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Texas vs. Oklahoma Bowling Style

Two star-studded teams face off in Oklahoma for an epic match



each year in October.

Local Dallasite and Texan, Chris Johnson, has longed to bring one rivalry back to life, on the lanes. An action match featuring five players from Texas against five players from Oklahoma.

"This has been five years in the making, but I was able to partner with Tim Denny, Owner of Holiday Lanes in OKC, to finalize the match. We were supposed to have the match on May 17th, but obviously with everything shutdown we didn't do it, but happy to say that the match is on for July 10th," said Johnson.

Team Oklahoma will consist of Darry Weigle, Tim Denny, Jeff Hatt, Fero Williams, and Rick Justice.

Team Texas will be Chris Barnes, Tony Franklin, Kelly Ray, Chris Johnson, and Anthony Lavery-Spaher.

The match will be held at Holiday Lanes, in OKC on July 10th at 6:30pm.

"It is a 3-game total pin fall, with a little kicker involved.

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Jim Stephens and Dimitri Cruz Win SASBA M/G at Longview



Champions Jim Stephens and Dimitri Cruz

By: Kathy King

LONGVIEW, TX – In what was one of the strongest fields we have had in a long time, Jim Stephens and Dimitri Cruz led the qualifying Saturday, June 13 with + 539 at Oil Bowl in Longview, TX.

They relinquished the lead in the second game of match

play on Sunday, regained it in the 7th game, then relinquished it again until the 12th game.

Finishing the last few games, they led by slim margins and were leading by 99 pins going into the final match against John Chovanec and Parker Capra.

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John Burkett/Jack Zuniga Win M/G Doubles at Planet



Champions Jack Zuniga and John Burkett

By: Kathy King

OKLAHOMA CITY - What a great tournament. We had a full field of 48 teams and 2 teams waiting to get in.

John Burkett and Jack Zuniga qualified 4th after 8 games of qualifying on Satur-

day, March 14. They shot 277, 216, 238, and 279 their first 4 games of Baker matchplay on Sunday to take over the lead and never looked back.

They had a 290 pin lead over Lloyd Hayer and Kelly Ray go-

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By: Tony Franklin, *Publisher*
DALLAS, Texas – The Texas vs. Oklahoma rivalry has existed for years and involved most sports, activities, attitudes, and everything in-between. The most famous is of course the Red River Showdown between the Texas Longhorns and Oklahoma Sooners, contested

Two Women's Professional Bowling Teams Join the 2020 PBA League Elias Cup



By: kwarner2

The Professional Bowlers Association announces that two new, all-women's professional bowling teams will join the race for the 2020 PBA League Elias Cup, increasing the number of teams in this year's event to twelve.

The Phoenix Fury, managed by PWBA champion Kim Terrell-Kearney, and Miami Waves, managed by PBA champion Bob Learn Jr., will be the first all-women's teams in the PBA League's history, since its founding in 2013.

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Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, Publisher



The Bowling News is very happy to be back and at your favorite bowling center. For the rest of the summer the TBN will print only the Monthly Southwest Edition, which will be available the first week of every month. We hope to continue our weekly editions once leagues start up again in the fall. Until then, have a great summer, and get out there and bowl when you can!

PHOENIX AND MIAMI

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While female pros Kelly Kulick (NYC KingPins), Liz Johnson (Portland Lumberjacks) and Danielle McEwan (Motown Muscle) have been on previous team rosters in past years, this is the first time the PBA will include all-women team rosters. No women are currently on any of the other 10 team PBA League rosters. A special draft between the two new clubs will take place on Tuesday, July 7, at 4 pm ET on FloBowling. The top 35 players on the 2019 PWBA Points List will be eligible to be drafted onto the new teams

Make sure to tune into Flo-Bowling on July 7th at 3pm CT for a special draft for two new PBA teams that will be reserved for PWBA members. That's right, the PBA is adding two Women's teams to its ten team league to make it twelve total. Still no word on when exactly the PBA League Championships will be held in 2020, but the buzz is that we can look for it in the Fall.

5-player rosters. The 2020 PBA League Elias Cup tournament, to be broadcast live on FS1, is being rescheduled due to COVID-19 health and safety precautions, for this coming fall at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine. An announcement on scheduling will be made soon. Two expansion clubs had already been added to the PBA League for 2020. The Brew City Ballers and Las Vegas High Rollers joined the League and took part in the annual player draft in May. All of the other team rosters are set. The new divisional lineups with the addition of the two new women's teams:

The two new teams will be managed by Kim Terrel-Kearney and Bob Learn Jr. Tune in to see which of your favorite lady pros get drafted. The DFW area has some new superstar talent that calls north Texas home now. PWBA star, Diana Zavjalova and Adam Pogge have left Austin and moved to the Ft. Worth area. As well as Amateur star Rob Gotchall leaving Tennessee to start work with the USBC office based in Arlington. It's great to see new bowling talent find their way to the Lone Star state.

Carter Division Dallas Strikers (Manager Norm Duke) Philadelphia Hitmen (Manager Jason Couch) Brooklyn Styles (Manager Johnny Petraglia) Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Manager Mark Baker) Las Vegas High Rollers (Manager Amleto Monacelli) Phoenix Fury (Manager Kim Terrell-Kearney) Anthony Division NYC KingPins (Manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard) Motown Muscle (Manager Del Ballard) Portland Lumberjacks (Manager Tim Mack) L.A. X (Manager Andrew Cain) Brew City Ballers (Manager Marshall Holman) Miami Waves (Manager Bob Learn Jr.) The Portland Lumberjacks are defending Elias Cup champions. The top 35 players from the 2019 PWBA Points list, eligible to be drafted by the Phoenix Fury and Miami Waves:

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12. Shannon Pluhowsky 67,480
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31. Lindsay Boomershine 31,370
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34. Katelyn Simpson 29,235
35. Daphne Tan 27,105
1. Shannon O'Keefe 148,125
2. Danielle McEwan 117,085
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2019-2020 NCTUSBC Hall of Fame Nominations

We are now accepting nominations for the NCTUSBC Hall of Fame and Youth Bowlers of the Year.

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Cathy Sposito, USA Bowl	620
Kerry Sheehan, Rowlett Bowl-A-Rama	615
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At USA Bowl

Barrera crushes 776, Sposito claims 620

Jeff Barrera captured high series honors last week at USA Bowl with a thundering 268-256-252 = 776 Pony Express series.

Cathy Sposito, Barrera's league mate, led the ladies' leader board with a sparkling 195-256-169 = 620 showing.

HONOR ROLL

Lionel Reynolds 238, Jerry Brooks

652, Jose Hughes Mendoza 244-653, Robert Alteri 234, Lynn Riley 216-256, Harwell Fisher 654, Sung Lee 268, Ashley Davis 218, Yong Kim 673, Lynn Riley 519.

Jack Soria 269, Cathy Sposito 256, Jeff Vandyke 234-583, Dana Short 178-514, Jeff Crawford 268, Connie Holmes 193-511, Lawrence Stallworth 683.

New PBA King of the Lanes Series Will be Live on FS1 in July



By: kwarner2

JUPITER, FL - Professional bowling royalty will take to the lanes for a new six-episode PBA King of the Lanes series live from Bowlero Jupiter in prime time on FS1, this July 20-22.

On each telecast, top players from the Go Bowling! PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour and PWBA Tour will vie for the chance at capturing the crown as King of the Lanes, and hold on to it as long as they can.

Wes Malott, who had an unforgettable 5-day run as the undefeated "PBA King of Bowling" in 2009 that included two televised 300 games, and subsequently defended his crown in three different iterations of the King series, will return as the first King of the Lanes on Monday, July 20. Malott will face the winner of the first contenders match, between PBA Hall of Famers Norm Duke and Walter Ray Williams Jr.

The winner of the first King match between Malott and the Duke/Williams survivor will return for the second show wearing the crown. The same competition format, of two new contenders facing off in a traditional 10-frame bowling match for the right to face the reigning King (or Queen) in a 10-frame game, will continue throughout the run of shows.

PBA stars having earned a spot in the PBA Tour Finals as top PBA points earners over the past two seasons, Anthony Simonsen, EJ Tackett, Bill O'Neill, Sean Rash, Jakob Butturff, Kris Prather and Kyle Troup are slated to compete. Australia's Jason Belmonte, the top points earner, will not be able to attend due to travel restrictions.

Joining the Go Bowling! PBA Tour stars as contenders along with Duke and Williams Jr., are Hall of Famer Pete Weber and PWBA players Clara Guerrero

and Gazmine Mason.

International fans can watch live on FloBowling.com.

Viewers can live stream the PBA shows on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com. Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

PBA King of the Lanes FS1 broadcast schedule and players:

Monday, July 20, 8-9 pm ET

King of the Lanes 1

Contenders match: Norm Duke vs. Walter Ray Williams Jr.

