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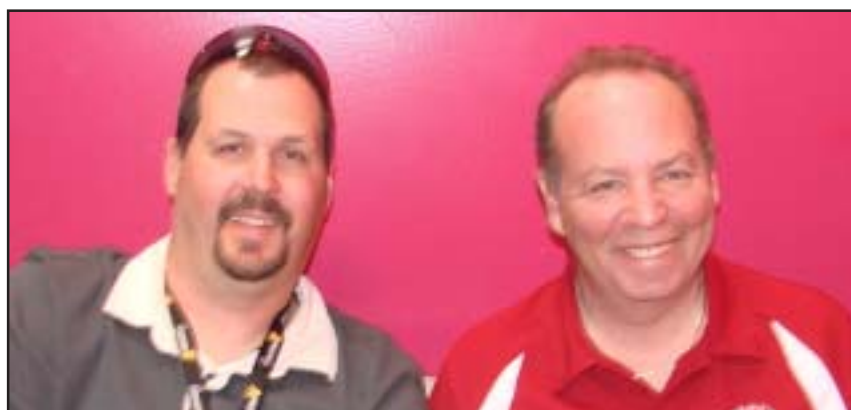


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## HIGH ROLLER Easter Champions



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# BOWL • • PINION

by Jim Goodwin

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## IF YOU BUILD IT, WILL THEY COME?

The *Field of Dreams* for women's professional bowling is finally under construction – the PBA senior tour is staging a new Ladies and Legends event at John Sommer's Cherry Bowl in Rockford, the USBC is backing a new Women's US Open, and the PBA will conduct a Women's Tour Trials in conjunction with the U S Open to award 16 players an exemption to a new four tournament pro tour, each with its own televised championship match.

After several plans to bring back the PWBA by the former WIBC didn't materialize, USBC has stepped up to get the ball rolling for women, who make up almost half their membership. They have even juiced up the Queens to a \$200,000 event with a \$30,000 top prize.

Wow! Hundreds of great women bowlers will be headed back to the lanes and into our living rooms on TV very soon – don't count on it. As good as all this sounds, and as sincere as intentions are, there might be a few glitches in the 'ol thought process.

As this is being written, the USBC Queens is in progress, and with 341 entries, it will be very successful. The Senior Queens has 160 entries! The ladies are nothing if not loyal. The Queens and Senior Queens, and the USBC Open and Women's Championships are like an annual pilgrimage to bowling mecca. It's tradition that has been

passed on from generation-to-generation. The Junior Gold event is similar, with 1700 entries this year.

Here's the first hitch – The PBA Ladies and Legends was scheduled only two weeks after the Queens, and as of today, I only saw 23 ladies on the roster with over 100 men. Among the ladies entered, I noticed only three 'headliners;' Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Robin Romeo, and Kelly Kulick.

I'm sure they will pick up a few more, but it now looks like almost every woman entered will qualify for the 24-team matchplay. And how will they pay a 1:3 cash ratio guaranteed by the Illinois Bowling Proprietors? And how many teams will be competitive in the finals? Knowing how much some of the top seniors pros hate to lose, some of them might be a little upset if their partner can't keep pace.

I'm sure those involved are asking these same questions, and I hope they come up with a good solution that is fair to both sides of the roster. I wonder if they took into consideration that most of the top former PWBA pros now have jobs that they can't leave anytime they want to go bowling? It's been almost four years – they have moved on.

Which brings us to the U.S. Open and the PBA Women's Tour Trials, scheduled in August. At stake, aside from the Open prize money and title, are 16 spots on a four-event PBA Women's 'Tour' that will pay \$10,000 first place and \$1800 last cash in each event.

Sounds great, you say? Not so fast. . . To be eligible for the sweet sixteen tour, women must pay a \$400 U.S. Open entry fee, plus another \$750 tour trials entry fee, plus all their expenses for the week.

Then, if they make the cut, they must spend \$399 to join the PBA, pay another \$500 entry fee for each event, and take a month off their jobs to go bowling. Add to that \$800-1000 traveling expenses per week, and they are out of pocket a total of roughly \$7,000-8,000 in entry fees and expenses. And they give up their amateur status.

Since they are guaranteed to cash for \$1800 per week, the least they can earn is \$7200. Most will probably make \$10,000-20,000, but (yes, there is always a but) don't forget they will likely lose any income they would have made in their real jobs, if they can even get the time off. How many women can make that kind of commitment? And how many have the confidence to compete at the professional level?

Please don't misunderstand – I think what the USBC and PBA are doing is good. I just think they waited too long to make it the success it should be. Four years is a long time. I also firmly believe a 'minor league' women's tour is the best way to get back to a major league that bowls on TV.

Women need an affordable, consistent series of events where young players can develop their skills to get ready for the top level. That is why

the PBA has a regional program, but most women don't want to bowl against the men.

I have also heard some grumbling from some of the PBA members about this project. Some of the seniors see it as money going to women that could have been spent on their tour. That sounds selfish, but they are still hopeful that the PBA Senior Tour can get back on television, even if it's only a couple of shows each year.

The younger pros are concerned about losing a spot in the TV finals. It's extremely difficult to make those shows, and it just got a little harder in the four events next season where one of the matches will be the women's.

In a perfect world, I think they all want more for the ladies, but not at their expense. It was tough when the prize funds were reduced 20%. Now, something else is being taken away.

The real winner from all this might be Kelly Kulick. Since she is the only woman with vast knowledge of the PBA oil patterns and how to match up equipment from her year on tour, she just might win all four events. Without a doubt, she will be the favorite.

What if only 20 women pay the extra money to make the sweet sixteen tour, and what if only half of them are top competitors?

If you build it, will they come?

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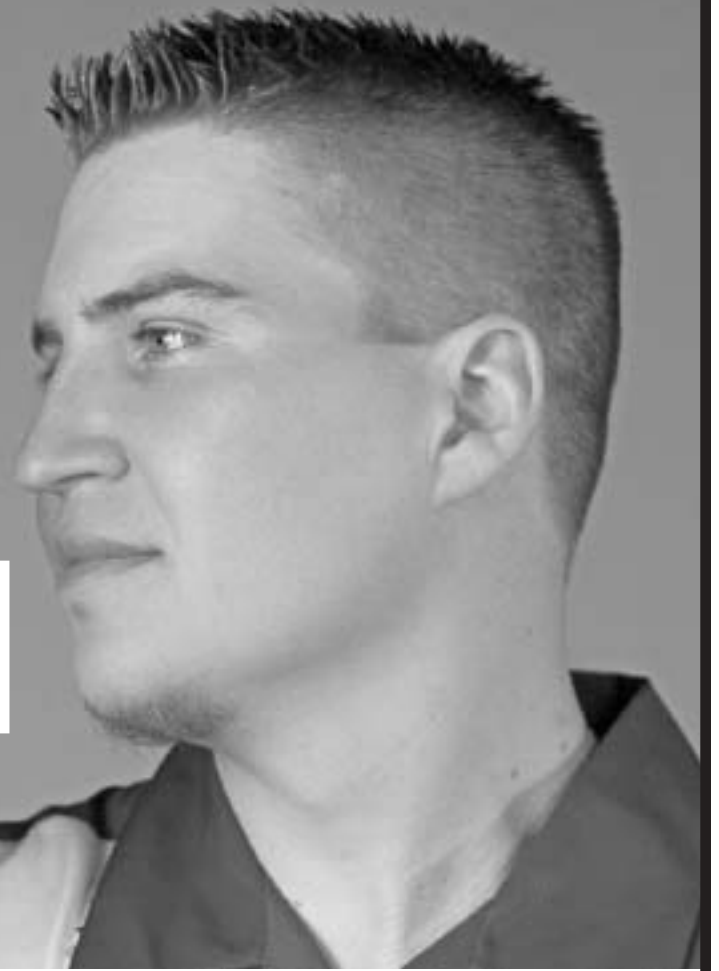
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# PEZZANO

## Pressure? What Pressure?!

Many leagues and tournaments wind up with races as close as a bunch of college students attempting to find out how many of them can fit into a telephone booth.

When competition is keen, and can go any way, it can be tension time.

Tempers are short. There are flareups of all sorts, often between bowlers on the same team. The most docile bowler can become aggressive when a battle is on, whether the reward is a tiny trophy or a world championship title. And the fiery can become quiet and thoughtful.

Adapting to change is always a source of tension. Yet, tension is natural. It shows up when there is a conflict of any kind, a spat with your mate, kids, friends, enemies, and yes, in fighting off an opposing bowler or bowling team, or even a lane condition.

You become good or great at something the same way you learn something new, by making mistakes, and sometime seeming foolish until you master the challenge.

Good judgment comes from experience, and experience usually comes from previous poor judgment. Money can't buy natural ability; it's a gift. Experience comes from countless hours of training, practice, competition and patience.

The finest athletes in every sport, and **Idle bowling thoughts . . .**

- All bowling halls of fame are a boon to the sport. The most often heard criticism of all halls, not just bowling, is that too many people are elected - or not enough. And there is some validity on both sides. In some sports halls, it is years before someone is named. In others, as many as a dozen are enshrined every year.

