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Jordan Richard Wins First Career Title at PWBA Greater Harrisburg Open

PWBA Champion Jordan Richard

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. - In just her fourth career Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour event, Jordan Richard of Tipton, Michigan, rolled to a dominating win Saturday at the PWBA Greater Harrisburg Open.

Richard earned the top seed through qualifying and defeated eight-time PWBA Tour champion Shannon O'Keefe of O'Fallon, Illinois, in the title match at ABC West Lanes, 222-194.

The stepladder finals were streamed live on Xtra Frame, the Professional Bowlers Association's online bowling channel.

The 22-year-old right-hander looked at home in the early stages of the title tilt, delivering strikes on three of her first four shots. Although she opened in the fifth frame after leaving the 4-6-7 split, Richard showed the poise of a veteran as she bounced back with strikes in the eighth and ninth frames.

"I tried not to worry about what everyone else was doing," said Richard, the 2018 U.S. Amateur champion and a member of Team USA. "I could only focus on what I could control and see how it played out after that. I saw the lanes completely different, and I played them a little farther right than I had all week. When I split in the fifth, it was left off my hand, so I knew it was just a bad shot, and I adjusted from there."

O'Keefe, a 39-year-old right-hander in search of her third title of the season, stayed clean to force Richard to mark in the 10th frame. Richard rolled a strike to seal the victory and earn her spot in the season-ending PWBA Tour

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USBC Adjusts Timeline for New Bowling Ball Specifications

ARLINGTON, Texas – After reviewing feedback from industry partners, the United States Bowling Congress Equipment and Specifications Committee has revised the implementation dates for the new bowling ball specifications announced earlier this year.

The Equipment and Specifications Committee determined the specification allowing increases in static weights for bowling balls without balance holes will begin this fall to allow for a smoother transition for bowlers.

Starting Aug. 1, 2018, bowling balls weighing more than 10 pounds will be allowed to have up to three ounces of static side, thumb or finger weight and up to three ounces of top or bottom weight, provided the ball does not have a balance hole.

Bowlers still can have a bowling ball with a balance hole until Aug. 1, 2020, but any balls with a balance hole must stay within the current static weight specification of one ounce for finger, thumb or side weight, and three ounces for top or bottom weight.

The specification eliminating the use of balance holes still will go into effect Aug. 1, 2020.

"After hearing from all stakeholders, the committee decided it was the right move to make the static weight specification an option starting this fall," Andrew Cain, chair of the USBC Equipment and Specifications Committee, said. "Bowlers now have a two-year window to work with their pro shops to ensure their equipment will meet specifications on Aug. 1, 2020."

With the elimination of

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Mika Koivuneimi Wins Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open for First PBA50 Tour Title

Mika Koivuneimi

LAS VEGAS – Known as Major Mika during a 16-year career on the PBA Tour, 14-time PBA Tour winner Mika Koivuniemi lived up to that nickname by winning the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm Friday for his first title on PBA's tour for players 50 and over.

The 51-year-old native of Finland, who was top qualifier for the stepladder finals, reeled off the first six strikes in a 259-237 win over Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, in the title match at the Suncoast Bowling

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Stage Set for PBA Tour Finals Title Match June 19 on CBS Sports Network

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (June 14, 2018) – After two positioning rounds based on total pinfall on four different lane conditions, and two stepladder semifinal rounds decided by best-of-two-game final matches, the PBA showcase that began with eight elite players based on composite earnings over the past two and a half years has boiled down to a duel between the past two PBA Players of the Year to decide the winner.

A rematch between reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte and 2016 Player of the Year EJ Tackett to decide the 2018 PBA Tour Finals title will air next Tuesday (June 19) on CBS Sports Network at 8 p.m. ET from the historic arena bay at Thunderbowl Lanes.

The defending champion is Tackett, a 25-year-old, nine-time PBA Tour champion from Huntington, Ind. The challenger is four-time PBA Player of the Year Belmonte, a

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Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, *Publisher*

Last week, I talked about PWBA rising star Jordan Richard, and this week she is the newest PWBA champion after defeating Shannon O'Keefe 222-194 to win the PWBA Greater Harrisburg Open.

The 22-yr-old Richard led the event by 70 pins over Lindsey Boomershine, and bowled a solid game in the title match to take home the trophy. And by the way...this was just her 4th PWBA event...very impressive.

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I'm bowling the Draft Scratch League at JB's Allen bowl this summer, and having fun. I would highly recommend a league like this to anyone looking to make their game stronger.

We are bowling on a different sport pattern every 3-4 weeks, and the first 2 weeks have been a real challenge to all 48 bowlers.

Lots of low scores have been shot, but that's not a bad thing. It's fun going to league each week knowing that you will have to think a little bit (a lot bit) and really make some good shots. Knowing that any double is a good double, and all spares are good spares.

For any of those good bowlers on the fence about bowling a sport scratch league, I would say this...

It's the best way for you to find out what you need to work on, to truly, and I mean truly improve. You CAN NOT get that type of bowling feedback on a house shot. You can't really get it during practice either. Bowling a league on a real pattern is the best way to see what you are working with.

Get out there and try it...but bowl your house shot league too...we all need the occasional five-bagger.

x-x-x-x-x-x

Anybody see Phil Mickelson at the U.S. Open last week? He snapped after a putt, ran after the putt, hit the next putt without the ball coming to a complete stop. I have never seen that one before in my life and it sounds like no one else in the golf game has seen it either, at least not during a major event by a top pro.

My view...big deal...he fried, lost his cool, and with that act, he told the USGA to stuff it.

I have kicked some ball returns in my life, and punched some scoring machines. Not great moments for me, but in the middle of a sports battle, sometimes you lose your cool. That's what Phil did, he got the two-stroke penalty, and "moved on to the next hole," in his words. Big deal, he didn't have anything to kick I guess.

What did the USGA do about that act, and also the complaining and high scores from the other players...they walled up the course for the next round! Can you believe that? They watered the course more than they had planned, and put 11 pins in the middle of greens, a huge departure from what the U.S. Open intended for the week.

Was the course too tough? Yes it was. Should they have made that drastic of an adjustment? No way.

What if you were bowling a tournament on a 45-foot flat pattern, everyone was bowling poorly, or at least scoring poorly because the lanes were brutally tough. Then the next morning you come in, and they ran the house shot.

How would you feel about that?

JORDAN RICHARD

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Championship.

"I wanted to make a good shot and tried to keep my emotions in check," Richard said. "I did just that and it ended up falling my way this time. I'm excited, but I sure didn't think I'd win out here this soon. It's definitely humbling."

Richard's trek from a collegiate standout at Arkansas State to becoming a PWBA Tour champion happened with the support of her family members, who were on-site at ABC West Lanes for her victory. In addition to her parents, she was joined in the celebration by her sisters and nephew, including fellow PWBA Tour rookie Haley Richard.

"This win is just as much theirs as it is mine," Richard said. "They push me every single day to be better."

Richard joined the PWBA Tour just before the

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At Strikz

Petzel unloads 640, McBride fires 601

FRISCO – Brad Petzel led the high-set chase last week at Strikz with a power-packed 188-267-185 = 640 Lousy Bowlerz session.

Cindy McBride, Petzel's league mate, dominated the ladies scoring race with a blue-ribbon 189-212-200 = 601 production.

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

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Dimitri Cruz, Forum Bowl	751
Cully Fulce, JB's Allen Bowl	729
John Wolbert, JB's Allen Bowl	729
Red Richardson, Red Bird Lanes	693
Billy Cathey, Ennis All Star Bowl	649
Brad Petzel, Strikz	640

Women

Kiyoko McDonald, Plano Super Bowl	716
Heather Whitney, Cowtown Bowling Palace	701
Jami Ellis, JB's Allen Bowl	659
Lauren Cathey, Red Bird Lanes	640
Karen Hoyle, Forum Bowl	626
Cindy McBride, Strikz	601
Lauren Cathey, Ennis All Star Bowl	547

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America's Got Talent Finalist to Headline Junior Gold Championships Opening Ceremony in Dallas

ARLINGTON, Texas – Light Balance, the light-up dance team that was a 2017 finalist on the television show America's Got Talent, will headline the Opening Ceremony of the 2018 Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International this July in Dallas.