King match 1: King Wes Malott vs. contenders match winner

Monday, July 20, 9-10 pm ET
King of the Lanes 2

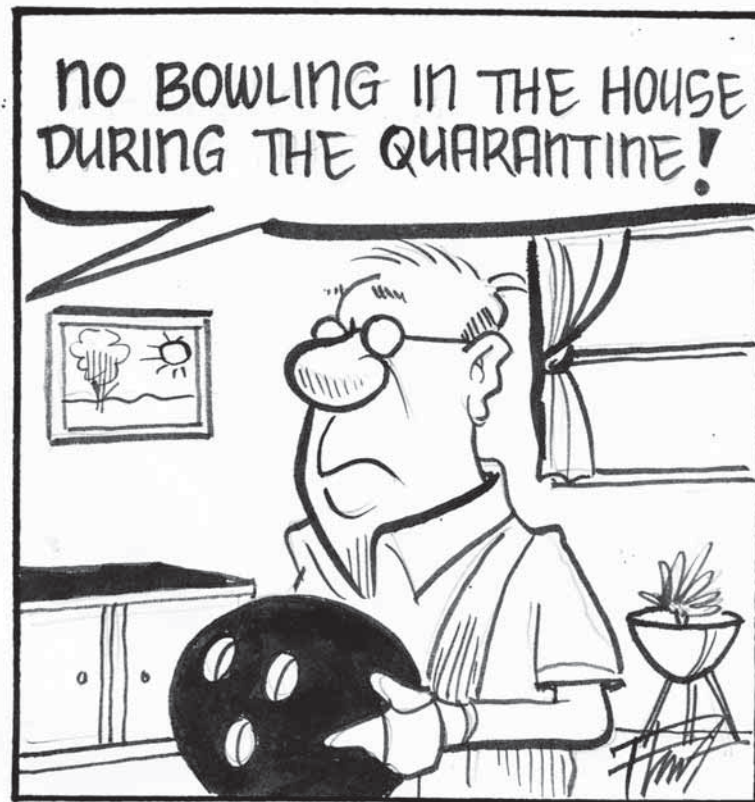
Contenders match: Anthony Simonsen vs. EJ Tackett

King match 2: Winner from King 1 match vs. contenders match winner

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PBA50 Tour Announces Multi-event WSOB Set for August at The Villages

By: kwarner2

THE VILLAGES, Fla. (June 16, 2020) - The World Series of Bowling concept has come to the PBA50 Tour. The Professional Bowlers Association has announced the first-ever Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 WSOB, slated for August 8-15 at Spanish Springs Lanes at The Villages, Fl.

The multi-faceted event will feature three PBA50 title tournaments on different Legend oil patterns (PBA Roth 42, PBA Ballard 34 and PBA Petraglia 46), plus the main event PBA50 Florida Blue Medicare National Championship as the focal point PBA50 major on PBA Holman 37.

A full field of 192 of the greatest bowlers more than 50 years of age is expected for the \$224,000 PBA50 WSOB event, including many PBA Hall of Famers such as Walter Ray Williams Jr., Norm Duke, Pete Weber, Parker Bohn, Johnny Petraglia and Amleto Monacelli. PBA50 newcomers and Hall of Famers Chris Barnes and Jason Couch are also expected to compete.

FloBowling will have exclusive coverage of all rounds of the competition, including four different match play rounds and all of the finals.

Faced with the global pandemic threatening the cancellation of the entire 2020 PBA50 Tour, the PBA and longtime partner Larry Ducat at The Villages worked together to create this event, in the mold of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour WSOB and its multiple opportunities for players in one location with one entry fee, which celebrated its 11th year earlier in 2020.

As in the PBA WSOB, the PBA50 WSOB qualifying games in the PBA Mark Roth Championship, PBA Del Ballard Championship, and PBA Johnny Petraglia Championship will count towards the main event PBA National Championship.

Health and safety measures will be paramount at the event at The Villages, considering state and local guidelines. Among other things, there will be three squads of qualifying to ensure social distancing during play.

The rest of the previously scheduled 2020 PBA50 Tour has been canceled, meaning the following events: Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, Mooresville Open, Lubbock Sports Cup, Suncoast US Senior Open, Fountain Valley Open, River City Extreme Open, South Shore Open, Championship Lanes Classic, Spectrum Lanes Open,



Jax 60 Open, and the PBA60 Dick Weber Classic.

The PBA expresses thanks to all the previously scheduled 2020 PBA50 Tour hosts and hopes to be back in 2021 to all the great partner venues.

One \$750 entry fee enters each player into all four events. The PBA50 National Championship will have a first place prize of \$15,000 and pay ratio of 1:3, plus eight Super Senior cash spots. The top 24 in each of the three Legend Pattern events plus four Super Senior will cash, with the winners of all three Legend Pattern events earning \$3,500. Entry information is at pba.com.

Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 World Series of Bowling

August 8-15, 2020

Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, FL

All times EST.

Saturday, August 8

A Squad Practice: 8:30 – 10 a.m.

Re-oil

B Squad Practice: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Re-oil

C Squad Practice: 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

*Pro-am: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 9

The PBA50 Mark Roth Championship

A Squad: 8 a.m. – Noon

Re-oil

B Squad: 1 – 5 p.m.

Re-oil

C Squad: 6 – 10 p.m.

(6 games of qualifying on PBA Roth 42)

Top 24 advance to PBA Roth 42 bracket match play based on 128 entries.

Monday, August 10

PBA Roth 42 Bracket Match Play Round of 24: 10 – 11 a.m.

(qualifiers 9-24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)

PBA Roth 42 Bracket Match Play Round of 16: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

(qualifiers 1-8 and 8 winners

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At Plano Super Bowl

McGarvey smashes 782, Schmeig flips 709

Holland 300

James McGarvey topped the charts last week at Plano Super Bowl with power-packed 277/782 numbers in Sportsman league action.

Alex Schmeig headed the ladies' leader board with a robust 264-245-200 = 709 Suds Buster league showing.

Chad Holland captured high-game honors with an award-winning 12-bagger.

HONOR ROLL

Reggie Murray 211-595, Marsha Perdew 127-301, Marcus Patterson 235-673, Alyson Wentz 129-369, Josh Brusuelas 234-668, Laura Brusuelas 117-333, Bryce Klapper 243-675, Alyson Wentz 129-329.

Chris Russell 247-679, Kathy Harber 166-466, Threatt Duane 211-767, Cassady Fredriksen 139-488, Brian Halvorson 248-727, Denise Freeman-

Boone 210-547, Bob Willingham 223-569.

Julie Ferrell 147-425, Richard Beatty 277-668, Shelley Rosenfield 201-594, Deryck Lewis 247-727, Loree Clark 234-650, Scott Crawford 253-744, Michelle Stephens 255-660, Harry Myers 266-636.

Diane Wallentine 233-586, Chris Warren 245-698, Michelle VanGilder 228-647, Cindy Mann 232-605, Butch Warren 281-686, Mathew Cregg 266-713, Elaine Barnes 228-635, Tim Campbell 245-716.

Randy Peters 201-518, Gary Hancock 255-717, Rhonda Nerison 216-594, Chad Holland 767, Sean Lavery (4 games) 290-1038, Kiyoko McDonald (4 games) 276-875, Scott Buchanan, Sr. 277-732.

Patty Ellington 243-670, Mike Creasey 223-644, Cynthia Bradford 253-660.

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

Sherrie and Stacie Slaughter purchase Pin Center Bowl in Cleburne...Josh Herrick led the honor roll with 870 at Hallmark...Brian Wallace shot 817 at Cowtown...Butch Patton rolled 815 at Mel's Lone Star Lanes...Lisa Wasson led the ladies with 792 at Plano...Dan Mackie had 791 at Tenpins & More...Monica Villarreal shot 721 at Rowlett Bowl-a-Rama...Arthur Stangl was perfect at Red Bird...Tina Garcia wins NABI at AMF Irving.

20 YEARS AGO

Jerry Clark led the honor roll with 300/838 at Hallmark...Jerrell Tyler shot 831 at Western...Chris Johnson with 807 at AMF Showplace Garland...Lisa Talley led the ladies with 779 at AMF Showplace Garland...Sandy Dacy with 724 at BRC Watauga...Vee Avery wins NABI at AMF Showplace Euless...YABA Bowler CJ Crooks shot 696 at Cowtown.

30 YEARS AGO

Del Ballard and Chris Warren join Faball PBA Staff...Danny Wiseman wins 2nd PBA title over Ron Palombi, Jr. at the Kessler Classic...Patrick McKinnie led the honor roll with 796 at Showplace-Euless...Bo Bowden had 763 at DC East...Brian Butler rolled 758 at Jupiter...Becky Justis led the ladies with 658 at Triangle-Lewisville...Carolyn Anderton shot 655 at Showplace-Euless...Mike Medlen won the SW Region PBA event in Tekarkana...Valerie Gardner wins NABI at Forest Park Lanes.

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ing into the final game and shot 268 for the title and \$2,200!
It was John's 6th SASBA title.

Lloyd and Kelly finished 2nd for \$1,700, Robert Brown/Trey Brand claimed 3rd and \$1,400, Mo Hestand/James Price placed 4th collected \$1,200 and Tony Capra/Parker Capra rounded out the top 5 and took home \$1,000.

It was Tony's first SASBA

At Forum Bowl

Coy drills 783, Hamilton turns 652

Greg Coy headed the leader boards last week at Forum Bowl by compiling a power-packed 268-279-236 = 783 Sundowners league session.