- Bowling always has been noted for its appreciation to sponsors. So next time you go shopping for products or services, pick the ones that are involved in bowling.

- I'm not a fan of pre-taped TV shows involving competition. They lose something in the process. And I'm in sympathy with the producers of such show who sometimes don't have much choice if they want TV exposure. Their quandary is to try to keep the results secret or to release them at the time they are contested. If results are known ahead of time, many viewers won't watch, and if the results are

talent in all other fields, generally agree that you can never fully get used to pressure. Don't let outward appearances fool you. Tension grips the most seasoned performers. It does not reduce ability. Some rise to their greatest heights when under the most pressure. Nobody completely shakes tension because it's a fact of life, and must be lived with, like it or not.

Winston Churchill said, "It is very much better sometimes to have a panic feeling beforehand, and then be quite calm when things happen, than to be extremely calm beforehand and to get into a panic when things happen."

Famed airman Eddie Rickenbacker once noted, "Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared."

Think about that when you are making a clutch shot or style switch in the midst of a game or tournament. Being tense or scared is not the major problem. Being scared of being scared causes most of the trouble. The first step in the battle against pressure and tension is to admit it is there.

Each individual battles pressure in his or her own way. Veteran performers, having been through it, have more weapons to combat the common malady.

not released, many viewers feel they have been conned.

- Doug Kent won \$150,000 in copping the third annual Motel 6 Roll To Riches. It doesn't count on the official money winnings list but it is real, spendable cash. Kent won more than \$200,000 in regular tournament play. Add those to other prizes and bonus cash and it adds up to some healthy pin money.

- "No wise man tries every day what he has proved wrong the day before." said James Adams. In bowling that would translate to not making the same, mistake over and over again. Make new ones.

- If you go strictly by statistics, most Hall of Famer would pale in comparison to current high scorers. And it won't be long, if it hasn't happened already, when bowlers boast 100 or more 300 games and 800 series.

- For years bowling could brag that

Some chew gum, tobacco, candy, or their lips. Most take deep breaths, some try slow breathing. Some fidget. Some talk more, others less. For every action or idea that works, there's another that won't.

Look in the mirror. You should figure out the best way to calm the person looking back at you. Don't think you are different because a string of strikes gets you excited or flustered, or you shake nervously even when you face a so called simple spare at a crucial moment.

On the surface most established pros seem as calm as the proverbial contented cat. Inside they are often more like raging tigers. Calm or raging, control is the crisis key. The hidden element, the victory over pressure, almost always decides the winner.

Some bowlers, when thinking about upcoming key matches, expend much energy, tire, and sleep well. Some have trouble sleeping prior to the trying times. One, when he is having a bad night, shakes his roommate until the latter is awake, then asks, "What's the matter, can't you sleep either?"

Don't sleep when it comes time to face pressure, as it does for every bowler. Face it the best way you know how, and only you can really figure out how.

bowling was one sport that was never rained out. The recent rains in the East, 10 inches in a short period of time, caused many leagues and tournaments to postpone action.

- Many PBA Rookies of the Year went on to fine careers. Others didn't fare too well and soon faded from the scene. Only six of the more than 40 honored, Jim Godman, Mike Durbin, Larry Lichsein, Tommy Hudson, Mike Aulby and Pete Weber, moved on to gain PBA Hall of Fame recognition. Lichstein earned the honor in the meritorious service category. In future years, when they are eligible, former Rookie standouts who make the Hall could well be Ryan Shafer, Jason Couch, Chris Barnes and Tommy Jones.

- These days many handicap systems are based on averages of 220 or even 230 as the scratch barometer. There were days when many of the bowlers never rolled a 230 game in their lives.

## The Generations Pro Bowling Tour Has Much To Be Proud Of In First Season

The story of the Generations Pro Bowling Tour's inaugural season can be told as a series of exhilarating moments, and a fair number of challenges. The new senior tour conducted 17 events from October 2006 through April 2007. Plans for a second season will be announced soon.

The new tour kicked off in the fall in Michigan, and immediately grabbed the attention of the bowling world when the legendary Mark Roth won its first title in one of the most exciting finishes in bowling history.

Roth ended a three-year retirement to join the new GBT, and it only took one week for him to capture his 37th professional title. He ended the season with \$32,000 in prize money in 15 events, but for hundreds of bowling fans in the GBT programs, talking with him and seeing him back in action, was priceless.

Late in the season, in Wichita, Kansas, Mark and his wife Denise invited David and Brenda Howard to the event at Northrock Lanes. Howard, now 37, had written a fan letter to Mark in 1981. In Wichita, he finally got a chance to meet his boyhood hero. "This is a dream come true for me," he said.

The biggest story of the tour, however, was the emergence of David Ozio as the new star of senior pro bowling. Ozio dominated the circuit,

winning his 50-59 division nine times in 16 events. He also led the season ending non-divisional event in Houston before losing the title to Vinnie Atria. He won three titles (including a major on television in Toledo) and \$86,300 in prize money.

Ozio also set a new single season average record of 231.5 for 486 games, and he did it under very trying personal circumstances. While he was traveling with the tour, his wife Lisa was at home in Texas battling breast cancer. In the end, David having one of the greatest seasons ever for a senior bowler, was dwarfed by the news that Lisa's cancer is in remission.

"As a competitor, I was a little disappointed because I won only three times in ten chances, but it was a great tour," said Ozio. "The GBT has stood for progress and delivered the opportunity for senior players to compete at the highest level under a well run organization that has a passion for the sport. Senior bowlers everywhere should take note of this tour where bowling well is generously rewarded. I urge all of them to re-focus their dedication to the sport and support this tour in the future."

The Generations Pro Bowling Tour also made history by providing a stage for its more mature players to share the spotlight. GBT created two

divisions, labeled 'Senior', for players age 50-59, and 'Classic,' for players 60 or better. Throughout the season, the two groups competed separately side-by-side, then came together in the stepladder finals to bowl for the title. The Classic players won eight times in 17 events.

In the Classic Division, Dale Eagle gave Ozio a great run for bowler of the year honors. Eagle, who turned 61 on April 22, won three titles. The former PBA Senior Player of the Year earned \$73,050 in prize money, and won his division eight times in 15 events.

Other 60+ standouts in GBT's first season were Hall of Famers Dave Soutar, Dave Davis, and Jim Brenner, each winning a GBT title. Soutar missed the first eight weeks with a knee injury, but bounced back strong, winning his first GBT title in Wichita and finishing second the following week in Austin.

"All new organizations have a few bugs," said Soutar, "but this was a well run tour that guaranteed all prize funds and paid them. It's been tough for us to be off for eight months these past few years, so this tour is a blessing. Now, we get to bowl year round if we get behind their efforts to keep it going. It was a good all around tour."

Another Hall of Fame player and one of the

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## Atria Wins GBT Championship



Vinnie Atria

**Houston** - Vinnie Atria won his second Generations Pro Bowling Tour title April 23 by defeating likely GBT player of the year David Ozio 245-224 in the championship match at Houston's Emerald Bowl. Atria earned \$9,000 for the victory. Ozio cashed for \$4,500 to boost his money total to \$86,300 for GBT's first season.

In the title match, Atria came out striking, starting with an opening six-bagger. Ozio missed a 10 pin in the first frame, then rolled four in a row. In the seventh, Atria hung up in the ball to miss a 7 pin to let Ozio back in the match, and 'the wizard' mounted a charge with a double in the eighth; but a solid 9 pin took his breath away in the ninth, and Atria came back with a double to seal the victory.

"Golly, to end the year this way is great, and to beat David on top of it, as good as he is, although I did get a little lucky, makes it even sweeter," said Atria. "He led this thing by so much, but it happens to all of us. I lead the one in Ohio by a lot and got beat. I guess it was my day."

Atria's two titles netted him \$43,500 for his first pro season. "I'm so happy to end the year this way because I started backing myself this swing, and that adds a little more pressure," said Atria. "I haven't been bowling well, and I was beginning to wonder if I made a mistake."

"I only missed three spares all week long, and I couldn't have thrown it any better on

the nine pin," said Ozio. Still, he capped an incredible year where he won his division nine times in the 16 GBT events he bowled. "It's a little frustrating because I could have done so much better, but overall, it was a pretty good year," he said.

The Generations Pro Bowling Tour will now evaluate its first season, and announce its second year schedule in a few months.

