

Champions Determined at 2017 Team USA Trials, U.S. Amateur



Erin McCarthy and Jakob Butturff

HENDERSON, Nev. – Erin McCarthy of Omaha, Nebraska, and Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, captured the 2017 United States Bowling Congress Team USA Trials titles Sunday, while Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, and Matt Russo of Millstone Township, New Jersey, closed the weekend with wins at the United States National Amateur Bowling Championships.

McCarthy finished the event

at Sunset Station's Strike Zone Bowling Center with a 241 game, giving her a fifth-place finish in the final round and moving her into the top spot in the women's standings with 46 total ranking points. Butturff had built a lead during the week's first four rounds and used a 14th-place finish Sunday on the 39-foot Seoul oil pattern to collect the win with 59 ranking points.

The players earned points

based on their finishing positions in each qualifying round. The top bowler of the block earned one ranking point, second place earned two points, etc., with the lowest total of ranking points after the five six-game blocks determining the 2017 USBC Team USA Trials champions.

Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, led Sunday's final round, firing a 1,465 six-game block. Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, paced the men's field in the final round with a 1,478 total.

The women's title came down to the final frame as McCarthy delivered a strike to move ahead of Shannon O'Keefe of O'Fallon, Illinois, and hold off a late run by Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey.

"I tried my best to not look at the scoreboard all week, so I didn't know how close it was, which probably helped take the nerves away," said McCarthy, who made Team USA for the third consecutive year. "I went into that game focused on making good shots and the team. I've been battling some things with my swing since

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Bullock, Rivers, Lynch, Williams, Genzer Win Annual Christmas Team Tournament at Cowtown



Team Champions: Tip Bullock, Gene Rivers, Mike Lynch, Mark Williams and Robert Genzer

FORT WORTH - Fifth place qualifiers Fred's Frozen Frosties (Jerry Eddy, Bobby Galan, Kenny Tynan, Fred Barnes and Tom Crawford) bowled the fourth place Silent Knights (Bill Keenan, Jeff Banks, Dave Lile, Pat Currie and Clarence McQueen) the first match of the baker rolloff in the Annual Christmas Team Tournament at Cowtown Bowling Palace December 11.

Fred's team won 190-183.

Frozen Frosties went on to beat the Wreath Wreckers (Bill Ferguson, Terry Williams, Bill Kaiser, Rickey Kendrick and Lyn Cummings) 246-211.

In the third match, Frozen was bested by Mark's Merry Men (Tip Bullock, Mike Lynch, Gene Rivers, Robert Genzer and Mark Williams) 238-159.

This set up an interesting match against the leading qualifiers, the Merry Minstrels (Butch Calvert, Karleen

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USA Beats "The World" in GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII Team Finale



USA Team Champions: Mitch Beasley, BJ Moore III, Matt O'Grady, Dick Allen, EJ Tackett and Captain Tommy Jones

RENO, Nev. -- In a five-player team showdown involving top U.S. performers vs. a team of the best international performers during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII presented by Silver Legacy Resort and Casino, the American players claimed bragging rights by beating a talented international squad in the USA vs. The World challenge match to conclude WSOB VIII at the

National Bowling Stadium. The team finale aired Sunday on ESPN.

In the non-title special event which concluded the eighth annual World Series, all 10 players earned their way onto their respective teams after a combined 32 games of qualifying in the four animal pattern championships (Cheeta, Chameleon, Scorpion and

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Bryan O'Keefe Named Junior Team USA Head Coach

ARLINGTON, Texas – Bryan O'Keefe, the director of bowling for McKendree University and a former assistant coach with the Team USA program operated by the United States Bowling Congress, has been named head coach of the Junior Team USA program.

O'Keefe, who will continue in his current role with McKendree, will oversee the selection of athletes and the training camps for the boys' and girls' teams, in addition to serving as coach for the teams at international competitions.

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Bryan O'Keefe



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Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, Publisher



You know what needs to be more fun, league bowling does, league bowling needs to be more fun. Maybe more competitive and maybe that's what will make it more fun.

Well, Xeno Garcia would agree, and he did something about it. For the last fall season, he started up a 16-week 3-person draft scratch league at Cowtown Bowling Palace, and I think it's easy to say it was a rousing success.

The draft portion of the league was perfectly designed; he had the lowest 16 average bowlers be captains and they got to draft their teams. So, just like in your fantasy football draft, the lowest average drafted first and so on down the list until all of the teams were filled.

When you hear scratch league, you instantly think that it's only for the top, top, top average bowlers, but Garcia had a solution for that. "One of the many obstacles we had to overcome was persuading the 190 average to compete against the 230 average bowler. Most don't feel they can. So, we formatted the league so they didn't really have to. A draft match-point league, 48 bowlers/16 teams, where the lowest averages were captains and got to choose the MJ's

and Lebrons of the rest of the group. Suddenly, they felt they could compete alongside their new teammates," he said.

Xeno also did a great job with getting sponsors involved to help build the prize fund; Storm Bowling, Fairway Roofing, Abbey Pub and Kameleon Sportswear.

There are tons of great, high-caliber bowlers in DFW, we should have an awesome league to showcase their skills, and also have some solid, competitive bowling fun during league right...right!

To finish off the season, they had a separate singles tournament within the league where match-point wins accumulated throughout the year awarded you a separate prize fund. Basically, a \$4,200 Singles Tournament, paying \$1,200 to first place. This gave every bowler in the league that extra competitive edge that we look for in tournament competition.

"The final night of league was exciting because we had about 10 players that could've snuck into the finals that night. Many of them were bowling against each other. You should've seen Daceman and Mike Donahue. They were fired up that night," added Garcia.

Team captain of Hookin'

Hot Mess, David Henderson with an entering average of 216, drafted Chris Lucas, 227, and James Hale with a 221 average, to take the league championship title.

An exciting night of league, who woulda thunk it!

So, for all you other centers or potential league presidents out there, don't think this has to be the only one of these leagues, I for one would love to

see one in another area of the city.

Oh, and Xeno has round 2 starting up next week, another 16 weeks, and another draft. Don't be left out.

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30 years ago this week, Del Ballard defeated Pete Weber 247-209 to win the Seagram's Coolers BPAA U.S. Open. Del took home the largest first place prize in the history of

the PBA, \$100,000, with Weber winning \$55,000.

On the way to the title match, Del defeated Ron Bell 278-187, in a match I hadn't re-watched until today, thanks YouTube. I must remember to ask Del about the fact that he shot 278 with just two flush hits out of his 10 strikes. It was certainly his day. We will hear from Del next week on this one-of-a-kind anniversary.