The Junior Gold Championships, set for July 14-21, features the top youth bowlers in the country seeking national titles in three divisions – 12-and-under, 15-and-under and 20-and-under – and spots on Junior Team USA. The title matches in all divisions are televised on CBS Sports Network.

The Opening Ceremony for the Junior Gold Championships will be Sunday, July 15, at the American Airlines Center, home of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks and the NHL's Dallas Stars.

The day's festivities will start at 3 p.m. (Central) with Ebonite International Game Day at Victory Plaza, located outside the American Airlines Center. Junior Gold participants and their families will have the opportunity to hang out with members of the Ebonite International team during the event that will include games, food, prizes and much more.

"Game Day is just a great way for the Ebonite International team to interact with Junior Gold bowlers and their families in a fun and casual environment before the competition gets underway," Ebonite International Global Marketing Director Dave Wodka said. "We had a lot of fun with the event last year and we're excited to bring it back as we continue our partnership with the Junior Gold Championships."

The Junior Gold Championships Opening Ceremony will

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STAGE SET FOR FINALS

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34-year-old 17-time PBA Tour winner from Australia. Tackett is a high-rev, one-handed power player. Belmonte is a high-rev, two-handed power player.

Belmonte, who will be trying for his 18th Go Bowling! PBA Tour title, earned his spot in the finals as the winner of his four-player Group 1 stepladder semifinal. Tackett, trying for his 10th PBA Tour title, earned his berth as winner of his Group 2 semifinal.

All eight players were split into two four-player groups and began the competition by bowling four games on four different PBA lane conditions in the positioning rounds, which determined their positions in a semfinal stepladder. The positioning rounds were conducted on PBA's 36-foot Johnny Petraglia, 42-foot Mark Roth, 39-foot Don Carter and 45-foot Dick Weber lane conditions.

Tackett won his Group 2 semifinal round by beating Sweden's Jesper Svensson, 2-0, in the best-of-two-game final match, 235-206, and 245-203. Belmonte won the Group 1 semifinal round by beating Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, 265-259, and 239-216.

As the player with the highest average for the tournament (246), Belmonte earned the right to select the lane condition for the finals and chose the Dick Weber condition (which, coincidentally, was also Tackett's choice for the Group 2 semifinal round).

Tackett won the inaugural PBA Tour Finals title in Orlando, Fla., last year by defeating Belmonte, 666-628, in a three-game, total pinfall championship match.

Preceding the title match Svensson will bowl Simonsen in the PBA Tour Finals third-place match.

At Forum Bowl

Cruz commands 751, Hoyle fires 626

Dimitri Cruz' first-rate 227-244-280 = 751 Fast Lane Trio session ended as the number-one set of the week at Forum Bowl.

Karen Hoyle fronted distaff scoring with an outstanding 266-162-198 = 626 Friday Doubles set.

HONOR ROLL

Rustin Jones (9 pin) 300-818, Teresa Ross (9 pin) 237-689, James Sherwood 248-665, Tamara Hamilton 207-590, Bobby Eidenier (4 games) 206-734, Cassie Reese (4 games) 190-572.

Marvin Sitts, Jr. 246-659, Jennifer Nguyen 169-489, George Stilen 234-653, Susan Brownell 202-514, Dimitri Cruz (4 games) 1030, Tina Taylor (4 games) 278-873, Conner Duncan 246-690.

Carolyn Overton 186-505, Bradley Robinson 232-635, Holly Beers 189-523, Troy Kirk 258-726, Eusebio Ramos III 246-665, Annette Bell 191-545, Brad West 219-588, Sharon West 166-410.

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Tom Czajkowski (9 pin) 300-793, Judith Guillory (9 pin) 278-752, Duane Bates (9 pin) 300-779, Pam Stewart (9 pin) 245-610.

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FLOSPORTS' HISTORY AND SOME COOL THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT FLOBOWLING

FloSports is a 100% digital sports media company based in Austin, Texas. Here is some background on the PBA's new video streaming partner as of June 30:

-FloSports was founded in 2006 by brothers Martin and Mark Floreani, along with their friend Madhu Venkatesan, to provide comprehensive coverage of their favorite sports, wrestling and track & field. They raised $10,000 and invested $3,000 in a van, which they planned to drive cross-country to film events, and struck gold when their coverage of Ryan Hall's record half-marathon drew a large following among long-distance runners on FloTrack.com.

-In 2012, FloSports began selling subscriptions to their live streaming service and other premium content. By mid-2014, they had raised $8 million and began adding new channels dedicated to specific underserved sports.

-FloSports' philosophy is to grow sports by elevating the coverage. This is done by providing a fresh and informed perspective and offering an unmatched live experience. Bowling fans who follow the sport via Xtra Frame will soon find out what that means as FloBowling adds its own touch to PBA Xtra Frame coverage.

-Today FloSports' list of channels includes FloWrestling, FloTrack, FloGymnastics, FloGrappling, FloSoftball, FloCheer, FloBikes, FloRodeo, FloRugby, plus more than a dozen others. The company has signed more than 330 new rights partnerships so far this year.

-In Tom Foster's Inc. Magazine story about the birth of FloSports, he said, "(You may) recall a different upstart's rise. In 1979, a slow-pitch softball game aired on (its) first night of programming. Years of bowling tournaments and highlight reels followed. It hardly added up to something that looked like a revolution. Until it did. Perhaps you've heard of that quixotic little company. It's called ESPN."

-Currently, there is a shift in the broadcasting and entertainment industry toward cord-cutting as the inevitable future of watching television. Amazon, Netflix, and Hulu are other notable companies offering digital content. Exactly how it will unfold remains to be seen, but one thing is certain, FloSports is far ahead of the trend.

-FloSports has more than 200 employees, 20+ channels, and is adding thousands of new subscribers each month. That means when PBA Xtra Frame switches onto FloBowling.com, the PBA will immediately gain the potential for several hundred thousand new viewers.

-One more note: FloBowling's subscription rate is $30/month or $150/year ($12.50/month prorated) – both include access to all FloSports channels. Xtra Frame subscribers who are in good standing as of June 29 will be able to retain their existing subscriptions at the current prices if they renew in a timely manner. If the existing Xtra Frame subscription is canceled or lapses, renewals will be at the FloBowling rate.

If you've been procrastinating about subscribing to Xtra Frame, don't delay. Sign up no for Xtra Frame no later than June 29, in time for FloBowling's inaugural coverage of the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open from Aurora, Ill., June 30-July 2.

-Learn more about FloSports here: http://www.flosports.tv/our-story/. Other stories about FloSports:

• They Started With $10,000. Now They're Taking on ESPN (Inc) - Sept 2017

• This Sports Streaming Service Aims for the Mainstream with Football Games (Fortune) - July 2017

• How FloSports is playing David to ESPN's trembling Goliath (The Street) - Apr 2017

• FloSports Nets $21.2M for Live-Streaming Alternative Sports (Wall Street Journal) - Aug 2016

AFTER A WEEK LONG BREAK XTRA FRAME RETURNS JUNE 25-29

With exclusive coverage of the preliminary rounds of the U.S. Women's Open from Orlando, Fla. Liz Johnson of Palatine, Ill., will be trying for her fifth consecutive, and seventh overall, U.S. Women's Open title. CBS Sports Network will air the stepladder finals live on Saturday, June 30, at 5 p.m. EDT.

June 30 marks the beginning of PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling.com. The inaugural event on the FloBowling calendar will be the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open from Aurora, Ill. The PBA50 Tour will make its PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling debut July 17-20 with coverage of the PBA50 River City Extreme Open, presented by Ebonite, from River City Extreme in Monticello, Minn.

