

EJ Tackett Wins FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions

Tommy Jones' 10th frame error helps PBA's 2016 Player of the Year collect second major title



E. J. Tackett

SHAWNEE, Okla. – EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., had four chances to throw doubles to take the lead, but in the end, he won his second Professional Bowlers Association major title in the 52nd

FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions Sunday at FireLake Arena thanks to an unexpected error by his opponent.

Tackett, at age 24, defeated 18-time PBA Tour champion Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., 208-203, when Jones left and failed to convert the 1-2-4-10 "washout" in the 10th

frame.

Tackett, who won the 2016 PBA World Championship in December for his first major, was certain he had lost the TOC title after he failed to double in the 10th frame.

"I knew if I doubled in the 10th, I'd force Tommy to strike on the right lane," Tackett said. "But I never in a million years expected that. Tommy has been so good in situations like that his entire career, I didn't think I had a chance. I was in total shock."

After winning the DHC PBA Japan Invitational to start the year, the TOC victory gives Tackett a very early edge in defending his 2016 PBA Player of the Year title. But, he said, "it's not even something to think about. It's way too early and we have way too many tournaments to go."

But Tackett has demonstrated he has the skill and the confidence to stay at the top of the PBA's elite.

"I do belong out here," he said. "I feel like I'm going to do it, and you're going to have to beat me. It's not arrogance, it's just a level of confidence

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Pete Thomas and Jeff Hatt Win Member/Guest Doubles at Planet Bowl in OKC



Jeff Hatt and Pete Thomas

OKLAHOMA CITY – Pete Thomas and Jeff Hatt qualified third on Saturday, February 11 in the Member/Guest Doubles at Planet Bowl in Midwest City, OK.

The duo were 173 pins behind the leaders going into the Sunday Baker Match Play.

Thomas and Hatt won 9.5 out of a possible 12 matches to clinch the title and \$2,000 prize money.

It was Pete's 21st SASBA

title.

Saturday's qualifying leaders Jerry Meeley and Jimmy Beavers finished second and collected \$1,600.

In his first tournament, Jon Paine and Jared Hoover received \$1,300 for third place.

Mike Edwards and Royce Rusher finished fourth and collected \$1,100.

Mike McHugh and Chad Newman rounded out the top

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Come From Behind Finish Gives Chris Paul and Chris Barnes State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Win



Chris Barnes and Chris Paul

LOS ANGELES – In a championship match that was decided in the 10th frame, the doubles team of nine-time Los Angeles Clippers All-Star guard Chris Paul and 18-time PBA Tour champion Chris Barnes won the State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational at Lucky Strike LA Live in downtown Los Angeles.

Barnes and Paul beat the team of Boston Red Sox All-Star outfielder Mookie Betts and 18-time Tour winner Tommy Jones, 187-179, in the eighth edition of the event which benefits the Chris Paul Family Foundation. The pro/celebrity competition aired Friday night on ESPN.

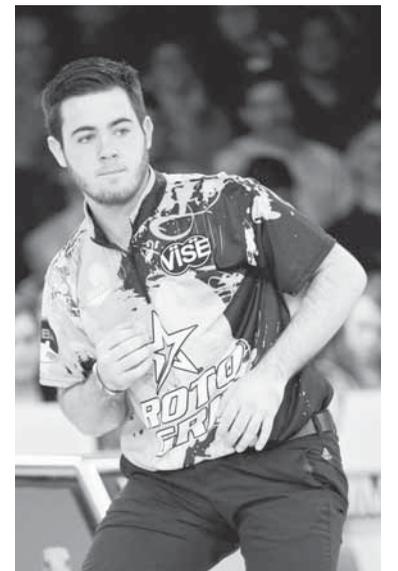
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Simonsen Ready to Defend Title at 2017 Masters

LAS VEGAS - Leaving the youth bowling ranks at age 17 to embark on a career on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour was a tough decision for Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, but his continued success against the best bowlers in the world has shown him he chose the right career path.

Simonsen, who recently turned 20, is enjoying some major momentum entering the upcoming United States Bowling Congress Masters, where he is the defending champion.

The 2017 USBC Masters will take place Feb. 21-26 at The Orleans Bowling Center in Las



Anthony Simonsen

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Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, Publisher



Tina "Moderately Fantastic" Taylor

I'm not a fan of the New England Patriots, I'm not a fan of Tom Brady. I AM a fan of greatness, domination, and people finding ways to be better than everybody else at whatever they do.

There was a Monday Morning Quarterback article by Peter King last week on the SI.com webpage where he interviewed Tom Brady, at his mountain retreat in Montana,

after the Super Bowl. Here is the link.

<http://mmqb.si.com/mmqb/2017/02/15/tom-brady-montana-part-2-nfl-patriots-peter-king>

One of the images and sounds I remember vividly from this year's Super Bowl was the first on-field interview after the Patriots won the game. They pulled Brady aside a few moments after the winning touchdown, and I was expecting an extremely excited and emotional Brady.

They just completed the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history in dramatic fashion, they just won their 5th Super Bowl, Brady just became the most prolific winner that professional football has ever had. He is going to be bouncing off the walls right...

Nope, not even close, he was calm, well spoken, reflective and as usual, very impressive.

How does someone win the biggest thing they can win and have that monster hurricane of people surround you and then you handle it like it's a random Wednesday afternoon?

Read the article and you can see how he does it. It's no accident.

Everything he does in his daily life is so that he can be

great on the football field.

"Other than playing football," Brady said, "the other thing I love to do is prepare to play football. I've worked hard to get a system in place that really works for me and I know could work for everybody else if they just did it."

That was the big take-away for me. It's not about football, there is some real wisdom in there that applies in every walk of life.

Take bowling for instance. Those that are great, are great because they work harder at it, they practice harder, they study harder, and the results come.

This isn't the only nugget in the article, the big headline is a statement that Brady makes, "I'm not going to give away my power."

Read the article to find out what he means by that... it's time well spent, I promise. Peter King is the man.

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And speaking of greatness,

TOC

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I've never had."

In the opening match, Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., ended Pete Weber's bid for a PBA-record 11th major championship, 223-203. Tied at 163 after eight frames, Smallwood finished the match first, throwing four strikes and forcing Weber to do the same to tie and force a roll-off. But the 54-year-old Weber, from St. Ann, Mo., left the 1-2-4-10 on his opening shot of the 10th frame to end the match.

England's Dom Barrett then eliminated Smallwood, 235-202, striking on seven of his first eight shots to build an insurmountable lead after Smallwood left splits he couldn't covert in the first and fourth frames.

Jones advanced to the title match, defeating Barrett in the semifinal match, 248-216, rolling a late string of six strikes to overcome Barrett's early eight-pin lead.

PBA players begin competition in the United States Bowling Congress Masters, PBA's third consecutive major championship in February, on Tuesday at The Orleans Bowling Center in Las Vegas. The Masters qualifying rounds will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to determine the 63 players who will join defending champion Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, in the three-game, double-

we can't call it a week without talking to the woman of the hour, this person had the most spectacular evening of her bowling life last Monday.

Tina "MF" Taylor, and yes the MF stands for Moderately Fantastic, shot 276-300-254 for an incredible 830 series.

Her previous high game was a 298, which she shot last summer, and a high series of 777.

She destroyed the latter. "I was so nervous I wanted to throw up, but the lanes broke down before my 9th frame. That actually helped calm me down and Tony (Franklin) and Terry treated the breakdown like it was normal and no big deal," said Taylor.

How did she manage to shoot her first perfect game and career high series?

"The stars and the moon just lined up right," she added.

She handled the whole situation brilliantly and each shot was perfect, or close enough to

perfect, but her husband Terry was the one who really enjoyed the show.

"I was way more excited than she was. It's been years that we've been waiting on her to shoot 300," said Terry.

It's so much fun to watch someone shoot their first 300 and especially someone who has given her life to the game of bowling.

Tina had the biggest smile ever when she shot 300 and an even bigger smile after the 800.

She was just super proud of herself, right?

A great bowling accomplishment that she and her husband have been waiting on forever, right?

