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**Bowl•O•Pinion - Will USBC elect a proprietor?**



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by Jim Goodwin

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## A Proprietor Shall Lead Them? . . . Why Not?

Here I go – sticking my neck out again.

By the time most people read this little offering, the USBC convention will be over, and the newly merged men's and women's bowling membership organization will have a new president. Thanks to the power of the internet, however, some will have the opportunity to read this before the election. If the person elected is Mr. Jeff Boje, it will send a strong message that things really have changed at USBC headquarters in Greendale, Wisconsin.

Actually, I wish I had known who the candidates were sooner, but it wasn't until after the BPAA mid-winter meetings that we learned that former WIBC President Sylvia Broyles was officially a candidate, only recently did Bowlers Journal Editor Jim Dressel reveal that former BPAA President Jeff Boje is on the ballot. It appears there are no official methods or deadlines for officially declaring one's candidacy.

My understanding is that there is also a third candidate, but it seems to be a closely guarded national secret. If not for Dressel, we may not have known about Broyles and Boje until after the election.

For those who are still in the dark about the new way some of bowling's leaders are now chosen, here's how it works – the men and women who are registered delegates to this month's USBC Convention in Nashville will, by

majority vote, elect four people to the four open positions on the 24-member USBC Board of Directors.

Once that board is in place, those 24 people will then elect a new USBC President to replace Michael Carroll, who has completed three one-year terms. On the surface, Broyles seems to be the most likely choice because she is the Vice President of USBC, and the last President of the Women's International Bowling Congress before the merger.

This simpler, streamlined process may seem a bit odd to those who cherished the 'pecking order' method, but it sure makes the election process more interesting. Rubber-stamped elections are finally gone – Hallelujah!

Broyles also ran for the office last year, and lost to Carroll by one vote. Her desire to become the first woman president of USBC stems from a promise that she and many others believe was made to the former WIBC leaders in exchange for their support of the merger.

The implied promise was that if a man became the first USBC President, then a woman would follow. Was it a pact made only to achieve a desired result? Based on what some leaders are now saying, it may have been, or it may have been a bit of wishful thinking.

Broyles tells Dressel in a March BJ Interview that "I'm not one who wants gender to be an issue," but she also says "a lot of women supported the idea [that if we helped create USBC], it would be best for

the industry if women were [more than a token] part of its leadership."

It certainly sounds like Broyles believes a deal was made, but USBC CEO Roger Dalkin told the BJ'S Bob Johnson in that same issue "That may have been a preconceived notion of the 'general population,' but I never heard that as any type of position or policy from the USBC Board. If there was some kind of behind-closed-doors meeting of the minds on this, I wasn't behind that door."

We really love Sylvia Broyles, and no one can ever question she has given much more to bowling than she has received. When she declared her candidacy for WIBC President, we enthusiastically endorsed her, and she won by a landslide. But, (as my recently departed friend Dick Stoeffler always said, "There is always a but.") we don't believe she is the best leader for USBC right now.

Frankly, I'm surprised Jeff Boje is willing to serve as USBC President. He was a great leader for BPAA, and in my opinion, represents the best hope for progress. Bowling has to change, and if a person with a different perspective can spark new ideas and new attitudes, then that person deserves a chance to lead. "This election should not be about whether or not I am a proprietor or Sylvia is a woman," Boje told Dressel. "It should be about who is the best person to represent the best interests of the USBC." Well said.

It is no secret that I have

written many times that bowling's membership organization desperately needs fresh ideas and leadership, and a change of direction. Without a doubt, Boje is the most likely to make much needed changes. Will he also protect the best interests of the sport? I believe he will. As an example, he was the first to speak out about the awful pre-bowled 900 fiasco, and he was right. His bowling centers also have a strong league base, indicating he is pro sport.

If Boje is elected, will the masses of former WIBC and ABC members revolt? Why would they? I believe the days of animosity between Greendale and Arlington are almost behind us, and most of that fabled feud was only among a few leaders who are no longer in power. The average bowler in the settee area actually likes proprietors, especially those like Boje who give them clean centers and good service.

If you look at the professions of those who serve on the USBC Board of Directors, you will find bowlers, real estate professionals, tax preparers, bankers and financial advisors, computer consultants, teachers, telecom administrators, engineers, architects, retired military people, bookkeepers, television producers, even an agriculture teacher and farmer. With all that diversity, what's wrong with having a bowling center owner as the leader? Did I mention he is also a CPA?

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# PEZZANO

## Campi Proved It's Not How - It's How Many

Fifty years ago one of the greatest feats in the history of bowling unfolded.

It was the live TV winning streak of Lou Campi of Dumont, N.J. one of the immortals of the sport, a colorful, fan pleaser who deservedly was honored in many ways, including election to the ABC Hall of Fame and a number of other halls.

He was known as "wrongfoot Lou" because even though he was a righthander, he finished with his right foot forward at the line, wrong in the eyes of purists. Campi rolled with the top teams, won the national doubles with Andy Varipapa and again with Lindy Faragalli, and captured more than 100 various titles.

The TV shows were aired in 1957 when Campi was 52. Two years later he won the first tournament ever conducted by the Professional Bowlers Association.

A stone mason by trade, Campi was strong physically, but even stronger mentally. He quickly acquired the reputation as one of the best clutch bowlers in the game, particularly in head to head play.

That, and his pride in his ability, made him an almost perfect performer for TV bowling, then at its peak with more than

40 local TV shows across the country. Prior to the streak he had already established himself as a TV standout, winning a couple of cars, trips, watches and a good amount of cash in filling constant TV engagements nationwide.

No score or record fazed him.

"If a man bowled it, a man can beat it," he often said.

The big show was called "East vs. West" and was scheduled for 13 weeks. A list of 13 top bowlers from the East and West was compiled and the idea was simple. The bowler who lost would be replaced by a bowler on the list from his section. The winner would return the following week.

Campi didn't give his fellow Easterners a chance to bowl. He won all 13 matches against the best names in the world.

In order he defeated Thern Gibson, Johnny King, Bill Lillard, Tom Hennessey, Ed Lubanski, Ned Day, Dick Weber, Don Carter, Steve Nagy, Ed Kawolics, Buzz Fazio, Dick Hoover and Joe Wilman. All but King have been elected to the ABC Hall.

That completed the 13-week run. But Lou Marks, who produced the show, and Nick Gianos, the host at Bowlmor Lanes

in New York City, knew they had a hit, as did the sponsor, Kitchens of Sara Lee, so the show was extended.

Campi beat Buddy Bomar and the show was prolonged to week 15 and Campi lost to Lillard, 665-662.

The Bowlmor Lanes, still operating, were known as the toughest scoring around, and it was very difficult for the best to average 200. Campi averaged 232 plus for his 45 tension packed games, with only four games under 200. He made a number of late game comebacks and three times threatened 300 games, for which a bonus prize of \$100,000 was guaranteed - big, big bucks a half century ago.

Sadly, no official film or tape of any of the shows survive. In those days the tapes were erased and used over again. Now and then a film of portions of the shows pop up, taken by ardent fans while the shows were being aired.

Campi died in 1989, one of the legends of the sport, made even more celebrated because of his epic achievement before those early TV bowling lights.

Like the lights, the feat still shines brightly.

### Idle bowling thoughts . . .

- Aleta Sill, one of the greatest female bowlers of all time, and recognized as one of the finest Detroit athletes of all time, is a strong candidate to be elected to the Polish American Sports Hall of Fame.

- Every junior bowling program should make sure that every new young bowler learns how to keep score. You would be surprised how many don't.

- The Mike Mineman story points up the rags to riches, unknown to well known side of bowling at almost every level as Mineman, a 48-year-old veteran - won the Bayer Classic in West Virginia, beating the long, long odds of progressing from weekly pro tour qualifying to a championship.

The \$25,000 he won exceeded his career earnings of \$23,380. The win earned him a spot in the Tournament of

Champions and also an exemption for the 2007-08 tour. That means a guaranteed income of at least \$20,000 and the possibility of as much as a quarter of a million dollars.

- In addition he became the fourth oldest bowler to win a national tour title, following John Handegard (57), Buzz Fazio (56) and Lou Campi (54).

And he earned a place in bowling history, something money can't buy.

- Speaking of bowling history, I'm amazed that groups in bowling name an award to honor someone and then down the road remove or change the name because they feel nobody remembers or knows the person.

That's pure idiocy. That's why you give an award a name, to honor and keep alive that name. And that's why adding a

name to an award should not be taken lightly.

- The way records have fallen it's difficult to point out any that might not be toppled. But with the wealth of: talent on and upcoming to the pro tour I think the one most likely to stand the longest is Mark Roth's feat of winning eight pro tour events in a single year.

- How would you like to be one of the top performers in your profession, and have a difficult time making a living at it? That's what top women bowlers are up against. Sad.

- Las Vegas continues to be a hot bed of bowling activity, with some of the most modern bowling centers in the world, and plenty of them. Yet, Atlantic City, with so much bowling potential, does not have any bowling facilities in any of its casinos..

## USBC, KEGEL TO HOST 2007 WORLD RANKING MASTERS

The United States Bowling Congress and Kegel have been selected by the World Tenpin Bowling Association to jointly host the 2007 World Ranking Masters in May, a move made necessary after original host country Qatar withdrew several weeks ago.

The World Ranking Masters, which will feature 48 of the world's top bowlers, will take place at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla., from May 3-7. It will be the third time in the seven-year history of the World Ranking Masters that the event will be held at the Kegel facility.

"It's an honor for USBC and Kegel to step in at the last minute to host this event," USBC Chief Officer of National Governing Body Kevin Dornberger said. "The World Ranking Masters has quickly

become regarded as one of the top events on the international bowling calendar."

As tournament hosts, Kegel and USBC have jointly selected Team USA members Bill Hoffman of Columbus, Ohio, and Diandra Asbaty of Chicago to represent the United States in the event.

Hoffman, an eight-time Team USA member, helped lead the United States men to their first gold medal in team event at the Men's World Championships last year. Asbaty, the USBC Youth spokesperson, is a nine-time Team USA member and two-time U.S. Amateur champion.

"Originally, no U.S. athletes were scheduled to take part in the World Ranking Masters," Dornberger said. "Having Bill and Diandra step in and

compete is an added bonus. Both of them are world-class athletes who will represent the United States well in this event."

The World Tenpin Bowling Association solicited what it termed as emergency bids to host the World Ranking Masters after Qatar was unable to conduct the event. The WTBA selected the USBC and Kegel proposal over bids from Indonesia and Finland.

The World Ranking Masters features the top eight men and top eight women from each WTBA zone (American, European and Asian). Last year's event was held in Kuwait, where Khalid Al Dubyan of Kuwait won the men's title while Colombia's Sara Vargas finished first among the women.



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## Weber Wins His 4th U.S. Open, 8th Major, and 34th Career PBA Crown

**NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J.** – There are few things Pete Weber has yet to accomplish in his Professional Bowlers Association Hall



Pete Weber

of Fame career, but surprisingly he has never been named PBA Player of the Year.

With a win in the most grueling tournament of the season, he's one step closer to that elusive award.

Weber defeated Wes Malott, 210-204, to win the 64th U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone Carolier, his fourth career U.S. Open crown and record-tying eighth career Major title. The win also put Weber, who has two titles this season, in a tie with Mark Roth for fourth on the all-time titles list with his 34th career Denny's PBA Tour title.

