



Matthew O'Grady Wins Intense PBA Lakewood Southwest Super Regional Title



Champion Matt O'Grady with Pro NFL Player CJ Anderson

Lakewood, Colo., (March 7, 2017) – Matt O'Grady from Rahway, N.J., defeated U.S. Open champion Francois Lavoie of Canada, 279-278, in the title match of the fifth annual PBA Lakewood South-

west Super Regional, sponsored by Denver Broncos running back C.J. Anderson and Storm Products.

The win was O'Grady's third in QubicaAMF PBA Regional competition and his first in the PBA Southwest Region.

Lavoie, the 2016 PBA Rookie

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Texas Teammates Battle for Doubles Lead at 2017 USBC Open Championships

By: Matt Cannizzaro

LAS VEGAS - It may be NASCAR weekend in Las Vegas, but there also was an exciting race Sunday morning at the South Point Bowling Plaza as two sets of teammates battled for the Regular Doubles lead at the 2017 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships.

Both pairs got off to a hot start and lost some momentum down the stretch, but reigning Professional Bowlers Association Southwest Region Bowler of the Year Chris Hibbitts II of Keller, Texas, used an 10-strike final game to cruise into the lead with Clint Dacy, also from Keller.

Hibbitts, a 45-year-old righthander, opened the final game with five consecutive strikes and closed with five more to cap off a 252 game and 695 series. Dacy failed to double in the finale but contributed a 625 set to the leading 1,320 effort. Lennie Boesch Jr. and his son, Jacob, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, previously held the lead with 1,289.



Chris Hibbitts and Clint Dacy

"We've never made it to the lead before, and it's one of those things you always think would be pretty cool," said Dacy, a 42-year-old righthander who made his 18th USBC Open Championships appearance. "We usually bowl in June, and making the web page at that point usually means a really good score with a chance to win. In March, it may not last through the weekend, but it was a lot of fun."

The other doubles contend-

ers Sunday were USBC Hall of Famer Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, also from Keller, and former Team USA member Steve Smith of San Diego.

Dorin-Ballard started the day with a 290 effort, and she and Smith held a 20-pin advantage over Hibbitts and Dacy going into the last game. The two ran out of gas and settled into fourth place overall with a 1,273 total. Dorin-Ballard led the way with a 704 set, while Smith added 569.

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Field for 2017 Intercollegiate Singles Championships Determined



ARLINGTON, Texas – The 48-person field for the 2017 Intercollegiate Singles Championships was determined Friday through qualifying events held at four sites.

The 2017 Intercollegiate Singles Championships will have 24 men and 24 women competing for individual national titles April 18-19 and 22 at the Raising Cane's River Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Both the men's and women's finals will be taped for broadcast and televised on CBS Sports Network in May.

At each of the four sectionals Friday, participants bowled six games, with the top four men and top four women guaranteed to advance. The eight additional men and eight additional women who advanced were determined based on the number of entries at each sectional.

Five men's bowlers from the Allentown, Pennsylvania, sectional advanced, with Andrew Kopec of Cayuga Community College leading the way with a 1,409 pinfall total. Joining him are Andrew Dekowski of William Paterson, Nicholas Scelfo of College of New Jersey, and Notre Dame-Ohio's Ryan Ashby and Casey Cohagan.

Webber International's Taylor Bulthuis led the women's field at Allentown with a 1,285 total. The other advancers were Kelsey Hackbart of Duquesne, Christalynn Bonifacio of Emmanuel, Alyssa Balicki of Long Island and Maryland Eastern Shore's Jacqueline Rhoda.

Nicco Vicari of Calumet led the men's qualifying at the Smyrna, Tennessee, sectional with a 1,355 total, and four of the six advancers were

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Seven Elite Coaches Join Team USA Staff

ARLINGTON, Texas – Team USA has experienced tremendous success in international competition, and to ensure future teams have the highest level of training, the United States Bowling Congress has added seven coaches to the Team USA program.

Joining Team USA head coach Rod Ross and Junior Team USA head coach Bryan O'Keefe on the coaching staff are:

- Mark Baker, Yorba Linda, California
- Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas
- Andy Diercks, Marion, Iowa
- Kelly Kulick, Union, New Jersey
- Mike Shady, Girard, Pennsylvania
- Bill Spigner, Vernon Hills, Illinois
- Del Warren, Lake Wales, Florida

The seven assistant coaches will work with the athletes

at training camps and will be available to work with the teams in international competitions, as needed. Each coach is an independent contractor for Team USA and not an employee of USBC.

"These coaches bring a wealth of experience to the Team USA program, and the athletes will benefit from the knowledge and experience of this group," USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. "Having the coaches work training camps will help build the coach/athlete relationships. Much like the player selection process for international competitions, we also will make coaching selections for competitions."

Baker is a USBC Silver coach and former PBA Tour professional who has been coaching for more than 20 years. He has written a bowling instructional book, *The Game Changer*, and has conducted more than

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Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, Publisher



Reigning SW Region PBA Play of the Year, Chris Hibbitts and local golfing pro, Clint Dacy, took over the lead in Doubles at the USBC Open Championships in Las Vegas this past weekend.

Hibbitts shot 695 with Dacy rolling 625 for a total score of 1,320, good enough to pass second place by 31 pins. Even though they know this score probably won't hold up for long, there is no better feeling than this type of success at the Open Championships.

"It feels really good to lead. It's a great accomplishment even if it's only for a short time," said Hibbitts.

Their teammates for the event, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard and Steve Smith, also had a great doubles set, shooting 1,273, putting them in 4th place. CDB started out with a 290 game and finished with 704.

As is generally the case, it's

important for players to work together in order to break the lanes down in the most optimal way.

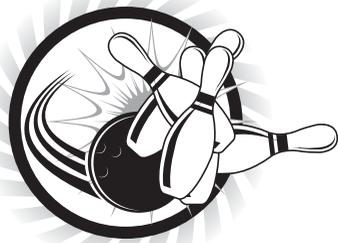
"We had a plan to stay right as long as possible. We were all able to do so, and get off to a good start. The transition was a little tricky throughout the set, but we were able to work through it with good communication and team work. We have bowled together for a number of years, so that definitely helped," he added.

In the team event, Hibbitts shot 614 and helped their team to a 3059 score, placing them in 2nd, and his 1,960 all-events total has him in 6th. All in all, a really nice weekend for the group.

It's good to finally see a little news coming from the tournament, it seems to be very quiet so far this year. I'm sure that will pick up as the weeks go by and more top talent makes their way to Las Vegas, but the buzz is lacking for sure.

In this case, the video that USBC made of their final frames has over 8,000 views, so that shows you the power of video in today's world. People want to see the bowlers and their great moments, and even just the regular moments.

I know I do. It gets me excited for bowling and excited to go bowl.



INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES

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Lindenwood bowlers – Bryan Dragotta, Michael Coffey and Jayson Robarge, who were second, third, and fourth, respectively, while teammate Ryan Stubblefield took the sixth and final spot. McKendree's Armando Godoy rolled 289 in his final game to finish fifth and advance.

