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## Mike Bailey Claims PBA50 Waxahachie SW RPI Qualifier



Mike Bailey

By: Chase Kaufman

WAXAHACHIE, TX - Sixty-four bowlers entered the bowling center hoping to grab an automatic spot to the Regional Players Invitational hosted at

South Point in January, but just three walked out successfully.

Chris Warren began with a bang, going +396 with a 300 game in the mix, and eventually secured the two-seed in the stepladder after Mike Bailey passed Warren with solid blocks in the second and third advancer rounds.

A pair of Texans in Mark Williams and Rick Benard, whose son Deo won earlier this month, opened the stepladder, where Benard won 251-213.

Benard moved on to take on another Texan in Warren and took him down 254-214.

Looking to become the second Benard to win in the month of September, Benard fought hard but ultimately fell to the one-seeded Bailey, 225-183.

Bailey hit double-digits in his title count, winning in the city

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## Scott Bender, Scott Webb, Ashley Rucker Win SASBA Trio at JB's Allen



Champions Scott Bender, Ashley Rucker and Scott Webb

By: Kathy King

ALLEN, TX - We had 24 strong teams bowl the 60/50/Lady trio at JB's Allen Bowl with the top 5 teams making the Baker staircase final.

In the first match, Team Lecroy (Joe Lecroy, Thomas Gwin, Brooke Simmons) defeated Team Kepner (Phil Kepner, Lee Lorts, Christine Gill) 268-260.

In the 2nd match, Team

Bender (Scott Bender, Scott Webb, Ashley Rucker) defeated the Lecroy team 215-210.

Team Bender also won the 3rd match against Team Stephens (Jim Stephens, Butch Cormier, Michelle Stephens) 247-167.

In the final match, Team Bender bowled the tournament leaders Team McHugh (Mike McHugh, Paul Fleming, Stefanie Johnson).

It went down to the 10th frame with both ladies anchoring their teams.

Ashley bowled first with 2 clutch strikes in the 10th to clinch the title 230-222.

Both Scott's got their first SASBA titles!

Jasmine Ware, Chris Hibbitts and Rick Cheshier had 300 games. Brian Linderman picked

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## Champions Crowned at 2023 Youth Open Champs

Keegan Alexander U18 and Treavor Mason U10 collect two eagles



Keegan Alexander

Treavor Mason

By: Donovan Grubaugh

ARLINGTON, Texas - The winners in each of the four age-based divisions at the 2023 Bowling.com Youth Open Championships have been determined by the International Bowling Campus Youth Development team.

The 2023 Youth Open Championships, a non-qualifying tournament open to all United

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## Waco Wonders Sweep Lumberjacks to Win 2023 PBA Elias Cup



Elias Cup Champions Waco Wonders

By: Nolan Hughes

PORTLAND, ME - The Portland Lumberjacks selected Kris Prather with the first pick of the 2019 PBA League draft. They had not lost since — until the final.

The Snickers Waco Wonders, led by Ryan Ciminelli and Parker Bohn III, spoiled the Lumberjacks' bid for a fourth straight Elias Cup title, sweeping the hometown team to win the 2023 PBA League Elias Cup presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon.

The Wonders — who include Ciminelli, Bohn, Jason Sterner, BJ Moore, Frank Snodgrass and manager Johnny Petraglia — traveled a long road to claim the franchise's first-ever Elias Cup.

Waco qualified in seventh during Saturday's seeding round, escaped the play-in stepladder with wins over Milwaukee and Motown on Sunday, beat NYC in the quarterfinals on Monday, and out-struck Dallas in a three-round roll-off on Tuesday.

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## Rick Cheshier, Tyrone Stevens, Mykel Holliman Win in Alexandria



Rick Cheshier, Mykel Holliman and Tyrone Stevens

By: Kathy King

ALEXANDRIA, LA - There were 26 teams at Four Seasons Bowl in Alexandria, LA, Satur-

day, September 16.

Half the field cashed and 5 teams made the Baker staircase

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Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, Publisher



Tom Daugherty took home \$60,000 for winning the inaugural PBA League Bowler Certification Championship Clash this week, held at Bayside Bowl in Maine. The best part of this event is probably the trophy, now known as the Duke, which the winner gets.

Daugherty decided that he couldn't take the trophy home, and that it deserved to stay at Bayside Bowl...pretty cool.

There were 12 finalists that bowled a one-frame best-ball, with the low score each round being eliminated until only one remained. Surprisingly there was only one tie for low ball through all of the 11 rounds.

Daugherty and PWBA star, Danielle McEwan were the

final two, with Tom getting the strike and Danielle getting seven. Danielle earned \$10,000 for second, and all other players received \$3000.

It made for really good television as there were pros, amateurs, male, female, a 17-yr-old, 50-yr-olds, and 60-yr-olds competing. A little bit of everything, and of course the great environment that Bayside provides.

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Bayside Bowl also just hosted the PBA League Elias Cup with the Waco Wonders sweeping the three-time defending champions, Portland Lumberjacks.

The Wonders team lineup was Ryan Ciminelli, Parker Bohn III, Jason Sterner, BJ Moore,

Tom Daugherty Wins Inaugural PBA LBC National Championship Clash at Bayside

By: Nolan Hughes

Twelve finalists walked into the renowned Bayside Bowl hoping to leave with The Duke, the grand trophy commemorating the champion of the inaugural PBA LBC National Championships Clash.

On the very lanes where Norm Duke threw the final shot of his Hall of Fame career, Tom Daugherty raised The Duke as the event's first-ever champion.

Daugherty outlasted 11 competitors in the one-ball roll-off eliminator to earn the win and \$60,000. He struck on 10 of his 12 shots (83.3%), including a roll-off in the sixth round, and bested PWBA star Danielle McEwan in the final round.



The 48-year-old hoisted The Duke, but said the trophy won't be making the trip to Tampa with him.

"There's no way I can take this trophy home," Daugherty said. "This belongs at Bayside Bowl, so it's going to stay here for all the bowlers to look at."

Daugherty and McEwan were the last two players standing, but they were nearly the first two players eliminated. McEwan escaped the first round after two roll-offs against Carleton Chambers.

Daugherty knocked over just Continued on Page 16

Frank Snodgrass and manager Johnny Petraglia. Maybe not the star-studded roster like some of the other teams, but studs all the same.

Ciminelli was the MVP of the event and for good reason, he was absolutely clutch the entire time. He struck on 70% of his shots, 23 of 33, but it seemed like he needed a strike in the tenth a bunch of times early on, and he delivered.

Ciminelli also mentioned that he had a big chip on his shoulder due to the fact that he continues to get dropped off of rosters, put back in the draft pool, then picked up again. I understand the frustration, but this season he was 69th in points, and only cashed in one event out of 14.

What do you expect? He's still a great talent, but so is everybody else.

Athletes do love to use a 'Dis' as fuel to rev up their competitive fire, it happens in EVERY single sport, and bowling is no different.

I'm also wondering why we have a team from Waco, they're not actually from Waco, but the team name is Waco...why? We also have a team called Silver Lake...why? I really don't know the reason.

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Sad week for the entire bowling community as the Co-Founder and CEO of Storm Products, Bill Chrisman, passed away at the age of 74.

I've been fortunate to be on

the Storm Products bowling staff a couple of times in my bowling career, and they are the best because of Bill's leadership and vision. He has influenced so much of the game in the last 20 years, not just in bowling ball technology, but in how bowlers are treated, marketed, and engaged with the world. Storm has always been known as 'The Bowlers Company' and that is all due to Bill Chrisman.

We won't see someone like him again in bowling or anywhere else, he changed the game for all of us.

Thank you, Bill, for all you have done for the game and people involved in bowling, until we meet again.

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## Men

Dimitri Cruz, Forum Bowl .....	857
TJ Soward, Plano Super Bowl.....	814
Lynn Cummings, FireLake Bowling Center .....	805
Rick Justice, FireLake Bowling Center.....	805
Keith Thomas, Sr., Cityview Lanes.....	796
Josh Burnham, JB's Allen Bowl .....	792
Darryl Martin, Hallmark Lanes.....	791
Bobby Wacker, Killeen Bowlerama .....	783
Bam Pride, Lions Lanes.....	781
Richie Benavides, Jr., Red Bird Lanes .....	780
David Gunderson, Hilltop Lanes .....	753
Jon Arevalo, Tenpins & More .....	738
LaMarr Moss, Strikz .....	735
Stanton Andrews, Cowtown Bowling Palace .....	726

## Women

Deneen Wilson, Forum Bowl .....	752
Tina Taylor, Plano Super Bowl.....	748
Karin Ciesiolka, Hallmark Lanes .....	731
Adrienne Hare, Tenpins & More .....	707
Tawana Ramey, Killeen Bowlerama .....	697
Danielle Shea, Killeen Bowlerama .....	697
Lauren Cathey, Red Bird Lanes .....	695
Daniela Trigos, Strikz .....	688
Samantha Armstrong, Hilltop Lanes .....	686
Annie Peterson, Cityview Lanes.....	685
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Teri Jo Richter, FireLake Bowling Center .....	684
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## USBC Hall of Famer Bill Chrisman Dies at Age 74



Bill Chrisman - CEO and Co-Founder of Storm Products, Inc.

By: Aaron Smith

ARLINGTON, Texas – United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Bill Chrisman died Sept. 28 at the age of 74.

Chrisman, of Pleasant View, Utah, was inducted to the USBC Hall of Fame in 2021 alongside his wife, Barbara, for meritorious service to the sport as the co-founders of Storm Products, Inc. It marked the first instance of a husband and wife being enshrined in the USBC Hall of Fame during the same year.

In 1985, Chrisman introduced High Score Products, which manufactured and marketed a cleaner for urethane bowling balls. The company began to manufacture bowling balls in 1991, introducing the name Storm for the first time. The company changed its name to Storm Products, Inc. in 1994.

As the company continued to grow, its innovations in the industry quickly accumulated. Storm is credited with creating

the first dual-color logo and three-color high-performance bowling ball, and the company patented its process of adding fragrances in bowling balls, which led to a front-page appearance in the Wall Street Journal in 2005.

While Storm's equipment found continued success on the lanes in the hands of bowlers across the globe, the Chrismans also supported the sport off the lanes through philanthropic efforts and charitable contributions to organizations like Susan G. Komen Bowl for the Cure, the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) Hall of Fame Xtravaganza and the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame.

Chrisman was awarded the USBC Joyce Deitch Unity Award in 2014, which recognizes organizations and individuals who have made important contributions to the overall sport of bowling by being motivators,

visionaries, leaders and/or innovators.

In 2015, he was presented with the VA Wapensky Award, which recognizes an individual whose overall major contribution to the advancement of the bowling industry involves endless good nature, remarkable business savvy, love for bowling and continual promotion of the game both locally and nationally.

Jointly, Bill and Barbara Chrisman have been recognized with several industry awards, including the William Landgraf Memorial Award for Distinguished Service (2003), the John Davis Memorial Award (2013), the Billiard and Bowling Institute of America (BBIA) Industry Service Award (2014) and the International Bowling Media Association (IBMA) Alberta E. Crowe Meritorious Service Award (2016).