"What really mattered to me was that I swept Terry and Tony every game. The 300 and 800 were just a bonus, a cherry on top, so to speak," she said.

What a total sweetheart she is, huh?

Love her so much and yes she is Moderately Fantastic.

elimination match play rounds Friday and Saturday. The stepladder finals will air live on ESPN on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 1 p.m. ET.

All qualifying and match play rounds of the Masters will be live streamed on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. Visit xtraframe.tv for subscription information. Sunday's finals also will be live streamed on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

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Final Standings

1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$50,000.

2, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$25,000.

3, Dom Barrett, England, \$13,000.

4, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., \$11,000.

5, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., \$10,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One - Smallwood def. Weber, 223-203.

Match Two - Barrett def. Smallwood, 235-202.

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Jan 28-29, 2017	Mixed Doubles - \$3k added	AMF Eulless
Feb 11-12, 2017	Youth City - \$3k added	TBD
Feb 18-19 / 25-26	Ladies City - \$5k added	Watauga
Apr 1-2/Apr 8-9	City Open Championship - \$10k added	Cityview
April 30, 2017	Youth/Adult Doubles - \$2k added	Sparetime
April 11-18, 2017	Senior - \$1k added	Mail-O-Graphic
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Jeff Macon, Ennis All Star Bowl.....	718
Phillip White, Red Bird Lanes.....	712

Women

Tina Taylor, Plano Super Bowl.....	830
Jami Ellis, JB's Allen Bowl.....	732
Diana Jessie, Forum Bowl.....	731
Loren Tenczar, Strikz.....	649
Lina Choun, Cowtown Bowling Palace.....	644
Lauren Cathey, Ennis All Star Bowl.....	634
Lauren Cathey, Red Bird Lanes.....	604



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2017 Open Championships Underway in Las Vegas



LAS VEGAS - With a perfect combination of tradition and innovation, a new era began at the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships on Saturday as the 2017 event got underway at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

The backdrop of the historic event is the \$35 million Bowling Plaza, which is hosting the USBC Open Championships for the first time.

While the tournament is celebrating its 114th edition, it features three divisions for the first time in nearly 40 years. The initial wave of more than 50,000 bowlers in three average-based categories hit the lanes Saturday to kick off the 149-day event.

Among the participants on the opening squad was Joseph Zehms, who randomly was selected as this year's "Joe Bowler," a tradition that dates to 1951 and earned him the responsibility of throwing out the ceremonial first ball of the

tournament.

"This was a great experience," said Zehms, a 26-year-old right-hander from nearby Henderson, Nevada, who knocked down seven pins to officially open the tournament. "I will love being recognized as Joe Bowler in the future events."

As Zehms sat on his throne presiding over the opening ceremonies, he and more than 300 competitors, family, friends and fans enjoyed encouraging words from local and bowling dignitaries, the comedic stylings of Kevin Burke and the sweet sounds of the Las Vegas chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide organization of women singers.

The festivities also included a ribbon-cutting with representatives from USBC, South Point, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority and Las Vegas Events and the traditional Mass Ball Shot Ceremony, before the first of this year's more than

10,000 five-player teams began bowling for score.

Apparel EFX of Red Rock, Arizona, set the pace Saturday in the Regular Division (combined entering averages of 1,046 and above) with games of 888, 1,054 and 1,008 for a 2,950 total.

Derek Acuff led the way with a 659 series and was followed by Team USA member Bryanna Coté (615), Randy Coté (593), Bryan Van Sickle (568) and Theo Douthit (515).

In the new Standard Division (combined entering averages of 901-1,045), We Are Family of Orange, California, rolled games of 781, 849 and 876 for a 2,506 total. The group is in familiar territory, having topped the leaderboard in the Classified Division at the 2016 Open Championships in Reno, Nevada.

This year, Dennis Moore led

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At Ennis All Star Bowl

Macon plasters 718, Cathey hits 634

Jeff Macon claimed high-series honors for the week at Ennis All Star Bowl with high-powered 228-246-244 = 718 marks in Ennis Mixed Classic action.

Lauren Cathey's, Macon's league mate, hard-hitting 221-186-227 = 634 set topped the honor roll for the ladies.

HONOR ROLL

Benny Butler (9 pin, no tap) 300-1064, Leslie Ann Brackney (9 pin, no

tap) 210-791, Brian Butler (9 pin, no tap) 286-946, April Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 208-737, Randy Childress (9 pin, no tap) 278-944.

Theresa Johnson (9 pin, no tap) 127-470, Rick Lawrence 266-682, Carolyn Toal 255-595, Billy Cathey 249-656, McKinsey Pollan 202-526, Tracy Holloway 205-572, Eva Dionne 180-526.

John Gray 194-544, Mikayla Davis 196-484, Ricky Slack 199-501, Mary Sikes 173-476.

At Red Bird Lanes

White records 712, Cathey snags 604

McGlothlin 300

Phillip White's power-packed 234-232-246 = 712 series in the Sunday Night Mixed league action led the scoring parade for the week at Red Bird Lanes.

Lauren Cathey, White's league mate, led the ladies with a tidy 194-187-223 = 604 set.

Tim McGlothlin captured high-game accolades with an award-winning 12-bagger.

HONOR ROLL

Ryne McKenrick 212-534, Marilyn Masterson 187-535, Chester Tyson 254-671, Pete Evans 266-664, Pete Evans (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 290-1004, Jennifer Sosebee (9 pin, no tap, 4

games) 242-865.

Gloria Molina 203-501, Cindy Howell 190-534, Alex Galeti 234-593, Karen Strang 208-521, Brian Riddle 234-644, Charles Venters 227-641, Tim McGlothlin 665, Judy Dillabough 212-561, Jerry House 253-681, Rosemary Hunsaker 189-523, E J Sharp 213-606, Lois Gibson 234-562, Videll Kelly 215-6621, Jeanette Manzano 189-508, Tyree Jennings, Jr. 220-603, B J Jennings 190-497, Jimmie Hawkins 158-453.

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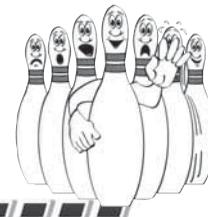


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Chris Barnes Wins PBA FireLake/Grand Casino Resort Southwest Open



Chris Barnes

Shawnee, Okla., (Feb. 13, 2017) –PBA Southwest Region Hall of Famer and 18-time PBA Tour champion Chris Barnes from Double Oak, Texas, defeated Greg Ostrander of Freehold, N.J., 243-200, to win his 27th QubicaAMF PBA Regional title Sunday in the second annual PBA FireLake Grand Casino Resort Southwest Winter Open at FireLake Bowling Center.

The event also provided PBA Regional, PBA Women's Regional and PBA50 champions

an opportunity to qualify for the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions which begins Wednesday at FireLake.

Barnes, one of several PBA Tour champions who used the event as a warmup for the TOC, qualified in sixth place for the best-of-two-game match play elimination rounds in the regional event, and he began his march to the title with a 2-0 victory over PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla. He then disposed of BJ Moore of Greensburg, Pa., 2-0 in the Round of 8 and won his semifinal round match against defending champion Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., 213-210.

Barnes collected \$2,500 for the win. Ostrander earned \$1,600.

The 10 players who advanced to the TOC field were: Ostrander; Moore; Colombian native Clara Guerrero, Pflugerville, Texas; Paul Brewbaker, Midwest City, Okla.; Sean

Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas; Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas; Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas; Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J.; Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., and Ronnie Sparks Jr., Redford, Mich. Blake DeMore of Springfield, Mo., and AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., filled two additional vacancies in the TOC field.

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

The Southwest Region will host two "Super Regional" events in March, both in Colorado. Holiday Lanes in Lakewood will host the PBA Lakewood Southwest Super Regional Open, sponsored by CJ Anderson and Storm, March 3-5, followed by the PBA Colorado Springs Super Regional at Harmony Lanes in Colorado Springs, March 10-12. Both events are projected to pay \$5,000 for first place.

PBA FIRELAKE GRAND CASINO RESORT SOUTHWEST

WINTER OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Sunday Championship: Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, (\$2,500) def. Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., (\$1,600), 243-200.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,000):

Barnes def. Tyler Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 213-200.