Six women advanced out of the Smyrna sectional, led by McKendree's Jessica Mellott with a 1,293 total. Mellott was joined by Vanderbilt's Maria Bulanova, Rachel Devillier of Florida State, Breanna Clemmer of McKendree, Jordan Newham of Vanderbilt and Lindenwood's Elizabeth Malley.

Defending ISC champion Daniel Hanson (1,373) of Robert Morris-Illinois finished three pins behind top-qualifier Joshua Schneider (1,376) of Wisconsin-Whitewater at the Addison, Illinois, sectional, where nine men advanced from the field of 260.

Also advancing in Addison were: Mitchell Zierer of Wisconsin-Madison, Dustin Zehner of Purdue, Nick Kross of Robert Morris-Illinois, William Mateffy of Minnesota State-Mankato, Drew Fakler of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Tyler Scott of Saginaw Valley State and Aaron Turner of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Kelly Belzeski of Nebraska led the 196-player women's field at Addison with a 1,284 total and was followed by

Grand View's Hannah Munson (1,264) and Delaware State's Alexis Neuer (1,262). The other qualifiers from the sectional are Mattie Brandos of Robert Morris-Illinois, Haley Cummings of Sinclair Community College, Abby Ragsdale of St. Francis-Illinois, Nebraska's Alexandra Mosquera, Brooklyn Greene of Robert Morris-Illinois and Hastings' Samantha Laird.

Midland's Nick Pate, the Most Valuable Player at the 2015 Intercollegiate Team Championships, led qualifying at the Dallas sectional with a 1,335 total. Advanc-

ing with Pate were Joshua Taylor of California State-Fresno, Brandon Biondo of Wichita State and Scott Hill of Lindenwood-Belleville.

Stephanie Schwartz of Stephen F. Austin, who reached the semifinals of the 2016 ISC event, led the Dallas regional and was joined by three Wichita State players – Sydney Brummett, Estefania Cobo and Hollyann Johansen.

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Jodie Rogers 215-608, James Sherwood 238-647, Jennifer Cantrell 181-517, Mark Neville 278-732, Syida Johnson 222-578, Marvin Sitts, Jr. 254-734, Lisa Girton 243-648, Jack Rogers 246-685.

Tisha Patterson 245-583, Wayne

Waters (4 games) 259-958, Michelle McFarland (4 games) 258-892, Regina Stewart 194-500, Carl Coppenger 259-691, Jodie Rogers 208-524, Billy Mills, Sr. 259-666.

Kayla Lopez 222-575, Terry Taylor 258-749, Genie Franklin 234-636, David Harlin 268-749, Leritha Pride 260-680, Lance Duensing 263-716, Dena Buffington 247-651, Robert Aceves 244-671.

Dolores Heitman 201-533, Lance Duensing 234-655, Kim Jackson 232-621, Royce Bailey 213-549, Lisa Pool 176-437, Ricky Wolfe 219-584, Barbara Craig 190-472.

SENIORS

Leon Kinchelow 240-701, Tom Czaykowski (9 pin) 300 -828, Pam Stewart (9 pin) 298-785.

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of the Year, won his first PBA title in last year's Lakewood event. In the this year's title match, the 23-year-old Canadian started the game with a 7-10 split, picked up one pin, and then threw eight strikes heading into his 10th frame. O'Grady started with four strikes, spared a 10 pin, then struck out to force Lavoie to throw three more strikes to force a sudden death roll-off. A 10 pin on Lavoie's final shot allowed O'Grady to claim the \$5,000 first place check.

O'Grady, after qualifying second, edged Dylan Macon of Lubbock, Texas, 2-1, in his Round of 8 match and AJ Chapman from Wichita, Kan., 279-236, in the semifinal round match. Lavoie survived a semifinal round thriller over Andrew Klingler of Grand Rapids, Mich., 269-268.

Lavoie earned \$2,700 for second place. Chapman and Klingler each earned \$1,700 as semifinal round losers.

The Southwest Region's next event is another Super Regional event, offering a projected \$5,000 first place, at Colorado Springs' Harmony Lanes, March 10-12. The PBA Odessa Southwest Open follows March 17-19 at Astro Bowl.

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Lauren Cathey, Red Bird Lanes	706
Judith Guillory, Forum Bowl	685
Christy Antle, Ennis All Star Bowl	653
Miki Jo Parish, Cowtown Bowling Palace	583



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Field Set for 2017 Intercollegiate Team Championships



ARLINGTON, Texas – The 16 women's and 16 men's teams that will compete for the Kerm Helmer Cup in their respective categories at the 2017 Intercollegiate Team Championships were determined this weekend.

The 2017 ITC will take place April 19-22 at the Raising Cane's River Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Both the women's and men's finals will be taped for broadcast and televised on CBS Sports Network in May.

The teams advancing to the ITC were determined through four sectionals across the country – Allentown, Pennsylvania; Smyrna, Tennessee; Addison, Illinois; and Dallas – with the top four women's teams and top four men's teams from each sectional punching their tickets to Baton Rouge.

Each sectional consisted of 64 Baker games over two days, with total pinfall determining the top four in each division.

In Allentown, defending ITC women's champion Webber International rolled to the top spot with a 12,647

total. Maryland Eastern Shore (12,279), Wright State (12,052) and Notre Dame-Ohio (11,886) also advanced.

The Webber men completed the sweep for the Warriors in Allentown, taking the top spot with 13,172. Lawrence Tech finished second with 12,185, while William Paterson (12,103) and Notre Dame-Ohio (12,074) rounded out the top four.

In Smyrna, the McKendree women claimed the win with a 12,834 total. Savannah College of Art and Design - Savannah took second with 11,957, while Lindenwood (11,832) and Pikeville (11,814) claimed the final two spots.

Calumet earned the win on the men's side in Smyrna, posting a 12,731 total. Urbana (12,689) and Pikeville (12,464) finished second and third, respectively, while defending ITC champion McKendree (12,440) narrowly held on to the final spot, finishing just three pins ahead of Lindenwood (12,437).

The Wisconsin-Whitewater women earned the top spot

in Addison, finishing with a 12,621 total. Mount Mercy (12,561), Grand View (12,462) and St. Francis-Illinois (12,353) also earned spots in Baton Rouge.

On the men's side in Addison, Robert Morris-Illinois recorded the win with a 13,183 total. Morehead State (12,967), Wisconsin-Whitewater (12,847) and William Penn (12,817) earned the final three spots.

In Dallas, the Wichita State women claimed the win with a 12,367 total. The Shockers were followed by Stephen F. Austin (12,288), Newman (11,993) and Midland (11,888).

The Wichita State men also earned the top spot in Dallas, finishing with a 12,744 total. Midland finished second with 12,494, while Newman (12,425) and Lindenwood-Belleville (12,279) were third and fourth, respectively.

Go to BOWL.com/ITC for complete results from each of the sectionals and more information about the Intercollegiate Team Championships.



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PBA LAKEWOOD SOUTHWEST SUPER REGIONAL sponsored by CJ Anderson & Storm

Holiday Lanes, Lakewood, Colo., Sunday, March 5

Championship:
Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J. (\$5,000), def. Francois Lavoie, Canada, (\$2,700), 279-278.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,700):

Lavoie def. Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 269-268.

