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# **Boomershine Breaks Through for** Prize-Fund Will First Win at 2023 USBC Queens



Lindsay Boomershine

By: Gene J. Kanak

LAS VEGAS - Lindsay Boomershine of Brigham City, Utah, won the 2023 United States Bowling Congress Queens by defeating Colombia's Maria Jose Rodriguez, 202-176, at Sam's Town Bowling Center on Tuesday night.

The victory allowed Boomershine to walk away with the \$60,000 first-place prize and coveted Queens tiara. Also, it earned her the right to never have to face the question "When are you finally going to win?" ever again.

That's because by taking down Rodriguez, Boomershine was able to collect her first Professional Women's Bowling

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# Exceed \$70,000 in 19th NM Open



By: Steve Mackie

Rio Rancho, NM - The New Mexico Open bowling tournament, scheduled August 18-20 at Tenpins & More in Rio Rancho will offer a record prize-fund of \$ 70,450 in it's 19th renewal.

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# Tony Franklin/Tyler McLearen Claim SASBA M/G at Forum



Tyler McLearen and Tony Franklin

By: Kathy King

GRAND PRAIRIE, TX - The format at Forum Bowl was a separate qualifying Member and Guest Saturday, May 13.

Members and Guests bowled on different squads bowling 8 games of qualifying. Highest qualifier was paired with highest qualifier and so on with qualifying pins being dropped for the Baker finals.

Tony Franklin and Tyler McLearen each led their squad and were paired for the finals.

They took the lead with 255-248 their first 2 games, relinquished it games 3 and 4 then took it back and were leading by

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# **Packy Hanrahan Takes PBA Waxahachie SW Members Only Title at Hilltop Lanes**



**PBA SW Region** Champion Packy Hanrahan

By: Tony Lanning

WAXAHACHĬE, TX - In a members-only event at Hilltop Lanes just south of Dallas, we had a wire-to-wire tournament win from one of the newest PBA Tour champions.

Packy Hanrahan opened qualifying with a 64-pin lead, and that margin would only increase from there.

Sixty-four pins eventually turned into 132 and then into

Deo Bernard competed for a while in match play, putting Continued on Page 19

# Mike Moscato/Trey Sledge Win Member/Guest at Holiday Lanes



Mike Moscato and Trey Sledge

By: Kathy King

OKLÁHOMA CITY, OK -Mike Moscato and Trey Sledge didn't know each other before pairing up for the Member/Guest doubles at Holiday Lanes in OKC.

They bowled well together and were in 2nd place after the 8 games of qualifying on Saturday, Apr 29.

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# **Belmonte Wins Electric PBA Super** Slam Cup Presented by Bowlero



Belmonte takes \$100K and the Super Slam Cup Belt

By: Nolan Hughes

The strikes came in bunches on Sunday afternoon at the PBA Super Slam Cup presented by Bowlero, but Jason Belmonte left Bowlero Jupiter with the championship cup, WWE belt and \$100,000 first-place check.

The top-seeded Belmonte prevailed in the finals, defeating EJ Tackett 286-246 in their 2023 rubber match.

"Anytime you're on television, in front of hundreds and hundreds of thousands of people, you want to put on a good performance," Belmonte said. "Whilst it isn't for a title, walking into this match, I wanted to win this.

"I want the ability to finish my career looking at all the events that we've had and say that I've won every one of them that I possibly can."

The Australian defeated Tackett at the PBA Tournament of Champions in March, then Tackett took down Belmonte at the PBA World Championship

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# Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, Publisher





USA Bowl Proprietor, Josh Modelo, was awarded the **Texas State USBC Proprietor** of the Year Award in 2021. Josh has an amazing youth program that will continue at Cityview Lanes.



Brad Ellis had been a long time staple and employee at USA Bowl. Brad started the Teen Bowlers Circuit which was a travelling youth scratch tournament series. Sue Ellis continued the series for Brad.

May 31st brings about a big loss to the Dallas bowling landscape, the closure of USA Bowl, originally opened as Don Carter West. The center, along with Don Carter East, were total game changers in how a bowling center could look and operate.

Huge facilities with a lot of lanes, large concourse areas (big enough for a beer cart to drive around), chandelier lighting, sky windows, and a big front desk right in the middle that welcomed people as they walked in.

On a personal note, USA Bowl (DC West at the time) was the bowling center that my parents chose for me to bowl at as a youth when we moved to Texas in 1985. Coming from the Kansas City area, the size of DC West blew me away and on a Saturday morning the whole house was full of youth bowlers, how was that even possible.

I met life-long friends there. Sean Quinn, who was skilled at 13 unlike anyone before him, Mark "PT" Grimes whose love of Norm Duke always made us laugh, and of course Brad Ellis. Brad was my first great friend in Texas, he was older and took me under his wing, and was just the best person, my parents absolutely loved him as everyone did.

On Sundays, he would pick me up at 6:15 in the morning and drive us all the way over to DC West for Sunday Morning Rent-a-Lane. We would bowl for 2 hours, sometimes 4 hours and keep meticulous stats of what we shot and who beat who. He always won. Those memories I will never forget, I smile every time I think of Brad.

It wasn't just a house of great youth bowlers; it was THE place for top talent in Dallas to bowl. Tuesday night leagues, Friday night leagues, that's when the best bowled, and I always loved

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watching them. There are too many greats to name, but DC West was the place to be, and while the switch to USA Bowl and Josh Modelo's ownership has been great in keeping the legendary center alive and thriving, the time has now come to close the doors

#### X-X-X-X-X

The PBA tour season for the most part is over with only the PBA Tour Finals and the PBA League finals to go.

I've been tracking five players who I felt were the cream of the crop going into the 2023 season, let's see how it's going for them, and the rest..

EJ Tackett - five titles, first in points

Anthony Simonsen – two titles, second in points

Jason Belmonte - one title, third in points

Dom Barret – 9th in points Kris Prather – 16th in points Jakob Butturf - one title, fourth in points

Matt Ogle – one title, fifth in points

Packy Hanrahan – two titles Sam Cooley – one title Kevin McCune - one title

The BIG 3 have won eight of the 14 titles, 57% and a ridiculous amount of the prize money. Simonsen has cashed in all 14 events and combined, those three have made over \$1,000,000 this season.

My favorite story of the season isn't their amazing accomplishments, it's seeing Packy win two times, and helping get his good friend Mitch Hupe his first title in the Holman/Roth doubles. As much as I enjoy seeing guys dominate, and I really do, I also want to see the talented up-and-comers have their moment and stack up some wins.

Last weekend, there was a SW PBA Regional in Waxahachie,

TX at Hilltop Lanes and Packy showed up to bowl. My daughter, Tori, is a big fan of his as she loves the bowling videos he posts, so she was pretty excited and nervous to actually talk to him. You know what...Packy is the friendliest guy there is. He made Tori feel so comfortable, he asked her questions about her bowling and school and everything in-between. It's great to see these young superstars be so engaging with the fans, youth,

Oh, and by the way, he completely dominated the tournament and won running away. He's pretty good at the bowling stuff.

#### X-X-X-X-X

And finally, this month let's talk about the USBC Queens held at Sam's Town Bowling Center in

The final match featured Maria Jose Rodriguez and Lindsay Boomershine. Rodriguez is a former champion of the event and Boomershine was looking for her first professional title.

Lindsay ultimately made the big shots when she needed, three clutch strikes in the tenth forcing Maria to basically do the same, but Maria was unable to match. leaving Lindsay the victor, 202-176.

For Boomershine, much like Packy, there have been several close calls in final matches, but things just haven't gone her way...this time it did.

It was great to see the emotion pour out of someone who has put in the work and finally got to be the last person standing, smiling, and holding the trophy. A very well-deserved title for Boomershine, new champions are awesome to see!



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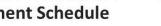
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NORTH TEXAS **Tournament Schedule** 





**Tournament Detail** 

Ballard vs The Big "C" Charity Event

**Ballard's Bowling Academy Youth Tournament** Wild Turkey Mixed Team Tournament - \$2k

> Mixed Doubles -\$3k added Youth City -\$3k added Senior -\$1k added

Ladies City -\$2k added

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Men	
Bam Pride, Lions Lanes	835
Dimitri Cruz, Forum Bowl	829
Darius Dunem, Hallmark Lanes	823
Jon Arevalo, Tenpins & More	823
Josh Burnham, JB's Allen Bowl	814
Russell Hobbs, Plano Super Bowl	814
Ryan Boroff, Cowtown Bowling Palace	812
Keith Thomas, Sr., Cityview Lanes	811
David Green, Red Bird Lanes	808
Joey Wood, Killeen Bowlerama	799
Ed Matthies, Jr., Strikz	757

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Women	
Robin Prioleau, Tenpins & More	788
Michelle Stephens, Plano Super Bowl	
Lauren Cathey, Red Bird Lanes	768
Amanda Morgan, Killeen Bowlerama	757
Jackie Fisher, Lions Lanes	752
Brittany Keeling, JB's Allen Bowl	740
Diana Jessie, Forum Bowl	720
Karin Ciesiolka, Hallmark Lanes	706
Amy Drescher, Cowtown Bowling Palace	685
Brooke Simmons, Cityview Lanes	684
Loren Tenczar, Strikz	681



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### FRANKLIN/MCLEAREN

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9 pins going into the final match. The top 3 teams were only 13

Franklin/McLearen were bowling John Austin Jr/Jared Thompson.

John left an 8 pin in the tenth frame or they would have won and next door Thomas Gwin and Ted Pritts were in contention and if Ted would have struck in the tenth frame they would have won but he left a 10 pin.

Gwin/Pritts won their match and went around the Austin Jr team for 2nd.

John Burkett and Jacob Cutler shot a big 290 the last game and moved up to third.

Austin Jr was 4th and Pete Thomas and Ashley Rucker were

It was Tony's 3rd SASBA title. We had no 300 games this week. Two ladies bowled...one made the finals.

We want to thank Forum Bowl and their staff for hosting. They did a great job.

June 17-18 is an Age Bracket tournament at Cityview Lanes in Fort Worth.

June 24-25 is a 70/60/50/Lady Foursome at Lion Lanes in Ennis. Limited to 22 teams.



# At Cityview Lanes

# Thomas, Sr. delivers 811, Simmons snags 684

Edmonds 297/800, Spotanski 300, Thomas, Jr. 299

Keith Thomas, Sr.'s first-rate 246-276-289 = 811 session ended as the number one set of the month at Cityview Lanes in the Monday Night Mixer league outing.

Stevo Edmonds, Mo Vick Matchpoint group, finished close behind Thomas, Sr. with an awardwinning 297/800 series.

Brooke Simmons led the ladies with a robust 224-226-234 = 684T.G.I.F showing to front the fem scoring.

Jason Spotanski garnered high-game honors with an awardwinning 12-bagger while Keith Thomas, Jr. took runner-up accolades with a near-perfect 299 solo. HONOR ROLL

Dean King 288, Dave Dewberry 720, June Barker 229, Nadine Willis 647, Ariane Ryder 236-618, Brad Burnett 224, Cameron Webb 224, Joseph Mosely 647, Vicky Kopp 198-517, Michael Johnson

Ricky Roberts 683, Rhonda Schmidt 149-374, Ken Leach 268-688, Darlene Jones 210, Karen Leach 560, June Barker 268-631. Humm Smith 269-722. Cherie Deleon 222-583, Marsh Weiershausen

Chong McHugh 706, Aldis Presley 290-780, Steffany Brown 255, Kecia Andries 658, Keith Thomas, Sr. 792, Ashley Megurdichan 236-618, Eearl Jones 269, Brian Shaw 706, Dee Frederick 189-494.

Cassandra Norris 209-536, Joseph Mosely 267, Jack Simpson 731, Judy Baumgardner 226-643, Michael Patton 279, Trenton Steele 742, Cherie Deleon 257-638, Jarron Spears 258-654, Maren P 194-491.