Brunswick Zone Carolier was where Weber found out two years ago that his legendary father, Dick, passed away on February 14, 2005. With his win Sunday, Pete joined his father and Don Carter as the only bowlers to win the U.S. Open or BPAA All-Star – the U.S. Open's predecessor – four times.

“This was one of my dreams, to be one of the guys to win four U.S. Opens. I might not be done, I might have six or seven before my career is over,” Weber said. “My dad and Don Carter are the only two to win this event four times so I am joining an elite group. Even though the All-Star was not an official title, to me it is, and it is in dad's book and Don's book. So to me, we have 12 U.S. Open titles among us.”

Weber struck in his first five frames in the title match after starting with the first eight in his semifinal win, leaving the 10-pin both times. Malott had a couple chances to get back in the match, particularly after Weber opened in the 8th, but Malott struck and spared in the 10th meaning Weber only needed six pins in the 10th frame for the win.

In the semifinal, Weber came close to the first televised 300 game of his career, with eight straight strikes until leaving the 10-pin. The match was decided early on as Jeff Carter, making his first career TV appearance, struck just once in frames 3-7 as Weber went on to the 267-192 win.

In the first match Carter defeated Dave D'Entremont, 185-183.

Weber (St. Ann, Mo.) took home \$100,000 and a three-season Denny's PBA Tour exemption for the win. Malott (Argyle, Texas) earned \$50,000 for second, Carter (Springfield, Ill.) took home \$25,000 for third while D'Entremont (Middleburg Heights, Ohio) earned \$15,000 for fourth.

### 64th U.S. Open

Brunswick Zone Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J. - March 4, 2007

#### CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

1. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Missouri
2. Wes Malott, Argyle, Texas
3. Jeff Carter, Springfield, Illinois
4. Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio

**SCORES** – In the first match, Carter def. D'Entremont, 185-183; in the semifinal, Weber def. Carter, 267-192; and in the final, Weber def. Malott, 210-204.

This is Weber's 34th career Denny's PBA Tour title and his record-tying eighth career Major title.

#### Match Play Cashers

Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 12-11-1, 11,265, \$10,000; Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., 13-11-0, 11,246, \$8,000; Mike DeVaney, Temecula, Calif., 16-6-2, 11,240, \$7,000; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 12-12-0, 11,180, \$6,000; Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 13-11-0, 11,166, \$5,000; Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 13-10-1, 11,150, \$4,000; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 12-12-0, 11,127, \$3,800; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 11-13-0, 11,093, \$3,600; Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 10-13-1, 11,087, \$3,400; Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, 11-13-0, 11,072, \$3,200; Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 10-13-1, 11,046, \$3,000; Bill O'Neill, Levittown, Pa., 11-12-1, 11,039, \$2,800; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 10-14-0, 10,995, \$2,700; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 9-15-0, 10,961, \$2,600; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 9-13-2, 10,935, \$2,500; Michael Haugen Jr, Cave Creek, Ariz., 10-12-2, 10,917, \$2,400; Patrick Girard, Jonquiere, Quebec, 8-16-0, 10,866, \$2,300; Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 9-14-1, 10,801, \$2,200; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 7-17-0, 10,741, \$2,100; Patrick Flynn III, Caldwell, Idaho, 7-17-0, 10,503, \$2,000.

#### Other Cashers

Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 5,657, \$1,800; Randy Pedersen, Clermont, Fla., 5,645, \$1,750; Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, 5,633, \$1,700; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 5,629, \$1,670; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 5,622, \$1,640; Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 5,609, \$1,595; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 5,609, \$1,595; Roger Kossert, Lithia, 5,592, \$1,560; David Haynes, Las Vegas, 5,578, \$1,540; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,573, \$1,520; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 5,571, \$1,500; Tommy Delutz Jr., Flushing, N.Y., 5,570, \$1,480; DJ Archer, Mineral Wells, Texas, 5,564, \$1,460; Tim Criss, Bel Air, Md., 5,562, \$1,440; James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., 5,560, \$1,420; Mark Buffa, Canada, 5,558, \$1,400; Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 5,556, \$1,380; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5,551, \$1,360; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5,549, \$1,340; Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 5,546, \$1,310; Richard Horodecki Jr., Jackson, Mich., 5,546, \$1,310; Sami Konsteri, Finland, 5,534, \$1,290; Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 5,528, \$1,280; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 5,525, \$1,270; Rudy Kasimakis, Tupelo, Miss., 5,524, \$1,255; Rick Banister, Alexandria, Va., 5,524, \$1,255; Cassidy Schaub, Polk, Ohio, 5,522, \$1,240; Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, N. Richland Hills, Texas, 5,517, \$1,225; Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,517, \$1,225; Steve Weber, Chalmette, La., 5,511, \$1,210; Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 5,507, \$1,200; Paul Sondag, Avoca, Pa., 5,501, \$1,190; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 5,485, \$1,175; Rick Lawrence, Waxahachie, Texas, 5,485, \$1,175; Peter Spreadbury, Oak Forest, Ill., 5,479, \$1,160; Michael Fagan, Greenlawn, N.Y., 5,478, \$1,150; Billy Oatman, Chicago, 5,474, \$1,145; Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 5,464, \$1,140; Vinny D'Ambrosio III, Staten Island, N.Y., 5,460, \$1,135; Brian Waliczek, Birch Run, Mich., 5,457, \$1,128; Chris Collins, Savannah, Ga., 5,457, \$1,128; Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 5,455, \$1,120; Patrick Healey Jr., Denton, Texas, 5,453, \$1,115; Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 5,450, \$1,110; Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 5,447, \$1,105; Steve Elson, Wichita, Kan., 5,446, \$1,100; Del Ballard Jr., N. Richland Hills, Texas, 5,445, \$1,095; George Lamber IV, Wichita, Kan., 5,440, \$1,088; Chris Johnson, Garland, Texas, 5,440, \$1,088; Shawn McKee, Concord, N.C., 5,435, \$1,080; Fero Williams, Miamisburg, Ohio, 5,432, \$1,075; Jason Lundquist, Hawley, Pa., 5,431, \$1,070; Riga Kalfas, Florence, Ky., 5,430, \$1,065; Dan Schriener, Stockertown, Pa., 5,426, \$1,058; Todd Book, Cantonment, Fla., 5,426, \$1,058; Russell Thomsen, Morgan, N.J., 5,420, \$1,050; Joe Paluszak, Bensalem, Pa., 5,417, \$1,045; Jason Sterner, Roswell, Ga., 5,415, \$1,040; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 5,414, \$1,030; James Burt, Walpole, Mass., 5,414, \$1,030; Joe Clufo, Bel Air, Md., 5,414, \$1,030; Mike Rose Jr., West Henrietta, N.Y., 5,412, \$1,020; Jonathan Masur, West Orange, N.J., 5,411, \$1,015; Steve Rogers, Bourbonnais, Ill., 5,409, \$1,010; Tyrel Rose, Canada, 5,407, \$1,005.

(\$1000 each) – Brian Boghosian, Agawam, Mass., 5,405; Jacob Peters, Decatur, Ill., 5,405; Kenneth Jessee, Huber Heights, Ohio, 5,405; William Barlow, Edgewood, Md., 5,400; Richard Wolfe, Vienna, Va., 5,386; Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 5,380; Will Jackson, Philadelphia, 5,374; Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 5,372; Rhino Page, Clovis, Calif., 5,365; Al Jones, Sparta, N.J., 5,364; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 5,362; Anthony Colangelo, Helmetta, N.J., 5,359; Troy Monahan, Altoona, Pa., 5,356; James Mack, Delaware Water Gap, Pa., 5,356; Jeff Lizzi, Sandusky, Ohio, 5,352; Scott Santos, Ledyard, Conn., 5,337; Edward VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 5,337; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 5,332; Kasey Normanidin, Canada, 5,327; Rick Hara, Skokie, Ill., 5,326; Sean Riccardi, Piscataway, N.J., 5,326; Olivia Sandham, Wichita, Kan., 5,307; Noel Vega, Brooklyn, NY, 5,304; Michael Sanders, Kearny, N.J., 5,293; Jimmy Johnson, Pataskala, Ohio, 5,285; Kenneth Ryan, Wanamassa, N.J., 5,276; Tony Brooks, North Olmsted, Ohio, 5,265; Christopher Jones, Pt. Pleasant, N.J., 5,244; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 5,220; John Kreyer Jr., Fridley, Minn., 5,219; Charles Anderson, Sloatsburg, N.Y., 5,212; Jeffrey Ripic, Endicott, N.Y., 5,166; Bill Roman, Rockford, Ill., 5,142; John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 4,544.

## Duke Back From Injury For #26

*Shafer rolls 300 for \$10 Grand Bonus*

**INDIANAPOLIS** – Norm Duke knows all too well the feeling of firing a 300 game in a national TV semifinal only to lose in the title match. That's why Duke showed no mercy in the 2007 Pepsi Championship title match.

After third-seeded Ryan Shafer fired the 18th nationally televised 300 game in PBA tour history in the semifinals, the top-seeded Duke showed why he dominated the tournament from start to finish, defeating Shafer 235-219 to win his third title of the season and the 26th of his career.

Duke fired a 300 game in the semifinals of the 2003 GEICO Earl Anthony Classic against Walter Ray Williams Jr. only to lose to Mike DeVaney in the title match, who was also in this week's championship round.

Shafer could never get on track in the title match. After striking in the first two frames to run his string of strikes to 18 in a row, he failed to strike again until the 8th frame while Duke struck six consecutive times after an open in the 1st.

It was the fourth time in his career and the second time this season Duke defeated Shafer in a title match, and it pushed Duke's record overall against Shafer on TV to 6-1. Duke also defeated Shafer in the title match of the 2006 Columbia 300 Classic, his second of three titles this season.

The win capped a huge comeback for the 25-year veteran who withdrew from the first seven events of the second half after breaking a toe in January. He finished 11th in the Bayer Classic and fifth in the 64th U.S. Open in his first two events back before putting himself back in the PBA Player of the Year race with his third win.

“What was on my mind was that Tony (Reyes) was playing a line inside of me and it was creating a lot of havoc and I knew I would have to go in cold with something,” said Duke. “Then to see Ryan shoot 300 and to start with an open was just abysmal. I went with what I thought would work best and stayed with it. I caught a couple breaks. If I had used that ball for two or three games it would have caused me trouble but with just one game I caught some breaks and did it the hard way.”

After making seven TV appearances in 2005-06 but winning just one title, Duke has taken advantage of his opportunities this season, going 8-0 on television in becoming the first bowler this season to win three times.

### 2007 Pepsi Championship

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Indiana - March 18, 2007

#### CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

1. Norm Duke, Clermont, Florida
2. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, New York
3. Jeff Carter, Springfield, Illinois
4. Tony Reyes, San Bruno, California
5. Mike DeVaney, Temecula, California

**SCORES** – In the first match, Reyes def. DeVaney, 279-248; in the second match, Shafer def. Reyes, 224-207; in the semifinal, Shafer def. Carter, 300-228\*; and in the final, Duke def. Shafer, 235-219.

This is Duke's 26th career Denny's PBA Tour title. \*Includes \$10,000 bonus for televised 300 game.