TEAM USA TRIALS

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the U.S. Women's Open and really worked hard the past two or three months trying to get it fixed. It really paid off this week, and I'm on cloud nine. Making the team again is a dream in itself, but I don't know if this win will sink in for a couple of weeks."

The victories also earned McCarthy and Butturff the opportunity to represent the United States at the 2017 QubicaAMF World Cup in Hermosillo, Mexico.

Also earning automatic spots on Team USA 2017 based on their overall performances at the Team USA Trials were O'Keefe, Kulick, Bond and Stephanie Zavala of Downey, California.

Missy Parkin of Laguna Hill, California, Sydney Brummett of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Kayla Johnson of Washington, Illinois, and Stephanie

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Reynold, Lisa Wasson, Gordon Stuntz and Mo Hestand.

You had two set of best friends, Robert and Mo and Mike and Butch bowling against each other.

Two 70 year olds were on Mark's team and two women were on the Merry Minstrels.

Mark's team came out on top 238-201.

It was Mike Lynch and Robert Genzers first SASBA titles.

300s were bowled by: Willie Wells, Steve Shaffer and Roger West. George Vaughn and Terry Williams both had CP's. We had 3 women bowl...2 on the second place team.

If you have never bowled this tournament you are missing out on a lot of fun and comradery.

The awards banquet is always great. Congratulations to all of the awards winners and Hall of Fame inductees!

Thanks to Steve Wunderlich and staff for hosting a great tournament. They put a lot of hard work into the setup for the banquet.

Thanks also to Peggy Brooks for the beautiful table decorations.

Cowtown Bowling Palace added \$2,250 to the prize fund and SASBA added \$5,600.

Our next tournament is at Cityview in Fort Worth for an Age Bracket tournament.

Schwartz of Racine, Wisconsin, were selected by the National Selection Committee based on their performances this week.

Pluhowsky, Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, Bryanna Cote of Red Rock, Arizona, Josie Earnest of Nashville, Tennessee, and Stefanie Johnson of Grand Prairie, Texas, were selected by the National Selection Committee based on submitted resumes.

The red hot Butturff, who

won two Professional Bowlers Association Tour titles and a record nine PBA regional titles in 2016, carried that momentum into the new year.

"Knowing you can handle the grind and deal with the pressure of winning this event against a very talented field of bowlers is a great feeling," said Butturff, who is making his first appearance on Team USA. "It's amazing to be one of

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At Cowtown Bowling Palace

Poe hammers 753, Rodriguez claims 628

Nettleton 300

David Poe rounded up the top score of the week at Cowtown Bowling Palace with hard-hitting 229-257-267 = 753 numbers in Monday Mixers action.

Alma Rodriguez', from the Wednesday Winner's group, sparkling 202-199-227 = 628 set dominated the ladies high-series race.

Paul Nettleton garnered high-game honors with an award-winning perfecto.

HONOR ROLL

Steven Sanchez 289, Jamie Hines 215-604, Scott Teel 269, Jeremy Cozart 269, Jessica Bingham 211, George Stilen 268, Ron Nason 734, Chris Crum 244, Amy Adams 202-536, Ron Nason 239, Myke Bell 236-686.

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Winners Selected in Bowl for the Cure Fabulous Four Essay Contest

ARLINGTON, Texas – The four women who will experience an outstanding bowling adventure through the Bowl for the Cure® Fabulous Four essay contest have been determined.

Donna Angstead of Longmont, Colorado, Jackie Cluxton of Manchester, Ohio, Regina Owens of Jacksonville, Florida, and Dawn Paolillo of Staten Island, New York, were selected as the Fabulous Four winners based on their submitted essays.

The Fabulous Four essay contest is part of Bowl for the Cure®, a year-round fundraising initiative sponsored by the United States Bowling Congress in partnership with Susan G. Komen®. The contest was started three years ago to raise awareness about breast cancer and to honor four women who either have gone through a breast cancer diagnosis or have been instrumental in helping support the cause and finding a cure.

“We are thrilled to honor these four women who not only have had to face harrowing battles against breast cancer, but have gone above and beyond to give back to others who have been affected by the disease,” said Christina Alford, senior vice president of development at Komen. “Our longstanding partnership with Bowl for the Cure has enabled us to reach survivors and sup-

porters across the country, and we are so thankful for their dedication to our cause over the past 16 years.”

Winners of the fourth installment of the Fabulous Four essay contest were determined by a special selection panel that included previous Fabulous Four winners, along with Susan G. Komen® and USBC staff.

The Fabulous Four winners receive a five-day trip that will start in the Dallas area with a special day at Komen headquarters. The group then will head to the International

Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas, to tour the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame before receiving lessons from the Team USA coaching staff and PWBA stars at the International Training and Research Center.

The Fabulous Four will complete their trip in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where they will help kick off and compete in the 2017 USBC Women’s Championships.

Please visit BOWL.com/FabulousFour to learn more about the Fabulous Four essay contest.



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Jan 28-29, 2017	Mixed Doubles - \$3k added	AMF Eulless
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

All entry forms will be on NCTUSBC.com

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Oct 8 - Nov 13	Mixed Tournament	Forum
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LIVE COVERAGE OF DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL SET FOR JAN. 11-13

PBA's exclusive live coverage of the DHC PBA Japan Invitational is set for Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 11-13, on Xtra Frame from Bentencho Grandbowl in Osaka, Japan, where a \$40,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title will be up for grabs.

The field of 16 international players will include Sean Rash, Jason Belmonte, E.J. Tackett, Tom Daugherty, Wes Malott, Jesper Svensson, Josh Blanchard, Rhino Page and Kristopher Prather (who qualified during the PBA Fall Swing in Detroit) and Jason Sterner, replacing Francois Lavoie who is unable to participate. Likewise, Danielle McEwan will replace top women's qualifier Rocio Restrepo, who has a scheduling conflict.

PBA Hall of Famer Am-

leto Monacelli will return as defending champion and title sponsor DHC has selected Dom Barrett, Tommy Jones and Chris Barnes as its special invitees. Jones won the inaugural DHC Japan tournament in 2013 and Barnes won the 2015 title. Six-time Korea PBA titlist Choi Won Young will represent Korea. The international field will be joined by 16 Japanese players in a 32-player, round-robin tournament leading to the stepladder finals on Friday, Jan. 13 (in the U.S.)

PBA's Xtra Frame live coverage by Phil Brylow and Jef Goodger will include match play rounds one and two at 9 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, Jan. 11, and 2 a.m. Thursday; match play rounds three and four at 9 p.m. EST on Thursday and 2 a.m. Friday; and the five-player stepladder finals at 10:20 p.m. Friday.

