

Bill Alexander Wins SASBA Non-Champ Singles in Dallas



Champion Bill Alexander and Runner-up Barry Brice

DALLAS – Bill Alexander shot +414 for his 12 games of qualifying in the Non-Champs at USA Bowl in Dallas, Saturday, February 3.

He started slow in the finals, only winning three of his first seven matches to sit in 4th place going into the final

match.

Tony Rigoni was leading Barry Brice and Rick Cheshier by 46 pins and Bill by 52 pins going into the final match.

Tony started XX/XXX/ then left the lily and ended with a 202 to lose to Barry who shot 248.

Next door Bill was bowling Rick Cheshier. Bill got the

last 8 strikes to finish with a 258-237 win. This gave him a 4 pin win over Barry for his first SASBA title and \$1,050 cash prize.

Congratulations Bill!

Barry moved from third into second and claimed \$850, Tony dropped to third for \$775, Rick finished fourth and took home \$700 and David Scardaville rounded out the top five for \$650.

300s were bowled by Kenny Tynan, Paul Pender and Lloyd Hayer. Tony Rigoni left the lily in the finals.

Good to have David Bates, David Manning and Fat Albert back bowling again!

Thanks to Josh Modelo, Susan Ellis and the staff of USA Bowl for hosting.

Our next tournament is at Cityview for a 70/60/50/50 foursome.

The following week we are

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Team Dallas Takes First Scratch Trio Championship



Steve Fuhrman, Mark Grimes, Joey Hafner, Chris Johnson and Tony Franklin

By: Tony Franklin, Publisher

First off, I would like to thank those that made this fun little exhibition match possible.

Xeno Garcia and Chris Johnson for starting up the Fort Worth Storm Scratch Draft League and the Dallas Hammer Scratch Draft League, respectively.

Cowtown Bowling Palace, JB's Allen Bowl and Plano Super Bowl for giving us a place to play, and of course Jaime Brooks, Xeno and Kelly Ray for putting up some dollars for us to compete for last Sunday.

The two teams were decided respectively.

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Matt O'Grady Defeats Jesper Svensson to Win 53rd PBA Tournament of Champions

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 11, 2018) – Advancing from a pre-tournament qualifier earlier in the week all the way to the title match, four-time Professional Bowlers Association regional tournament winner Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., won the 53rd PBA Tournament of Champions Sunday for his first PBA Tour title.

O'Grady, whose best previous PBA Tour finish was fourth, and best major finish was 13th, won three stepladder finals matches at AMF Riviera Lanes before beating top qualifier and 2016 Tournament of Champions winner Jesper Svensson, 207-193, in the title match of the first major of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

O'Grady held a three-pin lead over Svensson in the eighth frame but was able to pull away when he struck in the ninth frame and the first shot in the 10th. Except for

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Matt O'Grady

Wes Malott Extends PBA King of Bowling Reign With 2-0 Best-of-Three Match Win Over Jason Belmonte



Wes Malott and Jason Belmonte

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 6, 2018) -- Ten-time PBA Tour winner and former PBA Player of the Year Wes Malott successfully defended his PBA King of Bowling crown for the eighth time by defeating challenger four-time

PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte 2-0 in a best-of-three game match Tuesday at AMF Riviera Lanes.

The kick-off to the PBA Tournament of Champions, which begins Wednesday with

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Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, Publisher



E.A.R.L. Episode 8 - Bob Raley, Emil Williams, Jr. and Tom Frenzel

I'm sticking with the E.A.R.L. theme this week, let's meet the guys responsible for "The Journey to 900."

The idea for the project originated from the desire to provide unique content for USBC's The Core program. Tom Frenzel, a Research Engineer for Equipment Specs, had created a lot of different videos with E.A.R.L., and thought it might be fun to have a large goal like a 900 series. So, he got with Emil Williams and Jason Thomas to take care of the audio/visual aspect, and this little lunch project was born.

All the guys involved are bowlers, having either bowled in college, youth, or leagues today, so if you were

wondering if a "research engineer" or the "media department announcer" know anything about bowling...yeah, they do. They have plenty of skins on the wall.

So, the first question I had for them was, how does the whole thing work? How long does it take to get E.A.R.L. ready for each shot, how do they decide which adjustments to make, are there holes drilled in the ball, etc?

Well...it takes about 1-1.5 hours to film each of the 10 minute videos, with the majority of downtime spent between shots deciding what adjustments to make. Emil, Tom and Jason take a consensus approach to the make the choices, majority

rules in this case...and a little finger-pointing if it doesn't work.

The cycle time is about a minute for the ball to come back, get on the pedestal, have E.A.R.L. line up his laser crosshair with the crosshair on the ball, and pick-up the ball. A much quicker process than I was expecting, but an incredibly consistent one they say.

There is a singular hole in the ball, so it's a little different than a normal ball, but still similar.

The lane is stripped and re-oiled before each episode with a 42-foot walled up house shot with a 10-1 ratio.

When I mentioned that this project was created with the intent to be used for The Core, the main reason being education. "It allows the viewer to gain some knowledge by watching what E.A.R.L. is doing, by the decisions being

made and how that effects the ball reaction and ultimately the score. That is the focus of Core content, education," said Williams.

You can subscribe to The Core by going to www.Bowl.com/TheCore. Once you are a member you also could get the opportunity to "control" E.A.R.L. in future episodes.

If you are worried you might not get selected in time because it can't be that hard for a machine to shoot 900, well guess again. So far, E.A.R.L. is averaging 240, with a high series of 796 and one 300 game. I don't feel that the 900 series is imminent, but who really knows.

Oh, Frenzel knows... remember he's an engineer with a degree in physics, and a bowler. "I'm a statistics guy, E.A.R.L. has a strike percentage of 70%, so that means his chances are like one in 84,000. So, it might take

us 85,000 episodes or so," he said. So you're saying there's a chance!

Emil thinks it can be done, but carry is pretty tough at the ITRC, "We have to find a way to get the light hits to carry," he said.

Brant Houghton, in Marketing for The Core, thinks the trick might be to introduce new player profiles. I agree with him, what would the Jason Belmonte or EJ Tacket rev rate look like for E.A.R.L., I bet that might solve the carry problem.

Thanks to the USBC team for sharing some behind the scenes action on E.A.R.L. and Episode 8 is available on YouTube, so go check it out. This week, it's the final attempt for Core member Bob Raley to shoot 900, and he selected local hero Chris Barnes as his player profile. Maybe this is the week, a few shy of 84,000.

TEAM DALLAS

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by the top five averages in the respective scratch leagues. There were a couple of the Fort Worth team members that couldn't make it, so they went down the list to fill the spots, which worked out perfectly; it's never easy to get 10 people together for something like this.

The match itself was a three game total pin fall, with the winners taking the loot and bragging rights for a season.

Team FW was Marcus Williams, Micah McCracken, Kelly Ray, Clint Johnson, and Ryan Boroff.

Team Dallas was Tony Franklin, Mark Grimes, Steve Fuhrman, Joey Hafner, and Chris Johnson.

Genie Franklin provided the video of the match on Facebook Live, with commentary by Genie and Xeno. There were also 20-30 folks at any given time there to watch the match.

Bottom line, it was a ton of fun. To have people enjoying watching competitive bowling either on-line or in person just adds a layer of excitement that doesn't always exist.

I personally appreciated all 10 of the players showing up and giving it their all. Years ago, you could find matches like this, or at least some good doubles action, but sadly those days are behind us.

Everybody gets along with each other, there's no real animosity between bowlers like there was in the past...that was what drove a lot of the action; dislike of someone and wanting to beat 'em up and take their money.

This match was friendly and competitive and both teams wanted to win.

In the end, Team Dallas was the victor with a final score of 3353-3053.

I had an absolute blast bowling in the match and would encourage everyone to join these scratch leagues, so that you can be part of the next

FW vs. Dallas showdown.

And even though it was friendly, it's always fun when you win, and fun to get down in the bowling trenches and compete. That's what makes this game so great.

Thanks to all for putting it on, and supporting it!

The next match will be scheduled in the fall. Storm Scratch Trio will determine their top 5 at the end of May and the Hammer Scratch Trio will determine their team at the end of the summer league that starts in June. Contact Chris Johnson to get signed up for the summer session.



