the four-player elimination match to open the telecast while Jones advanced with a 212 game. Sweden's Jesper Svensson and Brandon Novak of Chillicothe, Ohio, were eliminated with 194 and 175 games, respectively.

With his 18th PBA Tour

title, Jones joined PBA Hall of Famers Nelson Burton Jr., Dave Davis, Dave Soutar, the late Billy Hardwick and future hall of famer Chris Barnes in a tie for 15th place on the all-time PBA Tour titles list.

"Eighteen is great, but 20 is special," he said. "There aren't many guys in PBA history who have won 20 titles so that's something that'll hopefully happen down the road."

"Right now, the most important thing is I tied Chris Barnes...and I'm a decade younger than him, and you can quote me on that," he added with a grin. (For the record, Barnes is 46).

The PBA's World Series animal pattern championships on ESPN concluded with the PBA Shark Championship which aired immediately following the Scorpion Championship.

PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP presented by Reno Tahoe USA

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (aired on ESPN on Sunday, Dec. 25)

Final Standings:

- 1, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$20,000.
- 2, B.J. Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., \$10,000.
- 3, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$5,000.
- 4, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, \$5,000.

Stepladder Results:

Elimination Match (top two scores advanced): Moore 224, Jones 212, Svensson 194, Novak 175.

Championship: Jones def. Moore, 211-168.

McGraw Wins PSB Fall Brawl

PLANO, TX - Robert McGraw defeats Chris Johnson 234-226 to win \$520 in a 64-man bracket tournament.

The format includes all leagues at Plano Super Bowl and uses the bowler's second game each week in their match.

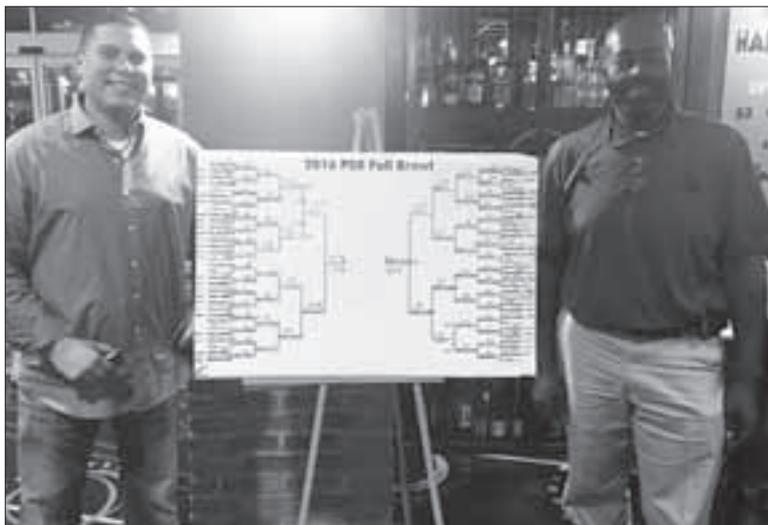
The bracket began in October with a \$20 entry fee.

The high scores advances until only one bowler remains.

Johnson earned \$360 for second place.

Shawn Dotson finished third and David Germeck finished 4th.

The Spring Brawl will be starting soon.



Runner-up Chris Johnson and Champion Robert McGraw

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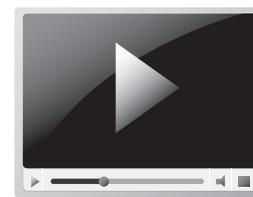
"Along with the regional events that will allow more players to develop their skills, these are all essential parts of building a strong and successful PWBA Tour."

Go to XtraFrame.tv to learn more about how to subscribe to Xtra Frame and PBA.com for information on the PBA Regional program.

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- Team USA Trials – Qualifying (Round 2 – Women) Thursday January 5 4:00 PM
- Team USA Trials – Qualifying (Round 3 – Women) Friday January 6 10:00 AM
- Team USA Trials – Qualifying (Round 3 – Men) Friday January 6 4:00 PM
- Team USA Trials – Qualifying (Round 4 – Men) Saturday January 7 10:00 AM
- Team USA Trials – Qualifying (Round 4 – Women) Saturday January 7 4:00 PM
- Team USA Trials – Qualifying (Round 5 – Women) Sunday January 8 10:00 AM
- Team USA Trials – Qualifying (Round 5 – Men) Sunday January 8 4:00 PM
- U.S. Amateur – Stepladder Finals Sunday January 8 9:30 PM

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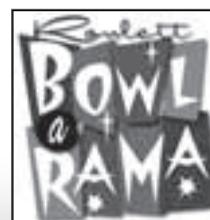
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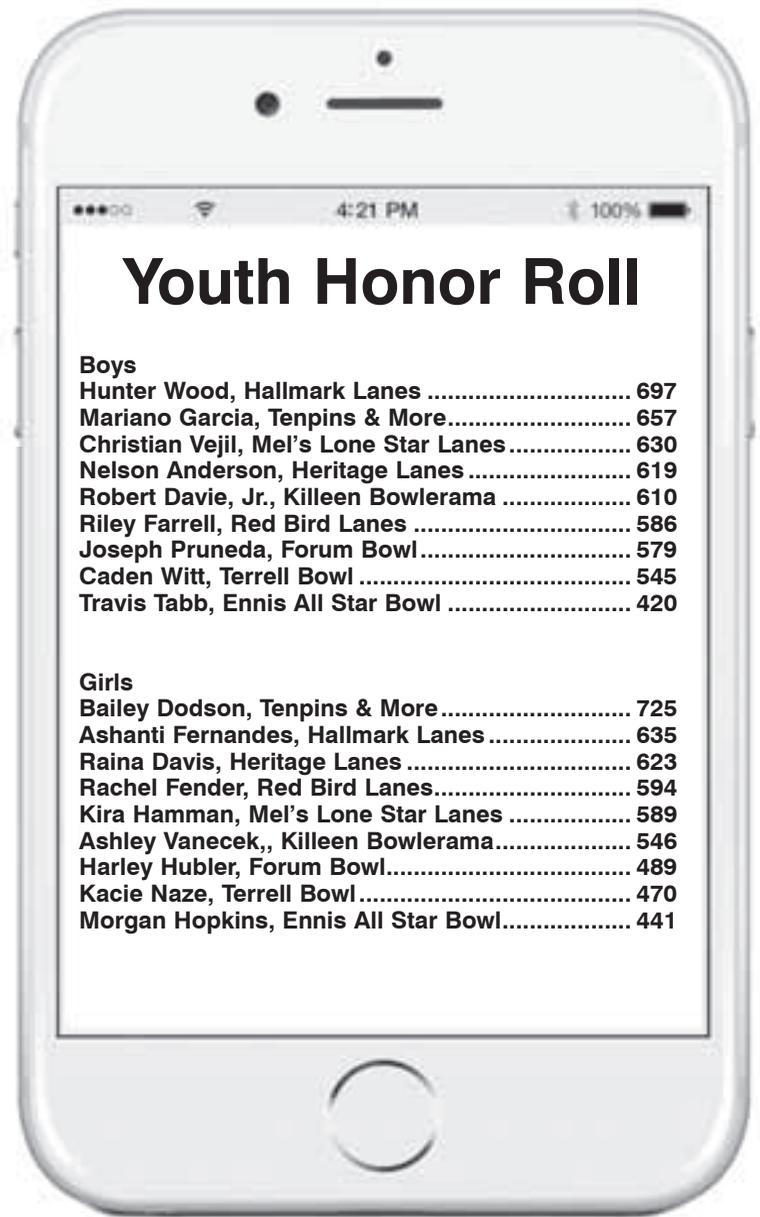


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Youth Honor Roll

Boys

Hunter Wood, Hallmark Lanes	697
Mariano Garcia, Tenpins & More.....	657
Christian Vejil, Mel's Lone Star Lanes	630
Nelson Anderson, Heritage Lanes	619
Robert Davie, Jr., Killeen Bowlerama	610
Riley Farrell, Red Bird Lanes	586
Joseph Pruneda, Forum Bowl.....	579
Caden Witt, Terrell Bowl	545
Travis Tabb, Ennis All Star Bowl	420

Girls

Bailey Dodson, Tenpins & More	725
Ashanti Fernandes, Hallmark Lanes	635
Raina Davis, Heritage Lanes	623
Rachel Fender, Red Bird Lanes.....	594
Kira Hamman, Mel's Lone Star Lanes	589
Ashley Vanecek, Killeen Bowlerama.....	546
Harley Hubler, Forum Bowl.....	489
Kacie Naze, Terrell Bowl.....	470
Morgan Hopkins, Ennis All Star Bowl.....	441

Dallas USBC Youth Scores

Rachel Fender led the Dallas-area USBC youth bowling last week with a power-packed 176-201-217 = 594 High Rollers series at Red Bird Lanes.

Riley Farrell, also from the High Rollers group, led the guys with a very solid 149-144-293 = 586 set.

At Ennis All Star Bowl - Morgan Hopkins 153-409, Joe Miller 57-157, Torrie Casella 119-280, Morgan Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 227-681, Torrie Casella

88-256, Travis Tabb 130-334, Torrie Casella 86-249, Jonathan Tabb 108-313, Joe Miller 94-254, Morgan Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 185-668, Morgan Hopkins 158-441, Torrie Casella 106-285, Travis Tabb 162-420, Torrie Casella 83-244, Jonathan Tabb 130-342, Joe Miller 97-209, Morgan Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 169-584.

At Red Bird Lanes - Elizabeth Hoffman 106-271, Benny Ulibarri (2 games) 194-367, Harmonie Klein (2 games) 124-225.

Fort Worth USBC Youth Results

Joseph Pruneda led the Fort Worth-area USBC youth bowling with a thundering 218/579 Stars & Strikers series at Forum Bowl.

Harley Hubler, Pruneda's league mate, lit-up the girls with a rock-star 181/489 set.

At Forum Bowl - Daniel Jennings 97-190, Hailee Grange 97-179, Ashton Burnett 83-159, Santana Joseph 105-

179, Braylan Canales 112-318, Amiah Johunkin 125-309, Hamilton Joseph 112-294, Charisse Graham 115-297, Sam Malicoat 194-540, Jillian Spridco 128-372, Tyler Brooks 206-511, Tori Brooks 136-324, Zach Jennings 210-526, Anyssa Boles 167-446, David Carter (4 games) 232-1170, Katarina Korn (4 games) 233-1208, Oliver Harris 93-181, Zoey Sebourn 104-194, Mason Boles

SMART Re-distributes to Providers More than \$1 Million from Expired Accounts

ARLINGTON, Texas - The Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins (SMART) Corporation will distribute more than \$1 million from expired accounts to providers by the end of 2016.

