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Texas State USBC Convention Honors Several Texans

By: Tony Franklin, Publisher
ABILENE, TX - It was a remarkable evening in Abilene last week as the Texas USBC Convention closed with its awards ceremony.

The 2017 Texas State USBC Service Award went to Sammie Ragland, Rowlett; Bowlers of the Year to Barbara Shaw, Scurry, TX and Gene Rivers, San Antonio; Proprietor of the Year Randy Ray, Spring, TX; Coach of the Year, Ed Calcote, Friendswood, TX; Hall of Honor, Megan Eaglehouse, Cibolo, TX, Veronica Prior, McKinney, Christian Lopez, Houston, and Parker Johnson, Schertz, TX.

The very deserving Hall of
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Luis Benavides
Texas State USBC Hall of Fame



Ellen Goss
Texas State USBC Hall of Fame



Chris Johnson
Texas State USBC Hall of Fame



Sammie Ragland
Texas State USBC Service Award

TJ Johnson Wins SASBA SS Singles in Denton

DENTON, TX - TJ Johnson went wire-to-wire at University Lanes in Denton, May 21.

He led the qualifying on Saturday and was still ahead by 23 pins after the Sunday morning qualifying block.

After 7 games of match play, Johnson led Joe Lecroy by 49 pins.

He won the match against Joe 249-194 to win the title and \$1,000 prize money.

This was TJ's 9th SASBA title.

Joe hung on for second place and \$800. Paul McCordic finished third for \$700, Randy Bennett took fourth and \$650 and new 60-year-old Daniel Adkins rounded out the top



TJ Johnson
five and collected \$600.
300's were bowled by Bill
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Zavjalova Collects Second Tiara at 2017 USBC Queens



USBC Queens Champion Diana Zavjalova

BATON ROUGE, La. - Latvia's Diana Zavjalova claimed her second United States Bowling Congress Queens title Tuesday, defeating USBC Hall of Famer Liz Johnson of Deerfield, Illinois, in the title match, 247-216.

Zavjalova, the 2013 Queens champion, is the 10th player to capture multiple wins at the event as she averaged more than 251 for her two games at the Raising Cane's River Center. The stepladder finals of

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Anthony Simonsen Wins PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open



Anthony Simonsen with Proprietors Jim and Margaret Grago

WILMINGTON, N.C. (May 29, 2017) - Texas two-hander Anthony Simonsen defeated top qualifier Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., 224-177, to win the Professional Bowlers Association's Xtra Frame Wilmington Open at Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center Monday.

Simonsen, now 20, claimed his third career title and first since becoming the youngest player in PBA history to win a major title when he won the 2016 USBC Masters at age 19.

"I figured out the difference between the two lanes,

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Here's a recently discussed premise from several weeks ago on Facebook, slightly expanding on a JPA topic from a few weeks ago. How technical should the analysis be when watching live streaming sports? In this case, the debate was whether or not analysis on PBA XtraFrame should be more techy or less techy. One post said yes, while another said no. The argument for less techy was that the information was far too advanced for the average bowler, thus, should not be used.

The point for more techy was since this is on XtraFrame, the audience is much more tech-oriented, thus, more than likely very thirsty for what is considered information only known or accessible by touring pros.

At last check, XF had over 6,000 subscribers. It would be safe to say many are also part of the 6,000 to 8,000 who use the WatchESPN app to view the prerecorded shows before they air on ESPN itself (drawing anywhere between 600,000 to 1 million). Those have been defined as the part of the hardcore viewership. Though many could also be said to be active participants (top ama-

teur, regional and tour competitors), that segment either may already know or be interested in the new techy information being discussed.

If you've listened closely to XF for the PBA50 match play and championship rounds this year, when the commentary gets more techy, you will likely hear a specific distance of move of feet and target, rather than mentioning a general big move left. You will also more than likely hear when the move will take place. Also included will be ball name, the current ball surface, pin location, and possibly its pin and mass bias layout.

As an example, a major advantage for PBA50 Brunswick ball rep Tom Carter, as a competitor that week, has described not only what he saw at a given point in transition, but saw what the pattern looked like before that particular point as well as after that particular point. The fun part is to tell viewers what will happen, when it will happen, and how either player in a stepladder match will react and adapt to it before it happens. Viewers will then get to watch it unfold as called. That in itself is the definition of color commentary.

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The techy angle is just another reason that separates live streaming from broadcast television. As we've covered in the August Troy Walker Media Column over the last four years, I've written about at great length, not only the differences, but the strengths and weaknesses of each.

The biggest handicap in live streaming bowling right now is what we do when the announcers take a break. What we have become accustomed to seeing in qualifying is that the camera is left on so all we see is the same viewpoint as bowlers bowl and pass in front of the lens. Breaks are usually ten to twenty minutes with the existing static view before an announcer returns.

This is where a noticeable difference occurs between the two. Broadcast television takes commercial breaks every twelve to twenty minutes, giving viewers a break in the action. A live stream may last hours at a time, often describing action from first ball to last.

Broadcast TV has many graphics to help make watching more inviting. Other than the bowler's name and hometown, you'll see the line score, fun

facts, raw stats of performance on each lane so far and then of course, what the bowler needs to win that match in the tenth frame. Those graphics are assembled ahead of time while the line score is updated in predetermined points in a match. I'll expand more on this as we get through the summer live streams.

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The latest case of great sideline reporting happened during last week's USBC Queens telecast on CBS Sports Net.

During the championship match, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard specifically mentioned the extra work eventual winner Diana Zavjalova put in during the tour off-season on her mental game, citing not only the bowling-oriented books, but also outside material from other sports.

Coming out of the commercial break after the match was over, take a wild guess what CDB's first question was? Yes sirree, what help was the extra work on the mental game. After Zavy first thanked her sponsors and USBC for hosting the tournament, she calmly answered the question. That is great sideline reporting.

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Has Major League Baseball kinda, sorta copied our C.A.T.S. system with MLB Statcast numbers, or not really? From a physics perspective, a little.

MLB has several different categories in their version of ball motion in what commentators are referring to as the Statcast era, starting in 2015. First, is ball exit velocity off the bat (a batted ball) measured for home run distance, and fastest pitches? Among the sub categories under home run distance are exit velocity, launch angle, and height. Under fastest pitches is included a spin rate reading, measuring the RPM rate.

What you may not remember is in the late 1980' on some of the LPBT and PWBA television finals in centers using the Brunswick BowlerVision scoring system, the down lane sensors at 15, 30, 45, and 60 feet measured not only what board the ball rolled over, but also its speed. Revolutionary at the time, BowlerVision confirmed what long-time observers already knew. The ball slowed down as it traveled down the lane, those slowing down at the right area and at the right pace seemed to strike all day long.

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the 2017 Queens aired on CBS Sports Network on Tuesday, May 23.

The 25-year-old right-hander started the title tilt with Johnson, also a two-time Queens champion, with five consecutive strikes, gaining the early advantage as Johnson opened in two of her first five frames.

After missing a 10 pin in the fifth frame, Johnson rolled four consecutive strikes to force Zavjalova to mark for the win. Zavjalova delivered a strike to seal the victory and \$20,000 top prize.

"I've bowled really well on TV in the past and really just wanted to have fun while I was out there," said Zavjalova, who claimed her second Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour title with the win. "I wanted to have fun no matter

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Nichols, David Williams, TJ Johnson and Tom Wolf. We had 2 women bowl. Bill Nichols left the lily! Bill Johnson and Avery Leblanc were spectating!

Thanks to Daniel Cruz and staff for hosting. The homemade salsa and tacos were great as usual!

Our next tournament is June 17-18 at Cityview Lanes in fort Worth for a 70/60/50/ Guest Foursome.

The new rules apply for this tournament....no two members with 10 or more title can bowl on the same team.

what, and I just happened to have amazing ball reaction and struck a lot. It definitely boosted my confidence getting out to a strong start, and I tried not to pay attention to anything but me."

Zavjalova consistently has been near the top of the standings each week since the PWBA Tour relaunched in

2015, including a win at the 2015 PWBA Minnesota Open.

However, that consistency did not translate into championship-round appearances for Zavjalova during the 2016 season, despite making match play 11 times, which tied for second overall.

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Start Date	League Name	Format / Description	League Practice Time
MONDAY			
June 5th	Monday Doubles	Any 2 members / Handicap	6:20pm
TUESDAY			
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
WEDNESDAY			
May 31st	Match Play Mixers	Any 4 members / Handicap	6:45pm
June 7th	No Tap	Any 4 members / Handicap	6:20pm
THURSDAY			
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
FRIDAY			
June 9th	Friday 4 Play	Any 4 members / Handicap	7:20pm
SATURDAY			
June 3rd	Youth Gold Scratch	Middle School / High School / Scratch	9am
June 3rd	Youth League	Youth age 3-20	9:00am
SUNDAY			
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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Josh Morgan, Hallmark Lanes	783
Randy Dotson, Red Bird Lanes	733
Noel Hatfield, Pin Center Bowl.....	728
Rick Lawrence, Ennis All Star Bowl.....	641

Women

Dana Miller-Mackie, Tenpins & More	761
Debby Oulicky, Plano Super Bowl	760
Lori Schultz, Mel's Lone Star Lanes	706
Sandi Charles, Killeen Bowlerama.....	703
Karin Ciesiolka, Hallmark Lanes	668
Lauren Cathey, Red Bird Lanes	618
Teresa Conn, Terrell Bowl.....	609
April Hopkins, Ennis All Star Bowl.....	597
Selena Murray, Pin Center Bowl	597
Tracy Brower, Cowtown Bowling Palace	549



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Minning Wins Super Senior Bracket at the USBC Senior Queens

By: Tony Franklin, Publisher
Lynn Minning of Austin, TX became the first winner of the new Super Senior Queens Bracket and earned \$500 for the effort.

The bracket is determined by the top eight non-qualifiers age 60 and over from the Senior Queens qualifying rounds.

Minning qualified 4th for the bracket and bowled her good friend Linda Andrews in the first match, and won 199-147.

"We hugged and had a good time," Lynn said.

"I have bowled the Senior Queens all but once since I became eligible at age 55... missing one year for an injury. They have since changed the age requirement to 50. This was the first year they implemented the Super Senior bracket and hopefully they will continue to do so," said Minning.

The lanes and ultimately the entire environment for the event was challenging for the ladies, with low scores being very prominent.

Picking up spares was certainly key and as Minning put it, there were no gimmies.

"I had no strategy other than trying to keep my feet underneath me, not stick and enjoy the opportunity," she said.

She bowled Judy Vogel in the next round and won, 162-149.

In the championship match she bowled another good friend Jennifer Nelson, and came out on top 170-154.

"There has never been a Super Senior bracket, so it's pretty cool that I was the first winner. Next year they are piggy-backing the Senior Queens with the National Golden Ladies tournament in Las Vegas hoping to get more



Lynn Minning

entries. That's two marathon tournaments in a week's time. It will be very taxing on the body...so this win is bitter sweet as it may be my last Senior Queens," Minning said.

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Zavjalova experienced a similar start to the 2017 season at the QubicaAMF Sonoma County Open, falling one spot short of making the championship round, finishing in fifth place.

She broke through the following week at the PWBA Storm Sacramento Open, earning the No. 3 seed for the stepladder finals. The finals of the Sacramento Open will air on CBS Sports Network on June 13 at 8 p.m. Eastern.

"It almost took a year to get over what happened last season," Zavjalova said. "I bowled so well but didn't make a single show. It was heart-breaking to start the season the same way, but I knew once I made a show and got the mon-

key off my back, I would make more and have the chance to get back in the winner's circle. Every single win is sweet and awesome and special in its own way, but this one is sweeter because of last season."

Zavjalova struck nine times in her semifinal win against Singapore's Cherie Tan, winning 256-179. Tan finished in third place.

Cherie Tan converted a 10 pin in the final frame of the second stepladder match to defeat teammate Jazreel Tan of Singapore, 214-203. Jazreel Tan held the early lead after striking on five of her first six offerings, but she left back-to-back splits in the seventh and eighth frames. Jazreel Tan finished fourth.

The opening match of the stepladder included a near-perfect performance from Cherie Tan as she started with

10 consecutive strikes on her way to 289-210 victory over Marissa Thomas of Louisville, Kentucky. Thomas, who made her Queens debut this year, finished fifth.

A total of 162 players bowled 15 games of qualifying over three days to determine the 63 players who joined defending champion Bernice Lim of Singapore in the double-elimination match-play bracket.

For more information on the USBC Queens, visit BOWL.com/Queens.