Tamara Hamilton led the ladies scoring with a thundering 258-196-198 = 652 Tuesday Trio set.

HONOR ROLL

Bill Holland (9 pin) 276-785, Lori Hansen (9 pin) 172-418, Stan Ransom 265-706, Karen Hoyle 220-599, Brenda Belgarde 256-650, Ray Daehn 234-666, Marla Martin 191-479, Leroy Willis, Jr. 248-684.

Melissa George 210-552, George

At Strikz

Irvine compiles 719, Tenczar snags 630

FRISCO – Rick Irvine was definitely on target last week at Strikz as he dominated scoring with a superb 206-255-258 = 719 Lousy Bowlerz league performance.

Loren Tenczar, form the Thursday Trio group, led the ladies with highly commendable 194-224-212 = 630 numbers.

HONOR ROLL

Scott Orofino 280-697, Ron Rankin 289-679, Tommy Davis 229-657, Stan Alan 243-634, Eddie Ballenger 212-618, Debbie Colby 192-509, Cathy Eberly 192-533, Suzanne Ferguson 205-522.

Ron Rankin216-628, Mark Timm 231-606, Elizabeth Smith 179-503, Ricky Allan 246-611, David Dytko 235-626, Elizabeth Smith 195-541, Debbie Colby 179-522, Raymond Lawrence 202-582.

Dana Davidson 179-515, Daryl Ellis 246-574, David Stiggers 219-576, Brian Goldsmith 191-501, Kyle Miller 173-505, Chad Miller 220-565, Christina Damer 164-460, Bryan Vorel 221-584.

Charles Newman 203-565, David Gorrebeeck 232-552, Rick Irvine 233-

tournament as a member.

Thanks to Darlene Hat and crew for hosting. They did a great job.

Our next event is the Fire-cracker at Plano Super Bowl. Sweepers are on Thursday, July 2nd. 8 games of qualifying on July 3, then 8 more games on the 4th. Matchplay finals will be Sunday the 5th.

July 11-12 we are in OKC for a 60/50/Guest trio at Holiday Lanes.

July 25-26 we are in Broken Arrow, OK for a Member/Guest doubles.

STEPHENS/CRUZ

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Chovanec/Capra won the match 256-214, but it wasn't enough to go around the leaders.

Stephens/Cruz won the title by 27 pins and \$2,300 first place prize.

It was Jim's 37th SASBA title.

Chovanec/Capra finished second and collected \$1,800, Rick Cheshier/Mykel Holliman tokk home third and \$1,600, Jay Nephew/Nathan Bohr claimed fourth and \$1,400 and Steve Fields/Adam Pogge rounded out the top five for \$1,200.

Thanks to Tra Autry and crew for hosting. They did a great job.

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KING OF THE LANES

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Tuesday, July 21, 7-8 pm ET
King of the Lanes 3
Contenders match: Bill O'Neill vs. Sean Rash

King match 3: Winner from King 2 match vs. contenders match winner

Tuesday, July 21, 8-9 pm ET
King of the Lanes 4

Contenders match: Jakob Butturf vs. Clara Guerrero
King match 4: Winner from King 3 match vs. contenders match winner

Wednesday, July 22, 8-9 pm ET

King of the Lanes 5
Contenders match: Kris Prather vs. Gazmine Mason
King match 5: Winner from King 4 match vs. contenders match winner

Wednesday, July 22, 9-10 pm ET

King of the Lanes 6
Contenders match: Kyle Troup vs. Pete Weber
King match 6: Winner from King 5 match vs. contenders match winner



2020 PBA Tour Returns With Official Event in July

By: kwarner2

JUPITER, FL – The Go Bowling! Professional Bowlers Association Tour returns to championship event competition as eight of the Tour's top performers based on competition points earned over a two-year span – including defending champion E.J. Tackett – will take center stage July 18 and 19 for the PBA Tour Finals at Bowlero Jupiter, FL. The event will be televised live, in its entirety, on CBS Sports Network.

Tackett, who defeated Jakob Butturff for the 2019 Barbasol PBA Tour Finals presented by Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas, and also won the inaugural event in 2017 in Orlando, quali-

fied third for this year's Tour Finals by accumulating 44,950 points in PBA Tour competition over the last two seasons ending with the PBA World Championship in March when play was placed on pause due to COVID-19.

Jason Belmonte is the Tour Finals points leader with 61,485, but the 2018 PBA Tour Finals champion will not be able to travel from his home in Australia for this year's event due to travel restrictions. Norm Duke, as the 9th place finisher on the points list with 31,132.50, will move up to take his place in the field as the 8th seed.

Also qualifying for the 2020 PBA Tour Finals are 2019 PBA

Players Championship winner Anthony Simonsen (47,085); 2020 PBA Players Championship winner Bill O'Neill (42,504); 2020 PBA Oklahoma Open champion Sean Rash (41,360); 2019 USBC Masters champion Jakob Butturff (38,175); 2020 PBA Tournament of Champions winner Kris Prather (37,280), and 2020 Jonesboro Open champion Kyle Troup (31,755).

CBS Sports Network will air back-to-back live two-hour shows on Saturday, July 18 followed by five consecutive hours of coverage culminating with the one-hour finale on Sunday, July 19. This will be the second-consecutive year that CBS Sports Network has carried the entire competition live over one weekend.

The PBA Tour Finals will incorporate the same format



as the past two years, with the eight-player field divided into two four-player groups. The field will bowl four games of qualifying in their respective groups. The four-game pinfall totals for each player will be used to determine the seeding for a separate stepladder finals in each group. The final match of each group's stepladder will

be a Race to Two Points match with each game worth one point and, if the two games are split, the final point is awarded via a 9th and 10th frame roll off. The two group winners will then meet in another Race to Two Points championship match that will also use a 9th and 10th frame roll-off should

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At Ennis All Star Bowl

Cathey cooks 781, Hopkins bags 643

Billy Cathey's banner 266-236-279 = 781 Ennis Mixed Classic series headed the honor roll for the week at Ennis All Star Bowl.

April Hopkins, Cathey's league mate, led the ladies' leader board with a solid 222-193-228 = 643 set.

HONOR ROLL

April Hopkins 225-601, Tice Hopkins 242-652, Brian Schoonover 224-649, Lauren Cathey 204-554, Chris Lewis 249-635, Michelle Williams 165-479, Philip Nobles 230-629, Nina Gilchrist 178-466, Tice Hopkins 205-595.

April Hopkins 213-532, David Bittle 223-560, Mary Kennedy 170-497, Philip Nobles 204-558, Lisa Bittle 167-457,

Bobby Kennedy 205-557, Mary Sikes 147-418, Billy Cathey 236-619.

Lauren Cathey 207-542, Chris Lewis 215-603, April Hopkins 202-518, Roger Zaeske 217-582, Mary Kennedy 186-477, Philip Nobles 234-608, April Hopkins 236-640, Bobby Kennedy 206-553.

Mary Sikes 182-484, Tice Hopkins 224-545, Lisa Bittle 186-446.

April Hopkins 228-640, Lauren Cathey 221-625, Chris Lewis 223-634, Mary Kennedy 165-485, Brian Schoonover 218-633, Stacy Black 150-400, Stephen Gilchrist 210-588.

Philip Nobles 277-707, April Hopkins 213-609, Bobby Kennedy 245-634, Lisa Bittle 179-486, Tice Hopkins 214-590, Mary Kennedy 157-466.

At Red Bird Lanes

Dahl and Vogel tie at 672, Cathey lands 672

672 was a popular score this past month at Red Bird Lanes.

Jon Dahl and Shannon Vogel headed the leader board last week at Red Bird Lanes as each recorded a 672 series. Dahl downed games of 212-227-233 in Red Bird Mixed league play while Vogel fired games of 202-235-235 in Thursday Nite Mixed action.

Lauren Cathey posted a fine 201-235-236 = 672 Sunday Night Mixed set to lead the lady bowlers.

HONOR ROLL

Judy Dillabough 170-490, Lauren Cathey 244-637, Gavin Maxwell 231-618, Randy Dotson 220-580, Brack Morelock (9 pin, no tap, 4 games)

280-942, Lauren Cathey (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 263-993.

Brian Schoonover 243-612, Deanna Hoffman 196-533, Dallas Lindsay 202-591, Angela Davis-White 181-498, Ken Hughey 243-581, Jinnie Parrish 178-453, Robert Wertz 234-649.

Lauren Cathey 234-618, Terrance Suber 235-668, Pamela Lane 194-527, Lauren Cathey 219-644, Gavin Maxwell 231-618, Shannon Vogel 243-600, Brack Morelock (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 300-1068.

Lauren Cathey (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 265-985, Deann Hoffman 202-580, Angela Davis-White 179-494, Lonnie Stewart 217-579, Debbie Cathey 219-607, Jesse Conway 244-648, Lauren Cathey 234-614.