Ostrander def. Ronnie Sparks Jr., Redford, Mich., 226-211.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers earned \$750 each):

Ostrander def. Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas 2-1.

Barnes def. BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2-0.

Pepe def. Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2-1.

Sparks def. Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2-1.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers earned \$550):

Ostrander def. Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, 2-1.

Sparks def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2-0.

O'Grady def. Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 2-0.

Barnes def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla. 2-0.

At JB's Allen Bowl

Gengelbach posts 300/825, Ellis produces 732

Murray 300, Grunewald 297, Fong 296

Kurt Gengelbach's first-rate 267-258-300 = 825 session ended as the number one set of the week at JB's Allen Bowl in Tuesday Mixed Doubles league.

Jami Ellis held the hot hand for the ladies with a rip-roaring 221-232-279 = 732 Friday 4 Play set.

Reggie Murray shared high-game accolades with Gengelbach as each recorded award-winning 12-baggers. Whip Grunewald's near perfect 297 took runner-up honors while Bill Fong followed with a 296 game.

HONOR ROLL

Whip Grunewald 765, Alana Denham 190-495, Debbie Schirka 222-593, Patrick Emerson 224-631, Kimbo Emerson 182-508, Reggie Murray 737, Joey Hafner 289-794, Lannis Nelson-Moon 255-682.

Cathy Bowman 246-707, Bill Fong 763, Beth Campbell 278-727, Scott Spolar 266-736, Anita Spolar 216-594.

SENIORS

Danny Cooper 221-601, Gwen West 173-489, Bill Kaiser 226-598, Lillian Hofman 180-465, Tomas Probst 214-575, Jeanette Hooper 173-455.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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the group with a 554 series and was joined by Timothy Perry (531), Paul Wilborn (528), David Moore (451) and Jon Stuemke (442).

The Classified Division (combined averages of 900 and below) lead in 2017 belongs to AZ Girls Just Wanna Have Fun of Phoenix with a 2,276 total on games of 828, 768 and 680. Ted Peters contributed a 519 series and was followed by Sheila Feeney (489), Gretchen Geerdes (448), Karen Butler (423) and Wendy Peters (397).

The 2017 Open Championships marks the third time the tournament is being held in Las Vegas, with previous visits coming in 1986 and 2009. Both of those events were held in custom-built facilities inside Cashman Center.

The South Point Bowling Plaza, which opened in late 2014, played host to the USBC Women's Championships in 2016 and now will be home to the 2017 Open Championships until July 16.

Competition resumes Sunday morning with the first doubles and singles squad of

the year and will run daily from 9 a.m. until approximately 1 a.m.

This year, the South Point property also is home to the Bowlers Journal Championships presented by USBC, a side event that allows bowlers to enjoy additional competition while in the host city.

The Bowlers Journal Cham-

pionships and team practice sessions are taking place at South Point's traditional bowling center, a short walk from the Bowling Plaza.

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L.L. Bean to Sponsor 2017 PBA League Elias Cup

Expanded Portland, Maine center also will host MaineQuarterly.com Roth/Holman Doubles Championship

PORTLAND, Maine - Bay-side Bowl and the Professional Bowlers Association announced Wednesday that Bayside Bowl will host the 2017 L.L. Bean PBA League Elias Cup, sponsored by one Maine's best-known brands, and the MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship in April.

"Bayside Bowl is excited to welcome L.L. Bean as the title sponsor of this year's PBA League Elias Cup. L.L. Bean is Maine's iconic brand," said Justin Alfond, co-owner of Bayside Bowl. "We are also thrilled to continue our partnership with the Maine Office of Tourism. We couldn't have picked better partners to showcase the best of Maine to the country."

"Bayside Bowl and the Portland community can't wait for the Professional Bowlers Association to come back to town," said Charlie Mitchell, Bayside Bowl's managing partner. "The Elias Cup and the Roth/Holman Doubles Championship showcase the world's best bowlers, most passionate fans and incredible sponsors that realize what a big deal this event is for our state."

"We're super excited to be partnering with two great organizations, the PBA and Bayside Bowl, on this fun, unique event," said Chuck Gannon, L.L. Bean's corporate advertising manager. "This is a rare opportunity right in our own backyard, so we're really happy to be involved. Plus, bowling is a great activity for folks of all ages, especially families."

An expansion of Bayside Bowl from its original 12 lanes to 20 lanes, plus the installation of a mezzanine and bar overlooking the new

construction that is currently nearing completion provide the PBA and Bayside Bowl with an opportunity to also bring the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship to Maine as part of the 2017 program, which will give more PBA players a chance to bowl in Maine.

"The PBA is fired up to bring the Elias Cup back and to showcase for the first time the Roth/Holman Doubles Championship as part of our program at Bayside Bowl," said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark. "Bayside Bowl has the best audience in bowling and our players love Portland."

The entire event will take place from April 9-16. The MaineQuarterly.com Roth/Holman Doubles Championship will be aired live on ESPN on April 16 at 1 p.m. ET. The L.L. Bean PBA League Elias Cup will air on ESPN on four consecutive Sundays at 1 p.m. following the doubles telecast: April 23 and 30, and May 7 and May 14. ESPN telecasts also live stream on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

In addition to the ESPN telecasts, PBA's live streaming service, Xtra Frame, will cover a new qualifying round for PBA League teams as well as qualifying rounds for the Roth/Holman Doubles Championship. For Xtra Frame subscription information and broadcast times, visit pba.com or xtraframe.tv.

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Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, April 9-16



Sunday, April 9
 Noon and 3 p.m. - Roth/Holman Doubles practice sessions
 6 p.m. - Bayside Bowl pro-am
Monday, April 10
 10 a.m. - Roth/Holman Doubles A Squad, 6 individual (12 team) qualifying games
 4 p.m. - Roth/Holman Doubles B Squad, 6 individual (12 team) qualifying games
Tuesday, April 11
 10 a.m. - Roth/Holman Doubles A Squad, 6 individual (12 team) qualifying games
 4 p.m. - Roth/Holman Doubles B Squad, 6 individual (12 team) qualifying games
Wednesday, April 12
 10 a.m. - Top 8 teams, 8 Baker format (alternate frame) games
 3 p.m. - Top 8 teams, 8 Baker format (alternate frame) games
 Top 4 teams after 24 team and 16 Baker format games advance to live ESPN stepladder finals on Sunday, April 16, at 1 p.m.
L.L. BEAN PBA LEAGUE QUALIFYING
Thursday, April 13
 Noon - 8 games Baker format qualifying (to determine seeding positions for television)
 6 p.m. - Pro-Am program
Friday, April 14
 Day off
Saturday, April 15 (ESPN PBA League Quarterfinals)
 Noon - L.L. Bean PBA League Quarterfinals 1 & 2 (to air on ESPN on Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m. ET)
 Team #1 vs. Team #8; Team #5 vs. Team #4
 3:30 p.m. - L.L. Bean PBA League Quarterfinals 3 & 4 (to air on ESPN on Sunday, April 30 at 1 p.m. ET)
 Team #2 vs. Team #7; Team #6 versus Team #3
Sunday, April 16
 1 p.m. -MaineQuarterly.com Roth/Holman Doubles steplad-

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LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

Jim Stephens wins Ebonite SASBA in OKC...Justin Langston led the honor roll with 300/843 at USA Bowl...Joey Howery shot 813 at Forum...Mike Watt with 803 at Plano...Tiffany McCoy led the ladies with 727 at AMF Spare Time...Vicki Rios with 723 at USA Bowl...Tina MF Taylor shot 651 at AMF Showplace Euleus.

20 YEARS AGO

Wendy Macpherson takes her 10th LPBT title in Lubbock... Bob Purzycki wins \$100,000 at the Super Bowl High Roller, and they had 1960 entries, those were the days...George Vaughn led the honor roll with 854 at Triangle-Jupiter...Mike Childs had 814 at DC SW...Paul Toal with 793 at Skaggs...Deborah Thomas led the ladies with 740 at Triangle-Grove...Arlen Perkins had 714 at Allen...Sherri Flannery shot 703 at Triangle-Jupiter... Lewis Apperson a 299 game at Triangle-Lewisville...Chris Barnes wins \$26,500 in the Brunswick Best Ball Challenge, I wonder how much he's made on those best ball events through the years, it's a BUNCH.