2017 USBC Queens At Raising Cane's River Center, Baton Rouge, La.

Tuesday's results
Final standings
1, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 503 (two games), \$20,000
2, Liz Johnson, Deerfield, Ill., 216 (one game), \$10,000
3, Cherie Tan, Singapore,

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		2017		Start Date		Meeting	
Time	League	# Per Team	Description/Details/Price	2017	Start Date	Meeting	
Monday							
6:00 PM	Monday Mixers	4	Mixed league...variety of averages - \$16 week		June 5th	Starts at 5:30 pm	
Tuesday							
10:00 AM	Just For Fun	3	Senior leaguers...2 games - \$4 week Non-Sanctioned		June 6th	Starts at 9:30 am	
1:00 PM	Rolling Rocks	3	Seniors... at least 55 years old - \$7.25 week		June 6th	Starts at 12:30 pm	
6:30 PM	Adventurers	4	Mixed league...Fun league - beginners welcome - \$15 week		June 6th	Starts at 6:00 pm	
Wednesday							
6:30 PM	Wednesday Mixers	4	Mixed league...variety of averages - \$16 week. 6:20 practice. 6:30 league play.		June 7th	Starts at 5:30 pm	
Thursday							
12:00pm	Young At Heart	4	Mixed Senior league...3 games		June 8th	Starts at 11:30 am	
6:00 PM	Thursday Funfours	4	Mixed league...variety of averages - \$16 week		June 8th	Starts at 5:30 pm	
Friday							
10:00 AM	Senior No Tap		Senior drop-in league...nine pin no tap - \$6 week		June 9th	Arrive at 9:45 am Meet	
10:00 AM	9-Pin No Tap		Senior League. \$6 week		June 9th	Arrive at 9:45 am Meet	
Saturday							
10:00 AM	Youth League	2 to 3	Ages 5 up to 18. See Youth Registration Form At Front Counter For More Details.		June 3rd	Arrive at 9:45 am Meet	
Sunday							
6:30 PM	Sunday Mixers	4	Mixed league... Fun & Great for beginners up to experienced levels.		June 4th	Arrive at 5:30 pm Meet	
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Jan 28-29, 2017	Mixed Doubles - \$3k added	AMF Eulless
Feb 11-12, 2017	Youth City - \$3k added	TBD
Feb 18-19 / 25-26	Ladies City - \$5k added	Watauga
Apr 1-2/Apr 8-9	City Open Championship - \$10k added	Cityview
April 30, 2017	Youth/Adult Doubles - \$2k added	Sparetime
April 11-18, 2017	Senior - \$1k added	Mail-O-Graphic
July 8-9, 2017	After the Fire Works - Mixed Trios - \$2k added	Forum Bowl

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Texas State USBC Tournaments hosted by NCTUSBC

Date	Tournament Detail	Location
Oct 8 - Nov 13	Mixed Tournament	Forum
Jan 28-29	Senior Masters & Queens	Forum
Feb 25-26	Masters & Bluebonnet Queens	Forum
Apr 22 - June 25	Women's Tournament	Forum
Jul 15 - 29*	Senior Tournament	Cityview

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Lucy Sandelin Wins Third Senior Queens Title

BATON ROUGE, La. – United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Lucy Sandelin of Tampa, Florida, won the 2017 USBC Senior Queens on Friday to become the third bowler in history to claim the coveted tiara for a third time.

The 60-year-old right-hander defeated fellow hall of famer Anne Marie Duggan of Edmond, Oklahoma, in the championship match at Circle Bowl, 193-179, to collect the top prize of \$6,000.

With the win, Sandelin matches fellow USBC Hall of Famers Robin Romeo and Sandra Postma as the only three-time winners at the event. Sandelin's previous wins came in 2007 and 2013.

Sandelin grabbed the early lead in the title match as Duggan, the 2012 Senior Queens champion, opened in the second and third frames. Sandelin locked up the win with a strike to start her final frame.

The 10-time Team USA member has been putting in the time on and off the lanes in preparation of another run at the title, and Sandelin established herself as the player to beat during qualifying, leading the 59-player field through 15 games at Circle Bowl.

Sandelin cruised to a 5-0 record in match play on her way to earning the top seed for



USBC Senior Queens Champion Lucy Sandelin

Friday's stepladder, averaging more than 211 in her wins. As the top seed, Sandelin would have had to be beaten twice in the true double-elimination format.

"I have been preparing for this event for nearly a year," Sandelin said. "I started a fitness program last July and have been working with a personal trainer the last two months to get in shape to win this tiara. I wanted another one, and if you take care of yourself, good things can happen. I love this sport, love to bowl and love to compete. I was motivated to win, and it's crazy that it actually happened."

Sandelin also defeated Duggan, also a Professional Women's Bowling Association Hall of Famer, in the final of

the winners bracket to secure the top seed, 585-527.

Duggan advanced to the title match by defeating Kristy Whitcher of Belfair, Washington, in the semifinal, 233-208. Whitcher finished in third place.

Whitcher collected a win against Panama's Edissa Andrade a match earlier, 225-194. Andrade finished in fourth place.

In the opening game of the stepladder, Andrade knocked off Romeo, the three-time defending Senior Queens champion, in a roll-off after they tied at 194. After matching each other's efforts in the first two attempts, Andrade edged Romeo in the third round, 7-6.

Romeo, who finished fifth, was looking to become the first player to win four Senior Queens titles.

A four-player shootout round determined the No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5 seeds for the stepladder, and Whitcher finished strong to earn the third seed with a 631 three-game total.

Romeo secured her fourth consecutive stepladder appearance with a 592 series to earn the fourth seed, and Andrade posted 559 for the fifth spot. Cheryl Keslar of Tonganoxie, Kansas, finished sixth with a 491 total.

All competitors at the 2017 Senior Queens bowled 15 games of qualifying over two days to determine the 31 players who joined Romeo in the double-elimination match-play bracket. Match play consisted of three-game matches, with total pinfall determining who advanced.

For more information on the USBC Senior Queens, visit BOWL.com/SeniorQueens.

2017 USBC Senior Queens At Circle Bowl, Baton Rouge, La.

Thursday's and Friday's results

QUALIFYING (15-game totals)

1, Lucy Sandelin (a), Tampa, Fla., 3,033. 2, Robin Romeo (a), Newhall, Calif., 2,982. 3, Regina Aboud (a), San Jose, Calif., 2,923. 4, Kristy Whitcher, Belfair, Wash., 2,871. 5, Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs,

Colo., 2,846. 6, Debbie Ayers, La Mesa, Calif., 2,845.

7, Anne Marie Duggan, Edmond, Okla., 2,804. 8, Sharon Powers (a), Lakewood, Colo., 2,799. 9, Beth Owen Ciplewski, Bradenton, Fla., 2,793. 10, Carol Teel (a), The Villages, Fla., 2,788. 11, Char Hammel, Las Vegas, 2,774. 12, Penny Fentiman, Sweet Home, Ore., 2,767.

13, Karen Barcal (a), Albuquerque, N.M., 2,757. 14, Cheryl Keslar (a), Tonganoxie, Kan., 2,756. 15, Paula Vidad, Sun City, Calif., 2,734. 16, Melody Felton (a), Colfax, Iowa, 2,729. 17, Mandy Wilson (a), Dayton, Ohio, 2,720. 18, Christina Niles, Florence, Ariz., 2,717.

19, MeiLing Billingsley, Lee's Summit, Mo., 2,715. 20, June Shimoda, Fresno, Calif., 2,695. 21, Edissa Andrade (a), Panama, 2,670. 22, Yolanda Garrett (a), The Colony, Texas, 2,653. 23, Nereyda Mock, Panama, 2,647. 24, Rosanne Costanzo (a), San Diego, 2,646.

25, Ann Sperling, Byram Township, N.J., 2,642. 26, Pam Lawrence (a), Pflugerville, Texas, 2,634. 27, Dawn Leonard (a), Virginia Beach, Va., 2,626. 28, Lizzette Abood (a), Panama, 2,625. 29, Cyndee Sutherland, San Jose, Calif., 2,624. 30, Judith Leroux (a), Meraux, La., 2,623.

31, Inger Bortolazzo (a), Santa Barbara, Calif., 2,598. 32, Susan Condeff, Fremont, Calif., 2,592.

ROUND 5 – WINNERS BRACKET

(Winner earns No. 1 seed for stepladder; loser is No. 2 seed)

Sandelin def. Duggan, 585-527

ROUND 6 – ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Losers eliminated, earn \$850)

Whitcher def. Sperling, 565-527

Romeo def. Hammel, 582-575

ROUND 7 – ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Three highest scores advance to stepladder, high score is No. 3 seed, second high is No. 4, third high is No. 5, lowest score is eliminated, earns \$950).

Whitcher 631, Romeo 592, Andrade 559, Keslar, 491

Final standings
1, Lucy Sandelin, Tampa, Fla., 193 (one game), \$6,000

2, Anne Marie Duggan, Edmond, Okla., 412 (two games), \$5,000

3, Kristy Whitcher, Belfair, Wash., 433 (two games), \$4,000

4, Edissa Andrade, Panama, 388 (two games), \$3,000

5, Robin Romeo, Newhall, Calif., 194 (one game), \$2,000

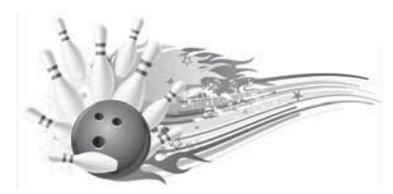
Stepladder results

Match One – Andrade def. Romeo, 194-194 (Andrade wins roll-off 6-6, 10-10, 7-6)

Match Two – Whitcher def. Andrade, 225-194

Semifinal – Duggan def. Whitcher, 233-208

Championship – Sandelin def. Duggan, 193-179



Strikz 2017 Summer Leagues

Day of Week	League Name	Start Date	End Date	Time
Monday	Monday Mixers (4 Person Mix)	June 5th	Aug 28th	6:30pm
Tuesday	Tuesday Trio (3 Person Mix)	June 6th	Aug 29th	6:30pm
Wednesday	Lousy Bowlers (4 Person Mix)	June 7th	Aug 30th	6:30pm
Thursday	Beginner League (2 Person Mix)	June 8th	Aug 31st	7:00pm
Saturday	Youth League	June 11th	Aug 26th	8:45am

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Tuesday on CBS Sports Network: Eight PBA Stars Begin Competition in Inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals

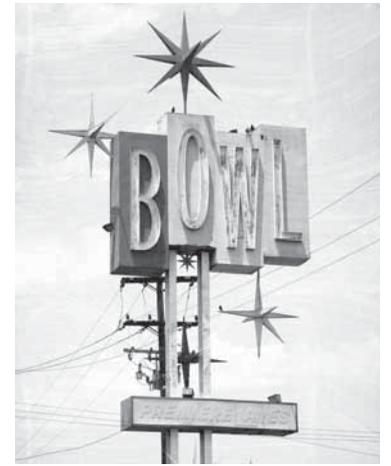
ORLANDO, Fla. – The Professional Bowlers Association's eight leading players in combined earnings over a span of the past 30 months will begin competition in a new event that will become an annual PBA tradition. CBS Sports Network will air the complete Main Event PBA Tour Finals from Main Event-Orlando on five consecutive Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m. EDT, beginning Tuesday.

The unique competition, which will feature the eight PBA superstars in a unique format, begins with two rounds of head-to-head match play. In the PBA Tour Finals, the eight PBA stars are assigned to two four-man pods for four matches, each including 50 bonus pins for a match win. The four-player pods include Australia's Jason Belmonte, Sweden's Jesper Svensson,

Texan Anthony Simonsen and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., in Group One, and reigning PB A Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind.; Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.; Dom Barrett of England, and Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., in Group Two.

Round One matches Tuesday will include Rash vs. Belmonte, Svensson vs. Simonsen, Jones vs. Tackett and Barrett vs.

re-broadcast. Check your local listings for times and dates.



Round Three and position round matches within each group will be shown on the June 6 telecast. The June 13 and June 20 telecasts will feature stepladder finals within each group to determine the finalists for the June 26 finale. At stake is a \$30,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title for the winner.

Each of the CBS Sports Network telecasts will be

At Plano Super Bowl

Cook fires 804, Oulicky posts 760

Greene 802, Pritts 300/801, Burns, Carroll (2), Groom, Johnson, McGraw, Pritts 300's

Dave Cook led the scoring parade for the week at Plano Super Bowl with a powerful 258-268-278 = 804 Pepsi Classic series.

Jon Greene, Thursday Classic, and Ted Pritts, Monday Classic Trio followed close behind Cook with award-winning 278/802 and 300/801 series respectively.

Debby Oulicky posted a sparkling 248-269-243 = 760 Texins Mixed Classic set to lead the ladies.

T J Burns, Michael Carroll, Chris Groom, Chris Johnson, Robert McGraw and Ted Pritts shared high-game honors with

award-winning 12-baggers.

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William Hernandez 268-679, Heather Claus 237-698, Glenn Funderburk 263-679, Darrell Harrison (4 games) 234-804, Christi Nedved 267-697, James Sparlin 278-785, Christine Bricker 279-727.

John Precourt, Sr. 752, John Precourt, Sr. 258-780, Ansel Goldgar 265-705, Karleen Reynolds 224-611, Jeremy Bostock 262-755, Sean Lavery-Spahr (4 games) 279-1029, Julie Locke (4 games) 268-940.

Kiyoko McDonald 265-725, Chris Davis 252-732, Debbie Lambert 206-593.