Fans can still enroll as XtraFrame subscribers through June 29 by visiting xtraframe.tv. An entire month of coverage costs only $7.99. A three-day subscription is also available through June 25 for $3.99, and the 12-month Season Ticket plan is offered for about $1.25 week. Monthly and year-long subscriptions will be honored by FloSports as the PBA moves to Xtra Frame on FloBowling as of June 30. As of June 30, new subscribers will enroll through FloSports.com at the current FloSports PRO subscription rates.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: TUHOLSKI ENDS 10-YEAR DRY SPELL WITH WIN IN TUMWATER

Craig Tuholski of Troutdale, Ore., won only four of his eight matches, but posted a winning 16-game total of 3,545 pins Sunday in the PBA South Gate Northwest Regional presented by DV8 at Tumwater Lanes in Tumwater, Wash., Sunday to end a 10-year title drought.

Tuholski, who earned $2,000, claimed his ninth PBA Regional title and first since 2008. He out-scored Tanner Spacey of Burien, Wash., by 133 pins for the win. Spacey had a 5-3 match play record and 3,412 pins for his 16 games

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At Plano Super Bowl

Woel-A-Sack bags 300/802, McDonald plasters 716

Baydere, Groom, Walker add 300's, Mayer 299

Tyler Woel-A-Sack was front and center at Plano Super Bowl last week as he dominated scoring with an award-winning 300-245-257 = 802 Thursday Classic Trio session.

Kiyoko McDonald headed the ladies scoring parade with a blue-ribbon 267-245-204 = 716 Pepsi Classic series.

Melin Baydere, Chris Groom and Mike Walker shared high-game honors with Woel-A-Sack with award-winning 12-baggers. Mark Mayer took runner-up accolades with a near-perfect 299 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Chris Groom 773, Diane Nichols 180-503, Travis Welnack 556-597, Dawn Klapper 240-671, Thomas Belcher 262-704, Chole Rast 202-540, Tyrone Gambrell 287-712, Michele Hensarling 263-636.

Justin Pittsinger (4 games) 233-819, Erin Degray-Kutz (4 games) 251-698, Bob Willingham 213-580, Diane Halterman 155-451, Brian Tilley 278-664, Betty Parks 215-556, Dennis Lindeman, Jr. 256-729.

Emilyu Sallee 264-621, Dave Cook 289-750, Diane Wallentine 248-589, Mike Mayer 798, Emily Ryan 189-552, Jim Stephens 270-778, Cindy Mann 222-621, Larry Hoover 258-742.

Kay Pingsterhaus 234-549, Dottie Culpon 201-577, Blane Atkins 267-755, Don Coble 258-739, Mike Walker 708, Lisa Cummins 247-673, Eric Parker 277-657, Natalie Woodward 216-601.

Chuck Gibson 224-579, Emily Ryan 170-482, Jessica Ford 205-580, Justin Thompson (4 games) 278-1025, Kiyoko McDonald (4 games) 965, Christi Nedved 246-709, Warren Conerly 266-739.

Patty Ellington 216-611, Mark Roubadeaux 255-674, Lee Brooke 245-578.

Women's Championships Weekly Glance

Utah pair takes Amethyst lead at National Bowling Stadium

Laura Smith of Glenwood, Utah, and Lisa Lott of Elsinore, Utah, took the Amethyst Doubles lead at the 2018 United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships on June 10 with a 1,011 total.

Smith led the way at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, with games of 167, 184 and 200 for a 551 series, while Lott added games of 184, 165 and 111 for a 460 set. Gail Davis of Albany, Georgia, and Ruby Wiley of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, had been leading since April 23 with 995.

Smith, who made her seventh consecutive USBC Women's Championships appearance, had set a goal of bowling her first 200 game on the championship lanes. She got there during her final game of doubles with a spare to start her final frame and an eight count on her fill ball.

"I accomplished that today," Smith said. "Taking over the lead in our division just added so much more."

In order to reach the lead, either Smith or Lott needed a mark in the 10th frame of the third game, and both players delivered spares.

Amethyst Doubles features bowlers with combined entering averages of 260-289.

Zodiacs celebrate 50 years of participation during 2018 USBC Women's Championships

The famed Zodiacs group celebrated its 50th consecutive trip to the USBC Women's Championships on June 10.

Known as the "World's Best-Dressed Bowling Team," the Zodiacs, from New Orleans, were introduced at the 1969 event in San Diego to protest the tournament's dress code. Since then, the Zodiacs have returned each year in a different costume, often reflecting the host city of the event or their hometown of New Orleans.

The team's founder and captain, Linda Prattini of Metairie, Louisiana, brought five four-player teams to celebrate the milestone appearance, and she also was recognized for making her 52nd consecutive tournament appearance.

The group was presented with a commemorative plaque for its longevity.

A look ahead

Two bowlers are scheduled to join the 50-Year Club at the USBC Women's Championships this week in Reno.

Helen Kidwell of Indianapolis will celebrate her milestone appearance June 16, and Bonnie Anderson of Kingsland, Texas, will make her 50th trip to the Women's Championships on June 19.

Kidwell, 89, made her tournament debut at the 1967 event in Rochester, New York, and has been to every event since 1970. She's also a member of the Indianapolis USBC Hall of Fame.

Anderson, 77, started her journey at the 1966 event in New Orleans and has been an annual participant since 1972. Her dedication to the sport earned her induction in the Thompson Falls Hall of Fame.

For more information on the Women's Championships, visit BOWL.com/WomensChamp.

Visit us on Facebook at the official USBC Women's Championships page.

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

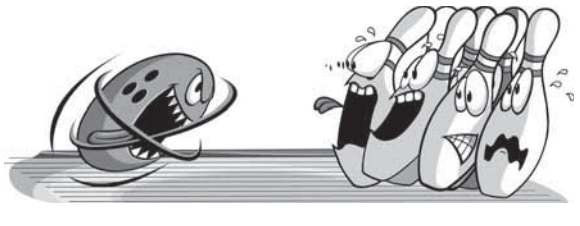
Bob McGregor and Joe LeCroy win SASBA Firecracker at Plano Super Bowl…Justin Ward led the honor roll with 789 at AMF Spare Time…Brian Smith had 728 at AMF DeSoto…Janet Miller led the ladies with 681 at AMF DeSoto.

20 YEARS AGO

Ron Williams wins PBA Midland Regional over David Brewster…Lisa Talley Wasson wins her first PWBA Regional in Emporia, KS over Michele Davis…Ed Mantooth led the honor roll with 788 at Terrell…Ed Butterfield with 765 at Forum… Cathy Nelson led the ladies with 705 at DCSW…Jennifer Tedrow shot 640 at DC East…YABA bowler, Randy Cook shot 715 at DC East…Bing Obaldo wins NABI at Showplace-Garland.

30 YEARS AGO

Jack Lorenzo elected FWBA President…Joe Berardi and Dave Ferraro win PBA Doubles in Las Vegas…Danny Kelch led the honor roll with 804 at Wedgwood…Ron Luper shot 756 at DCSW…Alan Hunter with 745 at Showplace…Sherrie Slaughter led the ladies with 680 at Advantages…Mary Betke had 664 at Showplace…Annie Akanni takes NTTB at Bowl Dallas…Joe Sustaita had a perfect game at Showplace…Dennis Pate and Bo Bowden win Scratch Doubles at Golden Triangle…Randy Johnson wins Memorial Day Scratch Singles at Advantages.



At Red Bird Lanes

Richardson claims 693, Cathey crafts 640

Red Richardson claimed high-series honors with a 225-269-199 = 693 series in Tuesday Men's Commercial league action to head the honor roll for the week at Red Bird Lanes.

Lauren Cathey, from the Career Girls group, posted a fine 205-234-201 = 640 set to pace the ladies.

HONOR ROLL

Judy Dillabough 188-493, Pete Evans 246-689, Kyle Fitzpatrick (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 300-1051, Lauren Cathey (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 255-903, John Hinckel 215-570, Deanna Hoffman 200-551.

Tim McGlothin 225-604, Melvina Howard 221-517, Chester Lindsay 245-658, Andrew Almanza 188-501, Avery Brackens 233-661, Angela Davis-White 163-435.