\*\*Shafer fired the 18th nationally televised 300 game in Denny's PBA Tour history

#### ROUND OF 16

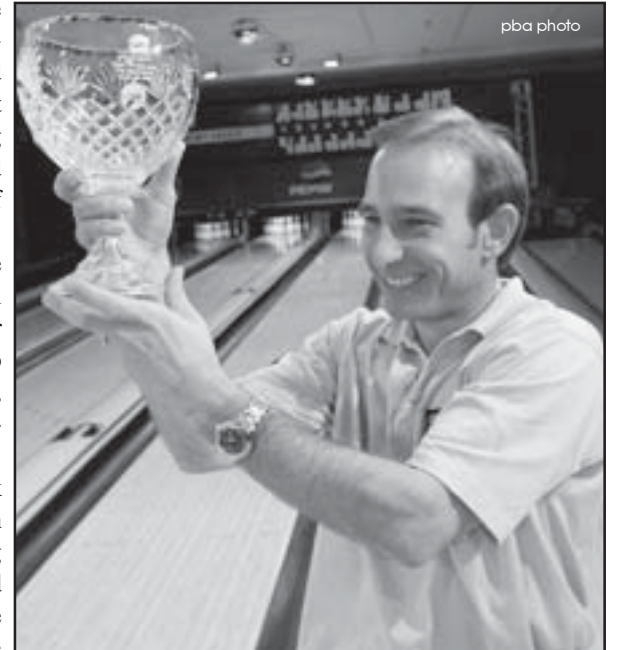
Michael Haugen Jr, Cave Creek, Ariz., 8-9-1, 7,780, \$4,000; Tommy Delutz Jr, Flushing, N.Y., 12-6-0, 7,739, \$3,700; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 12-6-0, 7,679, \$3,500; Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 10-7-1, 7,660, \$3,000; Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 10-7-1, 7,629, \$2,900; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 11-7-0, 7,581, \$2,800; Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 11-7-0, 7,542, \$2,700; Wes Malott, Argyle, Texas, 7-11-0, 7,477, \$2,625; Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 8-10-0, 7,477, \$2,625; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 4-14-0, 7,406, \$2,550; Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 9-9-0, 7,295, \$2,500.

#### ROUND OF 32 (\$2200 each)

Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 6-3-0, 5,366; Walter Ray Williams Jr, Ocala, Fla., 3-6-0, 5,362; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 4-5-0, 5,359; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 2-7-0, 5,313; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 4-5-0, 5,311; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3-6-0, 5,274; Michael Fagan, Greenlawn, N.Y., 4-5-0, 5,247; Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 4-5-0, 5,242; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2-7-0, 5,235; Tim Criss, Bel Air, Md., 2-6-1, 5,227; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2-7-0, 5,213; Jim Pratt, Youngtown, Az, 3-6-0, 5,197; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 2-7-0, 5,138; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3-6-0, 5,106; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 3-6-0, 5,080; Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., 4-4-1, 5,013, \$2,000.

#### ROUND OF 64 - (\$1,800 each)

Bill O'Neill, Levittown, Pa., 3,108; Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 3,105; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,104; Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3,097; Michael Ragon, Marion, Ind., 3,091; Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,084; Chris Johnson, Garland, Texas, 3,079; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 3,069; Chris Collins, Savannah, Ga., 3,067; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,055; David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 3,048; Del Ballard Jr., N. Richland Hills, Texas, 3,039; Steve Harman, Camby, Ind., 3,026; Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., 3,024; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,015; Riga Kalfas, Florence, Ky., 3,010; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,002; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 3,001; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,983; Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, 2,982; William Guszczko, Orland Park, Ill., 2,979; Patrick Girard, Jonquiere, Quebec, 2,971; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,942; Walter Schaub III, Schaumburg, Ill., 2,935; Jason Hurd, Titusville, Fla., 2,934; John May, Iron Station, NC, 2,853; Chris Hayden, Orlando, Fla., 2,808; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,793; Billy Oatman, Chicago, 2,677; Richard Wolfe, Vienna, Va., 2,636; David Tessman, Lake Placid, Fla., 2,551; Paul Fleming, Bedford, Texas, 982.



Norm Duke

As for Shafer, he had a chance to move to the top of the PBA Tournament of Champions roster, but stayed on the bubble for a fourth week with Duke's win.

In the semifinal, Shafer defeated second-seeded Jeff Carter, 300-228. Shafer's perfect

game was the second 300 on TV this season, marking the first time since 1999 two televised perfect games have taken place in the same season.

“Of course your legs are wobbling a little. I can't even throw a 300 game in league so it's just an unbelievable experience. I just tried to relax and concentrate on the game,” said Shafer of trying to recover in the title match. “I threw a pretty good game but threw one bad shot in the 3rd frame and lost my line just like I did in the World Championship here last year.”

Ironically, the other bowler to shoot 300 on TV this season was Tony Reyes, who Shafer defeated in the second stepladder match, 224-207. Shafer struck in his last four frames to force Reyes to strike twice in the 10th, but Reyes left a 10-pin with his first shot.

In the first match, Reyes defeated fifth-seed DeVaney, 279-248, nearly becoming the first bowler to fire two perfect games on TV in their career. Reyes struck in 11 of 12 frames, the only blemish being a 10-pin in the 6th.

Duke (Clermont, Fla.) took home \$25,000 for the win, while Shafer (Horseheads, N.Y.) earned \$13,000 for second, plus a \$10,000 bonus for the 300 game. Carter (Springfield, Ill.) took home \$6,500 for third, Reyes (San Bruno, Calif.) earned \$5,500 for fourth while DeVaney (Temecula, Calif.) earned \$5,000 for fifth.

# REILLY WINS ORLEANS - STORM GOLDEN LADIES CLASSIC

First timer Joan Reilly of Wilmington, NC captured the title and \$2000 top prize in the 17th Annual Golden Ladies Classic



Mike Monyak, Director of Coast Casino Bowling Operations, left, and Tournament Director Daryl Smith congratulate Golden Ladies Classic Champion Joan Reilly

at the Orleans in Las Vegas she rolled through a tough field that included two past champions.

In the stepladder finals Reilly struggled in her first match against last years runner-up, Marci Williams of Wichita, KS, striking out from the 9th 191-189. In her

next match she faced another "wheat shocker" Debbie Christensen. Both ladies started strong but Reilly caught fire in the

7th and struck out for a 244-223 win. Rose Smith a past GLC champion presented the next challenge but Smith split in the 5th, 6th & 7th frames and Reilly took advantage and posted an easy 224-151. The Championship match featured defending champion Char Hammel, Las Vegas, leader throughout match play. Reilly struck in the first two frames but Hammel countered striking in 3rd thru 7th but opened in the 8th. This gave the lady

from North Carolina the opportunity she was looking for and took advantage, striking out from the 5th thru 9th with a spare and strike in the 10th. Reilly is no newcomer when it comes to tournament competition finishing 2nd to Sandy Postma in last years USBC Senior Queens.

Karen Pullman of Salt Lake City, UT won top honors and \$1000 in the Super Senior Championship. Runner-up was Fran Deken of Coweta, OK and 3rd place honors went to Shirley Cockerell of Temple, TX.

New top of the line Storm bowling balls went to Andi Whitlock, Middletown, DE for most pins over average (29) after 15

games of qualifying and Nona Cook of Yakima, WA who took 1st place money in the 2nd chance tournament.

This years competitors represented 20 States, England and Scotland.

Mike Monyak, Director of Bowling Operations for Coast Resorts, has set the



Storm Products owner Barbara Chrisman congratulates GLC Super Senior champion Karen Pullman

18th Annual Golden Ladies Classic for March 3-6, 2008.

17th Annual Golden Ladies Classic  
The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV  
Senior Final Standings

1st Joan Reilly - Wilmington, NC	\$2000
2nd Char Hammell - Las Vegas, NV	\$1100
3rd Rose Smith - Las Vegas, NV SS	\$ 800
4th Debbie Christensen - Wichita, KS	\$ 600
5th Marci Williams - Wichita, KS	\$ 500
6th Dee Price - Stockton, CA SS	\$ 380
7th Lil Johnson - Lawton, OK	\$ 365
8th Sandy Postma - Lansing, IL SS	\$ 360
9th Virginia Norton - Cypress, CA	\$ 355
10th Pam Buckner - Reno, NV SS	\$ 350
11th Cathy Smith - Richmond, VA	\$ 345
12th Christine Drew - Santa Clarita, CA	\$ 340
13th Heidi Pagenkopf - Lynnwood, WA	\$ 335
14th Dora Nettleman - Eaton Rapids, MI	\$ 330
15th Andi Whitlock - Middleton, DE SS	\$ 325
16th Sue Mivelaz - Tujunya, CA	\$ 320
17th Karen Smith/San Marcos, CA SS	\$ 315
18th Pam Lawrence/Pflugerville, TX	\$ 310
Alt Virginia Norton replaced Janine Ditch - Chino Hills, CA	\$ 120

Super Senior Standings

1st Karen Pullman - Salt Lake City, UT	\$1000
2nd Fran Deken - Coweta, OK	\$ 700
3rd Shirley Cockerell - Temple, TX	\$ 600
4th Loretta Hoffmannl - Wichita, KS	\$ 500
5th Mary Terry - Kennewick, WA	\$ 400
6th Anita Pope - Silsbee, TX	\$ 300
7th Ann Black - Lake Havasu City, AZ	\$ 275
8th Marilyn Kreg - Delton, MI +70	\$ 250
9th Gloria Frazier - Vidor, TX	\$ 255
10th Nancy Pitchford - Las Vegas, NV	\$ 245
11th Florence Henderson - Spg Lake, NC +70	\$ 235
12th Jeanette Robinson - Las Vegas, NV +70	\$ 230
Alt Vern Vander Veen - Mira Loma, CA +70	\$ 120

Mystery Doubles

1st Rose Smith & Debbie Christiansen	6664	\$100
2nd Janine Ditch & Char Hammel	6602	\$ 70
3rd Dee Price & Sandy Postma	6525	\$ 50
4th Connie Palmer & Sue Mevelaz	6189	\$ 30
5th Marilyn Kreg & Andi Whitlock	6173	\$ 20

Second Chance

1st Nona Cook - Yakima, WA	\$245
2nd Linda Martinez - New Braunfels, TX	\$210
3rd Mary Jackson - Spruce, MI	\$190
4th Juliana Rhoads - Las Vegas	\$165
5th Lela Larkin - Medford, OR	\$125
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7th Jytte Klein - Lakewood, WA	\$ 70



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# Kent Gets Major #2 in World Championship

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.** – It's not how you start, but how you finish. Although a great start and a great finish are okay too, as Doug Kent can attest to.

Kent became the sixth bowler in Denny's Professional Bowlers Association Tour history to win two Majors in one season, defeating Chris Barnes, 237-216, to win the 2007 Denny's World Championship at DeVos Place.

Kent won the season-opening United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Masters for his second career Major title, then captured his second career World Championship in the season's second-to-last event. He is the first bowler since Walter Ray Williams Jr. in 2002-03 to win two Majors in a season and the eighth bowler all-time to win multiple World Championships.

"This one really feels great, to win two in a season is very rare and just to be in this position is a great feeling," Kent said. "Chris is a great champion, it just came down to who would catch the breaks and I caught one early to get ahead which meant he had to play catch-up, and that's not the best place to be."

Though he's been fairly quiet in the second half of the season, with two Majors under his belt Kent threw his name in an already crowded Player of the Year race with one event – and the final Major – remaining.

"The last five or six weeks I just haven't been in synch and haven't felt great, but I just knew if I stuck with it I would get here again," Kent said. "I always get up for the

Majors, and winning two is something everyone dreams about. It's another step closer to the Hall of Fame, too."