Socorro Contreras 267-675, Sam Weyant 200, Debbie Saucedo 568, Jonathon Pruitt 267, Humm Smith 735, Sue Pelton-Schutz 269. Richard Irvine 257, Mack McMiller 723, Linda Anderson

Joe Becker 290-722, Megan Becker



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# Southwest Area USBC Youth Scores

Logan Frishman led the Southwest-area USBC youth bowling last month with a super solid 782 Stars of Tomorrow series at Hallmark Lanes.

Kylie Belnap paced the girls with an impressive 266/587 set at Tenpins & More.

Hallmark Lanes, Killeen, TX – Caleb Xayachack 213-536, Kaydence Jeffers 106-304, Joseph Munns 268, Jonathan Rosado 729 Naomi Ortiz 176-476, Caleb Xayachack 159-444, Kaydence Jeffers 146-387, Solomon Loyd 285-649, Naomi Ortiz 195-457, Caleb Xayachack 183-496, Kaydence Jeffers 104-295, Michael Cook 244-660, Jayla Quiney 174-443, Grayson Lassiter 170, Caleb Xayachack

471, Kaydence Jeffers 115-290, Jonathan Rosado 279, Kandie Knight 137, Naomi Ortiz 387, Davion Patterson 187-459, Kaydence Jeffers 99-268, Solomon Loyd 266-681, Naomi Ortiz 176-437.

Killeen Bowlerama, Killeen, TX – Leo Solis 278-781, Robert Davie Jr 268-709, Keegan Alexander 247-684, Thomas Shotwell 216, Andy Solis 215-580, Cameron Brown 210-532, Hayden Brown 132-371.

Tenpins & More, Rio Rancho, NM – Angelo Marinez 204-563, Carson Belnap 242-623, Iliana Ontiveros 173-448, Shane Muller 223-579, Naomi Seiler 181-479, Dylan Lopez 259-610, Victoria Tallbear 122-320, Shane Muller 224-582, Mia Medina 213-518, Carson Belnap 258-620.

# **Team USA Takes Gold on Final Day at 2023 PANAM Bowling Male Championships**

By: Gene J. Kanak

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic – The 2023 PANAM Bowling Male Championships didn't start off the way Team USA bowlers and coaches were hoping for as the Americans missed out on medals in both singles and doubles by just a single pin.

At that point, it would've been easy for Team USA to allow the disappointment of the first two days to derail its goals for the rest of the tournament.

Nevertheless, the Americans did the opposite, rebounding to capture gold and bronze during trios on Thursday and then leading the 14-team field during the first day of team competition on Friday.



Saturday was the final day of action at Sebelén Bowling Center, and Team USA closed things out in style, adding games of 1,185, 1,154 and 938 to the 1,028, 1,094 and 1,120 it authored on Friday to win the team gold medal with a six-game total of

6,519.

Puerto Rico took silver with 6,415, and Guatemala grabbed bronze with 6,378.

John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida, the oldest player on the squad at age 50, led the

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# North Texas USBC Youth Results

Brodie Hill headed the NTXUSBC youth bowling last month with a booming 287/727 Forum Strikers series at Forum Bowl.

Tori Franklin led the girls with a sparkling 226-290-202 = 718 Youth Mania set at JB's Allen Bowl.

Cityview Lanes – Logan Trujillo 256, Daniel Young 567, Morgan Davis 245, Savannah Burgin 560.

Cowtown Bowling Palace – CY Salazar 236, Isbella Colbert 227, Mason Chapman 256-694, Gyanna Simmons 189-495, Matthew Hendrix 245, Sarah Epperson 139, Lucas Helka 248-616, Grace Gann 174, Jr Cain 181-465, Gabriella Rinebold 119, Dallas Rinebold 138, Cristian Dubon 163, Elizabeth Cain 118, Paul Helka, Jr. 123, Eddie Randall 110, Kaydence Chestnut 108, Landon Trubenstein 94, Rileynn Helka 86, Luna Baker 86.

Forum Bowl – Ayden Hopkins 111-177, Emmy Bachemin 86-164, Sydnee Leclear 199-560.

JB's Allen Bowl – Malachi Ferguson 151-353, Lily-Paige Rubenstein 134-366, Isaiah Gaither 198-526, Amanda Keith 87-194, Hayden McBride 224-577, Caylin Zittlau 113-317, Jacob Ramirez 278-618, David Winchester 219-572, Richie Duvall 169-432, Joshua McKinney 182-502, Emmie Lou Risden 120-247, Cooper Powell 182-462, Ellie May Risden 121-298, Paddy Larkin 191-451, Joshua Breidenthal 200-561, Lydia Breidenthal 178-475, Treavor Mason 211-534, Maximus Rouse 282-646, Annika Svedvik 227-605, Nash Fitzgerald 207-570, Veronyca West 201-543.

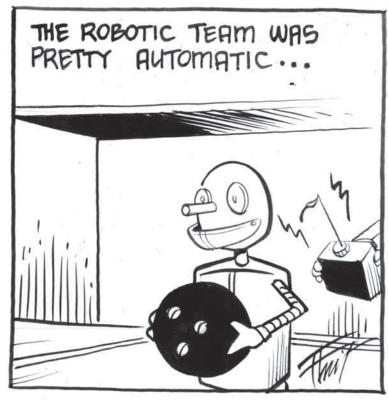
Lions Lanes – Riley Farrell 263-672, Nate Bratcher 179-460, Ricky Gonzalez 171-444, Johnathan Lowey 190-443, Aiden Yrlas 142-417, Hayden Oldizil 133-305, Colton Jones 95-239, James Duarte 97-239, Jackson Burke 92-234, Morgan Hopkins 236-671, Kylar Pride 119-327.

Plano Super Bowl – Eliott In 147-404, Avery Hughes 113-302, Lunden Simon

134-365, Eviana Scott 111-284, Preston Zabojnik 166-468, Madeline Zabojnik 129-360, Jaden Marquez 207-550, Marisa Munquia 235-625, Colton Rawdon 153-504, James Johnson 289-623, Aidan McClelland 254-687, Emily Mendez 213-592, Amari Browder 210-492, Keira Sampson 147-406, Nicholas Frazier 194-528, Isabella Hudson 181-474, Diego de la Torre 241-578, Charisse Graham 217-632, Olivia Phillips 178-512, Treavor Thompson 247-621, Brady McDonough 229-646, Yaki Guerrero 188-471, James Johnson 215-556, Madi Damer 174-479, Witten Brunson 134-232, Athena Rivera 96-175.

Strikz – Logan Solis 215-594, Maximus Rouse 209-558, Jakob Haraputczyk 188-500, Aaron Nelson 170-423, Lincoln Beran 155-434, Riley Stark 151-403, Russ Johnson 172-471, Trenell Dixon 158-425, Keathan Jennings 176-498, Christian Wages 169-450, Vikram Krishna 201-513, Joey Maulhardt 160-443, Isaac Llamas 145-409, Jonathan Hattar 233-583, Misha Brown 170-490, Owen Smullen 177-480, Kolin Williams 217-541, Jake Sullivan 185-548, Julia Rouse 230-540, Gabriela Gamboa 135-354, Alexia Moon 169-474, Naiya Okwesa 155-417, Allison Rouse 127-342, Austin Jones 156-420.

# Lane Laughter



#### **NEW MEXICO OPEN**

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This year's champion will receive a record winner's check for \$13,000, based on 192 entries, and pay 1:4. There are five qualifying squads on the first two days so the maximum entry is 240, which would boost the payout to more than \$80,000 and increase first place to \$15,000.

To encourage bowlers to try the 9am or 2 pm squads on August 18, Principal Financial Group has added \$2,000 split between the top five scores in each session.

Former PBA champion, Mike Miller will create another challenging lane condition, which, in some years, has seen squad high game prizes won by games in the

Cortez Schenck of Phoenix, Arizona is defending his title, won in fortunate circumstances last year against local J D Nance of Rio Rancho whose open frame split in the tenth allowed Schenck to roll a double and count for a 233-230 victory.

Entry fee is \$295, much less than other similar tournaments, with prize-money boosted by the financial support of more than forty local and national companies, many of them vendors at Tenpins & More.

Ėmil Williams' BowlStream-TV.com will cover all three days of competition live on the internet, that has attracted more than 33,000 views in past years.

This year, local radio station, KDSK 92.3 will provide a twohour live remote of the tournament, adding to the media value that encourages area bowlers to sign up for the new fall league season starting late August/early

Following qualifying rounds, the top 32 return Sunday for double elimination matches with the unbeaten leader and three from the loser's bracket bowling one-game matches.

Should the number one seed lose their first game, there is one more match to decide the

There have been many significant winners, most notably Jakob Butturff who started his rise to PBA Hall-of-Fame credentials here in 2015. John Young of Albuquerque however remains the only two-time winner when he captured the first two titles in 2004 and 2005.

Total prize-money paid since then exceeds \$784,000

Entry forms are available online at www.tenpinsmore.com.

(Please contact Steve Mackie at tenpins@q.com or call 505-858-3409 (day) or 505-891-4462 (evening) for more details).

# **U20 Division to Shift Outside of Junior Gold Championships in 2024**

Adds new U22 Division in Detroit



By: Dave Schroeder

ARLINGTON, Texas - The **United States Bowling Congress** will shift the U20 division historically included in the Junior Gold Championships to a new event outside the structure of the Junior Gold program beginning in 2024.

The 2023 Junior Gold Championships in Indianapolis will be the last year for the U20 division to be conducted at Junior Gold. Starting at the 2024 Junior Gold Championships in Detroit, the event will be a youth-only event with U18 being the oldest division.

A new event will be launched in 2024 for young adults to continue competing on the national level. The new event will include a U20 division and introduce a U22 division.

The creation of this new event allows the Junior Gold Championships to retain its identity as the premier youth bowling event in the country, while creating a new opportunity and event experience designed specifically for young adults in the collegiate

The new event will feature a direct buy-in feature for all

"For the last 25 years, Junior Gold has been the premier event for youth members to showcase their talents," said Gary Brown, Managing Director of USBC Short-Duration Tournaments and Collegiate. "The goal is to continue that tradition of Junior Gold, while providing a new opportunity for our U20 and U22 adult members to compete in a premier event of their own."

More detailed information about the new event will be provided at a later date.

Qualifying for the 2024 Junior Gold Championships began on May 1, and Spectator Passes for the 2023 Junior Gold Championships will be available beginning May 16.

The 2023 Junior Gold Championships will be contested from July 10-14 (U20) and July 14-22 (U12, U15 and U18) with competition for boys and girls in each division.

For more information on the Junior Gold Championships, head to BOWL.com/JuniorGold.

# At Lions Lanes

# Pride decks 299/835, Fisher fields 752

Wilson 299/827, Moore 298/814, Butler 300/803, Pride 802, Vantwerp 800,

Burkett, Earnheart, Stallworth 299's

ENNIS, TX - Bam Pride won high-set honors last month at Lions Lanes by rolling award-winning 299-279-257 = 835 numbers in Big Money Monday action.

There were multiple league mates finishing close behind Bam Pride with award-winning 800 series as follows: Darin Wilson 299/827, Dwight Moore 298/814, Brian Butler 300/803, Bam Pride 802, Chris Vantwerp 800.

Jackie Fisher, Pride's league mate, posted a high-flying 216-246-290 = 752 set to lead the lady bowlers.

Brian Burkett, Phillip Earnheart and Lawrence Stallworth shared runner-up accolades with Darin Wilson with near-perfect 299 solos. HONOR ROLL

A D Jones 278-794, Ryan Boroff 279Ryne Mckenrick 268-704, Meya Washington 247-681, Christy Antle 258-676, Whitney Riley 256-548, AJ Jones 277-757, Jalen Merick 278-762, Jeff Macon 257-706, Ricky Taylor 269-699.