GBT 2007 Championship  
Emerald Bowl, Houston, TX - April 23, 2007

### Stepladder Matches

Match 4: Vinnie Atria def. David Ozio \$4500 [245 - 224]  
Match 3: Vinnie Atria def. Dennis Psaropoulos \$2700 [245 - 212]  
Match 2: Dennis Psaropoulos def. Mark Estes \$2000 [288 - 170]  
Match 1: Mark Estes def. Dale Eagle \$1500 [247 - 213]

	W-L-T	Pins	Gms	Avg.	Prize
1. Atria, Vinnie - Louisville, Ky.	11-3-0	7001	30	233.37	\$9000
2. Ozio, David - Beaumont, Tex.	7-6-0	6947	29	239.55	\$4500
3. Psaropoulos, Dennis - Lake Worth, Fla.	4-10-0	6879	30	229.30	\$2700
4. Estes, Mark - Grapevine, Tex.	8-6-0	6619	30	220.63	\$2000
5. Eagle, Dale - Tavares, Fla.	7-6-0	6449	29	222.38	\$1500
6. Vito, Joe - San Antonio, Tex.	6-6-0	6149	28	219.61	\$1000
7. Prieto, Phil - El Paso, Tex.	7-5-0	6113	28	218.32	\$ 950
8. Wolf, Mel - Jackson, Mich.	2-10-0	5803	28	207.25	\$ 900
300 Games - Joe Vito, David Ozio.					

## OZIO TAKES TEXAS OPEN FOR HIS THIRD GBT TITLE

**Round Rock, TX** - David Ozio is in the driver's seat now toward becoming the first Generations Pro Bowling Tour Bowler of the Year. He defeated last week's winner, Dave Soutar 239-212 at Interstate Lanes Monday evening to win the \$8,000 top prize and his third GBT title. He is now tied with Dale Eagle with three titles, and one of his was a major in Toledo early in the season.

In the title Match, Ozio took a commanding lead through the first six frames, but a 1-2-7 washout in the seventh frame gave Soutar a chance to get back in the match. Soutar jumped on the opportunity with three strikes in frames 7-9, but Ozio recovered to get a huge strike in the ninth for a double. He then added the first one in the tenth to wipe out Soutar's chance to catch him. 'Soupy' earned \$4,500 for second.

"I just told myself when I got up in the ninth, throw a world class shot," said Ozio. "I threw a terrible shot in the seventh, and being the great champion he is, I knew he would jump on my error. I have a hard time repeating good shots when I have to throw it slow, and that's what happened in the seventh. Lucky for me, I had room to come back and shut him out."

Soutar almost didn't bowl the event because of a recurring back ailment, but it got better during the practice session and he



David Ozio

ended up bowling for the title two weeks in a row. "He let me back in with the washout," said Soutar, "and I was hoping he would give me a chance at the end, but he threw a great shot, and that was it. Still, starting out the

week with a bad back, I'm happy. It's been a pretty good two weeks."

In earlier matches, Ozio defeated Jimmy Young 226-223 and Young defeated Mark

Roth 256-212 and Jim King 248-178. In the Classic division, Soutar defeated Dale Eagle 226-221 and Gary Dickinson 192-179. Prior to that Dickinson beat Roger West 225-160.

2007 GBT Texas Open  
Interstate Lanes, Round Rock, TX - April 16, 2007

Championship Match - (Winner earns \$3500)  
David Ozio def. Dave Soutar [239 - 212]

### Senior Division

#### Stepladder Matches

Match 3: David Ozio def. Jimmy Young \$3000 [226 - 223]  
Match 2: Jimmy Young def. Mark Roth \$2000 [256 - 212]  
Match 1: Jimmy Young def. Jim King \$1500 [248 - 178]

	W-L-T	Pins	Gms	Avg.	Prize
1. Ozio, David - Beaumont, Tex.	10-4-0	7184	30	239.47	\$8000
2. Young, Jimmy - Friendswood, Tex.	7-8-0	7032	31	226.84	\$3000
3. Roth, Mark - Fulton, N.Y.	7-6-0	6935	29	239.14	\$2000
4. King, Jim - New Braunfels, Tex.	7-6-0	6463	29	222.86	\$1500
5. Ferraro, Steve - Kingston, N.Y.	6-6-0	6146	28	219.50	\$1000
6. Fulford, Kerry - Gatesville, Tex.	3-9-0	6142	28	219.36	\$ 925
7. Psaropoulos, Dennis - Lake Worth, Fla.		3594	16	224.63	\$ 900
8. Robinson, Donald - Houston, Tex.		3588	16	224.25	\$ 250
9. Vito, Joe - San Antonio, Tex.		3578	16	223.63	\$ 250
10. McCordic, Paul - Sugar Land, Tex.		3504	16	219.00	\$ 250
11. Gonzalez, Roderick - DeDorado, P.R.		3487	16	217.94	\$ 250

### Classic Division

#### Stepladder Matches

Match 3: Dave Soutar def. Dale Eagle \$3000 [226 - 221]  
Match 2: Dave Soutar def. Gary Dickinson \$2000 [192 - 179]  
Match 1: Gary Dickinson def. Roger West \$1500 [225 - 160]

	W-L-T	Pins	Gms	Avg.	Prize
1. Soutar, Dave - Bradenton, Fla.	9-6-0	6987	31	225.39	\$4500
2. Eagle, Dale - Tavares, Fla.	11-2-0	6783	29	233.90	\$3000
3. Dickinson, Gary - Edmond, Okla.	7-7-0	6623	30	220.77	\$2000
4. West, Roger - Brentwood, Tenn.	4-9-0	6331	29	218.31	\$1500
5. Pierce, Chuck - Dallas, Tex.	4-8-0	6120	28	218.57	\$1000
6. Atria, Vinnie - Louisville, Ky.	4-8-0	6016	28	214.86	\$ 900
7. Clausse, Dan - Reno, Nev.		3387	16	211.69	\$ 250
300 Games - Dave Soutar, Kerry Fulford					

## Soutar Wins First GBT Title in KR Strikeforce Wichita Open

**Wichita, KS** - Dave Soutar won his 25th national professional title April 9th Wichita's Northrock Lanes, and he did it with gusto,



Dave and Judy Soutar

defeating Don Patterson 289-221 in the championship game. He earned \$8,000 for the victory. His brilliant career now includes 17 PBA Tour titles, 7 PBA senior titles, and now a Generations Pro Bowling Tour senior title in only his seventh GBT event.

Patterson also had a great day, rolling two

300 games in the matchplay earlier in the day. His runner-up check was \$4,500.

In the title match, Soutar left a solid 7 pin in the opening frame, then reeled off a 10-bagger and added a 9-count on the fill ball for the 289. Patterson struck on six of his first seven shots, then lost a shot wide, leaving a 2-4-7 split in the eighth, and Soutar never let him back in the match. "Everything worked today til that split," said Patterson. "Dave owed me a whipping because I beat him in a big match last year, so I knew he wanted it. He's a great champion, and I hung with him until I shoved that shot out the window."

Soutar missed the first eight weeks of the 17-week tour nursing a knee injury he suffered bowling last summer. "I couldn't wait to get my leg in shape to bowl this tour, and after Matt Buxton helped me change all my grips last week, it is much better. I usually don't

do very well on these high scoring conditions, but I carried better these last two days than I ever have. I think the offset grip gave me a few extra wall shots and 10 pins. This is great. My old tour room-mate Dave Davis won in Columbus, and now this. I'm really excited about the next two weeks and the PBA

summer tour. I think I can compete again."

In preliminary matches leading up to the final, Soutar beat Ron Garr 215-203, and Patterson defeated Vic Benedict 264-164. Prior to that, Patterson beat Mark Roth 258-

236, and Kerry Painter 257-225. In Soutar's Classic division(60+), Ron Garr defeated Matt Buxton 219-164, and he got by Grady Creasie by a score of 225-185.

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### Senior Division

#### Championship Match

Dave Soutar def. Don Patterson \$3500 [289 - 221]

#### Stepladder Matches

Match 3: Don Patterson def. Vic Benedict \$3000 [264 - 164]  
Match 2: Don Patterson def. Mark Roth \$2000 [258 - 236]  
Match 1: Don Patterson def. Kerry Painter \$1500 [257 - 225]

	W-L-T	Pins	Gms	Avg.	Prize
1. Patterson, Don - Knoxville, Tenn.	7-3-0	6165	26	237.12	\$4500
2. Benedict, Vic - Broken Arrow, Okla.	2-5-0	5495	23	238.91	\$3000
3. Roth, Mark - Fulton, N.Y.	2-5-0	5551	23	241.35	\$2000
4. Painter, Kerry - Henderson, Nev.	0-7-0	5537	23	240.74	\$1500
5. Woodruff, Ron - Emporia, Kans.	6-0-0	5049	22	229.50	\$1000
6. Dias, Mike - Lafayette, Colo.	4-2-0	5097	22	231.68	\$ 925
7. Starnes, Shannon - Fort Worth, Tex.		3570	16	223.13	\$ 900
8. Lineberry, Marc - Camanche, Iowa		3553	16	222.06	\$ 250
9. Fulford, Kerry - Gatesville, Tex.		3500	16	218.75	\$ 250
10. Knoblauch, Jim - Waukesha, Wis.		3482	16	217.63	\$ 250

### Classic Division

#### Stepladder Matches

Match 3: Dave Soutar def. Ron Garr \$3000 [215 - 203]  
Match 2: Ron Garr def. Matt C. Buxton \$2000 [219 - 164]  
Match 1: Ron Garr def. Grady Creasie \$1500 [225 - 185]

#### Matchplay

	W-L-T	Pins	Gms	Avg.	Prize
1. Soutar, Dave - Bradenton, Fla.	4-4-0	5734	24	238.92	\$8000
2. Garr, Ron - Ridgedale, Mo.	6-3-0	5690	25	227.60	\$3000
3. Buxton, Matt C. - Jefferson City, Mo.	5-2-0	5284	23	229.74	\$2000
4. Creasie, Grady - Olive Branch, Miss.	2-4-1	5196	23	225.91	\$1500
5. Frame, Dave - Stockton, Kans.	3-3-0	4991	22	226.86	\$1000
6. Atria, Vinnie - Louisville, Ky.	1-4-1	4970	22	225.91	\$ 900
7. Eagle, Dale - Tavares, Fla.		3601	16	225.06	\$ 250
8. Keenan Jr., William E. - Orlando, Fla.		3588	16	224.25	\$ 250
9. Hawkins, John - Denton, Tex.		3562	16	222.63	\$ 250

## Starks, Calvin, Estes Capture Easter High Roller Titles

Easter week at Sam's Town Hotel, Navy SEAL from Santa Clara, CA Gambling Hall & Bowling Center was celebrated with 3 separate Senior who made the cut in all 3 Classics.



