

## Teams Hoist Helmer Cup at 2017 Intercollegiate Team Championships



Intercollegiate Team Champions: McKendree Lady Bearcats with coaches Bryan and Shannon O'Keefe

BATON ROUGE, La. – The McKendree women and Webber International men were victorious at the 2017 Intercollegiate Team Championships.

Both championship rounds went the maximum five games, as a best-of-five Baker format determined the winners

Saturday at the Raising Cane's River Center.

The McKendree women defeated defending champion Webber International, 3-2, while the Webber men knocked off 2016 ITC winner, McKendree, 3-2.

The last time a school claimed both the men's and women's titles at the ITC was 2012, when Webber completed the sweep.

Both shows were taped for broadcast and will air on CBS Sports Network in May. The women's final will air May 15 at 8 p.m. Eastern, while the men's championship round will be May 30 at 8 p.m. Eastern.

The McKendree women already captured a title at the River Center prior to their ITC run, winning their first National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Women's Bowling Championship last Saturday with a 4-0 win over Nebraska.

The Bearcats got out to another quick start Saturday, winning their first two games against Webber, 206-157 and 212-191. Webber bounced back in Games 3 and 4 to tie the match at 2-2 and force a deciding game.

Both teams ran into trouble throughout Game 5, but the

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## Champions Crowned at 2017 Intercollegiate Singles Championships



Sydney Brummett and Nick Pate

BATON ROUGE, La. – Just days after being named National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association (NCBCA) Most Valuable Players for the 2016-2017 season, Midland's Nick Pate and Wichita State's Sydney Brummett capped their impressive seasons with wins in their respective divisions at the 2017 Intercollegiate Singles Championships.

Pate recorded the win at the Raising Cane's River Center on Saturday with a 214-199 victory over Lindenwood's Bryan Dragotta, and Brummett delivered a 225-170 win in the title match against Webber

International's Taylor Bulthuis.

Both shows were taped for broadcast and will air in May on CBS Sports Network. The women's singles show will be broadcast May 2 and 8 p.m. Eastern, and the men's championship round will air May 9 at 8 p.m. Eastern.

The men's championship match came down to the final frame as Pate had the opportunity to shut out Dragotta with a mark after delivering three consecutive strikes leading into the 10th, including a ball change on the left lane in the eighth frame.

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## LeClair Benefits From Open by Duke in 10th Frame to Win Pasco County Florida Open for Second Career PBA50 Tour Title



Proprietor Chris Langlo, Christopher Langlo, Brian LeClair and Gary Beck of Killer B Promotions

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. – An open in the 10th frame of the championship match by PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., enabled

tournament top qualifier Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., to win the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open at Lane Glo Bowl

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## Philadelphia, Dallas Win Overtime Thrillers as L.L.Bean PBA League Gets Underway

PORTLAND, Maine – The underdog Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen and the defending champion Shipyard Dallas Strikers got the fifth edition of the L.L.Bean PBA League Elias Cup competition off to a roaring start with sudden-death victories in front of a sold-out crowd at Bayside Bowl.

The first two best-of-two-game quarterfinal rounds matches aired Sunday on ESPN.

The Philadelphia Hitmen, after finishing last in the eight-game league a year earlier and qualifying eighth in the seeding competition two days earlier at Bayside Bowl,

were on the brink of another disappointment in Portland when the top-seeded GEICO NYC WTT KingPins won the opening Baker format game, 248-238, thanks to a closing string of six strikes including three in the 10th frame by anchor bowler Marshall Kent.

The Hitmen forced the one-ball sudden-death roll-off by staging their own five-strike rally in the second game, winning a 227-223 battle when anchor bowler Tom Smallwood struck on his first shot in the 10th frame.

In the roll-off, Philadelphia's

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# Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, Publisher



Team Kameleon Sportswear - Mike McHugh, Tony Franklin, Genie Franklin, Sandi Charles and Matt McFayden

It's time for the annual review of the USBC Open Championships, and for the first time in a long time, I actually have something good to report from the team event.

Kameleon Sportswear had a very solid night on the lanes, with games of 1020, 1040, 1045 for a 3105 set, currently good for 11th.

The lanes this year have been reported to be very difficult, especially in the team event. I even got a phone call from Tyson Branagan last Tuesday afternoon.

Now, normally I would have let that call go straight to voicemail, because who really needs to talk to Tyson on a Tuesday afternoon, but I knew

he had just bowled team event the night before, and I had a feeling this would be a very interesting call.

I had a feeling the way the call was going to go before I answered, and he didn't disappoint. He didn't even say hi, just said that I was F'd. I was going to have no chance to hit the headpin because there was so much friction.

I was pretty much expecting to struggle, even before he told me I was hosed, but it was reassuring to hear my friend express the same positive vibes. Thanks Tyson.

So, let's get to the review. I drilled a new Black Hammer urethane ball last week as I have seen bowlers throw urethane with increasing regularity and success lately. Maybe just a phase, but I had to try.

I even told Tyson I drilled a urethane so maybe that would save me, he disagreed.

Anyway, my goal going into team event was to keep the ball on a very straight line and knock down what was left in front of me. There is a lot of friction, especially down lane, they are very flat, but there is enough friction to the right to get the ball back if you miss right.

Genie played around 10 the first game but by the end of the game the oil had carried down to the right and she had to make that first big move. She finished with 197, a very solid starting game in team.

I didn't throw anything else other than the Black Hammer in practice, so to be honest I have no idea how much friction there is for a player that hooks it, but I can say that the urethane was a good play for me.

I could have struck out for 257 in the tenth the first game, missed but spared for 233, a clean 233 to boot. I stayed with the urethane the second game

even though it started to get a little bumpy, but could have again struck out in the tenth for 234, missed for 214, a clean 214 to boot.

It was definitely getting close to time for me to move in and change balls, but decided to stay with the Hammer for one more shot, as playing it safe is no bad decision for me. I split in the first frame and new my urethane experiment was done, but it worked very well.

I changed to a Storm Code Black and moved 15 boards left with my feet, and 10 left with my eyes. It immediately looked good as I had plenty of miss to the right with that ball. I could have made 248 in the tenth, but for the third straight game missed, and finished up with 226 for a 673 series. I was very pleased with that score, just had the one open and was close to the pocket the whole time.

My advice, be very aggressive with ball speed and direction for the first 15 frames, then make a move left and trust it. If you get the right ball in your hand for the last 15 frames, you can throw some strikes. Our whole team was locked in coming down the stretch the last game, Genie labeled the last seven strikes for a finishing 242, at least she can strike out in the tenth.

Matt McFayden shot 606, but it looked like he had 670, bowled really well, just had a few wayward shots, which is so very easy to do. He was our hero for reading the lanes.

Sandi Charles had 529, but lots of pocket shots that did not carry. She paid for all of the rest of the teams' good carry, with her bad carry.

Mike McQ shot 643 with a monster 248 the second game and a great rally the last game for 187. Now Q played them a little different and never moved in, he just stayed outside of eight and threw it harder as the night went on. A salty veteran for sure as Matt put it.

Genie had 654 and struck out in the tenth each game like a boss. She threw the Paradox Trilogy the entire time, just kept making parallel moves left with her feet and eyes which is not how I would have expected the lanes to play for her, but it worked very well.

So it was a fun evening for Kameleon Sportswear and one that we were really proud of. You always hear teams talk about having all five, or all ten bowlers on the pair work together to break the lanes down the proper way.

I am one of those that really don't put much value in that, as we bowled with a random team that threw it all over the lane. I honestly didn't even pay any attention to what they were doing, or where they were doing it. For three games on this pattern, do what you need to do in order to be successful. Don't worry about playing a "certain" part of the lane just because it's going to break down the lanes the right way. I simply do not see the proof where that is a must in order to bowl well in team. Do what you need to do in order to get some nine-counts and some spares. Then hammer them the last game.

Thanks Dino Castillo for the great call on the Hammer, it was the difference maker for me.

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## PBA LEAGUE

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Dom Barrett matched KingPins' leader Pete Weber's strike. On the second try, New York City's John Szczerbinski left a 10 pin that a rebounding "messenger" pin failed to topple. Tom Smallwood ended the drama when his "messenger" connected, tipping over the 10 pin for a strike and the victory.

