

Indiana's E.J. Tackett Wins DHC PBA Japan Invitational Title to Kick Off 2017 Season



E.J. Tackett and DHC's Koji Yamamoto

OSAKA, Japan (Jan. 14, 2017) – E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind., went on a strike binge early Saturday at Bentencho Grandbowl, sweeping his four stepladder matches including a 259-216 victory over top qualifier Shota Kawazoe of Japan, to win his sixth career Professional Bowl-

ers Association Tour title in the DHC PBA Japan Invitational.

Tackett, who is currently a leading contender for 2016 GEICO Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year, entered the finals as the no. 5 qualifier and defeated Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 257-205; Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 259-256, and Jason Sterner of Cocoa, Fla., 235-191, to advance

to the title match.

The entire tournament was covered live on PBA's video streaming service, Xtra Frame.

Tackett, who won four titles in 2016 including his first major in the end-of-season PBA World Championship, bowled his third 300 game of the tournament on Friday to sneak into the stepladder finals by 10 pins. He began his march to the title on Saturday by throwing a string of six strikes in eliminating Barnes, the 2015 DHC PBA Japan Invitational winner.

In the second match, Rash started with six strikes before converting three consecutive single-pin spares. Tackett, after converting two 10 pins early in the match, reeled off seven consecutive strikes to overtake Rash. His seventh strike on his first shot in the 10th frame locked up the win.

A pair of three-strike strings were enough to dispatch Sterner, who didn't throw back-to-back strikes until the 10th frame, and a string of seven strikes against Kawazoe was more than enough to hold off the Japan PBA star who led the

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Williams and Hibbitts Win Member Guest Doubles in Beaumont



Mark Williams and Chris Hibbitts

BEAUMONT - At the first tournament of the year in Beaumont January 7-8, Mark Williams and Chris Hibbitts had a 94 pin lead over 2nd place Don Richey and Anthony Lavery-Spahr going into the final game of Baker match play.

Williams/Hibbitts beat Richey/Lavery-Spahr 245-225 for their seventh win of the day, the tournament title and \$2,100 first place prize money.

It was Mark's 14th SASBA title.

Don and Anthony finished

second and collected \$1,650.

Paul McCordic and Eric Manthei finished third and received \$1,350.

Derek Williams and Ted Pritts finished fourth for \$1,100 and Gary James and Shawn Maldonado rounded out the top five and received \$1,000.

300s were bowled by: Shawn Maldonado and Randy Summers.

We had one woman bowl and there was a Dale Patterson sighting.

Thanks to Mark Williams

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Indiana Bowler Becomes Oldest to Roll 900 Series

ARLINGTON, Texas – Less than three weeks from his 71st birthday, John Buchanan III of Evansville, Indiana, gave himself an early gift as he connected on 36 consecutive strikes to become the oldest bowler in United States Bowling Congress history to record a 900 series.

The right-hander fired three consecutive 300 games Wednesday during the Woodward Commercial Seniors league at Evansville's Franklin Lanes to become the 30th bowler to achieve the feat, surpassing Dale Gerhard of Mill Hall, Pennsylvania, as



John Buchanan III

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Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, Publisher



Del Ballard wins the U.S. Open 30 years ago

Last week we talked about the 30-year anniversary of Del Ballard's record-breaking U.S. Open victory, now let's hear from him.

Tony: What did you want more, the money or the title?

Del: I was way more excited to win a title than win the money. My father always said, do your best and the money will come.

TF: How were your nerves during the final match?

DB: I never was really nervous. The nerves were gone in the previous match. I was pretty much in my place when the title match was going on. I was bowling the pins, not Pete Weber.

TF: What did you do to celebrate later that night?

DB: That night my roommate and I, Mike Edwards, rented a limo and I took all of the press that was there out

to dinner. There were a few rumors about later that night, but I had 20 solid alibis!

TF: What was one memorable thing you remember about that day?

DB: I want to stress one thing about my match. After winning, Pete treated me fantastic. He bought me a beer at the hotel bar and congratulated me again. No hard feelings at all, it was just bowling. Total respect. I do want to add one thing about the show. Back then, you only had two or three balls, and I never changed balls before a show. Well, I watched Marshall Holman win a bunch and I noticed on all the TV shows he used loaded finger and positive. All week, I used a ball with thumb and positive. I switched on the show and won the title. It taught me to always have an open mind. As much as we want to do what got us there, you have to keep an open mind.

TF: That's a good point because during the match, Pete had several ring tens and didn't double until the tenth frame. You, on the other hand, were going light pocket and had no problem with carry.

DB: The light hits were the reason I brought up using a different ball. My ball didn't carry like that during the

week. I didn't care if it was flush. It was a strike and man were they tight on the show. I tried the same ball I threw all week and I was leaving ring tens in practice too, so I didn't use it.

TF: When you look back on your 13 PBA titles, what is your most memorable win?

DB: I have two favs. This one for sure, but winning the Quaker State at Forum was

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the oldest to reach the score. Gerhard was 59 years old when he rolled his 900 series last January.

Buchanan became the second bowler from Indiana to accomplish the score, joining Bob Kammer Jr. of Crown Point, Indiana, who recorded his perfect set in January 2011.

Buchanan laced up on his favorite pair of lanes at the 20-lane facility Wednesday, but he did not find the ball reaction he was looking for early in practice.

"We were on 17 and 18, which is my favorite pair in the house," Buchanan said. "The ball I usually use wasn't reacting quite as well as I wanted it to, so I switched to a stronger ball and played a completely different line. I hardly had to change throughout the set - maybe a board through all three games - since I was alone playing where I was on (the fifth board)."

As the strikes continued to add up and Buchanan approached the final frame, his first goal was to reclaim the Greater Evansville USBC series record, which he previously held after rolling an 858 series during a tournament at Franklin Lanes in May 2003.

"Stepping up in the 10th, I was thinking about the city record," Buchanan said. "I had held the record before at 858, but it has been broken four or five times since then, and I was hoping to get it back. After that, I just tried to stay as calm as possible and make good shots, which I was able to do."