Jalen Mereck 288-716, Zach Crockett 280-681, Emiliano Gomez 278-689, Zach Beckner 277-648, Meagan Finchum 247-651, Mckensey Herrera 247-622, Ashlyn Risk 216-619, Samantha Armstrong

Lisa Bittle 244-584, Ryne Mckenrick



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- . \$15/ week (\$6 to PRIZE FUND) for 12 weeks
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#### MONDAY

\$5 all you can bowl

#### TUESDAYS

Scratch Trios (any combo 3-member team)

- \$25/ week (\$20 to PRIZE FUND) for 12 weeks
- Starts June 6<sup>th</sup>

#### WEDNESDAYS

Sassy Summer Seniors: 11am Start time

- \$8 week (\$4 to PRIZE FUND) for 12 weeks
- Starts June 7th

Wednesday Night Lions (any combo 4-member team) 7pm starting time

- \$17/ week (\$8 to PRIZE FUND) for 12 weeks
- Starts June 7<sup>th</sup>

#### THURSDAYS

Youth: 6:30pm start time

- \$7 / week for 12 weeks
- Starts June 8<sup>th</sup>

#### FRIDAYS

Pairs & Spares (DOUBLES) 7pm start time

- \$18 / week (\$9 to PRIZE FUND) for 12 weeks
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# Jordan Richard Wins 2023 PWBA GoBowling! Spokane Open

By: Gene J. Kanak

SPOKANE, Wash. – Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio, is far from the most outspoken player on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour; nevertheless, if there's one thing she isn't shy about expressing, it's how much she cares for her parents and how big an impact they've had on her bowling career.

As such, it somehow seems fitting that Richard captured her latest title on the eve of Mother's Day.

Richard won that title, the third of her PWBA Tour career, by defeating top seed Erin McCarthy of Elkhorn, Nebraska, 234-153, during Saturday night's stepladder finals at the 2023 PWBA GoBowling! Spokane Open, which was contested at Lilac Lanes & Casino in Spokane.

The win allowed Richard to walk away with the \$20,000 first-place prize and championship trophy. McCarthy earned \$10,000 for finishing second.

Shortly after collecting her latest victory, her first since 2019 when she won the PWBA Lincoln Open at Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Nebraska, Richard was asked to discuss what allowed her to reach the winner's circle once again.

Not surprisingly, she im-



3-time Titlist Jordan Richard with friends Lauren Pate and Bryanna Cotè

mediately gave the credit to mom and dad.

"I get to do what I do because my parents raised me to be disciplined, and I've kept that throughout my entire life," Richard said. "My parents are amazing, and I'm lucky and fortunate that I have them because they're the most supportive people in my life. I wish that they were here, but I'll get to see them tomorrow."

Had they been in attendance at Lilac Lanes & Casino on Saturday night, Richard's parents would have seen their daughter put on quite a show.

The 27-year-old right-hander began the evening as the No. 3 seed for the stepladder finals, but once she hit the championship

pair, it was clear that she was going to be tough to beat.

Richard's first opponent was rookie Hope Gramly of Aubrey, Texas, who earned her spot in the bout by defeating 2021 PWBA Player of the Year Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, 202-195, during Match 1.

Gramly would up her score to 215 during Match 2, but it wasn't nearly enough as Richard struck on six of her first seven shots and eight times overall to cruise to a 245-215 victory and earn herself a berth in the semifinals.

The fourth-place finish won Gramly \$6,500. Coté collected \$5,500 for finishing fifth.

Saturday night's semifinal bout would pit Richard up

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At Plano Super Bowl

# Hobbs fires 814, Stephens posts 782

Craddock 807, Hyson 299/803, Fugitt 300/801, Donahue 800, Davilla, Edgerton (2), Hannah, Hiam, Kyle, Martin, Ramsey, Jr., Robinson, Roth, Sheehan, Wade, Walters, Zabojnik 300's, Lavery-Spahr 299

Russell Hobbs led the scoring parade for the month at Plano Super Bowl with a powerful, award-winning 248-277-289 = 814 Platinum Ford NFL Trio series.

Scott Craddock finished close behind Hobbs with an 807 Pepsi Classic series while Matt Hyson fired a 299/803 in Platinum Ford NFL Trios league outing. James Fugitt, Craddock's league mate, and Mike Donahue, also from the Platinum Ford NFL Trios group, followed up with an 300/801 and 800 series respectively.

Michelle Stephens posted a sparkling 258-245-279 = 782 Pepsi Classic set to lead the ladies.

Joey Davilla, Zak Edgerton (2), Mark Hannah, Kevin Hiam, Mike Kyle, Larry Martin, John Ramsey, Jr., Stephen Robinson, Nick Roth, Bradley Sheehan, Wes

Wade, Nolan Walters and Randall Zabojnik shared high-game honors with James Fugitt as each recorded award-winning 12-baggers. Sean Lavery-Spahr shared runner-up accolades with Matt Hyson with near-perfect 299 solos.

#### **HONOR ROLL**

Chandler Ritsch (4 games) 235-874, Jaime Beagle (4 games) 176-646, Bradley Sheehan 769, Roneshia Williams 232-658, Floyd Carter 226-596, Shirley Patterson 182-525, Richard Beatty 237-661.

Alexandria Sumruld 245-659, Keith Beagle 279-786, Diane Wallentine 246-682, Andrew Smith 278-761, Jana Luden 278-745, Russell Wright 280-743, Diane Wallentine 196-559, Bill Ferguson 267-712.

Nancy Hawes 163-482, Tom Hay 278-723, Cathy Sposito 244-654, Sean Lavery-Spahr 796, Cindy Mann 276-753, Beverly Goff 234-574, Laura Bate 213-567,

Danielle DeLaney 198-567.

Leon Jones 258-749, Luis Gregorich 290-768, Greg Staton 290-760, Charlie Arnt 225-588, Michelle Duke 192-520, Frank Oliver 277-781, Lindsay Gable 266-712, Eric Hoyle 266-766.

Diane Wallentine 290-675, Renee Martin 214-592, Breanna Buchanan 223-621, Mike Mull 259-711, Dottie Culpon 224-570, Casey Pratt 278-693, April Paleczka 243-647, Randy Peters 200-582.

Sandra Lyman 192-495, Greg Dixon 279-764, Michele O'Bier 268-690, Jay Hamilton 276-776, Alexandria Sumruld 267-687, Scott Craddock (4 games) 280-1082, Michelle Stephens (4 games) 279-1050.

Daniel Jarrett 277-723, Cathy Sposito 235-648, George Crenshaw 266-753, Dallas Davis 207-588, Larry Martin 279-760, Brenda Buchanan 256-673, Patrick Dickson 269-780, Monica Rattay 277-650, Brian Lee 168-459.

#### **JORDAN RICHARD**

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against No. 2 seed Dasha Kovalova of Muskegon, Michigan, in what would turn out to be the match of the night.

Kovalova, a five-time PWBA Tour titlist and the 2019 United States Bowling Congress Queens champion, started strike-spare, strike-spare to grab an early five-pin lead.

Richard didn't take long to respond, however, throwing a four-bagger in frames four through seven to turn the tide and establish a 14-pin advantage of her own with three frames to

Kovalova didn't give up, delivering crucial strikes in the seventh, eighth and ninth to keep the pressure on.

Nevertheless, as Richard stepped up for her ninth and 10th frames, the match was hers

If she could strike out, she'd finish at 244, which would lock out Kovalova, whose max score was 240.

Things wouldn't play out that smoothly, however, as Richard's shots in both the ninth and 10th frames went high on the headpin.

Thankfully for Richard, both shots left makeable spares - the 3-6 and the 6-10 - that she converted.

With the opportunity to shut Kovalova out having gone by the wayside, the best Richard could do was strike on her fill ball to force her opponent to throw the first strike in the 10th frame to

Richard did just that, delivering the key strike on her final ball to post a score of 220.

At that point, all Richard could do was wait and watch.

If Kovalova struck on her next shot, she would win, and Richard would have to settle for her second third-place finish in as many weeks – she finished third at last week's season-opener, the PWBA Stockton Open.

It wasn't meant to be for Kovalova on this night, however, as the crucial shot hooked high through the face, leaving a 3-6-7-10 split.

She took two pins on the conversion attempt, which made the final score 220-202 in favor of Richard, who advanced to the title match to face McCarthy.

Kovalova took home \$7,500

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# At Cowtown Bowling Palace

# Boroff masters 298/812, **Drescher drops 685**

Bernard 804, Karpinski, Landers, Jr. 300

Ryan Boroff won the high-set contest last month at Cowtown Bowling Palace as he tossed topnotch 298-279-235 = 812 numbers in the Ebonite Classic Trio league action.

Deo Bernard finished close behind Boroff with an award-winning 804 Storm Bowling Draft Scratch Trio outing.

Amy Drescher, also from the Ebonite Classic Trio group, topped the ladies with an exceptional 255-256-174 = 685 set.

Josh Karpinski and Timothy Landers, Jr. shared high-game accolades with award-winning 12-baggers

#### **HONOR ROLL**

Keiler Sanchez 245-718, Mike Karpinski 289-724, Harold Loftis 258, Harlan Tunnell 269-747, Susan Johnson 213-571, Daniel Christopher 278-778, Trinity Miller 232-646, Catie Beasley 227-645.

Nicollette Gaudette 215-626, Joshua Beakley 268, Amy Hart 226-601, Kendra

Garcia 212, Trenton Anderson 234-665, Danny Seeders, Jr. 290, Michelle Teel 218-537, George Stilen 258-702.

Marcus Alvidrez 288-705, Ron Nason 280, Linda Smith 209, Ryan Boroff 279, Greg Joyner 279, Rick Benard 279, Diane Dudley 209, Thomas Gwin 279, Haley Negretey 210, Annie Peterson 245-650.

Nigel Curtis 248-688, Cory Estes 290-739, Jacki Craft 236-621, Hayden Nettleton 235, Lindy McKenzie 214-504, Larry Cox 229-626, Jim Fergeson 236.

#### **SENIORS**

Larry Cox 247, Jackie Glover 203, Tom Small 236-683, Phil Howell 235, John Stewart 244-664, Larrie King 212, Jim Pile 236, Wanda Vantrease 200, Gary Church 195, Sheila North 203.

Randy Beinlich 267-692, Cheryl Berube 191-521, Johnny Zaskoda 266, George Hernandez, Sr. 236, Brenda Hicks 195, Jim Wittenberg 231, David Jarvis 184, Susie Dornquast 161, Randy Beinlich 245-716.

Tee Ropers-Tucker 194, Tre Ealy 239.

# At Strikz

# Matthies, Jr. decks 757, Tenczar edges 681

FRISCO – Ed Matthies, Jr. won high-set honors for the month at Strikz by polishing off robust 279-234-244 = 757 numbers in Lousy Bowlerz action.

Loren Tenczar posted a fine 211-215-255 = 681 Monday Mixerz set to lead the lady bowlers.

#### **HONOR ROLL**

JoJo Schmidt 235-628. Tommy Davis 278-723, Ray Lawrence 202-584, Richard Stein 219-578, Kim Lorenzen 202-586, Ray Lawrence 213-588, Bobby Brierton 208-604, David Stiggers 256-667.

Mark Johnson 277-701, Rick Mah 224-627, Kraig Johnson 207-575, Mark Timm 221-636, JoJo Schmidt 208-603, Marc Tolkov 216-582, Gerald Walters 264-637, LaMarr Moss 217-639.

Ray Lawrence 226-592, George Beltran 205-588, Dwight Stein 236-665, Spencer Spofford 230-589, Ross Johnson 217-578, Rick Irvine 237-655, Ed Matthies, Sr. 237-675, Kyle Hobbs 243-608.

Ryan Rogers 244-624, Ryan Rogers 205-578, David Stiggers 279-593, Bobby Brierton 216-608, Joseph Jimenez 279-729, Mark Connor 224-595, LaMarr Moss 247-662, Rory Owens 210-586.