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Tournament Schedule

Date	Tournament Detail	Location
Nov 25-26, 2017	Wild Turkey Mixed Tournament - \$2k added	Cityview
Jan 27-28, 2018	Mixed Doubles - \$3k added	Forum Bowl
Feb 10-11, 2018	Youth City - \$3k added	Cityview
Feb 12-23, 2018	Senior - \$1k added	Mail-O-Graphic
April 21-22, 2018	Ladies City - \$3k added	Cityview
April 29, 2018	Youth/Adult Doubles - \$2k added	Watauga
May 5-6/May 11-12	Open City Championship - \$10k added	Bowlero Euless
July 7-8, 2018	After the Fire Works - Mixed Trios - \$2k added	TBD

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Shawn Dotson, Plano Super Bowl	812
Ted Lankford, JB's Allen Bowl	805
Brian Bobbitt, Forum Bowl	800
Sean Lavery-Spahr, Forum Bowl	800
David Flores, Cowtown Bowling Palace	771
Randy Patrick, Rowlett Bowl-A-Rama	758
Rick Irvine, Strikz	728
Ben Haack, Red Bird Lanes	712
Rick Lawrence, Ennis All Star Bowl	702

Women

Stefanie Johnson, Plano Super Bowl	758
Loren Tenczar, Strikz	738
Christy Antle, Forum Bowl	728
Stacy Starry, JB's Allen Bowl	663
Cathy Nelson, Cowtown Bowling Palace	661
Michelle Reynolds, Rowlett Bowl-A-Rama	626
Lauren Cathey, Red Bird Lanes	624
April Hopkins, Ennis All Star Bowl	602



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Women's Championships Heading to Cincinnati in 2024

ARLINGTON, Texas – Western Bowl Strike and Spare will be the host center when the 2024 United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships takes place in Cincinnati.

The Cincinnati USA Convention & Visitors Bureau teamed with Western Bowl for the winning proposal to bring the annual tournament to Cincinnati for third time. Western Bowl has 68 lanes for competition.

"To bring an event with such a rich history to Cincinnati is a tremendous opportunity, and Western Bowl Strike and Spare will be a great venue," said Mike Laatsch, interim president and CEO for the Cincinnati USA CVB. "Cincinnati has so much to offer bowlers during their time in our city, and we're looking forward to working with the USBC and the team at Western Bowl to create an exciting and memorable experience."

The USBC Women's Championships is the world's largest annual participatory sporting event for women. More than 16,000 bowlers compete each year, and along with family and friends provide a major economic boost to the host community.

"We are moving around the country again, and from 2019-2024 we will visit Wichita, Las Vegas, Chicago, Reno and, now, Cincinnati," USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. "Cincinnati is a great bowling town and will deliver an incredible experience for our bowlers."

The first Women's Championships was held in 1916 in St. Louis and eight teams took part. Cincinnati was the second host city of the storied event, which took place at the Cincinnati Armory

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at All Star Lanes in Shreveport for a Regular Singles.

Please note a few format changes on the schedule. The foursome June 16-17 at USA Bowl has been changed to a computer picked foursome using SASBA averages.

The M/G doubles on Aug. 11-12 at Armadilla I is going to be separate qualifying for Members and Guest, then match up according to qualifying scores for the Baker match play on Sunday.



in 1918. It would return to Cincinnati in 1938, when Cressler Bowling Palace played host to 741 teams.

The event will head to Reno, Nevada, in 2018, and then will celebrate its 100th edition in

2019 when the tournament takes place in Wichita, Kansas. The tournament will visit Las Vegas (2020), Addison, Illinois (2021), Reno (2022) and Las Vegas (2023) before reaching Cincinnati.

At Rowlett Bowl-A-Rama

Patrick jams 758, Reynolds harvests 626

Randy Patrick's hard-hitting 246-255-257 = 758 marks in the Thursday Fun Fours action took the top spot on the honor roll for the week at Rowlett Bowl-a-Rama.

Michelle Reynolds fired a rollicking 200-198-228 = 626 Wednesday Mixers set to front fem scoring.

HONOR ROLL

Robert Ziegenfuss 237-619, Janice Olick 246-571, Bill Clarey 245-678, Lynette Most 235-575, Dean Bray (2 games) 247-403, Mary Ellen R (2

games) 143-265, Tom Wooldridge 254-664, Kat Webster 178-467. Susan Lee 217-597, Leonard Barber 254-747, Lindsay Gable 198-518, Katina Tassopoulos 185-460.

SENIORS

Thomas Sutton (2 games) 225-411, Joann White (2 games) 150-284, J L Morse 244-660, Laura Peterson 189-547, Joe Garrison (9 pin, no tap) 290-767, Kathy Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 263-720.

Nathan (no tap) 179-498, Verdis (no tap) 188-507, Mike Mull 223-610, Helen Kruger 165-480.

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USBC Selects National Recognition Awards Recipients

ARLINGTON, Texas – Betty Kingsley of Rochester, New York, Lowell Lovgren of Kelso, Washington, and Natalie Cardoza Clark and Butch Cardoza of Cottage Grove, Oregon, have been selected to receive National Recognition Awards by the United States Bowling Congress Board of Directors.

The USBC National Recognition Awards annually honors outstanding bowling leaders for their contributions to the sport.

Kingsley was selected to receive the Helen Baker Award for Outstanding Association Service, Lovgren is the Joyce Deitch Unity Award recipient, and the father-daughter team of Butch Cardoza and Natalie Cardoza Clark, who operate Cottage Bowl in Cottage Grove, Oregon, were named USBC Proprietor of the Year.

Kingsley became involved in bowling when she began her career at Eastman Kodak Company, where she worked as a Quality Control Engineer for almost 30 years, because “someone asked me to.” Her volunteer service in the sport started on the local level and she eventually became involved on the state and national levels, too.

She has served as president and secretary-treasurer of the Rochester Bowling Council, was a youth association director and chaired the Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL) tournament. Currently, she is a director on the New York State

USBC board.

Kingsley was active in the Women’s International Bowling Congress (WIBC), serving as a director from 1996-2005. She also served as the WIBC Area Recruitment Coordinator and was a regional coordinator for the WIBC Membership Development Program. She was on the WIBC Hall of Fame board from 1997-2005.

“It is great to be recognized among your bowling friends for providing programs and services for all bowlers to enjoy,” Kingsley said.

Lovgren has served on the Cowlitz USBC board in Kelso, Washington, for 30 years, the majority as the association president, and has run the junior program at Triangle Bowl for 28 years. He runs several youth and adult tournaments each season and has a banquet to honor the junior bowlers in the program.

He has served on the Washington State USBC board, including three years as president and six years as association manager. He currently serves the state association as youth director and runs the state and sectional Pepsi tournaments, the Washington State Youth Masters and the state youth championships.

“To get such an honorary award named after Joyce Deitch is very humbling,” Lovgren said. “So many other recipients have earned this before me, and it’s an honor to follow in their footsteps.

All this for something I enjoy and love to do for the sport of bowling.”

Butch Cardoza and his daughter, Natalie Cardoza Clark, opened the 12-lane Cottage Bowl in 2009 to provide a fun experience for bowlers of all skill levels. The center has served as host for the Oregon State USBC Senior Mixed, Senior Qualifier and State 600 tournaments, and for several events for Emerald Valley USBC. The duo was named 2017 Proprietor of the Year at the Oregon State USBC Jamboree last July.

Natalie has served on the Emerald Valley USBC board since its merger in 2006 and will become the association’s president starting with the 2018-2019 season. She has served as Tournament Committee Chairman and as Tournament Director.

Cottage Bowl has provided Emerald Valley USBC free use of its center for learn-to-bowl clinics. Butch and a fellow bowler worked to develop a training class that included videos and personal instruction for bowlers.

“This award is symbolic of the support we receive from our bowlers and friends,” Natalie said. “This extraordinary honor would not be possible without them.”

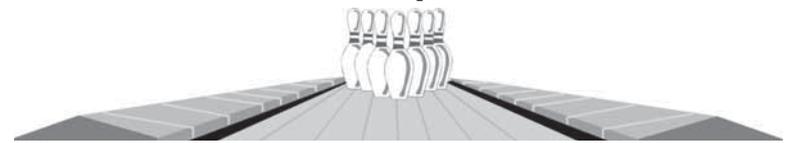
Butch added: “I am honored and excited that all our hard work has touched so many of our bowling families’ lives.”

The National Recognition Awards will be presented during the 2018 USBC Convention and Annual

Meeting, April 23-26, at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada.

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Scholarships Awards to learn more about the National Recognition Awards and to see past award winners.