"Holding the record is pretty special," Buchanan said. "A 900 series is an achievement all bowlers strive for, but only a few are able to attain. I feel privileged to be in that group."

Buchanan's achievement is pending approval from USBC and would be the 31st USBC-approved 900.

The first USBC-approved 900 occurred Feb. 2, 1997 when Jeremy Sonnenfeld rolled three consecutive perfect games in Lincoln, Nebraska.

the best. Winning in front of your home town was harder than any of them. I was more nervous on that show than any of the others.

Great stuff as always from Del.

The two most memorable PBA moments for me growing up was the Pete McCordic 300 game, and Del winning this U.S. Open title. It was a Saturday afternoon and we

were bowling Junior Travel league.

I lived to watch the pros bowl on TV growing up, absolutely could not wait for Saturday afternoons. This week in Mark London's JPA, he references another memorable lost classic. A 21-yr-old Jimmy Johnson and a 28-yr-old Robert Lawrence battle for the World Open. Check it out.

USBC-Approved 900 Series (31)

- Jeremy Sonnenfeld (R), Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 2, 1997
- Tony Roventini (L), Greenfield, Wis., Nov. 9, 1998
- Vince Wood (R), Moreno Valley, Calif., Sept. 29, 1999
- Robby Portalatin (L), Jackson, Mich., Dec. 28, 2000
- James Hylton (R), Salem, Ore., May 2, 2001
- Jeff Campbell II (R), New Castle, Pa., June 12, 2004
- Darin Pomije (R), New Prague, Minn., Dec. 9, 2004
- Robert Mushtare (R), Fort Drum, N.Y., Dec. 5, 2005 and Feb. 19, 2006
- Lonnie Billiter Jr. (R), Fairfield, Ohio, Feb. 13, 2006
- Mark Wukoman (R), Greenfield, Wis., April 22, 2006
- P.J. Giesfeldt (R), Milwaukee, Dec. 23, 2006
- Rich Jerome Jr. (R), Baltimore, Dec. 22, 2008
- Chris Aker (L), Winnemucca, Nev., Oct. 30, 2009
- Andrew Teall (R), Medford, N.J., Nov. 2, 2009
- Andrew Mank (R), Belleville, Ill., March 18, 2010
- William Howell III (L), Middletown, N.Y., Oct. 21, 2010
- Matt Latarski (R), Medina,

- Ohio, Nov. 28, 2010
 - Bob Kammer Jr. (R), Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 8, 2011
 - John Martorella Sr. (R), Greece, N.Y., April 12, 2012
 - Jimmy Schmitzer (R), Riverside, Calif., April 20, 2012
 - James Williams (R), Pawcatuck, Conn., (bowed in Wakefield, R.I.), April 16, 2013
 - Joe Scarborough (R), Charlotte, N.C., (bowed in The Villages, Fla.), April 21, 2013
 - Todd James (R), East New Market, Md., (bowed in Laurel, Del.), March 18, 2014
 - Amos Gordon (R), Colorado Springs, Colo., April 11, 2014
 - Earon Vollmar (R), Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 19, 2015
 - Hakim Emmanuel (R), Stoughton, Mass., Feb. 19, 2015
 - David Sewesky (L), Dearborn, Mich., Jan. 10, 2016
 - Dale Gerhard (R), Mill Hall, Pa., Jan. 12, 2016
 - Sean Osbourn (R), Houston, Nov. 21, 2016
 - John Buchanan III (R), Evansville, Ind., Jan. 11, 2017**
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Nov. 26-27, 2016	Wild Turkey Mixed Team - \$2k added	AMF Sparetime
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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	Spartetime
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		
Texas State USBC Tournaments hosted by NCTUSBC		
Oct 8 - Nov 13	Mixed Tournament	Forum
Jan 28-29	Senior Masters & Queens	Forum
Feb 25-26	Masters & Bluebonnet Queens	Forum
Apr 22 - June 25	Women's Tournament	Forum
Jul 15 - 29*	Senior Tournament	Cityview
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Crandon Haddock, Strikz	681
Jeff Macon, Ennis All Star Bowl.....	665

Women

Christy Bricker, Plano Super Bowl.....	748
Kathlene Lyons, Forum Bowl	695
Lina Choun, Cowtown Bowling Palace.....	662
Lauren Cathey, Red Bird Lanes	659
Cathy Eberly, Strikz.....	584
Ryne McKenrick, Ennis All Star Bowl.....	553



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PWBA Accepting Membership Applications for 2017, Entries for First Four Events



ARLINGTON, Texas – The Professional Women’s Bowling Association now is accepting memberships for the 2017 season and entries for the first four events in 2017.

Women who have achieved an average of 180 or higher in a United States Bowling Congress certified league can apply for PWBA membership. International bowlers may join if they average 180 or higher and provide proof from their country’s bowling federation.

Bowlers can apply online at PWBA.com. Applicants will be notified of membership status within 30 days of submitting an application.

The benefits of PWBA membership include:

- \$100 entry fee discount on PWBA Standard events
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- Discounted practice rates at official PWBA Practice

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 - Right to enter the PWBA Players Championship
 - Name listed on the PWBA website
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spokesperson Kelly Kulick said. “If a bowler plans to compete in just a few events, then the discounts on entries and practice fees alone will more than pay for the cost of a PWBA membership.”

The 2017 PWBA Tour season kicks off April 27-29 with the PWBA Sonoma County Open at Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, California. It will be followed by two more stops in California – the PWBA Storm Sacramento Open and the PWBA Fountain Valley Open – before the first major of the season, the USBC Queens in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, set for May 17-23.

The PWBA also has published a revised version of its Official Rules and Regulations.

For complete information about the PWBA, including online membership application, tournament registration and the complete rules, please visit PWBA.com.

At Ennis All Star Bowl

Macon topples 665

Ennis Mixed Classic league member Jeff Macon racked up a hard-hitting 218-246-201 = 665 series to earn top billing on the honor roll last week at Ennis All Star Bowl.