At Ennis All Star Bowl

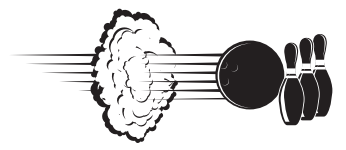
Cathey snares 649

Billy Cathey locked up the top spot on the honor roll last week at Ennis All Star Bowl with a high-powered 226-223-200 = 649 Ennis Mixed Classic outing.

Lauren Cathey, also from the Ennis Mixed Classic group, paced the ladies with a sturdy 189-166-192 = 547 set.

HONOR ROLL

Paul Toal 254-628, McKinsey Pollan 173-469, Tice Hopkins 219-556, April Hopkins 156-440.



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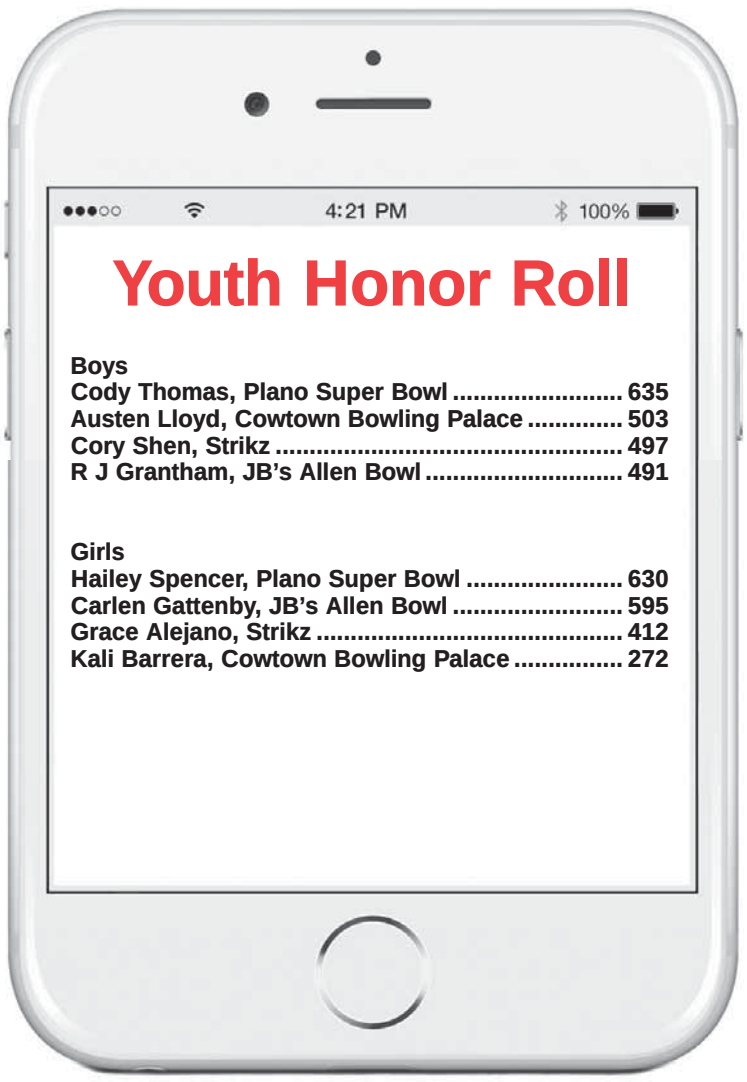

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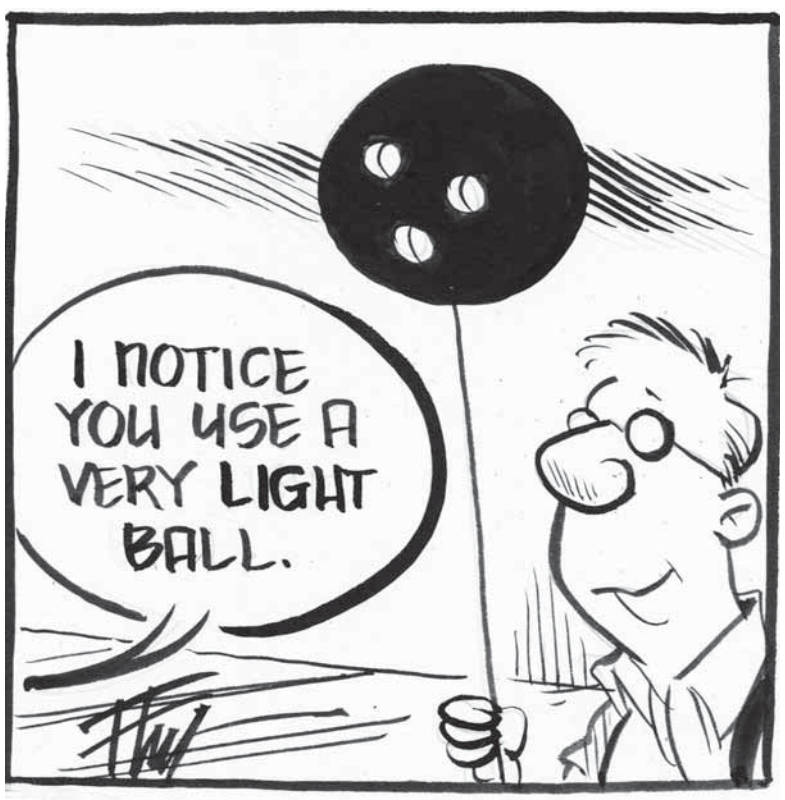

Kuddles for Kids Program Helps Tournament Participants Give Back to Host Cities in 2018

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - The United States Bowling Congress Open Championships is about more than just bowling.

In its 115-year history, the tournament has been held in 49 cities in 26 states, and each visit is an opportunity for staff and bowlers to enjoy what each city and region have to offer, while the host city is able to showcase the things that make it special.

The steady flow of visitors over a seven-month period, from the start of construction on the custom venue to the last bit of teardown and cleanup, means a big economic boost for the city, and the donation of materials used to build the tournament's temporary home to a local charity or organization, means the legacy of the Open Championships will live on locally in the form of homes and other structures.

Another special layer has been added to the event-host city relationship in 2018 with the introduction of the Kuddles for Kids program, a multi-organization partnership that allows the bowlers, who come from all 50 states and several foreign countries, to directly impact the life of a local child.

The on-site USBC Bowling Store, a one-stop shop for all tournament-related souvenirs, features a special plush dog that bowlers and guests can purchase for $10 (plus tax) and donate to the chosen local first responders. This is being done at both the USBC Open Championships in Syracuse and the 2018 USBC Women's Championships in Reno, Nevada.

By having the dogs on-hand when responding to emergencies or situations that involve children, they can be used to provide comfort to a child in what could be a scary or traumatizing moment.

The Kuddles for Kids program at the tournaments was initiated by MainGate, the company that operates the USBC Bowling Store, both on-site at the events and on USBCBowlingStore.com.

It is modeled after a program introduced in 2017 at National Hot Rod Association events called Project Nitro Dog.

Fans at each NHRA event are invited to purchase a plush Nitro Dog. The dogs sold at each race are gathered and donated to first responders in the communities where the races are held. Last year more than 6,000 dogs were donated to communities around the United States.

"Since we're the official merchandise partner of USBC, we're really honored to be part of these tournaments," said Kathie Greenwood, MainGate's Vice President of Brand Development. "And one of our company values is always giving back to the communities we're in, so we're proud to be able to bring our Kuddles for Kids program into the tournament communities. The ultimate goal is to put a plush in the hands of a first responder who may encounter a child in a traumatic situation, with the hope that it will provide comfort in that moment. The bowlers have been so generous so far, and we're excited to now be able to distribute them to the community."

In Syracuse, the team at

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Fort Worth USBC Youth Results

Austen Lloyd topped the Fort Worth-area USBC Youth bowling last week with a hard-hitting 162—136-205 = 503 Strikers series at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

Kali Barrera, also from the Strikers group led the girls with an impressive 49-127-96 = 272 set.