In addition, each XF segment will be added to the Xtra Frame "What's New" section within approximately an hour of the live stream coverage, and permanently added to the XF archives shortly thereafter, for fans who prefer a more

convenient time to watch.

Xtra Frame subscriptions are available in a variety of packages: three-day (\$3.99), 30-day (\$7.99) and Xtra Frame Season Ticket (a full-year's coverage at an average cost of \$1.25 per week). Subscriptions are available by visiting "xtraframe.tv" and clicking on the "subscribe now" link. New monthly or Season Ticket subscribers are automatically entered into PBA's monthly sweepstakes where they have chances to win a new high-performance bowling ball from Brunswick, DV8 or MOTIV.

ENTRIES OPEN FOR FIRELAKE PBA TOC, BARBASOL PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

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

To enter the PBA Players Championship, use the online system at pba.com. The entry fee is \$500. The tournament is limited to a field of 138 PBA members.

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. Non-PBA Tour title-holders who cash in the Barbasol PBA Players Championship also are exempt from having to qualify through the TOC Regional qualifying event.

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 by visiting www.GrandShawnee.com (enter the code under "Group Code").

To enter the TOC, contact PBA Tournament Entries Coordinator Mary von Krueger (email: maryvk@pba.com; phone: (206) 332-9688), or download the entry form available on pba.com.

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.

QUBICA AMF PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: COMPETITION RESUMES JAN. 20-22

QubicaAMF PBA Regional competition in 2017 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 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.

QUICK NOTES:

Long-time Indianapolis Star writer bowling and sports writer George R. "Dick" Denny died peacefully in Indianapolis on Dec. 29. He was 86. Denny, a Duke University journalism graduate, covered the PBA extensively prior to his retirement. He is survived by three sons, a daughter and 10 grandchildren.

Michael Cimba of Monroeville, Pa., is the December winner of the \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, good for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA's official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on pba.com.

Michael Murphy of Gulfport, Miss., is the owner of a new high-performance MOTIV ball; Joey Valko of Herndon, Va., won a new Brunswick ball, and Malik Wade of Jamaica, N.Y., won a new DV8 ball thanks to the December sweepstakes sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Winners in the monthly sweepstakes are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a new monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.

At Strikz

Donnelly blasts 682

FRISCO - Mark Donnelly won high-set honors last week at Strikz by polishing off robust 228-264-191 = 682 numbers in Tuesday Penniless league action.

Loren Tenczar led the ladies high-set chart in the Lousy Bowlerz league after registering

a sizzling 171-182-244 = 597 series.

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PBA Announces 14-Tournament PBA50 Tour Season for 2017



CHICAGO - The Professional Bowlers Association has announced a 14-tournament PBA50 Tour season for 2017 that will include three majors and three PBA60 tournaments exclusively for players 60 years of age and older.

The 2017 season will kick off with a PBA50 and PBA60 doubleheader at Lane Glo Bowl in New Port Richey, Fla., April 15-20. Lane Glo will host the PBA60 Killer 'B' Open April 15-17 to be followed immediately by the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open April 17-20.

After the Pasco County events, the PBA50 Tour will once again visit The Villages, Fla., for the PBA50 Sun Bowl In The Villages presented by Radical at Spanish Springs Lanes. The tour then heads north for the PBA50 Miller High Life Classic presented by Columbia 300 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C., and PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL

Open presented by Brunswick at Farmingdale Lanes in Farmingdale, N.Y.

The PBA50 Tour Players Championship makes its debut as the season's first major at long-time PBA host Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis May 13-16.

The senior players then head west for the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV at Harvest Park Bowl May 28-31. Sam's Town in Las Vegas will host the USBC Super Senior Classic June 1-3, and the season's second major, the USBC Senior Masters June 4-10. Immediately following the Senior Masters, the PBA50 Tour makes its traditional stop at the Suncoast in Las Vegas for the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm, the season's third major June 11-16.

After a five-week break Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Ind., will host the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by DV8 followed by the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip in Anderson, Ind., before wrapping up the 2017 season in Fort Wayne Aug. 5-8 with the PBA50 Pro Bowl West Championship presented by Ebonite and the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by Hammer Aug. 10-12.

PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame will once

again provide comprehensive coverage of the 2017 PBA50 Tour season. Coverage details and schedule will be released at a later date. For subscription and schedule information visit www.xtraframe.tv.

Entries for the 2017 season will be accepted beginning Feb. 27 on pba.com.

2017 PBA50 TOUR SEASON SCHEDULE

April 15-17 - PBA60 Killer 'B' Open, Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla.

April 17-20 - PBA50 Pasco County Open, Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla.

April 22-25 - PBA50 Sun Bowl In The Villages presented by Radical, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla.

April 30-May 3 - PBA50 Miller High Life Classic presented by Columbia 300 and Miller High Life, George Pappas' Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C.

May 6-9 - PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick, Farmingdale Lanes, Farmingdale, N.Y.

May 13-16 - PBA50 Tour Players Championship, Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis.

May 28-31 - PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif.

June 1-3 - USBC Super Senior Classic, Sam's Town, Las Vegas.

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

June 11-16 - Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas.

July 24-27 - PBA50 South Shore Open presented by DV8, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind.

July 29-Aug. 1 - PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip, Anderson, Ind.

Aug. 5-8 - PBA50 Pro Bowl West Championship presented by Ebonite, Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Aug. 10-12 - PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by Hammer, Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Sierra Gibbons 214-627, Jay Williams 254-719, Christine Riss 217-556, Ray Montoro 256-743, Susan Lee 216-644, Jim Monroe 221-614, Marilyn Frantz 170-492, Mark Dean 269-752, Lori Vermeer 266-720, Cindy Mann 256-700, Jake Timmins 714, Shanna Littlecreek 203-534, Luisa Shaw 210-581, Grace Castleberry 213-552, Bruce Southerland 289-757, Fred VanHaasen 257-750, John McCall 234-645.

Nancy Chalker 176-506, Scott Klueimpke 257-718, Sheila Smith 214-612, Michael Cruz 269-742, Jenny Seabaugh 234-598, Laura Beltran 234-598, Breanna Kindrick 234-596, Thomas Kuhny 239-697.

Linda Davidson 198-536, Hector Macedo 227-597, Marilyn Frantz 234-561, Al Todd 266-736, Jessica Ford 246-630, William Hernandez 234-709, Diane Mueller 228-627, Jeremy Bostock 278-717.

Debby Oulicky 226-617, Conner Pickford (4 games) 1104, Lisa Wasson (4 games) 247-901, Warren Conerly 259-762, Lori Wacker 258-615, Jim Walker 268-715, Kelli Spencer 224-595.