Ryne McKenrick, Macon’s league mate, led the lady bowlers with a highly commendable 177-

186-190 = 553 set.

HONOR ROLL

Tia Hopkins 236-624, Lauren Cathey 187-546, Paul Toal 226-622, Christy Antle 181-495, Billy Adams 210-585, Terry Pefuhl 193-545, Ardise Hicks 200-546, Mary Sikes 158-457, Johnny Tobias 169-503, Eva Dionne 142-387.

At Red Bird Lanes

Tyson garners 683, Cathey collects 659

Chester Tyson’s stellar 189-216-278 = 683 series in the Tuesday Men’s Commercial league action led the scoring parade for the week at Red Bird Lanes.

Lauren Cathey paced the ladies with a sturdy 188-235-236 = 659 Career Girls set.

HONOR ROLL

Rosemary Hunsaker 207-584, Pete Evans 254-677, Chris Sosebee (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 300-1088, Jennifer Sosebee (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 274-996, Joyce Johnson 170-472, Mary

Ruppe 198-517.

Shannon Monk 245-648, Joanne Adams 229-502, Chris Symank 235-614, David Symank 225-592, Tyree Jennings, Jr. 210-615, Judy Dillabough 189-496, Len Cline 222-6637, Jessica Zientek 189-542.

Keith Jennings 221-625, Creeper Perry 163-468, Jimmie Hawkins 198-536, Dale Shaw 168-472, Tristan Bridgewater 261-681, Wendy Jones 245-592, Tommy Moreland 215-573.

Lena Williams 163-458, Chandler Robinson (2 games) 118-226, Louanne McGhee (2 games) 110-219.

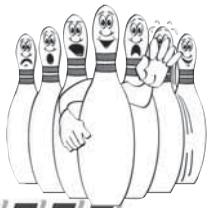


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Ozio Elected to 2017 USBC Hall of Fame Class



David Ozio

ARLINGTON, Texas - David Ozio of Beaumont, Texas, has been elected to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in the Superior Performance category.

The 62-year-old right-hander was among eight bowlers (six men and two women) on the national ballot and was elected to the 2017 USBC Hall of Fame class by a USBC panel of veteran bowling writers, hall of famers and board members.

"When you spend your whole life practicing, bowling 200 games a week and living in bowling centers, recognition like this means a lot," said Ozio, a 1995 inductee into the PBA Hall of Fame. "After all these years, I wondered if it was going to happen, and if it did, it would be great. It was a welcomed phone call and a sigh of relief."

The 2017 USBC Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place April 26 at the 2017 USBC

Convention in Las Vegas. Ozio joins Mike Shady of Fairview, Pennsylvania, who was elected in the Outstanding USBC Performance category in November by the USBC Hall of Fame Committee, in this year's USBC Hall of Fame class.

Ozio is an 11-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour titlist, including the 1991 PBA Tournament of Champions, part of a four-win year that ended with PBA Player of the Year honors.

He went on to find success on the PBA50 Tour, earning two victories, the first of which was the 2004 Senior U.S. Open on the way to being named PBA50 Rookie of the Year.

Ranked 34th on the PBA's list of the 50 Greatest Players in PBA History (2009), Ozio was slowed by wrist surgery in 2008. Two years later, he walked away from the game when he decided he could not be as competitive on the lanes as he wanted to be.

The decision simply was a change of direction for Ozio, also a competitive fisherman throughout his time on the PBA Tour. While on tour competing in more than 30 PBA events a year, he also fished in more than two dozen tournaments annually.

Ozio now spends more than 300 days each year on the water at Texas' Lake Fork, where he offers guided fishing tours and instruction.

Also on the Superior Performance ballot were Dave Ferraro of Kingston, New York; Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas; Randy Pedersen of Clermont, Florida; Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas; and Danny Wiseman of Baltimore.

The two competitors on the women's ballot were Marianne DiRupo of Succasunna, New Jersey, and Tammy Turner of West Palm Beach, Florida.

Through 2016, there are 417 members of the USBC Hall of Fame - 217 in Superior Performance, 117 in Meritorious Service, 50 in Veterans, 20 in Pioneers and 13 in Outstanding USBC Performance.

The USBC Hall of Fame was created in 2005 by merging the former American Bowling Congress and Women's International Bowling Congress Halls of Fame.

For more information on the USBC Hall of Fame, visit BOWL.com/HallofFame.

At Cowtown Bowling Palace

Nason drills 767, Choun handles 662

Ron Nason racked up a hard-hitting 268-279-220 = 767 Wednesday Winners series to earn top billing on the honor roll last week at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

Lina Choun paced the ladies with a sterling 198-225-239 = 662 Ladies and Gents set to lead the ladies.

HONOR ROLL

Bill Dean 267-747, Jamie Hines 236-638, Frankie Mata 256, Josh Barnes 254, Dan Shields 279, LA Aragon 259-706, Jerry Owczarski 244, Joshua McFarlain 265-634, Jesse Callan 243, Rosemary Brown 201.

Mike Moore 236, Brittany Hughes 229, Coy Hart 267, Amy Hart 217-625,

Timothy Landers, Jr. 262, Bernie Adkins 213, Paul Parker 288, Mark Cozart 279, Andrew Belschner 264.

Ron Nason 238-673, Christina Tucker 233, Raymond Sloat 238, Sheri Locke 207-588, Robert Tune 235, Steven Woods 259, Billy Gann 241, Chase Martin 227, David Dunn 638.

SENIORS

Tom Simmons 246, Kay Moniarty 230-579, Chester Jones 246, Yolanda Espinoza 205, Frank Stone 240, David Pruitt 644, Chester Jones 247, Karen Holder 224, Ken Eilert 245-704.

Karen Wittenberg 183-512, Randy Biel 224, Chester Jones 247, Betty Odom 225-598, George Hernandez, Sr. 210-591, Cheryl Berube 220.

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field by 401 pins heading into the championship round.

Along with his title in the PBA's first tournament of 2017, Tackett earned \$43,800.