The SMART Board of Directors unanimously voted to have all expired funds returned to providers to be used for more scholarships.

"SMART is able to put these expired funds to work by placing them in the hands of providers, who can provide more scholarships for their events and hopefully increase the number of participants," said SMART Corporation Board Chairman Wally Hall.

Under its terms and condi-

tions, SMART can suspend or terminate a user's account if a provider account becomes inactive, meaning a deposit or a funded list is not entered into the account during any five-year period. Activity does not include the return of expired funds from a recipient or earnings allocated to a provider from SMART.

While SMART has made income earnings distributions in the past, including a \$450,000 distribution to providers' funds earlier this year based on 2015 earnings, this is the first time for SMART to allocate expired funds to providers. The SMART Board previously determined that income distributions would take place each May.

The SMART program was started by the United States Bowling Congress in 1994 to provide a centralized location to manage bowling scholarship funds, as well as providing USBC members with a resource for inquiries about bowling scholarships.

The SMART Bowling Scholarship Funding Corporation was created in 2010 as an independent entity dedicated to the management, protection and promotion of the SMART scholarship funds. USBC staff oversees the daily operation of the program.

Visit BOWL.com/SMART to learn more about the SMART program.

Collegiate Ticker



A pair of longstanding Tier 1 events, the Glenn Carlson Las Vegas Invitational and Collegiate Shoot-Out, took place last week in Las Vegas as the 2016-2017 United States Bowling Congress Collegiate season gears up for its second half.

The Las Vegas Invitational, which was held Dec. 19-20 at the South Point Bowling Plaza, featured a sweep by the Wichita State men and women, while the Collegiate Shoot-Out, held Dec. 21-22 at The Orleans Bowling Center, saw the Calumet men and Wichita State women successfully defend their titles.

The Las Vegas Invitational featured nine traditional games of qualifying to determine

the 16 men's teams and eight women's teams that advanced to the match-play bracket. Bracket play consisted of best-of-five Baker matches.

The Wichita State men qualified third for the bracket and put together a 12-2 record on their way to the title, including a sweep of No. 12 Urbana in the championship match. The Shockers earned their spot in the title match by defeating No. 2 Webber International, 3-1, and Urbana knocked off No. 8 William Penn, 3-1, to advance.

Wichita State's Wesley Low claimed the men's individual title with a nine-game total of 2,129, a 236.56 average, holding off Webber's David Lance, who

finished second with 2,108. A pair of Midland teammates, Nick Pate (2,088) and Casey Maxted (2,031), finished third and fourth, respectively, and Calumet's Michael Davidson rounded out the top five with 2,002.

On the women's side, Wichita State dominated qualifying to earn the top seed for the bracket and won the deciding game in the title match to defeat No. 3 Webber International, 3-2. Wichita State downed No. 5 Baker in the semifinal, 3-1, while Webber eliminated No. 2 Emmanuel, 3.5-0.5.

Wichita State's Kristie Lopez edged teammate Hollyann

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Southwest-Area USBC Youth Scores

Bailey Dodson dominated the Southwest-area USBC youth bowlers last month with a hard-hitting 221-268-236 = 725 Cibola High School house record series at Tenpins & More.

Hunter Wood paved the way for the guys by shooting an outstanding 267/697 K/C/H Unified (Athletes) series at Hallmark Lanes.

At Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama, Big Spring - Tyler Sanders 205, Bryson Cline 186, Alek Rakov 186, Christina Rawls 178.

At Hallmark Lanes, Killeen - John Kilpatrick 212-513, Kaelyn Sateren 150, Jessica Bearden 362, Kaelyn Sateren 178, Jessica Bearden 422, Markel Allgood 102, Oakley Goins 256, Heather-Lee Gooden 128-341, Hunter Wood 247, James Schirripa 579, Ceasia Saxon 257-627, Cody Layne 249-645, Jessica Bearden 168-454, Ke Pearson 98-264, Kailani Lopez 91-260, Michael Gredler 256, Cody Layne 6 2 7 , Sierra Ciesiolka 236-618, Hunter Wood 224-563, Jessica Bearden 161-435, Ke Pearson 126-349, Kailani Lopez 71, Saniya Neely 177, James Schirripa 226-641, Ashanti Fernandes 221-635, Hunter Wood 222-585, Jessica Bearden 164-440.

At Heritage Lanes, Oklahoma City - Austin Cooksey 151-380, Cheyenne Smith 113-285, Nelson Anderson 244-619, Raina Davis 248-623.

At Killeen Bowlerama, Killeen -

Robert Davie, Jr. 610, Zach Bennight 245-595, Brandon Bennight 220-591, Ashley Vanecek 210-546.

At Mel's Lone Star Lanes, Georgetown, TX - Robert Hamman 214-592, Jaelle Hamman 200-536, Lochlaen Neurohr 245-598, Kira Hamman 212-589, Bryan Palmer 210-580, Stephen Mowad 166-422, Krysalyne Shaffer 161-368, Christian Vejil 247-630, Amanda Drouillard 184-528, Bradley Mather 121-226, Stephanie Decovic 51-102.

At Tenpins & More, Rio Rancho, NM - Dale Case 220-593, Abigail Marquis 186-537, Nathan Ramirez 168-401, Adonijah Padilla 121-284, Ruby Edwards 102-257.

At Terrell Bowl, Terrell - Cody Coleman 144-409, Kacie Naze 181-470, Caden Witt 212-545, Todd Johnson, Jr. 142-364, Hunter Maze 136-386, Jackson Jarolimek 80-189, Logan Seamans 181-523, Daniel Green 125-297, Michael Howell 126-356, Johnny Wynne 132-352, Jonathan Barger 200-530, Connor Harwell 141-301, Tyler Clark 172-479, Cal Lecroy 137-366.

Results of Grand Prix Super Regional at Plano Super Bowl

The first of two Grand Prix Super Regional Tournaments was held on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at Plano Super Bowl.

All participants must be members of the Texas Grand Prix Scholarship program.

There are 4 classes by age, based on bowlers age on 8/1/16: Bantam – 8 years and

younger; Prep - 9 through 11 years of age; Juniors – ages 12 to 14; and Major – 15 through 18 years, and there is a boys and girls division in each class.

The top 8 in each class and division from each Regional Qualifying Tournament will automatically be seeded into

the State Finals to be held in May 2017.

In all there were 138 entries in this event. The following bowlers are now seeded into the State Finals, and the top 4 bowlers in each division also received scholarships based on number of entries in the class:

Bantam Boys (ages 8 & under):

Place	Name	Scholarship	Home Center
1 st	Luke Henke	\$191	Plano Super Bowl
2 nd	Kyle Wied	\$143	El Campo Bowling Center
3 rd	Peyton Wagner	\$72	300 Bowl, Conroe
4 th	Brady McDonough	\$72	Plano Super Bowl
5 th	Steven Hill		University Bowl, San Antonio
6 th	Brady Pfiel		El Camp Bowling Center
7 th	Cooper Findling		Plano Super Bowl
8 th	Axton Gross		College Bowl, Texarkana

Bantam Girls (ages 8 & under):

Place	Name	Scholarship	Home Center
1 st	Bella Hudson	\$52	Plano Super Bowl
2 nd	Marisa Munguia	\$39	Plano Super Bowl
3 rd	Alystine Gross	\$20	College Bowl, Texarkana

Prep Boys (ages 9-11):

Place	Name	Scholarship	Home Center
1 st	Lane Sparks	\$243	Roseland Bowl-Brenham
2 nd	Noah Raleigh-Turner	\$183	Plano Super Bowl
3 rd	Holden Watson	\$91	El Campo Bowling Center
4 th	Matt Becker	\$91	City View Lanes, Ft. Worth
5 th	Trenton Wagner		300 Bowl, Conroe
6 th	Branigan McClure		Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls
7 th	Cadence Larson		Stadium Bowl, San Angelo
8 th	Thomas BaDour		Mel's Lone Star Lanes, Georgetown

Prep Girls (ages 9-11):

Place	Name	Scholarship	Home Center
1 st	Amber Hill	\$226	University Lanes, SA
2 nd	Sarah Rivich	\$170	Copperfield, Houston
3 rd	Sydney LeClear	\$85	Cityview Lanes, Ft. Worth
4 th	Kiyah Lane	\$85	Village Bowl, Wichita Falls
5 th	Haven Rae Bowle		Stadium Lanes, San Angelo
6 th	Hanna Hamilton		College Bowl, Texarkana
7 th	Heidi Hamilton		College Bowl, Texarkana
8 th	Anastazia Gross		College Bowl, Texarkana

Junior Boys (ages 12-14):

Place	Name	Scholarship	Home Center
1 st	Michael Rivich	\$348	Copperfield Lanes, Houston
2 nd	Matthew Reed	\$261	Plano Super Bowl
3 rd	Gannon Takayesu	\$130	USA Bowl, Dallas
4 th	Aidan Hudson	\$130	Plano Super Bowl
5 th	Michael Melman		USA Bowl, Dallas
6 th	Aaron Coleman		Plano Super Bowl
7 th	George Chewens		Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls
8 th	Kyle Balcar		El Campo Bowling Center

Junior Girls (ages 12-14):

Place	Name	Scholarship	Home Center
1 st	Jaelle Hamman	\$365	Mel's Lonestar Lanes, Georgetown
2 nd	Addy Bates	\$274	Mel's Lonestar Lanes, Georgetown
3 rd	Patricia Himes	\$137	College Bowl, Texarkana
4 th	Caitlyn Chapman	\$137	USA Bowl, Dallas
5 th	Stephanie LeClear		Cityview Lanes, Ft. Worth
6 th	Avery Teets		Highland Lanes, Austin
7 th	Breana Chewens		Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls
8 th	Ann Marie Vasquez		College Bowl, Texarkana

Major Boys (ages 15-18):

Place	Name	Scholarship	Home Center
1 st	Victor Munguia	\$470	Plano Super Bowl
2 nd	Bryce Wagner	\$352	300 Bowl, Conroe
3 rd	Demetri Cotseones	\$176	College Bowl, Texarkana
4 th	Adam Hooten	\$176	300 Bowl, Conroe
5 th	Jonathan Lawler		Stadium Bowl, San Angelo
6 th	Jeremiah Gramly		USA Bowl, Dallas
7 th	Gavin Stutz		Phantom Warriors, Killeen
8 th	Trey Bevels		Plano Super Bowl

Major Girls (ages 15-18):

Place	Name	Scholarship	Home Center
1 st	Sierra Ciesiolka	\$504	Hallmark Lanes, Killeen
2 nd	Asia Wren	\$378	Mel's Lonestar Lanes, Georgetown
3 rd	Ami Richardson	\$189	300 Bowl, Conroe
4 th	Samantha LaClear	\$189	Cityview Lanes, Ft. Worth
5 th	Hailey Keister		Plano Super Bowl
6 th	Hope Gramly		USA Bowl, Dallas
7 th	Veronica Prior		Plano Super Bowl
8 th	Linda Himes		College Bowl, Texarkana

The next Grand Prix Super Regional will be held February 19, 2017 at Fiesta Lanes, New Braunfels, with qualifying squads at 10 AM and noon and finals immediately following the second squad. Entry fee is \$25 for Bantams and Preps, and \$35 for Juniors and Majors.