Classics producing 3 more 5-figure champs #162, 163 & 164. More than \$330,000 was disbursed!

The entire Classic series is sponsored by Roto Grip and 100 of the new Mystics were awarded to players during the 3 events. Many players had them drilled in the Sam's Town Pro Shop and cashed with them.

Jim Starks finally grabbed his long awaited 1st High Roller title as he bested a field of 170 players in the Age 60 & Over Classic. Starks, the 60 year old from Montclair, CA, asserted himself early in the week as the one to beat as he won the opening Sweeper and never looked back.

Actually, if he did look back, he saw former High Roller champ Ron Degroat chasing him. Degroat, from Las Vegas, was making his 60 & Over debut and, like Starks, was having a great week, knocking down pins at a tremendous rate, winning a Sweeper along the way. So the 2 squared off in the title match, Starks winning 266 - 235. Starks took home \$10,000 and Degroat earned \$5,000. Year in and year out, Starks and Degroat have proven themselves as 2 of the best bowlers in the field and the large crowd was treated to a great match.

Chet Steengrafe and Dino Cantoria advanced to the Semi-finals, just a game away from the Title Match.

Next up was the main event, the 15th Senior Easter Classic. Mark Estes, 58 years old from Grapevine, TX was only eligible for this Classic and certainly made the most of it by defeating 66 year old Curtis Cage for the \$15,000 top prize - his 2nd High Roller title. Mark saved his best game of the week for last, beating Cage 279 - 229. Cage, a former

the week and he also made the cut.

The newly formed Classified Classic made just its 2nd appearance and will definitely grow! Many players prefer not bowling against "the champs" but many strong bowlers were still around at the end. And when the smoke cleared, it was Jerry Calvin holding the trophy and \$10,000 winner's prize. He defeated Paul McCordic, the 53 year old left-hander from Sugarland, TX, 208 - 195. McCordic took \$5,000 home.

Calvin, 60 years old from 1000 Oaks, CA was another of the 10 players who made the cut in all 3 Classics. It was his 1st title match appearance. Roger Anderson and Michael Larson were semi-finalists. Jim King won the Classified Sweeper, his 2nd Sweeper of the week, firing a 300 game as well.

Former Champs Charlie Gadd and Larry Hoffman were semi-finalists. Sweepers in the 50 & Over were won by Phil Mann and Ron Degroat. Mann's \$1,650 was the largest Sweeper prize of

10 players made the cut in each of the 3 Classics: Roger Anderson, Jerry Calvin,

Curtis Cage, Jim Micus, Jerry Smith, Chet Steengrafe, Bob Webb, Darwin Wimer, Stan Winters and Lee Taylor. Each Classic had its own Early Bird Tune-Up tournament. The "60" was won by Larry Hoffman, the "50" by Willie Wells and the Classified by Ron McDonald, each pocketing \$1,000. McDonald's wife, Sherry, also won the Ladies Slot Tournament - for the 2nd time!

Up next is the July High Roller triple header which includes the Las Vegas Red Hot and A Game. Each of those events has separate qualifying and guaranteed prizes for senior bowlers. The next Senior Only event is August 27 - 31 which includes a Senior A Game, 60 & Over Classic and 50 & Over Classic. For more info, call us toll free at 1-800-257-6179 or email [info@high-roller.com](mailto:info@high-roller.com).



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# IT'S NOT ABOUT THE BENJAMINS - Or Is It?

*Baseball star John Burkett had childhood dreams of becoming a pro bowler - a few years from now, he may pursue that interest on the senior tour*

by Jim Goodwin

Whenever I hear a professional athlete say "I don't play for the money," the first thing I want to know is how much money they make. Isn't earning a living and making as much money as you can the purpose of making a sport your profession? In most cases, aren't earnings a measure of success?

For those athletes who are fond of

being a pro bowler. But after a couple of good years as a high school pitcher, the San Francisco Giants offered him \$13,000 as a 6<sup>th</sup> round draft pick." I thought I could retire on that," he recalled.

Had he chosen to pursue his favorite sport of bowling on a professional level, his career and his life would have

Actually, Burkett has something in common with *two* of the greatest bowlers of all time, Earl Anthony and Walter Ray. Anthony's first love was baseball, and he turned to bowling only because of an injury, which ended his pursuit of a career as a pro pitcher like Burkett. Walter Ray is also a pitcher, but of horseshoes. Like Burkett, he

than I thought I would, and I made plenty of money to be able to retire. I met Willie Mays and Willie McCovey early in my career, and they really couldn't afford to retire. They were 100 times the player I was, so I try not to complain. It just sounds like sour grapes. I'm happy with my career, and I have no regrets."

Burkett firmly believes that the pro bowlers are athletes who should earn higher wages, but he is as stumped as the rest of us about the remedy. "If I had the answer," he said, "I would get a group of guys together and buy the tour. I would love to see these guys make the same kind of money golfers or baseball players make. These guys have the same talent as golfers, and I really don't understand why people don't respect it to a point of putting more money into it. I wish I had the answer. I'd love to see these guys get the money and recognition they deserve."

With baseball behind him, Burkett has turned his attention to his family. He and his wife have three children, 12-year-old boy-girl twins, and an 11-year-old daughter. "I've really enjoyed the three years I've been home," he said. The kids are into basketball, baseball, cheerleading, and other stuff, and we're always chasing them around." The family also enjoys traveling together. Snow skiing is a favorite vacation get-a-way.

Bowling professionally will also have to wait. At 42, he's in that limbo stage where he can't bowl with the seniors and it's hard to beat the young guns. He will jump into a few regional events, but doesn't want to travel to bowl, because it takes away family time.

He hasn't, however, ruled out a crack at the senior tour in a few years, maybe after his kids are off to college. "I might do that when my family gets tired of seeing me," he said. "It's definitely

something I think about. I'm not sure about the grind of being out every week like these guys. That's a tough life. But I do

love bowling, and I'd love to compete with these guys."

Now, if the PBA could just figure out how to boost the prize money, Burkett's future senior tour competitors could afford the same hotels he stays in.



John Burkett

having a few large currency notes dangling from their wallets, bowling is probably not a wise career choice; which is why John Burkett chose to spend his prime years as a professional athlete in the sport of baseball.

"Burky," as his teammates called him, is also a very good bowler. He retired from baseball in 2004 after a very nice 15-year career in the major leagues. During that decade and a half, from 1990 - 2003, Burkett earned, by baseball standards, a modest \$38 million, according to Baseball Almanac.

His final two years, he earned \$11 million pitching for the Boston Red Sox.

Burkett bowled at a very tender age, and got into juniors at age eight. He set duck pins at the little center where he grew up in Beaver, Pennsylvania, and earned a whopping \$3.00 an hour as a teenager there. He dreamed of

been drastically different. In a career that now spans over 25 years, Walter Ray Williams Jr., who has earned more than any pro bowler, has earned only one-tenth of Burkett's salary. Add to that the fact that Burkett was certainly not in the same "super-star" category as WRW, and the disparity of earnings potential is magnified to the tenth de-

gree. "My first love was bowling," Burkett told me when we talked during the PBA Geico Classic in Dallas. His sports celebrity status got him the commissioner's exemption that week to butt heads with Walter Ray and compete in the 50-somethings.

Young Award given to the year's best hurler. A year like that in today's world of supercharged salaries would assure a huge new contract. "I try not to think about it," said Burkett. "I was very blessed. I don't think I had a great career, but it was above average. I played in the majors for 15 years, way more

loves two sports, and he chose the one where he could make the best living. When I pointed this out to Burkett, he said, "Yeah, but Walter Ray is a world champion at both sports."

Burkett may not have had a Hall of Fame career, but he did well. In 1993, he had a 22-7 record and finished fourth in the race for the coveted Cy

*"If I had the answer, I would get a group of guys together and buy the tour."*

# DAVID HOWARD WAITS 26 YEARS TO MEET BOYHOOD IDOL ROTH

## 1981 fan letter answered in personal way

by Jim Goodwin

The first week of April, bowling legend Mark Roth and his wife Denise traveled to Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kansas. Roth is seeking his 38<sup>th</sup> career pro title in the 2007 K R Strikeforce Wichita Open, but the week will be memorable for another reason. A special fan was in the audience cheering for one of the greatest players in the history of the sport.