At Forum Bowl

Bobbitt and Lavery-Spahr tie with 800, Antle bags 728

Norris 300, Puckett, Smoot III 299’s

Brian Bobbitt and Sean Lavery-Spahr locked up the top score for the week at Forum Bowl after pounding out a power-packed 800 series. Bobbitt fired games of 245-289-266 in Columbia 300 Masters’ outing while Lavery-Spahr downed lines of 262-276-262 in Fast Lane Trio action.

Christy Antle’s, Bobbitt’s league mate, potent 280-190-258 = 728 session garnered fem scoring laurels.

LN Norris captured high-game honors with an award-winning 12-bagger while Joseph Puckett and Charles Smoot III took runner-up honors with near-perfect 299 solos.

HONOR ROLL

Holly Ginn 201-567, Vicky Dunn 191-569, Jeff Davis (9 pin) 300-896, Holly Beers (9 pin) 262-713, Mark Neville 249-707, Teresa Ross 227-679, Gary Blanchard 289-725, Sonya Little 224-663.

Charles Smoot III 751, Katrina Smoot 224-592, Kobe Dinh 279-736, Tamara Hamilton 246-665, Scott Grimmert 279-727, Dana Short 230-655, Alfred McQuirter 267-724, Jeri Harlin 213-608.

Anthony Lavery-Spahr (4 games) 279-1005, Karen Hoyle (4 games) 267-928, Steve Cotter 266-738, Sandra Goodrum 200-518, Bradley Robinson 279-704, Kristal Rogers 214-621, Louie Lopez 233-629.

Eva Lopez 200-542, Derrik Omev 235-621, Gena Breedlove 210-525, DJ Garrett 279-763, Sylvia Stewart 258-695, LN Norris 725, Teresa Norris 212-584, Myron Fleming 258-698.

Dolores Heitman 204-570, Tyson Oliver, Sr. 279-716, Terri Ballard 201-522, Robert Taylor 256-630, Bonnie Taylor 144-399, Phillip Mills 235-654, Luann Burkhalter-Mills 174-473.

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Tom Czajkowski 276-680, Karen Hoyle 252-615, Wane Cruse (9 pin) 300-842, Hazel Bunyea (9 pin) 278-697.

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first round qualifying, was the first-ever PBA event streamed via Facebook Live.

After winning the first game, 250-213, Malott came through with a clutch 10th-frame performance in the second game throwing three consecutive strikes to beat Belmonte 227-225. Belmonte, who finished the game first, threw the first two strikes in the 10th but left the 2-8 on his final ball leaving the door open for Malott.

“Anytime you can throw three strikes in the 10th to win it really makes the win more satisfying,” said Malott. “Bowling against a great player like Jason I felt I had to get it done right then and there. I didn’t feel good about it going another game.”

After the second strike in the 10th, Malott made a concerted effort to get into a positive mindset for the final shot.

“I’ve been in those situations where when you need eight or nine (pins) to

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BPAA Nominating Committee Announces Officers, At-large Directors Slate

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Bowling Proprietors' Association of America Nominating Committee completed the process of selecting candidates for the BPAA Board of Directors.

The committee, chaired by past president Jack Moran of Canandaigua, New York, recommends the following three persons as At-Large Directors:

- Tom Hubbard (Sarasota Lanes, Sarasota, Florida)
 - Don MacBrayne (Performance Entertainment, Centennial, Colorado)
 - Roger Nyquist (Lakeshore Lanes, Albany, Oregon)
- The Committee is pleased to recommend the following individuals to serve as officers of the association:
- Randy Thompson, President (Plaza Lanes, Des Moines, Iowa)
 - Jim Decker, Vice President (Double Decker Lanes, Rohnert Park, California)
 - Kevin Krauss, Secretary (Seminole Lanes, Seminole, Florida)
 - Mark Voight, Treasurer (Community Bowling Centers, Livonia, Michigan)

The BPAA's Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. (PST) at

the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas, at which time members will vote. All terms begin July 1, 2018, and officer terms are one year in length while at-large director terms are two years.

This notice serves, per BPAA bylaws, as official notification to membership, the names of all qualified persons who have been nominated by the Nominating Committee to serve as At-Large Directors being published to the Regular Members at least ninety (90) days before the Annual Meeting.

Per BPAA bylaws, At-large Director candidates must be an owner, partner, officer, director, or management employee of a Regular Member; however, they need not have a proprietary interest in the Regular Member's business in order to be eligible to serve as an At-Large Director. Officer candidates (and Regional Directors) must have a minimum of a five percent (5%) equity ownership interest in a Regular Member's business (a "Proprietary Interest") in order to be eligible to serve as an Officer or Regional Director of the Association.

A provision of BPAA bylaws allows individuals interested in an officer or at-large director position to submit

an application outside the nominating process and allows for their name to be on the ballot. The bylaw states such applications must be received at least 60 days before the annual meeting, which is April 19, 2018.

If you have any questions concerning this process, please email Jack Moran, Chairman of the BPAA Nominating Committee, at jackmoran@flt.net or Laurie Clower, BPAA Staff Liaison to the Nominating Committee, at laurie@bpaa.com. All applications are available on the BPAA website.

MATT O'GRADY

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strikes in the second and third frames, Svensson was not able to put another string of strikes together for the rest of the match.

"I feel like I'm sleepwalking — it's a dream come true," said the 31-year-old O'Grady, who won PBA's signature event that requires a player to be a PBA champion to be eligible to enter. "It just shows you what hard work can do. I've been working hard the past year to be able to compete at this level.

"I admit that in the past I haven't been as disciplined as I should be to be competitive out here on tour," O'Grady added. "I just had to commit to putting my head down, grit my teeth, and do the hard work you have to do."

For Svensson, it was his second consecutive runner-up finish in a major after finishing second in the PBA World Championship, the final major of the 2017 season.

O'Grady, who became the first player since Dave D'Entremont in the 1996 Tournament of Champions to win four stepladder matches for the title, started the championship round with a 219-174 victory over PBA regional winner BJ Moore of Greensburg, Pa., who finished fifth.

In the second match, O'Grady met four-time and reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia, who was trying for a record-tying 10th major and third Tournament of Champions title. Needing a double in the 10th frame to pull out the win, Belmonte struck on the first ball but left a 10 pin on a pocket hit on the second shot giving O'Grady the 229-225 win.

"That was like climbing the mountain to win that match," O'Grady said. "Obviously, I still had a lot of work to do but

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

Chris Barnes wins his 9th PBA title in El Paso...Mark Williams wins his first SASBA title in OKC...Jon Grudecki led the honor roll with 300/847 at Cowtown...Randy Shewmake with 799 at Brunswick Zone Watauga...Leon Aragon shot 796 at Plano...Jaime Foster led the ladies with 769 at Rowlett Bowl-a-Rama...Lynda Barnes had 741 at AMF Lewisville...Justin Tan led the youth with 752 at AMF Lewisville, and what happened to him.

20 YEARS AGO

Danny Inocencio takes second in the Super Bowl High Roller for \$50,000...Youth bowler Xeno Garcia had 802 at AMF-Jupiter...Danny Kelch with 802 at AMF-Irving...Daniel Adams with 800 at AMF-Grove...Michelle Lee led the ladies with 742 at AMF-Grove...Daralynn Stewart had 731 at Big Town.

30 YEARS AGO

Lisa Wagner names LTPA Player of the Year...Mickie Archer wins LAST tournament at Red Bird...Marshall Holman wins his 21st PBA title in Venice, Fla...Ronnie Rhodes led the honor roll with 780 at Blazer...Joe Bolin with 779 at Bronco...Bob Jones a 754 at Advantages...Maxine Smith led the ladies with 705 at Wedgwood...Paula Johnson shot 656 at Lewisville...Michelle Goss had 654 at Big Town...Tony Gonzales wins the NTTB and \$2000 at DC West, nobody could make the pins dance like he could...Kevin Gartner took the CASH title at Forum.

there was a lot of relief after beating Jason, especially with everything he was bowling for."

Belmonte, who was the No. 3 qualifier, made a dramatic run to the finals just barely advancing to match play in the 24th and final position. Had he won, he would have been only the fourth player to win a

major from that position.

Belmonte finished fourth but will have another opportunity to win a 10th major when the Barbasol PBA Players Championship is held Feb. 19-25 at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio.

In the semi-final match, O'Grady beat Andrew Anderson

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At Plano Super Bowl

Dotson smashes 812, Johnson bags 758

Rabe 300, Harrison, Richardson 299's

Shawn Dotson's power-packed 279-279-254 = 812 marks in Pepsi Classic action earned top honors for the week at Plano Super Bowl.

Stefanie Johnson posted a high-flying 257-254-247 = 758 Las Vegas Doubles set to front distaff scoring.