O'Grady def. AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 279-236.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers earned \$1,150 each):

O'Grady def. Dylan Macon, Lubbock, Texas, 2-1.

Klingler def. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2-1.

Chapman def. Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 2-0.

Lavoie def. Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., 2-1.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers earned \$850):

Macon def. Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2-1.

Klingler def. E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2-1.

Chapman def. n-Rick Schafer, Aurora, Colo., 2-0.

Lavoie def. Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 2-0.

Round of 16 (best of three games, losers earned \$700):

Klingler def. Dylan Burns, Lawrence, Kan., 2-0.

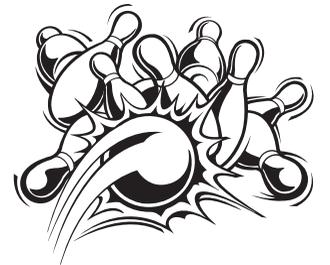
n-Schafer def. Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2-1.

Koeltzow def. n-w-Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2-1.

Macon def. Matthew Santos, Brighton Colo., 2-0.

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

All entry forms will be on NCTUSBC.com

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Earl Anthony Memorial Scholarships Awarded to Five Youth Bowlers

ARLINGTON, Texas – Five United States Bowling Congress Youth members have been selected to receive the Earl Anthony Memorial Scholarship in recognition of their community involvement and academic achievements.

Named in honor of bowling great Earl Anthony, who was dedicated to helping youth bowlers, the five scholarship recipients were selected by the International Bowling Campus Youth Committee based on applications. Each of the youth bowlers selected will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

The five selected to receive the Earl Anthony Memorial Scholarship are:

- Taylor Ausec, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Rachel Bamford, Rochester, N.H.
- Eric Cowan, Rogersville, Mo.
- Courtney Gervais, Staten Island, N.Y.
- Connor Jones, Madison, Miss.

Ausec is a senior at Rampart High School, where he has a 4.54 grade-point average (based on a 4.0 scale). He has taken Advanced Placement classes in biology and calculus AB, and International Baccalaureate classes in chemistry, physics, history, English and Spanish. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and has been on the principal's honor roll each year. He is a four-year member and team captain of the bowling team, and earned All-State Academic honors and was captain of the soccer team in 2016.

He tutors fellow students three days a week in various subjects, including math, science, physics and Spanish. He is a USBC Level I coach and is a volunteer coach for the King Pin Lanes Youth Bowling Program, working with youth bowlers ages 3-10. He was elected as a youth director to the Pikes Peak USBC board in 2015 and is serving a two-year term.

Bamford is a senior at Spaulding High School where she is taking AP classes in biology and calculus and honors classes in physics and Shakespeare. She has completed several honors classes, including English, trigonometry, algebra, biology and chemistry, and has a 4.66 GPA on a 5.0 scale. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and Spanish Honor Society, where she serves as secretary, and is editor of the yearbook. She plans to major in biology in college and attend medical school to become an Obstetrics and Gynecology physician.

She has been tutoring peers since her junior year and performs other community service work through her school clubs.

She has been on the bowling team all four years, serving as captain the last three, and received her USBC Bronze coaching certification in 2016. She volunteered in a local coaching clinic for adults who were looking to improve their fundamentals.

Cowan is a senior at Central High School, where he is a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Math Society. He has a 4.45 GPA (5.0 scale) and has taken honors classes in English, biology, U.S. history, World history, Spanish, geometry, algebra, math, psychology and journalism. He is editor of the school magazine, a staff member for the yearbook and is in math club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He is president of the Keystone volunteer group with the Boy and Girls Club, which provides tutoring and does community recycling projects and fundraising. He also served meals for the homeless, did meal packing, community cleanup and helped build a community garden with his church youth group. He has been co-captain of the bowling team for the last three years and on the varsity baseball team for four years.

Gervais is a senior at Michael J. Petrides School and a member of the National Honor Society. She has taken AP classes in U.S. and world history, language and composition, biology, government and calculus, and holds a 4.0 GPA. She is co-president of the Petrides Against Cancer Society, which plans, organizes and carries our fundraisers

and events each school year, is editor of the student-run newspaper, a student government representative and has been involved in the school's musical production competition each year.

She is co-founder and secretary of the Staten Island Student Advocate Association, which works under the guidance of the Staten Island Borough President's Office to provide children the tools to deal with substance abuse, bullying or domestic violence. She also is captain of the bowling team and was the Public School Athletic League individual champion in 2013, 2014 and 2016.

Jones is completing his senior year at Madison Central High School. He is recognized as an Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction, having taken AP classes in biology, calculus, English, macroeconomics, U.S. government, U.S. history and world history. He

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At Plano Super Bowl

Kravitz scripts 801, Mann graces 737

Berneburg, Caldwell, Dopson, Finding, Lewis, Lindeman 300's

Darren Kravitz fired a booming 259-276-266 = 801 Sportsman session to top the charts for the week at Plano Super Bowl.

Cindy Mann, Kravitz' league mate, led the ladies with a hard-hitting 234-236-267 = 737 set.

Troy Berneburg, Tim Caldwell, Craig Dopson, Joe Finding, Jim Lewis and Jeff Lindeman shared high-game honors as each recorded award-winning 12-baggers.

HONOR ROLL

David Peterson 289-788, Kelli Spencer 246-639, King Freeman 290-743, Becky Banks 188-525, Jason Marquez 266-751, Lisa Nordstrom 202-571, Ryan Hall 234-786, Tim Caldwell 799.

Christy Bricker 279-713, Jack

Klemme 279-793, Emily Sallee 225-599, Mark Powell 268-712, Cathy Powell 206-549, Jay Williams 265-676, Jennifer Werner 231-546, Christi Nedved 255-703.

Lance Atchison 245-719, Shanna Littlecreek 204-563, David Peterson 289-742, Dawn Klapper 268-678, Michael Cruz 257-733, Jenny Seabaugh 217-588, Ted Pritts 255-747, Jessica Ford 253-677.

Robert Proctor 257-734, Carol Kasmiskie 202-523, Jeremy Bostock 278-739, Rhonda Gibson 217-622, Patrick Lenihan (4 games) 268-1005, Kiyoko McDonald (4 games) 243-836, Phirum Phan 258-750.

Monica Adams 247-634, Dan Metevier 256-731, Monique McMachen 187-521, Rex Cruz 289-761, Cindy Mann 268-725.

2017 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

CHICAGO -- The PBA has announced it is now accepting applications for the 2017 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Award which recognizes exemplary qualities in male or female college students who compete in the sport of bowling.

To be eligible candidates must be amateur bowlers who are currently in college (preceding the application date) and maintaining at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. Applications must be postmarked by June 15.

The scholarship, which awards \$1,000 to the winner, was established to annually recognize a college student who combines outstanding bowling talents with academic excellence.

The scholarship is named after the PBA Hall of Fame

bowler who passed away in 1974 and was best known for his expert analysis alongside legendary ABC broadcaster and fellow Hall of Famer Chris Schenkel on the "Pro Bowlers Tour" series. Welu was a two-time PBA Tour champion and was a member of the PBA Hall of Fame's inaugural induction class in 1975.