Locally, Chrisman served on the board of directors for the Ogden Bowling Association from 1981-1989, and he earned his spot in the association's hall of fame for Superior Performance in 1994 (now known as the Northern Utah USBC Association).

In 2005, he was inducted to the Utah State USBC Hall of Fame for meritorious service.

Chrisman also made 39 consecutive appearances at the USBC Open Championships, starting in 1984.

*Happy FALL G'all*

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## SASBA ALEXANDRIA

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final.

In the first match, Team Wilder (Cordell Wilder, Steve Merten, Chris Cranford) defeated Team Orr (Terry Orr, Bo Edwards, Robert Albrecht 204-194).

The Wilder teams then lost to Team Thomas (Pete Thomas, Thomas Gwin, Greg Snee) 201-169.

In the third match, Team Summers (Randy Summers, Butch Cormier, Aaron Jones) defeated the Thomas team 207-202.

In the final match, Team

Cheshier (Rick Cheshier, Tyrone Stevens, Mykel Holliman) defeated Summers 258-217 for the title.

It was Rick's 6th SASBA title and the 2nd for Tyrone.

Robert Albrecht and Chris Cranford had 300 games. We had one new member join.

A big thank you to Joe and Billy King for hosting! They along with Rusty Bethley worked hard to get sponsorship for this tournament. They donated the lineage back to the prize fund. Couchatta Hotel and Casino sponsored the tournament.

October 28-29 is a Member/Guest doubles in Tomball.





# YOUTH HONOR ROLL

## Boys

Jaycob Felder, Plano Super Bowl .....	684
Dylan Ortiz, Hilltop Lanes.....	681
Hayden McBride, JB's Allen Bowl.....	678
Aaron Duerre, Hallmark Lanes .....	676
Mason Chapman, Cowtown Bowling Palace....	654
Maximus Rouse, Strikz .....	636
Amari Browder, Lions Lanes .....	626
Tyler Brooks, Forum Bowl .....	619
Alberto Medina, Tenpins & More.....	556
Daniel Young, Cityview Lanes .....	539
Blake Gunn, FireLake Bowling Center.....	282

## Girls

Clara Campbell, JB's Allen Bowl.....	629
Madison Stamp, Hilltop Lanes .....	622
Olivia Phillips, Plano Super Bowl .....	600
Morgan Hopkins, Lions Lanes .....	579
Julia Rouse, Strikz .....	579
Kyrah Durham, Cityview Lanes .....	559
Kandie Knight, Hallmark Lanes.....	525
Alyssa Cheatwood, FireLake Bowling Center ..	517
Yenna Simmons, Cowtown Bowling Palace...	511
Kenadie Haines, Tenpins & More .....	510
Tori Brooks, Forum Bowl .....	475

## Southwest Area USBC Youth Scores

Aaron Duerre topped the Southwest-area USBC youth bowling last month with a booming 278/676 Stars of Tomorrow series at Hallmark Lanes.

Kandie Knight, Duerre's league mate, paced the girls with a power-packed 188/525 set at Hallmark Lanes.

**FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, OK** – Blake Gunn 98-282, Ryker Pendleton 74-213, Alyssa Cheatwood 236-517, Nevaeh Galloway 141-357.

Hallmark Lanes, Killeen, TX – Gabe De Leon-Otero 165-413, Karlee Kamdnu

91-256, Kandie Knight 151-408, Harley Munn 137-350, Deja Hasan 98, Kaelyn Sateren 284, Caleb Xayachack 157-422, Iris Linker 102-268, Aaron Duerre 220-612, Coty Lloyd 121-297, Deja Hasan 126-287, Caleb Xayachack 198-467, Kei'Ani Ross 121-312, Solomon Loyd 265-634, Kandie Knight 160-447, Coty Lloyd 126-295, Kaelyn Sateren 139-396.

**Tenpins & More, Rio Rancho, NM**  
 – Kenadie Haines 192-510, Shane Muller  
 202-547, Naomi Seiler 168-488, Dylan  
 Lopez 176-483, Rachel Mayhew 186-449,  
 Jeremiah Jaramillo 166-442, Mia Medina  
 178-502, Alberto Medina 217-556.

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States Bowling Congress Youth members, was contested at Royal Pin Expo in Indianapolis from July 12-30.

Bowlers in the four age-based divisions (10-and-under, 12-and-under, 15-and-under and 18-and-under) earned more than \$100,000 in scholarship prizes and won national titles in team, doubles, singles and all-events.

Each event featured a scratch and optional handicap division with 192 teams and 969 bowlers participating in this year's tournament.

This year's tournament featured 14 players winning at least two titles, highlighted by Miles Gordon of Columbus, Ohio, sweeping all four events in the 12-and-under scratch division.

# North Texas USBC Youth Results

Jaycob Felder dominated the NTX-USBC youth bowling last month with a hard-hitting 233-216-235 = 684 Showstoppers series at Plano Super Bowl.

Clara Campbell led the girls with a solid 231-191-207 = 629 Youth Mania set at JB's Allen Bowl.

Cityview Lanes – Daniel Young 225-539, Amber Hill 207, Kyrah Durham 559.

**Cowtown Bowling Palace – Mason Chapman 234-654, Gyanna Simmons 189-511, John Michael Mercado 215, Kyndal Smith 176, Nash Morgan 210, Kaydence Rinebold 156, Thomas Frazier 210, Joseph Walker 120, Dakota Hardin 137-325, Jayden Godsey 105, Autumn Nelson 99, Paul Helka, Jr. 156-401, Landon Trubenstein 90-174, Xander Lindley 88-155, Edward Randall 90, Morgan Yaeger 58.**

**Forum Bowl –** Jacob Martinez 71-126, Aramis Hernandez 85-154, Tyler Brooks 238-619, Tori Brooks 167-475.

**Hilltop Lanes – Dylan Ortiz 216-617, Jase Reeves 225-535, Preston Parks 201-511, Dylan Ortiz 253-681, Jayden Powell 265-677, George Stamp 235-574, Madison Stamp 240-622, Reagan Stamp 215-490, Alyssa Smith 162-405, Emily Sherburne 169-487, Lilly Dale 154-363, Jocelyn Green 137-350.**

**JB's Allen Bowl – Michael Partridge**  
 III 122-323, Emmie Lou Ridsen 93-250,  
 Cooper Powell 222-507, Lily-Paige  
 Rubenstein 139-371, Isaiah Gaither  
 182-485, Jacob Ramirez 225-640, Drew  
 Ferguson 178-482, Delana McKenzie 192-  
 460, Joshua McKinney 159-431, Cooper  
 Powell 194-556, Mackenzie Morse  
 73-190, Wesley Keefer 167-485, Caylin  
 Zittlau 127-335, Chase Pressler 171-424,  
 Bradley McBurnie 100-287, Caleb Ebner  
 196-445, Hayden McBride 255-678, Clara  
 Campbell 224-506, Alberto Svedvik  
 233-607, Annika Svedvik 216-597.

Lions Lanes – Amari Browder 240-626, Charlie Rogers 214-617, Josh Enslin 202-558, David Hall 193-512, Morgan Hopkins 207-579, Kylar Pride 159-421,

The bowlers claiming three titles this year were Taylor Morgan of Murfreesboro, Tennessee (U10 Girls Scratch All-Events, U10 Girls Scratch Doubles and U10 Girls Scratch Singles), Jayne Juhasz of Ormond Beach, Florida (U12 Girls Scratch All-Events, U12 Girls Scratch Doubles and U12 Girls Scratch Singles), Jersey Asbaty of Chicago (U10 Girls Handicap All-Events, U10 Handicap Doubles and U10 Girls Handicap Singles), Payson Jacobson of Prescott Valley, Arizona (U15 Boys Handicap All-Events, U15 Handicap Doubles and U15 Boys Handicap Singles), Caleb Boykin of Chicago (U10 Handicap Team, U10 Scratch Team and U10 Scratch Doubles), and Emmett Larson of Three Rivers, Michigan (U10 Handicap Team, U10 Scratch Team and U10 Scratch Doubles).

Keegan Alexander of Killeen,

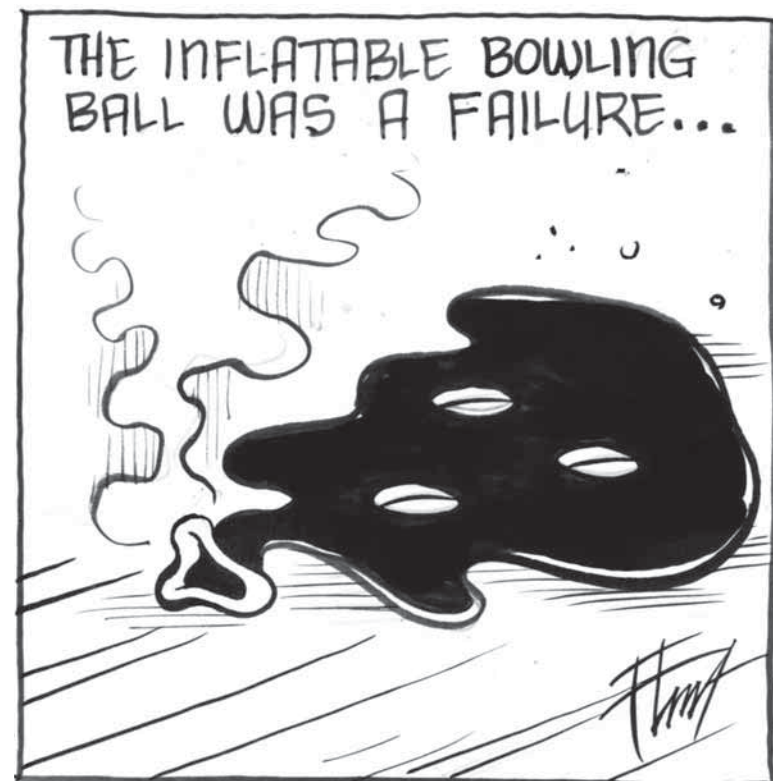
Texas, won multiple titles for the second year in a row, taking home the U18 Boys Scratch All-Events title and U18 Scratch Doubles with Griffin Jordan of Sycamore, Illinois, with a 1,435-team total.

Alexander also had the highest all-events score for the tournament with a 2,149 total, averaging 238.77 for his nine-game set. Brandon Rother of San Diego was not far behind for the overall tournament lead as he led the U15 Boys Scratch All-Events with a 2,141 total, which was good for a 237.88 average across his nine games.

DEM MIDWEST BOYZ  
2.0, consisting of Asa Wilson-  
Perry of Columbus, Ohio; Aaron  
Cabiness of Columbus, Ohio;  
Caleb Boykin of Chicago; and  
Emmett Larson of Three Rivers,  
Michigan, repeated as the U10

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# Lane Laughter





At Forum Bowl

# Cruz sweeps with 300/857, Wilson racks up 752

**Cruz 299/835, Bullough 831, Butz 807, Warren 300/806, Barnishin, Bui, Malicoat, McGraw, Morrison, Spridco add 300's, Colen, Duncan, Seabrooks 299's**

Dimitri Cruz outscored the competition last month at Forum Bowl with a dual, award-winning 279-300-278 = 857 Forum Classic Sponsored by Platinum Ford outing. Cruz also shot another 299/835 series in Forum Classic Sponsored by Platinum Ford league play.