At Cowtown Bowling Palace – Isaac Marquez 202-495, Maddie James 124, Nathan Press 181, Noemi Lievano 79, Katherine Barrera 87.

Dallas USBC Youth Scores

Cody Thomas headed the Dallas-area USBC Youth bowling last week with a powerful 207-217-211 = 635 Sunday Youth/Adult series at Plano Super Bowl.

Hailey Spencer, Thomas' league mate, paced the girls with a sparkling 22-177-227 = 630 set.

At JB's Allen Bowl – Issac Wilson 128-301, Ashley Martinez 82-223, Adrian Allen 102-255, Carlen Gattenby 210-595, Ian Thom 144-373, Benjamin Lilly 90-263, Isaac Gattenby 137-397, R J Grantham 168-491, Kendyl Goodger 193-517, Will Durnin 109-314, Lydia Gilbert 182-464, Dylan Jankowski 98-286, Tara Meche 174-469, Austin Wancio 109-269, Jessica Hubbard 179-390.

At Plano Super Bowl – Robbie Baum 146-406, Jordyn Wright 94-231, Brady McDonough 187-468, Malorie Samples 139-377, Cole Christner 246-596, Payton Perry 94-266, A G Pai 192-601, Sophia Donaghy 157-438, Edric Boyce 156-405, Mya Murray 126-369, C J Johnson 246-612, Megan Wente 99-279, Cameron Wing 190-520, Grayson Pool 231-594, Grace Blair 210-546, Brady McDonough 169-430, Dylan Pittsinger 202-533, Hailey Spencer 161-426, Clay Adams 197-535, Sara Taylor 189-485, Caleb Ebner (2 games) 80-146, Evie Gable (2 games) 74-148.

At Strikz – Zachary Smullen 179-475, Cory Shen 175-497, Grace Alejano 140-412.

KUDDLES FOR KIDS

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Visit Syracuse has selected the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office in partnership with the McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center to be the recipients for the dogs donated in the Salt City, while plans in Reno still are being finalized. In all, more than 200 plush dogs are expected to be donated during the run of the two events.

At each tournament, a special doghouse has been placed outside of the Bowling Store as a way to collect the plush dogs while the tournaments roll on. The Open Championships kicked off its 107-day run on March 24, and the Women's Championships got underway April 19.

"This is tremendous for us, because whether we're out on the street in a patrol car at a scene where there's a child or something happened at the child's house, just the ability to give the child something such as these beautiful stuffed dogs does so much to ease that child's mind, and that's what it's all about," said Onondaga County Sheriff Eugene Conway. "So, we're very appreciative of this donation, and I know the McMahon/Ryan Center will use them in much the same way. It's just a small gesture, but it really means so much to the children in those situations."

The McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center works directly with children who have been abused, seeing more than 1,000 children each year. Sometimes, when the children are brought into the center, they must leave their comfort items at home, or they are taken as evidence, depending on the situation.

The Child Advocacy Center helps the children through what can be a confusing and scary process that also can include law enforcement, children and family services, social workers, medical professionals, victim advocates, prosecutors and therapists and volunteers.

Having a small token to help offer comfort and ease some of the trauma can be incredibly valuable.

"We know when we give these to the children, they are excited and grateful just to have something to hold onto, and it really does help offer some comfort," said McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center Director of Outreach and Education Maureen Foran-Mocete. "For the bowling congress to be able to do this for us is just a great thing, both for our center and for the children of our community."

USBC and this year's host cities actually have long-standing relationships, with the Open Championships previously having been held in Syracuse in 1935, 1958, 1973 and 1999, and both tournament's making regular visits to Reno, since the opening of the National Bowling Stadium in 1995. The Women's Championships also visited Syracuse in 2011.

Though the 2018 tournaments are nearing their conclusions and soon will move on to new host cities - the Women's Championships will end July 1 and the Open Championships will wrap up July 8 - the legacies of the event will live on in each location.

In 2019, the Open Championships will return to the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, and the Women's Championships will head to Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kansas.

"We really feel like the bowlers are part of our family here in Syracuse, and the fact that they're giving back to the community in an area that is a sad part of our day - when children are upset with troubles at home or tragedy - means a lot," said Visit Syracuse President and CEO Danny Liedka. "These items definitely do provide some much-needed comfort at a tough time, and it's so nice of the bowlers to embrace this program like they have. Their generosity really touches our hearts here in Syracuse."

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BOWLING BALL SPECS

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balance holes as of Aug. 1, 2020, bowlers may have up to five holes for gripping purposes and all gripping holes must be used on every delivery. A bowler who chooses not to use a thumb hole would need to mark by scribe, engraver or tool their intended center of palm with a plus (+) mark to indicate their grip orientation.

Bowlers who do not use their thumb for delivery and decide to use the higher static weight specification cannot have a thumb hole – it would be classified a balance hole – and immediately will be required to follow the specification requiring them to mark their intended center of palm.

The USBC Equipment and Specifications Committee did decide the gripping rules that become effective Aug. 1, 2020, will have an exception for house balls, for bowlers who use house balls and might not have the strength to use all gripping holes.

House balls are defined as balls supplied by the center where the competition is taking place, have a polyester or basic urethane cover, a differential RG of less than 0.025 inches and the ball is not specifically drilled to fit the bowler.

The dates for implementing the new specification for the oil absorption rate of bowling ball coverstocks do not change. The initial step on the oil absorption specification will begin Aug. 1, 2018, when bowling ball manufacturers are required to submit oil absorption data as part of the USBC bowling ball approval process. The specification requiring a bowling ball's oil absorption rate to be more than 2 minutes, 15 seconds (2:15) for the ball to be approved will take effect Aug. 1, 2020.

However, because all current bowling balls will be grandfathered in regardless of oil absorption rate, the Equipment Specifications Committee determined the production of balls that do not meet the 2:15 oil absorption time limit must be stopped as of Jan. 31, 2022.

The new bowling ball specifications announced in April were designed to sustain the playing field both currently and in the future.

The Equipment and Specifications Committee has delegated authority from the USBC Board to make changes to equipment specifications.

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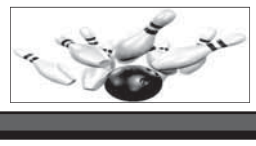

JORDAN RICHARD

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United States Bowling Congress Queens in May, and now finds herself as one of the front-runners for PWBA Rookie of the Year.

"I've tried to just play my own game and do what's best for me so far," Richard said. "And stay patient. That was the biggest thing I wanted to focus on coming out here. I didn't think I would win out here right away, because these girls are phenomenal and hard to beat. But, I knew if I stayed patient, my time would come, and it has been very exciting."

O'Keefe, who made her fourth championship-round appearance of the season, benefitted from a pair of 10th-frame miscues from her opponents on the way to the title match.

In the semifinal, O'Keefe finished with 170, forcing Lindsay Boomershine of Perry, Utah, to roll nine on the first shot of the 10th frame to advance. Boomershine left the 1-2-10 combination and was unable to convert, finishing with 167.

In the opening game of the stepladder, O'Keefe finished with 157, giving Bryanna Coté of Red Rock, Arizona, the chance to move on with a mark in her final frame. Coté left a 7 pin and missed the spare to finish with 150.

Competition this week at the PWBA Greater Harrisburg Open included two eight-game qualifying blocks on Friday to determine the 32 players for Saturday's Round of 32. An additional eight-game block Saturday morning narrowed the field to 12 players, who bowled six additional games to determine the stepladder finalists.

The 2018 PWBA Tour season will continue June 23 with the second major of the year, the U.S. Women's Open. The event will be held at Boardwalk Bowl in Orlando, Florida, with the stepladder finals airing live on CBS Sports Network on June 30 at 5 p.m. Eastern.

Go to PWBA.com for more information about the PWBA Tour.