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Registration for 2021 USBC Women’s Championships Opens July 6



By: Aaron Smith
 ARLINGTON, Texas – Registration for the 2021 United States Bowling Congress Women’s Championships in Addison, Illinois, will begin July 6 at noon Eastern. The event heads to the Chicagoland area with Stardust Bowl serving as tournament host from April 18 through July 4. July 3 will be the final day of team competition. Captains can visit BOWL.com/WomensChamp for complete information and to register. Team events will take place at 11 a.m. and 2:30

p.m., with doubles and singles squads at 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The 11 a.m. squads will be combined, featuring both team and doubles and singles competition. Starting May 22, weekend dates also will feature squads at 5:30 p.m. A team event will be held each Saturday, with a doubles and singles squad on Sunday. The squad times and capacities currently are structured to accommodate for social distancing. USBC will provide pre-registration to Captain’s Club members – coordinators with

five or more teams – starting June 8, asking them to submit a form with the dates their teams want to compete, which will be processed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the program. The 78-day tournament is one of several events scheduled for the area and 84-lane center in 2021. The Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships will take place just before the start of the 2021 USBC Women’s Championships, running from April 12-17. The USBC Queens, a major event on the Professional Women’s Bowling Association (PWBA) Tour schedule, will take over Stardust Bowl from May 12-18. The 2021 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting also will be in the Chicagoland area, taking place at Westin Lombard Yorktown Center in Lombard, Illinois, from April 26-29. For bowlers who want to take part in the 2020 Women’s Championships at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, registration is ongoing. The tournament is scheduled from Sept. 19 through Nov. 1 with Oct. 31 as the last day of team competition. For more information about the 2020 tournament: 2020 WC update | General FAQ | 2020 WC rescheduling FAQ The Women’s Championships tournament staff can be reached directly at 888-910-2695 or usbcwomenschampionships@bowl.com.



At Rowlett Bowl-A-Rama

Whitehead notches 791, Sheehan crafts 615 Glover 300

Darren Whitehead won the high-set contest last week at Rowlett Bowl-a-Rama as he tossed top-notch 276/791 numbers in Thursday Fun Fours league play. Kerry Sheehan’s sparkling 244/615 Tuesday Night Trios session topped the ladies’ scoring race. Jeremy Glover’s award-winning 12-bagger captured high-game honors.

PBA50 TOUR

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from the Round of 24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)
 *Pro-am: 2 -4 p.m.
 (bowlers eliminated from Bracket Match Play Rounds of 24 and 16 will be scheduled for the pro-am)
 PBA Roth 42 Bracket Match Play Round of 8: 5 – 6 p.m.
 (winners from the Round of 16, bowl best of three games single elimination)
 PBA Roth 42 Bracket Match Play Semifinals: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
 (winners from Round of 8, bowl single game elimination semifinal matches)
 PBA Roth 42 Championship Match: 7:15 – 7:45 p.m.
 (winners of the semifinal matches bowl for the PBA50 Roth Championship)
 Tuesday, August 11
 PBA50 Del Ballard Championship
 B Squad: 8 a.m. – Noon Re-oil
 C Squad: 1 – 5 p.m. Re-oil
 A Squad: 6 – 10 p.m.
 (6 games of qualifying on PBA Ballard 34)
 Top 24 advance to PBA Ballard 34 bracket match play based on 128 entries.
 Wednesday, August 12
 PBA Ballard 34 Bracket Match Play Round of 24: 10 – 11 a.m.
 (qualifiers 9-24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)
 PBA Ballard 34 Bracket Match Play Round of 16: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 (qualifiers 1-8 and 8 winners from the Round of 24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)
 *Pro-am: 2 -4 p.m.
 PBA Ballard 34 Bracket Match Play Round of 8: 5 – 6 p.m.

p.m.
 PBA Ballard 34 Bracket Match Play Semifinals: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
 (winners from Round of 8, bowl single game elimination semifinal matches)
 PBA Ballard 34 Bracket Match Play Championship Match: 7:15 – 7:45 p.m.
 (winners of the semifinal matches bowl for the PBA50 Del Ballard Championship)
 Thursday, August 13
 PBA Johnny Petraglia Championship
 C Squad: 8 a.m. – Noon Re-oil
 A Squad: 1 – 5 p.m. Re-oil
 B Squad: 6 – 10 p.m.
 (6 games of qualifying on PBA Petraglia 46)
 Top 24 advance to PBA Petraglia 46 bracket match play based on 128 entries.
 *The top 32 bowlers after 18 games of PBA50 Legend patterns qualifying advance to PBA50 Florida Blue Medicare National Championship match play Saturday, August 15 based on 128 entries.
 Friday, August 14
 PBA Petraglia 46 Bracket Match Play Round of 24: 1 – 2 p.m.
 (qualifiers 9-24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)
 PBA Petraglia Bracket Match Play Round of 16: 2:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 (qualifiers 1-8 and 8 winners from the Round of 24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)
 Reoil
 PBA Petraglia 46 Bracket Match Play Round of 8: 5 – 6 p.m.
 (winners from the Round of 16, bowl best of three games single elimination)
 PBA Petraglia 46 Bracket Match Play Semifinals: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. (winners from Round of 8, bowl single game elimination semifinal matches)
 PBA Petraglia 46 Bracket Match Play Championship Match: 7:15 – 7:45 p.m. (winners of the semifinal matches bowl for the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia Championship)
 Saturday, August 15
 PBA50 Florida Blue Medicare National Championship
 On Holman 37 oil pattern.
 Match Play Round 1: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 (6 games)
 No re-oil
 Match Play Round 2: 2 – 6 p.m.
 (6 games)
 Top five advance to the stepladder finals
 Re-oil
 5 Player Stepladder Practice: 6:45 – 7 p.m.
 5 Player Stepladder Finals: 7 – 8:30 p.m.

2020 Fall Leagues

Day / Time	Start Date	League	Weekly Price*	Team	Details
Monday					
10:00 AM	Sep-14	Senior No-Tap Drop-In	\$7.50	NA	No Tap Scoring, Drop-In League
10:00 AM	Sep-14	Senior Drop-In	\$7.50	NA	Drop-In League
6:00 PM	Sep-14	Monday Mixers	\$16.00	4-Mixed	Great for Beginners
Tuesday					
9:45 AM	Sep-8	St. Patrick's Ladies	\$11.00	4-Women	Ladies Only, Great for Beginners
10:00 AM	Sep-8	Calvary Hill Baptist	\$5.00	3-Any	Bowls 2 games
1:30 PM	Sep-8	Rolling Rocks	\$9.00	3-Any	Senior - 50 and up, Space Limited-Register Early
6:15 AM	Sep-8	Hits & Misses	\$17.00	4-Any	Great for Beginners
9:15 PM	Sep-8	Tuesday Night Trios (TNT)	\$25.00	3-Any	Draft league, Competitive, 80% of 220 HDCP, \$7.50 Lineage, payout every third
Wednesday					
10:00 AM	Sep-9	Wednesday Women	\$11.00	3-Women	Ladies Only, Great for Beginners
6:00 PM	Sep-9	Wednesday Mixers	\$16.00	4-Mixed	Great for Beginners
Thursday					
11:00 AM	Sep-10	Young at Heart	\$12.00	3-Mixed	Senior - 50 and up
6:30 PM	Sep-10	Thursday Fun Fours	\$20.00	4-Mixed	Social and Fun, Space Limited-Register Early
Friday					
10:00 AM	Sep-11	9 Pin No Tap	\$12.00	3-Any	Senior - 50 and up, No-Tap Scoring
7:00 PM	Sep-11	Friday Night No-Tap	\$15.00	4-Any	No-Tap, Great for Beginners
Saturday					
10:00 AM	Sep-12	Striker's Road to Gold	\$15.00	Singles	Age 12-18, SMART, Challenge-Sport patterns
10:00 AM	Sep-12	Striker's Strikers	\$12.00	3-Any	Under 18, SMART Scholarships
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USBC Postpones Implementation of Tiered Center Certification

By: Terry Bigham
ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress (USBC) is postponing implementation of a new tiered center certification model until January 2023.
USBC is aware of the significant impact on bowling center revenue and operations because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In consideration of the disruptions, USBC reviewed the timeline for the rollout of the new tiered center certification program and decided to push back the implementation timeline by one year to allow

bowling centers to focus on more immediate business needs.
Inspection of centers under the new program will not begin until Jan. 1, 2023.
Following a study of the lane certification process and analyzing data from lane inspections, USBC announced in December 2019 that it would implement a center certification program, featuring tiered levels of certification and a national staff of lane inspectors, over the next five years.
USBC also announced it

would not require local associations to perform annual lane inspections as the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications team continues its work to fully develop the program.
USBC continues to collaborate with industry stakeholders to evaluate and build the model with details to be announced no later than the 2022 USBC Convention.
Visit BOWL.com/CenterCertification for more information on the center certification program.

TEXAS VS. OKLAHOMA

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At the end of the fifth frame of game two, the teams will change sides of the bowling center and bowl on a fresh pair,” added Johnson.

These types of matches were regular occurrences “back in the day” with players from Texas and Oklahoma squaring off for bragging rights and other stuff of course.
Johnson hopes that this is just the beginning of a bowling match that this generation can

be proud to be a part of.
The loser of the match will however, owe a very large amount of lineage to the front counter.