David Bullough 831, Scott Butz 807 and Robert Warren 300/806, league mates of Cruz, finished close behind with award-winning 800 series.

Deneen Wilson led the ladies with a chart-topping 257-227-268 = 752 DFW Mixed Doubles set.

Alex Barnishin, Justin Bui, Cliff Malicoat, James McGraw, Marshal Morrison and Mike Spridco shared high-game honors with Cruz and Warren with award-winning 12-baggers. Chris Colen, Mitchell Duncan and Victor Seabrooks took runner-up accolades with near-perfect 299 solos.

At Strikz

# Moss tackles 735, Trigos crafts 688

FRISCO – LaMarr Moss led the scoring for the month at Strikz with a hefty 252-226-257 = 735 Monday Mixerz league series.

Daniela Trigos, Moss' league mate, paced the ladies with a solid 217-245-226 = 688 set.

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Ed Matthies, Sr. 259-710, Kim Lorenzen 213-576, Tony Iovineli 203-576, Lindell Daubresse 226-575, Kim Lorenzen 221-599, Ray Lawrence 234-597, Kim Lorenzen 265-609, Kyle Hobbs 225-595.

Ray Lawrence 213-596, Marc Tolkov 237-577, Lisa Wasson 224-611, Rick Irvine 233-621, Ed Matthies 218-596, Ed Matthies, Jr. 247-680, David Stiggers 256-615, Mark Spittell 243-636.

Cathy Eberly 227-580, Skip Jenkins 214-593, Tommy Davis 254-679, Mark Johnson 237-651, Debbie Colby 210-576, Josh Cain 198-581, Rob Hudkins 222-576, Loren Tenczar 256-651.

Chris Marino 223-582, Robert Marino 231-626, Scott Noll 229-628, Billie Bennett 204-602, Kevin Connell 206-640, Jason Shuffield 236-692, Chris Hinkle 214-609, Michael McCoy 258-689.

Mark Connor 247-671, David Stiggers 216-605, Bobby Brierton 246-604, Julie Bloodworth 245-597, Joseph Jimenez 233-640, Felipe Trigos 255-656, Mark

Timm 216-621, Lisa Wasson 222-621.

John Schmidt 231-608, Ryan Rogers 211-592, Daniel Anderson 248-629, Ron Rankin 202-590, John Fox 220-598, Cathy Eberly 236-629, Jacki Myrice 215-576, Monique McKain 252-582.

Cary Lofton 258-591, Christy Woods 234-604, Don Parker 223-594, David Gorrebeek 245-625, Jeremiah Scanlan 233-650, Mark Winnie 244-612, Scott Eastwood 216-602, Michael Mendez 206-612.

Anthony Vulpitta 247-637, Russ Vulpitta 231-586, Joe Vulpitta 242-653, Tommy Davis 245-622, Ed Matthies, Jr. 277-661, David Gallagher 268-629, Mark Timm 256-639, Rick Irvine 247-684.

Lorne Dufour 234-644, Joe Bisacca 246-577, Steve Ray 237-666, Alonso Sabido 223-594, Monique McMachen 211-583, Adrian Sepcic 221-616, Bobby Pritchard 214-590.

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Joseph Albanese 242-631, Larry Froning 200-536, Bob Staley 191-521, Art Arnold 173-514, Lindell Daubresse 180-507, Nina Segerstrom 167-397, Donny Segerstrom 177-493, June Barnhill 136-367.

Bonnie Long 152-425, Debbie Buczek 145-427, Lynne Garriss 154-433, Jeanne Staley 144-356, Debbie Buczek 151-383,

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Scratch Team champion, rolling to a total of 2,160. The team also took home the U10 Handicap Team title with a 2,706 total.

Taylor Morgan of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and Ellie Kate Murray of Orlando, Florida, defended their U10 Girls Doubles title, knocking down 893 pins for their set.

Treavor Mason of Mabank, Texas, also successfully defended a pair of titles in the U10 classification, winning Boys Scratch Singles (560) and Boys Scratch All-Events (1,671).

Luke Switalski of Oak Forest, Illinois, continued to build his Youth Open Championships resume, rolling a 300 game during his doubles set this year after having two perfect games during last year's event. He also had an 800 series during doubles, rolling games of 236, 300 and 279 for an 815 total to become only the third athlete to reach the honor score in the history of the Youth Open and the first since the 2013



event.

Switalski and Anthony Swanson of Des Plaines, Illinois, also rolled the highest doubles set of the tournament with a 1,474 total en route to the U15 Scratch Doubles title.

Jahmid Collins of Plainfield, New Jersey, also shot a 300 game during his singles set, rolling 257, 227 and 300 for a 784 series to

take home the U15 Boys Scratch Singles title.

The U18 Team competition was won by Make Some Friends (Ethan Crouse, Brayden Masclee, Keaton Ostrowski and Haley Grabowski) of Rochester, New York, which averaged more than 229 per game as a team for a tournament-high 2,754 total to take home the Scratch title.

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# Deo Benard Wins PBA Hot Springs Village Southwest Open and John Janawicz Takes PBA50 Jonesboro Southwest Super Open

By: Tony Lanning

The Southwest Region made out first ever trip to Liberty Lanes in Arkansas and what a great event! Deo Benard won his second title of the year and at 19 became the youngest player to win 5 Regional events!

It was a long, grueling format on Sunday with the top 16 squaring off in a single elimination bracket with best of three game matches. Benard earned a one round bye qualifying in 7th while the top four seeds would get a two round pass. #1 Ildemaro Ruiz, Jr, #2 Shawn Maldonado, #3 Johnathan Norman and #4 Austin Boulds all waited patiently for the bracket to work itself out.

Ultimately, Ruiz and Boulds would advance to the round of 4 to take each other on while Maldonado would fall to the eventual champion in the round of 8. Ruiz, the reigning SW Player of the Year, would get the win in the semi-finals to get a shot at another title while Benard would best the #3 seed Norman in two games to reach the championship round. Benard took game one (237-172) but Ruiz fought hard and handed Benard his only loss in game 2 (204-179). The champion rose to the occasion and put

together another win in game 3 (246-166) to take home the 5th title of his young career.

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national tour and even some PBA and USBC Hall of Famers!

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John Janawicz geared up for his 3rd PBA Regional competition and came away with his 3rd PBA Regional title!

It's easy to see why he is the reigning PBA50 Rookie of the Year as he led every round from the very beginning and landed

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## At Plano Super Bowl

# Soward explodes with 299/814, Taylor snares 748

Chisum 300/805, Loung 803, May 802, Colvin, Sr., Corey, Delaney, Ferguson, Frazier, Gregorich, Hyson, Land, Maynor, McVey, Patrick, Sheehan, Williams 300's, Adams 298, Warren 296

TJ Soward posted an award-winning 299/814 Jack & Jill series to take top billing on the honor roll for the month at Plano Super Bowl Lanes.

Dan Chisum, Soward's league mate, finished close behind with a 300/805 series. Joseph Loung with the Sportsman league followed with an 803 set and Domnick May, Platinum Ford NFL Trios, finished with an 802 series.

Tina Taylor lit up the ladies' race with a top-notch 233-246-269 = 748 Platinum Ford NFL Trios set.

Darius Colvin, Sr., Patrick Corey, Jon Delaney, Bill Ferguson, Rodney Frazier, Luis Gregorich, Matt Hyson, Jimmy Land, Will Maynor, Keith McVey, Dwayne Patrick, Bradley Sheehan and

Kaitlin Williams shared high-game honors with Chisum as each registered award-winning 12-baggers. Daniel Adams followed with near-perfect 298 solo while Chris Warren downed a 296 game.

**HONOR ROLL**

Elena Sly (4 games) 267-880, Kim Hillman (4 games) 193-725, Matthew Cregg 279-748, Robin Preston 246-703, Floyd Carter 257-663, Diane Halterman 191-504, Ricky Norris 267-727.

Aunita Slayter 201-595, Keith Beagle 258-750, Brandy Plaxco 263-647, Nolan Walters 279-799, Melanie Roberts 235-700, Daniel Adams 752, Diane Wallentine 237-593, Jim Monroe 218-577.

Nancy Hawes 157-513, Tom Hay 277-715, Beverly Houston 209-580, Tim Caldwell 277-780, Michelle Stephens 253-722, Donna Wynkoop 191-544, Chris

Warren 279-772, Charlie Arnt 215-570.

Michelle Duke 191-527, Zak Edgerton 279-793, Rhonda Gibson 244-690, Russell Wright 277-778, Kaitlin Williams 721, Breanna Buchanan 259-680, Wes Wade 244-710, Cathy Sposito 248-667.

Steve Mathers 279-718, Kim Hillman 226-636, Chip Nastoupil 222-603, Jean Welch 201-519, Darryl Lipinski 279-761, Lisa Wasson 258-725, Jeremy Bostock 278-748, Alexandria Sumruld 249-679.

Troy Berneburg (4 games) 286-1056, Kayci Parcels (4 games) 247-916, Darius Colvin, Sr. 791, Stefanie Johnson 269-747, Mark Roubadeaux 279-749, Tammie Hilton 234-570.

Don Crawford, Jr. 265-737, Daniela Trigos 256-677, John Ramsey 259-713, Monica Rattay 222-620 Anna Westbrook 224-561, C J Samples 206-517, Hieu Du 252-683, Mischell Erickson 184-496.



# Collegiate Ticker



**By: Donovan Grubaugh**  
The 2023-2024 United States Bowling Congress Collegiate season continued to ramp up last weekend, with three additional tournaments in the books and more teams officially starting their year.

In Rockford, Illinois (men), and Loves Park, Illinois (women), the Hammer Golden Eagle Invite took place, with 22 men's varsity teams and 13 women's varsity teams competing for the title.

After five individual games and 16 Baker games, the top eight men's teams and top four women's teams went to a bracket, where it was best of three for the first two rounds, and a best of five in the finals.

Marian-Wisconsin came out on top for the men's division, while Calumet took home the title in the women's division.

Marian-Wisconsin was the No. 4 seed in its bracket and knocked off No. 5 Rock Valley, No. 1 Wisconsin-Whitewater and No. 2 St. Ambrose to claim the win.

Garrett Meadows of Wisconsin-Whitewater led all bowlers in the men's division with a 1,134 total, good for a 226.8 average, with Zach Greim of St. Ambrose right behind at 1,129 for second. Tanner Ausec of Wisconsin-Whitewater (1,085), Ryan Burton of Purdue (1,081) and Tyler Richter of Joliet Junior College (1,078) also took home all-tournament team honors.

In the women's division, Calumet was the final team to get in the bracket and took care of business against No.1 Saint Xavier before beating No. 2 St. Ambrose in four games to win.

## At Red Bird Lanes

# Benavides, Jr. hits 780, Cathey fields 695

Richie Benavides, Jr. headed the leader boards last month at Red Bird Lanes by logging sturdy 265-279-236 = 780 numbers in Sunday Nite Mixed league play.

Lauren Cathey's stately 190-258-247 = 695 Members Only set led the ladies honor roll.