Additional information and the application can be retrieved by clicking on <http://www.pba.com/Corporate/Scholarships>. The application is a PDF file and requires Acrobat Reader to view and print. Nominations can be emailed to scholarships@pba.com or sent through the U.S. mail to PBA Billy Welu Scholarship, 55 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 401, Chicago, IL 60604.

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- 1994 – Joe Ciccone (Erie Community College)

- 1993 – N/A
- 1992 – Stephen Dale Jr. (Northeastern University)
- 1991 – Kari Murph (Morehead State)
- 1990 – Kimberly Berke (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
- 1989 – Ronni Shehorn (San Jose State)
- 1988 – Julie Powell (University of Michigan)
- 1987 – N/A
- 1986 – Paul Kaib (University of Florida)
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- 1984 – Michelle Mullen (University of Illinois)
- 1983 – Jeri Edwards (Penn State)
- 1982 – Patricia Bowie (Arizona State)

California Junior Tour Director to Receive Kerm Helmer Horizon Award

ARLINGTON, Texas – David Yamauchi of La Palma, California, the executive director of the Junior Amateur Tour in Southern California, has been selected by the International Bowling Campus Youth committee to receive the Kerm Helmer Horizon Award.

The award recognizes leaders in the sport of bowling

who have displayed courage, determination and the ability to develop far-reaching programs that provide fun and exciting opportunities for collegiate and/or youth bowlers. The award is named in honor of Kerm Helmer, the longtime bowling coach at Erie Community College who also served as a board member,

vice president, and president of the Young American Bowling Alliance.

"I'm honored to be recognized and flattered someone would even take the time to notice what I do," Yamauchi said. "Honestly, it's a true labor of love to be able to provide fun and competitive events for generations of youth bowlers here in Southern California. I'm thankful to USBC for recognizing myself, but more importantly for recognizing the Junior Amateur Tour and what the organization means to the youth in my area."

Yamauchi comes from a family of league and avid bowlers. He started bowling at an early age and said having great youth directors helped him hone his skills to the point he could take part in the Junior Amateur Tour Farm Club.

He put together a summer youth scratch league – "basically, so we all could have another excuse to get together" – and after joining the adult ranks, he continued to help at JAT events, one of the first youth scratch tours in the nation that provides premier events for youth bowlers in Southern California.

He would become one of two assistant directors for the JAT under the guidance of Mary Smith, mother of pro bowler Robert Smith. A few years later, Mary Smith had to take a leave and asked Yamauchi if he could "watch things for her" and that led to him taking the role as executive director when she decided not to return.

He now has been involved with JAT for 31 years.

"The reason I have such a

At Cowtown Bowling Palace

Soule crunches 760

Sloan 298

Sandy Soule crushed the competition last week at Cowtown Bowling Palace with a high-powered 236-257-267 = 760 Senior Stars series.

Miki Jo Parish was red hot for the ladies with a powerful 207/583 Storm Bowling Scratch Trio set.

Ronnie Sloan captured high-game accolades with a near-perfect 298 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Ronnie Sloan 739, Brain Thornburg 289, Travis Sweedler 286, Ross DiCapo 269, Frank Stone 254, Jeremy Trubenstein 278-725, Rosemary Brown 201, Mark Moon 269, Nick Barber 243, David Dunn 254-690, Adam

Resendez 236, Chase Martin 226, Josh Mittl 268, Daniel Hughes 268, Brian Roberts 265-725, Danny Seeders, Jr. 256-728, Brittany Hughes 212, Rick Burns 255.

Amy Hart 199-575, Paul Nettleton 255, Mike Walters 279-743, Andrew Belschner 279, Kevin Roberts 278, Ron Nason 247, Joann Brower 202, Robby Dally 233, Joshua Scribner 230, Duane Skinner 643.

SENIORS

Ken Knowles 235, Diane Fleck 223-556, Ken Eilert 233, Carole Watson 201, Frank Stone 228-635, Wanda Eads 201, Frank Phillips 266, John Lower 236-640, Ramiro Botello, Sr. 220, Jesse Donald 201-572.

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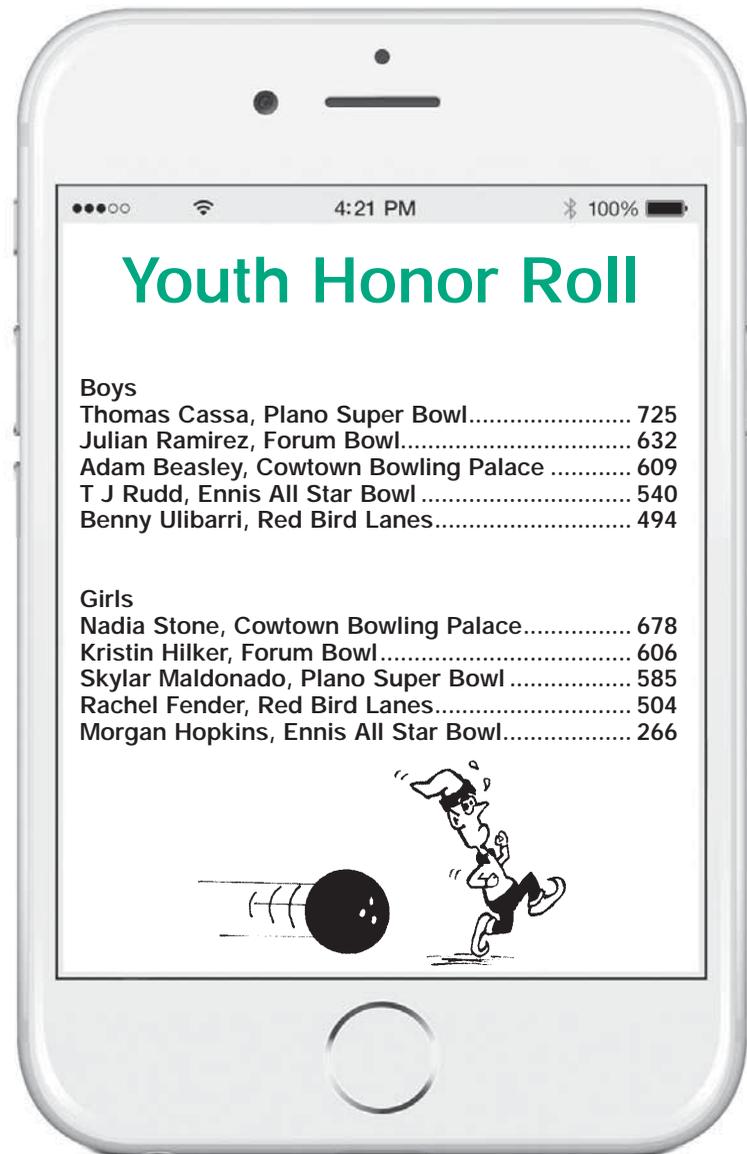
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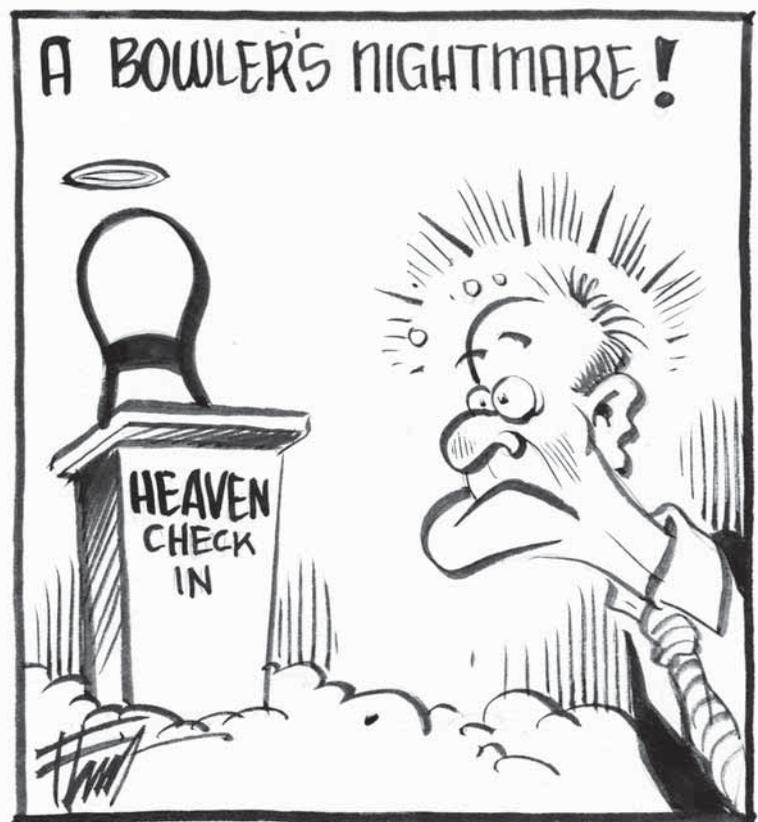
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Dallas USBC Youth Scores