James Rabe earned high-game honors with an award-winning 12-bagger. Darrell Harrison and Jim Richardson took runner-up accolades with near-perfect 299 games.

HONOR ROLL

Phirum Phan 268-715, Kelli Spencer 290-719, Chris Hartman 288, Lance Dirksen 269-695, Becky Banks 216-571, Robert Eidenier (4 games) 265-994, Natalie Woodward-Hall (4 games) 245-857.

Hector Macedo 213-572, Shirley Patterson 193-574, Dale Gerlach 243-645, Kelly Wilson 222-548, David Watson 268-744, Sybil Williams 233-650, Tony Franklin 290-797, Phil Kepner 279-792.

Tina Taylor 278-702, Cory Taylor 256-740, Diane Wallentine 212-570,

George Vaughn 265-682, Michelle VanGlider 246-637, Jim Monroe 257-676, Linda Small 171-469, Jacob Timmins 274-761.

Christi Nedved 267-698, Jeremy Braden 278-699, Kay Pingsterhaus 213-592, Tammy Crawford 264-692, Ray Montoro 264-731, George Donahue 267-728, Art Victorine 245-703, Phyllis Carlin 161-426.

Mark Smith 258-733, Mary Beshersse 235-627, Jim Kiser 274-736, Diane Wallentine 245-679, Stacy Starr 256-749, Linda Blain 245-693, Mike Hirtriter 252-604, Jeanne Whitehead 182-503.

Charles Barentine 269-676, Donna Wynkoop 277-604, Jamie Brooks 289-721, Carol Wood 225-613, Scott Boyle 257-676, Jennifer Eckstrom 199-587, Tom Trask 253-701, Libby Cherry 236-635.

Shawn Dotson (4 games) 1046, Christi Nedved (4 games) 247-889, Ray Montoro 259-693, Stefanie Johnson 257-758, Dave Foster 258-715, Lee Brooke 228-612, Bobby Wassam 246-692.

Jennifer Spring 189-526, Richie Benavides 278-770, Cindy Mann 248-698.

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Collegiate Ticker



The Louisiana State men and Newman women rolled through bracket play to capture wins at the Southwest Intercollegiate Bowling Conference (SWIBC) Championship last weekend in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

The SWIBC Championship was held at Firelake Lanes and featured 10 men's varsity teams and six women's varsity teams. Teams in each division bowled nine traditional games of qualifying to determine the top four teams advancing to the bracket. Match play featured a best-of-five Baker format.

The LSU men earned the last spot in the bracket after qualifying, but the Tigers found their stride in Baker competition. After knocking off top-seeded Kansas Wesleyan, 3-1, LSU swept No. 2 West Texas A&M, 3-0, in the finals.

West Texas A&M defeated No. 3 Newman, 3-0, to advance to the championship match.

Kansas Wesleyan's John Bredehoeft was the only player to average more than 200 for nine games, posting a 206.67 average to claim individual honors with a 1,860 total. Newman's Jimbo Thompson was second with 1,799, while LSU's Chad Conard (1,795), Louisiana-Lafayette's Kyle Zerbe (1,791) and LSU's Austin Bertrand (1,768) rounded out the top five.

The Newman women averaged more than 207 during match play on their way to victory, including a 3-1 win in the finals against top-qualifier Baker. The Jets qualified second overall and swept No. 3 Kansas Wesleyan, 3-0, in the semifinals, while Baker bested No. 4 West Texas A&M, 3-1, to

earn its spot in the title tilt.

Newman's Leanne Vastbinder helped lead the Jets to a team victory as well as pace the individual standings, posting a nine-game effort of 1,788 to earn the top spot. Baker teammates Amber Ketchum (1,730), Alanna Dierking (1,718) and Megan Carpenter (1,689) claimed the next three spots, and Newman's Haley Williams (1,630) finished fifth.

In other USBC Collegiate action over the weekend:

- At the Prairie View A&M Invitational at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas, the McKendree women defeated top-seeded Arkansas State in the title match, 4-2. Read the full recap here and watch archived coverage of the event on BowlTV.

- At the Boulevard Bowl Classic and Schenectady County Community College (SCCC) Collegiate Invitational in Schenectady, New York, the William Paterson men and Schenectady women swept the top spots.

- At the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) No. 4 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Aquinas women made their move in Baker competition to claim the win, while the Indiana Tech men finished strong in their final Baker block to record the victory.

- At the V-Hawk Invitational in La Crosse, Wisconsin, the Judson men and St. Francis-Illinois women rolled to the top spots.

- At the McKendree Baker Challenge in Fairview Heights, Illinois, the Mount Mercy women defeated Wichita State

in the title match, 2-1, while the top-seeded Wichita State men claimed the win with a 2-1 victory over Vincennes.

- At Bronco Blast V in Hastings, Nebraska, the Nebraska men swept Waldorf in the championship round, 2-0.

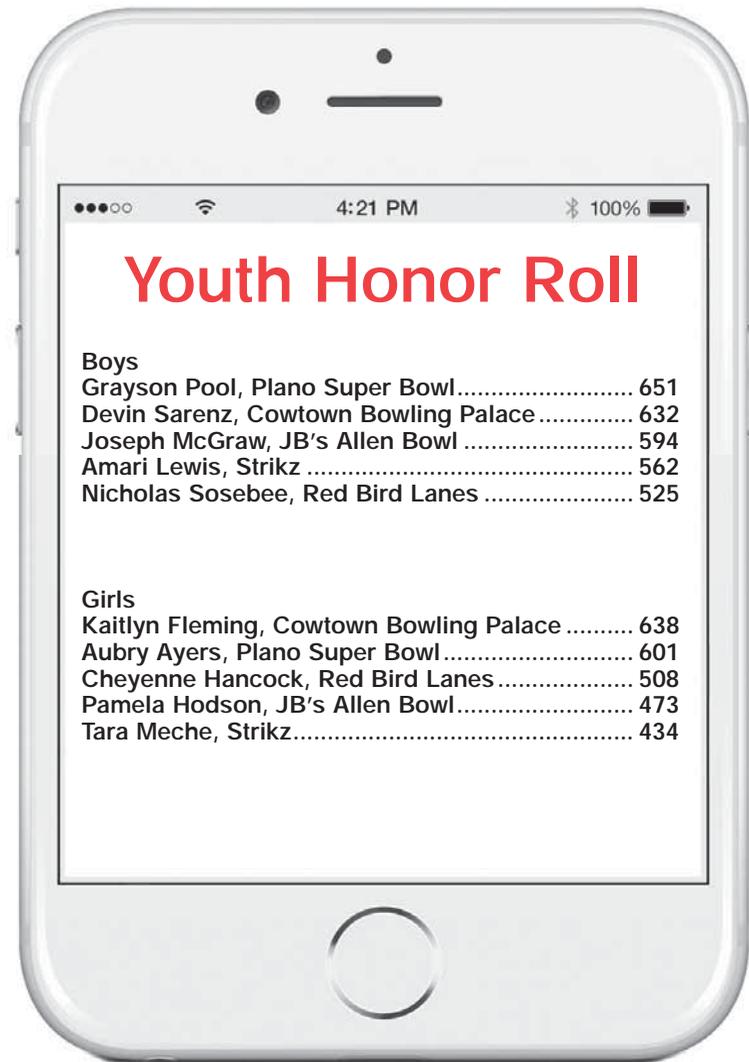
- At Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) No. 2 in Greenville, Pennsylvania, the Medaille women topped the most pins.

- At the Norse Collegiate Classic in Erlanger, Kentucky, the Calumet men cruised to the top spot, while the Emmanuel women posted the top Baker score to make their move and claim the win.