ZAVJALOVA

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682 (three games), \$6,500
4, Jazreel Tan, Singapore, 203 (one game), \$5,000
5, Marissa Thomas, Louisville, Ky., 210 (one game), \$4,000

Stepladder results
Match One – C. Tan def. Thomas, 289-210

Match Two – C. Tan def. J. Tan, 214-203

Semifinal – Zavjalova def. C. Tan, 256-179

Championship – Zavjalova def. Johnson, 247-216

SIMONSEN

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and that was my advantage," Simonsen said. "When it's your day, it's your day. I've been getting frustrated making TV shows and not winning, but you have to keep opening the door."

Simonsen and Page both ran into early trouble in the title match, leaving four-count splits which neither converted. But Simonsen followed his third-frame split with a string of five strikes to take command of the match while Page struggled to carry strikes. A second unconverted split in the eighth frame ended Page's hope for his first singles title since early in 2009.

In a semifinal match duel between two of the PBA's bright young stars, Simonsen ended EJ Tackett's bid for an eighth career title, and fourth in PBA Xtra Frame events, 258-223. Simonsen struck on eight of his first nine shots, but the 24-year-old Tackett was right behind until back-to-back solid 10 pins in the eighth and ninth frames ended his rally.

In the opening match of the four-player stepladder, Tackett left the 3-4-10 split and opened in the first frame, but responded with a string of five strikes. Jason Sterner of Rockledge, Fla., struck on his first shot, but left splits and

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Live Stream Schedule



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PBA XtraFrame The Bowling Channel (Subscription available at pba.com and xtraframe.tv.)

- PBA50 Northern California Classic pres. by MOTIV, Brentwood, CA - Qualifying - Rd. 1 A Squad
Monday May 29 10:50 AM
- PBA50 Northern California Classic pres. by MOTIV, Brentwood, CA - Qualifying - Rd. 1 B Squad
Monday May 29 3:20 PM
- PBA50 Northern California Classic pres. by MOTIV, Brentwood, CA - Qualifying - Rd. 2 B Squad
Tuesday May 30 9:50 AM
- PBA50 Northern California Classic pres. by MOTIV, Brentwood, CA - Qualifying - Rd. 2 A Squad
Tuesday May 30 3:20 PM
- PBA50 Northern California Classic pres. by MOTIV, Brentwood, CA - Qualifying Cashers Rd.
Wednesday May 31 9:50 AM
- PBA50 Northern California Classic pres. by MOTIV, Brentwood, CA - Match Play Rd. 1
Wednesday May 31 1:20 PM
- PBA50 Northern California Classic pres. by MOTIV, Brentwood, CA - Match Play Rd. 2
Wednesday May 31 4:20 PM
- PBA50 Northern California Classic pres. by MOTIV, Brentwood, CA - Stepladder Finals
Wednesday May 31 8:20 PM
- PWBA Wichita Open, Wichita, KS - Qualifying Rd. 1
Friday June 2 11:50 AM
- PWBA Wichita Open, Wichita, KS - Qualifying Rd. 2
Friday June 2 5:50 PM
- PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro, AR - Qualifying - A Squad
Saturday June 3 7:50 AM
- PWBA Wichita Open, Wichita, KS - Qualifying Cashers Rd.
Saturday June 3 8:20 AM
- PWBA Wichita Open, Wichita, KS - Match Play
Saturday June 3 12:50 PM
- PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro, AR - Qualifying - B Squad
Saturday June 3 2:20 PM
- PWBA Wichita Open, Wichita, KS - Group Stepladder Finals
Saturday June 3 4:50 PM
- PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro, AR - Qualifying - Cashers Rd.
Sunday June 4 8:20 AM
- PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro, AR - Match Play
Sunday June 4 11:50 AM
- PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro, AR - Stepladder Finals
Sunday June 4 3:30 PM
- Pepsi PWBA Lincoln Open, Lincoln, NE - Qualifying Rd. 1
Friday June 9 11:50 AM
- Pepsi PWBA Lincoln Open, Lincoln, NE - Qualifying Rd. 2
Friday June 9 5:50 PM
- Pepsi PWBA Lincoln Open, Lincoln, NE - Qualifying Cashers Rd.
Saturday June 10 8:20 AM
- PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open, Lubbock, TX - Qualifying - A Squad
Saturday June 10 8:20 AM
- Pepsi PWBA Lincoln Open, Lincoln, NE - Match Play
Saturday June 10 12:50 PM
- PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open, Lubbock, TX - Qualifying - B Squad
Saturday June 10 3:20 PM
- Pepsi PWBA Lincoln Open, Lincoln, NE - Group Stepladder Finals
Saturday June 10 4:50 PM
- PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open, Lubbock, TX - Qualifying Cashers Rd.
Sunday June 11 8:20 AM
- PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open, Lubbock, TX - Match Play
Sunday June 11 12:05 PM
- PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open, Lubbock, TX - Group Stepladder Finals
Sunday June 11 4:00 PM

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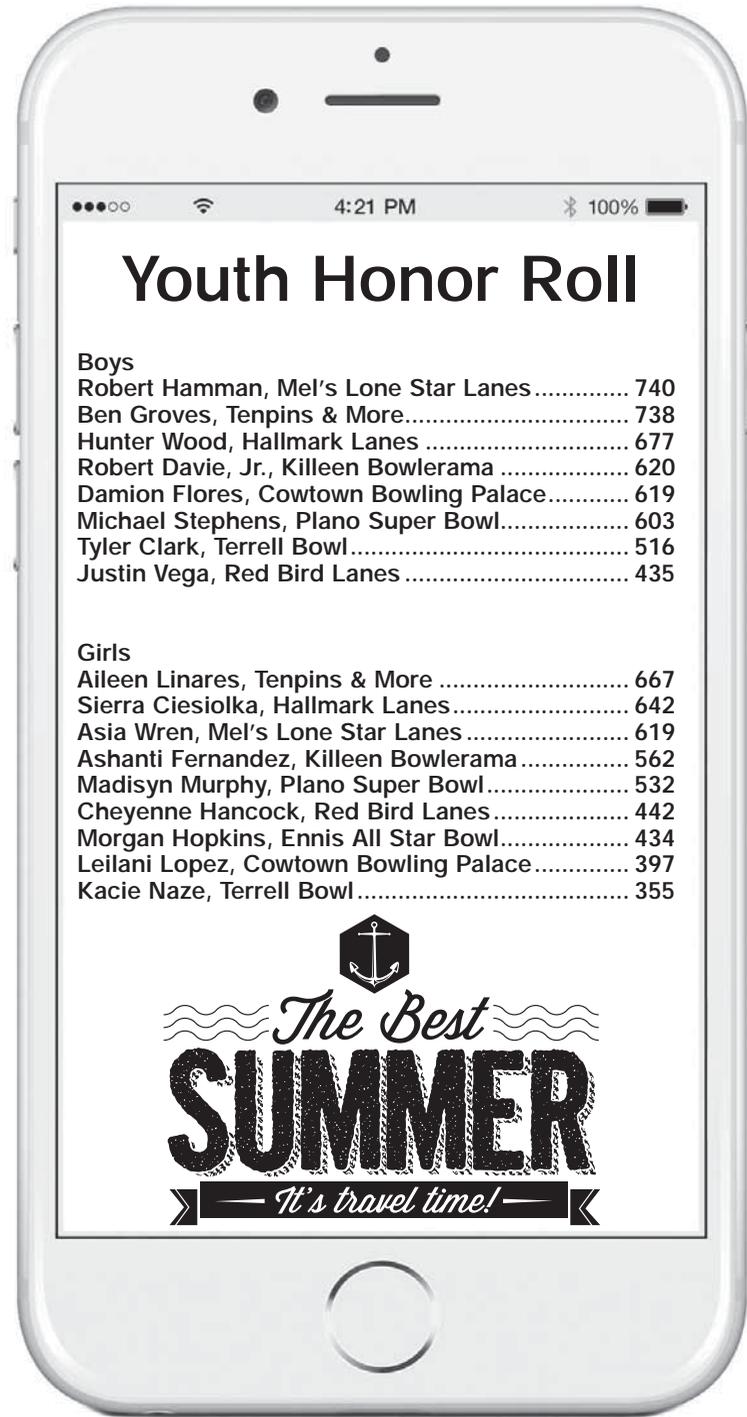
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opened in two of the next three frames to dig a hole he couldn't escape. Tackett won handily, 242-199.

Next up on the PBA Xtra Frame Tour is the third tournament in the seven-event Xtra Frame Storm Cup points series, the Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open at Jonesboro Bowling Center in Jonesboro, Ark., next Saturday and Sunday. Both days of competition will be live streamed on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For Xtra Frame subscription information, visit xtraframe.tv.

PBA XTRA FRAME WILMINGTON OPEN

Ten Pin Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C., Monday
Final Standings:

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Fort Worth USBC Youth Results

Damion Flores led the Fort Worth-area USBC youth bowling last week with a hefty 181-237-201 = 619 Generation Gap series at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

Leilani Lopez, Flores' league mate, paced the girls with a fine 158-136-103 = 397 set.

At Cowtown Bowling Palace – Max Brown 197, Jacob Boone 184.

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, \$10,000.
 - 2, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., \$5,500.
 - 3, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$3,000.
 - 4, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., \$2,500.
- Stepladder Results:
Match One: Tackett def. Sterner, 242-199.
Semifinal Match: Simonsen def. Tackett, 258-223.
Championship: Simonsen def. Page, 224-177.
Final Match Play Standings (after 24 games, including

- match play bonus pins):
- 1, Page, 10-2, 5,898.
 - 2, Simonsen, 8-4, 5,811.
 - 3, Tackett, 8-4, 5,799.
 - 4, Sterner, 8-4, 5,732.
 - 5, Dom Barrett, England, 8-4, 5,665, \$1,800.
 - 6, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 6-6, 5,602, \$1,500.
 - 7, Tom Daugherty, River-view, Fla., 4-7-1, 5,407, \$1,300.
 - 8, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 6-5-1, 5,381, \$1,250.
 - 9, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5-7, 5,361, \$1,200.
 - 10, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 5-7, 5,328, \$1,175.

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Dallas USBC Youth Scores

Michael Stephens headed the Dallas-area USBC youth bowling last week with a booming 257-165-181 = 603 Showstoppers series at Plano Super Bowl.

Madisyn Murphy led the girls with a sparkling 139-216-177 = 532 Sunday Youth/Adult set at Plano Super Bowl.

At Ennis All Star Bowl – Morgan Hopkins 151-434, Torrie Casella 123-345.

At Plano Super Bowl – Zack Was-

sam 150-400, James Johnson 173-435, Bre Reedy 83-234, Joshua Pillado 202-514, Tyler Grinstead 154-422, April Kitch 168-479, Luke Henke 162-449, Ato Barlow II 132-377, Reece Klapper 223-594, Aidan Hudson 180-493, Kristin Wood 155-426, Spencer Brandon 235-547, Daimone Lewis 192-479, Matthew Baum 212-562, Lauren Bate 167-472, Ike Hulse (2 games) 91-176.

At Red Bird Lanes – Justin Vega 154-435, Cheyenne Hancock 166-442, Maggie Thompson 112-325.

Southwest-Area USBC Youth Scores

Robert Hamman led the Southwest-area USBC youth bowling last month with a super solid 252-276-212 = 740 Mel's Stars and Pros series at Mel's Lone Star Lanes.

Aileen Linares paced the girls with an impressive 278/667 High School Spring set at Tenpins & More.

At Hallmark Lanes, Killeen – Hunter Wood 254-657, Kaelyn Sateren 162, Jessica Bearden 386, Malachi Smith 118, Markel Allgood 308, Hailee Duerre 73-191, Michael Gredler 227-671, Ali Martinez 217, Sierra Ciesiolka 581, Mark Styles 186-512, Sierra Ciesiolka 221-578, Hunter Wood 253-677, Shon Vaughn 129, Jessica Bearden 363, Malachi Smith 99-240, Hailee Duerre 82-224, Jason LeValley 243, James Schirripa 616, Ashanti Fernandez

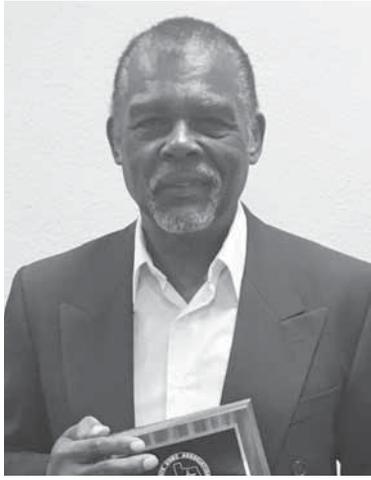
236-573, Michael Gredler 170, Mark Styles 465, Deanna Hopkins 198, Sierra Ciesiolka 526, Hunter Wood 201-541, Wendy Dillon 168-432, Markel Allgood 146-356, Saniya Neely 97-239, Michael Dixon-Dates 235, Michael Gredler 639, Ali Martinez 256, Sierra Ciesiolka 642, James Schirripa 183 Mark Styles 498, Deanna Hopkins 178-486, Cody Layne 207-555, Kaelyn Sateren 158-389, Ke Pearson 117-295, Hailee Duerre 82-218, Hunter Wood 247, James Schirripa 672, Sierra Ciesiolka 237-609, Jason LeValley 197, Mark Styles 509, Sierra Ciesiolka 184, Deanna Hopkins 537.