At Cowtown Bowling Palace

Teel and Trubenstein tie with 755, Nelson nails 710

Destefano, Teel 300's, Branagan 299

Scott Teel and Jeremy Trubenstein heated up the lanes at Cowtown Bowling Palace with a hard-hitting 755 series. Teel fired games of 248-287-200 in Storm Bowling Draft Scratch Trio action while Trubenstein downed games of 267-234-254 in Wednesday Winners action.
Cathy Nelson held the hot hand for the ladies with a sizzling 226-226-258 = 710 Classic Trio session.

Nick Destefano and Scott Teel shared high-game honors with award-winning 12-baggers while Tyson Branagan took runner-up accolades with a near-perfect 299 solo.

HONOR ROLL

James Lamb 258, Alma Rodrigues 244-608, Jeremy Trubenstein 257, Timothy Landers, Jr. 247, Mike Karpinski 245-694, Scott Teel 738, Cassie Reese 235-639, Rudy Garcia, Jr. 278, Brenda Padilla 225.
Nick Shupryt 258, Heather Jones 616, James Davis 277, Tiffany Crowley 193, Ben Tunnell 267, Ken Koonce 257-703, Brian Thornburg 267, Michelle Teel 220-603, Ramiro Botello, Jr. 257.
Nick Destefano 734, Mike McHugh 269, Sarah Cole 248, Trey Rouse 268, Selena Murray 234, Jessee Aldaco 255-703, Jacki Craft 242-656, David Dunn 248, Stephanie Serrato 224, Skeeter Martin 227.

Amy Adams 216, Chris Phillips 239, Lindsey Elsbury 193, Kevin Moore 236, 680, Randy Farrior 232, Drew Ortiz 244-654, Nancy Turner 214-524, Joe Pesqueda 235, Kevin Moore 229, Tony Woodruff 265, Caitlyn Dull 243-644, Kevin Roberts 257-731, Timothy Landers, Jr. 245, Eric Huffman 245, Heather Jones 268-706, Greg Derrick 290, Mariana Noordhoek 266, Scott Teel 287-755, Brenda Padilla 246.
Mike Moore 257-686, Ginny Wenck 188, David Dunn 243, Harlan Tunnell 242, Tony Rogers 278-687, Michelle Teel

At JB's Allen Bowl

Roy notches 300/777, Starry snares 720

Wolbert 299

Russell Roy won the high-set contest last week at JB's Allen Bowl as he tossed top-notch 246-231-300 = 777 numbers in Friday 4 Play league action.
Stacy Starry's power-laden 216-258-246 = 720 Wednesday match Play session topped the ladies scoring race.
John Wolbert took runner-up accolades with a near-perfect 299 solo.

210-603, Pat Teel 244, Adrion Ramsey 207, Jeremy Trubenstein 242, Chase Martin 275, Selena Murray 264-649, Clint Johnson 268-765, Cherie Deleon 236, Michael Patton 259-698, Cathy Nelson 225-615, Jeremy Craft 279-615, Amy Adams 221, Michael Williams 232, Jacki Craft 218-630.
Merito Gutierrez 230, Stephanie Serrato 189, Max Cogdill 280-737, Diane Dudley 193-507, Wayne Heppel 258, Ray Ballaro 256, Andrew Franko 246, Crystal Moore 192, Jim Fergeson 222, Chris Wallace 218.
SENIORS
Larry Thun 221, Larry Stevenson 219, Cheryl Killough 213, Wayne Giles 218, Jon Hunt 217, Cheryl Berube 196-544, John Stewart 216-619, Randy Biel 208, John Stewart 248-662.
Judy Biel 231-558, Kenneth Anderson 232, Sandy Bell 204, Donny VanNoy 225, Phil Howell 216, Betty Odum 216, Jim Pile 214, John Stewart 213.

HONOR ROLL

John Delaney 257-746, Stephanie Calbert 195-536, Don Vaughn 288-659, John Wolbert 702, Kerry Smith 189, Bill Kaiser 214-572, Dian Hartel 185-442, T J Spearman (4 games) 289-1026.
Stacy Starry (4 games) 945, Andy Barrus 256-670, Cindy Powell 224-607, Mary Patrick 180-439.
SENIORS
Jim Grisham 235-597, Kelly Fuller 176-480.

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Have-A-Ball on 9/14 @ 6:30 pm
- Tuesdays**
VIP's (Seniors) on 9/1 @ 9:30 am
Tropical Tuesdays – 8/18 @ 6:30 pm
Storm Scratch Trio's 9/15 @ 6:30 or 7 pm
- Wednesdays**
Wednesday Winners on 9/9 @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday (4 games) Classic Trio's on 9/9 @ 6:30 or 7 pm
- Thursdays**
Twilighters (Seniors) on 9/3 @ 9:30 am
Thirsty Thursdays on 9/10 @ 6:30 pm
- Saturdays**
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Hilltop Lanes Gets Makeover

WAXAHACHIE, TX - Hilltop Lanes owners Scott and Deb Dodson used the Covid shutdown as an opportunity to renovate and update their bowling center.

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Scott and Deb have done so much for bowlers, when you get a chance, check out their updated center and support their efforts.



Dino Castillo Wins Hilltop Scratch Singles



Champion Dino Castillo with Proprietors Deb and Scott Dodson

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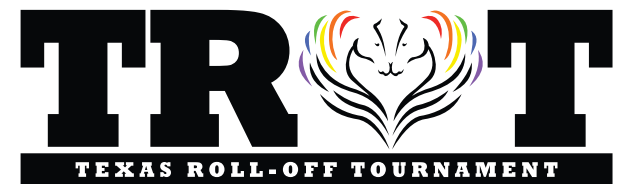
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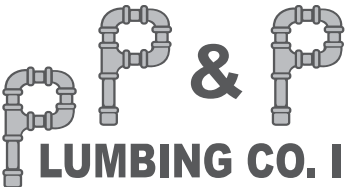


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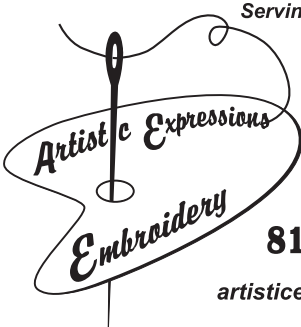
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As I was saying in the March 19 JPA before we were interrupted, the 2020 PBA World Championship, won by Jason Belmonte, resembled that of what one would hear bowling, for example, the USBC doubles and singles first squad of the day. It was an ironic showing of what live professional sports on national television will look like and sound like for awhile.

In one of the last live U.S. sporting events before the Coronavirus shutdown of public gatherings of any size above 50 people, Dave Ryan, Randy Pedersen, and guest analyst Norm Duke opened the telecast describing how odd it was broadcasting a national TV finals in front of PBA staff, a few remaining bowlers on site and family, this two hour finals with a bonus 30 minutes had some decent ear candy.

Pedersen and Duke offered a stellar observation in the open about how quiet the building was with only the echo of pins falling at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas. The way the sound of pins falling traveled through the building reminded him of bowling in very early squad times. With few fans, players would quickly get adjusted and move ahead.

Pedersen said the fact there are no fans there would be an afterthought, adding players would be focused on the process of what they need to do to win. Duke added they've

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bowled enough at 7:00 and 8:00 in the morning on tour, the guys would be just fine. For those who have bowled squads at similar times for USBC's, like the 7:00 am doubles and single squad, would have a comparison.

One of the pieces of ear candy occurred in the tenth frame as Lil'Ant (that's Anthony Simonsen, as he's known around DFW for TBN readers not from these parts, and now Vegas) and Francois Lavoie wrapped up the quarterfinal match, Duke mentions there have been so many great tour players to come out of Texas in the last 40 years. Ryan asked Duke if he is a native, only knowing him by his Florida address the last 20 plus years. After mentioning his favorite Texans, Duke and Del Ballard, Jr., Pederson drops in Gary Dickinson, David Ozio, Wes Malott, Robert Lawrence and Mike Scroggins.

The next time the 7-10 split gets picked up on a PBA telecast, don't be totally surprised if Duke is in the booth as well. He has been in the booth two of the last few times it was

almost converted.

In Lil' Ant's semifinal match against E.J. Tackett, he left one in the 7th frame. After Ryan gave what's turning into the standard Jess Stayrook last to convert it on TV in Tucson in 1991 mention, Simonsen through what appeared to be a slower rotating attempt at the 10 pin. It kicked out from directly behind the ball off the cushion, off the top of the ball, then back onto the lane remaining vertical as it hopped before falling in front of the 7 pin.

Ironically, this same announcer trio were calling the 2007 PBA Bayer Classic in Parkersburg, West Virginia, on ESPN when Mike Mineman nearly picked it up with very similar pin trajectory. In his very first frame on national television, Mineman left the 7-10. On his spare attempt, he ejected the 10 in nearly the same path out of the back-right corner of the pit, horizontally spinning it in front of the 7 pin. Paraphrasing the legendary wordsmith Yogi Berra, it was nearly Deja vu all over again.

Mineman, a long-time fellow

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Aug 22-23	Cowtown	Fort Worth, Tx.	60/50/50/Guest Foursome
Sept 5-6	University Lanes	Denton, Tx.	70/60 Doubles
Sept 12-13	USA Bowl	Dallas, Tx.	60/50/Lady Trio
Sept 19-20	Tomball Bowl	Tomball, Tx.	Member/Guest Doubles
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USBC Issues Final Adjusted Bowling Ball Hardness Specification

By: Terry Bigham
ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress issued final specification changes for bowling ball hardness after reviewing comments from manufacturers.