"It's been a rough couple of years for us," Philadelphia manager Jason Couch said. "We've been on the losing end despite bowling the two highest scores other than the people we bowled against. I told our guys when we got here, we haven't had the greatest luck but when they get on the approach, I wanted them to be committed and just go do it. That was my speech of the day.

"Tom (Smallwood) bowled phenomenal, but our whole team bowled well. Tom just looked comfortable on the lanes, so I moved him to

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## 2016-2017 NCTUSBC Tournament Schedule

Date	Tournament Detail	Location
Nov. 26-27, 2016	Wild Turkey Mixed Team - \$2k added	AMF Sparetime
TBD	Scratch Tournament - \$2k added	Cowtown
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	Spartime
April 11-18, 2017	Senior - \$1k added	Mail-O-Graphic
July 8-9, 2017	After the Fire Works - Mixed Trios - \$2k added	Forum Bowl

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Jul 15 - 29*	Senior Tournament	Cityview

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Men

Kurt Gengelbach, JB's Allen Bowl.....	858
George Stilen, Forum Bowl.....	824
Michael Carroll, Plano Super Bowl.....	822
Paul Henderson, Cowtown Bowling Palace.....	797
Rick Irvine, Strikz.....	761
William Moore, Red Bird Lanes.....	746
Billy Cathey, Ennis All Star Bowl.....	616

Women

Stacy Starry, Plano Super Bowl.....	751
Loren Tenczar, Strikz.....	730
Christy Antle, Forum Bowl.....	718
Lauren Cathey, Red Bird Lanes.....	685
Lauren Cathey, Ennis All Star Bowl.....	617
Kay Moriarty, Cowtown Bowling Palace.....	609
Monica Holley, JB's Allen Bowl.....	581



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## 2017 Women's Championships Underway in Baton Rouge

BATON ROUGE, La. – The United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships has returned to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for the first time in nearly a quarter century, and the 2017 event opened Sunday at the Raising Cane's River Center.

The first of nearly 4,500 teams helped kick off the 98th edition of the USBC Women's Championships, and they got to be part of the official opening ceremony, which was a combination of tournament tradition and local flair.

Those competing Sunday were treated to the ceremonial ribbon-cutting and Mass Ball Shot as well as a welcome to Red Stick from local and bowling dignitaries and Cajun fiddler and heritage preservationist, Ann Vidrine.

Speakers included Visit Baton Rouge President and Chief Executive Officer Paul

Arrigo, City of Baton Rouge Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome, Louisiana Office of Tourism Assistant Secretary Kyle Edmiston and USBC Vice President Cathy DeSocio.

Arrigo, Weston Broome, Edmiston and DeSocio were joined in the ribbon cutting by SportsBR President and CEO Eric Engemann and Raising Cane's River Center General Manager Michael Day.

This year's Bowl for the Cure® Fabulous Four essay contest winners helped officially start the 2017 event, as Donna Angstead of Longmont, Colorado, Jackie Cluxton of Manchester, Ohio, Regina Owens of Jacksonville, Florida, and Dawn Paolillo of Staten Island, New York, each rolled out a ceremonial first ball.

The 2017 Women's Championships marks the event's second trip to Baton Rouge and third visit to the Pelican State. The 1993 tournament was held in Baton Rouge, while the 1966 edition was contested in nearby New Orleans.

The River Center previously hosted the USBC Open Championships in 2005 and 2012, and the venue once again was transformed into a championship bowling facility, featuring 44 lanes, vendor and office



space, a concessions area, locker room and squad room.

The facility recently welcomed the Allstate Sugar Bowl/Louisiana High School Athletic Association Bowling State Championship Tournament, Mayor's Celebrity Bowling Challenge to Strike Out Hunger, NCAA Women's Bowling Championship, Intercollegiate Singles Championships and Intercollegiate Team Championships prior to the start of the 79-day Women's Championships, which will conclude July 10.

The venue also will host the USBC Queens on May 17-23.

On the lanes Sunday, The Rose Buds of Danville, Kentucky, posted the highest set of the day to take the lead in Emerald Team with games of 573, 712 and 676 for a 1,961 total.

Debbie Bugg led the way with a 570 series and was joined by Lee Joslyn (500), Mary Rose (447) and Edna Prall (444).

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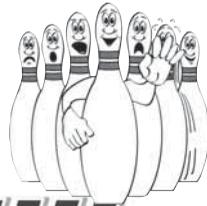


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### At Red Bird Lanes

## Moore collars 746, Cathey jams 685

William Moore was the top gun at Red Bird Lanes last week after pounding out hard-hitting 2433-266-237 = 746 marks in Red Bird Mixed league action.

Lauren Cathey led the ladies with a potent 247-222-216 = 685 Career Girls outing.

#### HONOR ROLL

Denise Chambon 213-549, Randy Stenecipher 234-665, Don Wrightsil 222-661, Tim McGlothlin (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 300-1111, Lauren Cathey (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 297-1079, Cindi Wilson 1173-478.

Julie Sellers 184-525, Brent Rodgers 234-628, Dianne Rodriguez 181-522, Brian Riddle 264-690, Shannon Vogel 236-628, Brian Schoonover 258-640, Angela Davis-White 175-504.

Rosemary Hunsaker 213-530, Ted Sutton 242-669, Andrea Calloway 223-582, Keith Jennings 269-714, Angela Chalmers 190-529, Pedro Silva 215-610, Van Russell 170-493.

Antonio Henderson 190-506, Sandra Hawkins 176-431, Tommy Moreland 214-588, Gilda Barrett 139-380, Ryan Leonard (2 games) 154-303, Ronda Klein (2 games) 111-217.

### At Ennis All Star Bowl

## L Cathey drills 617, B Cathey crafts 616

Lauren Cathey booked a banner 181-212-224 = 617 Ennis Mixed Classic series to head the leader boards last week at Ennis All Star Bowl.

Billy Cathey, also from the Ennis Mixed Classic group, rolled a stately 213-224-179 = 616 set.

#### HONOR ROLL

Brian Butler (9 pin, no tap) 277-

1003, April Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 256-820, Benny Butler (9 pin, no tap) 285-937, Tice Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 266-839, Mike Williamson 227-614, Cyndy McKenrick 234-607.

Tice Hopkins 233-586, Christy Antle 220-596, Chris Shelton 222-604, Terry Pefuhl 186-546, Tracy Holloway 213-592, Mary Sikes 177-457, Ardise Hicks 519, Stephany Kannady 129-342.

# Brummett, Pate Named Collegiate MVPs for 2016-2017 Season



Sydney Brummett and Nick Pate

BATON ROUGE, La. – Wichita State junior Sydney Brummett and Midland senior Nick Pate were announced as the Most Valuable Players for the 2016-2017 collegiate bowling season by the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association (NCBCA).

Brummett and Pate were recognized for their performances Wednesday at the Night of Champions banquet. The banquet brings together the 32 teams that advanced to the Intercollegiate Team Championships, which kicks off Thursday at the Raising Cane's River Center.

Brummett and Pate also earned the same honor Wednesday from the Interna-

tional Bowling Media Association (IBMA).

Brummett, a three-time and current Junior Team USA member, collected two individual wins as she helped the Shockers to five Tier 1 titles during the 2016-2017 campaign. Brummett, also a member of Team USA 2017, led the nation in average (208.96) and average differential (35.02) during Tier 1 competition.

Brummett was joined by teammates Laura Plazas and Hollyann Johansen in earning first-team All-America honors. Emmanuel's Destiny Harper and Urbana's Maude Demers also earned spots on the first team.

Pate, the most valuable

player at the 2015 ITC and a Team USA member in 2017, took home individual wins in three consecutive events during his senior year. He added three additional top-five finishes while averaging 217.5 in Tier 1 competition.

Pate was joined by 2014-2015 NCBCA Most Valuable Player Michael Tang of San Jose State, Wisconsin-Whitewater's Zach Woelfel, McKendree's Greg Young and Arizona State's Chase Nadeau as first-team All-America members.

Abigail Ragsdale of St. Francis-Illinois and Andrew Letscher of Pikeville were recognized as the NCBCA Rookies of the Year. Wichita State's Mark Lewis was selected as the women's coach of the year for the fourth time, and Wisconsin-Whitewater's Shawn Wochner earned his second Kerm Helmer Coach of the Year award on the men's side.