At Killeen Bowlerama, Killeen, TX – Robert Davie, Jr. 226-620, Zach Bennight 234-600, Ashley Vanecek 207-542, Britney Bennight 189-534, Brandon Bennight 191-516, Alyssa Smith 196-494, Ashanti Fernandez 205-562.

At Mel's Lone Star Lanes, Georgetown, TX – Bryan Palmer 231-626, Asia Wren 225-619, Jacob Lesifko 160-444, Lauren Baltodano 144-393, Amanda Knight 183-480, Max Hunter 107-200, Bella Calabresi 79-155.

At Tenpins & More, Rio Rancho, NM – Jon Walden 216-555, Carley Haught 167-492, Jacob Marquis 225-605, Bailey Dodson 223-619, Ben Groves 279-738, Jacob Marquis 250-684, Kallista Fritts 248-625.

At Terrell Bowl, Terrell – Daniel Green 120-322, Kacie Naze 123-355, Johnny Wynne 149-349, Connor Harwell 116-263, Tyler Clark 199-516, Cody Coleman 141-379, Jackson Jarolimek 151-384, Todd Johnson 146-400, Logan Seamans 165-464, Hunter Maze 146-339, Michael Howell 154-377, Jonathan Barger 176-432, Caden Witt 196-522.



Gene Rivers
TSUSBC Male Bowler of the Year

he has two PBA Regional titles, multiple and I mean multiple SW area team, doubles, and singles titles, finished in the top ten in both team and all-events at the USBC Open Championship tournament in 2004, and made four ESPN shows in his career.

"It was awesome, I thought I would talk for five minutes, and it felt like five minutes, and they told me it was 25 minutes, I could not believe I did that. It was good to have my parents there, my brother and my close friends," said Johnson.

A singular theme from all of the award winners on the evening was how exciting and well put together the day was.

"The event was so well run, it was great to hear Ellen and Luis, and the youngsters handled everything in a very classy way, they impressed me," he added.

"To be listed among the others on the list, it's crazy, and then I'm there. It still feels weird to me, but I am very appreciative of it. When you get older you think maybe one day, but it happened and being the youngest in there is really cool," said Johnson.

Ellen Goss of Garland started bowling in 1960 in Clinton, OK. As a single parent, Ellen soon found that her kids loved bowling as much as she did and it became the family sport. Her three boys have each bowled perfect games and her daughter has a high game of 289, so you can see that the bowling genes are very strong in this family.

"Since 1960, I have only missed one fall season, it's a way of life, something I truly enjoy and something my kids and I could do together," said Goss.

Even though Goss still bowls in five leagues a week, the scores and highlights from

her bowling is not what has defined her impact to the game. She became a Dallas Women's Bowling Association Director in 1989, was elected President in 2000 and served for 15 years. She was an active member of the Dallas TCBA and President for 22 years.

She is the very definition of what it means to give back and help grow the game you love.

"Getting the Dallas Men's and Women's Bowling Associations to merge, that is what I am most proud of and my best bowling accomplishment," she added.

As you can imagine, being inducted into the Hall of Fame is a tremendous honor and one that can often leave you speechless, but for Ellen, it was a moment that gave her a chance to be thankful and reflective.

"I was so excited and so nervous but so happy for it all. I thought this is not really true and not really happening. I love bowling, but it was my contribution, and something I have enjoyed for over 50 years, and it's a way of life. It felt really good to have my kids there because they allowed me to bowl all these years. To go in with CJ and Luis, it just felt perfect, it was family," she said.

Luis Benavides, Plano, is a lifetime contributor to the bowling industry and continues to make himself available to anyone that wants to further themselves in this sport. Like most, he grew up in the bowling community as a bowler at age six, started pin-chasing at 15, and ultimately grew to manage many centers.

Those experiences led him to his greatest job, as a high school coach and leader in the USBC Bowlers Ed program. He has been with Bowlers Ed for 19 years.

Four years ago, Benavides started a middle school bowling program in Plano that has grown each year under his watch.

He received some great coaching and mentoring along the way, "I worked on and off for Jamie Brooks my entire career. I started working for Jamie when I was 15, and he empowered me to do the little things. I was able to give away bowling on Saturday mornings because he believed in the reason why. Hanging out with a guy like Jamie Brooks was the difference," said Benavides.

The phone call informing Luis that he was being inducted was the best part of all. "I thought I was being punked, I had no idea. Jamie told me that he nominated me but that was a while back. Shocked and surprised is the best way I can describe it," he said.

For Benavides and the rest of the Hall of Fame inductees it was a perfect evening put on by the Texas State USBC. For the three being inducted, all from the DFW area, well it was also perfect, "I was so proud to get inducted with Ellen and CJ, a great group from North Texas," he added.

2017 PBA50 Tour Western Swing Begins With Northern California Classic May 28-31

BRENTWOOD, Calif. -- After a one-week break, the PBA50 Tour heads west for the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV May 28-31 at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood, Calif.

The sixth stop of the season will be covered live from start to finish on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame.

As the PBA50 Tour season reaches the halfway mark, Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., tops the PBA50 Player of the Year race with the help of his two wins which came in the Pasco County Florida Open and Johnny Petraglia BVL Open. He is the season's only multiple winner.

LeClair holds a commanding lead over last week's PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship winner Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan., in second. Goebel, who was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in February of this year, won his first PBA50 Tour title in the season's first major by defeating Parker Bohn III, 264-230, in the title match.

In last season's Northern California Classic, Noel Vazquez of Sacramento, Calif., won his first PBA50 Tour title by beating reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Pete Weber, 255-224, in the title match.

Following the Northern

California Classic, the PBA50 Tour heads to Las Vegas for the USBC Super Senior Classic (for players 60 and over) June 1-4; USBC Senior Masters, June 4-11, both at Sam's Town, and the Suncoast Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm at the Suncoast Bowling Center June 11-16.

In addition to Player of the Year honors, the players who compete on PBA's tour for players 50 and over are battling to become one of the top eight players from the points list to advance to the PBA50 segment of the PBA Challenge which will be held in conjunction with the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX set for Nov. 7-19 in Reno, Nev.

Northern California Classic competition begins with the first of two eight-game qualifying rounds on Monday, May 29 at 8 a.m. PT to be followed by the second round on Tuesday, May 30. After a cashers round on Wednesday, May 31, the top 24 players will advance to match play which will determine the top five for the stepladder finals schedule for 6:30 p.m.

The practice session is scheduled from 9 a.m. - Noon on Sunday, May 28 with pro-am squads scheduled for 1, 3 and 7 p.m.

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Barbara Shaw
TSUSBC Female Bowler of the Year

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Fame inductees are all from North Texas and from what I can tell, all had magical evening.

Chris Johnson, McKinney, at the age of 39, became the youngest to be inducted in the Texas USBC Hall of Fame.

Johnson has a long list of superior bowling accomplishments, among them he was the 2004 PBA Rookie of the Year,

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The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame Kicks Off Annual Membership Program

More Benefits Offered to Members

The 2017 membership program is enhanced from 2016 to include more member benefits and value, including an annual Collector's Bowling Pin celebrating this year's current PBA/USBC and BPAA Hall of Fame Inductees. The five levels of membership offered by the IBMHF has made donating simple and more affordable to a broader range of people and organizations.

"Fundraising efforts like our Membership Program allows The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame to continue its endeavors to collect, preserve and showcase the rich history of our sport," said Lori Mraz, Membership Chairperson and IBMHF secretary. "We want to make the sport's history more accessible and continue to tell bowling's story."

The Sustaining Membership Program is broken down to Individual, Professional, Bronze, Gold and Platinum membership levels. Membership starts as low as \$29 per year and may be tax deductible.

"Donations through the program help the IBMHF acquire and preserve collections that bring bowling to life," said Mraz. "Each piece tells a story and with your help, those stories will be told."

A major effort that IBMHF is focusing on is the Frame-4Frame Project. Over 500,000 feet of film is waiting to be converted to digital format. The project is proving to be an expensive one that will take years to complete.

"The undertaking is one of the largest since the Museum moved to Texas," said Tracy Ebarb, Business Development Director for IBMHF. "The conversion of the film to digital

formal is going to cost approximately \$130,000 because we have years and years of film."

Additionally, IBMHF invests considerable resources in updating its museums, which includes the National Bowling Stadium (NBS) Satellite location. The IBMHF satellite museum is open for public viewing during regular NBS hours.

For additional information on the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame and its Sustaining Membership Program, visit www.bowling-museum.com.

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PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC PRESENTED BY MOTIV SCHEDULE

Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif. (all times Pacific)
Sunday, May 28

9 a.m. - Noon - Practice session

Pro-am squads - 1, 3, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 29
8 a.m. - A squad qualifying (8 games)

1:30 p.m. - B squad qualifying (8 games)

Tuesday, May 30
8 a.m. - B squad qualifying (8 games)

1:30 p.m. - A squad qualifying (8 games)

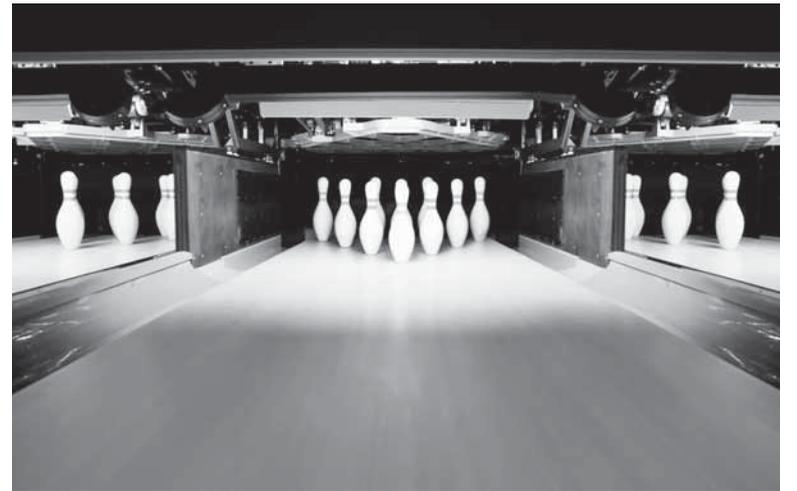
Wednesday, May 31
8 a.m. - Cashers Round

11:30 a.m. - Match play round 1 (five games)

2:30 p.m. - Match play round 2 (six games)

Top five advance to stepladder finals

6:30 p.m. - Stepladder finals



At Red Bird Lanes

Dotson jams 733, Cathey bags 618

Randy Dotson claimed high-series honors last week at Red Bird Lanes with power-packed 221-258-254 = 733 numbers in Sunday Night Mixed league play.

Lauren Cathey led the ladies with a free-wheeling 204-183-231 = 618 Career Girls set.

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Lesley Speaks 199-560, Chance Cathey 248-698, Tyree Jennings 241-656, Chris Sosebee (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 300-1034, Lauren Cathey (9

pin, no tap, 4 games) 300-1049, Janie McClain 199-475.

Mary Edgett 193-494, Brent Rodgers 278-7155, Deanna Hoffman 184-519, Brian Riddle 258-697, Shannon Monk 263-606, Leroy Willis, Sr. 246-661, Judy Dillabough 196-528, Brian Riddle 250-686.

Angela Davis-White 186-490, Ted Sutton 256-606, Andrea Calloway 201-508, Vernon Lincinn 215-573, Jeanette Manzano 212-518, Lisa Powell 204-557.

At Ennis All Star Bowl

Lawrence decks 641

Rick Lawrence won high-set honors last week at Ennis All Star Bowl by polishing off robust 267-191-183 = 641 numbers in Ennis Mixed Classic action.

April Hopkins, Lawrence's league mate, posted a fine 197-188-212 = 597 set to lead the lady bowlers.

HONOR ROLL

Randy Childress (9 pin, no tap) 263-880, April Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 168-597, Brian Butler (9 pin, no tap) 266-849, Tice Hopkins (9 pin, no tap) 220-753, Billy Cathey 231-619, Lauren Cathey 220-581, Darren Antle 258-609, Cyndy McKenrick 182-525.

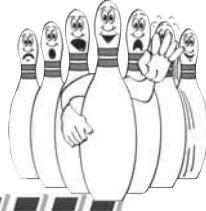


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#USBCOpen Spotlight - Volume 7



Barb Spigner

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

In this edition, we heard from a young lady who didn't even throw a ball at this year's USBC Open Championships, so many might wonder how she landed in the spotlight.

The idea recently came when we welcomed a steady

wave of milestone bowlers to the South Point Bowling Plaza, and most were joined by their wives, were escorted to the lanes by their wives or family members or they simply were surrounded by friends and family as they celebrated their respective participation milestones.

Each mentioned the great family support and encouragement needed to continue a journey that spans five or more decades, and many of the bowlers' wives and children have been by their sides for the majority of their tournament appearances.

In this instance, we hope you will enjoy hearing about the supportive partner behind the man on the lanes.

Though it's significantly outdated and far from politically correct nowadays, there's a once-prominent adage - "Behind every great man is a great woman" - that still accurately describes this couple and their visit to the 2017 Open Championships, where Barb Spigner of Vernon Hills, Illinois, actually was behind her husband and his lanes as he celebrated 50 years of Open Championships participation May 21.