T J Noggle topped the Dallas-area USBC Youth bowling last week with an impressive 253-254-223 = 730 Showstoppers series at Plano Super Bowl.

Nicole Gattenby paced the girls with a laudable 267-200-223 = 690 Youth Mania set at JB's Allen Bowl.

At Ennis All Star Lanes - Travis Tabb 140-393, Morgan Hopkins 164-415, Jonathan Tabb 121-325, Tristin Tabb 102-296.

At JB's Allen Bowl - Audian Paxson 171-420, Carlen Gattenby 184-514, Nathan Carlson 225-590, Jeremy Young 222-590, Taylore Ryan 197-577, Dylan Jankowski 92-264, Chaili Rodriguez 84-236, Adrian Allen 72-209, Jessica Hubbard 150-344, David Winchester 137-313, Naiya Okwesa 132-331, Jayden Okwesa 157-427, Megan Wente 94-264, Audian Paxson 162-452, Samantha Srodulski 174-448.

At Plano Super Bowl - Brady McDonough 202-484, Jordyn Wright 99-248, Noah Raleigh-Turner 163-476, Marisa Munguia 144-395, Mason Melendez 225-643, Allie Turner 223-537, April Kitch 178-487, Brady McDonough 161-454, Bella Hudson 94-258, Xavier Patterson 180-510, Sierra Jones 143-395, Bryce Stephenson 247-649, Kendyl Goodger 194-549, Cameron Wing 207-575, Pam Hodson 189-448, Trey Bevels 209-568, Skylar Maldonado 190-527, Luke Henke 154-382, RJ Grantham 219-586, Kendyl Goodger 184-463, Jax Zenner-Locke (2 games) 88-173.

At Red Bird Lanes - Benny Ulibarri 257-616, Beverly Hoffman 131-326, Tyler Henderson 31-77, Benny Ulibarri (2 games) 177-320, Bailey Speaks (2 games) 151-288.

Fort Worth USBC Youth Results

Blake George led the Fort Worth-area USBC Youth bowling last week with a super strong 236-236-239 = 711 Strikers series at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

Sierra Grays paced the girls with a power-packed 181/539 Stars & Strikers set at Forum Bowl.

At Cowtown Bowling Palace - Jake Swift 213, Jordan Norman 200-469, Damion Flores 201, Kaitlyn Fleming 571, Blake Loibl 192, Terrence Tucker 125-332, Kyrah Durham 160-405, Andrew Puido 89, Katherine Barrera (2 games) 140, Gabriel Marquez (2 games) 162.

At Forum Bowl - Alec Bachemin 129-238, Rayni Hess 98-188, Oliver Harris 111-199, Liza Reed 88-160, Abraham Lopez 103-270, Charisse Graham 134-323, Hamilton Joseph 98-269, De'Sire'e Knight 99-268, Sam Malicoat 191-494, Tori Brooks 144-383, True Hardison 168-475, Olivia Leal 115-318, Joseph Pruneda 235-591, Riley Taylor 180-492, Allison Williams 222-520, David Carter (4 games) 240-1054, Michelle Enzer (4 games) 180-945.

High School Bowling Regional Tournament Results

REGION III

The THSBC Region III Tournament was held at Plano Super Bowl on Sunday, March 5, 2017. Teams and Individuals from the Dallas East and DFW Central Districts competed for a chance to advance to the Texas State High School Bowling Championships.

Out of a field of 7 boys' teams, 3 advanced to the State Finals, and out of a field of 4 girls' teams, 2 advanced to the State Finals. The following teams will advance to the State Finals:

BOYS (after 8 games):

- 1st - Rowlett HS - Dallas East - 1,794
- 2nd - Nimitz HS - DFW Central - 1,692
- 3rd - LD Bell - DFW Central - 1,548

GIRLS (after 4 games):

- 1st - LD Bell - DFW Central - 604
- 2nd - Bishop Lynch - Dallas East - 549

In the Singles event, 13 boys competed for 1 of 6 spots in the State Finals. Nine girls competed for 1 of 4 spots in the State Finals. After 5 qualifying games, the following bowlers advanced:

Boys:

- 1st - Matthew Baum, Rowlett HS 1153
- 2nd - Tristin Marcus, Rowlett HS 1126
- 3rd - Cody Benton, Rowlett HS 1099
- 4th - Zak Fox, Sachse HS 1079
- 5th - Chase Jones, Sachse HS 1035
- 6th - Lane Thompson, Nimitz HS 1027

Girls:

- 1st - Phoenix Nelson, Grapevine HS 857
 - 2nd - Madison Murphy, Bishop Lynch HS 815
 - 3rd - Xoe Plunk, Rowlett HS 804
 - 4th - Brianna Seidner, LD Bell HS 758
- The Texas High School Bowling Clubs State Championship Tournament will be held March 25 and 26 at City View Lanes in Ft. Worth. Boys' teams will compete on Saturday, March 25 beginning at 8:30 AM. Girls Singles will be on Saturday at 11 AM. Girls Team event will be held on Sunday, March 26 at 8:30 AM, and the boys Singles will be on Sunday at 11 AM.

REGION IV

The THSBC Region IV Tournament was held at Rowlett Bowl-A-Rama on Sunday, March 5, 2017. Teams and Individuals from the Dallas North A, Dallas North B and North Central Districts competed for a chance to advance to the Texas State High School Bowling Championships.