Charles Venters 205-586, Alonso Sabido 212-606, Jason Shuffield 224-621, Chris Marino 212-588, Tommy Davis 225-635. Scott NoII 220-658. Andrew Frakes 222-599, Debbie Colby 212-577.

Tiffany Emerson 212-593, Mark Timm 219-601, Billie Bennett 226-671, Ron Rankin 233-657, Kevin Connell 227-618, Ray Lawrence 236-632, Klayton Colgrove 233-625, Michael McCoy 224-643.

Mark Johnson 233-621, Lisa Wasson 210-585, Robert Marino 226-655, Eileen Inderlied 195-578, Tim Johnson 209-611, Michael Mendez 231-645, Brody Kovacs 290-658, Russ Vulpitta 223-613.

Joe Vulpitta 267-658, Robert Gorrebeeck 247-640, David Gorrebeeck 225-633, Jeremiah Scanlan 235-616, Jackson Chin 244-591, Adam Damer 203-576, James Estes 268-684, Monique McKain 218-588.

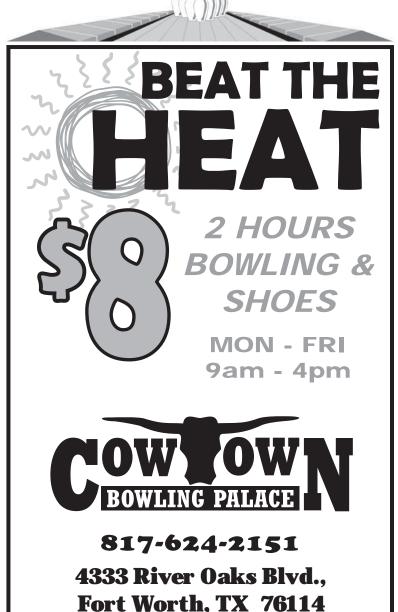
Scott Eastwood 234-597, Kevin Higar 221-586, Gary Lumenti 244-683, C T Sutton 237-603, Robert Gray 227-575, Shane Certain 229-596. Steve Ray 225-629, Alonso Sabido 214-590, Rick Írvine 256-650, Mark Timm 220-618.

#### **SENIORS**

Larry Froning 200-595, Tim Johnson 225-591, Connie Johnson 213-568, Lindell Daubresse 185-510, Donny Segerstrom 235-525, Ann Ramsey 154-426, Lynne Garriss 150-407.

Joseph Albanese 218-569, Donna Albanese 214-549, Bonnie Long 143-403, Art Arnold 181-496, Bob Gray 190-548, Mike Ledbetter 169-455.





# Hanrahan, Hupe Capture 2023 Roth/ Holman PBA Doubles Championship

By: Nolan Hughes

Packy Hanrahan and Mitch Hupé completed their wire-towire dominance at the Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by Bally's Dover Casino Resort.

On Thursday afternoon at Mid County Lanes and Entertainment in Middletown, Del., the longtime doubles teammates maintained their lead through 12 games of round-robin match play to earn the No. 1 seed. In the title match of the stepladder finals, Hanrahan and Hupé defeated Sean Rash and Matt Ogle, 223-210.

Hanrahan collected his second title of the season and his career, while Hupé picked up his first career PBA Tour title.

"I felt like it was due," Hupé said. "I felt like it was going to happen."

"It was time for the boys to get one," Hanrahan added.

After a week in which strikes came early and often — Hanrahan came within one pin of the PBA's 12-game scoring record - the title match turned into a grind.

Competing on dual patterns



Champions Mitch Hupè and Packy Hanrahan with PBA Commissioner Tom Clark and Marshall Holman

- 42-foot Roth on the left lane and 38-foot Holman on the right Rash and Ogle opened with the first five strikes. Transition had been blowing open the left lane, and Rash felt his look starting to go away.

Rash converted a 1-2-7 spare after an errant shot in the sixth frame, but Hanrahan failed to capitalize on the opportunity to take the lead. He left a 4-6-10 in his own sixth frame, ceding control of the match to Ogle and

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# At JB's Allen Bowl

# Burnham drills 298/814, Keeling

Fales (2) 300's

Josh Burnham won high-set honors last month at JB's Allen Bowl by polishing off award-winning 290-298-226 = 814 numbers in Sunday Doubles league action.

Brittany Keeling led the ladies with a sizzling 258-215-267 = 740Allen TNT set.

Brayden Fales garnered highgame accolades with two award-

levels 740

winning perfectos.

# HONOR ROLL

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Michael Calhoun 279-750, Justin Padgett 277-768, Mike Bailey 278-760, Arteisha Ammonette 245-648, Jon Kehler 278-771, Cynthia Bradford 255-688, Charlie Kitten 289-738, Janet Schaab

Chris Clayton 268-764, Sandi Clayton 255-666, Andi Hall 171-508, Tate Reding 216-745, Kira Black 268-648, Bailey Guilfoil 220-614.

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

Tyson Branagan and Geoffrey Young win the Carol Hazlett Me-

morial Red River Doubles, always fun to type my mom's name...

Anthony Lavery-Spahr led the honor roll with 300/838 at AMF

Richardson...Tyler Nettles with 824 at Diamond Lanes...Joe Lopez

shot 823 at AMF Showplace-Garland...Dana Miller-Mackie led the ladies with 782 at Tenpins & More...Cela Cochrane shot 748 at

AMF Richardson...The creator and Editor of The Bowling News,

Joe Gennaro passed away at 87, the paper is in its 67th year, an

20 YEARS AGO

Brandon Horton shot 810 at DC West...Beth Owen led the ladies

with 766 at DC West...Cathy Nelson rolls 722 at BRC Westcreek...

Whitney Choate with 696 at Plano...Doug Barron wins Ebonite

SASBA at Holiday Lanes...Trea Ward shot 813 at DC West...Kelly

Kulick defeats Carolyn Dorin-Ballard to capture Women's US

30 YEARS AGO

Garland over Dana Miller-Mackie...Danny Broadway wins SW

PBA Regional at Red Bird lanes over Rick Minier...Lynn Cummins

wins Bowler Tour at Triangle-DeSoto and \$2000...Terry Hadley a

perfect game at Showplace-Euless...Gerald Sosa 300/780 at Blazer

Bowl...Bob McGregor wins his first of 47 SASBA titles at Plano

Super Bowl...Rick Minier wins \$10,000 at the Memorial Day

Dede Davidson wins the BPAA Women's US Open at Showplace-

Kirsten Foley takes home \$5000 at EBT Memorial Day event...

Chris Barnes wins his 14th PBA title at the Milwaukee Open...

#### **SENIORS**

Erik Anderson 289-763, Kimbo Emerson 236-616, Gary Woodall 267-758, Maria Robeson 216-614.

# Ven SUMMER LEAGUES

LEAGUE NAME	START DATE	TIME
Monday Senior Marvels Trios	Monday June 5	12:00 PM
Monday JR Gold	Monday May 22	6:00 PM
Tuesday Youth / Adult	Tuesday May 30	6:00 PM
Tipsy Tuesday Trios	Tuesday June 6	8:00 PM
Wednesday Match Play Doubles (wait list)	Wednesday May 31	7:00 PM
Hump Day Doubles	Wednesday May 31	9:00 PM
Steve Ray Doubles	Thursday June 1	12:00 PM
Thursday Mixers	Thursday June 1	6:00 PM
Thursday Doubles	Thursday June 1	9:00 PM
Friday 4 Play	Friday June 2	7:00 PM
Just Us Kids	Saturday June 17	9:30 AM
Youth Mania	Sunday June 18	4:00 PM
Sunday Doubles	Sunday June 4	5:30PM







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# 2023 Summer Leagues



	,	Weekly	i .		USBC		
Start Time / Date	League Name	Price*	Lineage	Team	Sanctioned	Details	Meeting
Sunday							
05:30 PM Jun-04	Sunday Follies	\$25.00	\$13.50	4-Any	Yes	Social, Fun, Great for all averages.	05:00 PM Jun-04
Monday							
10:30 AM Jun-05	Senior Drop-In	\$10.50	\$10.50	NA	No	Drop-In League	NA
06:00 PM Jun-05	Monday Mixers	\$20.00	\$13.50	4-Mixed	Yes	Mixed league, great for beginners and couples	05:30 PM Jun-0
Tuesday							
01:00 PM May-30	Rolling Rocks	\$12.00	\$10.50	3-Any	Yes	Senior - 50 and up	12:30 PM May-3
06:40 PM May-30	Hits & Misses	\$20.00	\$13.50	4-Any	Yes	Mixed league for all averages.	06:00 PM May-3
Wednesday							
06:30 PM May-31	Wednesday Night Out	\$25.00	\$13.50	4-Any	Yes	Social, Fun, Great for all averages.	05:30 PM May-3
Thursday							
11:00 AM Jun-01	Young at Heart	\$14.00	\$10.50	3-Mixed	Yes	Senior - 50 and up	10:30 AM Jun-0
06:30 PM Jun-01	Thursday Fun Fours	\$25.00	\$13.50	4-Any	Yes	Bowler Favorite! Space is limited! Sign up Early!	05:30 PM Jun-0
Friday							
10:30 AM Jun-02	9 Pin No Tap	\$14.00	\$10.50	3-Any	No	Senior - 50 and up, No-Tap Scoring	10:00 AM Jun-0
06:30 PM May-12	Friday Night No-Tap	\$20.00	\$13.50	2-Any	No	FULL - Sign Up for Waiting List!	06:00 PM May-
Saturday							
10:15 AM May-06	Striker's Strikers	\$12.00	\$9.00	TBD	Yes	Under 18, SMART Scholarships	10:00 AM May-
10:15 AM May-06	Striker's Bumpers	\$9.00	\$6.00	TBD	Yes	Up to age 7, SMART Scholarships, 2 games	10:00 AM May-

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### HANRAHAN/HUPÈ

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After Ogle converted a stone-9, Rash missed a 2-4-5 in the eighth frame. Rash needed a mark in the 10th frame to force Hanrahan to at least double, but missed a 10-pin.

Hanrahan delivered a matchsealing strike to claim the win. He said he has been bowling doubles tournaments with Hupé for at least eight years, dating back to their college days at Wichita State University.

'To share that moment with a guy who I've bowled 50, 60. 70 doubles tournaments with, just being able to share that on the biggest stage, it just kind of all pours out of you at once," Hanrahan said. "You try not to think about winning as much as you can until it actually happens. Being able to step up in the 10th, not only for me but also for one of my best friends — you saw the explosion."

The opening match of the stepladder finals gifted fans in attendance and watching at home on BowITV an all-time classic.

Jason Belmonte and Bill O'Neill, who earned the No. 4 seed after entering match play in 12th place, fired 11 combined strikes in the opening match; their only blemish was an O'Neill 2-pin conversion in the third frame

However, Simonsen threw all

Dimitri Cruz, from the Forum

Classic League, pocketed power-

laden 300-278-251 = 829 numbers

en route to earning high-series hon-

ors for the month at Forum Bowl.

behind Cruz with an award-win-

ning 297/813 Weekenders outing

while Bryant Empy and Robert

Warren followed with an 802 Tues-

day Trio league production.

George Forde II finished close

Cruz registers 829,

Jessie slams 720

Forde II 297/813, Empy 802, Warren 802,

At Forum Bowl

Fleming 300

three strikes in the 10th frame to defeat the 2018 champs, 280-279.

In the semifinal, Simonsen and Barrett kept pace with Rash and Ogle, with each teams capable of shooting in the 250s entering the final frames. However, Simonsen left a 2-4-8 in the ninth frame and Barrett split in the 10th.

Rash and Ogle moved onto the championship match, their first since winning the Roth/ Holman PBA Doubles Championship in 2019, with a 258-208 victory.

Rash has battled a back injury all season, but rehabbed and prepared the last few weeks specifically to be ready for this tournament.