Please welcome into the #USBCOPEN Spotlight, Barb Spigner, the wife of USBC Hall of Famer and USBC Gold coach Bill Spigner.

Barb and Bill were married on Sept. 6, 1980, and they have two sons, Robert and James.

The Spigner family has been involved in the bowling industry for many years, from running their bowling center (Hawthorn Lanes) to Bill coaching the Vernon Hills High School bowling team to

Cortes 267, Josh Mittl 263-742, Blane Adkins 279.

Mike Larsen 279, Greg Schotanus 279, Big Red Herman 259-676, Tracy Brower 203-549, Cody Franks 246, Nancy John 203, Michael Williams 238, Billy Gann 247-633, Wayne Heppel 245. Mitch Laymance 243, Pete Brown 226-556.

SENIORS

Bill Noah 242, Ima Moreland 212, James LeCroy 235, Jim Pile 234, Les Messinger, Jr. 221-646.

At Cowtown Bowling Palace

Prange masters 809

David Prange won the highest contest at Cowtown Bowling Palace as he tossed top-268-2662-279 = 809 numbers in the Ft. Worth Classic Trio league action.

Tracy Brower topped the ladies with an exceptional 203-153-193 = 549 Just For Fun set.

HONOR ROLL

Maury Newman 267-725, Ross DiCapo 250, Pat Currie 247, Ryan Boroff 278, Catie Jensen 204-548, Micah McCracken 269, Brian Grange 267, Jose

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

Sam Zurich wins Senior PBA event at the Northern Illinois Classic...Jim Ensminger led the honor roll with 802 at Brunswick Zone Watagua...Larry Luera shot 300/790 at Cowtown...Mike Brennan had 782 at AMF Hurst...Barbara Avery led the ladies with 718 at BRC Westcreek...Arlane Mitchell shot 689 at AMF Showplace-Garland...Ashley Meadows rolled 678 at Forum...Darin Sharpe wins TABA at USA Bowl.

20 YEARS AGO

Norm Duke wins \$40,000 for PBA IOF Foresters Open...Sandra Jo Shiery-Odom wins WIBC Queens over amateur Audry Mullan... Steve Grimes led the honor roll with 823 at Showplace-Eules... new HoF'er Chris Johnson shot 804 at AMF Jupiter...E.D. Richey with 768 at Big Town...Traci Wilson had 731 at Showplace-Eules... Sheila Smith rolled 725 at AMF Jupiter...Aaron Walsh of West Texas A&M wins the ACU-1 All Events crown in Reno.

30 YEARS AGO

Billy Yinger wins his first SW Region PBA title at Red Bird Lanes, over Del Ballard...Mar Riofta-sheet captures MBT at DC East...Terry Chambers led the honor roll with 780 at Allen... Ricky Connell shot 759 at Bowl Dallas...John Fine had 734 at Forum...Sheila Smith led the ladies with 693 at DC East...Sheryl Shuck with 691 at Alpine...Della Jeans had 634 at Lewisville... Ken Szymanski wins CASH at Golden Triangle...Tom Kelly takes ACBA at Bowl Dallas.

a continued involvement with Team USA.

Currently, Robert Spigner, a former Team USA member, is on the USBC Board of Directors, and Bill recently was named as a member of the Team USA coaching staff.

Barb is the backbone of the family, which includes keeping everything in place and

on-time.

Thinking back to when they owned and operated Hawthorn Lanes, the 60-hour days are not missed, but the 20 Professional Bowlers Association tournaments and numerous other top-tier events have left lasting memories and always were a great time to see friends and

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Brunswick SASBA SENIOR TOUR 2017 SCHEDULE

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



Summer 2017 League Schedule

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



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Morgan Davis, 5-Time Winner of Texas Pepsi State Championships

By: Tony Franklin, *Publisher*

Morgan Davis, 12, from North Richland Hills has made quite a name for herself at an early age as she won the Texas Pepsi Championships for a 5th consecutive time.

Davis won the 8U division in 2013, the 10U in 2014/2015, and the U12 in 2016/2017, and yes the Pepsi tournament is all scratch.

"We are super proud for her to be able to accomplish this 5 years in a row. She has a coach now, but at the beginning she didn't, she was just figuring out the game," said her mom Kristi.

Morgan has two of the preeminent coaches in DFW with Paul Fleming and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard in her corner so her continued improvement should only accelerate.

She is currently averaging 185 with a high game of 246 and a high series of 679, "my next goal is to get over 250," she added.

Morgan got started like most young bowlers, accompanying her mom to a bowling center, but once she saw a junior



Morgan Davis
U12 Girls Scratch Champ

league handing out trophies, she was hooked.

"She got started at five with bumpers and now bowls with the high school kids. Bowling is her life, she bowls 4-5 days a week; two leagues, one lesson, and two days practicing," said her mom.

Bowling may be her life, but she has big aspirations about what she wants to do with her life. She currently works with a rescue agency for house cats,

PLANO, TX - The Teen Bowlers Circuit was at Plano Super Bowl and brought in 60 entries, 32 boys and 28 girls.

TBC paid out \$1,800 in SMART scholarships.

The oil pattern was on the 38' WTBA ATLANTA.

The TBC format is two 3 game qualifying squads, then 8 games of match play and then top 4 boys and girls stair step finals.

Leading after qualifying for the boys was Johnnie Arriago of Garland, TX with +30.

For the girls, the leader was DeAlani Fishbeck of Lawton, OK with -3.

High game of the tournament went to Demetri Cotseones from Texarkana, AR with a 297 game.

The TBC format allows the top 6 qualifiers an automatic seed to the match play.

Bowlers who qualified in places 7 thru 12 for both boys and girl's division would then

but has always been interested in marine biology and rescue in that field.

"I want to bowl in high school, and in college, but we are still looking at what college also has marine biology degrees, that is really what I want," said Morgan.

For now however, bowling is front and center. In this year's Pepsi tournament she won \$300 in scholarship money, but also an entry into the Junior Gold tournament in Cleveland,

Teen Bowlers Circuit Results

bowl one more game with two highest one game scores earning a spot in the match play.

The four winners into the top 8 match were Kira Hamman, Veronica Prior, Jacob Hastings and Matthew Reed.

The other 8 bowlers not making the top 8 cut received 1/2 off entry to next month's TBC monthly tournament.

The boys and girls making the cut to the top 8 match play then bowled 8 games of head-to-head match play.

After 8 games of match play, the field was cut to the top 4 for boys and girls for TV stair step Finals.



Johnnie Arriago
and Megan Wehmeier

The Teen Bowlers Circuit always offers a separate boys and girls divisions.

The Boys champion was first time TBC Champion Johnnie Arriago of Garland, TX.

In the opening stair step match, Mason Sterkel of Lawton, OK defeated Demetri Cotseones of Texarkana, AR 227-170.

In the second match, Johnnie Arriago defeated Sterkel 197-156.

In the championship match, Arriago defeated Gannon Takayasu of Flower Mound, TX 149-138.

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The June edition of the *Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Tournament* will profile one of the most generous and long-standing supporters of the Luci.

Tommy Cashiola, a Houston native and cousin to Luci Bonneau has been involved with the event since its inception. Tommy is the owner of Tommy Cashiola Construction, a 3rd generation builder and current owner of the family company that has been in the business for over 60 years. At the end of the day though, he's a bowler, has been bowling since he was six, and didn't miss a league season for 40 years.

The Bowling News: What is your favorite way to support the Luci?

Tommy Cashiola: I have been a sponsor for 18 years. I generally give a couple a thousand a year because it's a great event and I love to support other bowlers. Even if she wasn't my cousin I would still do it. We all grew up bowling together and that's the best part.

TBN: How does that money get used to support the bowlers?

TC: Well, Donna has done a couple of different things with the money; my favorite way is to do a random draw of the non-cashers, so that each team can win \$200. The way I look at it is that so many people helped me when I was growing up bowling. I wanted to be able to help and support others.

TBN: What makes this tournament special?

TC: It's fun having fun and bringing everybody together, that's what this tournament is about. Just trying to help everybody get out there and compete, it's a good time for a good cause. For me it's about having a good time and good fun; that's who Luci was.

The Luci... "Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles" tournament will be held at Copperfield Bowl July 27-30.

PLAYER PROFILE

Tommy Cashiola

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TBC Top 8 Boys



TBC Top 8 Girls

TEEN BOWLERS CIRCUIT

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Match play results:
 1st Johnnie Arriago 194 \$220
 2nd Gannon Takayesu 314 \$180
 3rd Mason Sterkel -40 \$150
 4th Demetri Cotseones 159 \$125
 5th Casen Stickler -98 \$95
 6th Jacob Hastings -123 \$70
 7th Tyson Gray -226 \$60
 8th Matthew Reed -336 \$54
 The Girls champion was

first time TBC Champion Megan Wehmeier of Lawton, OK.

In the opening match, Nicole Gattenby of Allen, TX defeated Veronica Prior of McKinney, TX 163-152.

In the semifinal match, Kira Hamman of Jarrell, TX defeated Gattenby 197-165.

In the championship match Megan Wehmeier defeated Hamman 172-169.

Match play results:
 1st Megan Wehmeier + 81 5-3 \$200

- 2nd Kira Hamman -23 6-2 \$170
- 3rd Nicole Gattenby -94 5-3 \$130
- 4th Veronica Prior -63 6-2 \$95
- 5th Raina Davis -161 4-4 \$80
- 6th DeAlani Fishbeck -170 3-5 \$65
- 7th Caitlyn Chapman -281 3-5 \$55
- 8th Kendyl Goodger -510 0-8 \$51

Thank you to the entire staff at Plano Super Bowl.

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Next Month the TBC will be at Bowling ITRC in Arlington, TX on June 3rd, entries close June 1st for all ages and all youth bowlers on this special Saturday Super 7 tournament.

On June 11, the TBC and PANCAN.org will be teaming up for a fun bowling fundraiser at USA BOWL at 1-3pm.

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Walk ins are accepted or register at <http://www.pancandfw.com/events/bradellis/>.

The Teen Bowlers Circuit will be on August 20th at Astro Bowling in San Antonio, TX.

Be sure to follow Teen Bowlers Circuit on Facebook or at www.teenbowlerscircuit.net or email bradellis8101@gmail.com for upcoming tournament info, including June 3rd at the ITRC.

Alford and Hays Win Malott's All-Stars Youth Championship



Chance Alford, Johnathan Hays and Wes Malott

AUSTIN, TX - Chance Alford won the scratch division over James Fitzgerald 2-1 by way of a 222-216 deciding game to take home the title and \$1500 in scholarship money, with Fitzgerald earning \$750.

Finishing in 3rd/4th place was Casen Stickler and Donald Denton each winning \$400 in scholarship cash.

In 5th-8th place was Mason Sterkel, Locklaen Neurohr, Angelica Anthony and Raina Davis each winning \$300.

In 9th-12th place was Hope Gramly, Conner Mixson, Andrew Waldrup and Austin Bertrand earning \$200.

In the Handicap division,

Johnathan Hays defeated Austin Montpas 2-0 to take home the title and \$1200 in scholarship money, with Montpas winning \$600.

Finishing in 3rd/4th place was Alex Rakov and Marissa Kidd, each winning \$375 in scholarship cash.

In 5th-8th place was Kyle Balcar, Aydan Hughes, Robert Davie Jr., and Jacob Johns, each winning \$275.

Finishing in 9th-12th place was Alyssa McCleery, Hayden Montpas, Lucas Pfeil, and Matthew Stroman taking home \$200 each.

The tournament had 340 entries.

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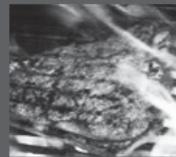
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family.

The center also housed a top-notch youth program and attracted the area's best competitive bowlers for league and tournament play.

Barb's experience and career extend beyond the bowling industry, too. Early in her career, she was the team photographer for the Chicago White Sox. While in that role, two of her photos were used on a poster for Sports Illustrated.

Now, let's hear about time at the Open Championships, along with her perspective on Bill's career at the OC, which includes helping Pollard's Bowl of Versailles, Indiana, to the 1996 Team All-Events title with a record score of 10,425 that still stands.

USBC - What has been your role in the success Bill has had at the USBC Open Championships?

BS - I guess you can say I am his biggest supporter. I have always encouraged him to bowl and helped him to get prepared for the next tournament.

Now that he bowls very little competitively and focuses more on the coaching side, I maintain his website, BillSpigner.com and write and send out his monthly newsletter. The June 2017 newsletter will be his 106th one.

USBC - What are some of your own bowling achievements and career highlights?

BS - I had a high average of 196, which included a high series of 725 and a high game of 279, twice, rolling the first nine strikes in both games.

At one time, I was the national promotion manager for Brunswick Recreation Centers and won a national award for the "Bowl Your Way to Europe" promotion.

USBC - When traveling to a tournament, does Bill make you check extra equipment

under your name?

BS - When we fly, we fly American Airlines, and Bill has Gold status with them, so two bags fly free. We have gotten really good at getting the bowling bags to be under the 50-pound mark. It was great when in the past, everyone on his itinerary got two bags free.