Out of a field of 8 boys' teams, 4 advanced to the State Finals, and out of a field of 5 girls' teams, 3 advanced to the State Finals. The following teams will advance to the State Finals:

BOYS (after 8 games):

- 1st - Plano East - Dallas North A - 1,715
- 2nd - McKinney Boyd - Dallas North B - 1,607
- 3rd - Plano Sr - Dallas North A - 1,509
- 4th - Allen - Dallas North A - 1,467

GIRLS (after 4 games):

- 1st - Plano Sr - Dallas North

- A - 1,083
- 2nd - Allen - Dallas North A - 1,054
- 3rd - Lovejoy - Dallas North A - 881

In the Singles event, 15 boys competed for 1 of 6 spots in the State Finals. Thirteen girls competed for 1 of 7 spots in the State Finals. After 5 qualifying games, the following bowlers advanced:

Boys:

- 1st - Jacob Hastings, McKinney Boyd 1,051
- 2nd - James Crenshaw, Global HS 1,026
- 3rd - Jonathan Beyer, Plano West 990
- 4th - CJ Johnson, Plano East 982
- 5th - James Kern, Centennial HS 981

- 6th - Daniel Mandell, Plano Sr HS 970

Girls:

- 1st - Veronica Prior, Allen HS 984
- 2nd - Nicole Gattenby, Allen HS 954
- 3rd - Kyleigh Howard, Waxahachie 896
- 4th - Hailey Keister, Lone Star 889
- 5th - Hayleigh Hale, Allen HS 888

- 6th - Lauren Bate, McKinney Boyd HS 861
- 7th - Taylore Ryan, Allen HS 839

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At Ennis All Star Bowl

D Antle rocks 710, C Antle bags 653

Darren Antle booked banner 267-218-2255 = 710 marks in Ennis Mixed Classic league action to lead the scoring for the week at Ennis All Star Bowl.

Christy Antle, also from the Ennis Mixed Classic group, paced the ladies with a nice 256-211-186 = 653 set.

HONOR ROLL

- Brian Butler (9 pin, no tap) 300-

- 1018, April Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 180-603, Randy Childress (9 pin, no tap) 265-888, Tice Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 234-845, Mark Shepard 237-663, Ryne McKenrick 224-591, Billy Cathey 278-630, Cyndy McKenrick 203-536, Tracy Holloway 244-627, Eva Dionne 175-486, Billy Adams 223-585, Mary Sikes 194-485, Chris Shelton 210-570, Myrna Adams 159-435.

At Red Bird Lanes

Cathey rolls 706, Lawrence levels 694

Lauren Cathey's stellar 234-256-216 = 706 Career Girls group session led the scoring race last week at Red Bird Lanes.

Rick Lawrence's free-wheeling 236-233-225 = 694 series in Sunday Night Mixed action headed the men's leader board.

HONOR ROLL

- Julie Sellers 219-554, Billy Cathey 232-645, Pete Evans 247-640, Shannon Vogel (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 300-1078, Lauren Cathey (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 280-985, Joyce Johnson 224-539, Cindi Wilson 195-541, Brent

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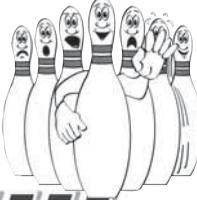


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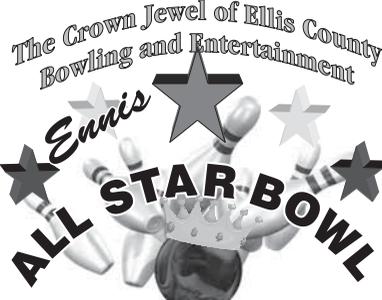
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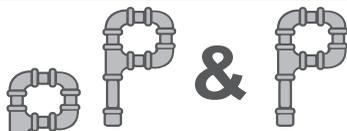
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passion for the JAT is because of what JAT meant to myself and so many of my friends," Yamauchi said. "If you ask most JAT veterans, they will tell you that it was the absolute best time of their bowling careers and drove their love for the game of bowling. I want to make sure this generation of kids is able to have the experiences, the memories and the stories of their JAT days. My best friends to this day are bowlers from all over Southern California that I may never have met if it wasn't for being part of my weekend family in JAT."

As this year's recipient of the Kerm Helmer Horizon Award, Yamauchi will receive an expenses-paid trip to the USBC Convention, set for April 24-27 at The Orleans in Las Vegas, where he will receive his award.

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EARL ANTHONY MEM

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holds a 97.43 GPA (based on 100). He is a member of the National Honor Society and student body vice president.

He was a Mississippi Youth Legislature Outstanding Sena-

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

Pete Weber wins his 4th US Open title...Dale Eagle wins the Generations Pro Bowlers Toru event over Mark Estes... Jim Ensminger led the honor roll with 828 at Brunswick Zone Watauga...James Reynolds with 824 at Forum...Scott Kingery rolled 814 at Plano...Rhonda Yoshida led the ladies with 746 at USA Bowl...Dana Short had 717 at Brunswick Zone Denton... Danielle Sharpe rolled 666 at AMF Spare Time.

20 YEARS AGO

YABA bowler Aaron Brezik shot 300/822 in Dallas Travel league at Triangle-Jupiter...Parker Bohn III wins 12th PBA title at AC Delco Classic, and beat Jason Couch 238-234 to do it... Jimmy Love led the honor roll with 822 at BRC Westcreek...Rick Minier shot 816 at Showplace-Garland...Ollis Chalmers rolled 814 at Triangle-Grove...Shelley Nakunz led the ladies with 727 at Allen...Beth Owen had 708 at Triangle-Lewisville...Deborah Tomas shot 705 at Triangle-Grove...David Robinson wins NABI at DC West.

30 YEARS AGO

Bob Strampe elected into the PBA Hall of Fame...Johnny Ross wins CASH at Bowl Dallas...Ray Grizzard led the honor roll with 768 at DC SW...Beth Owen led the ladies with 686 at Fiesta...Kay Turner had 665 at Jupiter...Lewis Apperson with 759 at Blazer... Charlie Hilliard wins NTTB for the second week in a row at DC West...Jeanne Maiden wins the LPBT Player of the Year.

tor, is a four-year selection to the National Beta Club, a two-time selection to the Mississippi All-State Honor Choir and captain of the school bowling team. He has been on numerous mission trips through his church, coordinated food drives at his high school, served as a Salvation Army bell ringer

and has been involved in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

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

Just Paying Attention



By Mark London
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When I first bowled U.S. Open qualifiers in the 1990's, it was understood this was a tough ticket. You had to win a qualifier to win an entry. At the time, there were the usual PBA Midwest Regional guys, but one stood out. Mark Fahy, who made six TV finals in the early 80's, won the PBA Miller High Life Open at Red Carpet Celebrity in Milwaukee in '83, was also there to qualify. Unless you were a regular touring pro with numerous match play appearances or a TV show or two under your belt, you weren't getting in, unless you won a qualifier. Think he finished second or third this day, but I know he didn't win

this particular qualifier. Two weeks ago, USBC announced the new U.S. Open format. As you might have guessed, bowlers took their turns slowing down the internet, voicing views on several social media platforms. One man, 1992 U.S. Open champion Robert Lawrence, has a little different insight and offered it on a Facebook thread two weeks ago. In a JPA interview last week, he said he realizes the USBC wants to bring prestige to the tournament, but in his opinion, adds it's tough for those outside the bowling community to see prestige unless more prize money is offered.