"This was the one that I focused on, to try to be as healthy as I could to get here," Rash said. "My adrenaline took over for the last couple of games here where I didn't feel anything, then I'm heartbroken. To help Matt try to get to a third title, to try to get another one to add to both of our résumés, literally heartbroken."

Belmonte and O'Neill snuck into the stepladder finals following a chaotic conclusion to the position round.

Three teams, separated by just 18 pins, vied for the final spot on the show: Jakob Butturff and Matt Zweig, Sean Lavery-Spahr and Santtu Tahvanainen, and Belmonte and O'Neill, who sat in sixth place entering the position

After a strong start, Lavery-Spahr and Tahvanainen fell behind in the match with Belmonte and O'Neill, turning the battle into a two-horse race. Though the teams were not bowling head-to-head, they matched each other strike for strike — and then split for split.

Zweig left and did not convert a 3-4-6-7-10 split in their ninth frame, opening the door for Belmonte to secure the fourth seed.

Moments later, Belmonte left a 2-8-10 split in their 10th frame to finish with 241. But the 2018 Roth/Holman Doubles champions beat Lavery-Spahr and Tahvanainen to win their match and the 30 bonus pins.

In the other match, Butturff doubled in the 10th frame to shoot 239. However, Ogle won the match with a strike in his 10th frame, costing the Arizona natives the 30 bonus pins they needed to stay ahead of Belmonte and O'Neill.

Meanwhile, Hanrahan and Hupé had long locked up the top

The two dominated in qualifying, posting the best and ninth-best individual scores for the 12 games. They maintained their lead of more than 200 pins through an additional 12 games

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# Green bags 768

David Green claimed highseries honors last month at Red Bird Lanes with power-packed

243-289-276 = 808 numbers in Tuesday Men's Commercial league play.

Lauren Cathey led the ladies with a free-wheeling 225-279-279 = 768 Sunday Nite Mixed set.

#### **HONOR ROLL**

Tommy Moreland 287-667, Claudia Regalado 157-440, Paula Kennedy 204-549, Lauren Cathey 222-637, Bryan Ellis 279-781, Zack Wrightsil 269-744, Cindi Wilson 168-465, Carolyn Large 177-500.

Billy Cathey 287-715, Lauren Cathey 279-726, Donnie Bumgarner 258-729, Angie Fetner 229-643, Terrance Suber 244-651, Brittany Pope 213-631, Mitch Harris 257-727, Regenia Stewart 233-649.

Keith Jennings 229-657, Sandra Jennings 203-558, Earl Davis (2 games) 171-305, Stephanie Manka (2 games) 98-189, Pedro Silva, Jr. 259-761, B J Jennings 187-502, Michael Culley 247-727.

Wendy Jones 234-604, Phillip White 216-640, Diane Ihle 114-314.





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Diana Jessie, Cruz' league mate, topped the chart for the ladies with an outstanding 269-242-209 = 720 set.

Myron Fleming captured highgame accolades with an awardwinning 12-bagger.

#### HONOR ROLL

Karen Beich 179-496, Sheila Burger 255Sheila Burger 206-583, Wes Davis (9 pin) 300-798, Jennifer Zachry (9 pin) 300-787, Devin Roy 279-773, Gina Cole 276-621, James Sherwood 266-700, Cierra Pree 213-598, Carlos Ortiz 215-590.

Valerie Maidhof 209-497, Letitia Patterson 236-671, James Thigpen 237-626, Dana Short 214-620, Stacy Harden 264-759, Deneen Wilson 245-679, Stephen Padilla 278-799, Katrina Smoot 258-706.

James Wilson 266-772, Jackie Fisher 288-686, Jerry Srock (9 pin) 287-840, Theresa Pappas (9 pin) 232-621, Victor Seabrooks 258-730, Jerry Gibson 226-640, Paul Tran 256-722, Marla Martin

Ken Suber, Sr. 246-738, Tracy Ratchford 245-655, Myron Fleming 761, Vanessa Brown 242-661, Vincent Munoz 244-689, Brittany Perez 194-508, Kim Jackson 194-522, Garrett Krebs 255-704.

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#### **SENIORS**

Ira Bassett 237-671, Karen Hoyle 226-648.

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# Kevin McCune Writes Own Legacy, Wins PBA Players Championship Presented by Snickers

By: Nolan Hughes

Sunday afternoon's title match at Bowlero North Brunswick bestowed a championship more than five decades in the making. Kevin McCune swept Jakob Butturff in three games to capture the PBA Players Championship presented by Snickers.

Notching his first career title in the season's final major, McCune etched his own chapter to his family's illustrious legacy.

Fifty years ago, his grandfather Don won six of his eight titles en route to capturing PBA Player of the Year honors. Eugene, his father, won three titles between 2002 and 2012.

With today's victory, Kevin certifies the McCunes as the first three-generation family of PBA Tour champions.

"I'm out here because I know I'm able to compete with these guys," McCune said before the match. "It's in my blood with my dad and grandpa, so I feel like I was born to be out here."

Though the elder McCunes won a combined 11 titles, Kevin



First Time Champion Kevin McCune

became the first McCune to win a major championship.

"It sounds good because I oneupped my dad," Kevin said.

The opening game of the best-of-five championship match resembled the semifinals.

McCune cruised to 206, while Butturff stumbled to an openframe infused 178. The win was emblematic of McCune's road to the championship match.

McCune eliminated the Tackett brothers, Zac and top-seeded EJ, in his first two matches, then took down Anthony Simonsen in

the semifinals. Butturff earned a first-round bye as the No. 2 seed, then defeated Keven Williams in the quarterfinals and Bill O'Neill in last night's semifinals.

Despite the gargantuan talents dispatched by McCune, Butturff out-averaged McCune by nearly 25 pins per game, 235.25-210.60, through the previous televised rounds.

The 24-year-old pushed his lead to 2-0 with a 247-204 victory in Game 2, posting his highest game of the televised rounds.

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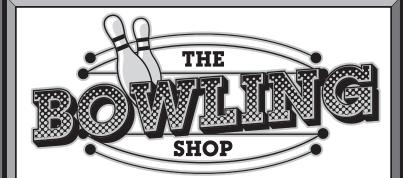
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In the radio programming business, the term one-hit wonder refers to an artist or group who is good enough to have a song get airplay who doesn't have its follow up song chart or worse, never has another song make the charts ever again.

In its 60-plus years on national television, PBA and PWBA telecasts have featured a number of players who have one magic week to make the championship round finals and never make another. Some bowl one game and lose, a few others win that first match and make a visit to the title match before losing. An even smaller percentage get to the title match and fulfill a lifetime dream to add a huge notch in the career belt. Very few players have bowled their single solitary game on national TV for a title. A couple of those provided viewers some great sports television. Both Brett Wolfe and John Nolen won the USBC Masters, Wolfe in 2002 (very well written in these pages in a great retrospective piece by Publisher Tony), Nolen in 2009. On the other side, a handful of players

One of the most memorable PBA one hit wonders occurred forty years ago when Toby Contreras won the 1983 PBA AC/ Delco Classic title over Charlie Tapp. In the first of a two part interview Contreras tells JPA of the sudden rise and just as sudden ending to his tour career.

After not making it through the Pre-Tournament Qualifier in Anaheim, California the week before, Contreras made it through what was called the "rabbit" squad on Monday just to get into the tournament itself. He was 57th after the first round of the tournament proper, then 16th before qualifying for match play in ninth. A fateful ball switch from an AMF Black Angle to a Star Trak Force 3 before the second round of match play plus advice from a motivational book, "Universal Mind" by Robert A. Ferguson he started reading after the Anaheim PTQ.

"I had found a book on mental work which included a chapter on visualizing what I wanted to do. That's what I read between missing the Anaheim rabbit and making the Alameda rabbit. I continued reading the book in Alameda and that was the whole difference, really. The physical game was there, but wasn't strong mentally in Anaheim," Contreras said.

'In between frames while sitting in the settee in Alameda, I would kind of close my eyes and remember the George Benson song, "Breezin' " (ironically used as bumper music coming out of ABC-TV "Pro Bowlers Tour" commercial breaks at the time), imagine the color blue, and for me, that helped. The book outlined a little of Kriya Yoga which allows you to imagine your body's energy coming up your spine to create more energy to the task at hand."

After moves from ninth to second in match play, Contreras took the lead during the last

round Friday night then defeated Palmer Fallgren in the position round game to secure the top seed for the television finals the next day.

"I can remember thinking during the position round match I could still shoot 120 and make the show, but thankfully didn't. One of the goals I got reading the book was wanting to be the top seed because I would only have to bowl just one game on TV. The visualization I had was that I bowled 300 on that one game. In fact, the shot I did carry in the second shot in the tenth against Charlie (Tapp) for the win looked very much like the shot in my visualization for the 300, a light swisher where the 7-pin fell late," Contreras said.

"During match play and later on the show, I'm muttering to myself 'one ball,' then exhale."

The telecast was also the first appearance for Big Spring's Phillip Ringener who shot a respectable 225 only to come up short against Butch Soper's 279 effort in the opening match, appearing in his 13th telecast and one PBA win. Up next was Charlie Tapp, in his 10th TV finals without a win and on a mission of his own. To this point, the South St. Paul, Minnesota native had two runner-up finishes the year before, including last year's AC/ Delco and the PBA National Championship as Earl Anthony eclipsed the million dollar mark in career earnings. Tapp put together his own 279 game ousting Soper and his 212 game.

Next up was Palmer Fallgren, in his 15th finals and two runner-up finishes also without a win, had led the tournament in qualifying and early in match

**Just Paying Attention By Mark London** 

play. Catching a double in the 9th and 10th frames, Tapp moved on to the title match with a 232 - 223

Tapp had a double-digit lead until an 8th frame Greek Church gave Contreras a nine pin lead. After Tapp struck out to finish with 212, Contreras put his self-help book to the test needing a double and two for what looked to be an unthinkable win only days before. This was only his fourth national stop, without any prior national cashes, and no regional titles.

This is a great story on the surface, but if you watch the last match by itself, the way the camera operators and the director showed images, the order they were shown, and especially how every shot of the crowd and bowlers were shown borderline extreme close-up style, typical of ABC Monday Night Football at the time, the story takes a life of its own. We see the facial reaction of Toby's parents, Tapp chewing his gum, Contreras closing and open his eyes saying 'one ball' before jumping around after

striking with what can simply be described as pure joy, something not seen before nor since on a PBA

telecast. Contreras would be the first to tell you it wasn't showing up Tapp, it wasn't showing off, it was a release of positive energy by a positive person.



1983 PBA AC/Delco Top Five



PBA Contreras/Tapp 2017

Watch the match for yourself

(https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=vbeZekif060).

I've profiled this match before as a JPA Lost Classic, but this is one of the earliest examples of how sports psychology works. Practice trains the subconscious mind to mimic familiar productive physical movement while processing what's happening "in the moment," in multiple brief repetitive moments to achieve a goal. We've heard to phrases many times. Stay in the moment, one shot at a time, don't think so much, and let it happen are just a few examples.

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# When Less Bowlers = More (For Less)

An intriguing article caught my eye in the latest issue of Bowlers Journal International, with a confusing title that's even more difficult to understand than mine: Need More or Fewer or Fewer More Entries. The author, Jef Goodger, brings up the age-old question that has been plaguing me for almost 50 years; namely, should professional bowlers receive a salary?

Although Goodger doesn't come right out and mention the word salary, he does go into great depth regarding the size of the field in professional bowling events, a topic that I touched upon in a recent article that appeared in most publications in February of 2023, entitled, The U.S. Open - A Tournament of Ordinary Foreigners?

"Some say every event should have 390 players. Some say no events should have 390 players. Some say 390 isn't enough; open up the entries, add a D Squad. E Squad. Use the Khmer alphabet if necessary," said Goodger. With a total of 74 characters in the Khmer alphabet, we can only assume that Jef is joking with us, but it still begs the question: Why are many of the PBA events being limited to 108 entries, with 36 cashing spots?