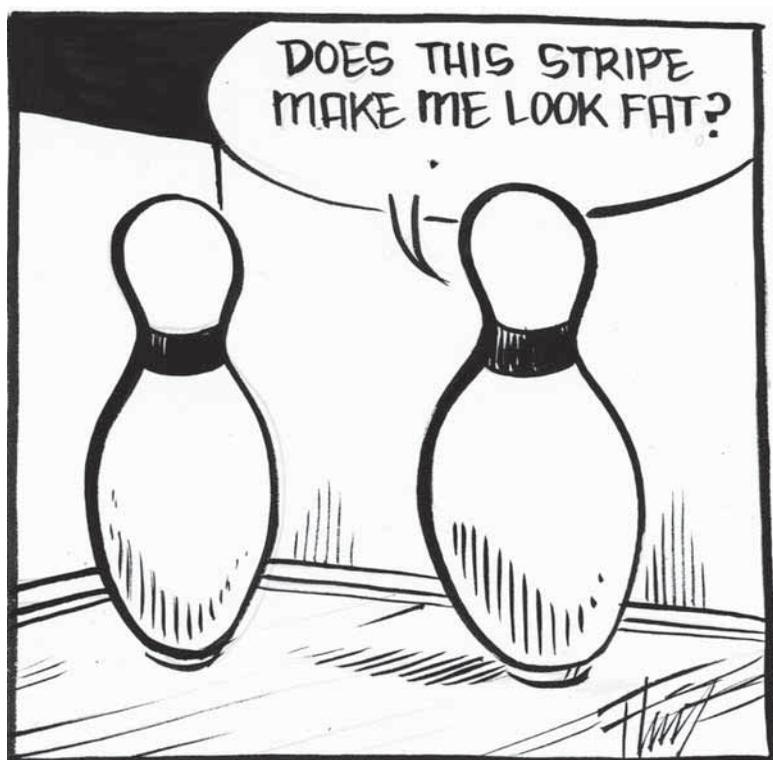
- At the Eagle Classic in Louisville, Kentucky, the Emmanuel women rolled to a wire-to-wire victory, while the William Penn men made their push to the top of the standings during Baker competition.

- At Kutztown's Bowling for a Kure Tournament in Douglassville, Pennsylvania, the St. Francis-Brooklyn women snuck past Wilmington and Kutztown in total pinfall.

For complete results, visit BOWL.com/Collegiate or click here for February results. To view the Team Power Rankings, visit collegebowling.com.



Lane Laughter



Dallas USBC Youth Scores

Grayson Pool topped the Dallas-area USBC Youth bowling last week with a power-laden 169-243-239 = 651 Saturday Gold Sport series at Plano Super Bowl.

Aubrey Ayers led the girls with a super smooth 241-157-203 = 601 Showstoppers set at Plano Super Bowl.

At JB's Allen Bowl - Issac Wilson 94-247, Heather Hubbard 92-263, David Winchester 133-315, Megan Wentz 114-288, Caiden Richardson 126, Jessica

Hubbard 174-470, Caleb Hubbard 107-312, Joseph McGraw 234-594, Pam Hodson 186-473, R.J. Grantham 179-481, Kendyl Goodger 173-472.

At Plano Super Bowl - Robbie Baum 126-366, Jordyn Wright 96-248, Brady McDonough 208-520, Malorie Samples 177-484, Garrett Falk 200-547, Grace Pawlowski 129-349, Spencer Brandon 219-615, Noah Raleigh 201-513, Isabella Hudson 125-343, T.J. Wilson 220-594, Hailey Spencer 227-578, Dylan Pittsinger 202-520, Katie

Heady 164-476, Pam Hodson 201-541, Noah Raleigh 202-521, Gavin Maricich 208-571, Victoria Hylton 190-522, Levi Samples (2 games) 86-165, Jadelyn Bannert (2 games) 75-135, Isaac Hulse (2 games) 93-165.

At Red Bird Lanes - Trae Smith, Jr. 82-158, Savannah Vines 68-134, Nicholas Sosebee 224-525, Cheyenne Hancock 188-508.

At Strikz - Amari Lewis 225-562, Matthew Sifford 174-455, Andrew Martin 191-536, Tara Meche 159-434.

Fort Worth USBC Youth Results

Kaitlyn Fleming headed the Fort Worth-area USBC Youth bowling last week with a thundering 224-229-185 = 638 Strikers series at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

Devin Sarenz, Fleming's

league mate, paced the guys with lofty 164-214-254 = 632 set.

At Cowtown Bowling Palace - Catilyn Dull 211, Blake Loibl 232, Alyssa Ballard 210, Aidan Rickelman 226, Jake Swift 206, Steven Barker

132, Caitlenn Tabor-Lynn 115, Mason Chapman 120-317, Kiana Gordon 117-301, Benjamin Wheeler 113, Maddie James 91, Andrew Reyes 95-165, Maelin Pearson 69-174, Gabriel Tijerina 69, Lawrence Cantu 63.

BPAA to Honor Tom Martino with Victor Lerner Memorial Medal

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2018 Bowling Industry Service Awards, some of the most prestigious awards presented by the bowling industry.

Tom Martino (Majestic Lanes, Hopelawn, New Jersey) has been selected as the 2018 BPAA Hall of Fame Inductee and recipient of the Victor Lerner Memorial Medal. The Lerner Medal is the highest honor awarded by the BPAA and recognizes an individual for a lifetime of service to the bowling industry and represents the recipient's induction into BPAA's Hall of Fame, located at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in Arlington, Texas.

Mr. Martino entered the bowling industry more than 40 years ago and served not only at the state level but on national committees as well. He served as treasurer of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) for six years and as president from 2014-2016. He currently is chairman of Strike Ten Entertainment.

Diane Voight (Community Bowling Centers, Livonia, Michigan) will be recognized

with the President's Medal for her many contributions and years of service to the BPAA, not only as an At-Large Director on the BPAA Board of Directors but also as past Chairman of the Executive Evaluation Committee and current member of the Nominating Committee. The President's Medal is given to an individual judged to have given exceptional support and/or made significant contributions to the association in the eyes of the current BPAA president.

Albert Blough (CHB Sports, Reading, Pennsylvania) receives the coveted V.A. Wapensky Award, named after BPAA's long-time chief executive officer, "Chief" Wapensky. Mr. Blough is being recognized for his 50 years of passion and enthusiasm for the sport of bowling. He currently serves as the President of the BPA of Pennsylvania, is a member of the BPAA Board of Directors, as well as the Multi Unit Bowling Information Group (MUBIG).

Shannon O'Keefe (O'Fallon, Illinois) was selected to receive the Dick Weber Bowling Ambassador Award, named after the legendary bowling icon, recognizing her passion for the game and sport of bowling, both on and off the lanes.

Jack McCarthy (Fern Valley Strike & Spare, Louisville, Kentucky) will be recognized with the Special Project award for his efforts in reviving the "Pin Car" which is in production and set to debut at International Bowl Expo 2018.

Keith Hamilton (Chicago) receives the 2018 Media Award. A member of the Luby Publishing team for more than 30 years, he currently is president of Luby Publishing as well as an award-winning journalist.

Nancy Schenk, BPAA President and Awards Committee Chairman, stated, "Again this year, the committee had many conversations to select individuals in our industry that lead with humble service and passionate dedication, and we congratulate and thank all our award winners for their countless contributions to our industry."

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MATT O'GRADY

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of Holly, Mich., a second-year tour player who owns one regional title, 194-185.

Anderson and Moore, making their first tour television appearances, also had to qualify for the tournament field through the pre-tournament qualifier which was for non-tour winners who owned a title in one of PBA's other divisions.

The 2018 Tournament of Champions marked the return of PBA's signature tournament to historic AMF Riviera Lanes where it had been conducted from 1966 to 1994.

The PBA Tour moves to Indianapolis for the PBA Go Bowling! 60th Anniversary Classic at Woodland Bowl which begins Tuesday and will conclude with the stepladder finals next Sunday (Feb. 18) at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN.

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Sunday

- Final Standings
- 1, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., \$50,000.
 - 2, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$25,000.
 - 3, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich. \$13,000.
 - 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$11,000.
 - 5, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., \$10,000.
- Stepladder Results:
- Match One – O'Grady def. Moore, 219-174.
- Match Two – O'Grady def. Belmonte, 229-225.
- Semifinal Match – O'Grady def. Anderson, 194-185.
- Championship – O'Grady def. Svensson, 207-193.



At Red Bird Lanes

Haack smothers 712, Cathey decks 624

Ben Haack heated up the Red Bird Lanes last week after pocketing prime 245-244-223 = 712 numbers in Sunday Night Mixed action.

Lauren Cathey, Haack's league mate, registered a sizzling 233-216-175 = 624 set to front the lady bowlers.

HONOR ROLL

Leslie Zinn 191-517, Lauren Cathey 203-577, Chance Cathey 226-6643, Rob Oldfather 222-639, Chance Cathey (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 278-1015, Lauren Cathey (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 266-998.

Joyce Johnson 168-4664, Cindy Howell 162-464, Naomi Townsend 174-477, Derrick Shanks 255-635, Melodie Eaton 178-476, Johnny Garfias 212-589, Brian Dickerson 214-570, Leroy Willis, Sr. 218-595.