About the PWBA

The Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) originally was formed in 1960. The PWBA Tour has events throughout the country, offering high-level competition and top prize money for women bowlers. The PWBA is supported by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) and the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

PWBA GREATER HARRISBURG OPEN

At ABC West Lanes, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Saturday's Results

1, Jordan Richard, Tipton, Mich., 222 (one game), $10,000

2, Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill., 521 (three games), $5,000

3, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah, 167 (one game), $3,500

4, Bryanna Coté , Red Rock, Ariz., 150 (one game), $3,000

Stepladder results

Match No. 1 - O'Keefe def. Coté, 157-150

Semifinal - O'Keefe def. Boomershine, 170-167

Championship - Richard def. O'Keefe, 222-194

ROUND OF 12

(30-game totals; top four advance to stepladder finals)

1, Jordan Richard, Tipton, Mich., 6,561. 2, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah, 6,496. 3, Bryanna Coté, Red Rock, Ariz., 6,479. 4, Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill., 6,457.

DID NOT ADVANCE

5, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 6,449, $2,000. 6(tie), Shannon Sellens (n), Copiague, N.Y., and Maria Jose Rodriguez, Colombia, 6,436, $1,937. 8, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 6,433, $1,875. 9, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 6,427, $1,800. 10, Josie Barnes, Nashville, Tenn., 6,415, $1,700.

11, Laura Plazas, Colombia, 6,300, $1,650. 12, Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb., 6,284, $1,600.

ROUND OF 32

(24-game totals; top 12 advance)

1, Jordan Richard, Tipton, Mich., 5,347. 2, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah, 5,273. 3, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 5,252. 4, Maria Jose Rodriguez, Colombia, 5,243. 5, Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill., 5,239. 6, Josie Barnes, Nashville, Tenn., 5,215.

7, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 5,211. 8, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 5,209. 9, Bryanna Coté, Red Rock, Ariz., 5,206. 10, Laura Plazas, Colombia, 5,190. 11, Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb., 5,180. 12, Shannon Sellens (n), Copiague, N.Y., 5,170.

MIKA KOIVUNEIMI

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Center to win the season's third PBA50 Tour major.

"We may be getting older but winning never gets old," said Koivuniemi, who won three majors during his PBA Tour career. "There's a lot of great bowlers out here and many of them are bowlers who I bowled against on the PBA Tour so the competition is still tough."

With the first six strikes in the title match, Koivuniemi was able to build a lead that was just too much for Kretzer to overcome.

"I really felt good mentally and couldn't have thrown the ball better considering I don't bowl as much as I used to," said Koivuniemi. "I used a ball that I felt good about but it's one that I either throw a lot of strikes with or throw a lot of splits. Fortunately, it was strikes today.

"My attitude has always been to focus on what I can do to win," he added. "Even though Brian was bowling well it didn't have any effect on what I needed to do going into the (title) match."

Koivuniemi, who has been retired from the PBA Tour for three years, isn't able to bowl as much because he is the full-time head coach for the United Arab Emirates national bowling team.

"I'm fortunate that I'm still able to get time off to bowl these tournaments," Koivuniemi said of competing in the Senior U.S. Open and USBC Senior Masters. "I believe I can win these tournaments so that's why I make the trip."

Koivuniemi's previous best PBA50 major finishes were seventh in the 2017 Senior Masters and ninth in the 2017 Senior U.S. Open.

Kretzer, who qualified fifth for the finals after making a big move from 14th after Friday's first match play round, started by winning the opening match against No. 4 qualifier five-time PBA Tour winner Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 208-196. He then went on to beat PBA Hall of Famers Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., 243-193, and Brian Voss of Centennial, Colo., 257-196, on his way to the title match.

Kretzer, who owns one PBA Tour title, was trying for his first PBA50 Tour title. Bohn, a 35-time PBA Tour winner, was trying for his fifth PBA50 Tour title and Voss, a 25-time tour winner, was trying for his third and second of the season.

In danger of missing the cut to match play, PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., who was trying to become the Senior U.S. Open's first three-time winner rallied in the final two rounds of match play with an 11-1 match play record but fell just short of making the finals finishing sixth.

The PBA50 Tour will take a four-week break and return to action with the PBA50 River City Xtreme Open presented by Ebonite in Monticello, Minn., July 17-20.

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN

Presented by Storm

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Final Standings:

1, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, $10,000.

2, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, $6,000.

3, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., $5,000.

4, Parker Bohn, III, Jackson, N.J., $4,000.

5, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., $3,500.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Kretzer def. Shafer, 208-196.

Match Two – Kretzer def. Bohn, 243-193.

Semifinal Match – Kretzer def. Voss, 257-196.

Championship Match – Koivuniemi def. Kretzer, 259-237.

SIXTH ROUND

(after 36 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins. Top five players advance to stepladder finals)

1, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 9-3, 8,206.

2, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 7-5, 8,095.

3, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 8-3-1, 8,078.

4, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5-6-1, 8,057.

5, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 8-4, 8,042.

6, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 11-1, 7,974, $3,000.

7, Allan Sennevall, Sweden, 9-3, 7,966, $2,800.

8, n-Steven Smith, San Diego, 8-4, 7,964, $2,600.

9, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 6-6, 7,959, $2,500.

10, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 6-6, 7,944, $2,400.

11, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 7-5, 7,926, $2,300.

12, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 7-5, 7,912, $2,200.

13, Amleto Monacelli,

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Time	League	# Per Team	Start Date	Meeting
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6:00 PM	Monday Mixers	4	June 11th	Starts at 5:30 PM
Tuesday				
10:00 AM	Just for Fun	2	June 12th	Starts at 9:30 AM
1:00 PM	Rolling Rocks	3	June 12th	Starts at 12:30 PM
6:30 PM	Adventures	4	June 12th	Starts at 6:00 PM
Wednesday				
6:00 PM	Wednesday Mixers	4	June 13th	Starts at 5:30 PM
Thursday				
12:00 PM	Young at Heart	4	June 14th	Starts at 11:30 AM
6:00 PM	Thursday Funfours	4	June 14th	Starts at 5:30 PM
Friday				
10:00 AM	9 Pin No Tap	3	June 15th	Starts at 9:30 AM
10:00 AM	Senior No Tap	3	June 15th	Starts at 9:30 AM
Saturday				
10:00 AM	Bowl-a-Rama Youth	X	June 16th	Starts at 9:45 AM
Sunday				
6:30 PM	Sunday Mixers	4	June 10th	Starts at 6:00 PM

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Venezuela, 4-7-1, 7,894, $2,100.
14, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5-7, 7,859, $2,050.
15, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 8-4, 7,842, $2,000.
16, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 4-8, 7,841, $1,950.
17, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 7-5, 7,832, $1,900.
18, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 4-8, 7,788, $1,850.
19, n-Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 7-5, 7,778, $1,800.
20, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 8-4, 7,771, $1,750.
21, n-Paul Fleming, Bedford, Texas, 4-8, 7,767, $1,700.
22, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 6-6, 7,755, $1,650.
23, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6-6, 7,714, $1,600.
24, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 7-5, 7,705, $1,575.
25, Eddie Graham, Kettering, Ohio, 4-8, 7,698, $1,550.
26, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 6-6, 7,690, $1,525.
27, Rick Minier, Houston, 4-8, 7,675, $1,500.
28, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 6-6, 7,625, $1,475.
29, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 6-6, 7,590, $1,450.
30, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 4-8, 7,579, $1,425.
31, (tie) Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 4-8, 7,567, and n-David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 6-6, 7,567, $1,388.
33, n-Ben Hoefs, Mobile, Ala., 7-5, 7,558, $1,350.
34, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 5-6-1, 7,550, $1,325.

At Cowtown Bowling Palace

Labue crushes 778, Whitney snags 701

Mike Labue crushed the competition last week at Cowtown Bowling Palace with a power-packed 268-223-287 = 778 Wednesday Winners production.

Heather Whitney's hard-hitting 262-215-224 = 701 Storm Bowling Draft Scratch Trio set fronted distaff scoring.