In 1981, 11-year-old David Howard was a young bowler in his hometown of St. Joseph, Missouri. He remembers bowling in his Saturday morning league, then rushing home to watch his favorite TV show – the Pro Bowlers Tour on ABC television.

Howard's favorite pro bowler was the great Mark Roth, who in 1981 was at the pinnacle of an incredible career on the lanes that still continues today on the senior tours. Howard especially admired Roth's aggressive style and his powerful game.

When Roth converted the 7-10 split on one of the telecasts, Howard became so excited he wrote a letter to him, along with a drawing depicting his vision of Roth's powerful ball showing those 7 and 10 pins who was the boss. They [the pins] didn't know it was the great and powerful Roth rolling that ball," he said, as if Roth were the wizard of bowling and nothing could stop his mighty stroke.

David Howard's letter was a classic example of youthful innocence, and it even included his address, an invitation to "stop by any time," and his phone number, with a plea to "call me anytime." In June of 2006, the call finally came.

Like all top athletes, Mark Roth got a lot of fan mail when he was the number one player in the world. He answered most of them, but with his hectic schedule of 35 events a year and personal appearances when the tour was idle, he stored the letters he couldn't answer in boxes. He intended to answer them, but just never could find the time; and the years and letters slipped away.

Last year, Mark and his wife Denise were going through the boxes he kept over the years trying to put the paper records on electronic discs that could be used on Roth's website and to have available for other purposes. In one of the boxes, Denise found David Howard's letter with its uniquely illustrated cover page. She read it, and finding the phone number, looked at her husband with a hopeful smile and said "Let's call him."

Mark, being the realist that he is, thought she was a little unrealistic, but

said okay, not expecting it to go anywhere after all the years. So, Denise dialed the number. As luck and fate would have it, she reached David Howard's mother on the same telephone number in the same house where David lived in 1981.

David and Brenda Howard were special guests of the Roths at the event.

"This is absolutely the neatest thing that's ever happened to me," said Howard, who is now 37 and working as a delivery truck driver at home in St. Jo. He hasn't bowled in a while, but plans

Dick Weber and Carmen Salvino," said Roth. I know how much I admired them, so it really means a lot to know there were kids like David looking at me the same way. The physical game is one thing, but you gotta have heart to be a champion. That's what it's all about.

Pete Weber has said he looked up to me. That means so much to have Dick Weber's son say that."

Mark's extremely competitive spirit and 'take no prisoners' attitude is what caused David Howard and thousands of others to become his followers. Denise can testify to the drive that propelled her husband to the top of the sport.

"We were practicing together one day, and I was very close to beating him one game," she said, "but he struck out to beat me. I asked him, couldn't you just let me win one game?" He

said, "I wouldn't even let my mother win a game."

That's what I like," said Howard, "The aggressive style, the passion. No one else has it as much as Mark."

After the GBT event, The Howard's will go home to Missouri, and the Roth's head for Texas to finish the swing, but the great feelings from this first meeting will linger. GBT also means Getting Bowlers Together, and this was one story that, when recalled, will make people smile and be proud to be a part of bowling, and to live in a time and place where dreams really can come true. "Mine sure did," said David Howard.



David Howard, Mark Roth, Denise Roth, Brenda Howard

It turned out that David lived nearby with his wife and kids, a couple of them near the age David was when he wrote the letter. With David's new number, Mark called and said "Are you the David Howard who wrote Mark Roth a letter in 1981?" Thinking it was some sort of a prank, Howard answered "Yes, who is this?" The Brooklyn accent on the other end said "This is Mark Roth."

"This is unbelievable," said Howard over and over. He then temporarily reverted back to the age of 11 and told Roth how excited he was to talk to him, and how much he admired him, and how much it meant to get the call. At one point, Denise Roth got on the phone and reminded David that he told Mark "to call anytime", even if it was 25 years later. "I couldn't get two words in," said Mark, who has always preferred letting his bowling ball do the talking.

Over the next few weeks and months, that first phone call led to more calls and emails, and knowing how fortunate they were to find the Howards, the Roths started planning a face-to-face meeting. Finally, they were able to invite them to meet at the Generations Pro Bowling Tour event in Wichita.

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## Tommy Jones Wins PBA Tournament of Champions

UNCASVILLE, Conn. – When two titles are considered a down year, it can only mean the bar has been raised to an unbelievably



Tommy Jones

high level.

Tommy Jones has raised the bar higher than any bowler in Denny's Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Tour history, capturing his 10th career title and second Major with a 257-222 win over Tony Reyes to win the 2007 PBA Tournament of Champions at Mohegan Sun Arena.

Jones won his 10 titles in two years, six months and seven days, breaking the PBA record for shortest time between first and 10 titles by four days. PBA legend Dick Weber held the record for 45 years until Jones salvaged what was considered a down year for the 28-year-old.

Jones won his first career title in the 2004 Japan Cup and went on to win four titles in both 2004-05 and 2005-06, including his first Major in last season's 63rd U.S. Open. He had won just one title this season coming into this week, but he dominated both his opponents on Sunday.

"It feels great. I haven't been bowling very well this season, but I worked with Del

Ballard recently and I have to thank him for getting me back here," said Jones, the 2005-06 PBA Player of the Year, of the 12-time titlist. "Next year I'm going to be back and ready to go again. I'm ready to win another Player of the Year."

Though he hasn't been among the many bowlers in a crowded PBA Player of the Year race, Jones did take another step toward history, capturing his second of the PBA's Triple Crown events. He only needs a World Championship title to become the fifth bowler in history to win the Triple Crown.

The title match was never in doubt as Jones started with six consecutive strikes while Reyes, making his Tournament of Champions debut, struggled with just one strike in the first four frames including an open in the 4th frame.

Jones advanced to the title match with a 279-238 win over Chris Barnes. On the 40th anniversary of the Tour's first-ever televised 300 game in the 1967 Tournament of Champions,

Jones looked like he might repeat the feat, starting with the first seven strikes. A 10-pin in the 8th frame foiled the effort, but he recovered with four consecutive strikes to close out the match.

Reyes advanced to the title match with a 215-206 win over Norm Duke.

Jones (Simpsonville, S.C.) earned \$60,000 for the win. Reyes (San Bruno, Calif.) took home \$20,000 for second, while Barnes (Double Oak, Texas) and Duke (Clermont, Fla.) earned \$10,000 each for third and fourth, respectively.

The Tournament of Champions wraps up the 2006-07 Denny's PBA Tour season. Next week, six bowlers will compete in a special winner-take-all event, the 2007 Motel 6 Roll to Riches at Sequoia Pro Bowl in Columbus, Ohio. The Major winners from this season (Doug Kent, Jones and Pete Weber), PBA World Point Rankings leader (Wes Malott) and two bowlers from an on-line fan vote (Duke, Walter Ray Williams Jr.) will compete for the \$150,000 top prize.

2007 PBA Tournament of Champions  
Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville, Conn. - April 1

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND	Totals	Prize
1. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, South Carolina	536 (2 games)	\$60,000
2. Tony Reyes, San Bruno, California	437 (2 games)	\$20,000
3. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas	238 (1 game)	\$10,000
4. Norm Duke, Clermont, Florida	206 (1 game)	\$10,000

SCORES – In the first match, Reyes def. Duke, 215-206; in the second match, Jones def. Barnes, 279-238; and in the final, Jones def. Reyes, 257-222. This is Jones' 10th career Denny's PBA Tour title and second Major title.

### ROUND OF 8

Norm Duke, Clermont, FL, def. Robert Smith (\$5,000), Captain Cook, Hawaii, 4-2 (202-227, 212-227, 247-219, 234-222, 279-239, 258-206); Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., def. Walter Ray Williams Jr (\$5,000), Ocala, Fla., 4-1 (179-289, 221-208, 289-269, 299-191, 268-257); Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Mike Wolfe (\$5,000), New Albany, Ind., 4-1 (220-193, 234-204, 279-226, 235-277, 268-201); Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., def. Parker Bohn III (\$5,000), Jackson, N.J., 4-1 (221-218, 226-204, 225-254, 258-245, 258-217).

### ROUND OF 16 - (Losers earn \$3,000)

Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., def. Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 4-3 (193-234, 256-226, 213-229, 217-258, 248-207, 204-194, 238-210); Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., def. Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 4-2 (233-215, 236-208, 219-224, 245-224, 224-231, 232-203); Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., def. Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 4-0 (259-154, 225-209, 268-176, 248-210); Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Patrick Healey Jr., Denton, Texas, 4-1 (267-244, 217-198, 233-269, 239-187, 237-149); Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., def. Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 4-1 (268-181, 247-197, 269-258, 256-266, 246-221); Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., def. Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 4-3 (210-212, 194-246, 213-178, 202-177, 259-277, 259-203, 250-195); Robert Smith, Captain Cook, Hawaii, def. Chris Collins, Savannah, Ga., 4-1 (178-245, 225-222, 260-206, 226-169, 257-226); Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4-2 (200-209, 194-199, 226-210, 238-200, 218-199, 214-179).