At Plano Super Bowl

Stallworth scores 298/822, Lear packs 748

Pickford 804, Collins, Davis, Finkelstein, A Lavery-Spahr, Pickford add 300's, Adams, Timmins 299

Lawrence Stallworth soars with an award-winning 248-276-298 = 822 series at Plano Super Bowl to lead the men for the week in the Pepsi Classic league.

Conner Pickford followed close behind Stallworth with an award-winning 276/804 Pepsi Classic outing.

Wendi Lear earned top fem honors with a rip-roaring 268-235-245 = 748 Monday Blenders set.

Chuck Collins, Donald Davis, Randy Finkelstein, Anthony Lavery-Spahr and Conner Pickford shared high-game honors as each recorded award-winning 12-baggers. John Adams, youth bowler and Jake Timmins took runner-up honors with near-perfect 299 solos.

HONOR ROLL

Roy Bond, Jr. 246-676, Cathy Sposito 195-561, Gene Foose 257-666, Cassie Phifer 182-533, Tony Franklin 286-766, Jackie Fisher 267-655, Mark Plagens 258-721, Wendi Lehr 268-748, Michael Dotts 249-716.

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

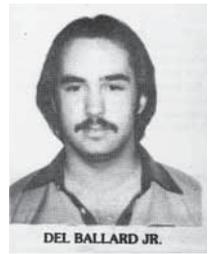
Chris Hayes led the honor roll with 825 at USA Bowl...Jon Grudecki shot 783 at Forum...Brittany Kitchen led the ladies with 716 at Watauga...Laura Jenkins had 708 at DC Cityview...Genie Franklin with 705 at USA Bowl, woohoo...Henry Johnson a 300 at Showplace-Euleess...Justin Ward was perfect at AMF Spare Time.

20 YEARS AGO

The Quaker State Open was cancelled after 25 consecutive years...Ernie Schlegel inducted into the ABC Hall of Fame...David Avalos and Joe Keylon led the honor roll with twin 804 sets...Dion Duke shot 300/803 at Showplace-Garland...Terry Pefuhl led the ladies with 729 at Skaggs...Shelley Nakunz shot 719 at Showplace-Garland...Maziar Vassighi and Curtis Howse defeat Del and Carolyn Ballard to win the 2nd Annual Bruce Rowe Memorial Doubles...Clint Dacy with a 300 at BRC Watauga...Donny and Sharon Yow win the Father Time tourney at Plano.

30 YEARS AGO

Del Ballard wins the largest prize in professional bowling history at the BPAA US Open, \$100,000, he defeated Pete Weber 247-209, and he was just 23 years-old...Plano Super Bowl opens...Wayne Stanfield wins CASH at Golden Triangle...Russ Conway shot 300/742 at DC SW...Rich Snyder led the honor roll with 799 at Red Bird...Jerry Long had 746 at Blazer...Sherry Brown led the ladies with 716 at Golden Triangle...Cyndi Miller with 676 at Ridglea...Mitch Baltuch wins ACBA at Bowl Dallas...Michelle Ragland won the Major Girls scratch division of the Dallas City Tournament.



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Collegiate Ticker



Two East Coast Tier I events, the Roto Grip Keystone Quaker Collegiate Classic and the Lehigh Valley Collegiate Classic, were contested last week in Allentown, Pennsylvania, to end the first half of the 2016-2017 United States Bowling Congress Collegiate season.

The Roto Grip Keystone Quaker Collegiate Classic, which was held Dec. 27-28 at Haja Rose Bowl, saw the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater men and the Pikeville women earn titles, while the Lehigh Valley Collegiate Classic, held Dec. 29-30 at AMF Parkway Bowling Lanes (men) and Jordan Lanes (women) saw the Robert Morris-Illinois men and Pikeville women claim victories.

Both the Keystone Classic and Lehigh Valley Classic featured five traditional games and 20 Baker games with total pinfall determining the champions in each division.

Roto Grip Keystone Quaker Collegiate Classic

On the men's side, the battle between the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and Robert Morris-Illinois came down to the final frames, but UW-Whitewater emerged victorious with a total pinfall of 9,201. Robert Morris-Illinois finished second with 9,162, and Morehead State grabbed third place with 8,999.

Savannah Art and Design's

Benjamin Martinez captured the men's individual title with a five-game total of 1,147, a 229.4 average, just ahead of Notre Dame College's Vinny Bellar, who finished with 1,141. Robert Morris-Illinois' Bryon Bourget was third with 1,116, and a pair of UW-Whitewater teammates, Chris Wiley (1,105) and Zach Woelfel (1,087), finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

On the women's side, Pikeville sat in fourth position after five traditional team games but made a run to the top with a 4,001 Baker set, bringing its pinfall total to 8,604. The Bears' Baker set was the highest by any women's team, and the fourth highest Baker total overall, including the men's field. Schenectady Community College was second with 8,452 and Robert Morris-Illinois finished third with 8,417.

Pikeville's Jenna Coldiron outdistanced Muskingum's Emily Shorts for the top individual spot. Coldiron rolled 1,064 for five games, a 212.8 average, while Shorts posted a 1,044 total. Robert Morris-Illinois teammates, Britney Brown (1,028) and Stephanie Cieslewicz (1,016), finished third and fourth, while Schenectady Community College's Morgan Ruggeri rounded out the top five with 1,006.