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NATIONAL COLLEGIATE BOWLING COACHES ASSOCIATION

2016-2017 ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

MEN

First team

Nick Pate, Midland; Michael Tang, San Jose State; Zach Woelfel, Wisconsin-Whitewater; Greg Young, McKendree; Chase Nadeau, Arizona State

Second team

Kyle Cook, Urbana; Tyler Albracht, West Texas A&M; David Lance, Webber International; Wesley Low, Wichita State; Andrew Letscher, Pikeville

Honorable mention

Russ Oviatt, Arizona State; Andrew Dekowski, William Paterson; Giorgio Clinaz, Webber International; Michael Davidson, Calumet; Ramon Hilferink, Webber International

Most Valuable Player - Nick Pate, Midland

Rookie of the Year - Andrew Letscher, Pikeville

Kerm Helmer Coach of the Year – Shawn Wochner, Wisconsin-Whitewater

WOMEN

First team

Sydney Brummett, Wichita State; Destiny Harper, Emmanuel; Laura Plazas, Wichita State; Maude Demers, Urbana; Hollyann Johansen, Wichita State

Second team

Kayla Crawford, St. Ambrose; Rebecca Broerman, Grand View; Megan Szczepanski, Bellarmine; Katie Maher, St. Ambrose; Stephanie Schwartz, Stephen F. Austin

Honorable mention

Kristie Lopez, Wichita State; Marissa Thomas, Bellarmine; Abigail Ragsdale, St. Francis-Illinois; Amanda Van Duyn,

Wisconsin-Whitewater; Erin Michelfelder, Lindenwood

Most Valuable Player - Sydney Brummett, Wichita State

Rookie of the Year - Abigail Ragsdale, St. Francis-Illinois

Kerm Helmer Coach of the Year - Mark Lewis, Wichita State

Teigen Meritorious Service Award – Fred Polash, Keystone Quaker Classic

INTERNATIONAL BOWLING MEDIA ASSOCIATION

2016-2017 COLLEGIATE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Male - Nick Pate, Midland

Female - Sydney Brummett, Wichita State

Male runners-up - Kyle Cook, Urbana; Michael Tang, San Jose State; Zach Woelfel, Wisconsin-Whitewater; Greg Young, McKendree

Female honorable mention - Andrew Letscher, Pikeville; Chase Nadeau, Arizona State; Russ Oviatt, Arizona State

Female runners-up - Kayla Crawford, St. Ambrose; Maude Demers, Urbana; Destiny Harper, Emmanuel; Hollyann Johansen, Wichita State

Female honorable mention - Rebecca Broerman, Grand View; Stephanie Schwartz, Stephen F. Austin; Megan Szczepanski, Bellarmine.

## At Cowtown Bowling Palace

# Henderson polishes off 797, Moriarty handles 609

## Fleming, Larsen, Moore, Suttin 300's

Paul Henderson headed the honor roll for the week at Cowtown Bowling Palace with a powerful 259-279-259 = 797 Stom Bowling Scratch Trio series.

Kay Moriarty pounded out a solid 226-196-187 = 609 VIP's set to lead the ladies high-set chart.

Paul Fleming, Mike Larsen, Kevin Moore and Ritchie Suttin shared high-game honors with award-winning perfectos.

### HONOR ROLL

Sandy Groh 213, Steven Sanchez 289-782, Jamie Hines 200-573, Ronnie Sloan 279, Sandy Soule 268, LA Aragon 265-721, Dune Parson 258, Rudy Garcia 258, Dana Madewell 267-698, Jesse Callan 257.

Charles Brown 255, Miki Jo Parish 216, Ryan Boroff 277, Catie Jensen 211-601, Brian Burkett 269, R J Klann 269, George Stilen 279-764, Amy Hart 237-579, Coy Hart 278, Brittany Hughes 224.

Jeremy Cozart 258, Michelle Teel 203, Ritchie Suttin 783, Justin Stiles 257, Amy Adams 231, Robby Dally 255, Tracy Brower 222-592, Brandon Mogg 253-681, Christina Tucker 201.

Dirk Freeseaman 255-671, Larry Cox 224, Dusty Gallant 223.

### SENIORS

Larry Thun 247, Frank Stone 245-687, Diane Fleck 205, Tom Simmons 242, David Pruitt 258-661, Cheryl Berube 207-530, George Hernandez, Sr. 258, Johnny Zaskoda 245, Raymond Loftis 208, Chester Jones 205-559.

## Summer 2017 League Schedule

Nighttime Leagues	Daytime Leagues
<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p>9's R Wild Starts June 5, 2017 at 6:30 PM (2 member teams - Mixed - No Tap)</p> <p>Monday Night Mixers Starts June 5, 2017 at 6:30 PM (4 member teams - Mixed)</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p>Ladies and Gents Starts May 23, 2017 at 6:30 PM (4 member teams - Mixed)</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>Wednesday Winners Starts June 7, 2017 at 6:30 PM (4 member teams - Mixed)</p> <p>Fort Worth Classic Trios Starts May 31, 2017 at 6:50 PM (3 member teams - High Average Bowlers)</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p>Just For Fun Starts May 18, 2017 at 6:30 PM (4 member teams - Mixed)</p> <p>11 for 11 Starts June 8, 2017 at 6:30 PM (4 member teams - Mixed - Buy ball at a significant discount)</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p>Tuesday VIPs Starts May 23, 2017 at 9:30 AM (4 member teams - Seniors - Mixed)</p> <p>Senior All-Stars Starts May 18, 2017 at 12:30 PM (2 member teams - High Average Seniors - starts every 9 weeks)</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p>Thursday Twilighters Starts June 1, 2017 at 9:30 AM (4 member teams - Seniors - Mixed)</p> <p><b>YOUTH LEAGUES</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY</b></p> <p>Youth Leagues - Strikers, Pin Busters, and Chargers (ages 20 and under) Starts June 3, 2017 at 9:00 AM (2-4 member teams based on age)</p> <p><b>SUNDAY</b></p> <p>Generation Gap Starts May 23, 2017 at 6:00 PM (4 member teams - 2 adults / 2 youth bowlers)</p>

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# Open Championships Weekly Glance

(For April 12 - April 18, 2017)

Past champions back on top at 2017 USBC Open Championships

Team NABR of Fairport, New York, turned in an inspirational performance April 13 at the 2017 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships in Las Vegas, posting games of 1,023 and 1,082, before a clutch final frame helped the team to a 1,161 finish and 3,266 total.

While on the lanes, the group rallied around Mike Rose Jr., whose sister, Shelly Rose Stein, lost her battle with cancer a day earlier.

All five players then struck in the 10th frame, with three delivering doubles, to lift them past HoF Silver Lanes 1 of New Hartford, Connecticut, which previously held the lead with 3,239.

Former Team USA member Scott Pohl, who rolled a perfect game in the team event at the 2013 Open Championships, led the way for Team NABR this year with a 694 series. He was followed by first-year team member Anthony Pepe (675), Brian Waliczek (655), Adam Barta (640) and Rose, the 2007 Regular All-Events champion (602).

Team NABR, with Rob Gotchall in Pepe's place, won Regular Team in 2015.

The group now is in position for a run at Team All-Events but must wait nearly a month.

Due to Rose's circumstances, he went home after the team event, and he and Pohl will return to Las Vegas for doubles and singles May 6.

Waliczek finished the trip with a 2,051 all-events total and was followed by Barta (2,040) and Pepe (2,010). Barta's performance included a 299 game to start singles, and he moved into third place in Regular Singles with a 776 series. Vanilla Salsa of Roseville, California, leads Team All-Events this year with a 9,743 total.

Two bowlers celebrate 50 years at USBC Open Championships

Richard Hunt of Valparaiso, Indiana, and Jack Lear of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, added their names to the membership roster of the 50-year Club at the USBC Open Championships as they celebrated five decades of tournament participation this week at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

Both gentlemen traveled well over 1,700 miles to claim their spots in tournament history and are two of 23 bowlers scheduled to reach the milestone this year. They each received a plaque, chevron and diamond lapel pin to commemorate the achievement.

Hunt, 70, always has made time for the Open Championships. He started his journey in 1966 and only has missed two events since.



This year, he rolled sets of 642 in singles, 518 in team and 464 in doubles for a 1,624 all-events total. In 50 years on the championship lanes, he has knocked down 86,106 pins for a career average of 195.2.

Lear, a 68-year-old-right-hander and youth bowling coach for more than 20 years, started his journey to the 50-year Club at the 1967 event in Miami. He appeared each year until 2015, when he was unable to travel to the Open Championships for health reasons.