COLLEGIATE TICKER

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Johansen by a single pin to claim the women's top individual honor for the event with a 1,914 total, a 212.67 average. Emmanuel's Destiny Harper finished third with 1,889, and Saginaw Valley State's Morgan Hatton (1,810) and Wichita State's Ashlyn Herzberg (1,800), finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

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

The Wichita State women cruised to their seventh consecutive Collegiate Shoot-Out title, outdistancing the field by more than 500 pins to finish with an 11,708 total. Webber International finished second with 11,193, and Midland took third with 11,073.

Urbana's Katelyn Hull and Maude Demers paced the six-game block to claim the top spot in the individual standings. Hull led the way with a 1,383 total, a 230.5,

average, while Demers finished second with 1,339. Grand Canyon's Correen Lieber recorded a third-place finish with 1,306, and Wichita State's Laura Plazas (1,278) and West Texas A&M's Kat Rush (1,275) finished in the top five.

Calumet's path to a second consecutive men's title featured a near-perfect 29-1 record to get the Crimson Wave to a 12,445 total, 11 pins ahead of Webber International (12,434). Wichita State finished third with 12,228.

Wichita State's Mitch Hupé, rolled 257 in his final game to take the top spot in the men's individual standings with 1,400, a 233.33 average. Midland's Zach Karr finished second with 1,398, while Calumet's Jeffrey Holden (1,383), Arizona State's Russ Oviatt (1,381) and Urbana's Trey Cooper (1,379) also recorded top-five finishes.

Two additional Tier 1 events are taking place this week in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Results for the Roto Grip Keystone Quaker Collegiate Classic and Lehigh Valley Collegiate Classic will be reported in next week's Collegiate Ticker.

TEAM USA TRIALS

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during the 2016 Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) Tour season.

For youth competitors, Junior Team USA 2017 will consist of 12 boys and 12 girls. The top four boys and top four girls at the 2017 Team USA Trials, based on ranking points, will earn automatic spots, while two additional boys and two additional girls from either the 2017 Team USA Trials or 2016 Junior Gold Championships will be selected by the National Selection Committee.

They will join the six boys

and six girls who already earned their spots on Junior Team USA 2017 through qualifying at the 2016 Junior Gold Championships in Indianapolis.

To be eligible for the U.S. Amateur, a bowler must not currently hold or have held a professional membership (PBA or PWBA) in the preceding year. Also, anyone who has won a professional title (regional, national or senior) as a professional is not eligible to compete as an amateur.

For more information on the USBC Team USA Trials and U.S. National Amateur Bowling Championships, visit BOWL.com/TeamUSATrials.

BEASLEY

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1980s when he was on active duty with the U.S. Air Force. After converting a 9 pin in the second frame, he reeled off seven consecutive strikes and survived a pocket 7-10 split in the ninth frame to defeat Johnson, who was 2 years old when Beasley bowled his first PBA event.

"It's been a great road," Beasley said with a delayed grin. "I was late into bowling, late to the Tour. I just got better with age, like fine wine."

The title match held almost as much drama as the four-player elimination battle that started the telecast, culling the field to the top two scorers for the finale. In the elimination match, Beasley finished with four strikes to lead the group with a 239. Johnson put together a late string of six strikes, adding a nine-count on his fill ball for 236. Denmark's Thomas Larsen, a two-time

PBA International-World Bowling Tour winner, appeared a lock for the final match, but left four pins standing on his final shot for a 235. And veteran PBA Central Regional competitor Patrick Dombrowski of Parma, Ohio, struggled to a 182 in his national television debut.

In the championship match, Beasley was a man on a mission.

"I began to doubt I'd ever win because of the injuries," he said. "I fell off a ladder eight years ago and shattered my wrist, which cost me a year. Then I had to throw 13 pounds at the World Series that year (and cashed in three out of five events). Then I was out of bowling for two-and-a-half years with hip and back injuries.

"I saw nine different specialists. I had four tell me to do surgery, two said don't, but I met a great surgeon who does reconstruction for people who have had a crushed pelvis in

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Lawrence, Malott Romp to PBA50/PBA Houston Southwest Doubles Title

Houston, Texas, (December 22, 2016) – Past U.S. Open champions Robert Lawrence of Austin, Texas, and Wes Malott from Pflugerville, Texas, teamed up to dominate the fourth annual PBA50/PBA Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Doubles, presented by Bowling Dynamix, Sunday, winning by 675 pins over Jay Nephew, of Houston, and his partner, D.J. Archer, from Spring, Texas.

The winning duo led the eight-game qualifying portion of the event by 68 pins ahead of Nephew and Archer. Lawrence and Malott then charged into a commanding lead in the 12-game round-robin match play finals, crushing their opponents the first four games with team games of 509, 492, 509 and 488 and they never looked back. They swept all 12 matches as they cruised to the \$5,000 winners' check and Lawrence's fourth regional title – but first in 24 years.

Nephew and Archer held on to second place with 9,625 pins, safely ahead of defending champions Pete Thomas of Oklahoma City and Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, who had a 9,408 total. Nephew and Archer split the \$2,500 runner-up prize. Thomas and Lavery-Spahr settled for \$1,400.

The PBA50/PBA Houston Southwest Doubles Open was part of the QubicaAMF PBA Regional Tour. For more information about QubicaAMF, visit www.qubicaamf.com or, for social media posts, visit <http://bit.ly/QAMFSponsorship1>

The Southwest Region's next event is the PBA FireLake TOC Southwest Open, February 10-12, at FireLake Lanes in Shawnee, Okla. That event, which precedes the PBA FireLake Tournament of Champions, will qualify eligible PBA Regional, PBA50 and/or PWBA-PBA Women's Regional champions to join the 96-player Tournament of Champions field in addition to being a traditional PBA Regional event.

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Emerald Bowl, Houston, Texas, Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 game, including match play bonus pins):

1. Robert Lawrence, Del Valle, Texas/Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 12-0, 10,300, \$5,000. 2. Jay Nephew, Houston, Texas/D.J. Archer, Kingwood, Texas, 8-4, 9,625, \$2,500. 3. Pete Thomas - Oklahoma City/ Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 8- 4, 9408, \$1400. 4. Rick Minier –Houston/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 7- 4-1, 9403, \$1250. 5. John Burkett, Southlake, Texas/Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 6- 5-1, 9294, \$1170. 6. Kenneth Bland, Cibola, Texas/ n-Allan Smith, League City, Texas, 5- 7, \$1130.

7. n-Derek Williams, Derek D., Groves, Texas,/n- Pritts, Ted - Little Elm, Texas, 5- 7, 9284, \$1100. 8. Mike Austin, Conroe, Texas/ Derrick Woods, Houston, Texas, 5- 7, 9010, \$1080. 9. n-Mark Busscher, Alvin, Texas/n-Eric Traylor, Pearland, Texas, 5-7, 8990, \$1060. 10. n-Daniel Inocencio, College Station, Texas/ n-Tyler Wright, Gonzales, La, 3- 9, 8918, \$1040. 11. Rick Lawrence, Waxahachie, Texas/Dylan Ma-

con, Lubbock, Texas, 5- 7, 8715, \$1020. 12. n-Lee Lorts, Katy, Texas/ Bryan Viator, Seabrook, Texas, 2-10, 8384, \$1000. n-denotes non-member 300 game: Harrell Brooks

BEASLEY

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a car accident, and he said he knew exactly what my problem was. He did scans and MRIs, and found the issue and told me not to do fusion surgery because it would destroy my other hip and continue to destroy my back. So with lots of physical therapy and rest, it finally started to get better."

Beasley, shortly after his retirement from 20 years of service with the Air Force, returned to bowling in 2014 and won a PBA "super" regional in Lubbock, Texas. Then he traveled to the PBA World Series of Bowling where he met Ingelimar Contreras, a three-time Venezuela Woman Bowler of the Year, and they got married a month later. And now he has a great support system.

"I've kept on learning along
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At Red Bird Lanes

Workman fires 689, Cathey blisters 684

Mike Workman outscored the bowlers last week at Red Bird Lanes with a booming 223-258-208 = 689 Sunday Night Mixed series.

Lauren Cathey led the lady bowlers with a salutary 278-226-180 = 684 Career Girls session.

HONOR ROLL

Cindy Howell 223-562, Rosemary Hunsaker 214-562, Gary Hawkins 223-658, Richard Williams 256-654, Chance Cathey (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 300-1114, Lauren Cathey (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 255-951.

Julie Sellers 175-474, Naomi Townsend 182-477, Douglas Pfeil 224-622, Deanna Hoffman 195-518,

Evan Dahl 223-636, Brent Rodgers 224-600, Wesley Kennedy 231-666, Janean Baker 184-494.

William Moore 237-652, John DeCapua 235-652, Rosemary Hunsaker 214-530, Johnny Malone 248-655, Clydene Murphy 213-545, Glenn Goodrich 227-604, Angela Chalmers 221-580.