Kent jumped out to an early lead in the title match, striking in the first four frames, but Barnes clawed back with four consecutive strikes of his own in frames 5-8, while Kent had three spares in that span. With a chance to get within one pin of Kent, Barnes



Doug Kent

left the 4-pin in the 9th frame, however, and Kent struck with his first ball in the 10th frame for the ninth win of his career.

The Newark, N.Y., native advanced to the title match with a 235-219 win over Danny Wiseman. Kent had a chance to win by striking on his first ball in 10th, but a spare and a strike gave Wiseman a chance to tie with three strikes in the 10th. Wiseman struck with his first shot, but then left the 4-6-7-10 split to give Kent the match.

Barnes advanced to the title match with a 246-226 win over Tony Reyes.

Kent earned \$50,000 and a four-season Denny's PBA Tour exemption through the 2010-11 season with the win. Barnes (Double Oak, Texas) took home \$25,000 for second, Wiseman (Baltimore) earned \$13,000 for third and Reyes (San Bruno, Calif.) earned \$10,000 for fourth.

Next week the Denny's PBA Tour season wraps up with the 2007 PBA Tournament of Champions, March 29-April 1. The live ESPN-televized finals take place Sunday, April 1 at 1 p.m. EST at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn.

## 2007 Denny's World Championship

DeVos Place, Grand Rapids, Michigan - March 25

### CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

	Totals	Prize
1. Doug Kent, Newark, New York	472 (2 games)	\$50,000
2. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas	462 (2 games)	\$25,000
3. Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, Maryland	219 (1 game)	\$13,000
4. Tony Reyes, San Bruno, California	226 (1 game)	\$10,000

SCORES – In the first match, Kent def. Wiseman, 235-219; in the second match, Barnes def. Reyes, 246-226; and in the final, Kent def. Barnes, 237-216. This is Kent's ninth career PBA Tour title and third Major title.

### ROUND OF 8

Doug Kent, def. Brad Angelo (\$6,500), 4-1 (213-163, 203-199, 236-222, 172-220, 229-219); Tony Reyes, def. Wes Malott (\$8,000), 4-2 (237-270, 228-208, 214-202, 214-226, 246-189, 246-219); Danny Wiseman, def. Jeff Lizzi (\$7,000), 4-1 (209-207, 236-205, 169-181, 238-208, 269-234); Chris Barnes, def. Tim Criss (\$6,000), 4-0 (265-221, 185-173, 236-177, 236-224).

### ROUND OF SUPER 16

Danny Wiseman, def. Chris Johnson (\$5,500), 4-3 (235-201, 169-242, 219-218, 247-236, 254-269, 196-208, 300-254); Jeff Lizzi, def. Chris Warren (\$5,200), 4-3 (193-246, 197-202, 223-213, 220-214, 194-241, 267-188, 206-191); Doug Kent, def. Mike DeVaney (\$4,800), 4-2 (243-245, 201-189, 235-259, 235-190, 211-192, 223-213); Brad Angelo, def. Todd Book (\$4,000), 4-0 (248-245, 238-173, 196-189, 182-163); Chris Barnes, def. Mike Edwards (\$4,400), 4-0 (225-193, 246-193, 248-219, 248-243); Tim Criss, def. Brian Voss (\$4,200), 4-0 (223-202, 224-206, 214-196, 247-221); Wes Malott, def. Sean Rash (\$5,000), 4-3 (186-226, 240-240, 201-214, 245-210, 207-191, 256-189, 258-215); Tony Reyes, def. Tommy Jones (\$4,600), 4-1 (198-193, 247-151, 225-220, 217-233, 255-163).

### ROUND OF 16

Sean Rash, def. Ronnie Russell (\$3,400), 4-3 (206-196, 216-236, 216-222, 214-222, 288-224, 277-214, 223-206); Tommy Jones, def. Carolyn Dorin-Ballard (\$3,300), 4-3 (237-206, 225-227, 234-223, 205-231, 245-188, 215-247, 265-214); Mike Edwards, def. Chris Loschetter (\$3,100), 4-2 (197-183, 227-258, 223-236, 300-236, 258-258, 235-216); Brian Voss, def. Ritchie Allen (\$3,050), 4-2 (259-200, 225-226, 211-208, 214-174, 224-247, 224-181); Mike DeVaney, def. Brian Kretzer (\$3,200), 4-3 (145-226, 246-198, 248-181, 229-241, 199-223, 232-207, 226-206); Brad Angelo, def. Edward VanDaniker Jr (\$3,000), 4-0 (223-198, 204-200, 199-155, 225-188); Chris Warren, def. Norm Duke (\$3,150), 4-2 (225-257, 204-246, 200-186, 191-191, 223-177, 192-187); Chris Johnson, def. Patrick Healey Jr (\$3,500), 4-3 (213-226, 194-279, 227-266, 256-247, 228-205, 226-174, 210-209).

### ROUND OF 32

Edward VanDaniker Jr, Essex, Md, def. Mike Scroggins \$2,270, Amarillo, Texas, 4-2 (190-169, 224-198, 235-248, 215-178, 183-269, 215-169); Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., def. Michael Fagan \$2,150, Greenlawn, N.Y., 4-1 (231-205, 257-236, 246-231, 193-227, 236-232); Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, def. Ryan Shafer \$2,120, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-1 (211-248, 278-230, 211-200, 234-201, 219-214); Mike DeVaney, Temecula, Calif., def. Michael Haugen Jr \$2,350, Cave Creek, Ariz., 4-3 (151-202, 239-201, 234-234, 201-179, 258-266, 185-237, 237-193); Norm Duke, Clermont, FL, def. Eddie Graham \$2,020, Centerville, Ohio, 4-0 (235-202, 227-214, 233-182, 270-255); Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore, def. Jeff Fehr \$2,060, Cincinnati, 4-1 (237-171, 244-216, 169-184, 224-194, 216-208); Patrick Healey Jr, Denton, Texas, def. Tom Baker \$2,210, King, N.C., 4-2 (201-213, 221-200, 246-186, 221-224, 224-215, 237-195); Chris Johnson, Garland, Texas, def. Jimmy Levendosky \$2,000, Hudsonville, Mich., 4-0 (257-211, 210-194, 244-216, 225-186); Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, N. Richland Hills, Texas, def. Pete Weber \$2,180, St. Ann, Mo., 4-1 (247-279, 235-226, 239-232, 243-231, 258-198); Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., def. Troy Wollenbecker \$2,450, Toledo, Ohio, 4-3 (214-226, 234-232, 201-230, 167-255, 235-231, 248-191, 225-212); Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, def. Jeff Carter \$2,240, Springfield, IL, 4-2 (196-224, 255-206, 194-198, 248-245, 237-235, 258-222); Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan, def. Brian LeClair \$2,090, Athens, N.Y., 4-1 (247-207, 243-220, 217-182, 191-197, 257-224); Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., def. Jack Jurek \$2,040, Lackawanna, N.Y., 4-0 (211-187, 168-161, 258-218, 192-165); Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., def. Walter Ray Williams Jr \$2,300, Ocala, Fla., 4-3 (224-194, 259-189, 230-254, 181-183, 255-229, 220-227, 275-189); Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, def. Eugene McCune \$2,400, Munster, Ind., 4-3 (172-248, 235-237, 204-269, 214-196, 215-208, 259-204, 225-225); Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., def. Patrick Allen \$2,500, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 4-3 (172-194, 237-159, 194-278, 246-208, 228-205, 221-257, 247-206).

### Other Cashers

Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 5,721, \$1,500; Bill O'Neill, Levittown, Pa., 5,718, \$1,480; Del Ballard Jr, N. Richland Hills, Texas, 5,706, \$1,460; 44, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 5,698, \$1,440; Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 5,687, \$1,420; Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 5,655, \$1,400; James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., 5,653, \$1,380; Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 5,649, \$1,360; Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 5,637, \$1,340; DJ Archer, Mineral Wells, Texas, 5,588, \$1,320.

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# IT WAS REAL . . . BUT NOT REAL FUN

*For Kelly Kulick, Being the First Woman on the Denny's PBA Tour was a Real Learning Experience*

*Kelly Kulick made history in 2006-07 by becoming the first woman to earn an exemption and complete an entire season of Professional Bowlers Tour competition. She won the spot on the Denny's PBA Tour by finishing 6th in last year's PBA Tour Trials, and now*

*that she has failed to keep her spot for next year, she'll be headed back to the Tour Trials to start over.*

*Kulick earned \$31,140 in her first year as a full time PBA player. She bowled in 19 events, and made the matchplay cut five times. She started*

*with high hopes, and she is disappointed in her year, but not too discouraged, and determined to try again.*

*Kulick was a rising star on the PWBA women's tour that folded in 2003, but with no new women's tour on the horizon, her only option is to bowl with*

*the men, or give up playing at the highest level. Giving up is not in her vocabulary, so look for her again in the next tour trials, and should she make the cut again, she will employ all the skills she acquired in year one to make more history the second time around.*

**You won the women's U.S. Open, Rookie of the Year on the PWBA tour – are you getting the respect out here and are you being treated like a rookie?**

The gentlemen have been great out here. Of course, I haven't been a threat to any of them. It's not like I came out and started making shows or even the top 8. But they've all been great. Respectful. I've learned a lot from many of them.

**I was watching you practice with Doug Kent and it looked like you are struggling with that deep inside line. Has that been your weakness?**

Dougie was trying to show me something that I'm not used to seeing. I'm learning a whole new tool to put in my toolbox. If you don't see it right away, you try to manufacture it.

**It's been 3 ½ years, but did you ever see a condition on the PWBA tour where you had to play 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> arrow?**

Very seldom. Maybe once that I remember. That was at Cherry Bowl in Rockford because the wood surface was very similar to what we have here this week. It forces you in to a place where you normally don't play. I'm not afraid to play there. He was trying to teach me how to hook the ball at 30 feet instead of seeing the ball hook at the back. To try to throw it to a spot where I could make the ball work. It's more of just throwing it to a sport and let the lane pick it up and work for you, taking a lot of the effort out of it.

**Generally speaking, how are the conditions out here compared to what you saw on the women's tour?**

The conditions are fine, but they break them down much different. Many of them play to the right, and for the Tuesday move, you make a big jump. I usually creep to it by making smaller moves trying to parallel the oil and just move in slowly. You can't do that out here. A lot of the guys have high rev rates, and the transition is so much different than it was with the women. A lot of the women predominately play one part of the lane around second or third arrow chasing it left. Here, the men start at second or third and just keep breaking it down and take bigger leaps inside. Breakdown and transition are much more difficult.

**Do you still have high hopes for a new women's tour?**

Yes. A professional sport should have both a men's and women's tour.

**Do you talk to many of the former PWBA players about the tour?**

Liz (Johnson) is out here with us and I see Carolyn (Dorin-Ballard) from time-to-time, but we don't really keep in contact. I see them once a year at the Queens.

there are a few reporters usually asking the same questions. There were only two weeks where it was bothersome to me, when they were talking to me just because I'm a woman – not because I'm a bowler, especially when I was in 61<sup>st</sup>



Kelly Kulick

**Do you think the industry is doing enough to try to re-start a women's tour?**

No. But the industry itself is going backwards. The PBA has cut their prize funds, the prices keep going up to drill a ball, and transport a ball, yet the prizes are getting lower.

**Who's the Ebonite rep?**

Dino Castillo

**But he's been bowling a lot. It must be hard to get help from a ball rep who is a competitor?**

That's correct.