### ROUND OF 32 - (Losers earn \$2,000)

Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 4-1 (256-211, 223-210, 162-245, 268-234, 226-213); Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, def. Mike Machuga, Erie, Pa., 4-0 (230-226, 246-215, 216-195, 234-212); Chris Collins, Savannah, Ga., def. Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 4-1 (199-139, 208-233, 224-203, 180-179, 234-234); Robert Smith, Captain Cook, Hawaii, def. Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 4-2 (203-177, 195-232, 238-245, 228-222, 236-235, 214-173); Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-0 (228-210, 256-181, 234-213, 280-215); Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., def. Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 4-2 (170-226, 235-233, 192-245, 266-194, 259-220, 204-178); Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., def. Mike Mineman, Belleville, Ill., 4-2 (258-237, 226-266, 268-206, 229-234, 247-211, 186-174); Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., def. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4-1 (249-216, 239-180, 218-224, 265-195, 300-193); Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Rick Lawrence, Celina, Texas, 4-3 (200-221, 225-260, 227-255, 228-190, 238-215, 244-203, 256-173); Patrick Healey Jr., Denton, Texas, def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 4-1 (199-204, 233-209, 237-208, 238-174, 236-179); Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., def. Jason Hurd, Titusville, Fla., 4-1 (181-174, 191-216, 253-233, 238-179, 273-180); Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., def. Wes Malott, Argyle, Texas, 4-0 (267-195, 258-163, 254-214, 257-187); Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., def. Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 4-3 (222-246, 256-215, 247-299, 257-224, 215-214, 178-206, 267-204); Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., def. DJ Archer, Mineral Wells, Texas, 4-2 (181-212, 225-219, 234-200, 229-258, 221-172, 214-183); Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., def. Mitchell Beasley, Arlington, Texas, 4-2 (187-181, 226-231, 237-225, 197-215, 234-208, 236-210); Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., def. Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 4-1 (267-257, 265-191, 192-267, 249-234, 247-219).

## Doug Kent Rolls to Riches

COLUMBUS, Ohio – It's hard to top a season in which you win two Majors and set a career-high in earnings, but 18-year Denny's Professional Bowlers Association Tour veteran Doug Kent added to what was already a dream season.

Kent defeated Norm Duke, six-strikes-to-three, to win the third annual Motel 6 Roll to Riches special event and take home the \$150,000 winner-take-all top prize.

The final round consisted of a Race to Six Strikes, with the first bowler striking six times taking home the title.

Kent jumped out to the early lead, striking with his first shot after Duke had missed on his first. Though Duke struck with his next shot, he got bad breaks in his next two frames and Kent capitalized to take a 3-1 lead.

After missing with his next shot, Kent struck twice in a row to put Duke on the ropes, but he missed in the next frame to give Duke another chance. Duke could have pulled within one, but the 5-pin wobbled and stayed up and Kent struck with his next shot to win in his first Motel 6 Roll to Riches appearance.

"It's a great finish to a great year. You come in here against five of the best players in the world and you think, 'what are your chances against Norm Duke, Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr.?' Kent (Newark, N.Y.) said. "It's just an incredible finish to a great year."

Though Kent's win does not count toward official PBA earnings or titles and does not factor in a wide open PBA Player of the Year race, few have ever topped Kent's 2006-07 season in which he became just the sixth bowler to win two Majors in a season and took home a career-high \$200,530.

Kent advanced to the Race to Six Strikes by winning a one-ball sudden death roll-off over Walter Ray Williams Jr. in the semifinals after they tied at 116 through six frames. All Semifinal Round and Elimination Round matches consisted of six-frame

matches with a maximum score of 180.

Williams could have won by one pin by striking in the 10th, but after doubling he left a 10-pin to send the match to an extra frame. In the roll-off, Kent struck while Williams could only muster an eight count.

The second semifinal featured a battle between the only two bowlers who have competed in all three Roll to Riches events. Duke (Clermont, Fla.) advanced with a 159-124 win over Tommy Jones in the first of the two Semifinal Round matches.

The event started with the Challenge



Doug Kent celebrates with family after his Motel 6 Roll to Riches win.

Round, where bowlers participated in one-ball roll offs with the lowest score after each frame moving into the Elimination Round and the two surviving bowlers earning byes into the Semifinal Round. After all six bowlers struck on the first ball, Pete Weber (St. Ann, Mo.) and Jones (Simpsonville, S.C.) had eight counts on the second ball to drop into the Elimination Round.

The remaining four bowlers all got nine on the third ball and struck on the fourth ball, but on the fifth, Williams (Ocala, Fla.) and Wes Malott (Argyle, Texas) both left 7-10 splits to drop into the Elimination Round. Duke, who struck, and Kent, who had a nine-count, earned byes into the Semifinal Round.

In the Elimination Round, Jones eliminated Malott, 138-137, while Williams eliminated arch rival Weber, 138-115. Williams, who is 5-0 lifetime in title matches against his fellow PBA Hall of Famer, also eliminated Weber in last season's Motel 6 Roll to Riches.

### Motel 6 Roll to Riches

Sequoia Pro Bowl, Columbus, Ohio - April 15

#### CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND - (Race to Six Strikes)

Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., def. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 6-3.

#### SEMIFINAL ROUND - (Six-frame matches, max score of 180)

Duke def. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 159-124. Jones eliminated.

Kent def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 116-116. Kent wins in a sudden death, one-ball roll-off, 10-8. Williams eliminated.

#### ELIMINATION ROUND - (Six-frame matches, max score of 180)

Jones def. Wes Malott, Argyle, Texas, 138-137. Malott eliminated.

Williams def. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 138-115. Weber eliminated.

#### CHALLENGE ROUND - (One ball roll-offs. Lowest score in each frame moves into Elimination Round. Two remaining bowlers earn byes into Semifinal Round)

1st Frame – Duke 10, Kent 10, Weber 10, Williams 10, Jones 10, Malott 10.

2nd Frame – Duke 10, Kent 10, Weber 8, Williams 10, Jones 8, Malott 9. Weber and Jones drop into Elimination Round.

3rd Frame – Duke 9, Kent 9, Williams 9, Malott 9.

4th Frame – Duke 10, Kent 10, Williams 10, Malott 10

5th Frame – Duke 10, Kent 9, Williams 8, Malott 8. Williams and Malott drop into Elimination Round. Duke and Kent earn byes into Semifinal Round.

*A flatterer never seems absurd: the flatter'd always takes his word. - Ben Franklin*

## Wichita State Women and Saginaw Valley Men Win Intercollegiate Team Championships Title

**WICHITA, Kan.** - The last two times Wichita hosted the United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Team Championships it wasn't a memorable event for the Wichita State women's team. The Shockers were determined this one would never be forgotten.

Wichita State won its eighth national championship by defeating McKendree 2-0 in the best-of-three championship match at Northrock Lanes in front of hundreds of hometown fans. The championship match will be aired on College Sports Television (CSTV) at a date and time to be determined.

The USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships was the pinnacle event of the

teams without winning national championships," Wichita State junior Emily Maier said. "Our team chemistry is great and I think that's what led us to the title."

McKendree's Rebekah Davis was named the tournament's most valuable player and was joined by Maier, Penn State's Lauren Sohmer and Central Florida's Bridgette Harrelson and Michelle Carcagente on the all-tournament team.

In his 17 years as the head coach at Saginaw Valley State, Dan Dorion has been the benefactor of some talented teams. On Saturday, he declared his current bunch as the greatest he's ever had after they defended their title at the 2007 United



college bowling season with the top 16 men's teams in the country vying for national titles.

"When this event was here in Wichita in 1999 and 2000, I think our teams felt a little bit of the heat and the pressure to come through and pressed a little bit," said Wichita State head coach Mark Lewis, a member of the USBC Hall of Fame. "The girls focused on having fun this time around, so they stayed relaxed and when they got up to make their shots it was easier on them."

The Shockers opened the championship match with a grueling 138-128 victory over McKendree. The two teams combined for 10 opens, half of which were splits. In Game 2, the Shockers pulled away early to secure a 200-165 victory and the national championship.

"I don't know if it really has hit yet, but this is what I came here for - to win a national championship with a great group of girls," said Wichita State senior Elysia Current, who was Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year with Fairleigh Dickinson in 2003-04. "We train so hard all year just for this one tournament, and we were focused on coming out here and winning it all."

Although Wichita State has won a record eight Intercollegiate Team Championships in its storied history, only one of those titles (2005) has come since 1995.

"We went for years and years of having great

States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Team Championships.

Led by sophomore anchor Dan MacLelland, the Cardinals defeated Robert Morris 2-0 in the best-of-three championship match at Northrock Lanes. The championship match will be aired on College Sports Television (CSTV) at a date and time to be determined.