Doug Mitchell 214-594, Antonia Jackson 187-474, Jimmie Hawkins 187-472, Betty Anderson 157-469, Jennifer Sosebee 214-608, Tommy Moreland 203-582, Lena Williams 171-461.

Chandler Robinson (2 games) 144-280, Louanne McGhee (2 games) 123-228.

At Ennis All Star Bowl

Lawrence books 676

Rick Lawrence booked a banner 257-235-184 = 676 Ennis Mixed Classic series to lead the scoring for the week at Ennis All Star Bowl.

Christy Antle and Cyndy McKenrick, also from the Ennis Mixed Classic group, paced the ladies with a sparkling 589 set. Christy rolled lines of 194-198-197 while Cyndy downed games of 246-168-175.

HONOR ROLL

Tracy Holloway 192-536, Melissa Miller 144-363, Rob Casella 146-354, Benny Butler (9 pin, no tap) 264-882, Leslie Ann Brackney (9 pin, no tap) 190-711, Brian Butler (9 pin, no tap) 278-835.

April Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 198-670, Tracy Holloway (9 pin, no tap) 254-807, Amber Schiffner (9 pin, no tap) 151-496, Gary Thomas 278-651, Ryne McKenrick 215-571, Billy Cathey 246-618.

Lauren Cathey 214-557, John Gray 216-518, Mikayla Davis 200-560, Robert Sessom 200-498, Mary Sikes 207-540, Tracy Holloway 187-490, Terry Pefuhl 182-488, Tracy Holloway 197-548.

Melissa Miller 140-357, Danny Tabb 156-436, Cheryl Tabb 94-247, Rob Casella 134-351, Tracy Holloway

(9 pin, no tap) 252-855, Leslie Ann Brackney (9 pin, no tap) 265-990, Brian Butler (9 pin, no tap) 253-825. April Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 207-659, Benny Butler (9 pin, no tap) 246-821, Amber Schiffner (9 pin, no tap) 122-456, Mike Williamson 247-639, Cyndy McKenrick 246-589, Paul Toal 245-636.

Christy Antle 216-580, Rick Lawrence 233-614, Ryne McKenrick 181-533, Tracy Holloway 214-549, Tammy Jones 187-470, Ricky Slack 179-521, Mary Sikes 172-450, John Gray 193-518.

Eva Dionne 151-422, Tracy Holloway 206-540, Melissa Miller 136-366, Danny Tabb 149-434, Rob Casella 126-334, Brian Butler (9 pin, no tap) 278-892, Leslie Ann Brackney (9 pin, no tap) 216-796.

Tice Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 277-889, April Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 186-651, Tracy Holloway (9 pin, no tap) 277-874, Amber Schiffner (9 pin, no tap) 153-491, Rick Lawrence 258-643.

Christy Antle 198-552, Tice Hopkins 255-620, Ryne McKenrick 170-491, John Gray 205-586, Lauren Cathey 192-459, Ricky Slack 214-568, Terry Pefuhl 212-586, Tracy Holloway 190-548.

Myrna Adams 175-432, Billy Adams 196-537, Mary Sikes 169-409.



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ROBLAW

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U.S. Open victory), I struggled with equipment, the new resin balls were a challenge for me. I was competitive but not winning, and then came the injuries. I hurt my shoulder but didn't know how bad it was and just tried to bowl through it. Ultimately I had surgery in 1999 and it took a while to get my game back. Then when I was getting close, I fell off the roof and broke my leg in seven places. My doctor wasn't sure I would ever bowl again, walking was going to be a challenge, and then I just got old," said Rob.

Quitting however, was not an option for Robert, he kept practicing, kept working on his game, and continued to have good tournaments, just no PBA wins.

In the last year, he spent time working on his game with fellow Austin residents Clara Guerrero and Malott, and over the course of the last six months has him feeling about as good as he physically can, and likes the way his game has been progressing.

"This was the 4th year that we have bowled together in this event. The first year he bowled great, but I didn't hold up my end and we finished 13th. He really bowled well enough for us to win every year; we got 7th the second

year, and 4th last year. This year I held up my end by averaging almost 240, but Big Wes still beat me," said Lawrence.

It wasn't a surprise for Robert to find out it had been over two decades since his last PBA win, it's been on his mind and he knew the count. He's just happy to experience the thrill again.

"I was proud of what I had gone through with the injuries. You keep just trying to get better and eventually it will work out...someday. I didn't want to quit, I wanted to keep going. I love the game and have my whole life. Quitting was not an option; this is what I love to do," he said on thoughts after the victory.

This win gives him the confidence to keep doing what he loves, and to keep doing it against the best. On the heels of this victory, he decided he will bowl the regular USBC Masters in 2017, and is looking for other big events where he can shoe up.

RobLaw is a man who has many friends and people supporting him to be successful, none more so than his longtime friend Del Ballard.

Ballard was sending text messages to both Malott and Lawrence as they were bowling the finals, with most of the messages containing the sharp content that Del is famous for.

However as the doubles team was getting closer and closer to victory, the messages

softened in content.

"I really got the soft side of Del; I could tell that he was seriously happy for me and it felt wonderful," Lawrence added. "That was really the most surprising part; all of the Facebook messages I received and all the congratulations from fellow bowlers I just didn't expect, but it felt really good."

It really shouldn't be a surprise for Robert as he has always been one of the most well liked competitors you could find.

No matter how tough the times may have been for Robert, he was always there with a smile on his face. I can't say that about anybody else I have ever bowled with.

There was a time when he was one of the very best bowlers on the planet, a man I would consider as dangerous and difficult to beat as anybody around.

His game was so good; he made an immediate impact the minute he turned professional and went out on tour. He made the finals every week and challenged the TV show on a regular basis.

Robert was the strikingest bowler there was in the late 80's and early 90's.

Now for the best news...he ain't done yet!



LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

Norm Duke wins 25th career PBA title at the Columbia 300 Classic in West Babylon, NY...Colin Kyle led the honor roll with 300/858 at Plano...Steve Shaffer shot 300-300/831 at Killeen Bowlerama...Ryan Boroff had 300/828 at DC Cityview...Sandi Irvine Charles led the ladies with 795 at Killeen Bowlerama...Dana Mackie shot 757 at Tenpins & More...Shemeddra Clark had 736 at Plano...Mitch Beasley defeats Tyler Jensen to win the Resident Pro Invitational in Reno...Youth bowler, Jordan Vanover won the 32 game marathon at DC Cityview, 32 games in one day!!!

20 YEARS AGO

Tish Johnson becomes the first female to win the Super Hoinke Classic, and earns \$100,000 for the effort...Chris Warren quits the PBA tour with tour titles and an ABC Masters...Mike Orlovsky takes \$30,000 for High Roller Sr. Classic...Mickie Archer, Susie Minshew and Carole Rutledge inducted into the FW Hall of Fame...Eddy Kelly led the honor roll with 300/846 at Western...Leon Herron with 811 at Triangle...Glyn Thomas shot 804 at Longview...Kelly Stroud led the ladies with 769 at Western...Val Goss shot 730 at AMF Hurst...Esther Navarro with 707 at Hallmark...Michael Brown wins NABI at BRC Watauga...Bobby Wacker is the 1996 Killeen-Fort Hood Bowler of the Year.

30 YEARS AGO

Don Gano and Greg Robinson buy Fiesta bowl in Garland...Tim Distefano wins Christmas MBT at DC West, and \$5000!...Susie Reichley wins LPBT Regional in Houston over Donna Conners...Jack Shuffler named Executive Director of the Greater Dallas Bowling Proprietors Association...Dale Reynolds led the honor roll with 300/800 at DC West...David Brewster shot 773 at Circle...Jim Privitt with 770 at Blazer...Susie Reichley led the ladies with 673 at DC West...Sue Gregory had 671 at Bowl Dallas...Terry Hadley and Billy Morrow win MBT Doubles...JD Fine wins \$5000 for Tournament of Champions ACBA title at Blazer.



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January 7-8	Crossroads Bowl	Beaumont, Tx.	Member/Guest Doubles
January 21-22	Cityview	Fort Worth, Tx.	Age Bracket
February 4-5	Cityview	Fort Worth, Tx.	70/60/50/50 Foursome
February 11-12	Planet Bowl	Midwest City, Ok.	Member/Guest Doubles
February 25-26	All Star Lanes	Shreveport, La.	Claude Thomas Singles
March 4-5	Emerald Bowl	Houston, Tx.	Age Bracket
March 11-12	Kenner	Kenner, La.	60/50/Guest Trio
March 25-26	Red Bird Lanes	Duncanville, Tx.	Non-Champ Singles
April 1-2	Firelake	Shawnee, Ok.	Regular Singles
April 15-16	Cowtown	Fort Worth, Tx.	Super Senior/Guest Doubles
April 29-30	Astro Super Bowl	San Antonio, Tx.	60/50/Guest Trio
May 5-6	Cowtown	Fort Worth, Tx.	70/60/50/Guest Foursome
May 20-21	University Lanes	Denton, Tx.	Super Senior Singles
May 27-28	Armadilla I	Pasadena, Tx.	Open Member/Guest
June 17-18	Cityview Lanes	Fort Worth, Tx.	70/60/50/Guest
June 24-25	Oil Bowl	Longview, Tx.	Member/Guest Doubles
July 1-3	Plano Super Bowl	Plano, Tx.	Firecracker
July 15-16	Armadilla I	Pasadena, Tx.	Age Bracket
July 22-23	Tomball Bowl	Tomball, Tx.	Member/Guest Doubles
Aug. 5-6	Ennis All Star Lanes	Ennis, Tx.	Member/Member Doubles
Aug. 12-13	Emerald Bowl	Houston, Tx.	Age Bracket
Aug. 26-27	Cowtown	Fort Worth, Tx.	Non-Champs
Sept. 2-3	University Lanes	Denton, Tx.	70/60 Doubles
Sept. 9-10	USA Bowl	Dallas, Tx.	60/50/Lady Trio
Sept. 23-24	Cityview	Fort Worth, Tx.	Annual Championship
Sept. 30-Oct. 1	USA Bowl	Dallas, Tx.	70/60/50 Trio
Oct. 14-15	Cowtown	Fort Worth, Tx.	Regular Trio
Oct. 21-22	Del Mar	Houston, Tx.	Regular Singles
Nov. 4-5	Plano Super Bowl	Plano, Tx.	Mixed Foursome
Nov. 11-12	Hog Pin Bowl	Lawton, Ok.	Member/Guest Doubles
Dec. 2-3	All Star Lanes	Shreveport, La.	Member/Guest Doubles
Dec. 9-10	Cowtown	Fort Worth, Tx.	Annual Team

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the way," Beasley added. "The more you learn, the better you get.