### HONOR ROLL

Adam Neugent 246-712, Brittany Pope 201-593, Tommy Moreland 247-641, Bridgett Hubbard 179-530, Denise Chambon 202-564, Lauren Cathey 269-658, Marco Loredo 268-695, Jarrod

Madison Davenport of Rock Valley knocked down 1,088 pins, good for just over a 217 average, to lead the women's division. Davenport was joined by Rachel Moore of Culver-Stockton (1,005), Erin Williams of St. Ambrose (970), Taylor Ellison of Governors State (953) and Barbara Lunsford of Saint Xavier (950) on the all-tournament team.

The Bulldog Bash took place in Louisville, Kentucky, with eight men's varsity teams and five women's varsity teams competing. The format included four individual games and 16 Baker games, and total pinfall determined the winner.

Midway took home the men's title with a 7,006 total, while Bethel-Tennessee narrowly beat out Midway by seven pins (6,128-6,121) on the women's side to take the title.

Caleb Marshall of Midway led all men with an 838 total, with Austin Hale of the University of the Cumberland (808), Peyton

## At Cityview Lanes

# Thomas, Sr. banks 300/796, Peterson snags 685

Keith Thomas, Sr. was definitely on target last month at Cityview Lanes as he dominated scoring with a superb 300/796 Beat the House league performance.

Annie Peterson led the ladies with a rollicking 685 Sunset Combo set.



Urban 279-768.

Pam Lambrecht 151-417, Cindi Wilson 203-473, Phillip White 253-699, Lauren Cathey 235-643, Bradley Robinson 268-694, Debbie Cathey 225-568, Jackson Wright 265-736, Angela Davis-White 166-476.

Billy Joe Cathey 270-703, Debbie Cathey 224-611, Charles Gardner 247-645, Angela Chalmers 233-583, Earl Davis (2 games) 154-291, Kendal Renfro (2 games) 147-249, Jermaine Pearson 226-660, Stacy Ridges 202-519.

Huskey of Lindsey Wilson (806), Tyler Stegemoller of Wright State (787) and Isiah Gordon of Midway (784) taking over the rest of the top five.

Teammates at Bethel-Tennessee, Chloe Amick (773) and Jenna Newton (750), took the top two spots for the women's side, with Midway teammates Gracie Wyatt (717) and Maegan Coleman (705), along with University of Indianapolis' Kelsey Torpy (680), rounding out the top five.

The final tournament of the weekend was in Flint, Michigan, as the Warrior Classic brought together 13 men's varsity teams and 11 women's varsity teams. The format was the same as the Bulldog Bash.

Lawrence Tech and Aquinas battled all day for the top spot on the men's side, and Lawrence Tech came out on top by 76 pins (7,670-7,594).

Lawrence Tech had two players in the top five, with Jarin

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THURSDAY	Thurs. Night Mixed (4 member) Bowl @ 6:00 PM Red Bird Mixed (4 member) Bowl @ 8:30 PM	Sept. 7th
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# Eight Athletes Selected to Represent Team USA at 2023 World Senior Championships

By: Gene J. Kanak  
ARLINGTON, Texas – From a long list of talented applicants, the National Selection Committee has chosen eight bowlers to represent Senior Team USA at the International Bowling Federation 2023 World Senior Championships in Cali, Colombia.

Chris Barnes of Denton, Texas; Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa; John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida; and Troy Lint of Blandon, Pennsylvania, will comprise the men's team while the women's squad will be represented by Dana Ausec and Tish Johnson, both of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Sharon Powers of Lakewood, Colorado; and Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio.

The group will be coached by Team USA Coach Kelly Kulick, a United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer who also serves as the head coach of Junior Team USA. She will be assisted by Kendra Cameron-Curry, USBC Program Director-High Performance.

The 2023 World Senior Championships will run from Dec. 7-14 and be contested at a



Chris Barnes and Tom Hess represented Sr Team USA in 2021

20-lane bowling center in Cali's sports complex, which is the same venue that hosted the 2021 Pan American Youth Games and 2013 World Games.

The official practice sessions are scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 7, with tournament play set to begin one day later when women's competitors take to the lanes for singles qualifying.

Men's singles qualifying will

follow on Dec. 9 before the page turns to doubles competition, which will be held on Dec. 10-11 starting with women's qualifying and concluding with the men.

Singles and doubles competition will end and medals will be awarded after the semifinals and finals are conducted in each event on Dec. 12.

Thereafter, the focus will be on team competition, which begins with men's and women's qualifying on Dec. 13 and wraps up with the semifinals and finals on Dec. 14.

Historically, the Americans have fared quite well at the World Senior Championships; however, the 2021 trip to Dubai, United Arab Emirates, fell a bit short of expectations as Team USA came home with just one gold medal and five bronze.

The gold was secured by Hess, who made the most of his first opportunity donning the red, white and blue by winning the men's singles event.

Although Hess was thrilled to win an individual gold medal during his first international competition, he was disappointed that the men's team was unable to reach the podium in Dubai.

He's hoping that he and Barnes, who also competed in 2021, will have the opportunity to erase the bad taste from two years ago and get back on top with the help of Senior Team USA rookies Janawicz and Lint.

"Dubai was bittersweet," Hess said. "It was an honor to be selected to compete for my country for the first time and to start the event by winning the singles gold medal, but not coming away with a medal in team stunk; there's no other way to put it."

"I'm looking forward to

## LOOKING BACK

### 10 YEARS AGO

Casey Powell wins his 2nd PBA Regional in Odessa...Ken Johnson and Jeff Curl win SASBA doubles in Shreveport...Billy Holler led the honor roll with 843 at Oil Bowl...Chris Johnson shot 827 at Plano Super Bowl...Quincy Gray rolled 813 at Forum Bowl...Kara Congi led the ladies with 790 at Forum Bowl...Amanda Greenlaw with 781 at Killeen Bowlerama...Jennifer Hayes had 733 at Plano Super Bowl...Joe Lecroy a 300 at Brunswick Westcreek...Youth Bowlers Keith Thomas and Destiny Velez win Teen Bowlers Circuit titles at Cityview Lanes...Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Xeno Garcia and Pete Thomas win Swiss Trio in Wichita...Michelle Rogers wins Dallas Women's Bowler of the Year.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Chris Barnes wins Japan Cup over Tommy Jones and \$40,000...Beth Owen and Genie Franklin win Ladies Scratch Doubles at DC Cityview...Mark Estes wins SASBA at AMF DeSoto...Jeff Curl led the honor roll with 820 at DC West...Jerry Anderson shot 300/813 at Plano...Ron Leverich shot 808 at Diamond...Sandi Irvine led the ladies with 805 at Killeen Bowlerama...Julie Lock with 721 at Plano...Genie Franklin shot 702 at DC West...Tracey Warren wins NABI at AMF Jupiter and \$1400...YABA bowler Paul Fuller had 676 at Forum Bowl...Roger West wins first SASBA title.

### 30 YEARS AGO

Scot Nack wins Bowlers Tour at DC West and \$2000...Tim Caldwell led the honor roll with 827 at Blazer...Bobby Holley had 815 at Showplace-Garland...Scott Craddock rolled 803 at Plano Super Bowl...Bev Richardson led the ladies with 768 at Showplace-Garland...Lisa Lea shot 756 at Jupiter...Susie Minshew had 735 at DC FW...YABA bowler Alecia Ramos had 595 at Watauga...Lisa Talley named Dallas Women's Bowler of the Year...Gary Dickinson defeats John Hriscina to win senior PBA event in Naples, FL.



### At Cowtown Bowling Palace

## Andrews tackles 726, Johnson snags 666

Stanton Andrews tackled the top score of the month at Cowtown Bowling Palace after pocketing prime 234-233-259 = 726 numbers in Monday Mixers action.

Susan Johnson held the hot hand for the ladies with a powerful 244-211-211 = 666 Tropical Tuesday set.

### HONOR ROLL

Tony Edwards 277, Crystal Moore 201, Chad Caldwell 266, Susan Johnson 200-571, Jeff Hurst 236, Olin Gibbins 266, Cathy Nelson 213-546, George Stilen 254, Rebecca Marquez 202.

Thomas Gwin 246-708, Catie Beasley 200, Joshua Beakley 257, Adam Loviscek 249, Kendra Garcia 224, Trevor Burns 245, Luann Satchell 206, Keith Hernandez 247-664, Shane Shelley 236.

Michelle Teel 213-581, Jason Magallon, Sr. 235, Mark Cozart 270-717, Haley Negrete 254, Mike Dull 270, Cherie DeLeon 231, Geroge Stilen 263, Julie McHugh 201, David Dunn 247-664, June Moore 225.

Harlan Tunnell 234, Jacki Craft 216-602, Bob LaSerra 224, Kristine Jennings 202, Jodie Snook 223-563, Susan Johnson 197-506, Jimmie Rogers 200, Eric Farmer 256, Vicki Miertschin 197.

Hayden Nettleton 244-654, Ray Ballaro 236.

### SENIORS

Luis Morales 246, Judy Moss 211-506, Johnny Zaskoda 246, James Bendicion 245, Gary Church 188, Susie Dornquast 171, Johnny Zaskoda 258, Kendra Garcia 201-549, Ken Eilert 252, George Hernandez, Sr. 246-634.

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getting on the lanes with my teammates and trying to bring home that team gold. The fire to win is definitely there, and when you're basically taking the four best bowlers from this year's senior tour, you should have a pretty good chance."

Hess' assessment appears to be right on as the four men combined to tally seven titles, \$216,000 in earnings and a 226.58 average during the 2023 Professional Bowlers Association 50 season. Those numbers allowed the quartet to sweep the top four spots on the season points list and secure both Player of the Year (Lint) and Rookie of the Year (Janawicz) honors.

Janawicz, who will be representing Senior Team USA for the first time after bowling for Team USA in the past, is hoping to continue riding the considerable momentum that has carried him to so many great performances this year.

It started in January with a

runner-up finish at the 2023 U.S. Amateur in Las Vegas, continued with a double gold-medal performance (trios and team) at the PANAM Bowling Male Championships in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, in May and carried right on through the entirety of his rookie season on the PBA50 Tour.

Nevertheless, Janawicz knows that anything can happen at a given tournament, so he won't be taking anything for granted in Cali.

"I've been throwing it pretty well as of late, so I expect to bowl well. Still, like anything, it's another tournament, and some don't go as well as you'd like," Janawicz said. "I'm just going to keep an open mind and prepare as best I can as we get closer to the event. If nothing else, it will be special to bowl worlds on the senior side because I bowled a regular one back in 2013. This will kind of be like an anniversary 10 years later."

Anniversaries are a great time to stop and reflect upon special moments from the past.

However, Lint doesn't have any prior international experience to reflect upon as the 2023 World Senior Championships will be his first competition for Team USA at any level. That doesn't bother Lint though; he prefers to look forward, not backward.

"I'm not one of those guys who takes a picture and looks around; I just stay focused on everything I'm doing and try to live in the moment," Lint said. "I just want to be out there competing, and when I'm done, I hope that people respect what I've done as a player and teammate; that's all I can ask for."

Authoring a strong performance the first time out is no easy task in international competition as, oftentimes, success or failure depends on whether or not a player can get into his or her comfort zone.

Ausec should have a leg up in that regard as she will have the opportunity to draw upon the support and experience of Team USA veterans and fellow Coloradans Johnson and Powers while

competing in Colombia.