USBC - What has life been like since selling the bowling center?

BS - Less hours, as we used to both average 60 or more hours a week when we owned Hawthorn Lanes in Vernon Hills, Illinois. Bill is still out there daily coaching or taking some time to practice on his own game.

We also start each day by going to our health club for yoga, Pilates, spin and other group activities, along with a few days of golf for Bill in the summer. These activities definitely helped Bill in his recovery from two major back surgeries.

USBC - Favorite bowler of all-time?

BS - Bill, of course. But, I would like to add from the men's side, Doug Kent, Pete Weber and Mark Williams. On the women's side, it would be Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Kim Adler and Liz Johnson.

USBC - What do you believe

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PBA Spare Shots

MAIN EVENT PBA TOUR FINALS FEATURE BLUE OIL WITH A TWIST

The inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals, hosted by Main Event Entertainment in Orlando, Fla., will introduce CBS Sports Network viewers to blue oil with a twist when the new event begins its five-week run on Tuesday, May 30, at 9:30 p.m. EDT.

Not only will fans be able to see the 42-foot "PBA Tour Finals" oiling pattern because of a blue dye added to the conditioner, but the pattern is more easily seen because the synthetic lanes at Main Event Orlando are white, with black striping to indicate the "boards" across each lane.

PBA introduced the blue-dyed oil during the 2014 PBA World Series of Bowling in Las Vegas as a way to illustrate the differences in the applications of oil for the PBA's animal patterns, and the visual aid has been used in a wide variety of televised PBA events ever since. The colored oil - which has no effect on the oil itself - not only allows fans to see

how the oil is applied to the lanes, but also makes it much easier to see how oil is moved around and depleted during competition. The depletion and movement of oil is what creates the transitions on the playing surface, requiring bowlers to make adjustments based upon how their bowling balls react to the constantly changing lane conditions.

The question of the day was, did the white lane surface in combination with the blue oil have any impact on the PBA Tour Finals competitors?

"Nah," said Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill. "You learn to do what your ball tells you to do."

"It didn't bother me at all," said Sweden's Jesper Svensson. "You get used to it. Besides, it's the same for everyone."

"The white surface is a little brighter than a wood surface," said EJ Tackett, "but the blue oil kind of mutes the brightness, so it isn't much different."

FOR JON VAN HEES, ONE OUT OF THREE AIN'T BAD...

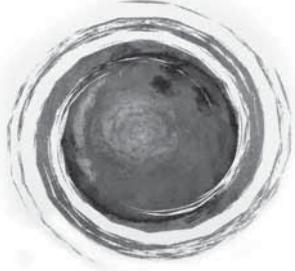
As the classic Meatloaf lyrics noted, "two out of three ain't bad." But for Rhode Island's Jon Van Hees, one out of three worked out pretty well in the PBA Romeo Chevrolet/Buick/GMC East Open presented by Ebonite at Patel's

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Kingston Lanes in Kingston, N.Y., Sunday.

Van Hees started the final round of match play bowling his way to a 234-234 tie with non-member William Donahue of Accord, N.Y. He then nipped Rick Graham of Lancaster, Pa., 235-234, before bowling a perfect tie in his third match – 300-300 – vs. Ryan Galli of Binghamton, N.Y.

Perfect-game ties in match play are rare in PBA competition, but they have been done before. In Van Hees' case, he had to share the 30 bonus pins for match play ties with Donahue and Gallie, but he got all 30 in his win against Graham which helped him qualify second for the stepladder finals where he lost to eventual tournament winner Greg Ostrander of Freehold, N.J., 258-225.

MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

HIGHLIGHT XTRA FRAME SCHEDULE

The PBA50 Tour returns to action in its annual western swing, the PWBA Tour resumes its normal schedule in the wake of the USBC Queens, and the PBA Tour returns to Xtra Frame with three consecutive Xtra Frame Storm Cup series events in the weeks ahead.

The PBA50 Tour resumes competition on Xtra Frame in the Northern California Classic from Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood, Calif., May 29-31, followed by a pair of USBC events on Bowl.tv (USBC's Super Senior Classic, June 1-3, and the USBC Senior Masters, June 4-10, both at Sam's Town Bowling Center). Xtra Frame will then cover the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm, June 12-16, from Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

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Storm Cup events and each will be covered live, exclusively on Xtra Frame, from first ball to last.

Upcoming PWBA Tour coverage includes qualifying and match play rounds of the Wichita Open from Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan., June 2-3; the Pepsi Lincoln Open from Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Neb., June 9-10; the Greater Detroit Open from Super Bowl in Canton, Mich., June 16-17, and the Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship from The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Wis., June 22-24.

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At Pin Center Bowl

Hatfield delivers 728

CLEBURNE – Noel Hatfield's first-rate 215-286-227 = 728 session ended as the number one set of the month at Pin Center Bowl in the PCB Masters league outing.

Selena Murray, Hatfield's league mate, led the ladies with a robust 207-170-220 = 597 showing to front the fem scoring.

HONOR ROLL

Codey Sibley 246-664, Debbie Harth 192-545, Codey Sibley 280-686, Heather Sanderlin 213-538, Sohn Dupree 258-701, Heather Sanderlin 213-583, Julian Janeitzko (9 pin) 270-761.

Stacie Parrish (9 pin) 232-605, Tyler Fox (9 pin) 208-571, Stacie Parrish (9 pin) 206-557, Stuart Fisher (9 pin) 234-676, Kyndall Benson (9 pin) 211-590, Sohn Dupree 232-674, Terra Johnson

183-545.

Sohn Dupree 227-642, Anna Mae Petrey 221-549, Ronnie Rurak 278-689, Terra Johnson 203-522, Mike Valle 226-604, Anna Mae Petrey 180-488, Noel Hatfield 246-640, Pam Valle 181-511.

Mike Valle 257-639, Stacie Parrish 195-521, Joe Vargo 246-651, Stacie Parrish 171-465, Jack Anderson 236-627, Diane Hewitt 160-500, Alan Hewitt 226-641, Diane Hewitt 167-425, Alan Hewitt 277-692.

Diane Hewitt 170-440, Jack Anderson 225-585, Geri Connor 171-439.

SENIORS

Bill Barber 172-605, Anna Mae Petrey 192-472, Jack Anderson 196-566, Stacie Parrish 197-512, Brian Boase 214-597, Nancy Rago 201-540, Bill Barber 237-595, Stacie Parrish 212-528.

USBC OPEN SPOTLIGHT

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are the keys to success at the Open Championships?

BS - Practice and competition on Sport Bowling patterns. There is no way to rush experience at the Open Championships. On the tournament lanes, it is all about being patient and having a team game plan. Preparation for the next year's event starts as soon as you get home from this year.

USBC - What is your most embarrassing moment at the Open Championships?

BS - Luckily, I have saved them the embarrassment of my bowling because I have only been a spectator at the Open Championships.

USBC - When Bill has a tournament that does not go his way, what does that mean for you?

BS - I am sad for him, but I know his best competitive days are behind him, so this doesn't happen a lot.

Bill's experiences, good or bad, have helped his coaching. If you watch his high school team, you will notice they are even-tempered - no big highs or lows. Bill has always said the only time to get emotional is after you have thrown the winning shot. You only have a certain amount of it, so don't waste it.

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THE SOUTHWEST REPORT



The Non-Bowling Arm
The usual function of your non-bowling arm is to aid your balance. However, it can serve double duty and do things to you as well as for you.

If you bring that arm back too quickly, you'll have some trouble with shot direction, often missing to the inside. Your non-bowling arm is a great secret weapon. For example, it is usually better for you if you have the thumb on your non-bowling arm pointing down rather than up. Thumb up will cause/allow you to do something different than the thumb down position. Experiment so you can see what changes for you when your thumb is pointing up or down.

Since you don't bowl unconsciously (at least not most of the time), you can be aware of the motion/direction of your non-bowling arm. You can't experiment with that arm if you don't know what it normally does! Pay attention to when it separates from the ball. With many people it commonly does so at the apex of the push - when you've pushed the ball as far as you're going to push it before it begins its freefall into the downswing. If it leaves too soon, you could lose part of your support system for the ball, which will cause you to muscle it. If it leaves too late, your swing will be restricted and contrived.

Does your non-bowling arm go down before coming back up (okay), does it just stay in front of you until it sweeps back at delivery (okay), or does it stay down or next to your body? (not usually okay unless, like Earl, it works for you).

Check how vigorously you pull it back. If this motion looks like you are trying to open an iron curtain instead of a shower curtain, it could cause your bowling shoulder to come forward too quickly. This will cause a severe loss of leverage as well as the possibility of spraying the ball around.

If your left arm sweeps back when your bowling arm goes into the backswing and you look like you're diving, it's very difficult to be leveraged. This diving position often cause you to dump the ball; that is, unless you compensate by pulling back hard with your shoulders. Then you'll loft it unintentionally. Either one is a bad idea because of the unintentional part. (Lofting or dumping can be good things when the lane requires that).

Your non-bowling arm works in concert with your swing, not against it. As you can see there are lots of things your non-bowling hand and arm can do for you. Visit Susie at www.strikeability.com.



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specific companies' social media pages) will be posted. Each company also will have a flashback weekend where all its previous balls will be available for that weekend only.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: GREG OSTRANDER DEFENDS KINGSTON TITLE

Greg Ostrander of Freehold, N.J. defeated amateur Zach Doty of Nassau, N.Y., 227-192, to successfully defend his title in the PBA Romeo Chevrolet/Buick/GMC East Open presented by Ebonite at Patel's Kingston Lanes in Kingston, N.Y., Sunday.

Prior his victory, Ostrander's only other PBA title came in the same event in 2016.

Ostrander took advantage of an early open frame by Doty, a recent college graduate who rolled perfect games in both the qualifying and match play portions of the event, to build his winning margin. Ostrander earned \$3,000 for the win.

Brian Robinson of Morgantown, W. Va. defeated Matt White of Warren, Pa., 234-212, to win the PBA Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Open, presented by DV8, at Rebman Recreation in Loraine, Ohio, Saturday, and Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, won the PBA50 half of the Campana Memorial doubleheader on Sunday, edging Dean Billings of Rootstown, Ohio, by six pins.

In Saturday's event, Robinson won his first PBA Regional title and \$2,000 after bowling a perfect game to eliminate Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., 300-243, in the semifinal round while White edged Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, 256-251, to also advance to the championship match. White earned \$1,000 for second place. Anderson and Loschetter each earned \$750 as semifinal round losers.

On Sunday, Kretzer finished with an 8-4 match play record and a total of 4,838 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, to win the \$1,400 first prize and his fifth PBA50 Regional title.

Gary Morgan of Atlanta, Ga., defeated Jeff Bellinger of Columbia, S.C., 234-215 and 214-178, in the best-of-three-game title match Sunday to win his 15th PBA Regional title in the PBA50 SpareTimes Hampton South Open presented by Ebonite at SpareTimes Lanes in Hampton, Va.

Morgan considered his win a milestone after overcoming a bout with cancer in 2016. He earned \$1,600.

In the best-of-three semifinal round matches, Morgan eliminated Sam Maccarone of Blackwood, N.J., 268-213, 258-172, while Bellinger defeated

Lee Brosius of Ashburn, Va., 244-206, 210-228, 233-222.

Kris Prather of Milton, Fla., defeated AJ Chapman of Wichita, Kan., 259-235, to win the PBA Family Insurance Midwest Open presented by Hometown Chevrolet at Oak Forest Bowl in Oak Forest, Ill., Sunday for his first PBA Midwest title and a \$2,400 first prize.

Prather defeated AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., 279-224, in the semifinal game to advance to

the championship match after Johnson eliminated Matt Kuba of Chicago Ridge, Ill., 279-210, in the first match.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

Newly-inducted PBA Hall of Famer and former PBA Commissioner Mark Gerberich will

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4th Place \$ 800.00	**Plus \$15.00 for each point won	29.0	\$ 435.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 160.00		\$ 1,195.00	\$ 298.75
5th Place \$ 400.00	**Plus \$15.00 for each point won	29.0	\$ 435.00	\$ 400.00		\$ 240.00	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 268.75
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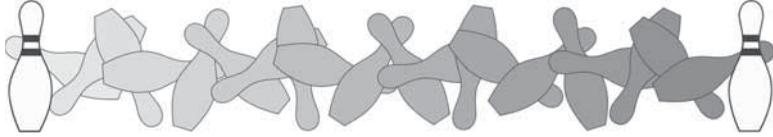
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become the new president and CEO of the International Soap Box Derby Inc. June 12. Gerberich succeeds Joe Mazur, who resigned in March to become president of the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad.

The ESPN telecast of the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open semi-finals, which will air live on Saturday, July 1 at 1 p.m. EDT, also will re-air on Sunday, July 2, at 11 a.m. on ESPN2. The re-air precedes the live finals of the event which will air on ESPN at 1 p.m. that same day.



Women's Championships Weekly Glance

(For May 20 - May 26, 2017)
Former Junior Team USA members lead at 2017 USBC Women's Championships
Former Junior Team USA members Katelyn Simpson of Emmett, Idaho, and Mary Wells of Johnstown, Ohio, paired up to take the Diamond Doubles lead at the 2017 United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships on May 25 with a 1,378 total.