30 YEARS AGO

Ken Szymanski takes CASH at Golden Triangle, I always enjoyed bowling action against him back in the day, he had a great all-in button...Jeannie Maiden sets WIBC record with 864 series...Tim Petit led the honor roll with 748 at DC West... Gerald Johnson shot 743 at DC East...Rodney Black had 741 at DC SW...Jean Lanzillo led the ladies with 684 at DC East... Debbie Walters rolled 681 at DC SW...Gene Harris wins MBT At DC East and \$1400...Donny Yow with NTTB title at DC West.



At Strikz

Irvine racks up 748, Tenczar bags 649

FRISCO - Rick Irvine pocketed power-laden 237-267-244 = 748 Lousy Bowlerz numbers en route to earning high-set honors for the week at Strikz.

Loren Tenczar, Irvine's league mate, fired a free-wheeling 213-215-221 = 649 set to front fem scoring.

HONOR ROLL

Scott Noll 247-669, Chris Marino 231-674, Eddie Mathis 217-606, Julie Bloodworth 206-513, Candy Torrey 205-578, Kevin Connell 232-647, Shelley Brown 171-506, Debbie Colby 187-541.

Cathy Eberly 199-520, Loren Tenczar 242-575, Billie Bennett 265-639, Debbie Bennett 198-536, Rick

Irvine 279-740, Crandon Haddock 232-636, Bruce Southerland 223-601, Seth Moore 256-613.

Sheri Dyer 165-485, Debbie Colby 216-512, Julie Collins 160-451, Jacki Myrice 206-533, Cathy Eberly 202-526, Mark Donnelly 268-693, Steve Ray 235-607, Kathy Monzina 172-473.

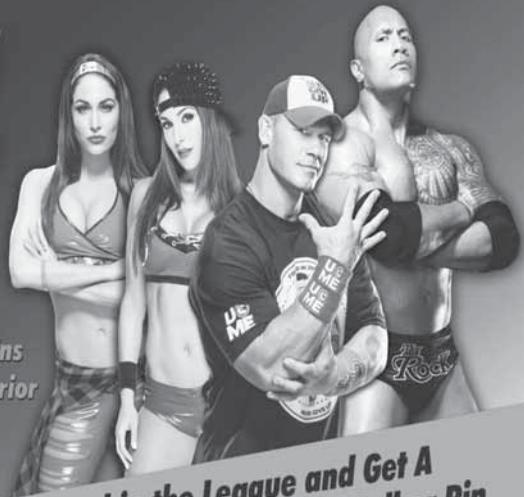
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Cher Pokorny 146-397, Cathy Eberly 217-556, Debbie Colby 194-531, Ron Shive 223-635, Curt Frye 235-632, Candy Torrey 189-545.

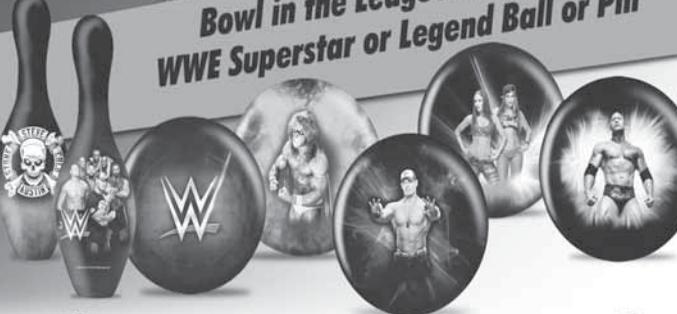




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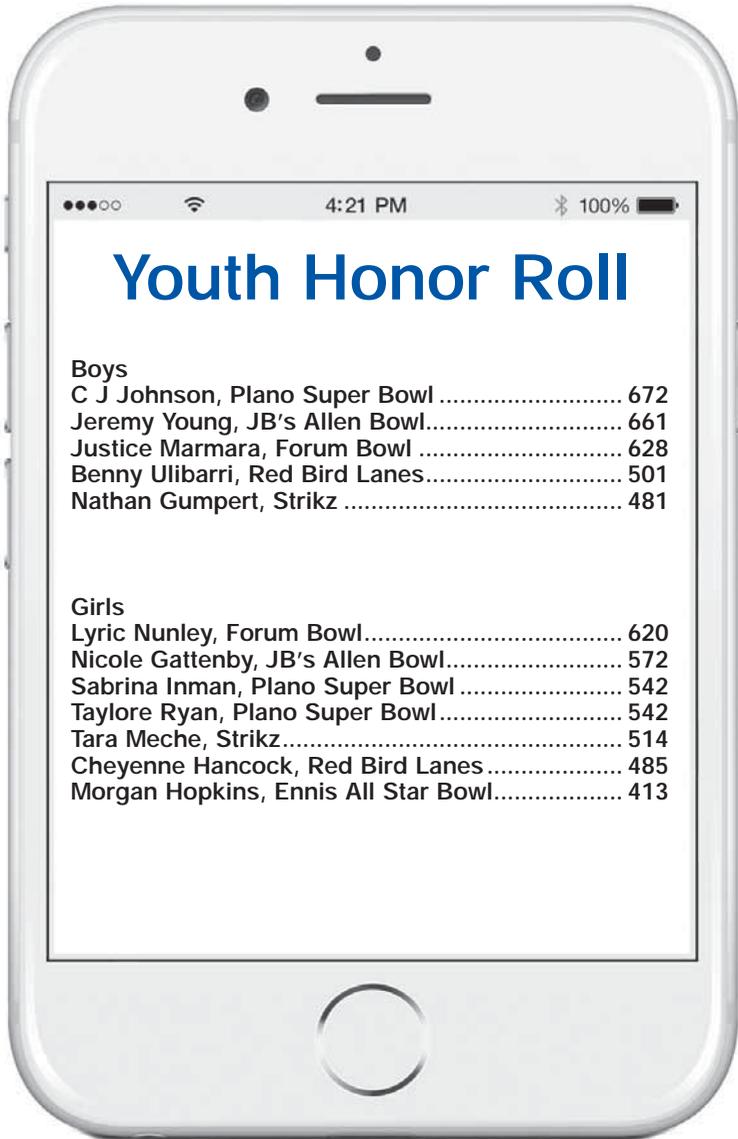
AUGUST 6
 Astro Bowl, San Antonio, TX

Grand Prix State Finals
 MAY 19-21
 Additional Qualifying and State Event
 Location - Grand Station Entertainment, College Station, TX

High School Regionals
 MARCH 5
 Various Locations

High School State Finals
 MARCH 25-26
 Cityview Lanes, Fort Worth

If you have upcoming youth tournaments you would like listed on the schedule, contact The Bowling News at 214.250.3242, or email: genie@TheBowlingNews.net.



Youth Honor Roll

Boys	
C J Johnson, Plano Super Bowl	672
Jeremy Young, JB's Allen Bowl.....	661
Justice Marmara, Forum Bowl	628
Benny Ulibarri, Red Bird Lanes.....	501
Nathan Gumpert, Strikz	481
Girls	
Lyric Nunley, Forum Bowl.....	620
Nicole Gattenby, JB's Allen Bowl.....	572
Sabrina Inman, Plano Super Bowl	542
Taylor Ryan, Plano Super Bowl.....	542
Tara Meche, Strikz.....	514
Cheyenne Hancock, Red Bird Lanes.....	485
Morgan Hopkins, Ennis All Star Bowl.....	413

The Wichita State women won their fourth consecutive Hoosier Classic, while Midland captured the men's title at Western Bowl in Indianapolis, Indiana, last weekend.

The Hoosier Classic was the final Tier 1 event in the 2016-2017 United States Bowling Congress Collegiate season.

A total of 78 men's teams and 66 women's teams bowled six traditional games and 15 Baker games before the field was cut to the top eight teams in each division for bracket play. The quarterfinal and semifinal matches featured a best-of-three Baker format, while the championship round was a best-of-five Baker match.