"For a first-time experience, getting to bowl with Tish (Johnson) and Sharon (Powers) is a best-case scenario for me because it's kind of like being at a home tournament," Ausec said. "As rookies, I think Jodi (Woessner) and I will just be trying to soak it all in and learn from them while trying to bring our own talents to the table."

That talent is without question as Ausec and Woessner are the two most recent USBC Senior Queens champions with Ausec winning the event in 2023 after Woessner took home the tiara the year before.

Despite amassing a long list of impressive finishes in amateur and Professional Women's Bowling Association tournaments

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At Lions Lanes

Pride collects 781, Thill bags 685

Taylor 300

ENNIS, TX - Bam Pride won high-set honors last month at Lions Lanes by polishing off robust 290-244-247 = 781 numbers in Big Money Monday league action.

Jennifer Thill, Pride's league mate, took top honors for the ladies with a top-notch 243-215-227 = 685 outing.

Greg Taylor captured high-game accolades with a award-winning 12-bagger.

HONOR ROLL

Alex Bruton 290-701, Darrell Sullivan 288-691, Greg Taylor 713, Chris Vana-

ntwep 279-753, Jalen Merrick 268-745, Monroe Maddux 268-740, Christy Antle 245-583, Barbara Shaw 228-631.

Whitney Riley 224-587, Christy Antle 233-635, April Hopkins 215-617, Zach Beckner 280-673, Jalen Merrick 269-718, John Ivy 268-645, Cody Taylor 267-709, Greg Taylor 264-747.

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Burnham tackles 792, Ammonette crafts 665

Lankford, McNew 300's

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Wednesday Match Play (Waitlist)	Wednesday September 6	6:45 PM	4
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Thursday Mixers	Thursday September 7	6:15 PM	4
Late Night Match Play	Thursday September 7	9:00 PM	2
Kings and Queens Scratch	Thursday September 7	9:00 PM	1
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Sunday Doubles	Sunday September 10	5:30 PM	2

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# AJ Johnson Captures Elusive First PBA Career Title at Storm Lucky Larsen Masters in Sweden

By: Nolan Hughes  
 HELSINGBORG, SWEDEN - For much of his eight-year professional career, AJ Johnson has been known as the best player in the world... without a PBA Tour title.

Not anymore.  
 Johnson defeated Jesper Svensson, 220-174, in the title match to win the Storm Lucky Larsen Masters in Helsingborg, Sweden.

"People always say, 'If you want to be the best, you've got to beat the best,'" Johnson said. "I think I did that today."

Johnson arrived in Sweden as a 30-year-old without a PBA Tour title. He leaves as a 31-year-old champion.

After a half-dozen runner-up finishes, dating all the way back to the 2015 USBC Masters, Johnson finally captured the elusive title. He earned 150.000 SEK, about \$13,500 USD, for the win.

Johnson took advantage of a few breaks in the championship

match.  
 His opening shot against Svensson crossed over for a Brooklyn strike, while started the match by leaving a pocket 7-9 split. In the fourth frame, Johnson again threw a Brooklyn strike as Svensson left a stone-9.

However, Johnson stayed clean, including a washout conversion in the sixth frame, to prevent Svensson from fighting back into the match.

Johnson also came up clutch in the semifinal against Anthony Simonsen.

He struck on his final four shots in the semifinal against Anthony Simonsen, forcing the two-handed star to double in his own 10th frame.

Simonsen buried the first strike, but left a 10-pin on the second shot, allowing Johnson to advance to the title match with a narrow 193-191 victory.

With his third/fourth-place finish, Simonsen secured his 17th top-10 finish in 17 title events this season.

In the quarterfinals, Johnson fired 300 and 802 to defeat Kris Prather in the three-game match. Johnson defeated Ryan Barnes, the collegiate star who is the son of Chris Barnes, in the opening round.

MATCH PLAY SCORES  
 Round of 16  
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 No. 15 Jesper Svensson def. No. 2 Markus Jansson, 702-627  
 No. 3 Andrew Anderson def. No. 14 Kim Bolleby, 758-602  
 No. 13 AJ Johnson def. No. 4 Ryan Barnes, 650-627  
 No. 5 Kris Prather def. No. 12 Carl Eklund, 724-676  
 No. 11 William Berggren def. No. 6 Jesper Agerbo, 699-669  
 No. 7 Tom Hess def. No. 10 François Lavoie, 701-633  
 No. 9 Anthony Simonsen def. No. 8 Robin Persson, 702-603  
 Quarterfinals  
 Simonsen def. Troup, 739-696  
 Svensson def. Hess, 739-637  
 Anderson def. Berggren, 740-665



Johnson def. Prather, 802-681  
 Semifinals  
 Svensson def. Anderson, 232-191  
 Johnson def. Simonsen, 193-191  
 Finals  
 Johnson def. Svensson, 220-174  
 FINAL STANDINGS  
 1. AJ Johnson  
 2. Jesper Svensson  
 3. Andrew Anderson  
 4. Anthony Simonsen  
 5. Kyle Troup  
 6. Kris Prather  
 7. Tom Hess

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At the PWBA Tour Championship in Waterloo, Iowa several weeks ago, I got to see some of the best in the world practice their craft. Because of my work schedule, the only time I had to visit was the middle eight-game block of match play. It was the block eventual winner Maria Jose' Rodriguez made her move from 12th place into the lead by winning seven of eight games.

Two traits stood out, core position and hand position. Every player I watched was rock solid at the line. The only movement was a slight upper core tilt from the pivot step into the slide. This allows for many good things to happen with a solid base. The arm-swing is loose, the trail leg kicks out behind and off to the side allowing an idea thumb exit creating a wider window to create whatever roll is necessary to strike. It was amazing to see shot after shot posted until the ball was near the breakpoint.

The second trait was hand position. Almost each of the top ten players stayed behind the ball until the last possible moment using a slight turn after the thumb exit, what my fellow raisins refer to the fingers going from 7:00 to 5:00. This is the classic release we learned to create what used to be called a "heavy roll." It didn't create the biggest hooking ball, but a straighter traveling ball with a very effective transfer of energy to knock down pins. Ball layouts were mainly pin up, which helps the weight block do most of the

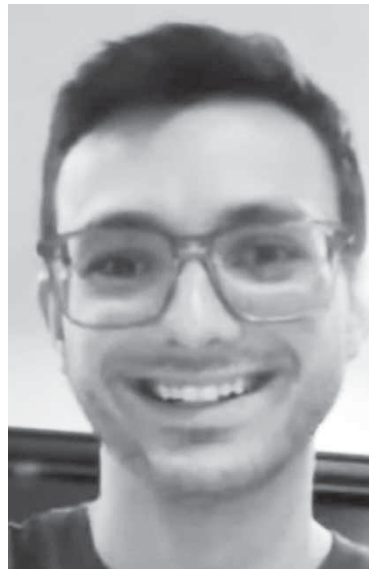
work rather than a more aggressive hand turn by the player.

As the block progressed, players moved left not because a drier tube appeared at the back end of the 41-foot pattern, but primarily from the heads getting drier, a more common occurrence nowadays with their increasingly higher rev rates. With only two left handers, Shannon Pluhowsky playing out by the gutter and Cherie Tan playing between first and second arrow, it's safe to say their head oil was probably affected in some way.

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That last sentence in some way was confirmed in a recent interview with PBA tour rookie Nate Stubler. While at the recent 11thframe.com Open in a house using a Brunswick Envoy lane maintenance machine, a member of the 2021 USBC Intercollegiate Men's runner up St. Ambrose University squad, Stubler spoke of his biggest adjustment from college tourney play to PBA Tour play was not adding an "E," "F," or "G" game, but adding an entire different series of "A to G" games, to a 2.0 version.

During his first year on the PBA Tour, Stubler made an interesting discovery about the oil patterns. It wasn't getting used to the flatter patterns, instead it depended on the technology used how they are applied to the lane, Kegel lane machines versus the Brunswick lane machines. For those who may not know the inner workings of either machine, after stripping Kegel



Nate Stubler

uses a bubble head applying oil to a rotating brush with the apply oil on both the forward trip and on the reverse trip after reaching the back end of the lane. The Brunswick machines apply oil using 39 individual injectors to a rotating brush applying oil only on the forward trip down the lane.

"From the college game to the pro level, honestly, it was the lane machines they use. Most places in high school and college use Kegel machines and patterns. To go on the national tour and bowl on the Brunswick machine oil patterns, it didn't sink in at the time. As a left hander, it's forced me to see the game so much differently than I used to, especially the way patterns transition," Stubler said.

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To listen to someone who witnessed an energetic event is always fun. You get the best

## Just Paying Attention

By Mark London  
Mark@TheBowlingNews.net



of the initial reaction plus part of what was experienced starts to sink in a little. The morning after the PBA League finals, I caught up with one of the PBA's lead announcers Dave Ryan on his thoughts about the three PBAL shows he called with Randy Pedersen on FS1. I first asked about the intense energy inside Bayside Bowl in Portland, Oregon.

"The energy in that center is unmatched, like an NBA playoff game or a big college basketball rivalry. Incredibly intense! The proprietor Charlie Mitchell has made it a place to be. Huge league signups with young people who love to bowl and get loud. With a taco stand on the roof in the summer, the standing room only crowds show their love for bowling. Everyone there is so nice. We got local food dropped to us in the booth and fans come up to talk with us and ask to take a picture. It's a tremendous atmosphere," Ryan said.

After a handful of lead play-by-play announcers in the late 1990's and early 2000s, ESPN wanted just one voice handling its PBA telecasts. The choice was a one in the ESPN stable of announcers who had filled in on recent PBA telecast, Dave Ryan.

Starting with the Wichita Open in October 2002, Ryan got



Dave Ryan - CBS Sports



Kelly Kulick

to sit next to Randy Pedersen before leaving for CBS Sports in 2007, then transitioning to freelance work with both FS1 and CBS Sports Network.

Fox Sports' Rob Stone came

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<b>Nov 11-12</b>	<b>Plano Super Bowl</b>	<b>Plano, Tx.</b>	<b>60/50/Lady/Guest 4some</b>
<b>Nov 18-19</b>	<b>JB's Allen Bowl</b>	<b>Allen, Tx.</b>	<b>Member/Member Doubles</b>
<b>Dec 2-3</b>	<b>All Star Lanes</b>	<b>Shreveport, La.</b>	<b>Member/Guest Doubles</b>
<b>Dec 9-10</b>	<b>Cowtown</b>	<b>Ft. Worth, Tx.</b>	<b>Christmas Team</b>
<b>Jan 6-7</b>	<b>JB's Allen Bowl</b>	<b>Allen, Tx.</b>	<b>70/60/50/50 Foursome</b>
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## Dave's Corner

By: Dave Williams

### Five "Wackos" From Waco Are Wonders at Elias Cup



Elias Cup Champions Waco Wonders

It's fun to watch team bowling. There's an extra rush of adrenaline that's released into the body when all the members of a team are together and performing as one. That feeling of excitement was transferred into the crowd Wednesday night, to create what they like to refer to as the Bayside Bowl experience from Portland (in Maine, not Oregon).