Joe Wooden 211-595, Karen Strang 182-521, Dallas Lindsay 260-640, Angela Davis-White 207-558, Mel Richards 244-663, Dorothy Jones 205-544, Vernon Linicomm 208-613, Carol Horton 222-532.

Tyree Jennings, Jr. 216-581, Sandra Jennings 212-546, Victor Ward 213-562, Dale Shaw 146-420, Ted Shaffer 221-561, Lena Williams 180-478.

At Ennis All Star Bowl

Lawrence logs 702, Hopkins pens 602

Rick Lawrence headed the honor roll for the week at Ennis All Star Bowl with a solid 237-238-227 = 702 Ennis Mixed Classic showing.

April Hopkins' banner 202-201-199 = 602 Pairs & Spares session paced the ladies.

HONOR ROLL

Cyndy McKenrick 203-585, Tice Hopkins 246-645, Lauren Cathey 218-581, Mike Williamson 238-608, April Hopkins 205-554, Doug Keffer 235-605, Johnny Tobias 199-528, Annie Whittington 200-528.

Ricky Slack 212-516, Mary Sikes 161-441, Bobby Kennedy 181-516.

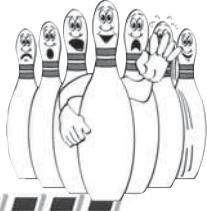


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Tuesday February 13 2:50 PM
- Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic, Indianapolis, IN - Qualifying Rd. 2 - B Squad
Wednesday February 14 7:50 AM
- Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic, Indianapolis, IN - Qualifying Rd. 2 - A Squad
Wednesday February 14 2:50 PM
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Thursday February 15 4:50 PM
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Saturday February 17 5:20 PM
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Thursday February 22 2:50 PM
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- Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles, Columbus, OH - Baker Format Qualifying - Rd. 2
Friday February 23 3:50 PM

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- Hoosier Classic - Men's qualifying (traditional)
Saturday February 17 6:30 AM
- Hoosier Classic - Women's qualifying (traditional)
Saturday February 17 4:15 PM
- Hoosier Classic - Men's qualifying (Baker)
Sunday February 18 7:30 AM
- Hoosier Classic - Men's bracket finals
Sunday February 18 11:30 AM
- Hoosier Classic - Women's bracket finals
Sunday February 18 3:00 PM

PBA Announces Seven-Event 2018 Xtra Frame PBA Tour Schedule

CHICAGO (Feb. 8, 2018) – Professional Bowlers Association players will have seven opportunities to win PBA Tour titles in a series of Xtra Frame PBA Tour tournaments during 2018, all of which will be live streamed from start to finish, exclusively on PBA's online bowling channel.

The Xtra Frame series will begin with the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, April 16-18, leading into the PBA League Elias Cup competition, which is set for April 20-22. Each of the tournaments will offer a PBA Tour title if the winner is a PBA member. Each will conclude with a stepladder final. Tournament schedules and entry information will soon be available on pba.com.

The Xtra Frame series will include trips to Wilmington, N.C., May 18-20; Jonesboro, Ark., June 1-3; Aurora, Ill., June 29-July 2; Houston, Texas for the PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, July 26-29; Middletown, Del., for Mid-County Lanes' 10th anniversary event, Aug. 17-19, and Coldwater, Ohio, Aug.

- 24-26. 2018 XTRA FRAME PBA TOUR SCHEDULE
 - April 16-18 – PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine
 - May 18-20 – PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open, Tenpin Alley, Wilmington, N.C.
 - June 1-3 – PBA Xtra Frame Jonesboro Open, Hijinx, Jonesboro, Ark.
 - June 29-July 2 – PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Open, Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill.
 - July 26-July 29 – Storm Xtra Frame PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas
 - Aug. 17-19 – PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Mid-County Lanes, Middletown, Del.
 - Aug. 24-26 – PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic, Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio
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Tour, PBA Regional Tour, PBA Women's Regional and PBA50 Tour events. The 2018 season also marks the 59th consecutive year of nationally-televised competition, reaching bowling fans around the world who follow PBA activities through the PBA Network which includes Xtra Frame, the PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, ESPN and CBS Sports Network, and the PBA on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. PBA sponsors include Barbasol, Brunswick, Ebonite International, GEICO, GoBowling.com, HotelPlanner.com, MOTIV, 900 Global, PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, Storm Products and the United States Bowling Congress, among others. For more information, log on to www.pba.com.

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March 3-4	Planet Bowl	Midwest City	Member/Guest Doubles
March 10-11	Astro Bowl	San Antonio	60/50/Guest Trio
Mar 31-Apr 1	Cowtown	Ft. Worth, Tx.	70/60/50/Guest 4-some
April 14-15	Emerald Bowl	Houston, Tx.	Age Bracket
April 28-29	Red Bird Lanes	Duncanville	Singles
May 5-6	AMF All Star Lns	Kenner, La.	60/50/Guest Trio
May 19-20	University Lanes	Denton, Tx.	Super Senior Singles
May 26-27	Armadilla I	Pasadena, Tx.	Age Bracket
June 16-17	USA Bowl	Dallas, Tx.	Foursome - Comp. picks
June 23-24	Oil Bowl	Longview, Tx.	Member/Guest Doubles
Jun 30-Jul 1	Plano Super Bowl	Plano, Tx.	Firecracker
July 14-15	Red Bird Lanes	Duncanville, Tx.	Mem/Member Doubles
Aug 4-5	All Star Lanes	Ennis, Tx.	Non Champions Singles
Aug 11-12	Armadilla I	Pasadena, Tx.	Member/Guest Doubles
			- Seperate Qualifying
Aug 25-26	Cowtown	Ft. Worth, Tx.	60/50/50 Trio
Sept 1-2	University Lanes	Denton, Tx.	70/60 Doubles
Sept 8-9	USA Bowl	Dallas, Tx.	60/50/Lady Trio
Sept 22-23	Tomball Bowl	Tomball, Tx.	Member/Guest Doubles
Oct 6-7	Cityview Lanes	Ft. Worth, Tx.	Annual Championship

Just Paying Attention

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As you might have expected, television ratings for the annual State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational were pretty good, considering it beat the Main Event Terrell Owens PBA Super Clash celebrity event airing in the same time slot on last year's Super Bowl Sunday. With all the concern about Nielsen television ratings dropping in every category across the board, including the Super Bowl telecast on NBC, you have to consider this a plus.

According to Nielsen numbers posted last week, the T.O. event drew an average of 712,000 viewers, with 266,000 in the key in the 18-49 age group. The State Farm CP3 event drew an average of 749,000, and 277,000 (18 - 49). With many average viewership ratings dropping roughly five percent, the PBA saw a five percent increase and four percent in the 18-49 number.

The CP3 beat out other sports cable shows in the same time slot, even the English Premier League soccer match in the morning, averaging 692,000 viewers. That's a great start to the Association's "Big February" with one live show behind us and two more to follow on February 18 and 25. I'll have the ratings numbers

for Big February in the next few columns.

Super Bowl LII averaged 103.4 million viewers and a total audience of just over 159 million, (not including the reported 3 million who watched the live stream on the NBC Sports app) down about 7% from last year. Even with the drop, it's still the tenth most-watched program in American television history. It follows eight other Super Bowls and the 1983 M*A*S*H finale, leader until Super Bowl XLIV (44) in 2010.

Snowy weather in the Great Lakes and/or eastern seaboard can really boost the PBA's viewership, as a storm system went through the middle of the country late last week.

Little difference this year, as in 2014 and 2010, is a thing called the Winter Olympics. Just as you, I'm curious how many viewers may be drawn away. I'll have those numbers and analysis next week. Stay tuned.

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The Firestone. That's what we called the Tournament of Champions years ago, perhaps because it was shorter to say. For a bowling geek like me, the April telecast was bittersweet. Until the Association found its way to ESPN around 1980, ABC

began spring tour telecasts in 1981, and NBC picked up the fall tour in 1984, this was the final telecast of the year. Of course, there were occasional shows in the late 1970's on CBS Sports Spectacular featuring live final matches and highlights of preliminary matches, but were more comfortable with the familiar rhythm of Chris and Bo on ABC.

Like pro football fans on Super Bowl week, I felt a special energy building up to the Firestone telecast that week in my youth. For some reason, there seemed to be more drama on the Firestone show than most other shows. I was only four years old and don't remember Jack Biondolillo's 1967 TV 300, but was thrilled to listen to him as he watched a YouTube clip of it fifty years later, then write about it for *Bowlers Journal International*.