**Has the publicity surrounding you bowling on this tour been more, less, or about what you expected?**

It was very heavy at first; all summer long before we got started, the hype to get there, but it's not as bad as I thought it was going to be out here. Every week

**Are you getting good advice?**

I've tried not to listen to too many opinions because everybody has their own, but I've taken each little bit of advice and tried to keep what I think will work. Just work with little bits and pieces of each and every one. If it works, it works. If it doesn't don't bother bringing it back to the bag. Like today, what Dougie was showing me is something I can use. What I've been doing hasn't worked at all on this pattern and I know I can't keep making the same mistake over and over again.

**Do you feel like you are close to finding the right formula for success?**

Yes. I really do. My physical game is the best it's ever been. You can talk to any veteran out her and they will tell you they learn something every week. There are some areas of my game that need improvement. So if it comes down to going back to the tour trials and I make it again next year, I'll spend more of the summer training and practicing techniques and tools for my own game rather than what I did last summer. I'm just missing something maybe small or minute. Everyone keeps telling me you're close, you're close, and I need to find that little end of the needle. I just hope I haven't run out of time by the time I find it.

**Last question – Give me your best and worst moments thus far on this tour.**

Probably, from a performance point of view, the best was making the cut in the Masters to the round of 64. I'd never done that before. Starting out the tour, that was exciting to me. I really wanted to prove myself.

The worst was bowling in Medford on the Scorpion pattern, which is one of our highest scoring patterns, and I finished 63<sup>rd</sup> that week. I was crossing with Marshall Holman in his home center that week and everybody was there watching him. I bowled terrible! That was by far one of the weeks where I just wanted to hang my head down.

Another high was in Buffalo, when I bowled good on this pattern (Shark), and the cameras followed me all day and interviewed me afterwards. When you are shining in the sunlight and everything is great, the attention is wonderful, but obviously they also want to interview when you are doing poorly. To go in there and hold your head up and keep things positive is difficult. But no matter what happened, I've had the opportunity to do it, and we'll see where it takes me.

Interview by Jim Goodwin during the PBA Lone Star Classic

## Mineman Wins First PBA Title

**PARKERSBURG, W.Va.** – They say lightning never strikes twice in the same place, but on the Denny's Professional Bowlers Association Tour, Emerson Lanes has been hit with a historic lightning bolt two years running.



Mike Mineman

Mike Mineman became just the second bowler in Tour history to win a title after advancing through the Denny's PBA Tour Qualifying Round, joining Sean Rash who became the first in last year's West Virginia Championship at Emerson Lanes.

Mineman, a 48-year-old journeyman who is a stark contrast to the 24-year-old Rash who won as a virtual unknown on Tour last year, defeated Mike Machuga, 223-202, Sunday to win the 2007 Bayer Classic for his first career title.

Emerson Lanes hosted a PBA Tour event in 1965 and then did not host another Tour stop until last season, when Rash came out of nowhere to win the title. Mineman was

appearing in his 41st career Tour event and had never previously advanced past the Round of 16. He earned \$25,000 and an exemption for the 2007-08 season with the win.

"It's tough to go through that (Qualifying Round) on Wednesdays, but the gentlemen did it last year and paved the way and proved it could be done," said Mineman (Belleville, Ill.), who didn't even cash at Emerson Lanes last year. "It's just been a magical week. It's everything I ever thought it would be."

The title match came down to the last frame despite Mineman leading throughout as Machuga had a chance to tie the match and send it to a one-ball sudden death roll-off.

Working on a four-bagger while Machuga was working on an open in the 7th, Mineman made a crucial mistake when he chopped the 4-pin off the 2-4-5 to let Machuga back in the match, and he responded with a double in the 8th and 9th. After a nine-spares, Mineman struck out the 10th, forcing Machuga to strike out to tie. Machuga left the 10-pin with his first shot, however, to give Mineman the win.

Mineman advanced to the title match with a 217-178 win over Dale Traber. Traber led after four frames before splits in the 5th and 7th frames. Mineman took advantage with a double in the 6th and 7th to take the lead, then struck again in the 9th and 10th frames to move on to the title match.

In the first semifinal, Machuga defeated all-time Denny's PBA Tour title leader Walter Ray Williams Jr., 264-223.

Machuga (Erie, Pa.) took home \$13,000 for second, while Traber (Cedarburg, Wis.) earned \$6,500 for third and Williams (Ocala, Fla.) earned \$5,500 for fourth.

### 2007 Bayer Classic

Emerson Lanes, Parkersburg, W.Va. - Feb. 25, 2007

#### CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

	Totals	Prize
1. Mike Mineman, Belleville, Illinois	440 (2 games)	\$25,000
2. Mike Machuga, Erie, Pennsylvania	466 (2 games)	\$13,000
3. Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wisconsin	178 (1 game)	\$ 6,500
4. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Florida	223 (1 game)	\$ 5,500

**SCORES** – In the first match, Machuga def. Williams, 264-223; in the second match, Mineman def. Traber, 217-178; and in the final, Mineman def. Machuga, 223-202. This is Mineman's first career Denny's PBA Tour title.

#### ROUND OF 8

Walter Ray Williams Jr., def. Mike Wolfe (\$5,000), 4-3 (257-237, 248-228, 207-257, 249-258, 267-266, 192-226, 228-216); Mike Machuga, def. Billy Oatman (\$3,700), 4-1 (237-299, 248-240, 238-223, 206-198, 256-202); Dale Traber, def. Richard Wolfe (\$3,500), 4-1 (257-241, 268-247, 228-241, 258-257, 247-225); Mike Mineman, def. Eugene McCune (\$4,000), 4-1 (238-206, 279-246, 246-231, 259-278, 289-279).

#### ROUND OF 16

Mike Mineman, def. Mike Scroggins, \$2,650, 4-2 (227-253, 279-259, 236-213, 257-267, 248-245, 268-257); Mike Wolfe, def. Bill O'Neill, \$2,550, 4-1 (240-226, 246-150, 278-228, 204-249, 279-239); Richard Wolfe, def. Andrew Cain, \$3,000, 4-3 (243-204, 254-196, 247-176, 162-212, 221-224, 185-242, 222-212); Walter Ray Williams Jr., def. Michael Haugen Jr., \$2,900, 4-3 (235-258, 279-258, 210-226, 259-185, 226-250, 257-239, 248-246); Billy Oatman, def. Jason Couch, \$2,700, 4-2 (231-258, 215-188, 257-268, 228-225, 267-211, 225-194); Eugene McCune, def. Norm Duke, \$2,800, 4-3 (248-234, 181-230, 227-247, 234-234, 234-258, 202-195, 214-199); Mike Machuga, def. Marv Sargent, \$2,600, 4-2 (170-236, 235-205, 269-205, 278-239, 224-225, 224-193); Dale Traber, def. Chris Hayden, \$2,500, 4-0 (235-216, 247-194, 237-196, 238-204).

#### ROUND OF 32

Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., def. Fred Carroll Jr., \$2,200, Yorktown, Va., 4-2 (212-235, 239-187, 217-206, 211-217, 235-214, 273-191); Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. Tom Baker, \$2,200, King, N.C., 4-3 (248-205, 229-245, 216-236, 244-238, 278-213, 174-278, 256-247); Michael Haugen Jr., Cave Creek, Ariz., def. Tim Criss, \$2,200, Bel Air, Md., 4-2 (183-248, 257-235, 235-232, 235-220, 216-259, 236-215); Chris Hayden, Orlando, Fla., def. Brian Voss, \$2,200, Alpharetta, Ga., 4-1 (268-204, 265-215, 267-231, 213-248, 255-192); Billy Oatman, Chicago, def. David Traber, \$2,200, Hebron, Ill., 4-2 (238-216, 226-228, 232-228, 181-277, 228-227, 278-228); Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, def. Tommy Delutz Jr., \$2,200, Flushing, N.Y., 4-3 (236-244, 209-245, 247-238, 237-267, 244-225, 248-214, 244-224); Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., def. Patrick Allen, \$2,200, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 4-1 (247-257, 248-247, 238-208, 210-206, 257-237); Andrew Cain, Scottsdale, Ariz., def. Dave D'Entremont, \$2,200, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 4-0 (212-169, 233-175, 233-169, 299-225); Mike Machuga, Erie, Pa., def. Parker Bohn III, \$2,200, Jackson, N.J., 4-3 (236-300, 226-194, 226-204, 211-237, 235-224, 237-259, 300-279); Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., def. Michael Fagan, \$2,200, Greenlawn, N.Y., 4-1 (279-203, 223-191, 254-184, 245-257, 258-216); Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., def. Kelly Kulick, \$2,200, Union, N.J., 4-2 (243-268, 210-238, 199-177, 242-225, 279-224, 290-238); Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., def. Rick Steelsmith, \$2,200, Wichita, Kan., 4-2 (224-268, 244-212, 237-214, 212-236, 235-211, 225-170); Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., def. Jack Jurek, \$2,200, Lackawanna, N.Y., 4-2 (256-267, 300-276, 249-214, 228-202, 223-245, 247-202); Mike Mineman, Belleville, Ill., def. Tommy Jones, \$2,200, Simpsonville, S.C., 4-3 (266-227, 248-227, 181-228, 258-241, 223-226, 224-237, 249-237); Bill O'Neill, Levittown, Pa., def. Patrick Girard, \$2,200, Jonquiere, Quebec, 4-1 (185-221, 207-200, 278-218, 258-189, 200-199); Richard Wolfe, Vienna, Va., def. Sean Rash, \$2,200, Wichita, Kan., 4-3 (269-204, 244-259, 201-179, 219-218, 198-236, 204-221, 247-194).

#### ROUND OF 64 (\$1,800 each)

Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,196; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 3,194; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,193; Mike DeVaney, Temecula, Calif., 3,187; Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 3,184; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 3,176; David Tessman, Lake Placid, Fla., 3,173; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 3,162; Riga Kalfas, Florence, Ky., 3,162; Wes Malott, Argyle, Texas, 3,125; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,113; Chris Collins, Savannah, Ga., 3,111; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 3,106; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,083; Chris Johnson, Garland, Texas, 3,079; Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 3,070; Malcolm Sanders, Taylors, S.C., 3,053; Patrick Healey Jr., Mexico, 3,040; Del Ballard Jr., N. Richland Hills, Texas, 3,032; Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,020; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,017; Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 2,990; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,988; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 2,988; John May, Lincolnton, N.C., 2,967; Donald Hipkiss Jr., Mingo Junction, Ohio, 2,955; Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., 2,898; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2,844; Paul Fleming, Bedford, Texas, 2,807; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,407; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,262; Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 409.

**300 Games** – Parker Bohn III (2), Jason Couch (2), Tommy Delutz Jr., Mike DeVaney, Patrick Girard, Chris Hayden, Riga Kalfas, Mike Mineman, Mike Machuga.

## GENERATIONS TOUR WILL END INAUGURAL SEASON WITH THREE EVENTS IN KANSAS and TEXAS

*GBT Grand Championship Scheduled for Houston April 19-23*

The Generations Pro Bowling Tour will stage the final three events of its inaugural season by venturing west to the States of Kansas and Texas to wind up the 17-tournament tour for 2006-2007.

April 6-9, the GBT senior pro tour will head for Wichita, Kansas. The 2007 K R Strikeforce Open will roll at Frank and Cathy DeSocio's Northrock Lanes, home of many prestigious events over the years, including the U S Open and the USBC Queens. This event will get sponsorship support from the industry leader in fine bowling bags, KR Strikeforce.

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Week two of the GBT's final swing will find the senior pros in Round Rock, near the Texas capital of Austin. Proprietor Chet Ventura will host this two-squad event at his Interstate Lanes. It will be the first time Interstate has hosted a national pro tournament, and the first time in many years a tour has come to the Austin area. The GBT Texas Open will roll April 13-16.