Lear finished his 2017 tournament campaign with 487 in singles, 484 in doubles and 469 in team for a 1,440 all-events total. In 50 tournaments, he has knocked down 82,518 pins for a career average of 185.8.

New leaders emerge in Standard and Classified Divisions. The Standard and Classified leaderboards also got a new look this week at the South Point Bowling Plaza, with Charlie Theobald of Minot, North Dakota, and Nick Stenberg of Big Timber, Montana, highlighting the changes.

Theobald, 34-year-old-right-hander, bowled games of 268, 200, 228 for a 696 singles series April 13 to catapult past Fred Phillips of Richland, Washington, who previously held the lead in Standard Singles with 658.

After Theobald opened his 2017 USBC Open Championships campaign with a disappointing 516 set, he bounced back with a 550 effort in doubles, before things fell into place on the way to a career-high all-events total of 1,762.

Stenberg, 24, had a memorable Open Championships debut by finding his way into the top five in four events.

First, he helped Wag N Whiskers of Livingston, Montana, into fifth place in Classified Team with a 2,436 total, then teamed with Sheldon Smith of Timber, Montana (499), to move into a tie for fourth place in Classified Doubles with a 1,058 total April 14.

Stenberg's momentum continued in singles with games of 185, 198 and 238 for a Classified Singles-leading 621 series. He had 559 in doubles and 553 in team to claim the top spot in Classified All-Events with 1,733.

The Standard Division includes bowlers with entering averages of 181-209. The Classified Division includes bowlers with entering averages of 180 and below.

A look ahead

Four bowlers are scheduled to celebrate 50 years of USBC Open Championships participation this week at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

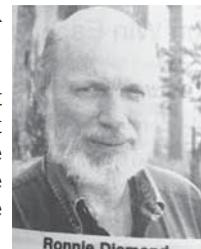
# LOOKING BACK

## 10 YEARS AGO

Vanderbilt U. wins the NCAA Women's Championship... Paul Doocherson led the honor roll with 815 at Forum... James Matson with 805 at Red Bird... Shemedra Clark led the ladies with 742 at Plano... Robin Williams had 676 at AMF DeSoto... Phillip Cargile had a perfect game at Forum... Ron Rankin shot 747 at Strikz... Youth, Robert McBride with 704 at AMF Showplace-Garland.

## 20 YEARS AGO

Ronnie Diamond sparkles in SASBA El Paso win, and yes it actually said sparkle... Michelle Lee wins DWBA All Events crown... Tam Wasson led the honor roll with 807 at Showplace-Garland... Ben Hall had 803 at Triangle-Richardson... Mickie Archer led the ladies with 300/746 at Red Bird... Danielle Sellers shot 739 at Fun Fest Arlington... Nate Griffin with a perfect game at DC SW.



## 30 YEARS AGO

Mark Roth and Jim Godman elected into PBA HoF... Carol Norman wins BPAA US Open and \$40,000... Ricky Kay wins ACBA at Golden Triangle... Mike White wins DBA All Events title with 1972, that will get you about 100th place these days... Sam Germano led the honor roll with 794 at Allen... David Strive shot 770 at Lewisville... Mickie Archer led the ladies with 705 at Forum... Jackie Davis shot 695 at Golden Triangle... Mark and Mike Warren win MBT Doubles at Blazer.

Wayne Falcone of Norristown, Pennsylvania, whose brother, Jules, reached the milestone last year, will make his march to the lanes April 18.

Duane Carlson of Brandon, Mississippi, will reach the mark April 19, while Wilbert Bellamy of New Britain, Con-

necticut, and Dave Hauber of Dickeyville, Wisconsin, make their 50th appearances April 25.

There are 23 bowlers scheduled to reach five decades of participation during the 2017 tournament.

## At Plano Super Bowl

# Carroll shoots 300/822, Starry chalks up 751

Crawford 300/801, Dudek, Gengelbach, Jones, Lenihan, McCauley 300's

Michael Carroll, from the Sportsman group, pocketed power-laden, award-winning 243-300-279 = 822 numbers en route to earning high-series honors the week at Plano Super Bowl.

Don Crawford finished close behind Carroll with an award-winning 300/801 Thursday Classic production.

Stacy Starry headed the ladies' leader board with a note-worthy 256-268-227 = 751 Thursday Girls set.

Kert Dudek, Kurt Gengelbach, Terry Jones, Patrick Lenihan and Gary McCauley shared high-game honors with Carroll and Crawford with award-winning 12-baggers.

## HONOR ROLL

Scott Goodger 269-728, Heather Hudson 245-693, Kevin Carb 235-698, Cat Amrose 269-617, Steve Furhman 231-776, Mike Ferrell 203-514, Shirley Patterson 187-510, Mark Plagens 290-780.

Natalie Woodward-Hall 268-738, Mike Chambers 267-730, Loree Clark 224-631, Matt Powell 245-672, Sierra Gibbons 269-662, Richard Beatty 258-673, Jennifer Werner 191-494.

Bruce Michaelson 245-701, Susan Lee 226-630, Jim Monroe 262-650, Linda Small 192-490, Sopheap Sao 255-652, Jacob Timmins 250-675, Debra Genaidy 208-607, Dottie Culpon 227-557.

Marion Crawley 170-489, Jerry Stobaugh 259-748, Bruce Southerland 256-716, John McCal 223-629, Ann Goad 178-506, John Wolbert 257-717, Elaine Barnes 222-632, Roland Martsolf 269-761.

Diane Wallentine 259-673, Susan Lee 222-634, Leo Fitzgerald 198-516, Sandra Lyman 191-531, Harold Bunch 225-643, Elisa Retziaff 214-538, Danielle Hopland 205-540, Terry Jones II 774.

Lauren Glover 195-527, Scott Rogers 267-726, Jennifer McDaniels 226-623, Gary McCauley (4 games) 1039, Ashley Goss (4 games) 259-920, Rick Mann 276-748, Cindy Mann 252-728.

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# Gift for Life Scholarships Awarded to 12 High School Bowlers

ARLINGTON, Texas – Twelve youth bowlers have been selected by the International Bowling Campus Youth Committee to receive a Gift for Life Scholarship.

Gift for Life Scholarships annually are awarded to high school students who are United States Bowling Congress Youth members and can provide evidence of financial hardship that would make obtaining a college degree challenging. Each youth bowler selected receives a \$1,000 scholarship.

This year's Gift for Life Scholarship recipients are:

- Kortney Aaron, Detroit
- Jacquelyne Beard, Harvest, Ala.
- Brooklyn Boudreau, Longview, Wash.
- Jama Claxton, Russiaville, Ind.
- Caity Cox, Burton, Mich.
- Andrew Lazarchick, Brick, N.J.
- Hannah Lennox, Sedro-Woolley, Wash.
- Brittany McElroy, Augusta, Ga.
- Seth Monfee, Prattville, Ala.
- Samantha Pilyih, Pittsburgh
- Jason Sirera, Winter Haven, Fla.
- Jordan Sirera, Winter Haven, Fla.

In addition to being USBC Youth members and current

high school students, applicants had to have a current grade-point average of 2.5 or better (on a 4.0 scale), and had to provide at least two letters of reference and a school transcript.

While two scholarships are set aside each year to honor children of fire, police or emergency rescue personnel in honor of the September 11th heroes, no candidates fulfilled all the requirements this year. Lennox is the granddaughter of a police officer who served 22 years with the Skagit County Sherriff's Office.

The Gift for Life Scholarships are managed through the SMART program.

Go to BOWL.com/ScholarshipsAwards to learn more about scholarships available to USBC Youth bowlers.



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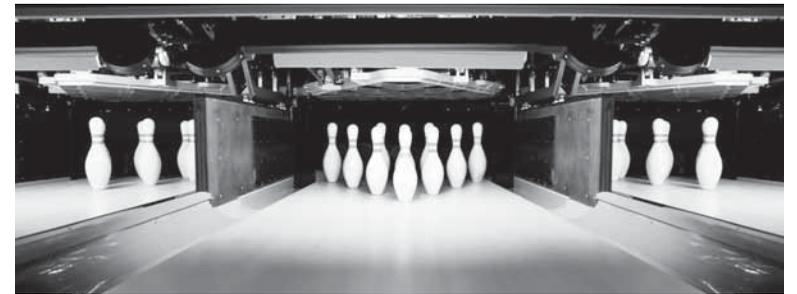
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*If you have upcoming youth tournaments you would like listed on the schedule, contact The Bowling News at 214.250.3242, or email: genie@TheBowlingNews.net.*



## Dallas USBC Youth Scores

Sean Cooley led the Dallas-area USBC Youth bowling last week with a thundering 221-220-264 = 705 Sunday Youth/Adult series at Plano Super Bowl.