Of the Riviera-era shows I remember, the 1970 show shook me to my core, or whatever it does to a 7-year-old. My parents, grandparents, and I all thought Don Johnson had that last strike. Oh yes, there were other moments that stand out to this day. The crew cut guy, Earl Anthony won his first of two in '74, then the long-haired 21-year-old Marshall Holman wearing a tie-dye looking shirt in '76. Another favorite was watching George Pappas carrying one of the first messenger strikes I ever saw, closing out Dick Ritger in what

turned out to be Ritger's final TV appearance in 1979. Months later, I attended the youth bowling camp he helped run in Wisconsin.

Next was Wayne Webb's then-record 15-bagger over two matches in '80. The underrated '81 Firestone finals had two ninth and tenth frame roll-offs in one match, then Steve Cook took a perfect game into the tenth in the finale, ending with 287.

Mike Durbin won his second, then third Firestone in '82 and '84. First time participant Mark Williams won in 1985, then again three years later. Holman won number two in '86, a Weber finally won it in '87, becoming the youngest to ten PBA titles at age 24. Del slow hooked his way past Walter Ray in '89, then there was the 1991 show I've called the PBA's Heidi Game. A bomb scare called into Riviera minutes before the telecast delayed the finals by 20 minutes, which didn't allow ABC to show the Ozio-Monacelli final match live. A shame it didn't get as much publicity as the famed 1968 Jets-Raiders football game, changing the way Sunday night prime time programs are delayed, like the children's movie, 'Heidi', rather than have a football game telecast cut off early.

Many of the younger viewers won't have the same impression or adrenaline rush as I did in my younger years, or even later as a host center pro shop operator and finals spectator in 2000 (go find me on the show tape), but with the ToC back at its most-famous

Ohio home, I thought I'd ask someone who also watched the Tour for years his first impression, as he prepared to announce the ToC play-by-play at Riviera for the first time. Having announced other games in stadia and arenas you have heard about numerous times, ESPN's Dave LaMont offered me his perspective on working in one of the PBA's historic buildings.

"Riviera is like the Rose Bowl Stadium, Montreal Forum, Yankee Stadium, and Orange Bowl. Iconic, historic, and powerful. I love visiting all the PBA venues, but when I walk under the famous sign (reading, "Though These Doors Walk The Greatest Bowlers In the World"), even though it certainly doesn't apply to me, I will get a rush of excitement. It's incredibly appropriate for the Tour to be here in Year 60 and the tournament looks wide open. The finals are sure to be memorable," LaMont told me as his work week began.

The faces and the names may change, times may change, but the history still has full-frontal impact.

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One nice feature the PBA had last week during the ToC was putting player press conferences after each qualifying and match game block on Facebook Live. Like we heard years ago on ABC from various cameo announcers was how accessible and cordial the pro bowlers were to members of the media. The Facebook Live feeds did nothing to hurt that 1970's era statement. Hope we get to see this for the next two weeks.

WES MALOTT KING

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win you throw it away with a six or seven count," he said. "I cleared my mind of any negative thoughts and didn't take a lot of time on the approach. I just focused on making the best possible shot."

Since winning the inaugural King of Bowling challenge in 2009, Malott has successfully defended his crown with wins bowling against Chris Barnes, Patrick Allen, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Rhino Page, Parker Bohn III, EJ Tackett and Belmonte in a trios challenge and most recently, Tommy Jones.

Belmonte was chosen as Malott's opponent by fan voting from a list of TOC champions on pba.com. The three other finalists in the voting were Barnes, Pete Weber and Norm Duke.

The Tournament of Champions begins with first round qualifying Wednesday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET. Qualifying and match play continue Thursday and Friday which will determine the top five for Sunday's live stepladder finals on ESPN at 1 p.m. ET.

Fans can catch TOC qualifying and match play rounds on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit www.xtraframe.tv.



At Cowtown Bowling Palace

Flores garners 299/771, Nelson topples 661

Coon, Sr. 300, Sanchez 299

David Flores compiled a chart-topping 183-299-289 = 771 Monday Mixers session to claim high-series honors for the week at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

Cathy Nelson headed the ladies' leader board with a lofty 203-225-233 = 661 Ebonite Classic Trio set.

Randy Coon, Sr. captured high-game honors with an award-winning 12-bagger. Steven Sanchez shared runner-up accolades with Flores with near-perfect 299 solos.

HONOR ROLL

Valerie Ross 214, Sandy Groh 203-554, Tony Edwards 278, Paul Fleming 278, Alecia Henderson 208-590, Tyler Fiorentino 278, Debby Oulicky 205, Ryan Boroff 277-687, Randy Coon, Sr. 717.

April Shelton 214-575, Justin Stiles 279, Lina Trubenstein 210, Mike Dull 278, Chuck Walton 268, Stella Evans 213-534, Danny Seeders, Jr. 259,

Amanda Gann 202, Ron Nason 258-755, Ryan Boroff 270.

Bill Jewell II 267, Julie McHugh 221-623, Bill Brewer 267-714, Amy Langham 217, Tim Landers, Jr. 269-750, Amy Adams 224-611, Paul Zuniga 253, Nick Barber 246, Wayne Heppel 237, Leigh Cope 193.

Greg Bunschoten 247, Robert Lancaster 226, Steve Cochran 226-736, Don Ellis 267, Deborah Thompson 198, T C Thompson 257, Mike Sprinkle 246, Chris Dugan 233, Amanda Gann 204-538, Larry Cox 232, Larry Remenschneider 227.

SENIORS

John Stewart 248-710, Jackie Glover 214, James Lecroy 234, Kay Moriarty 204-569, Woody Godbey 233, Larry Thun 233, Butch Sisk 173, Larrie King 191, David Henderson 259-673.

Cheryl Berube 212-567, Carlos Espinoza 246, Karen Wittenberg 204, Ken Knowles 235, Sandy Soule 279, Rudy Garcia, Jr. 278-766, Pat Currie 277.

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PBA Spare Shots

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS FINALS RETURN TO HISTORIC LANES 27-28

Sunday's live ESPN finals of the PBA Tournament of Champions in its return to historic AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, also will feature a return to the pair of lanes where so much of the TOC's history happened.

Sunday's 1 p.m. EST finals will be contested on lanes 27 and 28, the same pair of lanes where Wayne Zahn defeated top qualifier Dick Weber, 203-170, in the first Firestone TOC held at Riviera Lanes in 1966. It's the same pair of lanes that saw Jack Biondolillo roll the first nationally-televised 300 game in PBA history in 1967; where Don Johnson bowled his historic 299 game in winning the 1970 title, and where Mike Durbin became the first three-time TOC champion with victories in 1972, 1982 and 1984.

The roster of players who

won TOC titles on lanes 27 and 28 is a who's who of future PBA Hall of Famers, including Norm Duke, who won the last TOC title contested on that pair of lanes in 1994.

What might be the most famous pair of lanes in the PBA's 60-year history has undergone a significant change over the years, transitioning from natural wood to synthetic surfaces, but one thing that won't change Sunday is the aura of nostalgia that will surround the setting as AMF Riviera Lanes adds another chapter to its colorful history.

If you'd like a taste of what the TOC was like in the good ol' days, watch 1971 champion Johnny Petraglia's Facebook Live interview from Tuesday morning as he prepared to bowl his final TOC at the age of 70. Click here: [https://www.facebook.com/search/posts/?q=professional%20bowlers%20association%20\(pba\)](https://www.facebook.com/search/posts/?q=professional%20bowlers%20association%20(pba))

At JB's Allen Bowl

Lankford downs 805, Starry records 663

Ted Lankford racked up a rousing 279-280-246 = 805 Wednesday Match Play series to earn top billing on the honor roll for the week at JB's Allen Bowl.

Stacy Starry's impressive 213-203-247 = 663 TGIF session ended as the number-one set of the week for the ladies.

HONOR ROLL

Alex Munden 287-752, Cathy

Bowman 244-638, Doug Winn 214-618, April Paleczka 212-607, Levi Bishard 259-721, Kimbo Emerson 225-662, John Wolbert 278-740, Kerry Smith 203-556.

Beth Campbell 246-658, Russ Randall 278-758, Mary Plair 203-582.

SENIORS

Bill Kaiser 206-589, Melba Moyer 180-500, Clarence Houser 224-587, Audrey Wilson 179-497, Laster Shealey 204-576, Ann Coleman 154-447.

At Strikz

Tenczar launches 738, Irvine snares 728

FRISCO - Loren Tenczar headed the honor roll for the week at Strikz with a hard-hitting 237-234-267 = 738 Monday Mixerz series.