The Waco Wonders — including Ryan Ciminelli, Parker Bohn, Jason Sterner, BJ Moore, Frank Snodgrass and Hall of Fame manager Johnny Petraglia — went on to claim the franchise's first Elias Cup victory this week in the PBA League at Bayside Bowl. Another Hall of Fame member, sixty-years-young Parker Bohn, was the sentimental favorite on the team from Waco, but it was Ryan Ciminelli that won the hearts of fans with strike after strike in crucial situations.

According to Nolan Hughes in an article that appeared at pba.com, Ciminelli struck on almost 70% of his shots (23 of 33), during the Waco Wonders nine televised games this week. That included many "strike or go home" tenth frames, according to Hughes, which prompted Tom Clark, PBA Commissioner, to award Ciminelli with the PBA League MVP for 2023. "I might have the MVP trophy, but today that was a team effort," said Ryan in a moment of humility.

Ciminelli's comment reminds me of a humorous moment that I have shared over the years from the California State Bowling Association Tournament in 1977. I searched the internet trying to find my recollection of that event, but it must have been a

dream I had about publishing the story, and not reality. In case anyone does find the story in print, my apologies... just chalk it up to old age!

*The California State Tournament of 1977*

The 1977 USBC (then ABC) tournament was to be held at two locations relatively close to my home — Kings Bowl and Millbrae Bowl, both located along the El Camino Real in the San Francisco peninsula town of Millbrae. Due to the fact that I had been traveling the PBA circuit the previous couple of years, I decided to try and field a team with my new found friends.

Larry Laub (my chauffeur) and Ron Lisher (my roommate) were the first on my list, and they both said yes. Next up came Rich Carrubba from Hayward, and Tim Harahan from Marina Del Rey. Carrubba was an instant yes, but I had to coax Tim into joining by naming the team after his new bowling center, Hawthorne Bowl, located about 30 minutes south from his home on "The 405."

We were all set to bowl when Lisher received a call the night before from Larry Laub. He had dislocated his shoulder, which was not uncommon. He told Ron not to worry and that he found a replacement (another pro) that would be there the next day to compete in the team event. The following day we literally tore up the lanes, with the exception of our last-minute backup. Lisher led the team with 720, and I was fortunate to follow his lead with 685. I don't remember the actual scores for Carrubba and Harahan, but they were both in the 640-650 range.

Our substitute, who shall

remain nameless, was not on the same wave-link as the rest of the team, and checked in with a 495 series. In the last frame, he was working on a strike in the ninth frame, and left the 7-10 split. In utter frustration, he just threw the second shot away. "What are you doing," asked Harahan. "You just threw away 2 pins that we might need." In the end, Tim's comment was psychic, as we did indeed lose the scratch title by one pin.

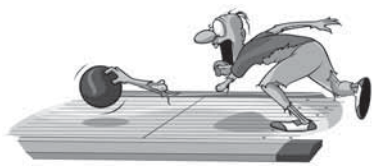
*The Brooklyn Connection*

It's only fitting that the Waco Wonders team, formerly known as the Brooklyn Styles (until 2020), is managed by Petraglia, whose heavy Brooklyn accent once kept him from being a part of the AMF Staff of Champions. That worked out just fine, as Petraglia went on to sign with Brunswick and placed his autograph on all those Johnny Petraglia LT-48 bowling balls that provided him with a giant royalty check each year.

The PBA League has now been in existence for more than 10 years, although no competition was held in 2021, due to the COVID confusion. The league has been dominated by three of the franchises: hometown favorite Portland Lumberjacks (3 titles), Silver Lake Atom Splitters, also with 3 titles, and the Dallas Strikers with 2 titles. The only other winner was the New York City Kingpins in 2013. This year the winning team received \$100,000, or \$20,000 per bowler.

It's interesting that the PBA league is named after the founder of the PBA, Eddie Elias. His dream, to fashion the Pro Bowlers Tour after professional golf, led to lucrative television contracts, but also completely stifled competitive team bowling. It's ironic that during the team era of bowling, keggers were earning well in excess of other professional athletes, including the highest paid pro baseball players.

So, you could say that the founding of the PBA significantly improved the situation of both television audiences and those behind the scenes; but put a damper on the income of the professional bowlers that are still struggling monetarily to keep up with other professional sports. You have to ask yourself what might have been if the National Bowling League — the PBA's rival bowling concept in the 1950's and 60's, would have prevailed...







Was that me or the lane?

There is probably a worse place to be but I can't think of it at the moment. You think it's some obscure tiny thing you did or didn't do. So, you tweak or massage or fine-tune when actually the fastest way to determine if it's you or the lane is to move as if it was the lane.

Seems blasphemous, doesn't it? After all, you shouldn't move off a bad shot or when you screwed up, right? You have to roll the ball the way you want, where you want, and if that doesn't work, then you can

adjust. I'm saying NO to that traditional thinking.

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## A Look Back at Larry Lichstein

There aren't many professional bowlers that came out of Windsor Locks, Connecticut. The only one that I can think of is Larry Lichstein, who grew up in the shadows of the famous Bradley Bowl, home to a PBA national pro tour stop for many years (the center is still operating and now known as Spare Time Windsor Locks). His life on the tour was legendary, not so much for his bowling ability, but for his tenacious business sense that enabled him to persuade the PBA hierarchy into expanding his duties on a continuous basis.

Larry first made national notoriety when he won the 1969 ABC Classic All-Events in Madison, Wis., with a total of 2,060 for nine games. He totaled 618 in the team event, 716 in the doubles, and 726 in singles competition. The next year in Knoxville, Tenn., he was part of the winning Merchant Enterprises team comprised of five impressive PBA future stars — Ernie Schlegel, Johnny Petraglia, Butch Gearhart, Mike McGrath and Lichstein.

Larry won his only PBA event in 1971 at the Ebonite Open, contested at ARC's Saratoga Lanes in San Jose, Calif., which permanently closed in 2002 and is now the site of mixed-use retail and high-density housing. For the first time in PBA history, all 16 of the finalists in the tour-

ney at Saratoga were left-handed. The very next week, as the story goes, Sam Baca was hired as the first full-time traveling lane man for the PBA.

"A lot of the guys were surprised when I quit bowling on the tour, especially since I was only 24 years old," said Lichstein in a 1986 article that appeared in the New York Times (Life on the Lanes: Have Drill, Will Travel, by John Cavanaugh). "Clyde Scott, the player services director for the PBA, said that he was going to retire, and he didn't know who was going to take his place."

"That's when I told Scott that I wanted the job," said Lichstein. "And that's how I happened to get it. My wife and I were in debt at the time, and we figured if things didn't work out, I could always go back on the tour as a full-time bowler." Larry had one good year on the tour in 1971, but the lure of a full-time job with the PBA must have been more appealing than the constant strain of trying to make a living from week to week with no guarantee.

*Lichstein and the AMF Staff of Champions*

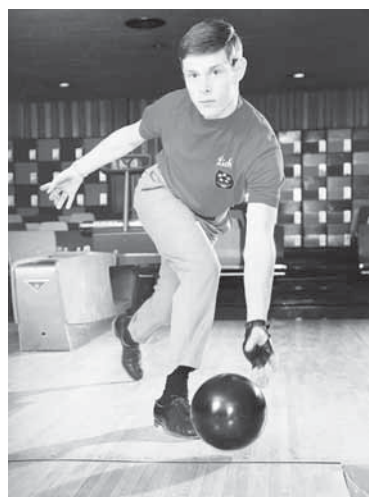
While thumbing through the files of Henry Kaven last week, I stumbled upon a photo of Larry Lichstein that I had never seen before. He's rolling the AMF Dick Weber All-Pro bowling ball, also known as the "Dick Weber 5-Star" at the time, and sporting

If you keep doing the same thing over and over, you obviously didn't get the message. Spirit will just keep sending it to you more often and with more vigor until you do get it. Speaking of getting it, have you ever noticed how rare it is for a professional bowler to be confused? It still happens, but it's pretty rare. Their diagnostic skills are terrific because they don't make an unconscious shot. They learn the lessons once. They pay attention to everything, file it all away for reference, and pull it out when they need it.

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Larry Lichstein, AMF Staff of Champions (1971)



Larry Lichstein, Today

a unique AMF 5-Star emblem that I have not seen before.

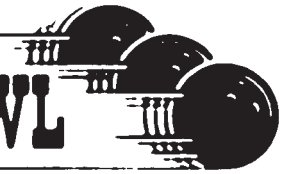
I looked through a list of the AMF Staff of Champions daily fees and retainers that was prepared each year by Jack Graziano, but could not find any information about Mr. Lichstein. An article that I spotted from the legendary Chuck Pezzano's "Down My Alley" column states, "Larry was very proud that his childhood idol, Dick Weber, was influential in his being the first left-hander signed to the AMF

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TOM DAUGHERTY CLASH

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seven pins in the second round and thought he had no chance of reaching the third round. Trae Henrichsmeyer, the 17-year-old who won the Open Classic division, tallied a six-count at the end of the lineup, allowing Daugherty a second chance.

After that round, Daugherty struck on nine of his 10 shots. His only non-strike was a 7-pin in Round 6, which put him in a roll-off against McEwan and Liz Johnson. Daugherty missed left in that roll-off, but much to his surprise the ball held and struck.

"I missed in and I had zero expectations of hitting the pocket," Daugherty said. "But when it just laid there, it told me I could move over there and probably create even a little bit more area because it will hook from that spot.

From the leadoff position, Daugherty struck on his next five shots to win the event. He led off each round following Balinda Maple's elimination in Round 4.

"I wanted to go at the top (of the lineup) because I wanted to strike and get it over with," Daugherty said. "As everyone was striking or getting nine, it was just putting more and more pressure down at the bottom of the lineup.

"I made some blind moves because we had such long breaks and there were so many shots thrown between the first few rounds, but towards the end, like I said after that roll-off, I never had to move again."

The four-time PBA Tour champion earned \$60,000.

At Killeen Bowlerama

Wacker soars to 783, Ramey and Shea 300 tie with 697

KILLEEN – Bobby Wacker topped the honor roll last month at Killeen Bowlerama with a high-powered 288/783 Sundowners League series.

Tawana Ramey, from the STARS league, and Danielle Shea tied for the top spot on the honor roll last month as both recorded an outstanding 697 series. Shea fired an award-winning 300 game in Rebels league play.

HONOR ROLL

Luis Baez 267-719, Ronnie Saguinsin 719, Laura Gentry 247-606, Phil Thurston 667, Adrienne McKinney 564, Eric Odette 279-763, Amanda Morgan 256-693, Josh

BAILEY PBA50

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where he won his first title back in 2010.

Bailey, Benard, and Warren all clinched a spot at South Point in a few months. The top four PBA50 regional point leaders will also earn spots into the tournament. Going into the last two qualifying events, Tony Franklin, Pete McCordic, Glenn Smith and Mike Austin are in the top 4 with Robert Lawrence, Bryan Pogor and Mark Williams right behind trying to get in.

At Hallmark

Martin lights up 791, Ciesiolka notches 731

Norris 299, Thomas 297

KILLEEN – Darryl Martin, from the Hit & Miss Classic group, pocketed power-laden 791 numbers en route to earning high-series honors for the month at Hallmark Lanes.

Karin Ciesiolka, Martin's league mate, headed the ladies' leader board with an outstanding 731 set.

James Norris garnered high-game honors with a near-perfect 299 solo while Anthony Thomas took runner-up accolades with a 297 game.