In April, USBC announced a proposal to raise minimum hardness to 73D for all models and to eliminate the use of

field tests to check bowling ball hardness because of challenges related to workability, temperature control and variances in testing devices. The changes now are final.

Based upon comments from manufacturers, USBC will extend the implementation timeline. Manufacturers will be granted ball approval at the

current 72D limit through Dec. 31, 2020 and will be required to discontinue additional production of models previously approved below 73D by July 31, 2022.

Visit BOWL.com/EquipAndSpecs for the 2020 Hardness Research Report and related research.

2020 PBA TOUR RETURNS

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there be a tie after two games.

The four total pinfall seeding rounds will air Saturday, July 18, at noon and 2 p.m. ET and will determine the order for the Group 1 stepladder matches at noon ET on Sunday, July 19, and the Group 2 stepladder at 2 p.m. ET. The winners of each group stepladder will the face off in the championship match Sunday, July 19, at 4 p.m. ET.

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Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill. 37,280.00
Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C. 31,755.00
Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla. 31,132.50 (moves up to take 8th position with Belmonte unable to attend)

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PBA Midwest Region competitor (and only Cleveland Browns fan I admit to know), did win that match and the final on that show to claim his only PBA title.

The PBA Strike Derby and PBA Summer Clash were some of the first post pandemic live sports telecasts. With help from live NASCAR action airing before both telecasts, overall PBA viewership ratings were pretty good considering how drastically viewing habits changed since mid-March.

The Strike Derby averaged 776,000 viewers and a 0.49 rating while the Summer Clash averaged 890,000 viewers and a 0.57 rating for each two hour telecast on the main Fox network.

Since many players of one tour these days know many players of the other tour, watching them light heartedly interact is entertaining for non-bowlers alike. This is best illustrated by the Beauty and the Beasts challenge match the day before the Luci Doubles (ok, the PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles). This may have been a factor to add two PWBA teams to the PBA League play later this summer, seen elsewhere in this TBN. Add in the return

of the PBA King of the Bowling with several female participants in July and that will be fun to watch.

Well, the 2022 USBC Open Championships (OC) will not be coming to Houston after all. As announced in a USBC June 5th press release, due to the pandemic and its accompanying economic slowdown, the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas will host the event.

When I first suggested the idea of Houston as a host city right here in this column in TBN way back in October 2017, there were two big surprises on that scoop, the first while doing research, the second after the story got some traction.

After former Greater Houston USBC executive director, now USBC Regional Representative David Fields told me he had been already in contact with the Harris County Houston Sports Authority (HCHSA) about hosting the OC, I went ahead and reported it along with a suggested tournament site.

The second surprise occurred after the item appeared in other outlets, especially Jeff Richgels' 11thframe.com blog, where the idea gained traction in various social media threads, some of whom unfortunately stated it was a flat out done deal, when it was just a suggestion.

That suggestion seemed to take a life all its own. Three years ago, it looked like the Astrodome refurbishing would be completed a year ahead of time, but a kicker was then Chief Harris County Judge and 'Dome project leader Ed Emmett losing his reelection bid in the fall of 2018. Thus, the "Eighth Wonder of the World" rehab project is currently on hold at best. Although the other kicker is the Astrodome is under a separate government agency than the HCHSA, if there was a way to make it happen, it would have gotten done.

It would have offered the best look skyward sightline in OC history, yes, even more than the accidental air conditioning induced "indoor cloud" we saw in the latter half of the 2003 OC in Knoxville.

After the HCHSA broke down the numbers, it was a no brainer bringing the OC to H Town.

There just are not enough cities with a large enough building and large time frame to host a single event the size of the Open Championships. Plus, I don't need to tell many within the TBN coverage area how great bowling area Houston is.

Coming up in the August TBN Southwest Edition, I'll have a special JPA Lost Classic, and much, much more.



If you struck, MOVE!

You must know the path the ball traveled through the pins and where the ball left the deck. No sloughing off on this one. You must have an understanding of not only the sweet message of standing pins but how to adjust off a strike. What?? If you strike, shouldn't you stay put, throw it there again, and take your chances? Well, in a word, no.

There are lots of ways to strike that don't have the ball hitting the 1/3/5/9 "properly." (I have a friend who went to the infamous Peterson tournament and picked the 1/3/5/9 out of a full rack!) If you roll the bucket, should you move? If you trip a 4 pin, will you stay where you are and try to roll it again? I certainly hope not.

Tripping the 4 pin is a high hit. The ball got more of the

headpin than you wanted, driving it straight back. The headpin hits the right edge of the 2 pin, sending it in front of the 4 pin and into the left wall off which it rebounds and hits the front of the 7 pin, forcing it into the back side of the still-standing 4 pin and knocking it forward.

Rolling the bucket is a light hit. You touched more of the 3 pin than you wanted, just clipping the headpin. The headpin goes in front of the 2 pin and rebounds off the wall with enough vigor to knock the 2/4/5, and sometimes the 2/4/5/8, toward the center of the pin deck. Neither of these scenarios, although they were strikes, is very repeatable.

Tripping a 4 pin or rolling the bucket are lucky strikes, not ugly strikes. (There is no such thing as an ugly strike!)

Can you repeat luck? Nah. Skill-based stuff, stuff you know how to do and still don't always perform consistently, is hard enough to reproduce. Complicating needed repetition with accidents is no recipe for success.

A strike that involves tripping the 4 pin is from a ball path through the pins that worked; it's just likely NOT going to work two times in a row. Same with the rolling-the-bucket strike. The outcome is okay but the process is iffy. How the ball goes through the pins on these two strikes is not conducive to creating a hambone!

Hmmmm...

I think our conversations about the ball going through the pins right are quite curious. If you ring a 10 pin, the ball didn't "go through the pins the right way." If you strike by tripping a 4, rolling the bucket, or going Brooklyn, no one ever says the ball didn't go through the pins the right way. It seems the "right way" is only related to when you leave something standing. Just sayin'....

Las Vegas to Host 2022 USBC Open Championships

By: Terry Bigham

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress Open Championships will head to Las Vegas in 2022 with the South Point Bowling Plaza serving as the host venue.

The event previously was scheduled to be conducted in a newly built facility in Houston but because of business interruptions caused by COVID-19, the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority and USBC mutually agreed it is not

feasible for Houston to host the event in 2022.

The Sports Authority planned to have a new building in a dynamic North Houston setting completed by January 2022. Plans had been approved and was on schedule until the economic disruption from the pandemic made the project timeline unworkable.

"The USBC is an incredible partner and we are disappointed that we will not be able to host this prestigious event,"

said Sports Authority CEO Janis Burke. "Our organizations put in years of planning on the building and event, but we hope to have a chance to host the USBC Open Championships in the future."

USBC and HCHSA plan to work toward a new agreement for Houston to host the Open Championships in the future. Currently, the next available date is 2028.

"We continue to believe Houston is an ideal city for the Open Championships and the partnership with the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority has been strong through these unexpected challenges," USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. "Thankfully, South Point in Las Vegas stepped up to provide their amazing venue for 2022, once again showing tremendous support for our tournament bowlers."

With the schedule change, the Open Championships will be conducted at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas in 2021 and 2022. The event is the world's largest participatory event, attracting over 50,000 bowlers who compete over a four-month period.

Visit BOWL.com/Open-Champ for more information on the Open Championships.

Survey Shows a Majority of USBC Members Plan to Bowl in Fall Leagues

By: Terry Bigham

ARLINGTON, Texas – A survey of United States Bowling Congress members conducted in late May found an overwhelming majority of bowlers were planning to bowl in a fall league when the 2020-2021 season starts in August.

USBC asked its members to respond to a one-question survey that asked: Assuming local government allows your bowling center to open and operate leagues, do you plan on

bowling in leagues(s) this fall?

Respondents were asked to select from three possible answers: Yes, No or Unsure.

USBC received more than 47,000 responses in the first week, with 75% answering "Yes" and just 5% responding "No" as to whether they planned to bowl in a fall league.

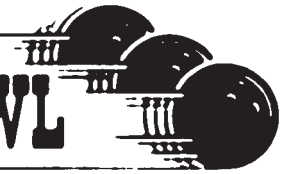
With 20% of members responding as "Unsure", the timing of the survey in late

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Dates Set for 2021 Junior Gold Championships; U20 Division to Kick Off Event

By: Terry Bigham

ARLINGTON, Texas – International Bowling Campus Youth Development has set the dates and divisions for the 2021 Junior Gold Championships that will take place in Indianapolis.

The 2021 Junior Gold Championships will be held July 5-17, 2021. Indianapolis will extend its record for most times to host, as the 2021 event marks the event's sixth visit to the city.

With the maximum age for USBC Youth membership changing to 18 with the start of the 2020-2021 season, the U20 division will take place during the first week of the event, breaking away the adult from the youth divisions. The U20 division will be for bowlers

born between Aug. 1, 2000 and July 31, 2002.