The Wichita State women qualified first overall for the match-play bracket and bested No. 6 Concordia in the finals, 3-0, including a narrow 200-199 victory in Game 3. The Shockers averaged 223 in the title match.

Wichita State earned its spot in the finals by defeating No. 5

Newman, 2-1, while Concordia advanced by sweeping No. 2 Lindenwood.

Webber's Anna Andersson earned the women's individual title by posting a 1,304 total, a 217.33 average, for her six-game block Saturday. Lindenwood's Amanda Garavet finished second with 1,300, and Newman's Kelly Machacek (1,296), Urbana's Maude Demers (1,280) and St. Ambrose's Kayla Crawford (1,273) also made the all-tournament team.

In the men's title match, Midland, who qualified fifth, dropped the opening game to No. 7 St. Francis-Illinois, 194-177, but bounced back to win the next three games by averaging more than 218 to earn the victory, 3-1.

Midland defeated top seed Webber International in the semifinals, 2-1, while St. Francis-Illinois swept No. 3 William Paterson, 2-0, to advance.

Webber's Cory Lenz aver-

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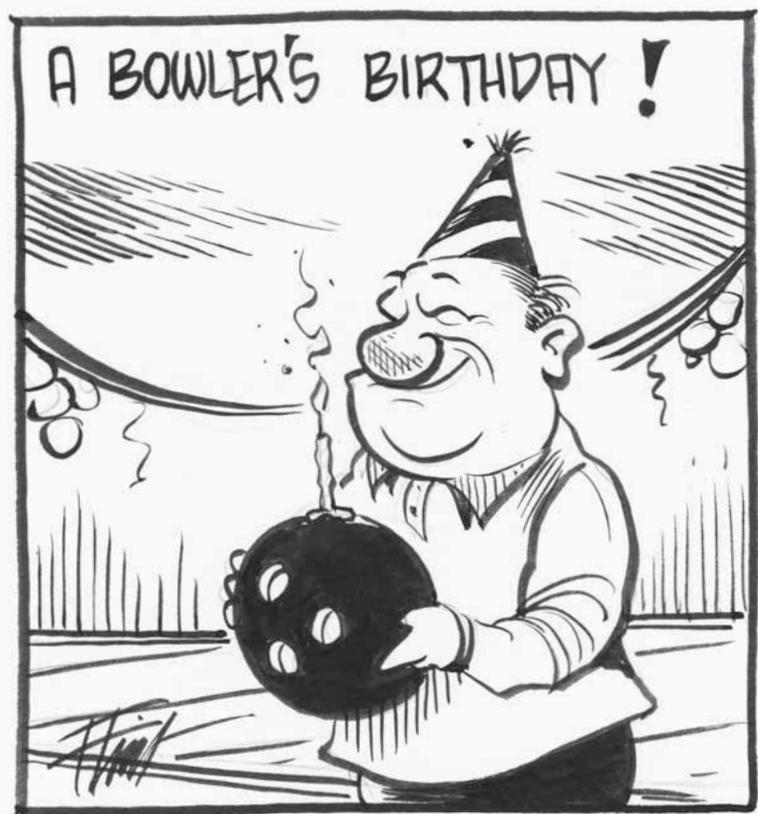
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Lane Laughter



Fort Worth USBC Youth Results

Justice Marmara headed the Fort Worth-area USBC Youth bowling last week with a thundering 262/628 Stars & Strikers series at Forum Bowl.

Lyric Nunley, Marmara's league mate, paced the girls with

a lofty 247/620 set.

At Forum Bowl - Mason Boles 113-217, Carlyssa Tackett 121-211, Carson Morris 116-213, Liza Reed 104-184, Hamilton Joseph 151-395, Charisse Graham 157-419, Sam Sebourn 108-238, Alyssa Knight 130-328, Kade Pirtle

146-421, Jillian Spridco 132-375, Sam Malicoat 154-401, Abby Milligan 127-320, Trevor Goad 184-486, Allison Williams 165-487, Davd Carter (4 games) 277-1309, Katarina Korn (4 games) 245-1272.

Dallas USBC Youth Scores

C J Johnson topped the Dallas-area USBC Youth bowling last week with a power-laden 227-178-267 = 672 Sunday Youth/Adult series at Plano Super Bowl.

Nicole Gattenby led the gals with a super smooth 190-213-169 = 572 Youth Mania set at JB's Allen Bowl.

At Ennis All Star Bowl - Morgan Hopkins 157-413.

At JB's Allen Bowl - Audian Paxson 186-526, Carlen Gattenby 187-528, Jeremiah Roussell 203-571, Jeremy Young 256-661, Pam Hodson 223-545, Dylan Jankowski 95-250, Heather

Hubbard 42-117, Tiger Bruney 131-372, Naiya Okwesa 133-369, Jayden Okwesa 180-453, Jessica Hubbard 110-306, Ryan Rohlfs 168-404, Samantha Srodulski 209-486, Will Durnin 149-325.

At Plano Super Bowl - Brady McDonough 174-481, Alexis Leavell 97-265, Noah Raleigh-Turner 188-512, Marisa Munguia 149-418, J C Hough 234-612, Allie Turner 197-465, Mason Melendez 235-661, Moriah Leraas 185-495, Xavier Patterson 150-391, Sierra Jones 149-373, Sabrina Inman 201-542, Aidan Hudson 234-506, Faith Kiefert 158-530, Nathan Kilbride

202-515, Taylore Ryan 213-542, Luke Henke 134-363, Clay Adams 181-526, Emi Nester 178-477, Wyatt Smyser (2 games) 100-187.

At Red Bird Lanes - Benny Ulibarri 197-501, Cheyenne Hancock 181-485, Beverly Hoffman 124-299, Bailey Speaks (2 games) 153-283.

At Strikz - Tara Meche 236-514, Nathan Gumpert 167-481, Roman Reece 165-448, Derek Natali 158-432, Bryce Harrington 183-470, Joey Skiba 182-454, Nate Pandy 186-471, Zachary Smullen 179-445, Lauren Bate 165-452, Haylee Reece 146-393.

Special Olympics Helps Usher in 2017 Open Championships

By Matt Cannizzaro and Brian Hirsch

LAS VEGAS - Special Olympics National Unified Tournament participant Matthew Kinney planned to make the most of his trip to the Entertainment Capital of World by enjoying some of the city's thrill rides once bowling at the South Point Bowling Plaza was done for the day.

However, one of the biggest thrills of his week came on the lanes when he randomly was selected to throw out the first ball of the 2017 National Unified Tournament.

A 104-average bowler from North Carolina, Kinney made his second consecutive appearance at the National Unified Tournament. His debut came last year at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, where he finished third in doubles with his mother, Catherine Kinney.

Matthew Kinney said getting the chance to bowl on bowling's biggest stage and have the honor of throwing out the first ball was awesome, and he loved the larger bowlers' area at the Bowling Plaza.

Off the lanes, Kinney was able to enjoy some of the great sights in Las Vegas, including the Fountains at the Bellagio. He also had plans to ride the roller coaster at the New

York-New York Hotel and Casino and to experience the SlotZilla zip line in downtown Las Vegas.

Steven Boysza, a left-hander from Pennsylvania who averages 141, put together 10 strikes en route to a 289 game, the highest game in tournament history. A 6 pin on his 11th offering ended the string. His previous high was 226.

Boysza, who made his third appearance at the Special Olympics National Unified Tournament, has seen a lot of success in his short career, with two team titles, a runner-up team finish and two second-place finishes in doubles.

Boysza also made the most of his first trip to Las Vegas, taking in many of the glittery sights and attending the live taping of a World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) Monday Night Raw event at the new T-Mobile Arena.

This week's National Unified Tournament marked the 27th consecutive year the United States Bowling Congress played host to the event. The relationship began in Toledo, Ohio, in 1991.

This two-day 2017 edition took place Wednesday and Thursday at the South Point Bowling Plaza. Special Olympic athletes bowled for ribbons and gold, silver and bronze medals.

Nearly 460 bowlers (116 four-player teams) representing 13 states competed in team and doubles competition, while helping to usher in the 2017 USBC Open Championships, which begins Saturday.