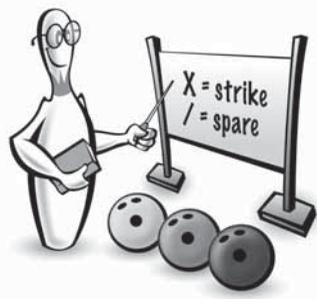
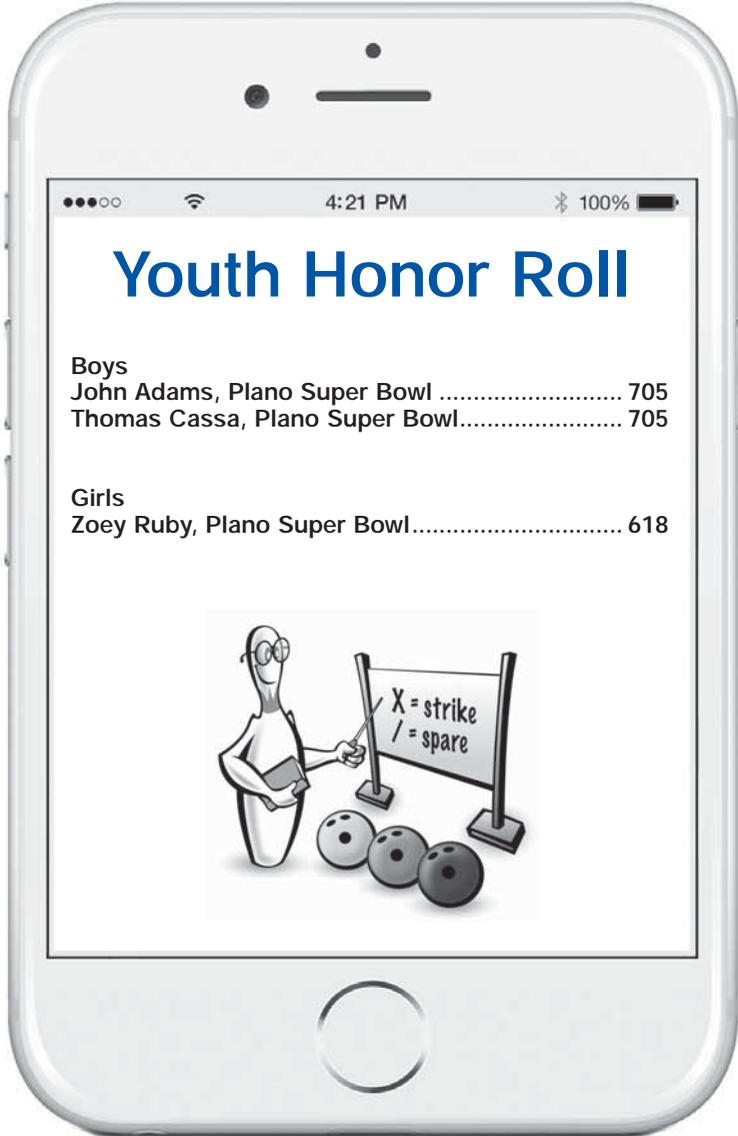
Lehigh Valley Classic
The Pikeville women made

up a 171-pin deficit on Day 2 to win their second Tier I event of the week with a 8,575 total. The Lady Bears again used the highest Baker total of the day (3,866) to finish 35 pins ahead of Campbellsville University (8,540). Notre Dame College claimed third place with an 8,382 total.

Individually, Notre Dame College's Brittany Ferrara took home top honors with a 1,070 total, a 214 average. Crystal Land was the runner-up with a 1,021 total. Muskingum's Brandie Jo Tinlin (1,004), Notre Dame College's Taylor Sturm (1,004) and Savannah Art and Design's Veronica Cepeda (1,000) also recorded top-five finishes.

After finishing second two days earlier at the Keystone Classic, the Robert Morris-Illinois men ended the year with a Tier I victory after using a 4,123 20-game Baker total for a 9,126 total, 73 pins ahead of Morehead State (9,053). Purdue finished third with 9,031.

Purdue's Zach Weidman claimed the top spot in the men's individual standings with 1,177, a 235.4 total. William Paterson's Andrew Dekowski finished with 1,107, while Morehead State's Mark Curtis (1,099), UW-Whitewater's David Eggert (1,078) and Campbellsville's Ryan Bremar (1,065) finished in the top five.



TEAM USA TRIALS

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the few who gets the chance to represent this country and the sport of bowling."

Joining Butturff with automatic spots on Team USA 2017 are Russo, Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington, Steven Badovinac of Monument, Colorado, and Andrew Cain of Phoenix.

AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, Nick Pate of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, Kyle King of Glendale, Arizona, and Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, were selected by the National

Selection Committee based on their performances at the Team USA Trials this week.

Via, AJ Chapman of Wichita, Kansas, Ronnie Russell of Marion, Indiana, Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina, and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, were selected by the National Selection Committee based on submitted resumes.

Making Team USA and winning the U.S. Amateur marked the next big steps for Bond, a Junior Team USA member and collegiate standout at Nebraska.

She put together a clean game in the women's U.S. Amateur final, but left an

opening for Zavala to double in the 10th frame and capture the title. Zavala left the 2-4-10 split on her first offering as Bond collected the win, 229-204.

"It's hard to put into words what all of this means," said Bond, who also joined Junior Team USA for the fourth consecutive year. "It's an honor to be a part of both teams, and winning the U.S. Amateur makes it even better. It was an amazing week."

Zavala earned her spot in the title match by defeating Brummett in the opening match, 220-210.

Russo grabbed an early lead in the men's U.S. Amateur final against Badovinac with strikes in five of the first seven frames. Badovinac was unable to strike on the left lane until the 10th frame, and Russo delivered an eight count on the first ball of his final frame to secure the victory, 212-197.

"All of the hard work really paid off this week, and I'm going home as a member of Team USA, Junior Team USA and as the U.S. Amateur champion," said Russo, who earned a spot on Junior Team USA for the second consecutive year. "It hasn't fully sunken in yet, but I know it will when I wake up

Lane Laughter



Dallas USBC Youth Scores

John Adams and Thomas Casa tied with a booming 705 series. Adams fired games of 201-205-299 in Sunday Youth/Adult action while Cassa downed lines of 245-226-234 with the Showstoppers group at Plano Super Bowl to lead the Dallas-area USBC youth bowling last week.

Zoey Ruby, Cassa's league mate, led the girls with a rollicking 180-204-234 set.

At Plano Super Bowl - Brady McDonough 174-483, Marisa Munguia

152-367, Noah Raleigh-Turner 181-483, Alexis Leavell 76-192, Mason Melendez 177-653, Allie Eades 148-387, Brady McDonough 180-459, Bella Hudson 117-330, Xavier Patterson 146-379, Malorie Samples 145-409, Maddie Murphy 187-539, Brandon Ingram 210-543, Pam Hodson 167-461, Travis Welnack 190-506, Kyla Simons 195-489, Matthew Reed 189-503, Tara Meche 167-443, Johnnie Arriago 192-538, Veronica Prior 214-615, Wyatt Smyser (2 games) 103-183.

TEAM USA TRIALS

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tomorrow morning. I can't even describe the feeling now."

Badovinac advanced to the championship match after defeating Cortez Schenck of Phoenix in the semifinal, 266-190.

Many of the nation's top young bowlers also found success at Sunset Station this week, earning spots on Junior Team USA 2017.

Automatic spots for the girls went to Zavala, Schwartz, Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina, and Rebecca Gotterbarn of Garden City, New York.

Lauren Pate of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, and Jessica Mellott of Lauderhill, Florida, were selected by the National Selection Committee based on performance.