April 19-23, the tour will finish its first season with a special event in Houston. Dana Mask will host the event at Emerald Bowl. Mask now runs this Houston landmark center formerly owned and operated by Hall of Fame legend Don Ellis and his family.

The Houston event will be designated the 2007 GBT Grand Championship, and in-

stead of the usual two-division format, it will feature one division with \$9,000 guaranteed first place for a field of 80 senior pros.

The GBT Grand Championship will also guarantee a 1 in 3 cash ratio with a last place check of \$900. In addition, the top five classic players (age 60+) out-of-cash will get bonus checks for \$450 each.

At stake in these three events to wind up GBT's first year, in addition to the prize money, are important points and stats which will determine the Generation Tour's first Bowler of the Year, and players who will win division prizes and lead various categories such as average and earnings, and high average on the GBT's various lane patterns.

Going into this final swing, David Ozio and Dale Eagle appear to be fighting it out for Bowler of the Year honors. Ozio leads the earnings list with \$73,800, but Eagle is not far behind with \$68,300 and three titles to Ozio's two. What makes this race even more interesting is that these great champions bowl in different divisions.

No doubt Ozio and Eagle are enjoying a great year, and are likely headed for the most successful ever for a senior pro, but many more GBT players have found success on the new tour. Six players besides the top two have earned over \$20,000, and 13 have cashed for more than \$10,000 in the 14 events held thus far.

For Pro-Am information in these three closing events, and for much more about the Generations Pro Bowling Tour's first season visit [www.gbtour.com](http://www.gbtour.com).

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## CHAMPIONS CROWNED AT INAUGURAL DENNY'S ALL-AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.** - With bright lights, ESPN television cameras and the pressure of bowling for thousands of dollars in scholarships, two players emerged as champions of the inaugural Denny's All-

22 at 1 p.m. Eastern.

Buckert, the 2007 USBC Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow, struck seven times in the boys' championship match to earn the title.

"It was really hot with the lights and I was a little nervous, but it was fun," Buckert said. "This proves that all my hard work and effort has really paid off."

In the girls' championship match, Morrison, who has two Illinois individual state high school titles to her credit, threw a strike on the first ball in the final frame to lock up the victory.

"This has been really cool and I think it's amazing that kids are being given the opportunity to experience an event like this," Morrison said.

"I thought I was going to be a lot more nervous than I really was, but once I got out there and started making shots I calmed down."

To wrap up Sunday's finals, Morrison and Buckert teamed up with a couple of PBA stars in a doubles showdown.

Ellen Morrison and Kelly Kulick defeated Jonathan Buckert and Tony Reyes 256-233.



Ellen Morrison and Jonathan Buckert

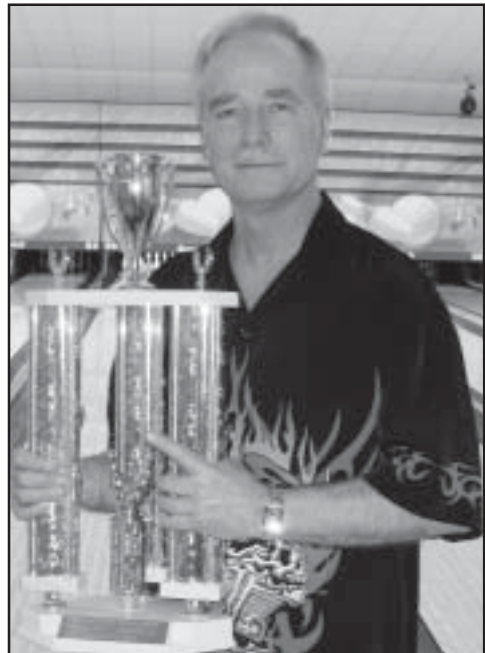
American High School Championships.

Ellen Morrison of Winnebago, Ill., and Jonathan Buckert of Rochester, N.Y., each earned \$3,000 scholarships by defeating their opponents at DeVos Place. Morrison won her match 210-190 over Kayla Stamm of Shillington, Pa., while Buckert defeated Christopher David Ray of Granite City, Ill., 213-170.

The event, which was conducted in an arena-setting on the same lanes as the Denny's Professional Bowlers Association World Championship earlier in the day, is scheduled to be televised on ESPN on April



## Eagle Wins Third GBT Crown In Michigan Open



Dale Eagle

**Lansing, MI** - The Eagle has landed - again. Dale Eagle is the winner of the Generations Pro Bowling Tour Michigan Open. After very high scores the entire event, Eagle and Texan Mark Estes squared off in a hard fought title match that went down to the final frame, with Eagle winning 190-174. Eagle earned \$8,000 for his third GBT title. Estes took home \$4,500.

In the championship match at Royal Scot Lanes, Eagle looked strong starting the match, striking on three of his first four shots, but in frames five and six, disaster struck. In frame five, he left the 2-8-10, and then followed with the 4-6-7.

Estes was also struggling with a 7-10 split in the second frame, he was trailing until Eagles two opens gave him an opening. But it wasn't his night. With a chance to take the lead, he left a washout in frame six, and Eagle then doubled to regain command.

Even then, it was not over. When Eagle left a 7-10 in the ninth, he had to strike out to force Estes to double Estes, playing the far outside line, tossed the ball wide in the tenth for a six count, and was denied his first GBT win.

"The title pair played different for me than they did all week," said Eagle. "The ball was sliding on the right lane, and hooking on the left. I moved right, and it got tighter, and I left the 7-10. I just had too much speed on that shot. I just kept moving, and thank God I won."

"I thought the lanes were pretty nice," said Estes. "I had a good shot off the gutter, but I just threw a couple of terrible shots Like the one in the tenth when I still had a chance to win."

By becoming the GBT's first three time

titlest, Eagle may now be the favorite to become the first GBT Bowler of the Year. He now trails David Ozio on the money list by less than \$3,000. He has \$63,800 to Ozio's \$66,300.

In prior matches, Estes defeated three GBT champions to advance. He beat Dave Ferraro 247-227, Mark Roth 202-181, and Ozio in a thrilling semi-final 275-263.

In the Classic Division, Roy Buckley won the first two matches. He beat Matt Buxton 207-190 and Ron Winger 245-204, before losing to Eagle 257-212.

### GBT 2007 Michigan Open Royal Scot Lanes, Lansing, Michigan

#### Championship Match

Dale Eagle \$3500 bonus def. Mark Estes [190 - 174]

#### SENIOR DIVISION

#### Stepladder Matches

Mark Estes def. David Ozio \$3000 [275-263]; Mark Estes def. Mark Roth \$2000 [202-181]; Mark Estes def. Steve Ferraro \$1500 [247-227]

#### Final Standings

Estes, Mark - Grapevine, Tex. 9-7-0 7233 32 226.03 \$4500; Ozio, David - Beaumont, Tex. 6-7-0 7030 29 242.41 \$3000; Roth, Mark - Fulton, N.Y. 10-3-0 6638 29 228.90 \$2000; Ferraro, Steve - Kingston, N.Y. 8-5-0 6528 29 225.10 \$1500; Brazeau, Brian - Ocala, Fla. 8-4-0 6228 28 222.43 \$1250; Vittone, Rick - Tecumseh, Canada 7-5-0 6119 28 218.54 \$1200; Wolverton, Royce - Lansing, Mich. 7-5-0 6059 28 216.39 \$1150; Chrzanowski, Michael - Shepherd, Mich. 5-7-0 6090 28 217.50 \$1100; Simon, Randy - Lansing, Mich. 3-9-0 6138 28 219.21 \$1050; Winther, Rick - Fairbanks, Alaska 4-8-0 6092 28 217.57 \$1000; Portalatin, Victor - Jackson, Mich. 4-8-0 6054 28 216.21 \$950; Weller, Mark - Jonesville, Mich. 4-8-0 6004 28 214.43 \$900.

#### Other Cashers (\$250 each)

Milletics, John - Sandusky, Mich. 3500 16 218.75; Stewart, Bill - Plainwell, Mich. 3492 16 218.25; Miller, George - Grand Rapids, Mich. 3491 16 218.19; Patchen, Dave - Oregon, Ohio 3481 16 217.56; Hunt, Richard - Vokorausi, Ind. 3453 16 215.81; Smith, Greg - Fort Wayne, Ind. 3445 16 215.31.

#### CLASSIC DIVISION

#### Stepladder Matches

Dale Eagle def. Roy E. Buckley \$3000 [257-212]; Roy E. Buckley def. Ron Winger \$2000 [245-204]; Roy E. Buckley def. Matt C. Buxton \$1500 [207-190]

#### Final Standings

Eagle, Dale - Tavares, Fla. 9-3-0 6456 28 230.57 \$8000; Buckley, Roy E. - Westerville, Ohio 7-6-0 6588 29 227.17 \$3000; Winger, Ron - Las Vegas, Nev. 6-5-0 6235 27 230.93 \$2000; Buxton, Matt C. - Jefferson City, Mo. 7-4-0 6077 27 225.07 \$1500; Dickinson, Gary - Edmond, Okla. 7-3-0 5835 26 224.42 \$1200; LeChevallier, Ron - Lovonia, Mich. 5-5-0 5867 26 225.65 \$1100; Cascio, Frank - Tonawanda, N.Y. 4-6-0 5785 26 222.50 \$105; Israel, Doyle D. - Saginaw, Mich. 4-6-0 5659 26 217.65 \$1000; Keenan Jr., William E. - Orlando, Fla. 3-7-0 5555 26 213.65 \$950; Krause, Jerry - Mundelein, Ill. 2-8-0 5564 26 214.00 \$900.

#### Other Cashers (\$250 each)

Davis, Dave - Frostproof, Fla. 3502 16 218.88; Pierce, Chuck - Dallas, Tex. 3426 16 214.13; Smith, Derek - Hicksville, Ohio 3423 16 213.94; Semiz, Teata - N Brunswick, N.J. 3422 16 213.88.

## TURBO TECH'S MARQUEZ JOINS GOLD COACHING RANKS

Turbo Tech's Director of Coaching Lou Marquez has joined the elite level of bowling coaches. Marquez is one of the three coaches recently certified as Gold Level instructors in the United States Bowling Congress Coaching Program. The five level programs has thousands of bowling coaches across the nation, but only 29 have reached the highest level to be designated as Gold coaches.

"Lou does a great job, he is a very good communicator, and I wish we had more like him," said Bob Maki, Director of the USBC Coaching Program. "He has all of the tools to have a very successful career in coaching."

Marquez came to Turbo last year after a stint as Director of Coaching at the Kegel Training Center in Florida, and after spending time coaching in Asia, which included a year living and coaching in Hong Kong. The Turbo Tech Team teaches bowling on all levels from beginners to pros, and the full service facility is booked weeks in advance, offer-

ing the best training available to bowling athletes of all abilities.

Under his guidance, the Turbo Tech Training Center, located in Turbo 2-N-1 headquarters in Chesterfield, Michigan, has become one of the premier bowling training facilities in the world. "Finding ways to give back and promote the sport



Lou Marquez

of bowling is an integral part of our business, said Lori Tessmar, President of Turbo Sales and Marketing. "It's a delight to open our doors to the bowling community through our technically advanced training and fitness center, Turbo Tech. With Lou's recent IBPSIA (International Bowling Pro Shops and Instructors Association) and USBC Gold Coach Certification, bowlers will now have access to one of the most highly accredited instructors in the country. Lou is an exceptional addition to our team. We couldn't more proud of his recent accomplishments."