Next up for the PBA is the State Farm Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational at Lucky Strike LA Live in Los Angeles Tuesday, where Tackett, Barnes, Rash, Tommy Jones and Pete Weber will join the host and Los Angeles Clippers and Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts among others in

a special event to benefit the Chris Paul Family Foundation. The show will air on ESPN on Friday, Feb. 17 at 9 p.m. ET as part of the NBA All-Star weekend, followed by the PBA Super Clash presented by Main Event in Katy, Texas, live on ESPN on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. ET.

PBA Tour competition resumes with a "Super February" lineup of back-to-back-to-back major championships, all of which will air live on ESPN. The series includes the Barbasol PBA Players Championship from Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Feb. 7-12; the FireLake

PBA Tournament of Champions from FireLake Bowling Center and FireLake Arena, Feb. 14-19, and the United States Bowling Congress Masters from The Orleans Bowling Center, Feb. 21-26. All three finals air on Sundays at 1 p.m. ET, and preliminary rounds of all three will be live streamed on Xtra Frame.

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DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL

Bentencho Grandbowl, Osaka, Japan, Saturday Final Standings

1, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$43,800.

2, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, \$21,750.

3, Jason Sterner, Cocoa, Fla., \$11,410.

4, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$8,700.

5, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$7,830.

Stepladder Results

Match One - Tackett def. Barnes, 257-205.

Match Two - Tackett def. Rash, 259-256.

Semifinal Match - Tackett def. Sterner, 235-191.

Championship - Tackett def. Kawazoe, 259-216.

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aspects of Bowlopolis while Party Direct, an industry expert on birthday party supplies, will take charge of distribution of the Bowlopolis products,” said Gary Brown, Managing Director of IBC Youth Development.

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“We appreciate having Sixlets® join us as presenting sponsor of the USA Bowling National Championships,” said IBC Youth Managing Director Gary Brown. “The support of a nationally recognized brand such as Sixlets® can only help to broaden the exposure of our event and showcase the great opportunities provided by youth bowling.”

In addition to its support of the USA Bowling National

Championships, Sixlets® will continue to utilize the larger bowling platform to reach consumers. Its partnership with bowling through Strike Ten Entertainment, the marketing arm for the sport, extends to in-store and in-center promotions, which include free bowling offers and prize promotions throughout the year.

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Learn more about the USA Bowling program and the USA Bowling National Tournament at BOWL.com/USABowling.

At Forum Bowl

Garrett topples 300/834, Lyons spots 695

Clark, Flores, Jenkins II, Tinsman 300’s, Anderson, Cantrell, Hooper 299’s

D J Garrett delivered a booming 279-255-300 = 834 series to top the charts at Forum Bowl during the Dynamic Duo league session.

Kathlene Lyons racked up a rollicking 267-229-199 = 695 Monday Night Open set to lead the ladies.

Bobby Clark, David Flores, Joe Jenkins II and Josh Tinsman shared high-game accolades with Garrett as each recorded award-winning 12-baggers. Doug Anderson, Hank Cantrell and Evaristo Hooper took runner-up honors with near-perfect 299 solos.

HONOR ROLL

Marsha Goforth 216-576, Rick Vonkolen 245-594, Gena Breedlove 222-602, Joe Adame 289-767, Christy Antle 257-673, Stacy Harden 255-740, Leritha Pride 253-679, Evaristo Hooper 774.

Emily Montgomery 235-657, Kim Jackson 228-581, Scotty Mazzucco 254-761, Jean Cross 245-721, Don Grundy 255-691, Doug Anderson 750, Alesia Pickett 228-644, Jimmy White 269-693.

Valerie Ledford 180-506, Bobby Clark 708, Tammy Hendersen 246-688, Derrik Omey 279-698, Melanie Forde 164-450, Jack Rogers 246-711, Tisha Patterson 253-599, Sean Lavery-Spahr (4 games) 257-1016, Heather Whitney (4 games) 257-919, Regina Stewart 211-564, D J Garrett 269-749, Judy Phillips 176-519, Carlos Ortiz 249-721, Nancy Burden 178-514, Josh Tinsman 766, Barbara Shaw 259-689.

Cliff Malicoat 279-743, Marissa Neville 237-676, D J Garrett 266-752, Emily Montgomery 233-593.

SENIORS

Mark Shell 239-646, Annie Akanni 289-664, Homer Dudley (9 pin) 300-843, Margaret Montgomery (9 pin) 242-663.

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and Jennifer and staff for hosting a great tournament. The shot was demanding and put a premium on spare shooting.

The gumbo and red beans and rice were great as always! Crossroads Bowling Center added \$2,250 to the prize fund and SASBA added \$750.

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

Qualifying and match play are in your age group (50-59) (60-69) (70 and up). Two weeks later we are back at Cityview for a 70/60/50/50 Foursome.



LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

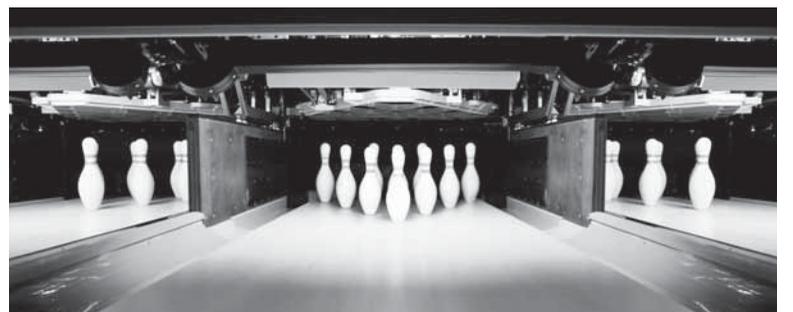
Patrick Allen wins 8th PBA title at the H&R Block Classic... Jim Stephens and Tyson Branagan win SASBA Doubles in Beaumont...Chris Lucas led the honor roll with 822 at AMF Showplace-Eules...Tam Wasson had 300/804 at Plano...little Scotty Craddock shot 793 at AMF Showplace-Garland...Sherri Flannery led the ladies with 741 at USA Bowl, and was also high at AMF Showplace-Eules with 734...Heather Jones rolled 720 at DC Cityview.