Bond, Brummett, Heather Penatzer of Tucson, Arizona, Sierra Kanemoto of Riverside, Ohio, Adrianna Stacy of Sebring, Florida, and Haley Cummings of Huber Heights, Ohio, already earned their spots on Junior Team USA 2017 based on their performances at the 2016 Junior Gold Championships in Indianapolis.

Earning automatic spots on the boys' side was Russo,

Schenck, Brandon Biondo of Carpentersville, Illinois, and Bryan Hahlen of Greenwood, South Carolina.

Richard Paul III of Winton, California, and Briley Haugh of Faribault, Minnesota, were selected by the National Selection Committee based on performance.

Jared Armstrong of Louisville, Kentucky, Pete Vergos of Apopka, Florida, Thomas McNeal of Seattle, Jeffery Mann of West Lafayette, Indiana, Dustin Zehner of South Bend, Indiana, and Kennon McFalls of Gastonia, North Carolina, already earned their spots on Junior Team USA 2017 based on their performances at the 2016 Junior Gold Championships in Indianapolis.

To be eligible for the U.S. Amateur, a bowler must not hold or have held a professional membership (PBA or Professional Women's Bowling Association) 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.

Bowlers age 20 or younger as of Jan. 1, 2017 were eligible for spots on Junior Team USA this week.

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

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2017 USBC Team USA Trials At Sunset Station's Strike Zone Bowling Center, Henderson, Nev.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS ROUND 5 – TOP 20 (Position, name, hometown, six-game total)

MEN

- 1, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,478.
- 2, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,473.
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,439.
- 4, Chris Barnes, Double

Oak, Texas, 1,430.

5, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,405.

6, Bryan Hahlen, Greenwood, S.C., 1,392.

7, John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 1,390.

8, Richard Paul III, Winton, Calif., 1,380.

9, Cortez Schenck, Phoenix, 1,369.

10, Alex George, Wichita, Kan., 1,361.

11, Tyger Miller, Klamath Falls, Ore., 1,354.

12, Zach Hattori, Henderson, Nev., 1,353.

13, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 1,351.

14, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,341.

15, Mike Wolfe, Floyd Knobs, Ind., 1,339.

16, Steve Smith, San Diego, 1,338.

17, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,337.

18, Matthew Diamond, Centerville, Ohio, 1,326.

19, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,324.

20, Aaron Yuratovich, Babson Park, Fla., 1,319.

WOMEN

1, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 1,465.

2, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 1,392.

3, Kayla Johnson, Washington, Ill., 1,369.

4, Giselle Poss, Montgomery,

Ill., 1,365.

5, Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb., 1,362.

6, Joely O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 1,361.

7, Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill., 1,346.

8, Rebecca Gotterbarn, Garden City, N.Y., 1,336.

9, Kaitlyn Reth, Baltimore, 1,326.

10, Kelly Belzeski, Schererville, Ind., 1,319.

11, Lauren Hoffman, Monroe Township, N.J., 1,312.

T12, Correen Lieber, Tolle-son, Ariz., 1,309.

T12, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich., 1,309.

14, Josie Earnest, Nashville, Tenn., 1,308.

15, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 1,306.

16, Sierra Kanemoto, Riverside, Ohio, 1,294.

17, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,292.

18, Lauren Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,281.

19, Maranda Pattison, Redwood Valley, Calif., 1,279.

T20, Kalynn Carl, Albany, N.Y., 1,278.

T20, Kasey Eaton, Wyoming, Mich., 1,278.

OVERALL – TOP 20

(Position, name, hometown, total points. Points based on finishing position in each round.)

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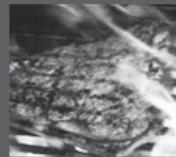
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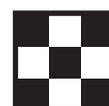


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- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 59.
- 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 78.
- 3, Matt Russo, Millstone Township, N.J., 84.
- 4, Steven Badovinac, Monument, Colo., 91.
- 5, Andrew Cain, Phx, 102.
- 6, Cortez Schenck, Phx, 105.
- T7, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 112.
- T7, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 112.
- 9, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 121.
- 10, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 131.
- 11, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 134.
- 12, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 137.

- 13, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 142.
- 14, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 143.
- 15, John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 151.
- T16, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 153.
- T16, Steve Smith, San Diego, 153.
- 18, Thomas McNeal, Seattle, 169.
- 19, Brandon Biondo, Carpentersville, Ill., 175.
- 20, Bryan Hahlen, Greenwood, S.C., 178.

WOMEN

- 1, Erin McCarthy, Omaha, 46.
- 2, Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill., 48.
- 3, Kelly Kulick, NJ, 51.
- 4, Julia Bond, Ill., 54.
- 5, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., 58.
- 6, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 70.
- 7, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 71.

- 8, Bryanna Coté, Red Rock, Ariz., 80.
- 9, Josie Earnest, Nashville, Tenn., 81.
- 10, Kayla Johnson, Washington, Ill., 82.
- 11, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 84.
- 12, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 85.
- 13, Giselle Poss, Montgomery, Ill., 87.
- 14, Lauren Hoffman, Monroe Township, N.J., 88.

- 15, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 90.
 - 16, Megan Kelly, Ohio, 115.
 - 17, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 117.
 - 18, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich., 131.
 - 19, Rebecca Gotterbarn, Garden City, N.Y., 133.
 - 20, Correen Lieber, AZ, 137.
- U.S. AMATEUR STEPLADDER FINALS**
- MEN**
- Semifinal
Steven Badovinac,

- Monument, Colo., def. Cortez Schenck, Phoenix, 266-190
- Championship**
Matt Russo, Millstone Township, N.J., def. Badovinac, 212-197
- WOMEN**
- Semifinal
Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif., def. Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 220-210
- Championship**
Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., def. Zavala, 229-204

BRYAN O'KEEFE

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His first assignment will be to attend the USBC Team USA Trials and United States Amateur Bowling Championships, starting Jan. 4 in Henderson, Nevada, where several spots on 2017 Junior Team USA will be determined.

"Having worked with the Team USA and Junior Team programs, I understand what a tremendous opportunity and responsibility it is to oversee teams that represent the United States," O'Keefe, 42, said. "It's hard to express what a great feeling it is to be able work with Junior Team USA while continuing my work at McKendree."

O'Keefe and his wife, Shannon, joined McKendree in the summer of 2014, with Bryan taking over as director of bowling and Shannon being selected head coach of the

women's team. The Bearcats' men's team, coached by Dennis Knepper, captured the Intercollegiate Team Championships title in 2016, while the women's team reached the semifinals.

"Bryan O'Keefe is recognized as one of the top coaches in the country, and we're excited to have him back with the Junior Team USA program," USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. "He's a great teacher and understands how to get the best performances out of talented athletes."