"I expected to win. If you expect not to win, you won't win. I've paid my dues. I've put in the time and effort. I fixed things that needed to be fixed."

At Plano Super Bowl

A Lavery-Spahr banks 300/300/864, Johnson mints 774

Pritts 300/834, Plagens 300/813, Craddock 300/802, Gengelbach, Groom, House 300's, Chancellor, Oulicky, Richey 299's

Anthony Lavery-Spahr ended as the number-one bowler of the week at Plano Super Bowl with an award-winning 264-300-300 = 864 Thursday Classic Trio series.

There were an abundance of high-series honors awarded this week as Ted Pritts from Monday Classic league followed Lavery-Spahr with a 300/834 series, while Mark Plagens finished with a 300/813 Thursday Classic outing and Scott Craddock ended with a 300/802 Sportsman set.

Stefanie Johnson held the top spot for the ladies with a blue-ribbon 249-278-247 = 774 Las Vegas Doubles set.

Kurt Gengelbach, Chris Groom and Robert House shared high-game accolades with

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Final Standings:
1, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., \$20,000.
2, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., \$10,000.

3, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, \$5,000.

4, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, \$5,000.

Stepladder Results:
Elimination Match (top two scores advanced): Beasley 239, Johnson 236, Larsen 235, Dombrowski 182.

Championship: Beasley def. Johnson, 246-237.

Lavery-Spahr, Pritts, Plagens and Craddock as each rolled perfect 300's. Glen Chancellor, Debby Oulicky and Don Richey shared runner-up honors with near-perfect 299 solos.

HONOR ROLL

James Morrison 247-693, Becky Banks 209-571, Metin Baydere 278-705, Cathy Sposito 217-618, Justin Pittsinger (4 games) 277-843, Gary Peterson 185-544, Brenda Helm 171-473, Christy Bricker 268-736.

Bill Ferguson 259-734, Wendi Lehr 213-628, Bobby Weeks 259-720, Sierra Gibbons 258-678, Tommy Yetts, Jr. 245-659, Peggy Ludwig 215-587, Dale Keeney 239-655, Susan Lee 220-644.

Lynn Jests 222-604, Marilyn Frantz 226-486, Meya Washington 235-648, David Rhoades 249-701, Shanna Littlecreek 203-587, Linda Maeder

191-545, John McCall 219-611, Phyllis Haynes 181-494.

Robert Wenner 259-724, Elaine Barnes 253-659, Eric Hoyle 258-685, Kelly Frey 216-566, Stacy Starry 267-713, George Vaughn 257-704, Linda Davidson 222-540, Hector Macedo 181-528.

Emily Ryan 183-501, Karleen Reynolds 229-623, Rick Swanson 238-643, Debbie Whitson 170-501, Eddie Sockwell 252-715, Ann Powell 213-584, Anthony Lavery (4 games) 269-1043.

Lisa Wasson (4 games) 265-971, Warren Conerly 268-748, Patty Ellington 244-718, Mark Roubadeaux 278-697, Pam Garcia 241-600, Chris Russell 268-736, Jaimie Price 183-527, David Dytko 250-681.

Cindy Mann 216-581, Gary Suder 247-642, Jennifer Upton 171-438.

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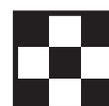


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at Cowtown Bowling Palace Saturday, December 10. Phil Prieto, Ben Edwards, Donald Robinson and Les Burnham were inducted into the SASBA Hall of Fame.

Pete Thomas received Senior Bowler of the Year, Super Senior Bowler of the Year is Rick Minier, 70 Bowler of the Year is Bob McGregor and Rookie of the Year was given to Billy Oatman.

Lewis Ray Sportmanship award was given to Butch Calvert.

Jeff Janssen received the Presidents Award.

Mark Waldrep and Mike Cox were awarded the Jim King "Ironman" Award and David Rountree joined the One Million Pins Club.



Phil Prieto



Ben Edwards



Pete Thomas



Mark Waldrep



Mark Waldrep



Jeff Janssen



Butch Calvert



PBA Spare Shots

SWEDEN'S LARSEN, USA'S McEWAN LEAD QUALIFIERS FOR WORLD BOWLING TOUR FINALS

Sweden's Martin Larsen and Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., are the top qualifiers for the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the PBA, which will air live as part of an ESPN doubleheader on Sunday, Feb. 26, from The Orleans Bowling Center in Las Vegas. The WBT Finals will immediately follow the ESPN telecast of the USBC Masters finals.

Larsen was the points leader in PBA International-World Bowling Tour men's qualifying in 2016, earning 146 points to nip Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas (142), and Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash. (133). Sweden's Jesper Svensson finished fourth with 128 points and Australia's Jason Belmonte was fifth with 125 points.

McEwan led the women's points race with 230, comfortably ahead of Colombia's Anggie Ramirez (158) and Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y. (100). Summer Jasmin of Beckley, W.Va., was fourth

with 80 points and Venezuela's Ingelimar Beasley, now living in Clarksville, Tenn., was fifth with 70 points.

The WBT Finals will pay the winners \$20,000. Second place is \$10,000 and third pays

\$5,000.

ENTRIES OPEN FOR FIRE-LAKE PBA TOC, BARBASOL PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Entries are now being accepted for the 2017 Barbasol PBA Players Championship,

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Walter Ray Williams Jr. & Friends Win Trios Event in Virginia for PBA Record 100th Title

HARRISONBURG, Va. – Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., with the help of partners Dennis Lane and Dick Allen, became the first player in PBA history to win a combined total of 100 PBA titles Sunday when the trio won the PBA/PBA50/PBA60 Decker

Appraisal Services Baker Trios title, presented by Hammer, at Valley Lanes.

Williams, as the PBA50 player in the group, won his 10th PBA50 Regional title to go along with his 47 PBA Tour titles, 32 PBA Regional titles and 11 PBA50 Tour titles. With his win, Williams broke a tie

with fellow hall of famer Pete Weber in their race to become the first 100-title winner in PBA history.

“It was quite amazing watching Walter Ray strike in the 10th to win his 100th title,” said Kyle Troup, the PBA player on the runner-up team.

Williams’ team defeated top qualifiers Kenny Parks, Dale Csuhta and Troup, 213-201, in the title match to share a \$5,100 first prize.

California Bowling Writers Commemorate Chuck Pezzano

In memory of one of the PBA’s most revered hall of famers, the California Bowling Writers presented a plaque in Chuck Pezzano’s memory to the PBA during GEICO WSOB VIII. CBW life member Jackie Wyckoff presented PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark with the Chuck Pezzano PBA Media Room plaque that will be displayed at all future PBA Tour events in his memory.

Pezzano, who died in 2015 at age 86, was one of the most

prolific bowling writers in history, contributing to more than 100 publications around the world. He was a charter member of the PBA Hall of Fame.



Vargo 267-670, Stacie Parrish 187-510, Noel Hatfield 269-658, Stacie Parrish 195-518, Mike Valle 257-667, Stacie Parrish 204-585, Lucky Luck 232-661.

Stacie Parrish 175-476, Tim O’Connor 232-682, Christy Harwood 160-409, Steve Underwood 223-599, Geri O’Connor 165-478, Rooster King 226-624, Geri O’Connor 155-452.

Rooster King 235-649, Geri O’Connor 159-436.

SENIORS

Jack Anderson 220-567, Nancy Rago 173, Jack Anderson 207-563, Anna Mae Petrey 171-474, Pete Gomez 246-621, Nancy Rago 168-482, Bill Barber 279-724, Anna Mae Petrey 209-521.



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At Pin Center Bowl

Gravie dunks 729, Dupree drops 611

CLEBURNE – Steve Gravie racked up a rousing 240-258-231 = 729 PCB Masters series to earn the top spot on the honor roll last month at Pin Center Bowl.

Bethany Dupree, Gravie’s league mate, booked a banner 193-192-226 = 611 set to earn fem scoring laurels.

HONOR ROLL

Steve Gravie 265-711, Debbie Harth 235-542, Danny Bergman 236-685, Bethany Dupree 248-588, Mike Valle 279-683, Debbie Harth 201-583, James McClung (9 pin, no tap) 277-775.

Linda McCurdy (9 pin, no tap) 147-429, James McClung (9 pin, no tap) 276-700, Natalie Grigsby (9 pin, no tap) 182-509, Jerry Moore (9 pin, no tap) 242-668, Natalie Grigsby (9 pin, no tap) 161-427.

Jerry Moore (9 pin, no tap) 256-684, Natalie Grigsby (9 pin, no tap) 172-432, Sohn Dupree 232-681, Delena Murray 211-500, Mario Marquez 285-726, Sharon Merkel 196-439, Danny Bergman 268-682.

Anna Mae Petrey 176-516, Joe

At Stadium Lanes

McKinney topples 765, Williams taps 644

SAN ANGELO, TX – Ricky McKinney tossed a hard hitting 765 City series to head the honor roll for the month at Stadium Lanes.

Sarah Williams posted a tidy 259/644 Slaves & Masters set to lead the ladies.

HONOR ROLL

Phil Bailey 268, Rhi Dibbin 184, Buffy Geffers 508, Cat Taylor 188, Becky Martin 592, Al Powell Jr. 279, Janis Baucom 226, Ryan Gant 760, Sarah Williams 595, Ski Lisewsky 235, Kathy Glass 206.

Gary Glass 559, Elizabeth Kitch 544, Dana Edwards 290, Travis Tribolet 747, Ted Smith 268, Stephanie Zengerie 228, Jeff Knopp 698, Leslie Beal 509.

SENIORS

Clyde Kennemer 244, Laura Freitag 221, Phil Bailey 763, Elaine Jones 582, Phil Bailey 247-728, Mary Sawyer 182, Laura Freitag 538.

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THE SOUTHWEST REPORT



Up Your Average
By Susie Minshew

These Lanes Are Terrible
I am going to stand here and throw there each and every week of league and every tournament and if doesn't work, these lanes are just terrible. Waaa, waaa, waaa. As Fred Borden says, that translates to, "I don't know how to bowl." Gripping about lane conditions is like griping about the weather.