20 YEARS AGO

Mike Scroggins wins SW PBA Regional at Hurricane Lanes in Pasadena...Aric Alcaraz led the honor roll with 824 at Triangle-Grove...Robert Ford with 795 at Triangle-Irving...Ray Bunyard shot 790 at Showplace-Garland...Karen Nelson led the ladies with 748 at Terrell...Keri Wilson had 745 at Showplace-Eules...Lisa Lea with 726 at Triangle-Jupiter...YABA bowler Ryan Boroff had a 300/749 at DC SW.

30 YEARS AGO

George Branham wins the PBA AC-Delco for his second title...Donny Yow wins ACBA at Circle...David Smith with a 300/717 at DC FW...Robert Bissingill led the honor roll with 813 at DC East...James LeCroy with 782 at Forest Park...Bobbie Sevey led the ladies with 654 at Advantages...Sherry Brown shot 648 at Golden Triangle...Ken Johnson wins SW PBA Regional in Dodge City, KS...Mar Riofta takes NTTB at Bowl Dallas... John Gant was the high average on the PBA tour with 214.3, I wonder where that might rank in today’s game.



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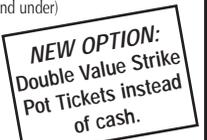
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USA Bowling National Championships Spots Still Up for Grabs

ARLINGTON, Texas – Half the field for the 2017 USA Bowling National Championships presented by the Sixlets® Brand are set, but the final 16 spots for the July event in Cleveland will be decided over the next three months.

USA Bowling Regional events determine the field for the USA Bowling National Championships. At each regional, there are two divisions – Under 12 (born Aug. 1, 2004 or later) and Under 15 (born between Aug. 1, 2001 to July 31, 2004) – and each regional champion advances to the national event.

The regional events kicked off last October with the Southeast Regional held at Bufaloe Lanes North in Raleigh, N.C. Since then, regional events have taken place in Ohio, Nebraska, Kansas, Indiana, New York, Tennessee and Texas.

Eight USA Bowling Regional events remain, so there still

is time to register a team for competition. The dates, region and sites for the remaining eight USA Bowling regional events are:

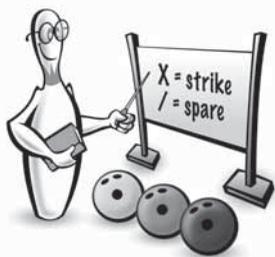
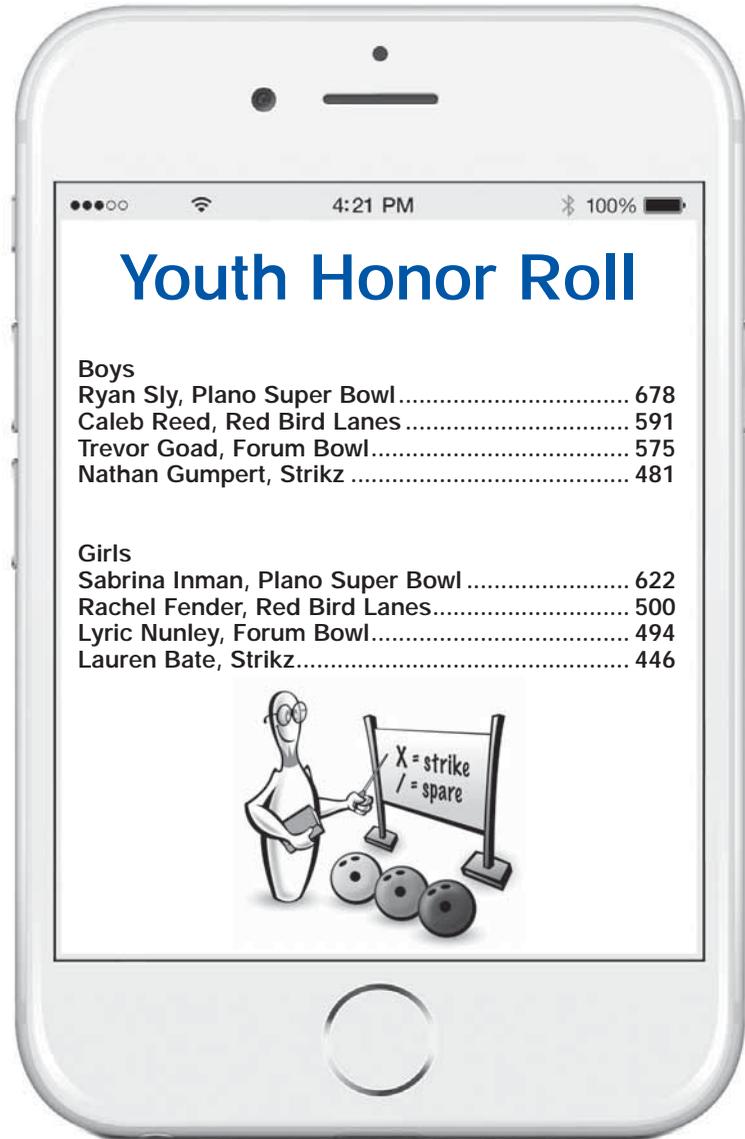
- Jan. 14-15 – Coastal South, Boardwalk Bowl, Orlando, Fla.
 - Jan. 21-22 – Pacific Southwest, Cloverleaf Family Bowl, Fremont, Calif.
 - Jan. 28-29 – Southwest, Cactus Bowl, Tucson, Ariz.
 - Feb. 12 – Upper Great Lakes, Concord Lanes, South St. Paul, Minn.
 - Feb. 19 – Mountain, Brunswick Zone Circle, Colorado Springs, Colo.
 - March 4-5 – South, Vestavia Bowl, Birmingham, Ala.
 - March 18-19 – New England, Westgate Lanes, Brockton, Mass.
 - March 25-26 – Heartland, St. Clair Bowl, Fairview Heights, Ill.
- Among the teams that already have qualified for the



2017 USA Bowling National Championships is 3 Rights Make a Left, which defended its U15 Midwest Regional title at the Midwest Regional in Wichita, Kansas. The team was aided by an eight-game qualifying pinfall total of 1,833, a 229.1 average. The runner-up team, Northrock Teal, rolled a 300 game during match play at the same event.