Simpson, a 22-year-old right-hander, led the doubles effort at the Raising Cane's River Center with a 732 series, while Wells, also a 22-year-old right-hander, added 646. Melissa Van Dyke of Parma, Ohio, and Heidi Sanders of Xenia, Ohio, previously held the lead with 1,332.

Simpson and Wells spent time together on Junior Team

USA in 2015, bowled collegiately at Pikeville and Central Missouri, respectively, and recently competed at the USBC Queens at the River Center prior to their doubles run.

Both players noted that even with their success in youth and collegiate bowling, being the leaders at the USBC Women's Championships is the biggest thrill in their young careers.

Diamond Doubles includes duos with combined entering averages of 380 and above.

A look ahead

Two bowlers are scheduled to make their 50th USBC Women's Championships appearances this week in Baton Rouge.

Jo Anne Elischer of Portage, Indiana, will make her 50th consecutive tournament ap-



pearance May 26, and Marion Saunders of Waynesville, Missouri, will make her milestone trip May 29.

Elischer, 70, started her tournament career at the 1968 event in San Antonio and finished in second place in Classic Team at the 1971 event in Atlanta.

Saunders, 84, made her first appearance at the 1953 Women's Championships in Detroit, and despite not attending 11 of the next 12 years, she has been a dedicated participant since 1966.

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Open Championships Weekly Glance

(For May 17 - May 23, 2017)
Father, son grab lead at 2017 USBC Open Championships

As the highlight of a high-scoring afternoon May 20 at the 2017 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships, USBC Hall of Famer Doug Kent and his son, Jacob, of Newark, New York, cruised into the Regular Doubles lead, posting a 1,425 total at the South Point

Bowling Plaza.

The Kents bested their teammates, Chris Bardol of Brockport, New York, and Tim Pfeifer of Oakdale, Pennsylvania, who grabbed the lead moments earlier with 1,417, propelled by a 300 by Bardol in the second game.

Ryan Zagar of Racine, Wisconsin, and Tylor Greene of Davison, Michigan, both former college teammates of Kent at Robert Morris-Illinois, a team Bardol helped coach, previously held the lead in Regular Doubles with 1,409.

After leaving and converting a 4 pin in his final frame, Jacob Kent struck on his fill ball



to complete the performance, something he describes as a total team effort.

Doug Kent and Chris Bardol each shot 721 in doubles, while Jacob Kent and Pfeifer had 704 and 696, respectively. Bardol's 300 was the fourth of the 2017 Open Championships and first in doubles.

"It was a lot of fun out there, and we definitely were driving each other along the way, something we did back in college, too," said Jacob Kent, a 25-year-old right-hander who made his fifth Open Champion-

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3. Team maximum average is 1025. Team must consist of 3 men and 2 women, 4 men and 1 woman or vice-versa.
4. Total scratch and handicap series will determine where a team places.
5. Bowlers will use one of the following averages: Current ITA average based on 36 games as of July 1st 2017. 72 game ITA average. Bowlers not having an ITA average will use their highest 2015-16 USBC book average or Current average as of July 1st, 2017 of 36 games or more. All others will bowl scratch. (210)
6. Handicap will be 80% of 1025 team handicap and brackets and sidepots. With no ITA average max handicap 40 men, 60 ladies for brackets and side pots.

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At Mel's Lone Star Lanes

Adkins drills 805, Schultz levels 706

Adkins, Hill, Jr., Lorts add 300's

GEORGETOWN - Danny Adkins won high-set honors last month at Mel's Lone Star Lanes by polishing off robust 279-258268 = 805 numbers in Wednesday Wild Bunch league action.

Lori Schultz led the ladies with a sizzling 234-192-206 = 706 Pot O Gold set.

Danny Adkins, Will Hill, Jr. and Ed Lorts shared high-game accolades with award-winning perfectos.

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SENIORS

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ships appearance. "My dad and I have never gotten to bowl doubles together, so we decided to switch up the partners this year, so we could pair up. We practiced and really worked hard to get ready, so to bowl as well as we did means a lot. It's an unbelievable feeling."

The doubles excitement was one piece of an exciting bigger

picture that included a run at the lead in Team All-Events, a top-10 effort in team and two top 10s in Regular All-Events.

Collectively known as Rose Bowl Lanes of Rochester, New York, the group settled into second place in Team All-Events with a 9,867 total and eighth place in Regular Team with a 3,167 total May 19.

Pfeifer, a former member of Team USA and Junior Team USA, as well as the men's champion at the 2007 Intercol-

legiate Singles Championships, set the pace for Rose Bowl Lanes with a 2,069 all-events total, which is fifth overall, and he was followed closely by Bardol, the 2010 ISC winner, who is sixth in Regular All-Events with 2,065.

Jacob Kent edged his father 2,017-2,012 in the all-events standings, and left-hander Ken Muscato of Canandaigua, New York, rounded things out with 1,704.

Team NABR of Fairport, New York, leads Team All-Events and Regular Team with 9,957 and 3,266, respectively.

Two bowlers roll perfect games at South Point Bowling Plaza

Before competition started May 20 at the 2017 USBC Open Championships, only three perfect games had been rolled through 91 days of competition at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

By the end of the 92nd day, the total was up to six, as Marc Massie of Alexandria, Kentucky, and Sheldon Cole of Durham, North Carolina, added their names to the list during the final squad of the day. Chris Bardol of Brockport, New York, fired the first 300 of the day during an earlier doubles and singles squad.

Massie, a 47-year-right-hander who made his 20th tournament appearance, struck on 17 of his first 18 shots of singles. He became the 29th bowler in 114 years of Open Championships competition with multiple 300s on the championship lanes. His first came during his team event at the 2014 tournament at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

Massie added games of 247 and 222 for a 769 singles series, the best set of his tournament career. He is tied for eighth in Regular Singles. A 657 set in doubles and 569 in team gave him a career-best 1,995 all-events total.

Cole made his first appearance at the Open Championships since 2013, and he celebrated his return to the biggest stage in bowling with a perfect game and the highest series of his 15-year tournament career.

The 58-year-old right-hander is one of a few hundred bowlers pulling double duty this week by competing in the Open Championships and The National Bowling Association (TNBA) Annual Tournament, being held at a pair of local bowling centers.

Cole's singles series included games of 189, 300 and 190 for a 679 total. He added 505 in team and 498 in doubles for a 1,682 all-events effort.

USBC Hall of Famer celebrates milestone in Las Vegas
USBC Hall of Famer Bill Spigner of Vernon Hills, Illinois, celebrated his 50th year

of USBC Open Championships participation May 21.

The 67-year-old right-hander was surrounded by friends and family and joined on the lanes at the South Point Bowling Plaza by his two sons, Jim and Robby. He received a plaque, chevron and diamond lapel pin to commemorate the achievement.

Spigner's lone win at the Open Championships came as a member of the Pollard's Bowl team of Versailles, Indiana,

that claimed the 1996 Team All-Events title with a record score of 10,425. The record stands today.

This year, Spigner rolled sets of 573 in singles, 541 in doubles and 510 in team for a 1,624 all-events total. In 50 years on the tournament lanes, he has knocked down 93,119 pins for a career average of 203.3.

Also May 21, Richard Van Rossem of Canton, Il-

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At Terrell

Holley chalks up 786, Conn produces 609

TERRELL – Bobby Holley, from the Friday Night Quads group, pocketed chart-topping 279-248-259 = 786 numbers to take top honors for the month at Terrell Bowling Center.

Teresa Conn, Holley's league mate, racked up a noteworthy 180-202-227 = 609 set to lead the ladies.

HONOR ROLL

Richie Rylant 255-679, Jessica Prieto 168-485, John Stelling 264-668, Lisa Massey 234-596, Jay Witt 279-722,

Sandy Czajkowski 215-527, Eldon Pickens 259-700, Pat Cooper 200-506, Corey Miller 234-632.

Gitta Johnson 177-512, Bryan Ellis 258-689, Kari Bell 211-573, Mike Graves 254-672, Bubba Harwell 279-684, Renie Hatcher 212-571, James Manning 279-674, LaNell Green 240-532.

Derian Hatcher 264-669, Tori Shackelford 235-563, Janet Newkirk 236-572, Jeff Hobbs 279-628, Teresa Conn 234-551, Michael Price 269-697, Katie Perales 180-530, Josh Orr 267-737.

At Hallmark

Morgan drills 300/783, Ciesiolka nails 668

Herrick, Mitchell add 300's, Herrick 298

KILLEEN – Josh Morgan, from the Guys & Dolls league, racked up a rousing 279-204-300 = 783 series to earn the top spot on the honor roll last month at Hallmark Lanes.

Karin Ciesiolka's, Morgan's league mate, blue ribbon 232-222-214 = 668 performance led the ladies scoring contest.

Josh Herrick and Larry Mitchell shared high-game honors with Morgan with award-winning perfectos. Josh Herrick took runner-up honors with a near perfect 298 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Chris Causey 276, Andy Holbert 716, Karin Ciesiolka 223-643, Jerry Kilpatrick 176, Jerry Kilpatrick 481, Christine Goins 160-461, Chance Maruna 235-574, Suzie Wollek 201-543, Matty Hamilton 257.

Nate Cerniglia 654, Kim Curtis 209-534, Darryl Martin 258-720, Esther Navarro 222-607, Stacy Hilderbrandt 268, Ben Hogan 665, Cindy Gill 221-612, Keith Desmarais 279-714, Lisa Blackman 248-588, Jordan Garza 245, Chris Causey 674, Esther Navarro 235-659, Jerry Kilpatrick 204-520, Christine Goins 177-441, Chance Maruna 202-571, Vickie Gill 184, Lisa Maruna 491, Larry Mitchell 269-685.

Svenja Smith 226-564, John Tramp 255, John Ciesiolka 647, Esther Navarro

245-645, Jose Caballero 278-728, Cindy Gill 210-600, Andy Holbert 256, Keith Desmarais 650, Pamela Hill 204, Alberta Becker 514, Jerry Kilpatrick 194-491, Christine Goins 164-457, Chance Maruna 210-574, Jackie Schuring 186, Wilma Reid 508, Keith Desmarais 278, Justin Pusateri 771, Kim Curtis 211, Svenja Smith 563.

Mark Morgan 278-769, Kisha Thomas 199-551, Chris Causey 277, Larry Mitchell 714, Cindy Gill 225-658, Stacy Hilderebrandt 255, Eddie Neely 672, Lisa Blackman 238-638, Andy Layne 267.

Jordan Garza 697, Karin Ciesiolka 258, Esther Navarro 649, Jerry Kilpatrick 195-541, Christine Goins 171-441, Josh Herrick 744, Svenja Smith 233-608, Josh Herrick 739, Esther Navarro 233-610.

Larry Mitchell 724, Danielle Shea 245-678, Andy Holbert 279-723, Sally Wedgewood 215, Mitzi Cina 540.

SENIORS

John Dixon 245-664, Suzie Wollek 226-540, Tom Christie 246, Bill Miller, Jr. 661, Wanda Clark 245-645, Joe Medugno 236, Jim Pomeroy 628, Nee Wallace 206-533, Rullie Haywood 236-654.

Deb Buford 205-555, Gilbert Martinez 254, Jim Pomeroy 651, Gigi Garrett 199, Nee Wallace 516, Don Walker 255, Paul Cantu 629, Kim Noyes 203, Nee Wallace 538.




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USBC Hall of Famer Bill Spigner Reaches 50 Years at USBC Open Championships

By Matt Cannizzaro and Brian Hirsch
USBC Communications
 LAS VEGAS - United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer and USBC Gold coach

Bill Spigner of Vernon Hills, Illinois, was surrounded by friends and family this week as he celebrated 50 years of participation at the USBC Open Championships.

The 67-year-old right-hander has been recognized for many on- and off-lane bowling accomplishments, but he was surprised by the rush of emotion he felt Sunday at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

"Well, this was a lot more emotional than I thought it would be when I was announced and got ready to speak," said Spigner, who was induced into the USBC Hall of Fame in 2001. "It was hard to get back into the bowling mode, as I have been struggling with my own game the past couple of years due to some back surgeries, but I'm still out here and working through it."

Spigner's journey to 50 years at the Open Championships included a Team All-Events title in 1996 with Pollard's Bowl of Versailles,

Indiana, with a record score of 10,425 that still stands.

The record-setting team included Jerry Kessler and a trio of USBC Hall of Famers - Don Scudder, Ron Pollard and Rick Pollard - and at least three members of the group remained together for most the two decades following the win.

Following the 2014 tournament in Reno, Nevada, Spigner removed himself from the team, citing that he was not comfortable with his own game and didn't want to hurt the team. It was a hard decision for any bowler, especially when that team still has the potential for success.

A variation of the Pollard's Bowl team, which included Spigner, Scudder, Rick Pollard, Dave Welage and Alan Runkel, finished third in Regular Team at the 2011 Open Championships in Reno.

Spigner still is a member of their companion team, however, his 2017 team featured his son's Jim and USBC Director Robert Spigner. His grandson, Judah, was close by.