If you don't like the rain, get an umbrella; something to help you deal with the rain. Same thing with bowling. If the lanes aren't acting like "normal" or like they do at your home house, change something! Throwing the same shot over and over to make it work, won't.

There was a house I dreaded

going to for travel league. Everybody griped and no one scored as well as they did other places. It would have been easier to only suffer through going there the two or three times a year we had to go, commiserating with everyone about how bad it was, but I wouldn't have learned anything doing it that way.

The best way to understand what was happening would be to join a league there, so I did. I was too inexperienced in my early career to recognize the signals the house was giving me. It was very gratifying to finally conquer that center and get a couple of

honor scores there. Some of the things I learned to do there (like shooting the 10 pin from the 2nd arrow), have served me well in both my bowling and coaching careers.

Throwing the ball

We really did used to have to throw the ball. Then they rounded off the corners so now we can roll it.

When really good bowlers make a shot, they don't leave anything in the bag. They bring everything to every shot. This often looks like they are throwing hard, coming out of

their shoes as it were. They are not. They roll the ball, coming completely through every shot, neither tentative nor uncommitted. They would rather go down in flames than miss because they were doubtful.

Any shot thrown with the slightest doubt will fail, even if it strikes. What??? How can a strike be a fail? Well, can you repeat that exact amount of doubt...be exactly that careful? Nope. But you can fully commit to every shot. "All in" is a method you for sure can repeat.

PBA SPARE SHOTS

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Feb. 6-12 at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio, and the 2017 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions, Feb. 13-19 at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.

The TOC will include a field of 96 players of which 72 are reserved for PBA Tour title holders. An additional 24 PBA Regional, PBA50, PWBA-PBA Women's Regional and/or PBA Women's Series champions will qualify during a special TOC Regional event that will precede the TOC.

PBA members planning to compete in the TOC must have

a confirmed reservation at the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort at the time of entry; please be sure to include your reservation number with your entry. The rate of \$109 for a single or double occupancy is available by calling (405) 964-7777 and using the code 1702102107 or at www.GrandShawnee.com (enter the code under "Group Code").

Eligible PBA Tour champions who want to participate must submit their entries by no later than Friday, Jan. 13 at 5 p.m. ET. Spots reserved for PBA Tour title holders that are not filled will be added to the spots coming out of the Regional Qualifier. To enter the TOC, contact PBA Tournament Entries Coordinator Mary von

Krueger (email: maryvk@pba.com; phone: (206) 332-9688).

QUBICA AMF PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: WILLIAMS, LANE, ALLEN WIN TRIOS EVENT

PBA60 competitor Dennis Lane, PBA Tour champion Dick Allen and PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. defeated Ken Parks, Dale Csuhata and Kyle Troup, 213-201, to win the PBA South Region's Decker Appraisal PBA/PBA50/PBA60 Baker Trios event presented by Hammer at Valley Lanes in Harrisonburg, Va., Sunday.

Williams, in the PBA50 role, struck in the 10th frame to seal the victory and pick up his 11th PBA50 Regional title to go along with his record 47 PBA Tour titles, 32 PBA Regional titles and 10 PBA50 Tour titles for a composite total of 100 PBA titles. Williams had been tied with fellow PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber with 99 combined titles until Sunday.

This was the third time the PBA South Region hosted the multi-age trio event, but the first time it was hosted by Valley Lanes. Each member of the winning team earned a \$1,700 share of the \$5,100 first prize.

In the first stepladder match, Lane, Williams and Allen defeated the team of Ross McDonald, Thad Rand and Richie Wolfe from Rapidan, Va., 218-168, to advance to the title match.

QubicaAMF PBA Regional competition in the new year gets underway over the Jan. 20-22 weekend at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas with the South Point West Challenge for non-champions, and the South Point member/non-member doubles, both presented by Track. The PBA Central Region also returns to action with the PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Central Doubles Classic at Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

The Jan. 27-29 weekend includes the PBA and PBA50 Sands Regency West/Northwest Winter Classic doubleheader presented by Storm at the National Bowling Stadium in

At Western Bowl

Gentry rolls 297/812, Chandler claims 704

Merrill 803, Scroggins 802, Gentry, Riechert 300's

AMARILLO - Mike Gentry was definitely on target last month at Western Bowl as he dominated scoring with a superb 279-297-236 = 812 Friday Nite RunArounds league performance.

Steve Merrill and Mike Scroggins finished close behind Gentry with an award-winning 279/803 NTO, Sr. session and a 268/802 Skylighters series, respectively.

Candra Chandler was the leader for the ladies with pin-spilling 256-246-202 = 704 Pantex Mixed numbers.

Mike Gentry and John Riechert shared high-game honors as each recorded award-winning perfectos.

HONOR ROLL

John Riechert 783, Mike Gentry 777, Brian Collier 279-765, Jeff Chaparro 279-761, Isaac Davis 268-760, John Riechert 277-753, Nathan Herring 257-750, Jeff Campbell 289-748, Terry Thome 256-739.

Darrel Davis 264-737, Chris Foshee 268-736, Ben Hilmers 279-734, Nathan Herring 259-734, Tyler Albracht 267-

734, Jacob Burton 269-733, Gary Dunn 280-731, Mike Gentry 254-728.

David Frazier 278-726, Darrel Davis 265-725, Patrick Clark 245-721, Chris Fox 721, Wayne Williams 720, Mark Payne 248-717, Terry Thome 266-717, Dan Hendren 268-715, Billy Watson 279-709.

Ross Hayward 279-709, Gary Dunn 257-704, Robert Sowle 259-701, Brian Brown 239-701, Connie Moorman 288-701, Cindy Brock 264-682, Connie Moorman 249-663, Diane Hasty 268-662.

Connie Moorman 264-654, Kyla Collier 224-650, Candra Chandler 228-647, Cindy Brock 236-645, Carrie Wichers 640, Candra Chandler 245-639, Kaycie Wertz 636, Carrie Wichers 265-636.

Valerie VanMarter 213-634, Bonnie Cross 278-634, Becky Farrah 219-631, Carrie Wichers 628, Brenda McMahon 214-625, Kaycie Wertz 229-613, Samantha Fox 209-612, Bonnie Cross 205-606.

Connie Moorman 217-605, Kyla Collier 204-602, Carrie Wichers 210-602, Debra Shannon 214-600, Mindy Lambricht 215-600.

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Celebrity and PBA Tour Player Lineup Announced for 2017 Chris Paul Family Foundation PBA Celebrity Invitational Jan. 17 at Lucky Strike LA Live

LOS ANGELES – The Professional Bowlers Association and the Chris Paul Family Foundation have announced the celebrity and PBA Tour player lineup for the Chris Paul Family Foundation PBA Celebrity Invitational which will be held Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Lucky Strike LA Live in downtown

Los Angeles. Tournament host, LA Clippers guard and nine-time NBA All-Star Chris Paul, defending champion former NFL star Terrell Owens and Boston Red Sox All-star outfielder and 2016 Major League MVP finalist Mookie Betts headline the list of celebrities scheduled to com-

pete in the eighth fundraiser which benefits the Chris Paul Family Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting education, health, sports and social responsibility.

PBA Tour stars scheduled to compete in the Celebrity Invitational are:

- EJ Tackett, 2016 PBA World Championship winner and five-time Tour titlist
- Pete Weber, PBA Hall of Famer and 37-time PBA Tour winner
- Chris Barnes, former

Player of the Year and 18-time Tour winner

- Sean Rash, former Player of the Year and 11-time Tour winner

- Tommy Jones, former Player of the Year and 18-time Tour winner

A Chris Paul Family Foundation Invitational regular, Owens won last year's event with Weber as his partner. Two additional celebrities will be announced at a later date.

Celebrity bowlers who have participated in previous

events include NBA stars LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, Blake Griffin, Rudy Gay and Kevin Durant; National Football League stars Michael Strahan, Hines Ward, LaMarr Woodley, Reggie Bush, and C.J. Anderson; hip-hop stars Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Lil Wayne and Nelly, television personality Chris Hardwick, comedian/motion picture star Kevin Hart and television star Jesse Williams.

VIP and Premium Seat ticket packages for the ESPN taping of the event are available at bit.ly/chrispaul17

- \$350 VIP package - Includes meet & greet, dinner, open bar, premium seat and signed pin.

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The Celebrity Invitational

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Reno, Nev. The weekend also will include a Sands Regency West/Northwest Winter Challenge event for non-champions.

For complete QubicaAMF PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information heading into the new year, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on QubicaAMF Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area. For more information about QubicaAMF, visit www.qubicaamf.com or, for social media posts, visit <http://bit.ly/QAMFSponsorship1>.

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interviews with several of the PBA's star players, you can find them all within the Xtra Frame archive.

The series of interviews include light-hearted chats with Anthony Simonsen, Chris Barnes, Tom Daugherty, Sean Rash, Ryan Ciminelli, Jason Belmonte, Jesper Svensson, Dom Barrett and Gary Faulkner Jr.

At Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama

Ringener racks up 688

BIG SPRING, TX – Philip Ringener headed the leader boards last month at Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama after booking a banner 247-224-217 = 688 Wednesday Nite Trio set.

HONOR ROLL

Sheila Armstrong 203, Tammy Newton 200, Charlie Campbell 234-679, Thomas Booth 237-667, John Dodd 227-643, Philip Ringener 243-621, Eddie Gonzales, Jr. 227-608, Steve Barker 235.

Pete Garcia, Jr. 233, Richie Ewing 232, Sam Gonzales, Sr. 224, Armando Gutierrez 215, Richard Rowden 202, Jay Nettles 205, Martin Leija 206, Jackson

Thompson 213, Mark Lozano, Sr. 215.

Victor Coats 213, Fred Gutierrez 213, Michael P Leuschner 212, Ray Gutierrez 224, Jay Nettles 205, Joe Roemisch 201, Gary Kelly 257-674, Eddie Gonzales, Sr. 257-633, Michael Holt 240-631.

Claud Fryar 235, Chase Holt 229, Kathy Ewing 209, Terri Woolverton 202, Eddie Gonzales Jr. 255-667, Monty Hendricks 248, Junior Barber 222, Marc Yabarra 214, Mark Thompson 200.