Bill and Ellen Johnson, who last season coached The Strikers to the inaugural U15 USA Bowling National Championship title, will seek another

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Lane Laughter



Collegiate Ticker



The Spring Hill men and Webber International women collected wins at the Seminole Classic last weekend in Tallahassee, Florida.

The Seminole Classic, held at Capital Lanes, featured six traditional games and 16 Baker games of qualifying to determine the top four men's and women's teams that advanced to the bracket. Bracket matches were contested using a best-of-three Baker format.

The Spring Hill men qualified second for the bracket and swept No. 4 Central Florida in the title match, 2-0. Spring Hill defeated No. 3 South Florida in the semifinals, 2-1, while

Central Florida knocked off top seed Webber International, 2-1, to advance.

Spring Hill's Charles Noble paced the six-game block with a 1,493 total, a 248.83 average. Webber's Ramon Hilferink (1,420), Ryan Tamburrino (1,403) and Adam Zimmerman (1,395) were next in the standings, and Spring Hill's Jackson Harris (1,361) rounded out the top five.

The Webber women, the defending Intercollegiate Team Championships winner, coasted to the top seed in the bracket but had to win the final two games in each of their matches to claim the title,

including a 2-1 victory over No. 2 Savannah College of Art and Design in the championship round. Webber held off No. 4 Florida State in the semifinal, 2-1, while SCAD swept No. 3 Emmanuel, 2-0.

Emmanuel's Destiny Harper finished her block with games of 278 and 277 to surpass Webber's Tania Yusaf for the top spot in the women's standings with a 1,400 total, a 233.33 average. Yusaf finished second with 1,390, and Spring Hill's Miranda Singer was third with 1,298. Florida State's Erica Orensky (1,253) and Rachel DeVillier (1,244) were fourth and fifth, respectively.

Fort Worth USBC Youth Results

Trevor Goad led the Fort Worth-area USBC youth bowling last week with an outstanding 222/575 Stars & Strikers series at Forum Bowl.

Lyric Nunley, Goad's league mate, paced the girls with a sturdy 188/494 set.

At Forum Bowl – Daniel Jennings 96-190, Hailee Grange 101-192, Mason Boles 89-168, Carlysya Tackett 101-186, Hamilton Joseph 125-292, Charisse Graham 141-366, Abraham Lopez 90-228, Alyssa Knight 130-328, True Hardison 172-444, Tori Brooks 119-331, Tyler Brooks 161-438, Jillian Spridco

Dallas USBC Youth Scores

Ryan Sly topped the Dallas-area USBC youth bowling last week with a booming 237-226-215 = 678 Showstoppers series at Plano Super Bowl.

Sabrina Inman, also from Plano Super Bowl, led the girls with a sparkling 191-267-164 = 622 Sunday Youth/Adult set.

At Plano Super Bowl – Brady McDonough 192-450, Marisa Munguia 122-347, Noah Raleigh-Turner 208-



134-322, Joseph Pruneda 197-505, Allison Williams 179-467, Jared Valladares (4 games) 223-1042, Tara Spridco (4 games) 212-1012.

496, Emily Joiner 90-227, J C Hough 245-633, Mya Murray 134-384, Moriah Leraas 169-472, Brady McDonough 203-509, Allen Funderburk 152-407, Sierra Jones 133-342, C J Johnson 279-675, Brandon Ingram 258-608, Pam Hodson 172-431, Nathan Kilbride 212-533, Grace Blair 190-549, Matthew Reed 189-503, Tara Meche 167-443, Johnnie Arriago 192-538, Veronica Prior 214-615, Jax Locke (2 games) 90-175.

At Red Bird Lanes – Caleb Reed 258-591, Rachel Fender 185-500, Elizabeth Hoffman 291, Harmonie Klein 152-235.

At Strikz – Andrew Martin 156-450, Nathan Gumpert 173-481, Cory Shen 166-470, Lauren Bate 168-446, Tara Meche 158-436.

USA BOWLING

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title-match appearance on CBS Sports Network after leading the U12 Georgia All Stars to the Atlantic East U12 title in December.

For USA Bowling Regional events, rosters can have up to six bowlers, though only four will compete at a time. Each member of the team must be USBC certified to participate.

The two-day regionals start with eight round-robin Baker matches to determine seeding for tiered brackets. On the second day of competition, teams compete in a double-elimination match play bracket, also using the Baker format in which team members alternate frames. Each match is best-of-three games and competition continues until each tiered bracket has a winner.

The cost for teams to com-

pete in the event is \$110 and all participants receive an event gift with trophies awarded to the top teams.

The USA Bowling Regional events were introduced in 2013 to give teams additional opportunities for competition. The regional events led to the first USA Bowling National Championships in 2016 in Indianapolis with the finals televised on CBS Sports Network. The Indiana U12 All-Stars claimed the U12 title, while The Strikers took home the U15 crown.

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Sixlets® Chocolatey Candies Renews Partnership with Bowling Industry for 2017



ARLINGTON, Texas – Sixlets® Brand Chocolatey Candies is renewing its multi-year partnership with the bowling industry in 2017 through Strike Ten Entertainment, the marketing arm for bowling.

Sixlets® Brand has been a proud sponsor of bowling since 2015 and have extended their partnership to continue to build awareness with consumers. Its partnership with bowling extends to in-store and in-center promotions, which include free bowling offers and

prize promotions throughout the year.

“With 67 million people on the lanes each year, bowling has provided great connection for Sixlets® to drive awareness through national promotions,” said John Harbuck, president of Strike Ten Entertainment. “We are able to provide the brand with significant exposure through our participating bowling centers, our sponsorship of the Go Bowling 400 NASCAR race and national consumer sweepstakes. It’s been a great

partnership and we are pleased to extend it into new areas.”