At JB's Allen Bowl

B Ellis registers 300/782, J Ellis unloads 719

Brent Ellis lit up JB's Allen Bowl last week with a power-packed 247-235-300 = 782 Friday 4 Play league action.

Jami Ellis, Ellis' league mate, fronted the ladies with an impressive 222-251-246 = 719 set.

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Lavern Anderson 190-555, Lillian Hofmann 181-487, Danny Cooper 195-549, Gwen West 181-484, Clarence House 195-547, Audrey Wilson 172-462.

"I like they're trying to bring prestige to that tournament again. We see the prestige in the bowling community, we feel the prestige, but outside of our sport, we can't get others to recognize how big it is for us. Because, in my opinion, in sports today, prestige is all about the money, and not by who is entered," Lawrence said.

With a more exclusive field with the 2017 tournament plan, more potential prize money is turned away.

Lawrence added: "The best (bowlers) are going to enter anyway, they are all going to be there. What you're doing is in the actual tournament, is turning away possibly \$50,000 to \$75,000 worth of entry fee money. You're turning away at least 100 bowlers (Current entry fee is \$500.), possibly 150, depending on the tournament location. Fields have been as large as 400. AMF Garland had around 290, Las Vegas hosted 250-260."

Lawrence admits it's a tough call where to draw the line for entries, depending on the bowler skill level.

"I hate to turn away bowlers who want to bowl, but there are a lot of bowlers who bowl who shouldn't. It's not a Pro-Am and it's not a fantasy camp. It's not fair to those top elite bowlers who have to bowl with the fantasy campers," Lawrence said.

His major point about a limited field was it was tried before with the all-exempt PBA tour in 2004-2005. The concept was to show off the "best of the best" as Lawrence put it.

There were a few title sponsors for a few years each, like Lumber Liquidators and Denny's. But with time, sports marketing also changed. As a current marketing guy told me a few years ago, there are different levels of sports advertising many lower-to-middle level profile companies wanting to build a customer base or following. Those companies will try a marketing plan in a sport on the lower level of visibility with the right demographic fit. If successful, they may move to a higher profile sport or

activity. If somewhat successful, they either stay with sport, or move to another area to advertise and offer its sponsorship dollars.

Part of the right company finding the right demographic fit is seen in the television ratings I explained last week, especially the 18 to 49 age group viewership numbers. That age group is the most responsive to buy newer or at least familiar products and services. Us raisins in our 50's are somewhat set in our ways as what we prefer and purchase. On the other end of the scale, the 12 to 17-year-olds are just forming their preferences and favorites, some for life.

A classic example is for toothpaste. If your folks bought, let's say Crest, there's a pretty good chance you've stuck with it through the years unless there was a very negative experience somewhere. You may have tried Colgate, or any of the other dozen or so newer brands, but Crest has been there for you through the years, like a favorite blanket. Or even if you did move to a newer brand, Crest would be your backup brand.

Today with nearly twenty different sports-only channels and hundreds of other specialty channels, finding the right demographic fit on the right type of programming is a challenge for advertisers and sponsors alike.

Now back to another part of why he feels he's sitting on the fence. As occasional scorekeeper for Bo Burton in the ABC Television booth (Lawrence is listed on the closing credits of the final ABC telecast), professional bowling is still feeling the after-effects as the network transitioned to Disney ownership, who then drastically reduced television rights fees in the early 1990s, eventually canceling 'Pro Bowlers Tour' in 1997.

No matter whose numbers we've seen, television rights fees paid to the PBA dropped by well over 50 % in the early 1990s. Lawrence is glad the USBC is helping get the U.S. Open to a higher profile with a

plan for obtaining more prize money.

That loss is also reflected in the first place checks. In 1987, 1988, and 1989, Del Ballard, Jr., Pete Weber, and Mike Aulby took home \$100,000 checks and Ron Palumbi's 1990 winner's check was \$80,000, all under Seagram's Wine Cooler sponsorship. Weber and RobLaw's checks in 1991 and 1992 were only \$40,000.

"I want to go on record and applaud (Executive Director) Chad Murphy and the USBC for putting up a lot of money to hold these events. I wish they didn't have to fund them. I wish there was a sponsor out there to fund it. But if USBC doesn't fund it, they don't have it. We already went through that a few years ago when the Open was cancelled. USBC has shown its support for the professional level of the game. Murphy understands how important it is and is doing everything in his power to help," added Lawrence.

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Last week, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark was kind enough to give JPA his breakdown of the PBA's 'Big February' six ESPN telecasts. What was yet to be reported to him were the viewership number from the WatchESPN smartphone app. That has now been done.

According to the Commissioner, the State Farm CP3 Celebrity Invitational, airing Friday night of NBA All Star weekend, posted the best number with 60,000 unique viewers. The Main Event Terrell Owens PBA Super Clash drew 50,000. The Barbasol PBA Players Championship, Tournament of Champions, and USBC Masters pulled in nearly 25,000 unique viewers each, while the World Bowling Tour finals had 20,000.

On each of the three Sundays with major finals, the Nielsen viewership ratings showed the PBA was either the first or second watched show on ANY cable sports program that day, including ESPN.



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140 clinics worldwide. He has worked with many PBA players, including current and former Team USA members Chris Barnes, Mike Fagan, Tommy Jones and Bill O'Neill. On the lanes, he won four PBA national titles.

Dorin-Ballard is a USBC Silver coach, and, with husband Del, owns Ballard's Bowling Academy, which conducts clinics throughout the United States and internationally. She previously worked as USBC Director of Coaching. A USBC Hall of Fame member and five-time Team USA member, she has won more than 20 professional titles.

Diercks, a USBC Silver coach, is the head coach at Mount Mercy University. An International Bowling Pro Shop

and Instructors Association (IBPSIA) certified technician, he previously was a staff coach and manager for the International Art of Bowling (IAB), where he worked with USBC Gold coach Ron Hoppe. He serves on the Iowa and Cedar Rapids association boards, and on the IBPSIA board.

Kulick is a USBC Silver coach and has been a lead instructor for Dick Ritger Bowling Camps since 2006. A graduate of Morehead State, she assisted Larry Wilson on the women's team that won the Intercollegiate Team Championships in 2000. She is a 13-time member of Team USA, two-time member of Junior Team USA and has six major titles, including the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions.

Shady, who will be inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in April, is founder of Peak Performance Bowling, a company

that develops educational and instructional programs including clinics, camps, mental conditioning and personalized programs for the growth and development of bowlers of all ages and abilities. He has been on Bowlers Journal Top 100 coaches list the past 16 years, and he is a full-time high school teacher.