O'Keefe became a Team USA assistant coach in 2010. His first opportunity to coach Junior Team USA in a world event came in 2012 at the 12th World Bowling Youth Championships in Bangkok, where he led girls' squad to the team title. During his time with the Team USA program, athletes earned more than 100 medals, including more than 20 gold medals.

He served as facility

manager of the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, where he taught bowlers and oversaw the pro shop, in addition to working with Team USA and Junior Team USA players.

O'Keefe earned Gold coach status from USBC Coaching Certification and Development in 2014. USBC Gold is the highest certification level a bowling coach can achieve.

As a collegiate bowler, O'Keefe earned first-team All-America honors while helping Nebraska to a national title in 1996.

The 2017 USBC Team USA Trials will determine the final 12 spots on 2017 Junior Team USA, which 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

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February 25-26	All Star Lanes	Age Bracket
March 4-5	Emerald Bowl	60/50/Guest Trio
March 11-12	Kenner	Non-Champ Singles
March 25-26	Red Bird Lanes	Regular Singles
April 1-2	Firelake	Super Senior/Guest Doubles
April 15-16	Cowtown	60/50/Guest Trio
April 29-30	Astro Super Bowl	70/60/50/Guest Foursome
May 5-6	Cowtown	Super Senior Singles
May 20-21	University Lanes	Open Member/Guest
May 27-28	Armadilla I	70/60/50/Guest
June 17-18	Cityview Lanes	Member/Guest Doubles
June 24-25	Oil Bowl	Firecracker
July 1-3	Plano Super Bowl	Age Bracket
July 15-16	Armadilla I	Member/Guest Doubles
July 22-23	Tomball Bowl	Member/Member Doubles
Aug. 5-6	Ennis All Star Lanes	Age Bracket
Aug. 12-13	Emerald Bowl	Non-Champs
Aug. 26-27	Cowtown	70/60 Doubles
Sept. 2-3	University Lanes	60/50/Lady Trio
Sept. 9-10	USA Bowl	Annual Championship
Sept. 23-24	Cityview	70/60/50 Trio
Sept. 30-Oct. 1	USA Bowl	Regular Trio
Oct. 14-15	Cowtown	Regular Singles
Oct. 21-22	Del Mar	Mixed Foursome
Nov. 4-5	Plano Super Bowl	Member/Guest Doubles
Nov. 11-12	Hog Pin Bowl	Member/Guest Doubles
Dec. 2-3	All Star Lanes	Annual Team
Dec. 9-10	Cowtown	

The Cyber Report

The Olympic Channel to Collaborate With World Bowling

The Olympic Channel has reached an agreement with World Bowling to collaborate on content for the Olympic Channel.

World Bowling joined air sports and flying disc, along with 36 international federations and IOC-recognized sports federations, that had announced similar agreements in 2016.

"The Olympic Channel is dedicated to promoting all sports and athletes within the Olympic movement," said Mark Parkman, General Manager of the Olympic Channel. "As we look ahead to 2017, we are excited to work with air sports, bowling and flying disc to promote their sports and to help grow their audiences worldwide."

The Olympic Channel is working with its IF partners to create innovative partnerships encompassing live event streaming, event coverage, highlights, magazine shows, news coverage and original programming, as well as technical business solutions.

World Bowling President, Sheikh Talal Mohammed Al-Sabah, said, "This is a fantastic step forward in the pursuit of expanding the global coverage of the sport of bowling."

Kevin Dornberger, World Bowling's CEO, added, "The Olympic Channel offers us access to sports fans worldwide, and we look forward to expanding the reach of our sport and collaborating further with the Olympic Channel."

Collaborations to broadcast live events on the Olympic Channel are complementary to current broadcast and distribution arrangements. By year's end, the Olympic Channel had streamed more than 50 live events since its launch in August.

USBC's Judy Santarius Calls It a Career

Judy Santarius was one of the Bowling Headquarters employees who made the move to Arlington, Texas, when the United States Bowling Congress shuttered the long-time home of the ABC, WIBC and YABA in Greendale, Wis.

Now, after close to two decades of service to the organization, Santarius has retired.

For the first part of her career in bowling administration, Santarius worked with the WIBC Board of Directors. When that organization became a part of the newly formed USBC, she stayed on with that group.

In a Facebook post, USBC Executive Director, Chad Murphy, noted: "She has been in every board meeting for a long time, and has had a front row seat for every decision over this time period."

"She has also been my Executive Assistant for every day, every hour and every minute that I have been the

Executive Director of USBC. In no way, shape or form could I have done this job from day one without Judy. Her institutional knowledge was invaluable in those first few days, weeks and months. She knew where everything was, was able speak about it, and could offer a perspective that was/is completely unmatched."

Added Murphy: "She knows everything about everything that goes on within this organization, and has delivered on that everyday for almost 20 years. And, most importantly, she's done it in a completely professional way. I will miss her; truth is I already do."

USA BEATS "THE WORLD"

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Shark) that led into the PBA World Championship. The top five U.S. qualifiers represented the USA while the top five international players from the 169-player field earned berths on The World team.

Competing on the 41-foot PBA World Championship lane condition pattern in a best-of-two-game Baker format team match, the USA team of Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.; Matt O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J.; 2016 Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com winner Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn.; BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., and 2016 PBA World Championship winner EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., took the early lead by defeating The World team, 253-224, in game one.

Undaunted, The World team, with Australia's Sam Cooley, England's Dom Barrett, 2016 PBA Shark Championship winner Francois Lavoie of Canada, Mexico's Arturo Quintero and Sweden's Martin Larsen came back to win the second game, 223-210, which set up a one-ball sudden-death roll-off to decide the outcome.

The team managers, 18-time PBA champion Tommy Jones for the USA and five-time tour winner Osku Palermaa for the World team, were tasked with choosing the representatives for the roll-off, selecting Allen for the U.S. and Barrett for the World team to go first. The U.S. ended the suspense quickly, however, when Allen struck on the first ball and Barrett countered with a seven-count,

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2017 Team USA Trials or 2016 Junior Gold Championships, will be selected by the National Selection Committee.

Six boys and six girls earned spots on 2017 Junior Team USA through qualifying at the 2016 Junior Gold Championships, which were held in Indianapolis.

To learn more about Junior Team USA, go to BOWL.com/JuniorTeamUSA.

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Saturday January 14 - Sunday January 15
Bradley Open
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BowlStreamtv (formerly michiganbowler.tv) (Available on livestream.com and BowlStreamtv.com)

Saturday January 14 - Sunday January 15
Vicki Rios Memorial Trios
Tangi Lanes Hammond, Louisiana

leaving the 3-6-10.