Another USBC Gold Coach, Richard Shockley, who is the National Director of Coaching for the Brunswick Corpo-

ration Retail Bowling Division, had this to say about Marquez - "I worked with Lou in Florida, and you will not find a more dedicated and passionate coach. He has that special gift of communication that makes learning easy. Lori and Turbo are lucky to have him as Turbo Tech's director."

Marquez has been involved in bowling as an instructor and pro shop operator since 1980. "To think that I'm now on the same level with some of the best coaches in the world is an honor," said Marquez. "I never dreamed I would have the opportunities this profession and this company has given me, and I'm going to keep working every day to improve and help others improve."

Marquez's secret to effective coaching? "It's very simple, he says. "I always try to look at everything from the student's perspective."



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## Hall of Famer Dave Davis Wins First Generations Tour Title



Dave Davis

**Columbus, OH** - The Generations Bowling Tour has a new champion from its Classic Division. 64-year-old Dave Davis defeated the GBT's #1 player David Ozio 203-194 at HP Lanes to win his first GBT title to go with his 18 PBA crowns from his Hall of Fame career. Davis earned \$8,000 for the victory, and Ozio got \$4,500 as runner-up.

In the championship match, Davis took control in the second half of the game when he got three strikes in frames 7 through 9

when Ozio got into trouble in frames 5 through 7 with three short counts. Ozio got 5, 6 and 7, but still had a chance to get back in the match in the ninth. After a strike in the eighth, he came up a little high, leaving a four pin, and the match was over.

"All titles mean everything, and this one is very special because you never know when it's your last," said Davis. "I was feeling the nerves. It's been a long time since I bowled for a title. When you are bowling against great players like Semiz and Ozio and all the rest, it's nerve-racking. Every ball is critical."

In prior matches in the senior division, Ozio defeated Dave Patchen in a hard fought game 256-247 to reach the final. Before that, Patchen defeated Dennis Lane 257-179, and lane beat Mark Estes 187-184.

In the Classic Division final game, Davis defeated Dale Eagle 228-189, Teata Semiz 206-192, and David Bernhardt 277-192.

The Generations Bowling Tour now takes a two-week break until it's final swing begins with April 6-9 with the Wichita Open at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, KS. The final two events of the inaugural GBT season will be in Austin and Houston, Texas.

2007 GBT Columbus Open

H.P. Lanes, Columbus, OH - March 19, 2007

Championship Match - (Winner earns \$3500 Bonus - Dave Davis def. David Ozio [203 - 194])  
Senior Results

Stepladder Matches

David Ozio def. Dave Patchen \$3000 [256 - 247]; Dave Patchen def. Dennis Lane \$2000 [257 - 179]; Dennis Lane def. Mark Estes \$1500 [187 - 184]

Final Standings

Ozio, David - Beaumont, Tex. 11-3-0 6906 30 230.20 \$4500; Patchen, Dave - Oregon, Ohio 10-4-0 6909 30 230.30 \$3000; Lane, Dennis - Kingsport, Tenn. 10-4-0 6608 30 220.27 \$2000; Estes, Mark - Grapevine, Tex. 7-6-0 6476 29 223.31 \$1500; Bruck, Stephen - Cincinnati, Ohio 8-4-0 6114 28 218.36 \$1400; Roth, Mark - Fulton, N.Y. 5-7-0 6179 28 220.68 \$1300; Shultis, Gary - Levittown, N.Y. 5-7-0 6116 28 218.43 \$1250; Smith, Gary A. - E. Peoria, Ill. 5-7-0 6067 28 216.68 \$1200; Troup, Guppy - Taylorsville, N.C. 5-7-0 6016 28 214.86 \$1150; Jabczynski, Mitch - Novi, Mich. 6-6-0 5951 28 212.54 \$1100; Portalatin, Victor - Jackson, Mich. 5-7-0 5968 28 213.14 \$1050; Kauble, Timothy - Marion, Ohio 5-6-1 5949 28 212.46 \$1000; Proffitt, Ron - Brookville, Ohio 5-7-0 5946 28 212.36 \$975; Brazeau, Brian - Ocala, Fla. 5-7-0 5917 28 211.32 \$950; Weller, Mark - Jonesville, Mich. 4-7-1 5894 28 210.50 \$925; Simon, Randy - Lansing, Mich. 2-10-0 5562 28 198.64 \$900.

Other Cashers (\$250 each)

Patterson, Don - Knoxville, Tenn. 3394 16 212.13; Pickford, Mark - Charlotte, N.C. 3371 16 210.69; Chrzanowski, Michael - Shepherd, Mich. 3353 16 209.56; Fulford, Kerry - Gatesville, Tex. 3347 16 209.19; Lewis, Bob - Warren, Mich. 3334 16 208.38; Cave, Norm - Portsmouth, Ohio 3318 16 207.38; Farley, Tom - Charlotte, N.C. 3297 16 206.06.

Classic Results

Stepladder Matches

Dave Davis def. Dale Eagle \$3000 [228 - 189]; Dave Davis def. Teata Semiz \$2000 [206 - 192]; Dave Davis def. David Bernhardt \$1500 [277 - 192]

Final Standings

Davis, Dave - Frostproof, Fla. 8-6-0 6643 30 221.43 \$8000; Eagle, Dale - Tavares, Fla. 8-3-0 6096 27 225.78 \$3000; Semiz, Teata - N Brunswick, N.J. 5-6-0 5949 27 220.33 \$2000; Bernhardt, David - Romeo, Mich. 6-5-0 5877 27 217.67 \$1500; Hoefs, Ben - West Bend, Wis. 4-5-1 5690 26 218.85 \$1250; Petraglia, Johnny - Manalapan, N.J. 3-6-1 5703 26 219.35 \$1150; Higham, Mickey - Bowling Green, Ohio 4-6-0 5687 26 218.73 \$1100; Buckley, Roy E. - Westerville, Ohio 6-4-0 5625 26 216.35 \$1050; Winger, Ron - Las Vegas, Nev. 5-4-1 5592 26 215.08 \$1000; Pierce, Chuck - Dallas, Tex. 3-6-1 5630 26 216.54 \$950; Herbert, George - Akron, Ohio 3416 16 213.50 \$900.

Other Cashers (\$250 each)

Soutar, Dave - Bradenton, Fla. 3373 16 210.81; Atria, Vinnie - Louisville, Ky. 3371 16 210.69; Keenan Jr., William E. - Orlando, Fla. 3342 16 208.88; Pallas, Harv - Stevensville, Mich. 3336 16 208.50; Emmett, Dan - Las Vegas, Nev. 3316 16 207.25.

## BRAZEAU WINS FIRST GBT TITLE IN FORT WAYNE



Brian Brazeau

**Fort Wayne, IN** - Brian Brazeau turned 50 years old on January 17, and on March 12 he won his first national professional title. Brazeau, a pro shop operator and sales rep for Morich Bowling Products, defeated Hall of Famer Gary Dickinson 234-214 at Georgetown Bowl.

He earned \$8000, and Dickinson claimed \$4500 as the runner-up.

In the championship match, Brazeau was in control the whole way. He started with a

four-bagger, left a 4 pin, then reeled off three more strikes to seal the victory. Dickinson started with a spare, then got three strikes, but left the 2-4-10 in the fifth. he made the split, but never could catch up without a double in the second half of the game.

"This whole day is a blur," said Brazeau. "Good fortune was with me all week. I'm kind of speechless. I had to beat two Hall of Famers to do this, and it's just a fantastic feeling. I just called my wife, and she's crying - everybody's happy! This is just great, really great!"

"I had a decent start," said Dickinson, "but I didn't throw it very good after that split in the fifth. I made it, but never got it going again. Even if I did, Brian had a really good look and he bowled so good he would have been hard to beat."

In the matches to determine the division winners, Brazeau defeated David Ozio 216-193, and Dickinson beat Ron Winger 216-179.

Prior to that, Dickinson downed Ben Hoefs 232-212, and Ozio got by Gary Smith 233-216. In the first game of the stepladder finals, Ozio beat Mitch Jabczynski 214-188, and Hoefs defeated last week's GBT champion Dale Eagle 227-174.

The GBT Indiana Open was the 13th of 17 events in the Generations Bowling Tour's inaugural season, and it drew a full field of 80 top senior bowlers.

2007 GBT Indiana Open

Georgetown Bowl, Fort Wayne, IN

Championship Match - (Winner earns \$3500 bonus)

Brian Brazeau def. Gary Dickinson [234-214]

Senior Division

Stepladder Matches

Brian Brazeau def. David Ozio \$3000 [216-193]; David Ozio def. Gary A. Smith \$2000 [233-216]; David Ozio def. Mitch Jabczynski \$1500 [214-188]

Final Standings

Brazeau, Brian - Ocala, Fla. 13-1-0 5979 26 229.96 \$8000; Ozio, David - Beaumont, Tex. 9-6-0 6154 27 227.93 \$3000; Smith, Gary A. - E. Peoria, Ill. 6-7-0 5774 25 230.96 \$2000; Jabczynski, Mitch - Novi, Mich. 8-5-0 5581 25 223.24 \$1500; Kossert, Roger - Lithia, Fla. 7-5-0 5418 24 225.75 \$1300; Estes, Mark - Grapevine, Tex. 7-5-0 5330 24 222.08 \$1250; Miller, George - Grand Rapids, Mich. 8-4-0 5271 24 219.63 \$1200; Smith, Greg - Fort Wayne, Ind. 3-9-0 5414 24 225.58 \$1150; Roth, Mark - Fulton, N.Y. 5-7-0 5349 24 222.88 \$1100; Patchen, Dave - Oregon, Ohio 7-5-0 5226 24 217.75 \$1050; Edwards, Bob - Lima, Ohio 6-6-0 5212 24 217.17 \$1000; Wolf, Karl - Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 5-7-0 5194 24 216.42 \$975; Hiday, Gary - Indianapolis, Ind. 2-10-0 4980 24 207.50 \$950; Kelly, Bob - Dayton, Ohio 2-10-0 4956 24 206.50 \$925; Troup, Guppy - Taylorsville, N.C. 2557 12 213.08 \$900;

Other Cashers (\$250 each)

Kauble, Timothy - Marion, Ohio 2556 12 213.00; Vincent, Gene - Decatur, Ill. 2551 12 212.58; Brosius, Lee - Centerville, Va. 2534 12 211.17; Scantamburlo, Leo - Riverview, Mich. 2511 12 209.25; Hockstad, Terry - Shelby Township, Mich. 2508 12 209.00; Lane, Dennis - Kingsport, Tenn. 2507 12 208.92; Niehaus, Randy - Rockford, Ill. 2491 12 207.58.