"Last year was sweet because I hadn't won since 1997," said Dorion, who has led the Cardinals to four titles and two second-place finishes in his tenure as head coach. "As a coach, you never, ever get tired of winning. We've won 13 tournaments out of 19 we entered this year. I think we are a great team and the greatest team I've ever had at Saginaw Valley State."

MacLelland, who was joined by teammates Greg Kuehnl, Toby Sidle, Jason Howard and J.R. Raymond, helped Saginaw Valley State become the first team since Western Illinois in 2002 to repeat as champions. He said his team refocused after dropping their first semifinal match to No. 16 seed UC Davis earlier in the day.

"It feels really great, coming into today we had a lot of confidence but in our first match, we knew we couldn't give UC Davis an inch and we did," said MacLelland, a native of Canada who was recently named Bowler of the Year in his home country. "After that, we came back and focused a lot harder and took it to them. Then

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we came out here and just wanted to make good shots and stay clean in the championship match. That's the most important thing to do on TV because of the nerves."

In the opening match, Robert Morris anchor Jason Wunderlich had an opportunity to put his team up 1-0. Needing to strike on his first two balls in the 10th to claim the match, Wunderlich crossed over and left the 5-9 to lose 222-212.

Saginaw Valley State used an early string of three strikes to take control in the deciding game and never looked back. The Cardinals secured the title with an easy 189-157 victory.

"We were happy just to get through sectionals, so getting this far was more than we expected,"

Robert Morris coach Carl Pfeifer said. "This has been a great year for the kids, and they've had a great time all week."

MacLelland was named the tournament's most valuable player and was joined by Wunderlich, UC Davis' Don Brenner and Lindenwood's Shea Bittenbender and Mike Dole on the all-tournament team.

The Shockers and Cardinals were presented with the Helmer Cup, awarded to the national champions. The Helmer Cup is named in honor of the late Kerm Helmer, longtime coach at Erie Community College who led his teams to four ITC titles.

## VANDERBILT WINS NCAA WOMEN'S TITLE IN DRAMATIC FASHION

**Clutch shots in final five frames give Commodores first team national title in any sport**

**APOPKA, Fla.** -- With five frames left between them and a historic national title, members of the Vanderbilt University women's bowling team told each other to make five good shots.

The Commodores delivered and secured a 198-150 Game 7 victory over Maryland-Eastern Shore -- winning 4-3 in the best-of-seven title match at the 2007 NCAA National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship at Brunswick Wekiva Lanes. The match, which aired live on ESPNU, will be replayed at 3 p.m. EDT Sunday on ESPN2.

It gave Vanderbilt its first team national championship of any sport in the school's 134-year history, and it came from the women's bowling team in just its third year of existence.

"It's almost unreal that this is happening so fast," said sophomore Karen Grygiel, one of four sophomores in the Commodores' starting lineup. "We just kept believing in each other. That support alone was enough for us to win."

Vanderbilt held an eight-pin lead after both teams opened in the fifth frame of Game 7. With

a pause in the action for a live ESPNU commercial break, the Commodores came together to assess the final five frames of the



2006-07 season.

"We told each other, 'This is it, the last shot of the season. There's no holding back,'" Grygiel said. "We worked for that situation the entire year and those words brought us to the end."

Sophomore Michelle Peloquin struck in the

sixth frame, and then came another strike in the seventh from sophomore Tara Kane, who came off the bench in Game 4 and produced two strikes in a Game 5 victory.

Grygiel's attempt in the eighth frame was flush in the pocket, but left a 10 pin. After she converted the spare, sophomore Mandy Keily stepped up for the biggest shot of her life -- a strike in the ninth would give Vanderbilt a commanding lead.

Keily's shot was a pure pocket strike. The Commodores were one mark away from history.

"Eastern Shore is a great team, so I knew that we were going to have to close it out," said Keily, the only lefthander competing in the championship match. "It was more up to us, because I knew they would step it up. We've been telling each other, 'Pretend you're at home practicing.'"

That's the way I approached my last shot to calm myself."

Freshman anchor Josie Earnest, who was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, sealed the national title with a double in the 10th -- setting off the Commodores'

celebration.

"They wanted to make five good shots to end the season on and they sure did," Vanderbilt head coach John Williamson said. "The feeling is unbelievable because of all the hard work we've put in. You dream of this and you think about it, but you never know if it's going to be attainable."

Just like it did on Friday in match play, Vanderbilt played from ahead -- winning the first two games, 167-165 and 242-166.

Looking for a spark, Maryland-Eastern Shore head coach Sharon Brummell shuffled her lineup prior to Game 3. Freshman anchor Marion Singleton moved into the No. 2 spot, bumping red-hot freshman Michelle Wallace into the setup role and senior Jessica Worsley into anchor.

The move paid off as the Hawks evened the match at 2 with 202-154 and 170-148 victories in Games 3 and 4, respectively.

Six strikes in the first eight frames, including a pair from Grygiel, powered Vanderbilt to a 224-180 victory in Game 5. Maryland-Eastern Shore, however, strung six in a row to win Game 6, 235-178 -- forcing the decisive game.

Joining Earnest on the All-Tournament Team were Peloquin, Singleton, Worsley and Fairleigh Dickinson freshman Kristy Kerr.

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June 6 Nick Siefers & Nick Ridenour  
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June 20 Bill Taylor

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## NEW USBC BOARD LEADERSHIP DETERMINED

Boje elected president, Baker vice president beginning Aug. 1

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** - Bowling Proprietors' Association of America past president Jeff Boje was elected as the new president of the United States Bowling Congress. He will be joined atop the organization's leadership by Darlene Baker who was chosen as vice president.

Both elections were made by the current USBC Board of Directors following the USBC Annual Meeting at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center. Boje and Baker begin their positions Aug. 1 following the conclusions of the terms of Michael Carroll and Sylvia Broyles, respectively.

Boje, Tampa, Fla., has been associated with the sport of bowling for nearly 45 years. He completed serving two terms as BPAA president last year after previously serving as BPAA secretary-treasurer and vice president. A former BPAA director-at-large, he will remain on the BPAA Board of Directors until 2010 as past president.



Jeff Boje

Boje is a certified public accountant who also is a co-owner and operator of his family-owned bowling centers; Brandon Crossroads Bowl in Tampa, Fla., and Sunset Lanes in St. Louis.

Boje serves on the National Bowling Forum, Bowling Foundation, International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame and Strike Ten Entertainment Boards of Directors. In the past, he served as BPAA's representative on the Joint Industry Planning Group that oversees the industry high school bowling, coaching and technology initiatives.

Boje currently sits on the Bowling Centers Association of Florida Board of Directors after having served as vice president and secretary treasurer.

Baker, Mahomet, Ill., has been associated with the sport of bowling for nearly 40 years. Her association at the national, state and local levels has established her as a leader among her peers. At the

national level, Baker has served as a director on the Young American Bowling Alliance, Women's International Bowling Congress and USA Bowling boards of directors.

Baker is employed as director of finance and administration for Planned Parenthood of East Central Illinois.

She has been on the Illinois USBC Women's Bowling Association Board of Directors since 1993 and served as third vice president for nearly six years. She has been Illinois Bowling Council secretary-treasurer since 1998 and spent 20 years on the Clinton (Ill.)



Darlene Baker

WBA Board including three years as president. She also serves as Illinois State USBC Youth Director. She is a member of the Clinton WBA Hall of Fame.

On the lanes, she won eight titles in the 1989 Clinton USBC WBA championships. She also is a certified lane inspector.

Baker bowled a high series of 675 to finish fourth in the USBC Championships Tournament Classified Division in 2006.

## FRESNO STATE'S HAGGERTY, PIKEVILLE'S BANDY NAMED 2006-07 NCBCA MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Haggerty becomes first to win NCBCA's top player award three times

**WICHITA, Kan.** - Fresno State senior P.J. Haggerty and Pikeville junior Kayla Bandy were named Most Valuable Players for the 2006-07 collegiate bowling season by the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association.

Haggerty and Bandy were honored along with the rest of the All-Americans at the "Night of Champions" banquet held in conjunction with the 2007 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Team Championships, at Northrock Lanes.

They also were named 2006-07 Bowling Writers Association of America Collegiate Players of the Year.

Haggerty became the first individual to win three NCBCA Most Valuable Player awards and second to be named BWAA Collegiate Player of the Year three times, joining current Denny's PBA Tour star Bill O'Neill of Saginaw Valley State. Haggerty is the first to win BWAA's top player award three straight years.

Leading the nation with a 212.99 average, Haggerty helped lead the No. 2-ranked Bulldogs to their sixth straight championships appearance as they won the Las Vegas Sectional. The Weimar, Calif., native also was a second-team

All-American in 2003-04.

He's joined on the first team by two Fresno State teammates, sophomore Josh Blanchard of Upland, Calif., and junior Matt Robinson of Richmond, Calif.



Kayla Bandy and P.J. Haggerty

"That's something special to be proud of as a team," said Haggerty, who is a current member of Team USA and will look for his second USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships title next month in Huntsville, Ala. "I can't say enough about our great coaches, Chris Preble and Glenn Carlson, helping us put in long practices and a lot of time and effort. It's a great accomplishment but we have work to do this week."