One of the reasons for the smaller fields would obviously be to create a stable of recognizable bowling stars. It's almost a guarantee that you are going to see E.J. Tackett, Jason Belmonte, Anthony Simonsen, Jesper Svensson or Kyle Troup on almost every PBA telecast on Fox Sports. Why? Well, that's what the sponsors and viewers want to see, and It also provides more money on top for the TV broadcasts.

"How is it possible that Simonsen, Tackett and Belmonte have combined to win six of the first eight events of the season," asks Goodger. "No matter whether there were 108 entries or 390 entries, it seems like some players tend to do better than others." In bowling, Jef speculates, there are anomalies, and in a one-game match on television, anyone stands a chance of defeating the likes of E.J. Tackett or Jason Belmonte.

In my opinion, that last state-

ment is what separates bowling from other sports! When I was bowling on tour, I remember a lot of talk about guaranteed salaries for the top 48 players. Nelson Burton Jr. was the one heading up the argument, and he compared bowling to golf's guaranteed payment structure as an example. I didn't understand it at the time, because I thought the number of cashing places would be limited to the top 48 players.

A recent article at golfmonth-ly.com set the record straight regarding those guaranteed salaries. According to an article by Fergus Bisset, approximately 125 golfers on the PGA Tour are exempt, which means that they are guaranteed a \$500,000 salary against earnings. Simply put, the players receive a \$500,000 salary (rookies can claim it up front), but they can only begin collecting prize money once they have achieved the \$500,000 base.

The best part, according to Bisset, is that if they don't reach the \$500,000 level, they don't have to give the money back. So essentially, PGA Tour exempt players are guaranteed a base salary of \$500,000 per season. Wow, that's a lot of cash! It's \$62,500,000 to be exact.

Whatever happened to bowling? I can still remember in 1964, when professional bowler Don Carter became the first \$1 million dollar player in any sport, signing a 10-year contract with bowling ball manufacturer Ebonite Corporation. The only professional athletes even remotely close to Carter at the time were pro baseball players Mickey Mantle and Willie Mays, who signed one year, \$100,000 contracts for the 1964 season.

In typical Willie Mays fashion, it was reported in a New York Times article (Feb. 18, 1964) that the flashy San Francisco Giants outfielder held out for another \$5,000, to become the highest paid baseball player in history, for a single year. Previously, Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams and Stan Musial were the only players to sign a \$100,000 contract. DiMaggio did it three times - 1949, 1950 and 1951.

I wonder if the PBA is



One of the Budweiser Beer lineups from the 1960's: Back Row (left to right) Bill Lillard, Ray Bluth, Dick Weber and Tom Hennessey. Front Row (I to r) Chuck O'Donnell, Pat Patterson and Don Carter, professional sports first Million Dollar Man.



Jason Belmonte



Willie Mays at the Giants Spring Training Camp in Casa Grande, Arizona (1960's)

attempting to follow the PGA model by limiting the fields to 108 players? Pro golf events are limited to 156 players, but many of their events are as few as 132 qualifiers. Assuming that professional bowlers could eke out a living at \$100,000 (taking into account all of the travel expenses and other fees), that would mean an initial outlay of \$4,800,000 for the top 48 players. Doesn't sound like a lot, considering all of the very fine sponsors on the PBA Tour, including Bowlero.

Now, the question on everyone's mind: Should Jason Belmonte hold out for an additional payment on his upfront salary against earnings, like the immortal Say Hey Kid? I think he should...

LOOKING FOR ONE THING, AND FINDING ANOTHER — While searching on the web for information pertaining to this story, I discovered an interesting conversation regarding Willie Mays nickname — "Say Hey Kid." Barney Kremenko, a sports writer for the New York Journal,

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Targeting the Dots is a Really Bad Idea

In addition to the arrows we are all familiar with, there are often ten dots on the lane in two groups of five, one group on each side of the lane. They are not required but if the dots are present, USBC decrees that they are six to eight feet past the foul line. Most manufacturers put them at seven feet. They must be circular and not exceed 3/4" in diameter.

On which board they are located is also not mandated by USBC. However, they are usually on boards 3, 5, 8, 11, 14, 26, 29, 32, 35, and 37 regardless of your handedness. (Jeez, I just love the Equipment and Specs Manual!)

Since these dots are closer to the foul line than the arrows, why wouldn't it make more sense to look at them? After all, they are closer and therefore easier to hit, right? Not.

Lane geometry refers, obviously, to the geometry of the lane. In their book Bowling Beyond the Basics, James Freeman and Ron Hatfield call this lane leverage. The lane is about 17 times longer than it is wide. Besides being one of the main reasons you want to play a lane front-to-

## **JORDAN RICHARD**

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for finishing third.

The final match of the night wouldn't prove nearly as exciting as the one that came before it as McCarthy, who led the field after Day 1 and never relinquished the lead throughout the rest of qualifying, simply never found her way on the championship pair.

The two-time PWBA Tour titlist and reigning U.S. Women's Open champion opened three of the first five frames, which allowed Richard to jump out to a 35-pin lead at the halfway point of the match.

McCarthy did her best to hang tough, but once Richard delivered strikes in the sixth, seventh and eighth frames, the outcome was determined; the title belonged to Richard, and, to her, it felt like a long time

"I feel relieved. Even though I had won twice before, it had been four years since I'd gotten it done, so it feels good to get that monkey off my back," Richard said. "I'm excited and happy that

back, it also explains why a move with your feet can have such a dramatic effect on ball motion at the back end, depending on where you target.

Considering it's 60 feet from the foul line to the center of the headpin, it's easy to think of the lane in fourths. A one board move with your feet when targeting the arrows will usually result in a three board shift at the pins. That same one board move with your feet when targeting the dots will result in an almost eight board shift at the pins. That's more miss room than we have!

Since the lane leverage is so great when targeting the dots, the moves with your feet would have to be teeny tiny to move your shot from pin to pin, probably less than 1/2 a board. If you drift the tiniest bit or your swing gets a little screwy, your miss at the pins will be huge.

Another potential issue with targeting the dots is their unregulated distance from the foul line. Since USBC requires them to be six to eight feet past the foul line, you can see that a dot location of six feet will have an even bigger effect at the pins than a dot location at eight feet.

it all clicked today; it almost feels like my first title all over again."

Things certainly clicked pretty well for Richard during Saturday night's stepladder finals as she put up a three-game total of 699 (a 233 average) by shooting scores of 245, 220 and 234.

But more importantly, things have clicked well for Richard during each of the first two weeks of the 2023 PWBA Tour season as a whole as she already has a win and third-place finish under her belt.

However, part of Richard's early-season success can be attributed to looking at each event as a new opportunity, so she has no designs on changing that approach anytime soon.

'I've just been trying to keep an open mind and not try to prove anything to anybody. Every week is a new week, and I just have to take it that way," Richard said. "I can have good weeks and bad weeks, but as long as I focus on just putting one foot in front of the other, I'll be okay."

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If you get to bowl in a center which has the dots at a different distance from the foul line than your home house, your moves/ anticipation/strategy must be very precise.

You already know that watching your ball all the way down the lane and through the pins is critical. You can make quicker, more accurate adjustments (Whoever Finds It First, Wins!) when you know where/ how your ball traversed the lane, particularly downlane. Any adjustment you attempt without this information is unlikely to

Targeting at the dots makes it difficult to see your ball quickly. Often your eyes don't pick the ball up until it's well past the arrows. Targeting a bit farther down the lane, at the arrows, for example, allows you to easily see the ball as it crosses through the area of the arrows and to track it all the way down the lane.

The miss room at the dots is essentially zero. Not enough for most of us Muggles!

Many references are from Bowling Beyond the Basics

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- 4, Hope Gramly, Aubrey, Texas, 417 (two games), \$6,500.
- 5, Bryanna Coté, Tucson, Ariz., 195 (one game), \$5,500. STEPLADDER RESULTS Match No. 1 – Gramly def. Coté, 202-195.

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### **KEVIN MCCUNE**

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Though McCune held a commanding lead, he knew he could not give Butturff an opening.

"Jakob is just like EJ and Simo. He can strike at will once he figures it out," McCune said. "All I had to do was maintain composure and make sure I hit the pocket. If I hit the pocket, I liked my chances of striking."

However, Butturff never managed to get comfortable on either lane. Butturff said he kept his same routine during practice, but the lanes hooked way more today.

"It just didn't even play close to the same," Butturff said. "I feel like it got to me mentally toward the end of our match and that's why it ended the way it did."

McCune did not afford Butturff a chance to creep back into the match, though Butturff didn't help his cause by missing two spares in the first four frames.

With the win, McCune became the first player to win their first career title at a major championship since Chris Via at the 2021 U.S. Open. Via also defeated Butturff in that title match

The 29-year-old Arizona native sought to become Hall of Fame eligible with a second major and ninth career title.

The stakes were even greater for Butturff competing on Mother's Day. He was very close with his mother, Bridget Miller, and wore his cherry blossom jersey to honor her Japanese heritage.

Two years ago, on the first Mother's Day since his mom passed away, Butturff won his 27th PBA Regional Tour title. He aspired to make this year's holiday even more memorable with a legacy-altering major title.

While Sunday afternoon didn't go the way Butturff envisioned, he said the day would be a win no matter what.

"A lot of people don't know, but I was born sick. It was to the point where I didn't know if I was going to survive when I was a baby," Butturff said. "That's why I'm so thankful for these opportunities, because the first two weeks of my life I didn't know if I was going to be here in this world.

"I'm so thankful that my mom brought me into this world and (she's) why a day like this is so memorable."

Both McCune and Butturff will head to Jupiter, Fla. next weekend for the PBA Super Slam Cup, a non-title event. They'll join EJ Tackett, Simonsen and Jason Belmonte, who won the first four majors of the season.

Butturff clinched his spot at the PBA World Championship presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon as the highest finisher without a 2023 major championship.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES
Best-of-Five Match
No. 9 Kevin McCune def. No.
2 Jakob Butturff, 3-0

Game 1: McCune def. Butturff, 206-178

Game 2: McCune def. Butturff, 247-204

Game 3: McCune def. Butturff, 220-175

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# At Hallmark

# Dunem drains 823, Ciesiolka nails 706

French 300/804

KILLEEN – Darius Dunem racked up a rousing 823 Hit & Miss Classic series to earn the top spot on the honor roll last month at Hallmark Lanes.

Nathaniel French finished close behind Dunem with an award-winning 300/804 Partytimers outing.

Karin Ciesiolka's, Dunem's league mate, blue ribbon 706 performance led the ladies scoring contest.

#### HONOR ROLL

Stixx Stickles 267, Nate French 725, Karin Ciesiolka 234, Ashlie Mills 515, Andrew Pinckney 254, Eric Jackson 680, Maya Dixon-Dates 568, Cotina Quiney 397, Jordan Cina 287, Adrian Thomas 730.

Verlena Fernandes 245-681, Richard LaGrone 280, Heath Fletcher 749, Ralph Anderson 233, Jeff Hough 640, Cindy Gill 634, Mike Bonnett 257, Will Palumbo 726, Lisa Blackman 566.

Kendrick Little 268, Michael Dixon-Dates 685, Nyia Jenkins 381, Raymond Hiller 279, Keith Desmarias 746, Sharon Jeffers 244-617, Thomas Keller 279, John Ciesiolka 726, Sonya Stokes 215.

Kisha Thomas 633, Darius Dunem 268, Allan Smith 722, Jazz Bonnett 618, Phil Noble 265, Gerald Flowers 661, Hayley Pernell 645, Jimmie Miggins 546, Tiffany Kruse 388, Thomas Keller 268-720.