Each team at the National Unified Tournament was comprised of two Special Olympians and their unified partners, and the combination helps carry the message of friendship and camaraderie from year to year.

To be eligible for the Special Olympics National Unified Tournament, competitors must be USBC members, have a certified average of 15 or more games and have competed in their local Special Olympics events.

Although bowling is not included in the traditional Olympic Games, it is among the most popular sports in Special Olympics. It is particularly beneficial to people with intellectual disabilities, regardless of age or athletic ability, since it ensures physical exercise, participation and social integration.

Next, the South Point Bowling Plaza will be home to the 149-day Open Championships, which will feature more than 10,000 five-player teams (more than 50,000 bowlers) from Feb. 18 until July 16.



Catherine and Matthew Kinney

At Cowtown Bowling Palace

York registers 300/813, Choun turns in 644

Zaskoda 300, Roberts 299

Tyler York was red hot last week at Cowtown Bowling Palace with a top-notch 269-244-300 = 813 Monday Mixers session.

Lina Choun headed the ladies' leader board with a sturdy 230-199-215 = 644 Wednesday Winners showing.

Johnny Zaskoda shared high-game honors with York with an award-winning 12-bagger. Kevin Roberts took runner-up accolades with a near-perfect 299 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Rain Man Sloat 289, Chris Barnes 289, Pat Currie 279-730, Jerry Owczarski 269, Sal Grieco 258, Jeremy Trubenstein 258-713, Jacklyn Wild 253-603, Joshua McFarlain 245, Eddie Beggs 243.

Ronald Riddle 254, Chase Martin 247-658, Steven Woods 226, Micah McCracken 258, Yolanda Garrett 211,

Alan Chetister, Jr. 256, Catie Jensen 203-558, Bryen Waltjen 252, Kathleen LeCroy 200.

Xeno Garcia 732, George Stilen 277-769, Charles Walton 258, Michael Teel 201, Rex Lindsey 255, Jessica Bingham 223, Andrew Belschner 279, Micah McCracken 278, Grady Adams 278-750.

Timothy Landers, Jr. 256, Ron Nason 255.

SENIORS

Edward Yarborough 237, Wanda EadKen Knowles 258, Carole Watson 217-519, Johnny Zaskoda 245-696, Chester Jones 228, Johnny Zaskoda 750, George Hernandez, Sr. 245, Larry Thun 245, Chester Jones 234-607, Joann Lindquist 217-557.

Les Messinger 203, Jesse Donald 203, George Hernandez, Sr. 203.

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aged more than 231 to claim the top spot in the men's individual standings with a six-game total of 1,387. Lindenwood-Belleville's Tim Heimann and Midland's Nick Pate tied for second with 1,353, and Pikeville's Andrew Letscher (1,335) and William Paterson's Steve Kotowski (1,333) also recorded top-five finishes.

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In a back and forth alternate-frame match, Barnes converted a crucial 2-4-10 split in the eighth frame to maintain a four-pin lead. In the ninth, the Paul/Barnes team lost the lead when Paul left the 3-9 and failed to make the spare. That left the door open for Betts who converted a spare in the ninth to regain a five-pin lead heading into the 10th.

"That made me nervous," Paul said about the championship match. "When I missed that spare in the ninth frame I knew that was big; it gave the momentum back to them. I thought that might have ended it right there but when Chris (Barnes) said we still had a chance, I had confidence he

BOWL.com's BowlTV provided broadcast coverage of the 2017 Hoosier Classic.

In other USBC Collegiate action over the weekend:

-At the Golden Bear Classic in Reading, Pennsylvania, the Adelphi women cruised to the top of the leaderboard.

-At the Stephen F. Austin Jacks Invitational in Conroe, Texas, the McKendree women captured the title after defeating Nebraska, 4-1.

-At the Central Intercol-

legiate Athletic Association

Round-Up in Midlothian, Virginia, Fayetteville State topped the conference standings. -At the Suffolk Tournament in West Babylon, New York, The College of New Jersey men and Molloy women claimed the top spots.

-At the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Championship in Altoona, Pennsylvania, the Mount Aloysius women rolled to victory. "I've wanted to bowl in this for a long time and it was everything I expected it to be," said Betts. "It was a lot of fun. I'm a little disappointed, but you have to hand it to them. They (Paul and Barnes) did what they needed to do to win."

The finals began with Jones and Betts beating the team of Grammy-nominated DJ Khaled and 2016 PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett, 172-147. The Betts/Jones team then beat the team of Denver Broncos

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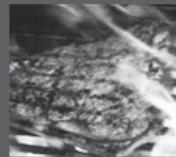
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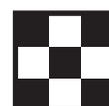


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Cyber Report

Completion of South Point's Moving Walkway Delayed

While the South Point Tournament Bowling Plaza has earned rave reviews since opening well ahead of schedule, its location inside the South Point Hotel Casino property has resulted in long walks for bowlers utilizing the facility.

To address that situation, South Point began construction of a moving walkway, enabling bowlers to emerge from hotel room elevators, walk just a few steps with their equipment in tow, and then step onto the walkway for a quick trip to escalators or elevators to the Bowling Plaza level.

Plans called for the walkway - actually two separate walkways running in opposite directions - to be completed in plenty of time for the opening of the 2017 USBC Open Championships on Feb. 18.

But those plans hit a snag last week when it was learned that the supplies to be used in completing the walkways, which are being shipped from Spain, have been delayed in transit. So, while the "foundation" of the first walkway has been laid, it now is awaiting that shipment before it can be completed. As a result, those bowling during the first few weeks of the USBC Open Championships will not have the moving walkway at their disposal.

"We listened to the bowlers who took part in the USBC Women's Championships, and understand that it can be a long walk to the Plaza - espe-

cially if they're not staying at South Point," said South Point's Director of Bowling Operations, Mike Monyak. "So we're very disappointed that the parts for the walkway have been delayed. We're now looking at about five weeks to complete the project," which means it would be operational in early March.

"The bowlers who are competing during the first few weeks of the tournament have my sincere apologies," Monyak added.

Wesley Low Is Signed by Columbia 300

Columbia 300 has announced that Wesley Low has been signed to its staff.

Low, a two-handed left-hander from Palmdale, Calif., is one of the top young bowlers in the nation. His accomplishments include selection to Junior Team USA four times; gold medals in singles, doubles and team event at the 2016 World Youth Championships (as well as the all-events and masters bronze medals); repeat championships in the 2015 and

2016 PBA Northwest/West Earl Anthony Memorial Regional; gold medals in team and all-events at the 2015 PABCON Youth Championships; team and all-events gold medals at the 2014 World Youth Championships (as well as silver medals in singles and masters, and bronze in doubles); a win in the 2013 North Point Junior Gold U20 championship; and a team gold at the 2013 PABCON Youth Championships.

"I am excited to be joining Team C300 and bowling alongside Josh Blanchard, Jakob Butturff and Tom Hess," Low said. "I'm extremely thankful to everyone at Ebonite International for the opportunity, and am excited for what the future has in store."

For more, including comments from Rob Gotchall, Manager of Players, Promotions and Events at Ebonite International, go to: <http://www.bowlingjournal.com/columbia-300-signs-wesley-low-to-staff/>.

Weird Al, JaNeldaSchumacker Grace Covers of BJI and BCM

"Weird Al" Yankovic, the biggest-selling comedy artist in history, has often incorporated bowling into his music, his videos, and his cult-hit feature film, "UHF."

In advance of the release of his new, career-encompassing box set, Yankovic spoke with Bowlers Journal International's JefGoodger about his career and his affinity for bowling.

To read an excerpt from BJI's February cover story, click here: <http://www.bowlingjournal.com/popular-satirist-weird-al-yankovic-talks-bowling-with-bowlers-journal-for-february-issue/>

Meanwhile, the cover of Bowling Center Management's February issue features JaNeldaSchumacker of SpareZ in Davie, Fla., which has one of the most successful bowling party programs in America.

In a story by senior correspondent Barry Sparks, Schumacker and other successful party promoters share their expertise in this important profit-boosting segment of the bowling center business.

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Vegas.