HONOR ROLL

Warren Howard 265, Steven Parks 716, Dani Taras 225, Karin Ciesiolka 623, Charles Duncan 242, James Schirripa 712, Teresa Herr 232, Alezandra Sellers-Black 643, Roderick Watkins (9 pin, no tap) 278-659. Sharon Jeffers (9 pin, no tap)

PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest RPI Qualifier Final Standings

1. Mike Bailey \$2,500
  2. Rick Benard \$1,600
  3. Chris Warren \$1,200
  4. Mark Williams \$900
  5. Mike McHugh \$725
  6. Daniel Spells Sr \$700
  7. Keith Lesko \$675
  8. Tony Franklin \$650
  9. Robert Lawrence \$620
  10. Stoney Burke Jr. \$610
  11. Dave Han \$600
  12. Pete McCordic \$590
- For complete results, visit [www.pba.com](http://www.pba.com)



205-569, James Morris 268, Jamie Shell 773, Kisha Thomas 193, Phyllis Love 480, John Foreman 235, Eric Jackson, Sr. 680, Dani Taras 219, Maya Dixon-Dates 663.

Jamie Shell 713, Jasmin Bonnett 230, Karin Ciesiolka 640, John Kuda 255, James Schirripa 729, Caitlin Schirripa 191, Teresa Herr 550, Dylan Jeffers (9 pin, no tap) 278-684.

Sharon Jeffers (9 pin, no tap) 214-556, Darryl Martin 791, Lisa Maruna 213, Esther Navarro 643, Ralph Anderson 206, Eric Jackson, Sr. 615, Alezandra Sellers-Black 190, Cindy Gill 613.

Bobby Davis 267, Steven Parks 677, Alezandra Sellers-Black 214, Jasmin Bonnett 588, Kenneth Batie 255, John Ciesiolka 701, Caitlin Schirripa 200, Alezandra Sellers-Black 680.

Alan Chick (9 pin, no tap) 288-750, Verlena Fernandes (9 pin, no tap) 226-601, Darius Dunem 257, Benny Fajkus 669, Amy Starkovich 208, Ben Hogan 247, Mike Bonnett 626, Sonya Stokes 167.

Dani Taras 611, Steven Parks 249, Christopher Sticklers, 683, Karin Ciesiolka 224, Danielle Taras 621, Issac James 255, Pete Schirripa, Jr. 717, Alezandra Sellers-Black 225, Hayley Pernel 653.

Brayden Maruna-Stephen (9 pin, no tap) 290, Keith Desmarais (9 pin, no tap) 671, Joyce Reddock (9 pin, no tap) 299-653, Jordan Cina 253, Ben Hogan 719, Danita Byrd 260, Karin Ciesiolka 636.

Jeff Hough 236, Ben Hogan 720, Katelyn Johnson 195, Dani Taras 554.

SENIORS

Rulie Haywood 255, Steve Wilson 647, Barbara Hernandez 211, Linda Meads 569, Larry Morris 245, Sam Cominsky 656, Peggy Hartley 187, Tony Powell, Jr. 227, Larry Krueger 680, Caren Cate-Wilson 184.

Ev Tradup 534, Madnazz Jones 242, George Chapman 696, Barbara Jones 206, Ev Tradup 517, Sam Cominsky 255, George Chapman 677, Ev Tradup 183, Caren Cate-Wilson 610, Tony Powell 255.

Linda Meads 207, Cookie Reddock 636, Jo Young 279, George Chapman 705, Dani Nash 263, Cookie Reddock 608.



# SMART Program to Allocate Additional \$1 Million for Pell Grant Match



By: Aaron Smith

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress Scholarship Management and Account Reporting for Tenpins (SMART) program is making an additional investment earnings allocation of up to \$1 million in 2023 to provide scholarship

opportunities for young bowlers in support of the SMART Pell Grant Match.

In February, SMART announced \$1.2 million in funding for the SMART Pell Grant Match in 2023 as part of an overall allocation of \$7 million for the year, and the interest in the program

has exhausted the initial amount.

The SMART Oversight Committee approved additional funding of up to \$1 million so qualified applicants can still take advantage of the program through the remainder of 2023.

In 2022, SMART also started with \$1.2 million in funding for the program before making an additional allocation of \$750,000, allowing the program to provide nearly \$2 million in grants.

"We are thrilled to once again be able to add additional funding to the SMART Pell Grant Match," said Frank Wilkinson, chair of the USBC SMART

Committee. "This program has been a great resource for young bowlers across the country, and we're excited to see the interest continue to grow."

The federal Pell Grant is a national program that helps students and families with the greatest financial need pay for college. The SMART Pell Grant Match maximizes the power of this federal program for bowlers by matching it dollar for dollar. The SMART Pell Grant Match is available to any student with at least one season of USBC Youth participation and two seasons overall of USBC membership.

Students can request the SMART Pell Grant Match and review an FAQ for the program by visiting [BOWL.com/SMART](http://BOWL.com/SMART). Applications will be accepted through the end of the year or until funding is exhausted.

The overall allocation of \$7 million in 2023 also included \$3.7 million in bonus scholarships for active SMART Recipients (used funds in 2022). Each eligible student-athlete already has received a \$715 SMART scholarship for 2023, and Recipients are encouraged to check their accounts to make sure they access the bonus scholarship.

## LARRY LICHSTEIN

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advisory staff."

Since most of Larry's early successes were with the Manhattan Rubber bowling ball, a harder surface rubber ball that worked particularly well on softer lacquer conditions, I can only assume that this photo campaign must have been from the early 1970's, before softer plastic bowling balls and harder Mira-lane surfaces took the place of rubber and lacquer.

It's interesting to note that the changeover from lacquer to Mira-lane (or similar products) began because insurance companies would no longer back the resurfacers or bowling centers because of the highly flammable process of applying lacquer to the lane. So, without insurance protocol, we might never have seen the abundance of high scores that have taken place since the last quarter of the 20th century.

## JUST PAYING ATTENTION

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up with "Hambone" in his ESPN days. Ryan uses one of his own, "Sixty Feet to Success."

"It's an alliteration when I was just starting as the lead announcer. All announcers use common phrases like 'oh baby!' but I wanted to have one of my own and trying to use it at least once a show. It's an ID something

### Lichstein - The Early Years

In the early years of Larry's career, he dominated the New England Bowling Association (NEBA), where he was voted Bowler of the Year in 1968. The next year he was voted the Sporting News PBA Rookie of the Year. An interesting column, once again by famous bowling writer Chuck Pezzano, appeared about this time touting the early successes of Lichstein.

Mr. Pezzano writes: "Larry Lichstein of Windsor Locks, Conn., was 19 when he arrived in Madison, Wis., to compete in the 1969 ABC tournament. Everett Chandler of Indianapolis was 78 when he arrived for his ABC appearance. And by brilliant performances in bowling's biggest show, these two men, 59 years apart in age, found tenpin fame."

"Lichstein won the Classic all events title, outscoring all of the nation's great bowlers as he averaged 228 for his nine games." Pezzano continued by stating

that Larry never thought that the score would hold up, but it did... and it gave him the confidence to join the PBA tour. "He rolled in 16 PBA tournaments, cashed in ten and earned more than \$12,000, a record for a rookie," reported Pezzano.

"Chandler's date with destiny came when he closed out his regular singles competition with a 297 game and 734 series." The 297 game was the highest in the tournament, according to Pezzano. "He got plenty of headlines. After all, how many 78-year-old men in any sport can beat the other 23,755 entrants, which is exactly what Chandler did."

### Lichstein Today

Larry now resides in Fort Myers, Fla., and as you can see from his photo, he looks about the same as he did 40 years ago. Along the way Lichstein was elected to the PBA Hall of Fame in 1996, in the Meritorious Service category, where he served as PBA director of player

emblematic of what I've done over the years. If it's a big moment, I'll use it."

Ryan admits it hasn't had the impact of 'hambone,' even though he's been mistaken for Stone in an airport recently.

"Hambone is fantastic. It's easier, it's quicker, it's resounding, it's recognizable, and people even draw up signs. I was stopped in the Atlanta airport by a woman who said 'hambone'

to me who thought I was Rob. Standing close by was a big bowling fan who said 'Rob Stone, Rob Stone, hambone, hambone, can I take a picture? I just didn't have the heart to correct him. He was so nice and asked to take a picture," Ryan said.

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In November, more on Ryan and maybe, just maybe, someone else who shares the broadcast booth. Stay tuned.

with 917 and Dylan Vermilyea in fourth place with 901. Adan Newman of Michigan was third with 912.

Over on the women's side, Rochester and Lawrence Tech also were battling it out, as Rochester had a great team set to start. Lawrence Tech mounted a strong comeback in Baker

competition, though. Rochester would hold them off by 49 pins (6,231-6,182) to take the win.

Faith Harding of Bowling Green led the women's field with a 790 total, with Brooke Kochel of Lawrence Tech right behind with 781. Rochester teammates Riley Brownrigg (775) and

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services for more than 22 years. He was inducted to the USBC Bowling Hall of Fame in 2019, in the Pioneer category.

Watch for more profiles and photos from the files of Henry Kaven in upcoming issues.

### ANOTHER REVELATION:

On Friday evening I had an opportunity to watch the 1971 Ebonite Open provided by Mike Ware at youtube.com. During the trophy presentation at the end of the telecast, announcer

Bud Palmer asked Lichstein if he felt nervous during his first TV broadcast. Larry replied, "I've been very confident with the help of a few personal friends back home. Mr. Henry Kaven has helped me out tremendously."

Wow... That's amazing!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouxdvZwZBT4>

• Lichstein action photo provided by Dave Williams (from the files of Henry Kaven)

• Lichstein today photo provided by bowl.com

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Kurashige leading all bowlers with a 929 total and Connor Nowak placing in fifth with an 891. Aquinas had two players in the top five as well, with Michael Deming finishing in second place



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## BENARD AND JANAWICZ

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as the #1 seed in a stepladder stacked with talent.

The first match featured PBA and USBC Hall of Famer Pete Weber taking on Tom Adcock.

Adcock made a ton of noise this season on the PBA50 National Tour winning his first title this year winning the Villages Classic in Florida.

Adcock took a couple of frames to find his rhythm and that little head start was all Weber needed to take the first match (244-223).

Weber advanced to take on the lone lefty in the field, 9 time Regional Champion and former SW PBA50 POY Mike Bailey. Unfortunately for Bailey, he was unable to develop a look on the championship pair and Weber made quick work of match 2 (223-146)

Match #3 featured another

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Nataleigh Eagle (760), along with Aquinas' Morgan Jones (746), rounded out the top five.

Next weekend, the first Tier I tournament of the season is happening at the Midwest Collegiate Championships. The tournament will take place in the greater Milwaukee area and feature select pairs being livestreamed at BowlITV.com.

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## At FireLake Bowling Center

# Cummings and Justice tie with 805, Richter claims 684

**Ricks 300**

SHAWNEE, OK – Lynn Cummings and Rick Justice tied for the top spot on the honor roll last month at FireLake Bowling Center as both recorded outstanding 805 series. Cummings downed lines of 279-247-279 in Masters League action while Justice fired games of 269-280-256 in Thursday Thrillers league play.