HONOR ROLL

Charles Walton 269-706, Ashley Martin 178, Frankie Mata 268, Jason Magallon, Sr. 267, Kevin Roberts 286, Jose Cortes 279, Ryan Boroff 278-759, Jennifer Murphy 232, Tennelle Milligan 227.

Pam Candler 223-598, Jason Magallon, Sr. 256, Trent Brown 245, Chase Martin 268-723, Stephanie Serrato 192, Dana Madewell 257, Richard Botello, Jr. 256, Kevin Smith 239, Amie Grace 201.

Wayne Heppel 233-643, Shane Thomas 225, Joey Rosamond 237, Dawn Crum 183, Edward Demars 237, Greg Carwheel 226.

SENIORS

Ken Knowles 234, Alice Phillips 187-508, Johnny Zaskoda 231-627, James Crow 226, George Hernandez, Sr. 226, Karen Wittenberg 219-554, Johnny Zaskoda 228-669, Ken Eilert 226.

SUMMER 2018
LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Bowling Time	League Name	Starting Date	League Type	Number on Team
MONDAY				
6:30 p.m.	Monday Night Mixers	June 4	Mixed	4
6:30 p.m.	12 for 12	July 16	Mixed	4
TUESDAY				
9:30 a.m.	Tuesday VIPs	June 5	50+ Mixed	4
12:30 p.m.	Senior All-Stars	September	Men -190+ avg	2
6:30 p.m.	Ladies and Gents	June 12	Mixed	4
7 p.m.	Storm Bowling Trios	June 5	190+ avg.	3
WEDNESDAY				
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Winners	June 6	Mixed	4
6:30 p.m.	Fort Worth Classic Trios	June 6	Mixed	3
THURSDAYS				
9:30 a.m.	Thursday Twighlighters	June 7	50+ Mixed	4
12:30 p.m.	Coaches	September	Mixed	4
6:30 p.m.	Thirsty Thursdays	July 12	Mixed	4
6:30 p.m.	Just 4 Fun	June 14	Mixed	4
SATURDAY (SEE SEPARATE FLYER FOR TEAM DETAILS)				
9:30 a.m.	Youth Leagues	June 2	20 or less	3-4
5 p.m.	Saturday Night Live	September		

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start at 7 p.m. (Central) with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. for athletes and spectators. This special event is for Junior Gold participants and their families only and is not open to the public.

The Opening Ceremony festivities will include a special athlete introduction, presentation of the 2017-2018 Dexter All-American Team, the Bowlers Choice Awards, and an a cappella rendition of the national anthem performed by the Dallas duo Hunter & Savannah. Radio personality Cruz and DJ Mark Cutz from 106.1 KISS FM in Dallas will be on hand to provide music and entertainment.

The Bowlers Choice Awards, five fun awards designed to give youth bowlers the opportunity to express their personalities, are part of the Junior Gold Championships for the second time. The five award categories are: Social King, Epic Swag, Selfie Queen, Breakout Star and Craziest Celebration.

Youth bowlers have until June 30 to visit BOWL.com/JuniorGoldOpeningCeremony to nominate themselves or a fellow bowler for a Bowlers Choice Award. A committee then will select the top five submissions in each category for online voting, which will take place July 2. The winners will be presented their award and a certificate for an Ebonite bowling ball at the Opening Ceremony.

All Junior Gold competitors are encouraged to attend the Opening Ceremony, as there will be several opportunities to participate in the show and receive youth scholarships and prizes from Ebonite International.

The Ukraine-based Light Balance, a team of talented dancers, designers, programmers and choreographers, will close the Opening Ceremony. Visit LightBalance.net to learn more about this exciting dance team.

"This is our opportunity to celebrate the sport of bowling with our youth bowlers and their families," International Bowling Campus Youth Development Managing Director Gary Brown said. "The Opening Ceremony will be fun and engaging and we hope all the athletes will attend the show."

Junior Gold participants will need to visit BOWL.com/JGSpecialEvents to register for the events.

The city of Dallas and the Dallas Sports Commission will host the 2018 Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International. Competition starts July 16 with the opening round of qualifying at eight bowling centers in the Dallas area.

CBS Sports Network will televise the finals of each division (U12, U15 and U20) of the Junior Gold Championships presented by The Brands of Ebonite International and the title matches of the U15 and U12 divisions of the USA Bowling National Championships presented by Sixlets.

The finals, which will take place at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, will air over a five-week period starting July 24 with the U12 Junior Gold title matches. Visit BOWL.com/BowlingOnCBSSN for the schedule.

Visit BOWL.com/JuniorGold for more information about the Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International.

Visit BOWL.com/YouthTournaments for information on the USA Bowling National Championships presented by Sixlets and the Bowling.com Youth Open Championships that also will take place this July in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Live Stream Schedule

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U.S. Women's Open, Orlando, FL - Qualifying Round 1 - A Squad
Monday June 25 6:50 AM
U.S. Women's Open, Orlando, FL - Qualifying Round 1 - B Squad
Monday June 25 11:35 AM
U.S. Women's Open, Orlando, FL - Qualifying Round 1 - C Squad
Monday June 25 4:20 PM
U.S. Women's Open, Orlando, FL - Qualifying Round 2 - B Squad
Tuesday June 26 6:50 AM
U.S. Women's Open, Orlando, FL - Qualifying Round 2 - C Squad
Tuesday June 26 11:35 AM
U.S. Women's Open, Orlando, FL - Qualifying Round 2 - A Squad
Tuesday June 26 4:20 PM
U.S. Women's Open, Orlando, FL - Qualifying Round 3 - C Squad
Wednesday June 27 6:50 AM
U.S. Women's Open, Orlando, FL - Qualifying Round 3 - A Squad
Wednesday June 27 11:35 AM
U.S. Women's Open, Orlando, FL - Qualifying Round 3 - B Squad
Wednesday June 27 4:20 PM
U.S. Women's Open, Orlando, FL - Qualifying - Casher's Rd.
Thursday June 28 8:50 AM
U.S. Women's Open, Orlando, FL - Match Play Round 1
Thursday June 28 3:50 PM
U.S. Women's Open, Orlando, FL - Match Play Round 2
Friday June 29 8:50 AM
U.S. Women's Open, Orlando, FL - Match Play Round 3
Friday June 29

PBA SPARE SHOTS

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including match play bonus pins.

-Devon Miller of Dublin, Ohio defeated Andrew Klingler of Grand Rapids, Mich., 224-182, to win the PBA Elkhart Central/Midwest Open presented by 900 Global at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart, Ind., Sunday for his first PBA Regional title and a $2,000 first prize.

In the semifinal round, Miller topped Chris Colella of Indianapolis, 219-213, while Klingler downed Jason Lundquist of Columbus, Ohio, 209-188, to set up the championship match.

-The only event on the June 15-17 PBA Regional calendar is the Timmy See Memorial Tavares South Open presented by MOTIV at Break Point Alley in Tavares, Fla.

-PBA Regional activity over the June 22-24 weekend will be the Homefield Bowl Eastern Open presented by MOTIV in Yonkers, N.Y.; the Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Challenge presented by Storm in Fort Wayne, Ind., and the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.

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

QUICK NOTES

Correction: In the coverage of Chris Barnes' victory in Sunday's PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open, the story noted Barnes won his last title in the 2016 DHC PBA Japan Invitational. That event actually was in 2015.

Just Paying Attention

By Mark London
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With the pending AT&T purchase of Time Warner looming on the horizon threatening to change live streaming and several other forms of broadcasting for the foreseeable future, two tournament finishes literally within hours of each other showed bowling fans how lucky we are for the live streaming we have.

First, USBC's bowl.tv brought us the first of two dramatic endings in the USBC Senior Masters. One thing was going to happen for sure, as told to us by Matt Cannizzaro, one of the two finalists, either Norm Duke or Chris Warren, would join a select few to have won the Senior Masters as well as the Masters in their career.

Warren had won the 1990 edition over David Ozio, while Duke beat Patrick Allen for the 1993 title. In fact, this was Warren's first chance at a title, senior or otherwise, since his last regular tour win, the 1992 PBA Florida Open victory over Bob Vespi. Remember the one with a little more trash-talking and the crowd got into just a little bit more than Chris Schenkel let on? Yes, that one.