Sharon Jeffers 211-557, Stephen Brown 258, Amy Starkovich 279, Jeff Hough 239, Eric Jackson, Sr. 702, Cindy Gill 664, Allan Smith 289, Mike Bonnett 784, Ashlie Mills 201, Israel Lozada 253.

JayC Ponger 679, Hayley Pernell 233, Roberta Denbrook 594, William Massey 209, Kenneth Batie 656, Michelle Smith 377, Verlena Fernandes 211, Sharon Jeffers 543, Joel Levelston 257.

Richard LaGrone 704, Mary Schirripa 213, Jeff Hough 235, Erick Jackson, Jr. 644, Nella China 488, Tom Denbrock 256, Michael Dixon-Dates 720, Maria Dittmer 548, Michelle Smith 410.

Douglas Sharper 258-727, Kristie Duerre 213, Sharon Jeffers 539, Richard LaGrone 279, Heath Fletcher 737, Ev Torres 218, Mary Schirripa 616, Jeff Hough 243, Eric Jackson, Sr. 663.

### SENIORS

Mark Castro 697, Brenda Washington 578, John Manibusan 731, Virges Collins 276, Barbara Person 225, Dot Mays 620, Sam Cominsky 259, George Chapman 724, Linda Meads 201, Phillip Thurston 704.

Jo Young 702, Sue Cummings 212, Barbara Person 575, Rullie Haywood, Jr. 256, Larry Morris 667, Venda Gale 534, Sam Cominsky 704, Christine Scott 201, James Hall 716, Linda Strickland 557.

Jo Young 258, Linda Meads 609.

At Killeen Bowlerama

# Wood drills 799, Morgan masters 757

# Adkins, Hamric, Meier 300's

KILLEEN – Joey Wood won high-set honors last month at Killeen Bowlerama as he rocketed to the top with hard-hitting 799 numbers in the Commercial league

Amanda Morgan, also from the Commercial league, earned fem scoring honors with a red-hot 266/757 set.

Dale Adkins, Stephanie Hamric and Toby Meier shared high-game accolades with award-winning 12-baggers.

### HONOR ROLL

Phil Thurston 711, Kathie Trembath 211-545, Larry Hardcastle 662, Linda Strickland 515, Tony Powell 648, Donna Nash 504, Curtis Robinson 648, Annette Richeson 201-504, Tyronne Haslett 761.

Sandi Charles 708, Josh Maxson 751, Erica McPhail 695, B-Rad Dewald 745, Kim Dewald 668, Russell Brown 783, Sandi Charles 698, Regis Payne 745, Stephanie Hamric 695, Mark Kujan 726.

Phillip Lantz 724, Sam Cominsky 279-723, Jason Stephens 723, Regis Payne 762, Jen Morgan 266-719, Bobby Wacker 757, Eric Odette 722, Russell Brown 720, Dale Adkins 719, Nate French 746.

Tawana Ramey 236-662, Sam Cominsky 276-738, Kim Rathbun 614, Thomas Keller 722, Rocky Sparks 713, Donnie Shaffer 711, Russell Brown 246-675, Jayce Borja 665.

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#### **LINDSAY BOOMERSHINE**

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Association Tour title, and a major at that.

Boomershine waited a long time and had to endure multiple setbacks before reaching the winner's circle. As such, hoisting the trophy and celebrating with family and friends meant a great to the 37-year-old right-hander.

"I've dreamt of this moment ever since my son was born, so I kept telling myself to keep working hard and putting myself in this position," Boomershine said. "I'm glad that my family got to experience this with me because I think it shows that you can have it all if you never give up on your dreams."

To secure the victory, Boomershine was forced to come through in the clutch in a fashion that many youngsters dream about and simulate on the practice lanes every day.

Just four pins separated Boomershine and Rodriguez with two frames to go in the title

Rodriguez, the 2014 Queens champion and one of Boomershine's best friends, applied the pressure by delivering a double in the eighth and ninth frames.

Nevertheless, Boomershine stepped up for her ninth and 10th frames with the opportunity to strike out to finish off Rodriguez.

Things wouldn't be that easy, however, as Boomershine's ball came in light to the 1-3 pocket

during the ninth frame, leaving the 2-4 standing. Undaunted, she easily converted the spare.

Still, the advantage shifted sides at that point as no matter what Boomershine did in the 10th, Rodriguez would have a chance to top it.

But just as she had all week long, Boomershine refused to be distracted by what her opponent could or couldn't do; instead, she kept her focus solely on what she could control, making the best shots possible to finish her game.

That focus paid off in a major way as despite having only struck four times up to that point in the match, Boomershine delivered three clutch strikes in the 10th frame to post a score of

Those strikes forced Rodriguez to throw a double of her own to start the 10th or else surrender the title to Boomershine.

Rodriguez has demonstrated the ability to perform under pressure many times during her PWBA career; that's part of the reason why she's a two-time major champion – she won the 2014 Queens and 2018 PWBA Tour Championship

Nevertheless, this time it wasn't meant to be as her first shot in the 10th frame came in light, leaving the 2-4-10 to end the match and give Boomershine her first title in her seventh PWBA Tour stepladder finals appearance.

Rodriguez settled for second place and took home \$30,000.

Sharing the lanes with such a good friend during the title

didn't feel like I was bowling anyone; I was bowling my game," Boomershine said. "All week long, I just kept treating it like I was back at the training center in Utah throwing shots like I normally do. "I don't know if it's because

match may have helped make

Tuesday night's experience less

nerve racking for Boomershine;

then again, she was so focused

that she may have felt that way

"For the first time, I really

no matter who she faced.

I was bowling Maria or not, but I just felt really comfortable. Maybe it's because we were sort of doing it together, and one of us was going to win. I don't know, but I just felt really at ease the whole time; honestly, I completely forgot that we were even on TV."

Three people who will likely never forget that Boomershine was on TV were her parents Cheryl and Henry and her young son Aiden, who were all watching Tuesday night's stepladder finals with bated breath back home in Utah.

After her victory, Boomershine's husband Hank immediately started a video chat with Aiden so that he could watch his mother have the tiara placed upon her head and hold up the 2023 Queens trophy.

Understandably, that moment is one that Boomershine won't soon forget.

"He told me that he wanted me to bring home that crown, and he was in tears the whole time when he saw that I'd won it," Boomershine said. "I'm glad that he knows that the reason why I have to be gone so much at times is because I'm out trying to fulfill my dreams because I want him to fulfill his dreams no matter what he chooses to do."

Boomershine wasn't the only bowler who came to Sam's Town looking to fulfill her dreams on Tuesday night, however; No. 3 seed Carlene Beyer of Ogdensburg, Wisconsin; No. 4 seed Correen Acuff of Surprise, Arizona, and No. 5 seed Dasha Kovalova

Acuff kicked off the stepladder by taking down Kovalova, the 2019 Queens champion, by a final score of 215-190.

things on their minds as well.

of Muskegon, Michigan, had big

That's as far up the ladder as Acuff would climb, however, as she fell to Beyer, 202-170, in the Match 2 battle of PWBA Tour

Beyer would go on to put up a valiant fight against Rodriguez during the semifinals, but a costly 3-4-6-7 split and open frame by Beyer in the ninth allowed Rodriguez to emerge with a hard-fought 202-198 win that set up the title tilt with her close friend.

Beyer took home \$22,500 for her third-place finish. Acuff earned \$17,500 for finishing fourth, and Kovalova walked away with \$12,500 for placing fifth.

As for Boomershine, she was obviously happy to have come out on top, but had she lost, she would've been very pleased to see Rodriguez reach the top of the mountain at the Queens once again.

"Maria is one of my best friends in the entire world," Boomershine said. "Sure, I would've been disappointed if I'd lost, but I would've been ecstatic to see her win her second Queens title. The great thing is

that she isn't upset that I won just like I wouldn't have been upset if she won. I think we need more women supporting women in this day and age and in the bowling industry."

There are certainly plenty of other women bowlers out there to support.

The 2023 Queens started with 216 competitors. After 15 games of qualifying over three days, the top 63 players and Birgit Noreiks of Germany, who was guaranteed a spot in the bracket as the defending champion, advanced to match play.

The PWBA Tour season continues May 31-June 6 at the PWBA Classic Series - Grand Rapids in Wyoming, Michigan.

2023 USBC Queens At Sam's Town Bowling Center

Las Vegas Tuesday's results FINAL STANDINGS

1, Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 202 (one game), \$60,000.

2, Maria Jose Rodriguez, Colombia, 378 (two games), \$30.000.

3, Carlene Beyer, Ogdensburg, Wis., 400 (two games), \$22,500.

4, Correen Acuff, Surprise, Ariz., 385, (two games), \$17,500.

5, Dasha Kovalova, Muskegon, Mich., 190, (one game), \$12,500. STEPLADDER RESULTS

Match No. 1 – Acuff def. Kovalova, 215-190.

Match No. 2 – Beyer def. Acuff, 202-170.

Semifinal - Rodriguez def. Beyer, 202-198.

Championship - Boomershine def. Rodriguez, 202-176.

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of match play, then polished off the championship match with a title-clinching strike.

"I didn't want anyone else throwing that shot in the whole field," Hupé said. "I knew he was going to do it."

"Could you write a better ending than that?"

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND **SCORES** 

Match 1: No. 3 Dom Barrett and Anthony Simonsen def. No. 4 Jason Belmonte/Bill O'Neill, 280-279

Match 2: No. 2 Sean Rash and Matt Ogle def. No. 3 Dom Barrett and Anthony Simonsen, 258-208

Championship: No. 1 Packy Hanrahan and Mitch Hupé def. No. 2 Sean Rash and Matt Ogle,

**FINAL STANDINGS** Packy Hanrahan and Mitch Hupé, \$20,000

Sean Rash and Matt Ogle,

Dom Barrett and Anthony Simonsen, \$8,000

Jason Belmonte and Bill O'NeiII, \$7,000

Jakob Butturff and Matt Zweig, \$5,500

Sean Lavery-Spahr and Santtu Tahvanainen, \$5,100 Matt Kuba and Michael Davidson, \$4,800

Benjy Martinez and Nate Stubler, \$4,500

Andrew Anderson and Kris Prather, \$4,200

Cortez Schenck and Michael Fitzgerald, \$3,900

Brad Miller and Kyle Sherman, \$3,700

Kyle Troup and Jesper Svensson, \$3,500





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#### **BELMONTE SUPER SLAM**

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presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon last month.

"It definitely feels like between Anthony, EJ and myself, one of us is always there. And then it's a flip of the coin on who the other quy is," Belmonte said.

"It's always a lot of fun. You know that nothing's going to be given. You're gonna have to earn every bit of it," Tackett said of bowling against Belmonte. "It's obviously not a title at the end of the day, but I think this one felt a little bit different than maybe any other events like this. To me, it felt more like a major championship because all the best players from this year are here."

In order to take down Tackett, the prohibitive favorite for Player of the Year, Belmonte needed to bring his A-game. Before earning the No. 1 seed during Saturday's seeding round, Belmonte practiced extensively on Friday to prepare for the transition on Sunday afternoon.

Competing on dual patterns — 46-foot Petraglia on the left lane and 36-foot Ballard on the right lane — Belmonte saw something he liked in practice

and decided to finish on the right

"I feel like the right lane was exactly how it was transitioning for me (during previous rounds), but the ball choice was different," Belmonte said. "I threw (the Phaze II) one time in practice, and it looked unbelievable."

To raise the stakes, Tackett fired the first televised 300 of his career in his semifinal win over Kevin McCune.

"I felt so comfortable on that right lane and my ball reaction on those (shorter) patterns this year has been really, really good," Tackett said. "It's cool to finally have that on my résumé. I feel like every great player in history has that on their resume, so it was cool to finally check that box."

But Belmonte, who boasts two televised perfections, wasn't fazed

"I've had some experience bowling 300 and then needing to back it up," Belmonte said. "The one thing that I know for certain is if you keep being too accurate, well, you will have to make an adjustment. When you see that transition happen for him, then you've got to jump on it.