Rick Irvine took the spot atop the leader board for the guys by rolling a solid 279-244-205 = 728 Lousy Bowlerz set.

HONOR ROLL

Billie Bennett 256-686, Don Coble 223-600, Candy Torrey 211-535, Matt Robinson 247-643, Kevin Smith 235-601, Seth Moore 221-607, Chris Marino 215-588, Ron Shive 236-575.

Brandon Cooley 217-606, Debbie Colby 204-524, Carl Higar 214-579, Brad Bode 220-568, Joseph Jimenez 223-641, Ron Barton 236-615, Crandon Haddock 210-581, Bruce Southerland 236-562.

Steve Southerland 214-630, Mark Conner 199-568, Julie Collins 165-423, Debbie Colby 182-453, Sharon Lawrence 154-436, Kathy Bernthal 200-505, Pat Murphey 159-436, Jacki

Myrice 176-491.

Mary Matusik 175-482, Mark Donnelly 208-562, Amy Marshall 187-504, Mike Johnson 226-636, Penny Mince 184-481, Mark Timm 203-555, Bob Wyatt 180-513, David Cohen 167-475.

George Kirby 191-510, Bruce Eisen 180-480, Daryl Ellis 205-600, Skip Jenkins 232-570, Bill Fisher 215-496, Gary Clinton 168-468, John Terito 179-482, Al Brabant 252-593, Danny Robertson 205-577.

Gene Chabra 181-474, Jo Ann Fitzgerald 208-519, Roger Hawk 193-561, Debbie Colby 200-557, Jeanie Matilla 221-565, Candy Torrey 179-521, Brad Petzel 212-587, Ron Rankin 225-581.

SENIORS

Ray Giaontiere 167-468, Gary Condenza 187-527, Jack Muse 171-480, Eunice Burgess 150-434, Vicki Wilson 162-430.

Fans can follow the qualifying and match play rounds of the TOC this week on Xtra Frame (visit xtraframe.tv for subscription information), via Live Scoring on PBA.com and Live Scoring by Lanetalk at this link (<http://www.lanetalk.com/livescoring/?uuiid=041ac2c4-fa3f-11e7-8972-005056a558aa>) which allows fans to follow the entire field on a single screen.

BIG CROWDS SET FOR TOC, 60th ANNIVERSARY CLASSIC, COLUMBUS DOUBLEHEADER

Capacity crowds will be on hand for the live ESPN finals of the PBA Tournament of Champions from AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, Sunday, and for the Barbasol PBA Players Championship from Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio, on Sunday, Feb. 25, the PBA has announced.

A full house also is expected for the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic finals from Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis on Sunday, Feb. 18, but a few tickets are still available (visit <https://www.pba.com/Tickets> to reserve tickets on a first-come basis).

All three live ESPN telecasts, part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, begin at 1 p.m. EST. The live Players Championship telecast will be part of a doubleheader in Columbus, followed by the finals of the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by BowlerX.com which will be live streamed on ESPN3 at 4 p.m. EST on Feb. 25 and taped for broadcast by ESPN on Sunday, March 25, also at 1 p.m. EST.

TACKETT, JONES REFLECT ON 2017 TOC MATCH IN NEW "PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE"

The rivals in one of the 2017 season's most exciting title matches will reflect on their duel Thursday when the newest edition of PBA Player's Perspective on Xtra Frame features FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions winner EJ Tackett and runner-up Tommy Jones.

Tackett's 208-203 victory, which made him the youngest player ever to become title-eligible for the PBA Hall of Fame, came at Jones' expense when he failed to convert the 1-2-4-10 washout in the 10th frame. The win was Tackett's second major to go along with seven standard PBA Tour titles, fulfilling the "titles won" criteria for future hall of fame consideration, but he won't be "membership eligible" for induction until 2032 - his 20th year of PBA membership. Jones, an 18-time titlist, will become eligible for HOF induction in 2020.

The Xtra Frame Player's Perspective series presents a new inside look at PBA competition every Thursday, followed a week later by availability of the exclusive interview on PBA's YouTube

channel. Recent Perspective's include Pete Weber re-living his emotional victory in the 2012 U.S. Open; Rhino Page's insights into the 2017 Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic; Chris Barnes'

victory in the 2015 DHC PBA Japan Invitational, and Tom Daugherty's emotional win in the 2016 Wolf Open. Additional perspectives will be announced in the coming weeks.

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Cyber Report

New Splitsville Opens at Disneyland Resort

The newest location of Splitsville Luxury Lanes has opened for business at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, Calif.

The two-story venue - which features lanes in six different settings, opened its doors on Monday in Disneyland's Downtown Disney restaurant and entertainment district. It's located in a footprint formerly occupied by a House of Blues club.

According to a company official, the new Splitsville will be open 365 days per year, and has seating for 650 people. There are two full bars and two kitchens churning out creative cocktails and food.

Derrin Davis to Lead Kegel Technical Support

Kegel has promoted Derrin Davis to the position of Technical Support Coordinator.

Davis has grown up in the world of bowling and has a strong understanding of Kegel and its core values. His father, Mark Davis, is one of the original members of the Kegel team and currently is Kegel's Executive VP of Mechanical Product Development and Support.

Through his childhood, Derrin was a bowler in Kegel's

Youth League. In 2000, he began working for Kegel in the Chemical Division. Since then, Derrin has built lane machines in the Manufacturing Department and worked in Quality Control, testing lane machines.

With his strong technical knowledge, he joined Kegel's Tech Support Team in 2008, providing support for customers on the phone and also handling in-house lane machine rebuilds.

In his new role as Technical Support Coordinator, he will be responsible for the daily operations of the Technical Support Team. He also will be teaching all levels of lane machine training for both customers and distributors.

Columbia 300 Adds Sandra Gongora to Pro Staff

Columbia 300 has added Sandra Gongora to its pro staff of "youthful, highly energized competitors," the company said in an announcement.

Gongora is a two-time Mexican national champion and is a long-time member of Mexico's national team. In college, she bowled at Wichita State, where she was named 2009 Collegiate MVP and Bowler of the Year.

Some of her other bowling achievements include a silver medal (Masters) and a bronze medal (team) at the 2016 PABCON Women's Championships, a bronze medal (team) at the 2014 PABCON Championships, a bronze medal (mixed doubles)

at the 2013 World Games, and a silver medal (team) and a bronze medal (trios) at the 2012 PABCON Championships.

Rob Gotchall, Columbia 300's Marketing Manager for Players, Promotions and Events, said he is excited to add Gongora to the brand's team.

"Sandra is one of the most physically talented players in the world," he said. "She has power, versatility and is an extremely fierce and fiery competitor. I feel that by adding Sandra to our team, with the assets we have in place here at Ebonite International, we can ultimately help her to reach her goal of becoming a PWBA champion."

Gotchall also said putting her alongside Columbia 300 teammate Clara Guerrero will enable the brand to expand its commitment to the Latin market, working to teach and grow the game in that market.

Gongora currently resides in Monterrey, Mexico.

BPAA AWARDS

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The Bowling Industry Service Awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Luncheon, Tuesday, June 19, 2018, during International Bowl Expo 2018 at Paris Hotel in Las Vegas. The Lerner Memorial Medal presentation will take place during the general session on Wednesday morning.

PBA SPARE SHOTS

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PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: "CHALLENGE" DOUBLEHEADER THIS WEEKEND IN FLORIDA

Next up on the PBA Regional calendar will be a PBA South Region doubleheader, PBA and PBA50 Break Point Alley Challenge events, both open to players who have not won a PBA title. Break Point Alley in Tavares, Fla., will host the doubleheader this weekend.

The PBA South Region's second weekend of competition includes the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., over the Feb. 16-18 weekend.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on pba.com (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

-BJ Moore and his wife T'nia welcomed their first

child, son Lincoln James Moore, on Friday, Feb. 2. Lincoln arrived at 6 pounds, 9 ounces, and measured 18 inches long.

The PBA extends its congratulations to frequent Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational and former World Series of Bowling competitor Terrell Owens on his election to the National Football League Hall of Fame.

-Kathy Pulliam of Silver Spring, Md., wins a new Brunswick ball; Angie Loyd of Monument, Colo., is the winner of a new high-performance ball from DV8, and Paul Heise of Elyria, Ohio, will receive a new high-performance ball from MOTIV as January sweepstakes winners for subscribing to Xtra Frame.

The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Monthly winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.

-Phyllis Burrill is the January winner of a \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, redeemable 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. Those who book through HotelPlanner.com are automatically entered.

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