The U18 division becomes the oldest division for USBC Youth bowlers, with the U18, U15 and U12 divisions hitting the lanes following the U20 competition. The age breakdowns for the other Junior Gold divisions are: U18 (Aug. 1, 2002-July 31, 2005); U15 (Aug. 1, 2005-July 31, 2008); U12 (Aug. 1, 2008 and later).

The Junior Gold qualifying season officially kicks off May 1, 2020 and will run until May 16, 2021. Competitors must have a Junior Gold membership, which costs \$10 for U12 competitors and \$30 for all other divisions, in addition to USBC Youth membership or, for U20 bowlers, adult membership. Junior Gold coordinators

also need to be aware that U20 qualifying events must be held separately, with only U20 competitors in the field. Qualifying events for U18, U15, and U12 divisions can be combined.

With many states remaining under COVID-19 restrictions, IBC Youth Development encourages local coordinators to follow local guidelines before hosting a qualifying event.

IBC Youth Development also set dates for the national youth events that will take place in Indianapolis in conjunction with the Junior Gold Championships.

The USA Bowling National Championships qualifying rounds will be held July 7-8 with the U12 and U15 title matches on July 11. Regional

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At Hallmark

Desmarais rings up 782, Ciesiolka lands 641

KILLEEN – Keith Desmarais dominated scoring by capturing high-series honors for the month at Hallmark Lanes with a chart-topping 256-278-248 = 782 Partytimers league production.

Karin Ciesiolka landed the top spot on the honor roll for the ladies with an outstanding 203-231-207 = 641 Friday Duos series.

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At Tenpins & More

McCumsey racks up 817, Snelgrove cards 551

Daniels 810, Ward 299

SEVEN POINTS, TX – Robert McCumsey led the weeks scoring at Tip-Top Lanes after collecting high-series honors with a power-laden 817 session.

Cody Daniels finished close behind McCumsey with a hard-hitting 810 series.

Darla Snelgrove paced the ladies with a sterling 551 set.

Rodney Ward garnered high-game accolades with a near perfect 299 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Grant Daniels 787, Arlene Fritsch 244, Donna Wofford 213, Joy Montooth 204, Darla Snelgrove 201, Christy Hanning 199-538, Donna Burcham 198, Paula Martin 191, Belinda Butler 181.

Karen Jentzen 178-484, Dina Fields 177, Jonathan Joiner 235, Grant Daniels 234, Robert McCumsey 227, Cody Daniels 225, Rodney Phelps 210, Darius Duyka 203.

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May could have been a factor. The survey was sent prior to the opening of bowling centers in many states, and respondents likely were not aware of any restrictions and how their center planned to address a return to bowling.

When the 20% responding "Unsure", plus those who answered "No", were directed to a follow-up question asking the reason, an overwhelming majority (80%) answered it was because of health and safety concerns.

The survey was distributed to USBC members through email, the USBC Facebook page, a pop-up on the BOWL.com homepage and in the weekly BowlTV newsletter. More than 47,000 answered in response to the email, while the remaining distribution channels delivered a combined 525 responses.

Statistically, USBC has a 99% confidence level, with less than a 1% margin of error, of the survey results and that it is a relevant and accurate representation of the entire USBC membership.

The survey also showed responses were slightly different depending on age and gender, as 78% of those age 59 or younger plan to bowl in a fall league, and men (77%) were four percent more likely to respond "Yes" to bowling this fall compared with women (73%).

Visit BOWL.com/USBCSurveys for the full results of the survey and to see a state-by-state breakdown.



SMART Expands Policy Relating to Use of Scholarship Funds

By: Terry Bigham

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Scholarship Management and Account Reporting for Tenpins (SMART) policy recently was updated to expand the use of SMART scholarships for student-related expenses.

Under the new guidelines, a student can use their SMART scholarships to be reimbursed for expenses related to tuition and certain related student expenses, or to have a payment made for such expenses as off-campus housing and/or student-loan debt.

While there are now more ways for students to use their SMART scholarships, student-athletes must remain aware of the restrictions.

Regulations of colleges and college sports governing bodies,

such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), have specific restrictions for student-athletes. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to check with their school administrator and their sport governing body (NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA) regarding all regulations before using their SMART scholarships.

The reimbursement related to tuition and certain related student expenses is a new policy, as previously funds only could be sent directly to an educational institution. The reimbursement check will be made out to the owner of the SMART account and mailed to the address on the account, so it is important for recipients to always keep their SMART account information up to date.

To check, and provide any needed edits, to an address, recipients can visit the SMART profile page.

Payments for off-campus housing cannot be used if renting from parents, relatives or friends, and payment will go directly to the company or managing owner of the property, once the proper paperwork is submitted.

To use SMART scholarships to make payments on student-loan debt, current student-athletes again should make certain they are following regulations for their sport. Once the correct documentation is received, the payment will go to the student loan provider.

Visit BOWL.com/SMART to learn more about the SMART program and visit the Recipients page for the SMART Waiver Form, to request funds, and the SMART Student-Athlete information page that discusses how SMART scholarship funds can impact their eligibility.

USBC Provides SafeSport and Registered Volunteer Tools to Complement Athlete Safety Handbook

By: Terry Bigham

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress made noteworthy updates to allow USBC members to easily see their current status for U.S. Center for SafeSport training and Registered Volunteer Program (RVP) requirements.

USBC members now can monitor their athlete safety status through their profile on BOWL.com. Once signed in through the USBC Community Login, members can click on the Athlete Safety/RVP link to see their SafeSport training and Registered Volunteer status.

The Registered Volunteer Program (RVP), created in 2006, requires participants to be a USBC member in good standing, undergo a criminal background screen through the National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI) and each season complete online training through the U.S. Center for SafeSport, which became a requirement in 2018.

The Athlete Safety/RVP link will show any missing requirements for adult members who compete with youth and, for those who are in a Registered Volunteer role, your profile will show when you need to complete your next SafeSport training program and when your background screen will need to be renewed.

Each season, a Registered Volunteer must renew their USBC membership and take

SafeSport training, and every two years must go through NCSI for a criminal background screen to remain an active and approved volunteer. Adult USBC members who compete with youth bowlers also must take SafeSport training each bowling season.

Any USBC member can find out if a person is a Registered Volunteer through the Find A Register Volunteer function on BOWL.com.

The search function allows you to find a list of all current Registered Volunteers in your association or city, or you can use the individual search function to see if a person is an active Registered Volunteer and when the person's RVP status expires.

Those who are current in SafeSport training will have a SafeSport icon next to their name and those currently a Registered Volunteer, which includes SafeSport training, also will have an RVP icon.

While any USBC member can search for a volunteer through the Find A Registered Volunteer function, only the Registered Volunteer has access to their profile that shows their status related to membership, background screen and SafeSport training.

USBC also has developed a comprehensive handbook that combines policies for the U.S. Center for SafeSport and the USBC Registered Volunteer Pro-

gram to detail the requirements of adult bowlers who work with, or compete alongside, youth bowlers.

Visit BOWL.com/RVP to learn more about athlete safety, how to become a Registered Volunteer and for the USBC Athlete Safety and RVP Handbook.

At Athens Bowl

Merten lands 817, Haley crafts 636

Frausto, Pasche add 300's

ATHENS, TX – Steve Merten compiled a top-flight 817 series to gain the top spot on the honor roll last month at Athens Bowl.

Tammy Haley led the ladies with an impressive 232/636 series.

Bubba Frausto and Roy Pasche shared high-game honors with award-winning perfectos.

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Digital Collegiate Experience to Connect Student-athletes with College Bowling Programs

By: Terry Bigham
ARLINGTON, Texas – Selecting a college to attend can be a daunting process for anyone, and that process can be more difficult for student-athletes seeking a college that can provide the academic path and a strong athletic program to help continue their development.

In the month of June, International Bowling Campus Youth Development will try to help bowling student-athletes navigate the process with the Digital Collegiate Experience on BowlTV.

The Collegiate Experience, held each summer in conjunction with the Junior Gold Championships, is designed to give student-athletes the opportunity to learn more about college bowling by allowing the athletes to engage with coaches or officials of bowling programs from across the country.

The Digital Collegiate Experience will allow IBC Youth to continue its annual event though the 2020 Junior Gold Championships, along with opening ceremony and

trade show, were canceled because of concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each day provides unique ways for people to connect and stay engaged, and the IBC Youth team believes it is important to continue this event.

With competitive bowling shut down since early March, it has made the recruiting process more arduous for both student-athletes hoping to show their skills and for the coaches hoping to watch and evaluate players at different competitions.

“The Digital Collegiate Experience will allow coaches to showcase their programs and explain to student-athletes and their parents the expectations they have for college athletes,” said IBC Youth Managing Director Gary Brown. “The Junior Gold Championships always has been a very important part of the recruiting and learning process for both student-athletes and college coaches. We want to continue to provide what we consider a valuable part of the Junior Gold Championships.”

The Digital Collegiate Experience kicked off Tuesday, June 9 on BowlTV. This will be a free event on BowlTV, but users will need to take the few minutes to create a USBC Community login to access the show.