Spigner, a USBC Gold coach since 2000 who has been teaching for nearly 40 years, has been on the Bowlers Journal Top 100 Coaches list since 2006. A coaching specialist for IAB, he was the head teaching pro for the Professional Bowling Camps for a decade. He has authored more than 300 instructional articles and has written The Pro Approach for Bowlers Journal since 2008. As a bowler, the USBC Hall of Famer won three PBA national titles and nine regional titles.

PBA Spare Shots

BRONCOS' C.J. ANDERSON HELPS PROMOTE BOWLING'S "COOL FACTOR"

Speaking of Denver Broncos running back C.J. Anderson, he admitted during the Lakewood tournament that when he was a kid, bowling wasn't very cool. It was something old people – like his grandmother – did while he spent his time in the bowling center playing arcade games.

As an adult, however, Anderson has done a 180-degree turn, and is now in love with the sport, and all of the many aspects of the game most people overlook. In fact, he's become so fascinated with the sport, and the advanced skills one has to develop in order to compete at the PBA level, he decided to sponsor a PBA Southwest "Super Regional" at Holiday Lanes in Lakewood, Colo., last weekend. A two-time participant in the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, Anderson used that platform to explain his passion for the sport to members of the Denver area news media who came out to cover the event.

"C.J. Anderson is cool," said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark, who also attended the event. "A great running back for the Denver Broncos who scores touchdowns in the Super Bowl is cool. All of us who are involved with bowling know it's cool, but a lot of people have a perception that

tells them it's not. So when you have a guy like C.J. devote this much time and passion to the sport, it really elevates the cool factor in our game."

Anderson, who has competed in PBA Regional events during the NFL's offseason, said he is hopeful that bowling can rise to the level of popularity that would allow for more people to make a living doing it. He is also hoping that more young people will pursue scholarships in bowling, which are often available without acquiring a high level of skill.

"The bigger picture is to get other sponsors and to get a bunch of people into bowling and get the PBA back to what it was when I was younger and when I watched my grandma bowl," Anderson said.

Anderson, who employs an unusual "wrong foot" delivery, bowled in the Lakewood event and averaged 197.88 for a respectable 68th-place finish in the field of 100.

In addition to Anderson, Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts also has received considerable mainstream media related to his bowling skills, including a great feature story by ESPN.com's Scott Lauber, after bowling with Anderson in the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational in January. Media coverage of Anderson's and Betts' bowling activities are posted in the "In The News" section of pba.com (<http://denver.cbslocal.com/2017/03/06/anderson-devotes-time-passion-to-the-sport-of-bowling/#.WL5cHHsBrgF.twitter>; [http://www.espn.com/blog/boston/red-sox/post/_/id/51908/if-baseball-doesnt-work-out-for-](http://www.espn.com/blog/boston/red-sox/post/_/id/51908/if-baseball-doesnt-work-out-for)

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PBA TOUR PLAYERS RETURN TO ACTION IN FIRST XTRA FRAME STORM CUP EVENT

PBA Tour players return to action in the first in a series of eight PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup events March 17-19 when Sawgrass Lanes in Tamarac, Fla., hosts the Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic.

The event, re-scheduled due to Hurricane Matthew, will feature a minimum \$10,000 first prize and will award the first points in the new XF Storm Cup series that will pay a \$20,000 first prize at the conclusion of the 2017 series plus additional cash prizes to the next four highest finishers. XF Storm Cup points will be awarded to the top 20 players with the winner earning 25 points, second place 19, third place 18, etc., with points declining by one through 20th place.

Each of the Storm Cup events also will be covered live from start to finish, exclusively by PBA's Xtra Frame live streaming service. For subscription information, visit xtraframe.tv.

Immediately following the XF Reality Check Classic will be the first PBA International-World Bowling Tour tournament of 2017, the Brunswick Euro Challenge at Dream-Bowl Palace in Munich, Germany. Qualifying gets underway March 18 and the tournament ends on March 26. First prize will be roughly \$12,000 plus a PBA Tour title if the winner is a PBA member who doesn't accept handicap pins.

TEXAS TEAMMATES

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Smith and Hibbitts are familiar with the excitement of making a run at the lead on the championship lanes, having gotten close during the 2013 Open Championships in Reno, Nevada.

That year, the two helped their Ballard's Bowling Solutions 2 team to a sixth-place performance, just a few marks and 67 pins from a Regular Team title.

There is no denying they are part of a talented group, as their accolades speak for themselves, but they also attribute their continued success over the years to great teamwork and communication.

"The biggest part about today was playing off each other fairly well and setting up the lanes in a way that worked well for us," said Hibbitts, who made his 12th trip to the Open Championships. "The teamwork and communication were great, and that's something we've been doing together for a few years.

This year's edition of the Ballard's Bowling Academy group again found success in the team event, moving into second and fifth place.

Hibbitts shot 614 in team

and helped Ballard's Bowling Academy 2 to games of 935, 1,068 and 1,056 for a 3,059 total. He was joined by Eric Cox (649), Brandon Martin (621), Roger Petrin (603) and Cole Copeland (572).

Smith set the pace for Ballard's Bowling Academy 1 with a 681 series and was joined by Chris Lucas (610), Dacy (588), Jonathan Merriman (582) and Dorin-Ballard (575). The group had games of 953, 1,031 and 1,052 for a 3,036 total.

Classic Lanes Raisins of Milwaukee leads Regular Team with 3,158.

Individually, Hibbitts added a 651 singles set and moved into sixth place in Regular All-Events with a 1,960 total. Smith wasn't far behind with 1,926, Dorin-Ballard finished with 1,888 and Dacy had 1,785. The rest of the group was scheduled for the 1 p.m. doubles and singles squad Sunday.

To kick off the late doubles and singles squad, Standard Doubles also got new leaders as Jeff Kusnerick and Duane Kruger of Streator, Illinois, surged to the top of the leaderboard with a 1,174 total.

Kusnerick led the way with a 596 series, and Kruger had 578. The two passed brothers Stephen and John Schipper of Botkins, Ohio, who previously held the lead with 1,131.

The Regular Division at the 2017 Open Championships is for teams with combined entering averages of 1,046 or higher, combined doubles averages of 419 and above and individual averages of 210 and higher.

The new Standard Division includes teams with combined entering averages of 901-1,045, doubles teams from 361-418 and individuals with entering averages from 181-209.

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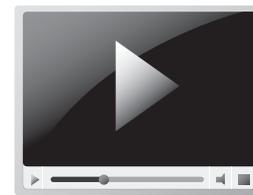
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Warren is a USBC Gold coach and vice president of Kegel Training Center. He has been the head coach of Webber International men's team for the last eight years and was the national team coach for the Dominican Republic from 2012-2014. On the lanes, he earned two Professional Bowlers Association national titles and 10 regional titles.

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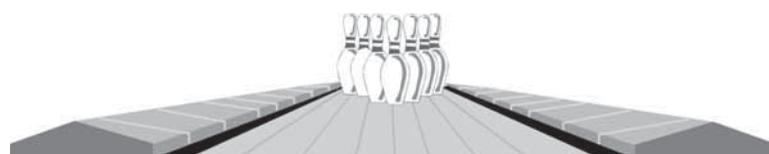
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