As part of its activation in 2017, the Sixlets® Brand will be placing printed coupons on select packages that feature an offer for a free game of bowling. Also, Sixlets® will implement two consumer prize promotions during the year.

PBA Spare Shots

PBA PLAYER, ROOKIE OF THE YEAR VOTING GETS UNDERWAY

Voting will begin Friday among PBA members and veteran bowling writers to select the 2016 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year and the Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year. Voting will be open until midnight PST, Friday, Jan. 20.

Player of the Year candidates who finished among the top 10 in 2016 earnings, in alphabetical order, are: Dom Barrett, England; Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn.; Jason Belmonte, Australia; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.;

Consumers will be able to enter the sweepstakes by visiting www.gobowling.com. These promotions include:

Go Bowling 400 at Kansas Speedway VIP Sweepstakes – The Grand Prize is a VIP Race Trip to the Go Bowling 400 at Kansas Speedway.

Family Caribbean Cruise Sweepstakes – The Grand Prize is a Family Caribbean Cruise aboard Disney Cruise Lines.

In addition, as a new element for 2017, the Sixlets® Brand will be the presenting sponsor of the 2017 USA

Bowling National Championships operated by International Bowling Campus Youth Development. The event will be nationally televised on CBS Sports Network.

“The Sixlets® Brand is excited to continue to build our relationship with STE and expand that by becoming a presenting sponsor for the USA Bowling National Championships. Bowling is a great all American family sport and Sixlets® is an all American brand,” said Joe Annunziato, Sixlets® Senior Brand Manager.

Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.; Francois Lavoie, Quebec City, Quebec; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas; Jesper Svensson, Sweden, and EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind..

The top five players in the rookie class, also listed alphabetically, are: Graham Fach, Guelph, Ontario; Francois Lavoie, Quebec City, Quebec; Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y.; Anggie Ramirez, Austin, Texas, and Darren Tang, San Francisco.

The winners of the 2016 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award, Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year, Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award (selected by PBA players) and the Tony Reyes Community Service Award (selected by a special PBA panel) will be announced during PBA’s live Main Event PBA Super Classic on Sunday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m

ET. Winners will receive their awards during a live Xtra Frame videocast as part of the PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies at the Grand Casino Resort & Hotel in Shawnee, Okla., on Monday, Feb. 13. Hall of Fame coverage will begin at 8 p.m. ET.

ALMOST PRIME-TIME: DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL FINALS AIR LIVE FRIDAY NIGHT

PBA’s 2017 season gets underway with an almost prime-time special Friday when the five-player stepladder finals of the DHC PBA Japan Invitational air live on Xtra Frame from Osaka, Japan. The five-player finals are set to begin at 10 p.m. Eastern (9 p.m. in the Midwest, prime-time at 7 p.m. on the West Coast).

Leading into the stepladder finals, four eight-game round-robin match play rounds aired

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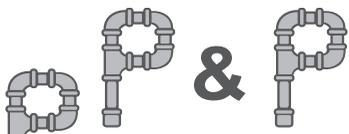
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Date	Location	Age Bracket
January 21-22	Cityview	70/60/50/50 Foursome
February 4-5	Cityview	Member/Guest Doubles
February 11-12	Planet Bowl	Claude Thomas Singles
February 25-26	All Star Lanes	Age Bracket
March 4-5	Emerald Bowl	60/50/Guest Trio
March 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	

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live on XF in overnight hours Wednesday/Thursday and Thursday/Friday. Each match play round will be available on demand in Xtra Frame "What's New" section approximately an hour after the live streaming coverage, and shortly thereafter, the segments will be available in the XF archives for fans who prefer a more convenient time to watch.

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JAKOB BUTTURFF WINS USA TEAM TRIALS; PBA STARS EARN BERTHS ON TEAM USA 2017

Adding an exclamation point to a breakout season of PBA competition, 22-year-old lefthander Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Ariz., won the USBC Team USA Trials Sunday at Sunset Station's Strike Zone Bowling Center in Las Vegas to lead a contingent of PBA members who earned berths on Team USA 2017.

Butturff, who won two PBA Tour titles and a record nine PBA Regional titles during his second year of PBA competition, as the top overall performer across 30 games bowled on five different lane conditions. In the Team USA

trials, players are awarded points in reverse order of how they finished in each round (example, first place was worth one point, second place worth two points, etc.) and the lower the points earned, the better. Butturff "led" the field of 169 male bowlers with 59 combined points, well in front of fellow PBA member Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash. Andrew Cain of Phoenix also earned an automatic Team USA berth by finishing fifth on the overall points list. Other PBA members added to Team USA 2017 by the National Selection Committee, either based on their performances during the trials or based on submitted resumes, were AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill.; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.

Women's Team USA 2017 members who are current PBA members or have won PBA titles (PBA Tour, PBA Regional or PBA Women's Tour) will include: Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio; Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill.; Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J.; Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif.; Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., and Stefanie Johnson, Grand Prairie, Texas.

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:

New "Earl Anthony Signature" products are the second line of products in the PBA Signature Series available through the PBA Store, joining the "Dick Weber Signature" products. To order products in time for Valentine's Day delivery, visit: <http://pba.firelakedesigns.com/categories/apparel/signature-series/>

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a number of others also walking around that block as we were, also on a pilgrimage to the place their hearts were also at that fateful early November night just six weeks prior.

I spent much of the time figuring out camera positions for all those YouTube videos around the park as the game ended, as Harry described the thousands in the neighborhood as "a mass of happy humanity." And in case you're wondering, the "as sure as God made little green apples" clip came from, it was from the 1991 season finale as Harry signed off on the WGN-TV broadcast, waxing poetically as he liked to do on the final post-game show before a long winter.

As we boarded the 'L' to go back to the Loop to continue the day, she turned to me with moist eyes and said, "You know we would have been here that night if we still lived here." Flying her white 'W' flag at our house in the dark Texas night after Game 7 of the World Series wasn't quite enough. After this trip in person to the scene of that mass of happy humanity, it was now complete.