BowlTV plans to showcase 30 colleges per day, with each college allotted up to five minutes to tell potential recruits and their parents about their program. While shows will be held on June 9 and 10, IBC Youth will add another third show if more than 60 colleges express interest.

More than 60 college organizations took part in the Collegiate Experience at the 2019 Junior Gold Championships in the metro Detroit area.

All collegiate bowling programs will be invited to take part in the Digital Collegiate Experience.

Visit BOWL.com/Collegiate for more information about college bowling and check out BOWL.com/BowlTV to learn more about USBC’s video platform.

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USBC Suspends Team USA Programs for 2020

By: Terry Bigham
ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress has suspended the Team USA and Junior Team USA programs for the remainder of 2020 because of uncertainty related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the postponement of international competitions to 2021.

This was a painful and difficult decision for everyone involved as the Team USA program represents the core of USBC’s mission, vision and values. Team USA programs provide athletes the opportunity to compete against the best in their sport on an international stage, and bowling is no different. Earning a roster spot and representing the United States in international competitions is an aspirational goal that begins for many as young bowlers at the Junior Gold Championships.

But the COVID-19 pandemic has stopped the sports world. World Bowling has pushed its world championships events to 2021, and USBC is focused on the well-being of our athletes

and communities. Sadly, it appears clear there will be no international events for Team USA in 2020, and training as a team in the elite environment Team USA deserves will not be possible in the near future.

While USBC feels suspending the Team USA program for 2020 is the only responsible choice, we believe no athlete should be deprived the Team USA experience they earned or the opportunity to compete for the U.S. because of something out of their control.

Therefore, all 2020 Team USA and Junior Team USA members, if they remain age-eligible, automatically will be placed on their respective 2021 teams.

Team USA competes in prestigious events throughout the world and 2020 was to feature such events as the World Youth Championships, World Singles Championships, Pan American Combined Championships, Pan American Champion of Champions and the annual QubicaAMF World Cup.

The attention now will turn to 2021 and bowlers still will be able to earn spots on next year’s teams at the Team USA Trials and U.S. Amateur Championships, scheduled for January 2021.

At the 2021 Team USA Trials and U.S. Amateur Championships, the following competitors will earn spots:

- 2021 Team USA
- * The top four men and top four women, by performance
- * The U.S. Amateur champions
- * Two men and two women will be at-large selections made by the National Selection Committee (NSC)
- 2021 Junior Team USA
- * The top four boys and top four girls, by performance, who are age-eligible
- * Two boys and two girls will be at-large selections made by the NSC

The annual summer camps for Team USA, JR Team USA and the junior developmental teams also will return in 2021.

Team USA members not only are the top athletes in the sport but also are the most visible ambassadors of bowling. Learn more about the team members and the Team USA programs at BOWL.com/TeamUSA and BOWL.com/JuniorTeamUSA.

2020 USBC Open and Women's Championships Start Dates Moved to September

By: Terry Bigham

ARLINGTON, Texas – The scheduled start of the 2020 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships and 2020 USBC Women's Championships will move to September and include a modified format to allow for increased social distancing for competitors.

The move to September is designed to give tournament bowlers more time to focus on their personal situations during this difficult period. In surveys, registered competitors said they still would like to participate in the tournament late in the year, if public health conditions allow. Moving the tournaments to September gives everyone a chance to consider their options and plan for their own circumstances.

The Open Championships at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, will start Sept. 12 and run until Nov. 21 (last team date), while the Women's Championships at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas will kick off Sept. 19 and run through Oct. 18.

The tournaments will feature a shorter daily squad schedule, without early-morning or late-night squads. A survey showed 62 percent of Open Championships registered teams are interested in bowling in the fall, while 37 percent of Women's Championships teams expressed interest. Since there is a lot of uncertainty, the schedule is built with some flexibility. Additional team squads can be added every other day or tournament dates can be extended, if more teams want to compete.

For both the Open and Women's Championships, the format will include only one team on a pair, to allow for increased social distancing and reduce the number of teams per squad. USBC will continue to collaborate with its venue hosts and modify participant flow, space markings and occupancy, as well as photo and squad room processes, based on public health guidelines.

With the 2020-2021 bowling season officially starting on Aug. 1, the 2020-2021 season rules, including the no-balance hole rule, will be in effect.

USBC will provide pre-registration to Captain's Club members – coordinators with five or more teams – starting April 17, asking them to submit

a form with the dates their teams want to compete, which will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration will open to the public on April 27, at which time teams will be able to go into the Online Registration System and move their 2020 teams to any open dates/squads.

Teams that choose not to compete in 2020 may request to have their payment used for the 2021 tournament or they may submit a request for a refund.

Visit the Open Championships or Women's Championships information page for directions on changing your team date, applying your payment to the 2021 event or to request a refund.

DATES SET FOR JR GOLD

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qualifying events will start in the fall.

The Bowling.com Youth Open Championships will take place July 7-9, 16-18 and 24-25. U18 will be the oldest division for the event.

The Survivor Tournament for the U20 division is set for July 9 with the Youth Survivor taking place July 16-17.

IBC Youth also will launch two Junior Gold technology

projects for the Junior Gold program.

The Junior Gold membership portal, which will launch this summer, will allow athletes to go online to log in and purchase their Junior Gold membership. Youth bowlers will be notified when the portal is available.

Visit BOWL.com/JuniorGold to learn more about the Junior Gold Championships and visit BOWL.com/YouthTournaments to learn more about USA Bowling and the Youth Open Championships.

At Tenpins & More

Sheridan unloads 300/834, Miller-Mackie compiles 732

Nguyen 813, Jones 300/804, Carper 299/801, Barteau, Coffey, Jones add 300's

RIO RANCHO, NM – Pete Sheridan's dual, award-winning 300-279-255 = 834 Bud Trios series ended as the number-one series for the month at Tenpins & More.

Nathan Nguyen finished close behind Sheridan as he rolled 279/813 Bud Trios series. Jeff Jones followed with a 300/804 in 10x10 league play and Paul Carper, from the Mixed Emotions group, followed up with 299/801 outing.

Dana Miller-Mackie posted an outstanding 267-222-243 = 732 Senior Trios set to pace fem scoring.

Robert Barteau, Rusty Coffey and Jeff Jones shared high-game honors with Sheridan as each recorded award-winning 12-baggers.

HONOR ROLL

Rebecca Gill 168-475, Steve Gill 234-641, Dana Miller-Mackie (4 games) 277-980, Pete Sheridan (4 games) 1032, Paula Amschler 279-671, Jeff Jones 267, Troian Donnachaidh 236-680.

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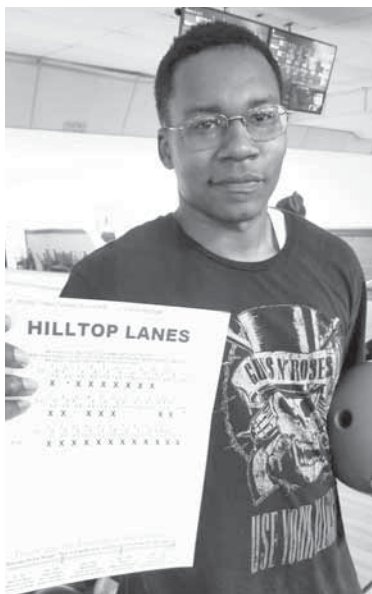
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YOUTH BOWLER OF THE MONTH



KATHARINA MENTE

Katharina Mente, 17, of Keller, TX, is going into her Senior year at Keller High School. Mente is not only a star on the lanes, she is a leader off the lanes as well. Last year prior to JR. Gold, Mente planned her own mental management clinic with the help of Rod Ross and Terry Taylor. 27 youth bowlers attended the clinic with a focus on concentration and channeling positive energy. The group learned different ways to implement the training for the upcoming Jr. Gold tournament. She plans to do another clinic in the fall or spring, schedules permitting. Hometown Bowling Center: USA Bowl, Dallas

How did you get started bowling? When I was little I played every single sport, but it seemed I would get in the head in each of those sports. So, I went to my mom and asked if I could bowl since I couldn't get hit in the head, and it was air conditioned, so I didn't have to run in the heat. I was seven when I started bowling, and I haven't gotten hit in the head yet.

High Game: 269.

Favorite Bowler: AJ Johnson. I don't watch a lot of bowling on TV, but he's pretty good.

Favorite bowling accomplishment: I had a high finish at one of the pre-tournaments for Junior Gold last year. It was great because so many of the college players came up to me and congratulated me after, that it felt really nice to know they were watching.

What other hobbies do you have: I love to bake, and I have perfected the chocolate chip cookie over the quarantine. I enjoy walking with mom and painting. But the cookies, I was making those twice a week.

What do you love most about bowling: I like the relationships that you build while bowling. I have friends from all over the country. With bowling, its not like school friends, when you walk into any bowling center, you are accepted, it's a family. I would never have guessed some of the people I have become friends with through bowling.

What are your bowling goals: It has always been my dream to bowl in college. Right now, I am trying to find a school that I like and hopefully sign with them in the fall. I am sure hoping that we will be able to bowl all of the High School tournaments next year. Everyone says that College bowling is the most fun you can have, I am looking forward to finding a team where everyone is highly competitive.

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