Though he is guaranteed a spot in the event's 64-player double-elimination match-play bracket, Simonsen will bowl the 15 qualifying games with the same mentality he has for any tournament and work to improve his seeding in the bracket.

"It's going to be the same process as before or at any other event, but minus a little bit of pressure, since I've already got a spot in the bracket," said Simonsen, whose first PBA Tour title came at the 2016 Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by Storm, where he teamed with Connor Pickford. "Treating qualifying like I normally would also will help me get into tournament mode from the start, rather than waiting until match play begins."

Simonsen became the youngest bowler to win a major title on the PBA Tour when he claimed the 2016 Masters title, defeating Canada's Dan MacLelland, 245-207. Simonsen was 19 years and 39 days old at the time.

The victory was the start of an incredible streak, and Simonsen now has made the championship round in four of the PBA's last five majors. He has finished in the top 11 in seven of his 10 major appearances.

"I really enjoy the longer formats, and I know I'm capable of playing just about anywhere on the lane, which those events sometimes require you to do," Simonsen said. "I started slow last week (at the 2017 Barbasol PBA Players Championship), but the format gave me a chance to figure things out and get something

going."

Simonsen went on to finish second at last week's event, losing to three-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, the only other bowler to win the Masters since Mike Fagan claimed the title in 2012.

Belmonte's unprecedented run of Masters domination came to an end last year in Indianapolis just before a potential winners bracket meeting with Simonsen.

Instead, Simonsen met Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, and defeated the 10-time PBA Tour champion to lock up a spot on the TV show. He then topped MacLelland in the match that determined the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds for the stepladder finals.

Three years ago, Simonsen felt capable and hopeful for that kind of success, but there was uncertainty, too. That didn't even include the logistics, like the fact that at 17, he wouldn't be able to rent a car or get a hotel room in the many cities to which he'd be traveling.

With the support of friends, family and some PBA Tour veterans, he made a seamless transition and found immediate success.

Now, when he feels off his game, he has endless support.

When he felt he needed a tuneup in January after the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII in Reno, Nevada, his ball rep and coach, USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Del Ballard Jr., was there to work with him.

Simonsen also can depend on his girlfriend, Angie Ramirez Perea, a top competitor in her own right, who serves as a travel partner, confidant and cheerleader.

"We were able to work out a lot of the kinks, and then making the TV show really helped

with my confidence," Simonsen said. "Having Anggie to travel with also is great, especially with her being a bowler. While I'm more of a ball rep and caddy when she bowls, I just enjoy knowing she's back there watching me bowl anytime she's not bowling, too."

Simonsen will battle a Masters field expected to be a sellout with more than 390 of the best bowlers in the world looking to capture the coveted trophy and \$30,000 top prize in 2017.

All competitors at The Orleans will bowl 15 games of qualifying over three days to determine the match-play field. The top 63 players will join Simonsen in the double-elimination bracket, where he knows anything can happen during the three-game matches.

As the defending champion, Simonsen is guaranteed the No. 64 spot in the bracket, but bowling qualifying will give him a chance to improve his seeding, as well as get a feel for the bowling center and oil pattern.

The official practice day for the Masters is Feb. 20, which will be followed by three days of qualifying. Match play will take place Feb. 24 and 25 to determine the five players for the championship round.

Those five bowlers will compete in the stepladder finals, live on ESPN at 1 p.m. Eastern on Sunday, Feb. 26.

The 2017 Masters will feature a total prize fund of nearly \$300,000 and again is a major event on the PBA Tour.

All qualifying and match play rounds of the Masters will be covered live on Xtra Frame, the PBA's online bowling channel. For subscription information, visit PBA.com.

For more information about the USBC Masters, visit BOWL.com/Masters.

PBA Founding Member, Tournament Host Darrell Ducat Dies



Darrell Ducat with Pete Weber

At Forum Bowl

Berry hammers 781, Jessie hits 731

Brian Berry hammered home power-packed 257-267-257 = 781 numbers in Fun Bunch action to lead the honor roll at Forum Bowl for the week.

Diana Jessie found herself at the top of the ladies' leader board with a blue-ribbon 236-227-268 = 731 Columbia 300 Masters set.

HONOR ROLL

Karen Beich 193-543, Vicky Dunn 223-540, John Honegger (9 pin, 4 games) 256-737, Holly Beers (9 pin, 4 games) 218-615, Chuck Christian 268-733, Carol McGinley 216-570, Brad West 253-694.

Cierra Pree 243-603, Rodney Williams 277-683, Jennifer Cantrell 223-550, Nate Gillespy 263-686, Andrea Jakska 195-570, Marvin Sitts, Jr. 257-692, Dana Short 235-623, Greg Forde 226-659.

Gena Breedlove 178-496, Tom Czajkowski 259-696, Helen Woodley 243-654, Mary Santacruz 244-582, Robert Warren (4 games) 277-982, Brenda Padilla (4 games) 267-893, James Stewart 253-737, Regina Stewart 191-549.

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Nick Martinez 236-627, Brittany Perez 167-488, John Mann 226-644, Ginger Busocker 229-597, Larry Reed 235-646, Nicole Gray 148-362, Philip Mills 223-607, Barbara Craig 188-504.

SENIORS

Tom Czajkowski 239-658, Karen Hoyle 234-651, Russel Fox (9 pin) 300-807, Glenda Nelson (9 pin) 226-630.

The PBA has learned of the death Tuesday of long-time PBA National Championship host Darrell Ducat, the former proprietor of Imperial Lanes in Toledo, Ohio. The 91-year-old patriarch of the well-known Ducat family (at left in photo) was living in Florida where he and son Larry were operators of Spanish Springs Lanes in The Villages, the host center for the upcoming PBA50 UnitedHealthCare Sun Bowl in the Villages, presented by Radical, April 22-25.

Darrell Ducat, a PBA founding member, became the oldest player ever to bowl in a PBA tournament when he competed in the 2013 PBA50 Sun Bowl at Spanish Springs Lanes at age 87.

The Ducat family hosted more than 30 PBA tournaments over the years at bowling centers they owned in Toledo, Detroit, Winter Haven and The Villages. The PBA hadn't appeared in the Villages since 2001 when the Ducats brought the PBA back to The Villages in 2009.

Larry Ducat said he is working with the PBA to host a celebration of Darrell Ducat's life when the PBA50 Tour visits The Villages in April.

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five and received \$950 for their efforts.

Rudy Garcia, Jr. had the only 300 game and Terry Davis left the lily.

Thanks to Darlene and staff for being great hosts!

Plant Bowl added \$2,250 to the prize fund and SASBA added \$850.

Our next tournament is this weekend in Shreveport at All Star Lanes for the Claude Thomas Memorial Singles.

The following week, we are at Emerald Bowl in Houston for an Age Bracket tournament.

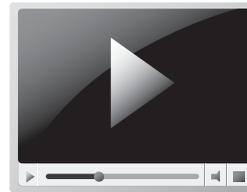
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running back CJ Anderson and 11-time Tour winner Sean Rash, 201-183, setting up the semifinal match with Weber and Owens.

Preceding the semifinal match was the Celebrity All-Star Clash that also included Paul's Clippers teammates Austin Rivers and Luc Mbah a Moute as well as Black-ish star Miles Brown and actor JT Jackson. Betts dominated the best-ball competition, where the lowest count on a single shot was eliminated by throwing six consecutive strikes. He

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outlasted the nine-player field by beating Jackson who left a seven count in the final frame.

State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational

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Results from Friday's ESPN telecast

Alternate Frame Doubles Format Stepladder Finals:

Match One: Tommy Jones/Mookie Betts def. EJ Tackett/DJ Khaled, 172-147.

Match Two: Jones/Betts def. Sean Rash/CJ Anderson, 201-183.

Semifinal: Jones/Betts def. Pete Weber/Terrell Owens, 177-153.

Championship: Chris

Barnes/Chris Paul def. Jones/Betts, 187-179.