Hailey Spencer, also from Plano Super Bowl, paced the girls with a booming 199-217-172 = 588 Showstoppers set.

At Plano Super Bowl – Brady McDonough 203-517, Noah Raleigh-Turner 187-460, Marisa Munguia 152-394, Tate Reding 235-576, Victor

Munguia 257-663, Moriah Leraas 177-523, Brady McDonough 180-519, Bella Hudson 112-310, Tyson Gray 258-692, Kendyl Goodger 209-567, Megan Cooley 222-561, Aidan Hudson 245-587, Katie Heady 175-462, Nathan Kilbride 222-536, Taylore Ryan 197-571, R J Grantham 241-619, Veronica Prior 201-546, Wyatt Smyser (2 games) 100-199.

At Red Bird Lanes – Justin Vega 196-458, Rachel Fender 213-582, Beverly Hoffman 113-266, Harmonie Klein (2 games) 142-233.

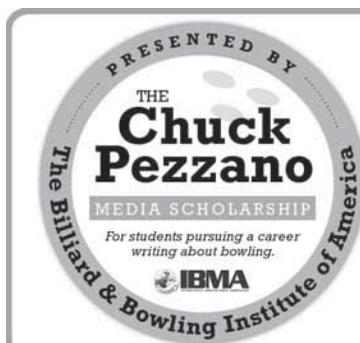
## Fort Worth USBC Youth Results

Adam Beasley headed the Fort Worth-area USBC Youth bowling last week with a super strong 255-202-197 = 654 Strikers series at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

Jordan Norman, Beasley's league mate, headed the girls with a power-packed 198-182-185 = 565 set.

At Cowtown Bowling Palace – Blake George 225, Kara Pogue 138, Hayden Norman 215, Bryce Sheets 187, Terrence Tucker 125-332, Kyrh Durham 160-405, Ryan Flores 113, Isaiah 99, Kali Barrera (2 games) 211, Gabriel Marquez (2 games) 205.

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# George Duke Tops PBA Houston Southwest Challenge Field

Houston, Texas, (April 18, 2017) – George Duke, from Vidor, Texas, won six of his first seven matches Sunday and coasted to win the Professional Bowlers Association Houston Copperfield Bowl Southwest Challenge, presented by Global 900.

Duke, who finished fifth in last year's Copperfield event,

and also has a second place finish in PBA competition, qualified for the PBA Tournament of Champions with the victory along with the \$2,200 winner's check.

Duke, who led the 13-game qualifying portion of the event, started the modified round robin match play finals by losing his first match, then

won his next six matches to build a 156-pin lead over Marshall Morrison from Wills Point, Texas, going into the final position round match where Morrison prevailed over Duke, 201-161. Despite the loss, Duke held on for the title, but Morrison dropped to third when Houston's Jay Nephew leapfrogged from fourth to second with a 236-212 win over amateur Tyler Wright of Gonzales, La. Duke finished with a 21-game total of 4,678 pins while Nephew ended with a 4,601 total. Nephew pocketed \$1,350 as the runner-up.

The PBA Southwest Region's next event is the PBA Junction City Southwest/Midwest Open, May 5-7, at Junction City Bowl

in Junction City, Kan.

PBA COPPERFIELD BOWL HOUSTON SOUTHWEST CHALLENGE, presented by Global 900

Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

- 1 George Duke, Vidor, Texas, 6-2, 4,678, \$2,200.
- 2 Jay Nephew, Houston, Texas, 7-1, 4,601, \$1,350.
- 3 Marshall Morrison, Wills Point, Texas, 5-3, 4,592, \$950.
- 4 n-Tyler Wright, Gonzales, Lou., 3-5, 4,557, \$775.
- 5 n-Danny Inocencio, College Station, Texas, 5-3, 4,528, \$700.
- 6 n-Jacob Heger, Spring, Texas, 4-4, 4,464, \$650.
- 7 Bryan Viator, Seabrook, Texas, 6-2, 4,456, \$625.
- 8 n-Skylar Glanovsky, Fort Smith, Ark., 4-4, 4,402, \$600.

- 9 n-Bubba Haney, College Station, Texas, 5-3, 4,389, \$575.

10. Anthony Coats, Pflugerville, Texas, 3-5, 4,355, \$560.
11. n-Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 3-5, 4,346, \$550.
12. n-John Szczucinski, Houston, Texas, 2-6, 4,296, \$540.
13. n-Sean Sadat, Houston, Texas, 2-6, 4,230, \$530.
14. Maria Rodriguez, Pflugerville, Texas, 2-6, 4,223, \$520.
15. n-Will Werner, Montgomery, Texas, 4-4, 4,202, \$510.
16. n-Tim Crites, Dallas, Texas, 3-5, 4,123, \$500.

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## PBA LEAGUE

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anchor," Couch added. "I don't know who we bowl next and I don't care because my guys are really committed and I feel good about our chances."

Smallwood embraced the opportunity to throw the sudden-death shot.

"I had a great ball reaction," he said. "I could hit the pocket basically from everywhere. In the end, my messenger delivered, John's didn't."

Dallas jumped in front in the second quarterfinal match, tripping the Lee Auto Malls L.A. X team, 223-215, when L.A. X anchor Jason Belmonte left a 2 pin on his second shot in the 10th frame after striking on his first shot. L.A. X was almost perfect in the second game with Martin Larsen, Jakob Butturff, Osku Palermmaa, Stuart Williams and Belmonte throwing 11 strikes, just missing 300 when the Australian two-hander left a 10 pin on his final shot.

In their sudden-death duel, the Strikers insisted reluctant player-manager Norm Duke throw their first shot, and the PBA Hall of Famer struck. Belmonte then stunned the Portland crowd when he left a 4 pin.

"That was exciting, nerve-wracking, what sports is all about," Duke said, "especially when you've got the team behind you. They know if you falter, they falter. (PBA players) don't get a lot of that and when we do, it's thrilling. We're used to being individuals."

"I'm sure golfers would understand, but Jack Nicklaus would tell you the Ryder Cup is a different feeling."

This (PBA League) is building," Duke continued. "Don't think for a minute it doesn't mean anything to these guys. If it didn't mean anything, you wouldn't see the level of fear or the level of confidence in two players standing right next to each other."

Duke said he didn't want to be the guy throwing the sudden-death shot, "but my team came to me and said it was either Rhino (Page, a left-hander) or me because we

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## Live Stream Schedule



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- PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl in The Villages pres. by Radical - Qualifying - Rd. 1 B Squad Monday April 24 2:00 PM
- PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl in The Villages pres. by Radical - Qualifying - Rd. 2 B Squad Tuesday April 25 8:00 AM
- PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl in The Villages pres. by Radical - Qualifying - Rd. 2 A Squad Tuesday April 25 2:00 PM
- PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl in The Villages pres. by Radical - Match Play Rd. 1 Wednesday April 26 8:00 AM
- PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl in The Villages pres. by Radical - Match Play Rd. 2 Wednesday April 26 1:00 PM
- PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl in The Villages pres. by Radical - Stepladder Finals Wednesday April 26 6:00 PM
- QubicaAMF PWBA Sonoma County Open, Rohnert Park, CA - Qualifying Rd. 1 Friday April 28 1:50 PM
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- PBA50 Race City Open pres. by Columbia 300, Mooresville, NC - Match Play Rd. 1 Wednesday May 3 10:50 AM
- PBA50 Race City Open pres. by Columbia 300, Mooresville, NC - Match Play Rd. 2 Wednesday May 3 1:50 PM
- PBA50 Race City Open pres. by Columbia 300, Mooresville, NC - Stepladder Finals Wednesday May 3 5:50 PM
- PWBA STORM Sacramento Open, Citrus Heights, CA - Qualifying Rd. 1 Friday May 5 1:50 PM
- PWBA STORM Sacramento Open, Citrus Heights, CA - Qualifying Rd. 2 Friday May 5 7:50 PM
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- PWBA STORM Sacramento Open, Citrus Heights, CA - Match Play Saturday May 6 2:50 PM
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### At JB's Allen Bowl

## Gengelbach wraps up 300/858 Ellis 299

Kurt Gengelbach wrapped up the top score of the week at JB's Allen Bowl with an award-winning 300-279-279 = 858 Tuesday Mixed Doubles outing.