John Dodd 255-662, Eddie Gonzales, Jr. 214-633, Patrick Hill 201, Mike Calvio 202.

At Mel's Lone Star Lanes

Stafford soaks in 297/812, Newell lands 700

Hawk 296/804, Stafford 300

GEORGETOWN – Scott Stafford made it rain strikes in the Thursday Thunder league by firing a 268-247-297 = 812 series at Mel's Lone Star Lanes last month. Stafford also captured high-game honors with an award-winning 12-bagger.

Mike Hawk, Stafford's league mate, finished close behind with a 296/804 outing.

Rebecca Newell was the leader on the ladies' side by filling up the score sheet with 246-198-256 = 700 numbers in Pot O Gold action.

HONOR ROLL

Charlie Buxton 256-748, Rayeanne Cawthon 184-554, Ryan Kiive-Logston 277-786, Tonja Jones 217-581, Rebecca Newell 245-689, John Allmon 276-781, Doug Patton 259-709, Lyndsey Culvelier 222-615.

Wanda Clark 235-610, Jason Case 252-701, Tammie Sander 188-537, John Waliczek 259-729, Rachel Masterson 203-538, Larry Herrin 254-704, Teri Goodwin 175-466.

SENIORS

Guy Guyette 263-699, Wanda Clark 209-587, Lee Forster 258-680, Martha Thompson 180-542.

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5. Bowlers will use one of the following averages: Current ITA average based on 36 games as of January 1st, 2017 72 game ITA average. Bowlers not having an ITA average will use their highest 2015-16 USBC book average or Current average of 36 games or more as of January 28th, 2017. All others will bowl scratch. (210)
6. Handicap will be 80% of 210 for both men and women for brackets and side pots. Bowlers without an ITA Average shall have a maximum handicap of 40 pins for men and 60 pins for women per game.

SEE TOURNAMENT FLYER FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

THE SOUTHWEST REPORT

Zavjalova Claims Qatar Open Title

PBA member Diana Zavjalova defeated Sweden's Pontus Andersson, 474-427, in

the two-game title match of the Qatar Open at Qatar Bowling Center in Doha.

At Terrell

Witt rocks 299/813, Bell logs 704

TERRELL – Jay Witt led the high-score chase last month at Terrell Bowling Center with a high-flying 278-236-299 = 813 Tuesday Nooner's Doubles outing.

Kari Bell led the ladies by rolling a stellar 278-1191-234 = 704 Tuesday Night Mixed series.

HONOR ROLL

Richie Rylant 279-714, Shelley Lopez 197-563, Marvin Love 243-681, Lisa Massey 254-625, Bubba Harwell 268-746, Patty Ellington 259-688,

Chris Holley 267-688, Vanessa Barrow 190-531.

Michael Price 244-678, Jennifer Klein 202-541, John Stelling 262-684, Joyce Williams 187-517, Jay Witt 279-774, Patty Ellington 236-679, Russell Limoges 253-657, Janet Newkirk 190-563.

Wayne Bell 234-647, Teresa Conn 215-596, Jerry G Flowers 235-608, Kathleen Witt 193-553, Eldon Pickens 255-701, Rad Quarrington 278-736, Stephen Klein 258-670, Mario Hernandez 230-609.

At Hallmark

Schirripa, Jr. lands 760, Navarro claims 690

Haddenham 300

KILLEEN – Pete Schirripa, Jr. won the men's high-set honors for the month at Hallmark Lanes with a blue-ribbon 245-276-239 = 760 Hit & Miss Classic league production.

Esther Navarro, also from the Hit & Miss group, topped the ladies high-set chart with a tip-top 233-200-257 = 690 showing.

Dan Haddenham's award-winning 12-bagger garnered high-game accolades.

HONOR ROLL

Robert Wilson 244, Jordan Maxwell 643, Karin Ciesiolka 253-670, Jerry Kilpatrick 189-507, Christine Goins 183-462, John Dixon 248, Steve Salak 668, Brittney Williams 237-669, Quinten Goins 245-586, Christine Goins 159-450, Chance Maruna 173-464, Vickie Gill 192, Lisa Maruna 523, Tommy Hall 267, Keith Desmarais 710, Kim Curtis 242-564, John Dixon 269-699, Esther Navarro 239-650.

Rocky Sparks 267, Chris Causey 710, Cindy Gill 236-624, Andy Holbert 258-707, Pam Hill 213, Kathy Koehne 577, Jordan Garza 285, Jordan Maxwell 723, Ashley Wilson 265-639, Quinten Goins 173.

Jerry Kilpatrick 479, Christine Goins 148-404, Chance Maruna 192-529, Bert Becker 212, Lisa Maruna 566, Dick Sayers 280, Josh Herrick 714, Kim Curtis 207-566, Eddie Neely 244, Chris Causey 644.

Danielle Shea 242-574, T J Jones 258, Mark Morgan 735, Christine Scott 211, Danielle Shea 586, Jordan Garza 258-648, Danielle Shea 226, Esther

Navarro 603, Jerry Kilpatrick 234-603, Christine Goins 178-449, Josh Schuring 182, Chance Maruna 480, Lisa Maruna 226-607, Dan Caron 279, Rod Watkins 681, Jean Johnson 203, Svenja Smith 526, T J Jones 266, Mark Morgan 673, Phyllis Love 230, Kisha Thomas 595, Bernie Gill 251-662, Cindy Gill 228-671, Jason Mullen 254, Jim Worley 698, Lisa Blackman 257-640, Chris Causey 246-684, Ashley Wilson 248-650, Quinten Goins 189-524, Christine Goins 136-359.

Josh Schuring 198-503, Bert Becker 197-547, Keith Desmarais 245-642, Belinda Ullery 193-516, Billy Fajkus 279, Heath Fletcher 697, Kisha Thomas 227-556, Dan Haddenham 756, Cindy Gill 198-569.

Chris Master 251-661, Alberta Becker 201-542.

SENIORS

Tee Jay Jones 243, Rullie Haywood 695, Barbara Person 240, Suzie Wollek 567, Robert Bridges, Jr. 257, Lonnie Bridges 668, Wanda Clark 193, Dixie Heinle 519, Rod Kensingler 267-672.

Barbara Person 233-565, Johnny Chavarria 244, Harry Hellon 676, Deb Buford 189-487, Rullie Haywood 257-691, Barbara Person 222-590, Gary Wendlandt, Sr. 268, Rullie Haywood 664.

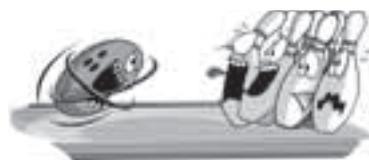
Nee Wallace 194-542, Tom Christie 235, Rullie Haywood 625, Shelia Jones 210, Nee Wallace 518, Bob Shea 232, Robert Sanders 645, Dixie Heinle 201, Nee Wallace 535, Rullie Haywood 258-698.

Suzie Wollek 196, Nee Wallace 515, Mac McQueen 276-665, Nee Wallace 192-503.

Zavjalova, whose score included 16 handicap pins (eight per game allotted to women bowlers in the event), earned \$40,000 in the final PBA International-World Bowling Tour tournament of 2016.

Because she accepted handicap pins, Zavjalovadoes not receive credit for a PBA title.

Zavjalova advanced to the title match by defeating Australia's Jason Belmonte, 484-442, while Andersson eliminated Malaysia's Ahmad Muazin the semifinal round, 492-469



BOWLING UPDATE

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fifth. Barteau shot 300 and 298 during the tournament.

* The Christmas Cash 9-pin No-Tap finals last weekend were high scoring as expected as the format allowed nine or ten pins over on the first ball of a frame to be scored as a strike.

Richard Marquis included three 300's in his winning Open total of 1,671, 13 ahead of Rick Benard who rolled four 300's but also a 181 that cost him the win. Third went to Robert Edwards with 1,639, often enough to win.

High schooler, Dale Case had 297, 300 and 298 in his winning Men's A with 1,511 from Lorenzo Rico while leftie, Dan Rupp was next four pins behind.

Matthew Vargas won Men's B with ease ahead of C J Valencia and Dan Rivera more than 120 pins behind.

Matt Royo, who has recently returned to weekly league play won Men's C with 1,249, beating Reuben Abeyta 1,220 with Jimmy Sample third.

Troian Donnachaidh finished brilliantly with 297 and a pair of 256's for a crushing win, by over 250 pins, in Women's A from Kassi Romero and Christina Ward.

Dana Sanders and Cornelia Schloss won Women's B and C respectively from Berna McCoy, Linda Herrera, Evelyn Trujillo and Barbara Sanders.

* In other news, Cibola High School lead-off bowler, Bailey Dodson, who is also a member of the tennis squad, rolled her personal best of 221, 268 and 236 in the High School league. It is one of the highest series ever bowled by a teenage girl at the Center.

* The 78th annual City Championship tournament will be held at Tenpins & More on weekends between February 11-26. The tournament features scratch and handicap competition in teams of five, doubles and singles.

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begins with a red carpet ceremony at 6 p.m. PT at Lucky Strike LA Live (800 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles) with the competition beginning at 7 p.m. The event will be tape-delayed and will air Friday, Feb. 17 at 9 p.m. ET on ESPN.

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Just Paying Attention

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For the past few years at some point in January, we've told some of the back story of television 300 games. Why January, you ask? Of the 26 nationally televised 300 games, six have occurred in either January of the first week of February. Of those six, three bowlers and one coach provided interesting anecdotes, at times making you wonder how these heights were scaled.

My first such chat was with PBA and USBC Hall of Famer Jim Stefanich on the 25th anniversary of his 1974 game. At this point, he was focusing on his senior golf career and granted few interviews. Fortunately, the founder of the publication this column first appeared, the Will County Sportsman, the late Don Ladas, called Stefanich to assure him I wanted to talk about that game. Once we sat down to talk, it was one of the most rewarding hours I've spent in this industry.

Having been the first 300 game I had ever seen, I also remembered starting the next match, he missed two single 10-pin spares in the first two frames. His explanation for this stunned me. Stefanich told me after shaking hands with "nearly everyone in the building", as he put it, his hands felt very slippery, as he

reasoned, picking up skin oils and perspiration from all those well-wishers.