State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Winners:

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Just Paying Attention




By Mark London
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In his March 'Bowlers Journal International' column 'Leading Off', publisher Keith Hamilton noted PBA sideline reporter Kimberly Pressler is a star in the making. After seeing her work up close at the Main Event Terrell Owens PBA Super Clash, (my work station was literally ten feet from hers, and yes, I have photographic proof), I will gladly second that motion.

Pressler was constantly listening to the production truck, preparing questions, rehearsing her introductions and interview questions before going in front of the camera, and researching material for further questions. She was as professional as

possible. Well, sure, but it's just television, right?

Yes it is, and like the PBA for bowlers, it's also television at its highest level. The 1999 Miss USA winner has had enough experience to know what is not only expected, but also knows what she can do as sideline reporter.

Yeah, but its bowling. True, but it is also live television. Those last two words are enough to scare just about anybody to death. Could you do what she does while trying not to think of the possible 600,000 to one million people plus watching? Like anything else, it takes some practice.

Another point Hamilton brought out is something overlooked at times. She is kind and respectful to her co-workers, even to this trained talking head-turned bowling writer. Simply, she could not have been kinder to someone she just met.

Perhaps it was how I talked with Commissioner Clark, or announcers Dave LaMont, Randy Pedersen, or Sandy Maxx at her social media station, but I got the feeling that was not the case. Pressler knows she's working with some pretty gifted artists and performers as a team, while knowing that old adage comes into play, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

In this case, the collective efforts of the group make the result better, period. Like I said last week, it had been awhile since sitting in the trenches for a television finals and it was good to get back on the bike. Although, it was for a

non-official tour event, it's still live television, but also on a day when more television is watched in this country than any day of the year. I sat back, stayed out of the way, and let the professionals in front of me show off their skills. Those in front of the camera weren't bad, either.

Pressler is an excellent reporter and would be an asset to any network with her skill set. We are lucky to have her on PBA telecasts.

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A couple of final notes from the Super Clash. Quinton Aaron's business manager was in a bit of a panic the day before the ESPN telecast Super Bowl Sunday. According to Aaron, the actor had a ball sent to him recently, but hadn't the time to get it drilled. The business manager called several Houston pro shops, finding only one open later in the afternoon. Aaron, his business manager, and personal manager arrived to get this ball drilled, sent by none other than Sean Rash.

After Aaron's hand was measured, his brand new Brunswick Fire Quantum was ready for rolling. With his now-familiar smooth approach, he tossed it twice down the lane, happily smiled, and then said he was good to go. After attending a charity event earlier that day, he was forced to use a house ball and didn't do well, thus the phone calls.

He was also in a hurry to get to his next function and did not have time to toss more test shots. 'The Blind Side' actor

did like the reaction and was looking forward to the live show the next day. Also supplied with a brand new Mike Austin's Bowling Dynamix grip sack, he walked out of the shop with his Rash-supplied ball.

After they arrived at Main Event before the telecast, he was ready to go, just like he said the day before. As Randy Pedersen said on the show, he really does have a 6-inch span (who do you think told him!).

There is a little more to the Jack Biondolillo appearance than what you saw on the telecast, too. More on that in the coming editions of TBN.

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I know this should have put this in last week's issue, but still, there's always time for a show featuring this legendary bowler and instructor. For this week's JPA Lost Classic, we go back to the late Don Johnson's 26th and final PBA title won forty years ago this month. It was also his son's Jimmy's 8th birthday, which was mentioned at least once on the telecast. We go back to the 1977 PBA Midas Open and see Koko win four matches over Mark Roth, Cliff McNealy, Marshall Holman, and Earl Anthony. McNealy was a pretty regular TV finalist in this era, but hadn't won a title yet. What might be the most surprising is seeing the number of titles won by the other four bowlers at this point.

Remember this was February 1977. Why? As shown by the graphics at the beginning of the telecast, Anthony had just passed Johnson and We-

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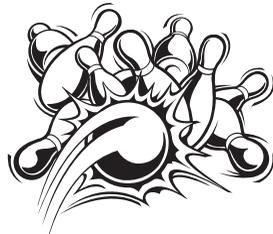
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March 25-26	Red Bird Lanes	Duncanville, Tx.	Non-Champ Singles
April 1-2	Firelake	Shawnee, Ok.	Regular Singles
April-15-16	Cowtown	Fort Worth, Tx.	Super Senior/Guest Doubles
April 29-30	Astro Super Bowl	San Antonio, Tx.	60/50/Guest Trio
May 5-6	Cowtown	Fort Worth, Tx.	70/60/50/Guest Foursome
May 20-21	University Lanes	Denton, Tx.	Super Senior Singles
May 27-28	Armadilla I	Pasadena, Tx.	Open Member/Guest
June 17-18	Cityview Lanes	Fort Worth, Tx.	70/60/50/Guest
June 24-25	Oil Bowl	Longview, Tx.	Member/Guest Doubles
July 1-3	Plano Super Bowl	Plano, Tx.	Firecracker
July 15-16	Armadilla I	Pasadena, Tx.	Age Bracket
July 22-23	Tomball Bowl	Tomball, Tx.	Member/Guest Doubles
Aug. 5-6	Ennis All Star Lanes	Ennis, Tx.	Member/Member Doubles
Aug. 12-13	Emerald Bowl	Houston, Tx.	Age Bracket
Aug. 26-27	Cowtown	Fort Worth, Tx.	Non-Champs
Sept. 2-3	University Lanes	Denton, Tx.	70/60 Doubles
Sept. 9-10	USA Bowl	Dallas, Tx.	60/50/Lady Trio
Sept. 23-24	Cityview	Fort Worth, Tx.	Annual Championship
Sept. 30-Oct. 1	USA Bowl	Dallas, Tx.	70/60/50 Trio
Oct. 14-15	Cowtown	Fort Worth, Tx.	Regular Trio
Oct. 21-22	Del Mar	Houston, Tx.	Regular Singles
Nov. 4-5	Plano Super Bowl	Plano, Tx.	Mixed Foursome
Nov. 11-12	Hog Pin Bowl	Lawton, Ok.	Member/Guest Doubles
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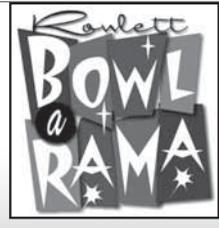
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Tina "Moderately Fantastic" Taylor fired games of 276-300-254 = 830 in Monday Classic Trio action to take the top spot on the honor roll last week at Plano Super Bowl. This was Tina's first 300 game and first 800 series.

Bill Fong registered a hard-hitting 267-277-269 = 813 Sportsman set to lead the scoring for the guys.

Ryan Brodeur, Rex Cruz and Doug Swanson shared high game honors with Taylor as each recorded award-winning 12-baggers. Darren Kravitz and Brian Wallace took runner-up accolades with near-perfect 299 solos while Ray Montoro followed with a 297.

HONOR ROLL

Scott Henke 226-642, Dawn Klapper 225-586, Ted Bennett 266-728, Cat Amrose 188-541, Matthew Cregg 258-755, Denise Freeman-Boone 186-481, Justin Pittsinger (4 games) 238-770.

Hector Macedo 246-569, Emily Ryan 169-476, Donald Davis, Jr. 278-791, Jim Stephens 279-782, Debby Oulicky 267-731, James Race 265-769, Sherry Reynolds 232-628, Cory Taylor 256-687.

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ber, winning his 26th title the previous December. However, this win was Johnson's 26th crown, while Weber would win his 26th title the following week at the King Louis Open in Kansas City. (Weber's four BPAA All Star crowns were retroactively awarded as PBA titles, increasing his total to 30. That tourney was the predecessor to the U.S Open.)

Roth had only five of his eventual 34 PBA titles, and Holman three of his 22 crowns. Koko also set a PBA record at the time of winning a title in twelve consecutive seasons

This tournament also featured a unique one-off feature. In this tournament only, a 300 game in the title match was worth \$250,000.

Here is the link: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJoDfAs8iAQ>)
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Next week, we'll have some backstory to the latest 900 series out of suburban Chicago. The original eight JPA regular readers going back to the late 90s already know what they'll be reading.

Also, after the four live PBA shows conclude, we'll break down the ESPN television ratings in the March 9 JPA, revealing what could be a surprisingly positive trend.







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