Monica Holley, from the Thursday Mixers group, led the ladies with a free-wheeling 182-198-201 = 581 set.

Brent Ellis took runner-up honors with a near-perfect 299 solo.

### HONOR ROLL

Brent Ellis 773, Jami Ellis 233-579,

Cathy Sposito 189-557, Charles Reneau 241-649, Kimbo Emerson 195-507, Ted Lankford 259-733, Linda Davidson 224-580, Cathy Bowman 214-574.

Nick Lankford 268-771, Lisa Garza 278-559, Alan Eden 279-738.

### SENIORS

Lavern Anderson 196-544, Audrey Wilson 171-461, Clarence Houser 189-514, Lois Allard 191-450, Dexter Clemens 186-500, Lillian Hofmann 169-432.

## JB'S ALLEN BOWL SUMMER LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Start Date	League Name	Format / Description	League Practice Time
<b>MONDAY</b>			
June 5th	Monday Doubles	Any 2 members / Handicap	6:20pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
June 6th	Allen TNT	Any 4 members / Handicap	6:20pm
June 6th	Hammer Ball League	Any 4 members / Handicap	6:20pm
June 6th	Tuesday Mixed Doubles	Any 2 members / Handicap	9:00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
May 31st	Match Play Mixers	Any 4 members / Handicap	6:45pm
June 7th	No Tap	Any 4 members / Handicap	6:20pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
Informal all summer	Senior Fun Bunch	Weekly practice for ages 55+ all summer	12:30pm
June 8th	Thursday Night Mixers	Any 4 members / Handicap	6:20pm
June 8th	Youth Adult Doubles	1 youth and 1 Adult / Handicap	6:20pm
Every Thursday	Ladies Bowl Free		9pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
June 9th	Friday 4 Play	Any 4 members / Handicap	7:20pm
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
June 3rd	Youth Gold Scratch	Middle School / High School / Scratch	9am
June 3rd	Youth League	Youth age 3-20	9:00am
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
June 4th	Youth Mania	Any 3 youth ages 3-20 / Handicap	6:20pm
June 4th	Youth Gold Scratch	Middle School / High School / Scratch	6:20pm

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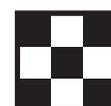


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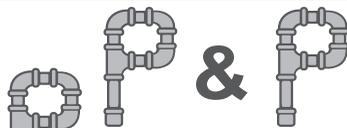
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had the best chance of throwing a strike. They thought my ball was going through the pins better and they were right. They put it all on me. I was scared of it, to be honest, but we all know that's why we're here and every one of us would have thrown that shot."

Duke also said winning the Elias Cup in 2016 "was one of the highlights of my entire career. It wasn't because I was player-manager; it was because there wasn't a match where we weren't down 40 pins and had to come back, just like today. And then we bowled that 300 (en route to winning the Elias

**SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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Pate's first offering in the 10th frame resulted in a 4-6-7 split, which he was unable to convert, giving Dragotta the opportunity to double for the win.

"I thought the two shots prior on the left lane weren't that bad, and they hooked early," said Pate, a senior and two-time NCBCA First Team All-American. "I decided I needed more length, trusted my equipment and tried to make a good shot, which happened in the eighth. I need to be sharper when I have the chance to close things out, which comes with experience."

Dragotta's first shot sailed right of target, resulting in a 1-2-4-8 combination, as Pate collected the first title for the Midland men's program. He helped Midland to a runner-up finish at the 2015 Intercollegiate Team Championships.

"It's been a great week, and I really owe this win to my teammates," said Pate, who was named the most valuable player at the 2015 ITC. "They've trusted in me, supported me and believed in me. Without them, none of this would have been possible."

In the men's semifinals, Pate started with six strikes in his first seven frames on his way to a 232-201 victory over Fresno State's Joshua Taylor. Dragotta, the top qualifier in the men's field, earned his spot in the finals by defeating teammate and 2015-2016 NCBCA Most

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score remained close heading into the final frame. McKendree took a one-pin advantage into the 10th, and freshman Breanna Clemmer delivered a strike to start and filled 20 pins for the frame to force Webber freshman Caitlyn Johnson to double for the victory.

Johnson's first effort went left of target and left the 3-6-10 standing, giving McKendree its first Helmer Cup for the women's program, 159-147.

"I was obviously very nervous but knew my girls

Cup). That's why it meant so much. Now we're in the top four, and I like our chances."

The final two quarterfinal round matches, airing next Sunday at 1 p.m. EDT, will send the MaineQuarterly.com Brooklyn Styles against the Live + Work in Maine Silver Lake Atom Splitters in the first match, and the Barbasol Motown Muscle against the hometown-favorite L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks in the fourth quarterfinal round contest.

The ESPN telecast will be simultaneously streamed on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app. **L.L.BEAN PBA LEAGUE** Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (aired Sunday on ESPN) Quarterfinal Round Results

Valuable Player Michael Coffey, 213-165.

Brummett gained an early lead in the women's championship match after a second-frame open from Bulthuis, and Brummett added four consecutive strikes in frames five through eight to build her lead and collect a fourth ISC title for the Wichita women's program.

"On this pattern, it was very important for me to control the pocket and get my ball to face up the right way in the mid-lane," said Brummett, a junior and three-time NCBCA All-American. "I saw my ball face up the wrong way (to start the semifinals), so I switched to a different ball with a smoother shape, and it worked out."

After a runner-up finish at the 2016 ITC, the Wichita State women fell short of a return to the championship round. Brummett quickly thanked her teammates, while claiming the individual win for them.

"This means the world," Brummett said. "I really wanted this for my teammates. We go to practice every day and work for the Helmer Cup, but we didn't get to take that home this year, so I feel that taking home this win is for all of them. We push each other every single day, and it's great to share it with them."

Brummett defeated Stephen F. Austin's Stephanie Schwartz to advance to the championship match, 206-196. Schwartz also made it to the semifinals of the 2016 ISC.

Bulthuis fired five consecu-

would have my back regardless of the outcome," Clemmer said. "Whether I struck or split, we would still leave as champions, and that's what we wanted to come here and do. This run has been unbelievable. It feels great, and I don't think this feeling will ever go away."

With wins at the NCAA Women's Bowling Championship and ITC at the River Center, the Bearcats became just the second team to win both titles in the same year. Maryland Eastern Shore was the first to accomplish the feat in 2011.

Webber's run to the title match also had record implica-

(best-of-two-game Baker format)

Match One: Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen (Ronnie Russell, Dave Wodka, Chris Loschetter, Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood) def. GEICO NYC WTT KingPins (Danielle McEwan, Sam Cooley, John Szczerbinski, Pete Weber, Marshall Kent), 238-248, 227-223, 10-10, 10-9 in one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

Match Two: Shipyard Dallas Strikers (Bill O'Neill, Norm Duke, B.J. Moore III, Rhino Page, Tommy Jones) def. Lee Auto Malls L.A. X (Martin Larsen, Jakob Butturff, Osku Palermaa, Stuart Williams, Jason Belmonte), 223-215, 217-299, 10-9 in one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

tive strikes in the middle of her semifinal match against top seed Jacqueline Rhoda of Maryland Eastern Shore to advance, 233-213.

The 2017 ISC featured 24 men and 24 women who earned their spots in the field by qualifying through one of four sectional events held throughout the country in March.

Competition at the River Center this week consisted of six qualifying games to determine seeding for the single-elimination match-play bracket. Bracket matches featured three games with total pinfall determining the winner leading up to the semifinals.

**2017 INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**

At Raising Cane's River Center, Baton Rouge, La.

Saturday's results

**MEN**  
Semifinals

Nick Pate, Midland def. Joshua Taylor, Fresno State, 232-201

Bryan Dragotta, Lindenwood def. Michael Coffey, Lindenwood, 213-165

**Final**  
Pate def. Dragotta, 214-199

**WOMEN**

Sydney Brummett, Wichita State def. Stephanie Schwartz, Stephen F. Austin, 206-196

Taylor Bulthuis, Webber International def. Jacqueline Rhoda, 233-213

**Final**  
Brummett def. Bulthuis, 225-170.

tions as the Warriors were looking to become the first team in nearly 30 years to successfully defend a women's title. West Texas A&M was the last team to achieve the feat, winning in 1987 and 1988.