He asked PBA television coordinator Frank Esposito permission to go to the restroom to wash up. After explaining there was less than a minute until the end commercial break, Stefanich was told to "hurry up." Going into the next commercial break halfway through the semifinal, his skin still felt not quite clean, so he again asked to go to the restroom. With even less time, he was granted another trip to the restroom sink.

Now remember, there were fewer 300 games then, plus it was only the third PBA TV 300, and the first in five years. So one could see how nearly everyone in the building would have wanted to shake his hand.

Unfortunately, those two opens cost him the semifinal match, falling to fellow PBA and USBC Hall of Famer Bob Strampe, 246-244. Stefanich defeated Earl Anthony in the first match, 256-230. An even 800 series on television was only good for third place on this day.

At this point thirty years ago, that's all there were, just those three TV 300 games. Going into 1987, Pete McCordic hadn't made a television finals appearance in two years. Good

friend and fellow Houstonian, Jack Biondolillo, told McCordic to think of 'heaven in '87' to keep a positive attitude going into the 1987 season. That thought proved fruitful in season's fourth show.

When I first interviewed McCordic ten years ago for the 20th anniversary of his game, he had mentioned the left lane of the television pair played tighter than the right lane. He got a duller surface Columbia U-Dot and only had time to throw two shots before air time.

The second point he brought up was he had never seen a tape of the show, nor did have any desire to see what millions at home saw. That changed at a 2008 PBA Southwest Regional in Killeen, Texas, as proprietor Dick Atkinson introduced the players as well as the Regional tournament director, by showing the tenth frame of McCordic's game. But McCordic told me the same thing ten years ago as he did at the recent PBA/PBA50 Southwest Region Houston Doubles presented by Mike Austin's Bowling Dynamix Pro Shops.

"I've seen it a few times, including one not that long ago. I really didn't need to see, I've already lived it," McCordic told me.

True Value Hardware was in the third year as the sponsor of a \$100,000 bonus for a 300 game rolled on an ABC-TV telecast. They presented the same bonus for two other TV 300's, in 1988 to Bob

Benoit and in 1994 to Johnny Petraglia.

In case you haven't seen the January 2017 Bowlers Journal International magazine, senior editor Bob Johnson authored a great piece marking the 30th anniversary of the game. Johnson, who covered the event for California Bowling News, talked to others who also witnessed the telecast. It's very much worth your time to buy a copy and read it.

That brings us not only to the first-ever title match TV 300, but by a bowler's first game on national television.

The story of Bob Benoit's rise to PBA tour champion has been well-chronicled, but what you may not know is it was really the start of a coach with a different perspective of watching ball motion. Bob's

brother Rick, had watched Bob transform his game from a traditional style to a higher rev player prior to the start of the reactive urethane era.

What you may not know at the culmination of Bob's dream week at Forum Bowl was a worried look coming over Rick's face as network

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At Killeen Bowlerama

Smith posts 300/818, Charles shelves 775

Bohannon, Bridges 300's, Dewald 298

KILLEEN - Allan Smith headed the scoring parade for the month at Killeen Bowlerama with a high-powered, dual award-winning 300/818 Commercial league session.

Sandi Charles was as equally dominate with a power-packed 279/775 Sundowners set.

Brian Bohannon and Lonnie Bridges shared high-game accolades with Smith with award-winning 12-baggers while Brad Dewald took runner-up honors with a near-perfect 298 solo.

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Robert Davie, Sr. 650, Kris Vanecek

234-608, Mark Smith 269-644, Milissa Bennight 222-599, Curtis Robinson 663, Nee Wallace 542, Lee Price 254-661, Viola Perry 221, Jean Maxson 683.

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Kim Dewald 679, Josh Morgan 740, Marlys Smith 246-604, Mark Morgan 279-760, Alycia Blackwell 246-670, Dustin Gatliff 711, Russell Brown 287-719, Cora Allred 199-519, Ronnie Saguinsin 681.

At Heritage Lanes

Norton tosses 746, Taylor snags 694

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK - Victor Norton led the scoring for the month at Heritage Lanes with a rip-roaring 279/746 Bowlers R Us series.

Jeri Taylor paced the ladies with a hard-hitting 244/694 Heritage Seniors series.

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producers and technicians got Bob ready for a prerecorded interview to be aired during his match. Rick was worried Bob was losing time getting mentally prepared for what would be the biggest day of his career to date, having no idea it would be the biggest first game a bowler has or will ever roll in PBA television history.

The final story involves a trip you might call flirting with triskaidekaphobia. Steve Jaros rolled his TV 300 after 13 others had been rolled on television. His was bowled on a Saturday the 13th. Nothing out of the ordinary so far, you say?

Jaros and his wife, June, then expecting twins Hannah and Evan, drove the nearly 700 miles home to watch the show as it was scheduled to air on ESPN, making it home only fifteen minutes before air time. Due to a technical issue recording the show in the production truck, the show did not air until July, five months later. Only then was the \$10,000 bonus was paid.

For a number of years afterward, Jaros had a sense of pride he held the high and low games on national television. It was Jaros' 129 game in the 1992 PBA Brunswick Memorial World Open that was the record until Tom Daugherty's 100 game in the 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions. There's an interesting back story to Jaros' game, too. But that's for another column.

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Next week, it appears a number of us watched the PBA World Series of Bowling finals over Christmas weekend, including one with a number with two commas.

At Tenpins & More

Worthen mints 300/808, Griffin bags 745

Jones, Quintana, Romero (2) 300's, Miller-Mackie 297

RIO RANCHO, NM - Jeremy Worthen blasted to the top of the charts last month at Tenpins & More with an award-winning 278-300-230 = 808 Mixed Emotions outing.

Dusti Griffin, from the 2+2 group, pounded out a solid 253-245-247 = 745 set to lead the ladies honor roll.

Jeff Jones, Demost Quintana and Joe Romero shared high-game accolades with award-winning 12-baggers. Dana Miller-Mackie took runner-up honors with her first near-perfect 297 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Joe Romero 257-698, Alvin Thon

Bowling Update

From Ten Pins & More

* Eric Espinda of Rio Rancho bowled his way in to the Tenpins & More "High 5" team Wednesday after surviving a classic match against fellow local, Rick Benard.

In a high-scoring clash, Espinda fired 246, 220, 278 (744) followed by 216, 247, 267 (730 for a six-game set of 1,474 and a win by 68 pins.

Benard's 239, 227, 222 (688) with 235, 246, 237 (718) added would have won against almost anyone except the NM state three-game record holder, Espinda who was "on fire" all but one early first game frame of the match.

The two had tied with a 227 league average for the fifth spot on the team that will represent the Rio Rancho Center in the \$4,000 tournament coming up Sunday, January 15 in Artesia.

Others to make the top=class men's squad include Mike Miller 237 average, Brian Hare 234, Lance Emerson 230 and Guillermo Espinosa 228.

The women's team, hoping to successfully defend the title they won last year (and seven times in eleven years) is the strongest yet, comprising Dana Miller-Mackie 234, Adrienne Hare 234, Karen Barcal 223, Donna Dowd 215 and Nicole Nance 211.

* The Rio Rancho Rams teams have gone 1-2 at the last two High School tournaments held in Albuquerque and Deming.

The squads, under head coach, Dana Miller-Mackie, started the season quietly with

third, third and second placings behind Cleveland twice and El Dorado, but "hit their straps" the past two events with a combined 198 team average over 28 games.

* Bowling is a year-round sport, however the main tournament season runs November through May.

There has been three significant events finalized at Rio Rancho's Tenpins & More Center these past few weekends, with still plenty of action on tap yet to come.

First, the Center and State finals of the New Mexico Games were completed. This attracted over 230 qualifying entries and more than 170 bowlers, resulting in prize-money of more than \$2,850.

Mike Riley used an opening 279 to win men's Open scratch division with 1,349, finishing 15 pins ahead of Rio Rancho High School coach, Ron Michel on 1,334 with Jeff Jones third on 1,258. (The top three in each of the 15 divisions qualify to represent New Mexico in the Nationals in Grand Rapids, Michigan next July).

Ray Kadane Sr fired back-to-back 257, 269 to win Men's A from Charles Vigil by 41 pins with Michael Ankeny next 58 pins back.

Mike Jaramillo added 209 and 229 in winning Men's B with 1,426 over improving Alvin Thon 1,403 and Troy Stodard third with 1,350.

Warren Smith shot 1,481 to win by 70 pins over Byron Alvarez in Men's C followed by Santiago Yara a further eight pins behind in third.

Sandra Chavez, who uses a thumbless release to generate great power had 1,281 to keep Troian Donnachaidh at bay in Women's A.

Troian's daughter, Christine Lucero had 1,497 beating our Berna McCoy 1,450 and Linda Herrera 1,347 in Women's B, while Samantha Garafolo shot three big games of 188, 197 and 182 (all well above her usual league average of 130) to win Women's C from Cheryle Costales and Tracy Algire in Women's C.

Center manager, Steve Mackie opened only one frame in winning Senior Men's A with 949 over four games, ahead of Perry Hampel 874 and Lorenzo Rico 864. Dan Rivera had 953 to beat out Lenny Schloss 913 and Paul Tchiloyans 909 in Senior Men's B.

Frances Rico easily won Senior Women's A with 947 from Tammy Michel 804 and Nita Stull 782, while Michele Cameron fired 936 as a 26-pin winner from Maxine Urrutia with Mary-Jo Rodriguez third in Senior Women's B.

Jacob Marquis and Peter Jones will advance in Boy's A. Marquis finished strongly with 208 and 224.

Reid Meuth, Benjamin Altman and Adonijah Padilla moved on in Boy's B, while Yarelis Alvarez, Taylor Ross and Kallista Fritts - all members of the Rams High School bowling squad - took honors in Girl's A.

Elizabeth Collins shot 916 to win Girl's B over Kenzie Algire 910 followed by Mikailah Larimore 872.

* The annual Thanksgiving Doubles Marathon once again produced a full field of 24 teams. It was won for the first

time by husband-and-wife duo, Joe and Linda Herrera, who went 7-1 in the match-play for the outright victory.

In a two-way roll-off for minor placings, Ray Kadane Sr shot 235 as he and Robert Nelson's 430 set staved off Ray and Carrie Candelaria's 409.

Seven teams tied on 5-3. Fourth place went to Bo Bolon and Khai Nguyen with 397, ahead of last Marathon winners, Sara Vargas and Robert Barteau with 378 finishing

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