Classic Division

Stepladder Matches

Gary Dickinson def. Ron Winger \$3000 [216-179]; Gary Dickinson def. Ben Hoefs \$2000 [232-212]; Ben Hoefs def. Dale Eagle \$1500 [227-174]

Final Standings

Dickinson, Gary - Edmond, Okla. 12-3-0 6142 27 227.48 \$4500; Winger, Ron - Las Vegas, Nev. 10-3-0 5676 25 227.04 \$3000; Hoefs, Ben - West Bend, Wis. 6-8-0 5943 26 228.58 \$2000; Eagle, Dale - Tavares, Fla. 7-6-0 5514 25 220.56 \$1500; Buckley, Roy E. - Westerville, Ohio 7-5-0 5252 24 218.83 \$1250; Semiz, Teata - N Brunswick, N.J. 6-6-0 5197 24 216.54 \$1150; Brenner, James - Le Claire, Iowa 1-11-0 5312 24 221.33 \$1100; Pierce, Chuck - Dallas, Tex. 7-5-0 5045 24 210.21 \$1050; Soutar, Dave - Bradenton, Fla. 5-7-0 5069 24 211.21 \$1000; Atria, Vinnie - Louisville, Ky. 5-7-0 5064 24 211.00 \$950; Wolf, Mel - Jackson, Mich. 6-6-0 4956 24 206.50 \$925; Hrcsina, John - Franklin, Pa. 3-9-0 4814 24 200.58 \$900.

Other Cashers - (\$250 each)

Alexander, Pat - Fort Wayne, Ind. 2483 12 206.92; Andersen, Robert - Forest City, N.C. 2478 12 206.50; Keenan Jr., William E. - Orlando, Fla. 2474 12 206.1; Dixon, Otis - Forest Park, Ill. 2463 12 205.25; Boyed, Don - Columbus Grove, Ohio 2412 12 201.00 \$250  
300 Game - Gary A. Smith

## Hall of Famer Bill Lillard competes in 60th USBC Championship



Bill Lillard receives his 60-year plaque from Tournament Services Manager Kevin Olson

**RENO, Nev.** - Despite an ailing knee, USBC Hall of Famer Bill Lillard of Houston made the ceremonial march down Center Aisle as he celebrated his 60th consecutive appearance at the USBC Open Championships.

The eight-time Open Championships titlist became the ninth bowler in tournament history to reach the plateau, and the milestone was shared by hundreds of bowlers, family and friends.

"To compete in my 60th tournament was very special," said Lillard, who hasn't missed a year since his debut at the 1948

event in Detroit. "There was a standing ovation in the squad room, but it was an especially great feeling when I got to the lanes and they played the national anthem. I really was moved by the whole experience."

The 79-year-old Lillard, who became the first bowler to win four titles in a single year when he won team, doubles, all-events and Team All-Events in 1956, entered this year as the tournament's active career pinfall leader with 110,106 pins, a 200.6 average for 59 years.

He added 608 in singles, 535 in doubles and 497 in team for a 1,640 all-events effort and raised his career total to 111,746. He trails only the late Joe Norris of San Diego, who tops the list with 123,770 pins. Norris also is tied with Bill Doehrman of Fort

Wayne, Ind., with 71 tournament appearances.

This year, Lillard shared his knowledge and years of experience with teammate and tournament first-timer, Ryan Holland, who used some tips from the legend to stay calm on the lanes. The pair also teamed up for Century Doubles, the unique optional side event that pairs bowlers whose combined age is at least 100.

"Because it was my first time and Bill's 60th together, this became such a huge and intimidating experience," Holland said. "At the start of the team event I was so nervous I could barely throw the ball. But eventually I settled down and was able to really appreciate how special it all was."

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Across the Pond

The first arrivals for my 17th Annual Golden Ladies Classic at the Orleans were from the British Isles - three from England and one from Scotland. They had a variety of reasons for descending on Las Vegas ahead of schedule, including sight-seeing and more importantly getting acclimated to the lane conditions, which they have discovered in past trips is different than those they experience at home.

A first time participant in my GLC was Gloria Carney-Fife, Scotland, who was accompanied by her husband Allen who is the current President of his country STBA which is our USBC.

He said the growth of our sport is experiencing an increase each year especially with the young people. Bowlers receive a big monetary reward overall when joining the association. The thirty dollar sanction fee entitles them to open bowl for \$3.00 a line opposed to the normal house charge of \$6.00 a line - and up. They have one house in his country that has thirty-eight lane beds, but most of them run from 18 to 24. He is currently looking for an investor to join him in acquiring a deserted bowling property in the middle of Scotland. He plans to turn it into a multiple complex that will hopefully host all tournaments, coupled with an academy that will teach bowling all year round. He said the gap between the top and bottom is

quite evident by the make up of the national team that will compete this coming September in Mexico. Three will be in their teens, and the rest are seniors. His wife was looking forward to competing in the GLC because the extreme change of lane conditions will prepare her for international competition. Allen said many of European tournaments will have long oil on one lane and short oil on the other. He said this really forces the players to constantly focus and make adjustments. He promised to spread the word about our tournament in Scotland.

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**Jeanette Robinson** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Jeanette Robinson is a PWBA champion and member of seven Halls of Fame

Jim Goodwin and his wife CJ who publish the Stars & Strikes are on the road again with the Generations Bowling Tour featuring the great senior pro bowlers of all time. They report that expectations are high for the second go-around and if they can use the first time out as a barometer, they expect interest and expectations to continue climbing at each stop. We wish them well.

I applaud ESPN and all those connected with the U.S. Open telecast. It showcased our sport at a top-flight level and it seemed only fitting that the son of a legend, Pete Weber, captured the title.

Results of this year's Golden Ladies are on page 7.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 16-June 30 **The BTM**, High Sierra Lanes, Reno, NV
- Feb 17-June 30 **USBC Open Championships**, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- USBC Bowler's Journal Championships**, Grand Sierra Lanes, Reno, NV
- GBT Wichita Open**, Northrock Lanes, Wichita, KS
- SASBA M/G Doubles**, Dynamic Lanes, Houston, TX
- GBT Texas Open**, Interstate Lanes, Round Rock, TX
- USBC Women's Championships**, Charlotte, North Carolina
- GBT Houston Open**, Emerald Lanes, Houston, TX
- SASBA SS Champs/SS Non-Champs**, Fiesta Lanes, New Braunfels, TX
- PBA Senior Manassas Open**, Bowl America, Manassas, VA
- USBC Queens and Senior Queens**, AMF Carolina Lanes, Matthews, NC
- SASBA**, Bowlarama, Rowlett, TX
- PBA Hammer Ladies & Legends**, Cherry Bowl, Rockford, IL
- SASBA South Central**, Conway Family Bowl, Conway, AR
- PBA Senior Northern Illinois Classic**, Fairhaven Lanes, Mundelein, IL
- SASBA Firecracker**, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
- International Bowl Expo**, Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, NV
- July High Roller**, Samis Town Bowl, Las Vegas, NV
- SASBA SS**, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
- SASBA South Central**, Playmor Lanes, Huntsville, AL
- PBA Senior Tucson Open**, Golden Pin Lanes, Tucson, AZ
- PBA Senior U.S. Open**, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- PBA Senior Epicenter Classic**, Epicenter Lanes, Klamath Falls, OR
- USBC Senior Championship, National Bowling Stadium**, Reno, NV
- PBA Senior Northern California Classic**, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, CA
- SASBA SS/Senior Doubles**, Holiday Lanes, Oklahoma City, OK
- USBC Junior Gold Championships**, Buffalo, NY
- USBC Senior Masters, National Bowling Stadium**, Reno, NV
- SASBA**, 300 Bowl, Conroe, TX
- SASBA South Central**, Dixie Bowl, Meridian, MS
- PBA Senior Council Bluffs Open**, Thunderbowl, Council Bluffs, IA
- SASBA**, Copperfield Bowl, Housotn, TX
- PBA Senior Hammond Open**, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, IN
- SASBA South Central M/G Doubles**, Winchester Bowl, Memphis, TN
- PBA Senior Decatur Open**, Spare Time Lanes, Decatur, IL
- PBA Senior Dick Weber Invitational**, West Country Lanes, Ballwin, MO
- SASBA**, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
- SASBA South Central**, Millennium Bowl, Little Rock, AR
- SASBA South Central Labor Day Blowout**, Lafayette Lanes, Lafayette, LA
- SASBA Champs/Non-Champs**, Cityview, Fort Worth, TX
- SASBA South Central**, Galaxy Lanes, Columbia, TN
- SASBA South Central M/G Doubles**, Metro Bowl, Baton Rouge, LA
- SASBA Masters**, Fiesta Lanes, New Braunfels, TX
- SASBA South Central M/G Doubles**, Millennium Bowl, Little Rock, AR
- SASBA South Central**, Rebel Lanes, Tupelo, MS
- SASBA Annual Championship**, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
- SASBA South Central Team Championship**, Timber Lodge Lanes, Monticello, AR
- SASBA South Central**, Cumberland Lanes, Nashville, TN
- SASBA**, Delmar Lanes, Houston, TX
- SASBA South Central M/G Doubles**, RebeLanes, Tupelo, MS

In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on. - - Robert Frost

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# THE FUNNY PAGE

Dictator - Another name for Richard Spud

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## Actual School Excuse Notes

These are excuse notes from parents (with their original spelling) collected by schools from all over the country:

My son is under a doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please execute him.

Please excuse Lisa for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot.

Dear School: Please excuse John being absent on Jan. 28, 29,30, 31, 32, and also 33.

Please excuse Gloria from Jim today. She is administrating.

Please excuse Roland from P.E. for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.

John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.

Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part.

Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.

Chris will not be in school cus he has an acre in his side.

Please excuse Ray Friday from school. He has very loose vowels.

Iring was absent yesterday because he missed his bust.

Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.

I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I don't know what size she wears.

Sally won't be in school a week from Friday. We have to attend her funeral.

My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent a weekend with the Marines.

Please excuse Jason for being absent yesterday. He had a cold and could not breed well.

Please excuse Mary for being absent yesterday. She was in bed with gramps.

Maryann was absent December 11-16, because she had a fever, sore throat, headache and upset stomach. Her sister was also sick, fever and sore throat, her brother had a low grade fever and ached all over. I wasn't the best either, sore throat and fever. There must be something going around, her father even got hot last night.

Please excuse little Jimmy for not being in school yesterday. His father is gone and I could not get him ready because I was in bed with the doctor.



## Las Vegas Churches

This may come as a surprise to those of you not living in Las Vegas, but there are more Catholoc churches than casinos. Not surprisingly, some worshippers at Sunday services will give casino chips rather than cash when the basket is passed. Since they get chips from many different casinos, the churches have devised a method to collect the offerings. The churches send all their collected chips to a nearby Franciscan Monastery for sorting and then the chips are taken to the casinos of origin and cashed in. This is done by the Chip Monks!

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A judge was punishing three men because they had committed a crime. Their sentence was a few years in the desert. He said that they could each take one thing with them.

The first guy decides to take an umbrella, so that he can have shade whenever he wants.

The second guy decides to take a water bottle so that he won't get thirsty. Finally, the third guy decides to take a car door.

The judge asked, "Why in the world would you want to take a car door?" The man replies, "Just in case it gets hot, I can roll down the window."

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Generally - The hero who led the south in the civil war

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It has long been rumored that W. R. Grace Co. was considering buying the Fuller Brush Co. along with Mary Kay Cosmetics and then merge with the Hale Business Systems.

This mega-corporate entity could be known as Hale Mary Fuller Grace

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Elixer - What a dog does to his owner when she gives him a bone

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DID YOU KNOW - - - - -

The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for Blood plasma.

No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven (7) times.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty (50) years of age or older.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.

The King of Hearts is the only king WITHOUT A MOUSTACHE

American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one (1) olive from each salad served in first-class.

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.

The first owner of the Marlboro Company died of lung cancer. So did the first "Marlboro Man."

Walt Disney was afraid OF MICE!

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It is possible to lead a cow upstairs... but, not downstairs.

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

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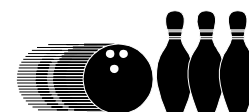
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