The McKendree team, which features no seniors, includes Clemmer, Taylor Bailey, Christie Draper, Ashley Dunn, Ashley Hathaway, Jessica Mellott, Lauren Pate and Sarah Wille.

"There's definitely something special about this team, especially with them being so young," said McKendree head

# #USBCOPEN Spotlight - Volume 4



Mitzi O'Connor Forde and Doug Forde

By Brian Hirsch  
USBC Communications

LAS VEGAS - During the 2017 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships, we will have the opportunity to meet and speak with more than 50,000 bowlers from all over the world.

Some are well-known, some are yet-to-be-known, but all of them have personal stories to tell and memories to share about their time at the USBC Open Championships.

In the past, we've caught up some of the bowlers for an online feature called On The Lanes, where we asked them all the same 12 questions to see how the answers might vary based on different generations, skill levels and experience.

On The Lanes deviates from our traditional news-sharing format, but it offers different insight into the competitors at

the Open Championships.

We're adding yet another option in 2017 and introducing a question-and-answer format for some of our most interesting bowlers to see how they got started, where they came from and what their Las Vegas experience was like.

In this edition, we will introduce, not one, but two people, who shared a special moment together Thursday at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

Mitzi O'Connor and Doug Forde of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, said "I Do!" on the championship lanes just before the start of the 5:30 p.m. team squad.

The nuptials were broadcast live on the official Open Championships Facebook page.

Although Forde wasn't preparing to compete on the incoming squad, he will hit the lanes with a talented group Fri-

day evening. His team includes past Regular Team champions Jason Wendt (2003, 2010) and Ken Kempf (2010).

For now, we are pleased to introduce Mr. and Mrs. Forde.

USBC - How long have the two of you been together and engaged?

FORDES -We have been engaged for a couple of years. Last year, the guys were talking about making it official during the Open Championships in Las Vegas, and we thought it would be cool to get married on the lanes. After a few emails back and forth it, was a go.

USBC - Where was the proposal made, and who did the asking?

FORDES -At a 40th birthday party for Doug, that I (Mitzi,) threw in his honor, Doug

popped the question. I said yes. At that time, we had been together five years.

USBC - We heard you did not have a ring?

FORDES -I didn't know I was going to propose to her during the party, so I grabbed a straw and tied it into a ring. Surrounded by friends and family, I got down on one knee in the middle of the bar that was hosting my birthday party. I am glad she said yes. That week, I went out and got her a ring.

USBC - What off-the-lanes plans do you have while you are in Las Vegas?

FORDES -We plan on seeing some shows while we're here, and we're going to check out the dueling piano bar at the New York, New York Hotel and Casino.

USBC - What are your thoughts as you await your time on the championship lanes this week?

FORDES -We have a pretty good team, and if we all stick to the game plan, we could have a great shot at the lead. My teammates and groomsmen are Jason Wendt a 2003 and 2010 team champion and Kenny Kempf, a 2010 team champion. I will look to their experience to keep me in line.

Doug, who will be making his 10th Open Championships appearance, said he was most nervous on the lanes during the wedding, so the bowling part should he should be just fine.

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coach Shannon O'Keefe. "Bryan (O'Keefe) and I had multiple discussions about how we could still be a year away, but about halfway through the season, they decided they weren't going to wait. This doesn't even feel like real life. As a parent of my girls, because that's how I feel, I don't think I could be more proud. To see their dreams come true and know we had a little piece of that is an incredible feeling."

The men's final saw McKendree put Webber to the brink of elimination after Game 3, securing a 2-1 lead. After altering its lineup for a fourth consecutive game, Webber was able to tie the match in Game 4 with a 215-153 win.

Throughout the course of the championship round, Webber used every player on its roster for at least one game.

"That's something we've worked on all year," said Webber head coach Del Warren. "Ball reaction changes so fast, momentum changes so fast and guys can get locked for no reason at all. We believe that ball reaction is king, ball reaction gives you confidence

and you have to have guys who can come in and out of the lineup in a moment's notice. This team really embraced that concept, and it gave us an advantage."

In the finale, Webber took the momentum by rolling five consecutive strikes after an open in the fourth frame on its way to a 222-154 win and the program's second men's ITC win.

"Before we came here today, we had a meeting about who the hero was going to be," said sophomore Matt Russo. "Our team as a whole was the hero. We moved around very well and made some clutch shots down the stretch. This team is the most versatile group I've ever seen, and I wouldn't want to win this with anyone else. I love these guys more than anything, and I'm so glad we got it done."

Webber's team included Russo, Giorgio Clinaz, Gabriel Garcia, Ramon Hilferink, David Lance, Cory Lenz, Anthony Veney and Aaron Yuratovich.

Wichita State's Wesley Low and Midland's Haley Hall were the tournament's most valuable players.

Joining Low on the men's all-tournament team were

Lindenwood-Belleville's Scott Hill, Wisconsin-Whitewater's Zach Woelfel and Chris Wiley and Midland's Nick Pate.

Joining Hall on the women's all-tournament team were McKendree's Bailey, Webber's Johnson, Stephen F. Austin's Stephanie Schwartz and Wisconsin-Whitewater's Amanda Van Duyn.

A total of 16 men's and 16 women's teams earned their spots in the ITC field by finishing in the top four at one of four sectional events held throughout the country in March.

All teams bowled 24 Baker qualifying games Thursday to determine seeding for the double-elimination bracket, which featured best-of-seven Baker matches leading up to the finals.

2017 INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the Raising Cane's River Center, Baton Rouge, La.

Saturday's results  
MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Webber International def. McKendree, 3-2 (209-194, 158-246, 197-199, 215-153, 222-154)

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

McKendree def. Webber International, 3-2 (206-157, 212-191, 178-211, 194-196, 159-147)

## LECLAIR PBA50

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Thursday for his second career PBA50 Tour title.

After LeClair finished with 191 in the title match, Duke needed to mark in the 10th to win but left the 2-4-8-10 split which he failed to convert finishing with 187. It was the fourth consecutive runner-up finish for Duke in the Pasco County Florida Open.

"I've lost a few that way, so it was nice to be on the winning end this time," said an emotional LeClair, whose brother Kevin passed away of natural causes in February. "I don't know what else to say but I think someone was maybe looking down on me today."

After breezing to wins

in the first three stepladder matches, Duke, trying for his fourth career PBA50 Tour title, struggled in the title match throwing splits that he failed to convert in the first three of four frames. He rallied back with five consecutive strikes but the missed split in the 10th ended his title hopes.

"I could see how that could have happened to Norm because I was having trouble with that right lane, too," LeClair said. "If I had it to do over again I would have made another ball choice but I decided to stick with it because I could see Norm was struggling. Fortunately, I was able to fill the frames when I needed to."

Duke, the No. 5 qualifier, opened the stepladder finals with a 258-215 win over No. 4 qualifier two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr

of Las Vegas who was trying for his ninth PBA50 Tour title and first since 2012. It was yet another top-five finish without a win for Mohr who had a combined eight PBA50/PBA60 top-five finishes in 2016 and finished second to Hall of Famer Tom Baker in the PBA60 Killer 'B' Open which concluded on Monday.

Duke then went on to beat No. 3 qualifier Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., who was making his first PBA50 finals appearance, 266-202, before defeating five-time PBA Tour winner Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, who was making his PBA50 Tour debut, 241-227, in the semi-final.

As the top qualifier, LeClair dominated taking a 9-3 match play record and 180-pin lead into the finals over Haugen

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# Just Paying Attention

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What a couple of back-to-back days of bowling on television we had last week, both seen on an ESPN outlet. First, on Saturday night, the NCAA Women's national championship match on ESPNU featured perennial powers Nebraska and McKendree. Then on Easter Sunday, the PBA Roth/Holman doubles finals on ESPN were from the new mecca of bowling, the always-festive Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

Dave Armstrong and Kelly Kulick voiced the NCAA telecast, sounding solid as usual. It had been awhile since we've heard Kulick, late last summer on the PWBA telecasts, but she and Marshall Holman share a similar announcing characteristic. Both are very solid in the booth and sound like they've practiced as much with announcer partners as they did on the lanes.