"(Tackett) caught a fortuitous break in the third, which was the

crossover, and then he rung-10 and I felt like, 'Alright, well that's my moment.' Then my next six shots were dead-set pure."

Belmonte earns \$100,000 for his win and Tackett nets \$40,000. While the one-hander also brings home over \$10,000 for his 300 game, it will be difficult for Tackett to catch Kyle Troup's single-season earning's record of \$496,900 set in 2021.

With the win over McCune, Tackett earned some revenge after falling to McCune at the PBA Players Championship presented by Snickers. In fact, McCune also beat Tackett's younger brother, Zac, in the televised bracket.

"I don't know if I'd say (it was personal), but I definitely wanted to beat him because of that," Tackett said with a laugh.

Though McCune defeated

three of today's other four finalists during last week's Players Championship victory, this marked his first time competing in a televised stepladder finals. He said his inexperience facing the unique transition cost him against Tackett.

"I moved 10 boards left on the left lane and it looked the same," McCune said. "I didn't move deep enough quick enough."

McCune handled Anthony Simonsen in the second match, firing 279 to Simonsen's 268. Simonsen also shot 268 in his opening match win over Jakob Butturff.

After a few weeks off, the PBA Tour returns next month on the opposite side of the country. Belmonte, Tackett, Simonsen and Butturff will be joined by Kyle Troup, Dom Barrett, Packy

Hanrahan and Kris Prather for the PBA Tour Finals in Arlington, Wash.

FINAL ROUND SCORES Match 1: No. 5 Anthony Simonsen def. No. 4 Jakob Butturff, 268-258

Match 2: No. 3 Kevin McCune def. No. 5 Anthony Simonsen, 279-268

Match 3: No. 2 EJ Tackett def. No. 3 Kevin McCune, 300-212

Championship: No. 1 Jason Belmonte def. No. 2 EJ Tackett, 286-246

**FINAL STANDINGS** 

- 1. Jason Belmonte, \$100,000
- 2. EJ Tackett, \$40,000
- 3. Kevin McCune, \$18,000
- 4. Anthony Simonsen, \$12,000
- 5. Jakob Butturff, \$10,000

More information on the PBA Super Slam Cup is available at www.pba.com.

# **TEAM USA TAKES GOLD**

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American effort with a score of 1,336 (a 222.67 average) thanks to games of 203, 219, 194, 268, 248 and 204.

Despite coming in with the highest score on the team, Janawicz was quick to point out that every Team USA players and coaches deserved equal credit for the gold-medal performance.

"It was a really great team effort," Janawicz said. "The communication was really good, and I think that's what helped catapult us during the second half of the last game to make sure we pulled it out."

Darren Tang of Las Vegas certainly seemed to get the message as he used games of 212, 213, 245, 237, 243 and 183 to come in just behind Janawicz with a six-game total of 1,333 (222.17).

Tang considered the team gold medal to be the No. 1 goal for this trip, so he was in high spirits once the final balls had been thrown and the prize had been captured.

"The goal all along was team gold, and we achieved it," Tang said. "I'm really happy; this feels good."

Nick Pate of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota (209, 212, 258, 226, 215 and 199) and Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio (212, 224, 222, 226, 225 and 191), were plenty happy themselves after coming in with 1,319 and 1,300, respectively.

"Winning gold never gets old," Pate said. "I can't wait to hear the National Anthem and feel that medal around my neck; it feels incredible."

Via's sentiments were largely the same.

"It's always incredible to be able to get up on that podium as a team; that's always our goal," Via said. "The other events are always bonus medals, but this is the one that we all want; I'm glad that we were able to get it done."

Matt Russo of Ballwin, Missouri, helped the Americans get it done, contributing 1,231 (192, 226, 201, 228, 223 and 161) to the team's winning total.

For Russo, the way things finished more than made up for the first two days' disappointment.

"The first half of the week didn't work out very well for us, but we turned it around in trios, and now we have another gold medal to add to the collection," Russo said. "It was a team effort, so getting to share the lanes with these guys and wear the Team USA logo on my back means the world to me."

The final team member donning the stars and stripes, Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey, didn't crack the lineup during the two days of team competition, but he was an integral part of the outstanding trios performance referenced by Russo as he contributed a six-game total of 1,284 (219, 191, 227, 181, 233 and 233) to go along with the 1,417 put up by Russo and 1,304 carded by Janawicz on Thursday.

Bohn certainly would have welcomed the opportunity to get in on the action during team competition; however, at age 18 and making his Team USA debut, he recognized that the trip wasn't about any one player; it was about the team.

"I'm the rookie, so I'm not necessarily supposed to be the one out there just yet," Bohn said. "I just let the other guys do their thing, and I was the cheerleader. If that's what it takes for us to win, then I'm okay with that. We came home with the gold, and that's all that matters."

Team USA Assistant Coach Andy Diercks, who was attending his first competition with Team USA after having traveled exclusively with Junior Team USA in the past, loved coming away with another gold medal, but, for him, the most rewarding part was simply having the honor of representing his country.

"It's always a privilege to wear the red, white and blue," Diercks said. "Hearing the National Anthem, wearing the stars and stripes and representing our country is incredible."

Team USA Head Coach Bryan O'Keefe is always honored to represent his country, but he was equally happy about what this particular American squad accomplished this week in Santo Domingo.

"For the week, I'm proud of everybody," O'Keefe said.
"They're a great team, and they worked really well as a unit.
We're always striving to be better, but, overall, I'm really proud of all that they did and the medals they're bringing home."

For more information on Team USA, visit BOWL.com/TeamUSA.



#### **DAVE'S CORNER**

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said that when Mays first came to New York from Alabama, he was meeting so many new people and couldn't remember all their names, so he just resorted to saying "Hey" as a greeting. "In my column I tabbed him the 'Say Hey Kid,' and it stuck."

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# **Bowling Update**

From Ten Pins & More

\* A record-setting championship match highlighted Memorial weekend tournament action at Tenpins & More in Rio Rancho.

Former Rio Rancho High School bowling anchor-man,

#### HANRAHAN PBASW REG

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up five games over 240, but he couldn't quite get there.

Hanrahan picked up his third career regional title and first of

PBA Waxahachie Southwest Members Only Event Final **Standings** 

Patrick Hanrahan, 2,500 points, \$2,800

Deo Bernard, 1,500, \$1,800 Beau Peterson, 1,150, \$1,350 Sean Lavery-Spahr, 950, \$1.100

Full results: https://www. pba.com/tournaments/2023/ pba-waxahachie-southwestmembers-only-event

#### MOSCATO/SLEDGE

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They started slow on Sunday and were in fifth place after

They shot 223, 244 and 257 games 6,7,8 and won their matches and took the lead.

Game 9 was another 257 and that gave them an 89 pin lead going into the final match against Joe Lecroy and Brandon Carlson.

Lecroy and Carlson rallied back and Joe needed a strike in the 10th for the win. He left a 7 pin and Moscato/Sledge took the title by 9 pins. It was Mike's 3rd SASBA title.

We want to thank Tim and Kim Denny and staff for hosting. The Friday night Happy Hour was a hit.

#### **KEVIN MCCUNE**

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FINAL STANDINGS

- 1. Kevin McCune, \$100,000
- 2. Jakob Butturff, \$50,000
- 3. Bill O'Neill, \$25,000
- 4. Anthony Simonsen, \$25,000 5. EJ Tackett, \$13,000
- 6 Matt Russo \$13,000
- 7. Tomas Käyhkö, \$13,000
- 8. Keven Williams, \$13,000 9. Chris Via, \$8,000
- 10. Jesper Svensson, \$8,000
- 11. Zac Tackett, \$8,000
- 12. Dom Barrett, \$8,000

Carson Opela broke through for his first win in adult competition, winning \$ 1,000 and a Scratch Match-Play title over previous winner, Sam Pinge of Albuquerque 278-268, a new high in the Series that dates back more than 20 years.

Opela, the unbeaten leader on the strength of successive wins over Jason Schindwolf 227-190, Josh Burnett 193-120, Aileen Linares 256-227 and Pinge 253-199, lost the opener to the finals to Pinge 178-244 to set up the big

Opela started with a powerful nine-bagger while Pinge had two single pin spares amongst a turkey and six strikes in a row to force Opela to get at least a spare in the tenth frame.

A light hit by Opela left a momentary 7-10 pocket split but

#### **JUST PAYING ATTENTION**

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We saw two more examples the week before Memorial Day play out on national television. PGA club pro Michael Block had the week of his life at the PGA Championship winning over the crowd with inspirational play while not truly believing what he was doing. The other was the new USBC Queens champ Lindsay Boomershine, truly

the 7-pin fell out. And a greatly relieved Opela let out a joyous shout when he spared the 10-pin.

It took 1,304/6 to make the cut to the top 16 in the 40-bowler field. As always there were some terrific matches, including Paul Yoder's 269-233 win over J D Nance and Linares beating Levi Yoder 235-231.

Tylor MacPhee's 253 win over Eric Torres of Las Cruces 237, followed by MacPhee's elimination of Linares (the only woman in the field) 256-247 and local John Espinda shooting 300 against Jeremiah Martin's 234.

The field averaged 219 over 62 games. Placings 3rd - 12th were 3 MacPhee. 4 Linares 5 Brian Skidmore 6 Espinda, 7 Martin 8 Nance 9 L Yoder 10 P Yoder 11 Burnett 12 Steve Shultz.

enjoying her time rolling the ball, something we learned later learned she hadn't been doing as of late. How can you tell? Here's a question to answer that question. When was the last time you saw a bowler sing to her own walk-up music? How about none. She was having a ball. Focused, yes. Panicked, nope.

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Next month, how Toby Contreras keeps spreading his brand of cheer these days as PBA Midwest Regional director.

# At Tenpins & More

# Arevalo snags 297/823, Prioleau nets 300/788

Nance 806, Luckett, Martin, Nance, 300's, Dutton, Flores, Jr. 297's

RIO RANCHO, NM - Jon Arevalo captured high-series honors at Tenpins & More with a hard-hitting, award-winning 267-297-259 = 823 International Email Challenge Match in Melbourne, Australia.

JD Nance finished close behind Arevalo in Australia with an awardwinning 806 series.

Robin Prioleau held the hot hand for the ladies with a rip-roaring 300-245-243 = 788 Coffee Wars League set.

Robert Luckett, Jeremiah Martin and J D Nance shared high-game accolades with Prioleau with award-winning 12-baggers. Frank Dutton and Jeffrey Flores, Jr. shared runner-up honors with Arevalo with near-perfect 297 solos.

#### HONOR ROLL

Jolene Sokohl 225-592, Eddie ColA-Iena Gonzales 197-481, Aaron Griego 232-604, Aaron Griego 287-658, Johnna Mora 243-667, Patrick Loudenback 232-634, Dana Miller-Mackie (4 games) 257-938, Mike Lee (4 games) 288-1014.

Cody Fraide (4 games) 236-804, Jolene Sokohl 213-572, Jason Schindwolf 257-698, Paula Amschler 279-654, Shawn Haines 278-718, Aileen Linares 242-676, Eric Carriaga 270-708, Donna Dowd 230-636

Rick Candelaria 278-759, Jolene Sokohl 225-592, Kenneth Friedrich 238-670, Johnna Mora 245-655, C J Valencia 268-722, Linzi Martinez 184-470, Nathan Tran 235-672, Gloria Blair 221-635.

Daniel Price 288-687, Becky Fisher 216-592, Bobbie Vega 267-628, Carson Opela 259-705, Josie Chavez 231-550, David Burnett 247-689.

#### **SENIORS**

Beverly Gabaldon 254-612, Bob Thurston 207-595, Diane Wemple 258-692, Steve Mackie 249-721, Beverly Gabaldon 227-600, Bob Thurston 247-665.



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