That pretty much insures the annual Cubs Convention, held this past weekend, will be sold out each January for the foreseeable future. Don't be surprised if the team sells out all 81 home games this year, too.

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PBA Player Awards & HOF Induction Dinner Special Event	Sunday February 12 6:50 PM

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Mark Blasius fired a high-powered, award-winning 277-289-268 = 834 Monday Classic Trio series to dominate scoring for the week at Plano Super Bowl.

Christy Bricker's, Blasius' league mate, sky-high 245-257-246 = 748 set fronted distaff scoring.

Chris Colen, David Hattaway and Scott Wilson shared high-game accolades with award-winning 12-baggers while Bill Allen took runner-up honors with a near-perfect 299 solo.

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William Hernandez 278-704, Lauren Glover 190-511, Chad Holland 266-726, Debby Oulicky 214-589, Zak Edgerton (4 games) 279-1017, Kiyoko McDonald (4 games) 258-932, Jim Stephens 279-757.

Susan Lee 237-672, Bill Allen 702, Kay Pingsterhaus 244-668, Dan Metevier 258-713, Jennifer Spring 197-532, Chris Groom 277-746, Kaitlin Williams 214-577, Gary Suder 237-659, Jennifer Upton 195-480, Marcus Patterson 257-683, Kelli Spencer 227-582.

Just Paying Attention

By Mark London
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As mentioned last week, Craig Elliott has started a weekly bowling podcast, Bowling Illustrated Radio. It can be found on his own Facebook page, as well as on Spreaker, iHeart Radio, and Spotify.

In a message exchange, Elliott explained how he got involved with a network you may have heard of, but not as much in recent years

"It started from a Facebook post by Paula Vidar looking for 'the voice of bowling for the TVS Network', I chatted with Paula briefly and she set me up to talk to TVS President Tom Ficara. Tom and I discussed a lot about what he was looking for and what it has to offer. We agreed it seems to make sense and here we are! Starting out with a weekly podcast focused on everything bowling, I'll contribute also to Bowling Illustrated Magazine and with continued growth who knows! There's a good chance there will be some tourney commentary and possibly streaming later this year," Elliott said.

If that name rings a bell for our older readers (as old and older than me, I'm well into SASBA eligibility), TVS Network was started by Eddie Einhorn in the 1960's to broadcast college basketball games. In the days before cable television, satellite television,

ESPN, and the other dozen-plus or so sports channels when you could watch only three to five television channels, TVS sold game telecasts to individual over-the-air television stations. First on radio, then adding television, TVS broadcasted college basketball to regional networks when the big three broadcast networks wanted nothing to do with college basketball. Its first national telecast was the legendary 1968 UCLA-Houston 'Game of the Century' at the sold out Houston Astrodome. That is the game credited with getting more appeal to the college game on television as well as showing it could also sell out larger arenas and stadiums.

Our first JPA Lost Classic of 2017 goes back to a show previously seen in portions as a match or two, but never the whole show until now. Courtesy of frequent YouTube uploader John 'irishpogi' McLaughlin, here is the entire show of the 1990 PBA Brunswick Memorial World Open. Jimmy Johnson defeated top-seed Robert Lawrence with a monster eleven-strike effort, ironically on the same pair of lanes his father, the late Don Johnson, won the same tournament in 1971 and '72. Ironically, the father and son wins started and finished the

old Brunswick Memorial World Open's time at BRC Glendale Heights, before moving further north to BRC Deer Park for four more editions starting in 1991.

This NBC telecast featured the solid announce team of Jay Randolph and Earl Anthony and can be found here: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNpr7SUCtw>)

I had planned to include this piece later, but since more than a few asked, I will respond. On our pre-Christmas vacation to Chicagoland, as part of an entire day in the city, my wife (lifelong Cub fan, in case you're reading this column for the first time) found an hour to take the Red Line of the 'L' (Elevated Train) to the Addison Street station.

Doesn't sound like a big deal, unless you know the area. The station is maybe a wide concourse and bowling lane length from the back of Wrigley Field's right field bleachers. Yes, it's that close. Just as Chris Hansen can tell you the next time you're bowling league with him, that really is the best way to get to the corner of Clark and Addison, whether there is a game or not.

It being Thursday, December 22, there was not a game that day. Instead, there was much construction in and around the park. Then we remembered the Ricketts family, owners of the Cubs, announced a few years back a multi-year renovation of the 102-year-old building, all done over several off seasons. The entire block was surrounded by a 10-foot-high chain-link fence, forcing pedestrians to the opposite sides of Clark and Addison Streets, and Sheffield and Waveland Avenues.

Since the stop is closest to the right field corner, the first stop was by the now-famous 'Eamus Catuli' sign, along one of the Wrigley Rooftop

buildings behind the right field bleachers. The sign, translates to 'Go Little Whelps', closest to 'Go Cubs' in Latin, also has another feature Cub fans thought they would only dream of seeing. The other portion reads 'AC', then the number of years since the last division title, National League pennant, and World Series title. Up until October, it read 'AC0871108.' Gradually, the '08' became '00'. Then the long standing '71' and '108' also disappeared. As shown at the start of MLB Network's coverage of the darn-near world record (city officials counted five million attending) victory rally, the sign read for the first time 'AC000000.' And yes, the seventh zero was also removed.

As we passed around the bleacher entrance guarded by the Harry Caray statue and



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FRISCO - Crandon Haddock compiles top flight 206-227-248 = 681 numbers in Monday Night Mixers league action to gain the top spot on the honor roll last week at Strikz.

Cathy Eberly, Haddock's league mate, led the gals with a sparkling 189-175-220 = 584 set.

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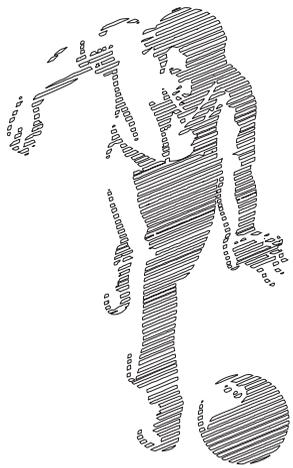
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