Kulick takes it a step further by getting more technical than most without sounding like she's talking over our heads. The advantage that serious bowlers have is we can translate the material quickly, but to the many more casual viewers at home, it shows the sport is much, much more than dots, arrows, and whatever that slippery stuff is on the lane past the foul line.

Like what other sports, especially NASCAR has done for years, is not to be afraid to get technical. The audience is not only smart enough to pick it up quickly, but have a thirst for this information to put their own individual jigsaw puzzles together.

This is definitely progress from how TV bowling was presented years ago. Regular readers from this column's

early days remember my infamous 'Grandma in Galesburg' rant. Some on an unnamed network TV crew at the time thought viewers could not grasp the concepts of the modern game, namely the lack of use of down lane ball speed and board locations from a portable C.A.T.S. System sensors, so they were not used. Eventually, the sensors disappeared as well as the person in charge of providing that information to the TV truck.

An older show biz phrase on how well a play or movie was doing used to be 'How it played in Peoria.' That Illinois town almost a century ago was thought not only to be a small, but representative of how people responded to plays and vaudeville shows.

So 'Grandma in Galesburg' personifies the group who wants to know more techy stuff, because these are the times that we live in now.

Add last week's show to the ones taped last Saturday, the women's and men's ITC college finals with both Webber International and McKendree to be aired in May on CBS Sports Net, there could be some serious history made. It's the kind of history we could be talking and writing about for the next generation or two. Stay tuned.

And if that wasn't enough excitement, the clinching strike of the MaineQuarterly.com Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship received an extra boost of visibility later Sunday night into Monday and Tuesday on ESPN and a few more online media outlets.

With afro hair comparisons to famed 1970's television host/landscape painter Bob Ross,

Kyle Troup whipped out an afro pic out of each back pocket and did a little picking at his hair. That alone got a louder response from the crowd, and a chuckle from the announce booth.

What happened Monday and Tuesday was unexpected, to say the least. Once the picking was replayed numerous times on Monday's editions of ESPN SportsCenter, Troup was asked to do a five-minute live shot with live questions and answers on Tuesday morning's first live show.

After the usual opening questions, there was a reference about his dad, Guppy, and his colorful finals appearances. Then came an inquiry I've never heard before during a live interview. Kyle was asked what was more important, strikes or spares. His response used the axiom he heard from his dad, strikes for dough, spares for dough. Troup explained those 'spares' also help win titles, often making the difference in a match.

It did create a little buzz on social media, but whether that can translate to something down the road is too early to tell. What it does show is how personable professional bowlers were and still are to reporters with a hometown paper, or with the original national sports television channel.

Next week, I'll share another recent interview with a similar probing question about today's scoring environment.

Finally this week, are the last few never-before-read nuggets I couldn't use in the Biondolillo TV 300 game story in the April 2017 Bowlers Journal International.

In our interview, Jack mentioned several different points as background worth a mention. First, was about his grip and why he tucked in his pinky finger, creating a little stronger roll. He nearly lost the finger in a childhood bicycle accident and was permanently curled toward the palm. It was

the only way he could grip a bowling ball.

A broken ankle suffered at a PBA tournament in San Jose in the early 1970's pretty much ended his tour career. His right foot found a little powder on an approach landing after a leap on a strike ball. Jack was told at the emergency room once the swelling went down to have it set. Once it did, the hometown doctor in California (he had moved out there for a few years) looked at it and said it looked fine at the time, although it really wasn't. To this day, the right ankle still gives him problems, especially

when the weather changes.

The tale I had never heard was about a chance encounter with a struggling lefty whose ball reaction wasn't quite strong enough to muster enough strikes. According to Jack, he and fellow touring player and Houstonian Skee Foremsky told Earl Anthony to hold the hand under the ball and turn the palm, so the index finger pointed at the head pin. That would get the hand to rotate clockwise once the thumb released, creating a stronger backend reaction. I'm guessing that tip worked out pretty well.

## At Strikz

# Irvine shines 761, Tenczar claims 730

FRISCO – Rick Irvine collected high-series honors for the week at Strikz with a high-powered 237-279-245 = 761 series.

Loren Tenczar led the gals with a top-notch 223-239-268 = 730 set.

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# Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Audience Climbs

CHICAGO (April 19, 2017) – Kyle Troup and Jesper Svensson's electrifying win Sunday in the MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, continued the positive viewership momentum trends of the 2016-17 Professional Bowlers Association on ESPN series.

The live finals average viewership was up 18 percent over last year's Roth/Holman Doubles. Viewership through 13 PBA on ESPN shows is averaging 642,969 viewers, up 13 percent year-over-year. ESPN's SportsCenter included highlights from the finals

on Sunday night and Troup appeared live via satellite on Tuesday morning's SportsCenter to talk about the win and his career following in the footsteps of his father Guppy Troup.

L.L.Bean PBA League coverage begins this Sunday at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN. The first set of Elias Cup quarterfinal matches, also from rowdy Bayside Bowl, continues on three more successive Sundays, all at 1 p.m. ET.

ESPN Senior Vice President of Programming Scott Guglielmino said the upcoming schedule will be a treat for fans. "Our remaining slate promises to be exciting, with

the action and drama from the PBA League wrapping up the season," Guglielmino said.

Guglielmino noted the PBA's strong February featured six PBA shows including three major championships. The PBA on ESPN averaged an audience of 713,000 viewers, reaching more than 13 million total viewers during the month. During the PBA's "Big February" run from 2015-17, there have been 15 ESPN telecasts averaging more than 767,000 viewers per show.



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Tuesday	Tuesday Trio (3 Person Mix)	June 6th	Aug 29th	6:30pm
Wednesday	Lousy Bowlers (4 Person Mix)	June 7th	Aug 30th	6:30pm
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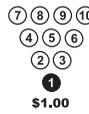
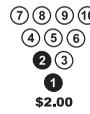
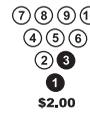
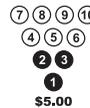
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## LECLAIR PBA50

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who was the No. 2 qualifier.

PBA50 PASCO COUNTY FLORIDA OPEN

Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla., Thursday

Final Standings:

1, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., \$7,500.

2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$4,000.

3, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, \$3,000.

4, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., \$2,000.

5, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One - Duke def. Mohr, 258-215.

Match Two - Duke def. Baker, 266-202.

Semifinal Match - Duke def. Haugen, 241-227.

Championship - LeClair def. Duke, 191-187.



## At Forum Bowl

# Stilen fires 300/824, Antle snags 718

Fletcher 812, Garrett, Maryland 300's

George Stilen, from the Columbia 300 Masters group, led the leader board at Forum Bowl last week with a dual award-winning 247-300-277 = 824 series.

Jim Fletcher finished close behind Stilen with an award-winning 289/812 Tuesday Trio outing.

Christy Antle, Stilen's league mate, led the ladies with a rollicking 289-206-223 = 718 set.

D J Garrett and Jason Maryland shared high-game accolades with Stilen with award-winning 12-baggers.

HONOR ROLL

Vicky Dunn 230-616, Bill Holland, Jr. (9 pin, 4 games) 300-839, Wanda Green (9 pin, 4 games) 220-644, Nick Mahon 258-735, Lisa Schrader 246-656, Brad West 277-740, Kara Congi 243-615.

Preston Epps 249-727, Alys Hodgers 185-541, Tammy Henderson 267-627, Joseph Puckett 265-730, Dana Short 227-609, Jimmy Simmons 254-696, Wendy Streater 186-548.

Tony Rigoni (4 games) 278-1043, Heather Whitney (4 games) 222-839, D J Garrett 253-675, Beverly Jackson 175-497, D J Garrett 735, Tami Rogers 183-518, Talmadge Welch 255-725.

Demetrya Wilson 245-663, John Hartsel 258-708, Emily Montgomery 213-608, Robert Aceves 236-651, Christina Sereser 168-444, Jeremy Dunn 259-734, Ginger Busocker 210-579, Charlie Fischl 266-713.

Lisa Pool 117-341, Steven Nutt 206-516, Barbara Craig 213-581.

SENIORS

Mike Young 258-672, Judith Guillory 258-584, Bobby Daugomah (9 pin) 290-854, Hazel Bunyea (9 pin) 239-683.

## WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

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"We started slow, but you can't ever give up," Bugg said. "This venue is so nice, and the hospitality has been great." The Emerald Division

features four-player teams with combined entering averages of 575-649.

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