"This was basically a team that runs itself," said Jones. "You have to consider yourself fortunate to have a group of guys like this who have the good chemistry right out of the box. You couldn't really handpick a better team."

As leadoff bowler bowling the first and sixth frames of each game in addition to the first sudden-death attempt, Allen struck in every frame he bowled.

"That's the name of the game, right?," said Allen, a four-time PBA Tour champion. "I like the team concept because it's up to you to make the best of every frame you're called on to bowl in the Baker format. Fortunately, I made the right decisions with my equipment and that enabled me to maximize my contribution to the team effort."

The USA team shared in a

\$40,000 first prize while the World team earned \$20,000.

The USA team notched its first win in the series after losing to World teams in two previous contests in 2013 and 2011.

USA VS. THE WORLD TEAM CHALLENGE
National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Sunday
Best-of-Two-Game Baker Team Format

Match One:
USA (Dick Allen, Matt O'Grady, Mitch Beasley, BJ Moore III, EJ Tackett) def. The World (Sam Cooley, Dom Barrett, Francois Lavoie, Arturo Quintero, Martin Larsen), 253-224.

Match Two:
The World def. USA, 223-210.

One-Ball Sudden-Death Roll-Off:

Dick Allen (USA) def. Dom Barrett (The World), 10-7.

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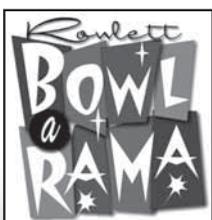
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Just Paying Attention

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If you're able to read this, congratulations, you survived another New Year's celebration. Chances are you may have had a chance to watch three PBA telecasts over Christmas weekend. Looking at the numbers, you caught at least one telecast.

Very good ratings numbers were posted by each of the three shows. The PBA World Series of Bowling (WSOB) Chameleon Championship finals between Noon and 1:00pm Central on Saturday December 24th drew an average of 472,000 viewers.

Two shows Christmas Day drew even better. The WSOB Scorpion Championship airing just after 1:30pm Central averaged 1,060,000 viewers, the Association's highest rated show in two years. The second show airing immediately following, the WSOB Shark Championship, drew an average of 637,000 viewers,

Even though it was Christmas Day, the earlier Sunday afternoon time is still golden for the PBA at this time of year. There wasn't the usual NFL football airing on Fox or CBS at the time, but they did follow an NBA game on ESPN (Knicks-Celtics averaged 3.7 million viewers), which could partially explain its higher number. Sunday PBA shows usually follow NFL Countdown in the fall and the late morning SportsCenter in the winter.

One factor yet to be defined is how much the live viewings on the WatchESPN app and ESPN3 affected the total viewership number. As the PBA breaks new ground in offering additional sources of programming, I went straight to the source for more details, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark

JPA: How surprised were you the first Christmas Day show drew what it did, even with the NBA lead in game?

Tom Clark: It was the first time we have ever aired a show on Christmas Day, or three

different shows in one weekend for that matter, so there was a lot of risk and no history to work from, but I did think it would be a great opportunity with high potential. The NBA lead-in was strong, and while we were against another big NBA game, I think late afternoon on Christmas Day is a great time for families to wind down and watch some sports. And there we were with the WSOB on ESPN.

JPA: How pleased was ESPN with the first show (avg. 1.06 million) rating

Tom Clark: ESPN said the strategy worked.

JPA: What was your assessment of the app watching numbers on the WSOB tapings?

Tom Clark: The strategy of gaining permission from ESPN to air our WSOB animal pattern shows live on ESPN3 and WatchESPN as they were being taped for later broadcast on ESPN was almost solely for the diehard PBA fans, who want to watch these events live. We wanted to serve them – essentially the people who subscribe to Xtra Frame, and ESPN agreed the WSOB is a major sporting event that demands the opportunity for live viewing for our best fans. The audience sizes were very similar to our XF audience sizes, which means the strategy worked. I so wish that the number of diehards was higher – both for XF subscriptions where 1,000 hours of live PBA bowling happens every year, and now also on the ESPN3 and WatchESPN options.

Interestingly the most watched show on ESPN3 and WatchESPN was the PBA World Championship, which was already being seen live on ESPN at the same time. That show had three times the digital viewership, most likely because ESPN shows have a more prominent spot on the app's home page.

JPA: What was ESPN's

assessment of those same numbers?

Tom Clark: ESPN said the move did exactly as we hoped, to serve the hardcore PBA fan without adversely impacting regular TV show ratings.

JPA: Have they green-lighted future WatchESPN app and ESPN3 airings for 2017?

Tom Clark: Yes, we expect this practice to continue for the WSOB at minimum. Remember also that every show we do on ESPN is already on WatchESPN and ESPN3. For example the live TOC, live Players Championship, live Masters, etc., are all on WatchESPN and ESPN3 simultaneously as it airs on ESPN.

JPA: What can be done to corral more advertisers with app numbers?

Tom Clark: Most of our advertisers and sponsors had the added bonus of the digital coverage. For now that is the best way to utilize these digital numbers, to bolster and serve existing sponsors and bring new ones on based on not only TV figures but the added digital exposure. Our YouTube channel and social media also produce hours and hours of WSOB content that provides

further exposure.

JPA: Will the Association ask to re-air some of next year's WSOB shows next year?

Tom Clark: Re-airs are always appreciated and asked for. We were happy to be able to re-air the PBA World Championship in full on New Year's Day this year, with an audience similar to the live showing.

If you have a chance, check out a new weekly bowling podcast, Bowling Illustrated Radio, hosted by BowlStream. tv founder and PBA XtraFrame

commentator Craig Elliot. It's a detailed recap of the bowling week's events with an interview or two in for good measure. You'll also read comments from Elliot in the coming weeks about his additional broadcast responsibilities.

Next week, my Cub fan wife takes a pilgrimage to the corner of Clark and Addison in Chicago's Wrigleyville neighborhood for the first time since certain curses and jinxes were broken.

At Ennis All Star Bowl

Holloway handles 654, Pefuhl snags 619

Tracy Holloway won the battle for top billing with outstanding 202-198-254 = 654 numbers in Pairs & Spares league play at Ennis All Star Bowl.

Terry Pefuhl, Holloway's league mate, led the ladies scoring contest with a laudatory 211-205-203 = 619 showing.

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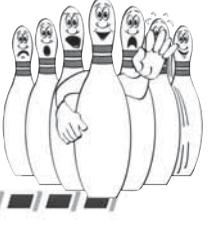


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