As the two DFW legends battled on, I'm sure many regular readers could think back to when these two battled as youngsters in the late 1970s and early 1980s, before Duke literally exploded on the national scene with the 1983 PBA Cleveland Open win.

Warren trailed by 32 midway through the title match, then tossed a six-bagger and filled with a nine-count, forcing Duke to strike on the first ball in the tenth and fill with at least eight. He flushed the first shot in the tenth with a quick follow through, then got the next shot inside allowing the ball to creep high, tacking out four from the middle of the rack, handing the title to Warren, 246-241.

Duke has experienced the other side of an ill-timed shot a few years back. Needing a spare and eight to win the 2011 U.S. Open, Mika Koivuniemi missed a 10-pin on the spare attempt, giving a second U.S. Open crown to Duke.

The second dramatic tournament ending was the Jakob Butturff-Chris Barnes title match in the PBA XtraFrame Lubbock Sports Open.

After missing a 7-pin spare in the fifth frame, Butturff had a chance to double in the tenth to close out Barnes. He struck, then spared a 7-pin for 206, leaving Barnes a dream scenario, throwing three strikes in the tenth for the win. Three flush shots resulted in three flush strikes and a 19th title for the 46-year-old PBA Hall of Famer, his first title in three years.

As Barnes stated simply afterwards, "They don't get any more fun than that."

Two different types of match endings, both equally tense, both wonderful reasons why bowling is a fun watch and great ear and eye candy to fans of various interest levels.

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ABC West Lanes in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, is one of a handful of houses to host both PBA and PWBA national tour stops dating back to the 1990's, and most recently last week's the PWBA Greater Harrisburg Open.

Perhaps the most remembered was the 1993 PBA Greater Harrisburg Open. Walter Ray Williams, Jr. was in the midst of a career year in 1993, winning seven times. Even with a 268 title match effort, it could have easily been eight, although he did win twice in August two weeks apart. But this is what happened the week in between those two titles.

Matching the late PBA Hall of Famer Mike McGrath's 1965 feat, Brian Davis won the very first PBA national tournament he entered. (Ironically, it's his only title - no regional wins.)

In the process, he nearly duplicated what Bob Benoit did five years earlier, and that was to bowl a perfect game in his first game on national television. Benoit was the top seed that afternoon, defeating Mark Roth, 300-255 for the 1988 PBA Quaker State Open crown.

After defeating David Traber, 201-198, and defending champ Bob Vespi with a closing five-bagger, 258-245, Davis won a PBA title in just his first appearance, in his third game on national television. Like Mike Aulby's TV 300 only three weeks earlier, this game could have also been worth a $100,000 bonus.

In one of those matches not finding its way onto the PBA's recent Top 60 for 60 Moments list, here's this week's JPA Lost Classic from August 19, 1993. The link can be found here: (www. youtube.com/watch?v-hlzmQuQ_a1k).

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Finally this week, a Yinzer Nation story I haven't indulged for a while. Two weeks ago, one of most recognizable people from Beaver Valley threw out the first pitch at a Chicago Cub game. Oddly, it was Joe Namath's first visit to Wrigley Field, considering the Cubs almost drafted him out of Beaver Falls High School. Instead, his mother wanted her son to get an education, so he went to the University of Alabama to play football for Coach Bear Bryant, and later the New York Jets, and engineering one the most unlikely upsets in NFL history to this day, nearly fifty years later.

In the early 70's, my sixth-grade teacher told us one day he had played baseball for New Brighton High School against their arch rival Beaver Falls High years earlier. Mr. Reynolds' high school yearbook proved it, as he also had a copy of Namath's class yearbook, complete with the team picture of Joe in the front row, wearing a pair of Ray Ban's and the casual look about to become common place in the upcoming social upheaval known as the 1960's.

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Next week, a little more on the changing look of what's really on television.

At JB's Allen Bowl

Fulce and Wolbert tie at 729, Ellis claims 659

Munden 300

Cully Fulce and John Wolbert nailed down high-set honors last week at JB's Allen Bowl with an outstanding 729 series. Fulce fired games of 214-251-264 in Friday 4 Play action while Wolbert downed lines of 228-257-244 in a Tuesday Doubles outing.

Jami Ellis paced the ladies with a strong 159-222-278 = 659 Friday 4 Play set.

Alex Munden captured high-game honors with an award-winning 12-bagger.

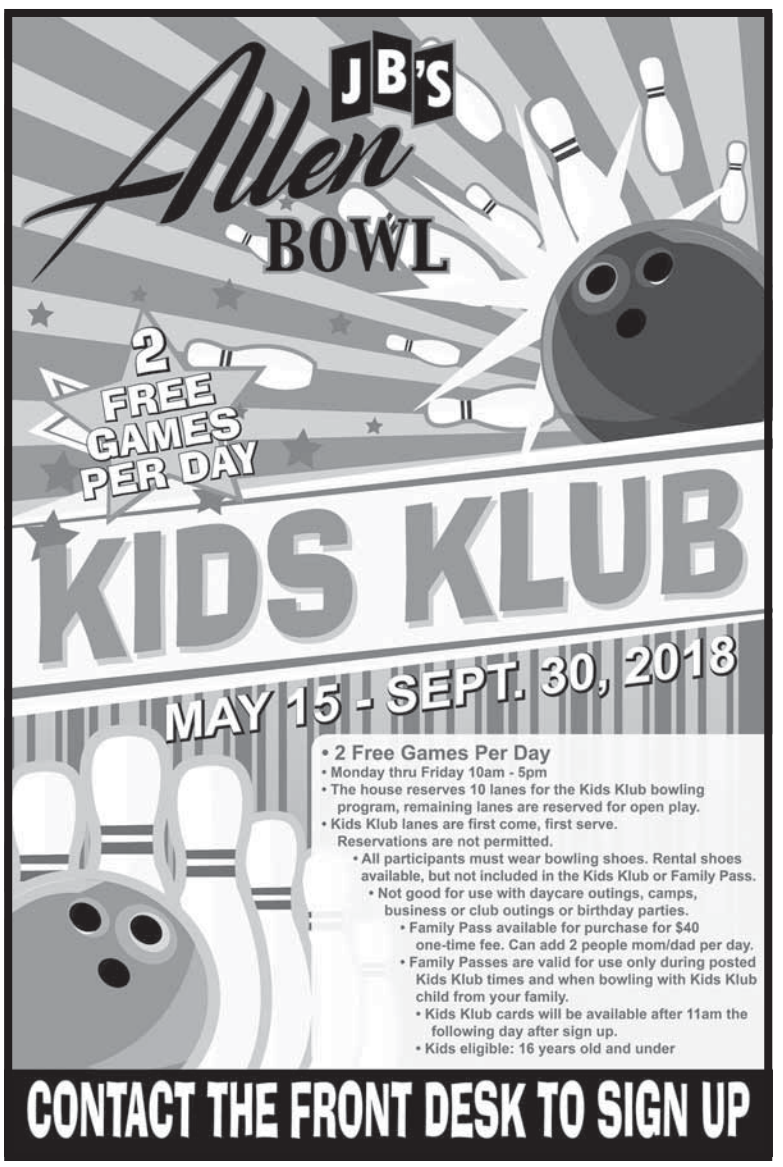
HONOR ROLL

Alex Munden 668, Tracey Coward 201-517, Mike Isham (4 games) 270-966, Alexis Borman (4 games) 245-844, Raymond Edgett 235-668, Jane Buchanan 180-497, Daniel Adams 203-553.

Kim Jankowski 137-358, Steve Fuhrman 246-697, Michelle Rogers 225-617, Craig Dopson 243-688, Monica Holley 243-616.

SENIORS

David Nichols 211-608, Kimberly Emerson 195-511, Ray Watson 212-600, Maria Robeson 145-401, Frank Englert 192-561, Audrey Wilson 140-376.



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