"This was still a great time because I got to be on the lanes

with my friends and both of my sons," said Spigner, who received a plaque, chevron and diamond lapel pin to commemorate his entry into the tournament's 50-Year Club. "I really enjoyed the experience out here, and even though I did not bowl very well, we all went down in flames together."

This year at the South Point Bowling Plaza, Spigner rolled sets of 573 in singles, 541 in doubles and 510 in team for a 1,624 all-events total. In 50 years on the tournament lanes, he has knocked down 93,119 pins for a career average of 203.3.

Beyond the Open Championships, Spigner's list of accomplishments includes three Professional Bowlers Association national titles and a stint as a bowling proprietor, while his success and dedication have earned him entry into six halls of fame.

Most recently, Spigner was one of seven coaches added to the Team USA bowling program.

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Last-minute Decision Pays Off for Delaware Bowlers at 2017 Bowlers Journal Championships

LAS VEGAS - After a late night of team competition at the 2017 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships that didn't go as well as he'd hoped, James Johnson III of Wilmington, Delaware, was anything but motivated to get

an earlier-than-planned start Monday at the nearby Bowlers Journal Championships presented by USBC.

Johnson already was scheduled for the 3 p.m. squad at the Bowlers Journal Championships, but when the opportunity arose to bowl on an earlier squad with his friend Tim Foy Jr. of Seaford, Delaware, he thought twice, then agreed.

Not long after, the two celebrated their rise to the top of the Open Doubles standings at the South Point Bowling Center with a 1,520 total, while Johnson's fill-ball strike

also secured the lead in Open Singles with a 799 total.

A strike to start his final frame would've given Johnson the first 800 series in singles at this year's Bowlers Journal, but he left a 2 pin on his first offering. He finished with games of 262, 279 and 258, and Foy added 237, 277 and 207 for a 721 set.

Sean Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, previously held the lead in Open Singles with 798, while Casey Shephard of Portage, Michigan, and Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Michi-

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linois, reached 55 years of participation at the Open Championships.

He made his tournament debut at the 1963 event in Buffalo, New York, and has returned to the tournament lanes every year since. He received a plaque, chevron and engraved watch at the South Point Bowling Plaza to commemorate the achievement.

A look ahead
 Two more bowlers will celebrate 50 years of USBC Open Championships participation this week at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

Dennis Lane of Kingsport, Tennessee, will make his milestone march to the lanes May 23, while USBC Hall of Famer Bob Chamberlain Sr. of The Villages, Florida, hits five decades of Open Championships bowling May 25.

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At Killeen Bowlerama

Codrington drills 786, Charles masters 703

Odette 300

KILLEEN - Damian Codrington won high-set honors last month at Killeen Bowlerama as he rocketed to the top with hard-hitting 786 numbers in the Commercial league action.

Sandi Charles earned fem scoring honors with a red-hot 247/703 Sundowners set.

Eric Odette garnered high-game accolades with an award-winning 12-bagger.

HONOR ROLL

Jeff Vanecek 257-697, Milissa Bennight 216-568, Curtis Robinson

278-697, Nee Wallace 199-534, Jean Maxson 668, Doug Sharper 779, Josh Maxson 764, Greg Springfield 751, Eric Odette 734.

Tom Camacho 731, Billy Hargett 288-730, Jason Stephens 289-758, Christi Hellon 244-659, B-Rad Dewald 734, Allan Smith 733, Mark Morgan 714, Kim Dewald 246-668, Danny Seymore 712.

Alycia Blackwell 621, Chris Wold 287, John Breytspraak 732, Doris Esplana 202-522, Larry Morris 725, Russell Brown 278.

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gan, topped Open Doubles with 1,483.

"We bowled the late team squad last night, and things really didn't go as planned, so it was a very taxing day overall, and I was tired," said Johnson, a 32-year-old right-hander who started his seventh USBC Open Championships campaign with a 611 series. "I was only planning to bowl the one squad, but a friend of mine just happened to be in town at the same time, which rarely happens, and I

wanted to bowl with him."

Johnson and Foy, a 30-year-old right-hander who tied for ninth place at the 2016 USBC Masters, have bowled together for many years and know each other's games well. That, and constant communication during the set, were their keys to success Monday.

They also made sure to keep their goals reasonable and simply set their sights on this year's Open Doubles Instant Cash number, which is 1,260.

"We've bowled together a lot over the years, and we definitely felt like if we bowled together here, we could put

up a good score," said Foy, who will be making his ninth Open Championships appearance Tuesday and Wednesday. "When we both got into the 270s the second game, I knew we had a chance. Obviously, you bowl because you want to win, but trying too hard to shoot a huge score sometimes turns out worse. Our goal was the Instant Cash number, and anything more was going to be a bonus."

By competing in doubles and singles at the same time, the duo also qualified for the event's Dual Entry prize list. Johnson tops the Dual Entry

standings, and Foy's set was just shy of the top 10.

Along the way, Johnson remained focused on making good shots and keeping his speed slow, two things he'll also want to do when he encounters the same oil pattern Monday night at the South Point Bowling Plaza for doubles and singles at the Open Championships.

"With as bad as I felt last night went for me, I couldn't be happier right now with

how things went today, both technically and physically," Johnson said. "I didn't do too much scouting before bowling, so I wasn't really sure what the numbers were. I just wanted to make good shots and get all I could. This is a great feeling, and it really helps my confidence heading into doubles and singles over at the Plaza later tonight."

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New Friends Also New Regular Doubles Leaders at 2017 USBC Open Championships

LAS VEGAS - Millions of people flock to Las Vegas each year hoping to hit a jackpot, which often is more about luck than skill, but John Nolen of Waterford, Michigan, used a little of each Friday to put him and Mike Reasoner of Hazlet, New Jersey, in position to claim one of bowling's biggest jackpots - an Eagle at the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships.

Nolen found a moment of good fortune at the South Point Bowling Plaza when an errant shot in a must-strike situation went Brooklyn but ended with a late-falling 6 pin to all but secure the top spot in Regular

Doubles. He regrouped for his fill ball and toppled another 10 pins to complete the pair's 1,431 effort.

The two were consistent in the performance, rolling games of 500, 446 and 485, and both delivered doubles in the final frame to lift them past the father and son duo of Doug and Jacob Kent of Newark, New York, who previously held the lead with 1,425. Nolen set the pace with a 725 series, and Reasoner added 706.

"I drifted a little left on that shot and just flat out threw it bad," said Nolen, who made his 15th USBC Open Championships appearance. "It was so

bad, it was good. Honestly, I was fine on the first shot, but I was shaking like a leaf on the second one. Other than the first shot of the tournament each year, when you feel like you have sea legs, I can't remember feeling like that in a long time."

Friday's competition wasn't the first time Nolen threw strikes under pressure in Las Vegas, where he admits he's pretty comfortable on the lanes.

In 2009, he won the USBC Masters when it visited the custom-built Open Championships venue across town at Cashman Center, and he was present months later when his teammate, Bo Goergen of Midland, Michigan, rolled the highest three-game series in Open Championships history, an 862 set, on the way to the Regular Singles title.

This time, Nolen got to share the moment on the biggest stage in bowling with someone he'd only met two days prior, during the four-team group's practice session at the nearby South Point Bowling Center.

Nolen and Reasoner had an instant chemistry on and off the lanes and immediately wanted to bowl doubles together, though they didn't find out for sure until after their team event Thursday night that another stroke of luck would allow that to happen.

"Based on the conversations we had before and during team, even though we'd just met, I knew he was an outstanding competitor," Nolen said. "His game reminds me a lot of mine in that we're both self-taught and do things you'd never want to teach someone. We're able to see the lanes the same way, and the communication throughout was incredible."

Communication and teamwork were the goals and

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At Tenpins & More

Ragsdale snags 300/806, Miller-Mackie nets 761

Dowd, Espinda, Herschman, Jones, Mackie, Merrick, Nance 300's, Miller-Mackie, Pinge, Toya 299's, Bacoccini, Price, Ragsdale 298's, Smith 296

RIO RANCHO, NM - Bill Ragsdale captured high-series honors at Tenpins & More with a hard-hitting 300-249-257 = 806 Sports Shots production.

Dana Miller-Mackie held the hot hand for the ladies with a rip-roaring 247-279-235 = 761 Monday Senior Trios set.

Donna Dowd, Eric Espinda, Josh Herschman, Jeff Jones, Steve Mackie, Joe Merrick and J D Nance shared high-game accolades with Ragsdale with award-winning 12-baggers. Dana Miller-Mackie, Sam Pinge and Alvin Toya took runner-up honors with a near-perfect 299 solos. Aaron Bacoccini, Daniel Price and Bill Ragsdale followed with 298 games while Matt Smith finished with a 296 game.

HONOR ROLL

Jeff Jones (4 games) 279-1044, Dana Miller-Mackie (4 games) 234-905, Matt Smith 788, Dana Miller-Mackie 259-710, Jeff Jones 759, Dana Miller-Mackie 223-624, Becky Fisher 234-632.

Daniel Price 730, Dusti Griffin 279-708, Matt Grandinetti 265-689, Christine Lucero 199-556, Brian Bledsoe (4 games) 244-907, Aileen Linares (4 games) 251-798, Charlie Bahr 247-726.

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Jami Garrigan (2 games) 144-259, James Roark 224-616, Arthana Hampel 171-429.

SENIORS

Mike Miller 259-753, Bob Thurston 258-660, Jill Levy 199-513.

First-timer Rolls to Standard Lead at 2017 USBC Open Championships



Rusty Johnston

LAS VEGAS - Just weeks after finishing his freshman year at West Texas A&M, Rusty Johnston of Austin, Texas, was excited about the opportunity to compete in his first United States Bowling Congress Open Championships.

The 19-year-old right-hander shook off the initial nerves of competing in the world's largest participatory sporting event and settled in during doubles and singles Sunday on his way to taking the Standard All-Events lead at the South Point Bowling Plaza with a 1,915 total.

Brennan Nett of Kiel, Wisconsin, previously held the lead in Standard All-Events

with 1,865.

After starting his debut Saturday with a 564 series in his team event, Johnston averaged more than 225 during doubles and singles, finishing with 681 in singles and 670 in doubles. Johnston's singles effort also helped him into a tie for second place in Standard Singles, which is led by Charlie Theobald of Minot, North Dakota, with 696.

Johnston's time at West Texas A&M helped introduce him to more challenging conditions on a regular basis and taught him how to work together with his teammates. He felt that experience was crucial to his success over the

weekend at the Bowling Plaza.

"Being exposed to different shots each week and not always knowing what you were bowling on really helped prepare me for this," Johnston said. "I had never worked with other players to help break down a pattern, so that was something I learned to do this year, too. I think that really helped me this week."

Having the chance to bowl alongside his teammates also meant they could keep a watchful eye on him, just as they would throughout the course of the USBC Collegiate season. Johnston started doubles with a 179 game, but a slight adjustment helped him to games of 238, 253, 236, 246 and 199 to finish off his USBC Open Championships debut.

"They told me to slow down my feet, since it looked like I was getting up there too fast," Johnston said. "After that, everything started to line up. I was releasing it consistently, getting the ball downlane where I wanted to and things seemed to go my way."

Johnston had competed in some larger youth events, including the Junior Gold Championships, with limited success, so he hopes his performance in Las Vegas is

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keys to success long before the group hit the lanes at the Bowling Plaza, and the execution of their game plan resulted in four top-five performances.

Nolen and Reasoner's companion team, Turbo Grips 4 of Chesterfield, Michigan, made a run at the lead in Regular Team on Thursday, before finishing the day in third place with a 3,240 total. Nolen and Reasoner helped Turbo Grips 3 to a 3,078 total, just outside the top 25, and both teams returned to the lanes Friday poised to challenge the leaders in Team All-Events.

Reasoner improved with each set in just his second Open Championships appearance since 2010, and sixth overall, sandwiching his doubles success between 736 in singles and 651 in team for a 2,093 all-events total, which is fourth in Regular All-Events this year.

The 49-year-old right-hander's career-best outing helped

a steppingstone to bigger and better things.

"I bowled some events like Junior Gold as a youth bowler, but I never really did that great in those tournaments," Johnston said. "I didn't expect too much coming in, but after today, I really had a feel for it. It would be awesome to come

Turbo Grips 3 into third place in Team All-Events with a 9,833 total. He was followed by Nolen (2,026), Jeffrey Austreng (1,926), Alan Pittman (1,903) and Chris Sand (1,885).

"It was an honor to be asked to join this group last year, and it meant a lot to be invited back this year," Reasoner said. "It's an amazing group of bowlers, we get along and communicate well, we had a game plan and everyone committed to it. Andrew came up with an amazing blueprint and strategy, and we all got on board."

Now, Nolen and Reasoner will return to their respective home states to wait out the final six weeks of the 2017 Open Championships, which kicked off Feb. 18 and will conclude July 16 after 149 days of competition.

There's no doubt they'll hear from friends about the rolled 6 pin that finished the job. It's also likely that as much as they might not want to, they'll probably visit the online leaderboards once or twice to see how their score is holding up.

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