Teri Jo Richter, from The Masters league, fired a smooth 237-190-257 = 684 set to lead the ladies.

Braden Ricks garnered high-game honors with an award-winning perfecto.

**HONOR ROLL**  
Kevin Denny 258-722, Chris Ditmore

member of the PBA and USBC Halls of Fame, Chris Barnes.

Barnes got off to a quick start and grabbed an early lead. Continuing to string strikes he was able to defeat Weber (269-217). PDW took home \$3500 for the 3rd place finish. Barnes' win got him a shot at yet another USBC Hall of Famer in John Janawicz.

Although Barnes was off to a solid start with a couple of spares and a small string of strikes, JJ was ready and put together a string of his own.

In fact, he missed once to post a 278 winning score to grab the title and the \$10,000 check!

Barnes earned a solid payday of \$5,500 for the runner-up finish.

For complete coverage of the PBA50 Jonesboro Southwest Super Open go to BowlTV and watch the stepladder finals!

Thanks again to the team at Jonesboro for another outstanding event.

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up the 7-10.

Thanks to Stacy Starry and her staff for hosting.

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## SR TEAM USA

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over the years, a full-time job kept Woessner from competing for Team USA in the past.

That's why when multiple friends and bowling acquaintances suggested she submit her application to be a part of the senior team this year, she jumped at the chance. Suffice it to say, she's happy with her decision.

"Obviously, I'm very glad that I applied," Woessner said. "I knew that I had some nice accomplishments the last couple of years that would give me a good chance, but there are so many great bowlers out there that I didn't want to get my hopes up until I got the call. When I did, it was pretty emotional."

Powers was emotional when her call came as well, but not because the trip to Colombia would be her first outing for Team USA. It was because, at 66 years old, she knows it could be her last.

"This may sound bad, but this might be my last time; I don't know," Powers said. "There's a lot of good young 50-year-olds coming up, so I was just excited that they chose me."

Powers certainly earned that selection as she has proudly represented Team USA three times before, most recently during the 2021 trip to Dubai where she earned a pair of bronze medals (doubles with Johnson and mixed team with Tracy Calfee, Bob Learn Jr. and Parker Bohn III).

While Powers was grateful to have brought home bronze the last time, she's confident that this year's crew has what it takes to aim even higher.

"We have such a good group of women that I think we should be able to compete for first in team and first and second in doubles," Powers said. "With the talent we have, we should be able to win some gold medals for sure."

Johnson has far and away the most Team USA experience of any of the ladies traveling to Colombia, and during the course of her many tournaments, she's developed quite an affinity for gold medals.

As such, she isn't just looking for the Americans to bring home "some gold medals;" she wants them all.

"We want to bring home all the gold that we possibly can," Johnson said. "The more medals we bring back, the better it is for us and for Team USA. That's our game plan."

For more information on Senior Team USA, visit BOWL.com/Team-USA/Team-USA-Senior-Bowling.



## WACO WONDERS

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Wednesday night — with all four non-Bohn players rocking a vintage Parker Bohn mustache — Waco defeated Portland 247-204, 247-231 and 267-252 to sweep the best-of-five championship match.

Ryan Ciminelli was named the Mark Roth PBA League MVP by PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. Ciminelli struck on 70% of his shots (23/33) during the Wonders' nine televised games, which included multiple strike-or-go-home 10th frames.

"I might have the MVP trophy, but today that's a team effort," Ciminelli said. "We had a strategy that worked almost flawlessly."

Ciminelli eliminated the team he played for in 2022, the Pabst Blue Ribbon Milwaukee Pounders, in the play-in round, then took out another former team in Portland tonight.

"I had a chip on my shoulder, and honestly it just kept getting bigger," he added after tonight's victory. "I just wanted to keep proving myself — I don't feel like I should have to any more, before this week even, it gets frustrating — but I think I did it again."

Beyond Ciminelli, the entirety of the Wonders embraced the role of the underdog. The team averaged a finish of 52nd on

the 2023 points list and ranked last in the PBA's stat-based power rankings before the league.

Regardless of any outside noise, the Wonders built their team with intent and conviction.

"We picked this squad because everyone bowls with a chip on their shoulder," Moore said. "We wanted a dog in every fight. We didn't want someone that came out with some talent and threw a pretty ball. We wanted some dogs that were ready to get down in the dirt."

"We didn't have a star studded team, but we had heart and soul," Bohn said. "We had five guys with Johnny behind us that were digging in every shot."

Bohn, who made the semifinals of the USBC Masters earlier this year and turned 60 years old in July, has achieved almost every conceivable accolade in professional bowling. But he hadn't etched his name on the Elias Cup until tonight.

"I've been very fortunate in the bowling world," Bohn said. "But when you can go out and win an event like this and share it with five guys, I'll remember this literally for the rest of my life."

**ELIAS CUP FINALS SCORES**  
Snickers Waco Wonders def.  
Portland Lumberjacks, 3-0  
Game 1: Wonders def.  
Lumberjacks, 247-204  
Game 2: Wonders def.

## At Hilltop Lanes

# Gunderson levels 299/753, Armstrong delivers 686

## McGinnis 299

**WAXAHACHIE** — David Gunderson chalked up estimable 299/753 marks in Sassy Seniors league action to lead scoring for the month at Hilltop Lanes.

Samantha Armstrong rolled a fine 245/686 Sunday Nite Mixed set to pace the ladies.

Chuck McGinnis shared high-game accolades with Gunderson with near-perfect 299 solos.

### HONOR ROLL

Samantha Armstrong 209-588, Tiffany Powell 196-531, Vicki Collins 202-526, Laine Hill 195-496, Benjamin Michael 255-737, Ritchie Fisher 255-663, John Powell 220-631, Bryan Cole 246-631.

Duane Threatt 258-646, Lisa Bittle 199-549, Nancy Lehw 201-530, Patty Smith 191-507, Caitlyn Chapman 245-629, Scott Boyd 264-724, Brian Lance 257-723, Frankie Alonzo 278-704.

Kevin Boucher 243-675, Maegan Connor 237-654, Terri Driggers 224-597, Tara Neugent 220-589, Jackie Fisher 224-620, Renea Powell 218-614, Maegan Connor 203-569, Karleen Reynolds 237-576.

Lance Hill 248-730, Mel Goss 263-696, JC Mann 247-718, Shannon

Monk 264-708, Jerry Kralich 237-688, Raymond Neugent 259-742, Jeff Macon 259-730, Karry Vossler 227-600, Megan Foster 242-655.

Jacey Shoemaker 230-638, Tracy Ratchford 234-631, Chuck McGinnis 752, Kyle Shoemaker 258-732, Shawn Thomas 266-717, Jeremy Pirotte 252-674, Richard Kubitz 235-661, Joyce Burrows 215-584, Deb Dodson 202-558, Terri Griffith 196-516, Vickie Ratliff 214-542, Raymond Lehw 258-694, Scott Dodson 257-682, Harry Hagedorn 235-661, Matthew Johnson 267-732, Joshua Denham 268-717.

Carson Wright 238-622, Johnny Michael 232-595.

### SENIORS

Joyce Burrows 243-656, Sandra Downey 202-562, Connie King 206-556, Raymond Lehw 280-666, James Wann 249-659, Wally Mahoney 253-657, Fred Downey 238-646, Donna Lonon 236-581.

Joyce Burrows 231-572, Terri Griffith 227-538, David Nelson 227-656, David Clay 234-652, Dean Lewis 234-636, Randy Donathan 232-626, Wally Mahoney 278-739, Tom Spigener 265-724, Roger Zaeske 253-721.

Lumberjacks, 247-231  
Game 3: Wonders def.  
Lumberjacks, 267-252  
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Pabst Blue Ribbon Milwaukee Pounders (\$6,500 per player)  
Bowlero L.A. X (\$6,000 per player)  
Guaranteed Rate Chicago Breeze (\$5,500 per player)

## At Tenpins & More

# Arevalo drills 738, Hare bags 707

Opela 300, Griffin, Sheridan 299's

**RIO RANCHO, NM** — Jon Arevalo won high-set honors for the month at Tenpins & More with a power-packed 279-267-192 = 738 Rancho Runners league series.

Adrienne Hare, Arevalo's league mate, topped the leader board for the gals with an outstanding 245-258-204 = 707 session.

Carson Opela earned high-game accolades with an award-winning perfecto while Dusti Griffin and Pete Sheridan took runner-up honors with near-perfect 299 solos.

### HONOR ROLL

Kristen Ruiz-Jimenez 210-558, Thomas Whitley 256-704, Jenn Bedard 178-515, Mike McDonnell 218-624, Stephanie Valdez 180-475, Michael Stark 236-652, Alena Gonzales 170-445.

Shawn Haines 228-609, Karen Barcal 247-591, Ryan Byer 247-676, Dusti Griffin (4 games) 925, Pete Sheridan (4 games) 934, Brenda Hamilton 241-636, Rick Burnett 232-645, Teresa Hope 213-588.

Eric Carriaga 246-690, Joseph Paterson 277-696, Troian Donnachaidh 218-575, Johnna Mora 207-577, Patrick Loudonback 237-642, Rosie Jamael 197-464, Carson Opela 652.

Dana Miller-Mackie (4 games) 233-860, Angel Ortega (4 games) 243-902, Dana Miller-Mackie (4 games) 258-862, Dan Brenning (4 games) 278-945.

### SENIORS

Becky Fisher 216-573, Jeff Brown 233-596, Dana Miller-Mackie 268-702, Robert Miera 247-663.

# SOUTHWEST REPORT

## tenpins & more CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

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## YOUTH BOWLER OF THE MONTH



### DIEGO DE LA TORRE

16, of Rockwall, TX is a Sophomore at Rockwall High School. Diego is a star on the rise who is focused on getting better each and every day. Last month he led all bowlers in the qualifying rounds at the Lone Star Youth Tournament and ended up with a top four finish. He was a leader in getting his high school to create a bowling program after meeting with the Principal, and they are now in their second year. He is coached by coached by Chris Warren and Mickie Tate, and actively participates in any scratch tournament he can find to strengthen his game.

Hometown Bowling Center: Plano Super Bowl

How did you get started bowling? I played other sports, and started looking at bowling because it looked interesting. I started bowling league at Bowl-a-Rama in Rowlett when I was in the 7th grade. I received better coaching, and started bowling in more competitive leagues at Plano. My dad is hooked on bowling now too.

High Game/Series: 300 at the Youth City Tournament at Forum Bowl.

Favorite Bowler: Jason Belmonte. He really got me into bowling by watching his videos. Two-handed is such a cool movement and I've never seen anyone throw the ball like him.

Favorite bowling accomplishment: Winning the Southwest Gold Tour event in Oklahoma. It was a short pattern throwing a Fast Pitch. It was super fun and intense, my dad and I were so excited, there is no better feeling than winning.

What other hobbies do you have? Play basketball with my friends and dad. I'm also in the high school theater and choir groups. I have been involved with the theater since the second grade.

What do you love most about bowling? The feeling of throwing the ball down the lane, it really gets my heart pumping. Getting a strike is such a great feeling. I usually bowl three days a week.

What are your bowling goals? I want to find a good college bowling program, I'm starting to look now. I am working double-time on getting prepared for Junior Gold so that I can make the finals.

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