Haggerty, Blanchard and Robinson are joined on the men's first team by Saginaw Valley State sophomore Dan MacLelland, Windsor, Ontario; William Paterson junior Matthew Deuire, Kingston, N.Y.; and William Paterson sophomore Matt O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J.

O'Grady, the reigning U.S. Junior Amateur champion and two-time Junior Team USA member, also was honored as Men's Rookie of the Year.

This marks the second consecutive year as a first-team All-American for Bandy, a Danville,

Va., native who helped lead the No. 2-ranked Bears to the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Sectional title and their sixth consecutive championships appearance.

Bandy, who was third in the nation with a 195.08 average this season, earned Rookie of the Year honors and a second-team All-American selection in her freshman season in 2004-05.

Joining Bandy on the women's first team are Wichita State junior Emily Maier, Sparks, Nev.; Fresno State senior Karen Rosprim, Hanford, Calif.; Wichita State senior Elysia Current, Ephrata, Pa.; and Pikeville freshman Jaime Foster, Dallas. Foster also was honored as Women's Rookie of the Year.

"This feels amazing. Winning Player of the Year was one of my goals this year," said Bandy, a former two-time Junior Team USA member who also will be competing at the USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships for a second time. "We've had great team chemistry and for us to have the Rookie of the Year as well is a testament to the success our team has had this season."

Fresno State's Chris Preble and Wichita State's Mark Lewis were tabbed as Coach of the Year in the men's and women's divisions, respectively.

Former USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships tournament director Andy VanRemortel was named recipient of the NCBCA Gordon Teigen Meritorious Service Award.

GBT cont. from pg 4

most admired players in the sport, Teata Semiz, also had a very good start with the GBT. The 72-year-old legend cashed in 10 of the 11 events he bowled, earning a very respectable \$14,525. He averaged 213.8 for the season.

A major accomplishment for the GBT was its ability to entice former 'megabuck' bowlers to launch a new career in the pro ranks. Vinnie Atria, who won more than a million dollars as an amateur, joined the tour and proved his prowess with the professionals. Atria won the first GBT event he bowled in Jackson, Michigan, and finished the season in style winning the 17th event in Houston for a second title.

Atria bowled in eight GBT events, earning \$43,500. He averaged 220.6 for 237 games of GBT competition. Two other amateurs who turned pro with GBT were Brian Breazeau and Kerry Painter. Breazeau won a GBT title in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and Painter won in Boardman, Ohio. Megabuck stars Mark Estes and Dennis Psaropoulos also turned in fine performances in GBT events.

For a variety of reasons, the GBT didn't quite reach the lofty projections and goals it set in the

beginning weeks, but once adjustments were made, the tour completed its first season and made a significant impact on the sport. In a tumultuous year for the industry, the GBT paid out all advertised prize funds, with more than \$860,000 in prize money being distributed to its players.

Professional entries were a little disappointing in some events, but overall, the tour averaged 68 entries per event, not bad for a new organization with no beginning membership base. In the first season, 57% of the players bowled in the 50-59 division, and 43% in the 60+ group. GBT now has over 150 members.

A few GBT pro-ams were small, but many were very successful. One thing is certain, the kids and adults that bowled alongside the GBT pros will remember their experiences. They will cherish their autographed photos, and laugh and smile when they talk about the antics of 'GEE BEE', the tour's giant bowling pin mascot.

Another immeasurable success of the new tour is its media impact. The tour garnered extensive print and electronic coverage at almost every event, and captured attention in the mainstream and industry media. Bowling papers and maga-

zines across the country covered the tour, and more than a dozen television stations featured GBT event stories ranging from sports reports to three-hour morning shows.

The GBT website was viewed millions of times around the world, and sites like [bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com), [bowlersjournal.com](http://www.bowlersjournal.com), [bowlingdigital.com](http://www.bowlingdigital.com), and many others posted results, photos and stories. The tour was also featured on the bowling internet radio show, *Phantom Radio*.

The ABC television affiliate in Toledo filmed the entire finals of GBT's first major event and ran it live to their local market. Hall of Fame bowler and announcer Nelson Burton Jr., who worked alongside sports broadcast legend Chris Schenkel for 22 years, returned to the mike to call the show with Toledo sports anchor Rob Powers. Ozio won the title and the \$25,000 top prize. A DVD of that two-hour show is available for purchase on the GBT website [www.gbtour.com](http://www.gbtour.com).

Plans are now being finalized for a second season. Details will be announced soon. For more information and complete season stats, visit the website, or call toll free 1-888-GBT-BOWL (428-2695)

**Solid Gold**

The ladies who competed in this year's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual National Golden Ladies Orleans-Storm Classic in Las Vegas proved once again that age is no handicap when competing at a championship level. They represented over twenty states plus three from England and one from Scotland. Injuries and ailments that are part of the aging process didn't stand in the way of their competitive hearts.

A first timer to the GLC, Joan Reilly of Wilmington, NC, who finished runner-up in last year's USBC Senior Queens picked up where she left off with her 'A' game in tact as she moved through the stepladder finals against some seasoned veterans. In the first match she beat last year's finalist Marci Williams of Wichita, KS 191-189. Her next opponent also from Kansas, Debbie Christenson got off to a fast start but Reilly caught fire in the 7<sup>th</sup> and struck out for a 244-223 win. Rose Smith of Las Vegas and a former GLC champion presented the next challenge, but Smith split in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> frames and Reilly went on to post an easy 224-151 win. The final match featured defending champion Char Hammel, Las Vegas, who led the field throughout match play. Hammel made a move striking in the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>, but opened in the 8<sup>th</sup>. The lady from NC took advantage striking out the 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> frames with a spare and strike in the 10<sup>th</sup> to secure the win. The champion started bowling 35 years ago in Collingswood, NJ. She made her first TV appearance in 1972 on Bowling For Dollars. She has one 300 game and her highest career series is 750. Reilly's all-time favorite bowler is popular Norm Duke. In a nice thank you note sent to the Orleans after she returned home, she summed up what her first GLC experience was like this, "It was a bowling forum where old friends got together and new friends were welcomed with open arms. I have always felt connections with other bowlers, but some how this was more like a family reunion." She promised to return next year.

The field was half senior and the other half 60 plus Super Senior. Karen Pullman of Salt Lake city, UT won the \$1,000 top prize in the Super Senior Championship. Fran Deken from Coweta, OK, a past champion, was runner-up and Shirley Cockrell of Temple, TX placed third.

Storm presented two new top-of-the-line

balls. One went to Andi Whitlock, Middletown, DE for Most Pins Over Average after 15 games qualifying and Nona Cook of Yakima, WA for winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Tournament.

A national tournament this could not survive with the support of Coast Properties under the direction of Mike Monyak and the co-sponsorship of Bill and Barb Chrisman of Storm Products who have always been the leader in supporting women's bowling. A local competitor Jack Oetjem who bowls in my Scratch Trio and is a veteran real estate agent, reached out a helping hand because he has so much respect for the ladies in the GLC who have given so much to the game. His \$1000 contribution gave the prize fund a welcome infusion with the expanded field.

The competitors received a special treat with the appearance of five outstanding bowling writers, John Jowdy, Dick Evans and Joe Lyou

who returned for the second year, this time they were joined by Hall of Famer Hazel McLeary and Pearl Keller. They were on hand all week talking with the ladies and renewing old acquaintances. Their post tournament comments will go a long way in helping the classic grow. I can't thank them enough for taking the time to visit the event.

It was wonderful to learn that the Women's U.S. Open will return after a four year absence under the banner of the United States Bowling Congress. The event is scheduled for August 13-18 at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, NV.

It is a welcome lift for the elite women bowlers who have been waiting and hoping that they will have a chance to return to the spotlight. I'm sure that this televised event may motivate people within the industry to re-start the tour.

A veteran pro bowler Ron Winger, who is a member of the Orleans Pro Shop staff returned from the Generations Pro Bowling Tour with a 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place finish in three stops in the Midwest. He's impressed with the response the senior bowlers received along the way and hopes it will continue for another season. The GBT finished April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Emerald Bowl in Houston, TX. The Grand Championship, instead of the usual two-division format, featured one division with a \$9,000 top prize. Vinnie Atria, Louisville, KY, won his second GBT title.

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

**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
- Apr 12-July 1 SASBA, Bowlarama, Rowlett, TX
- May 5-6 PBA Hammer Ladies & Legends, Cherry Bowl, Rockford, IL
- May 12-13 SASBA South Central, Conway Family Bowl, Conway, AR
- May 12-16 PBA Senior Northern Illinois Classic, Fairhaven Lanes, Mundelein, IL
- May 26-27 SASBA Firecracker, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
- June 24-29 International Bowl Expo, Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, NV
- June 30-July 7 July High Roller, Samis Town Bowl, Las Vegas, NV
- June 2-3 SASBA SS, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
- June 9-10 SASBA South Central, Playmor Lanes, Huntsville, AL
- June 9-13 PBA Senior Tucson Open, Golden Pin Lanes, Tucson, AZ
- June 17-22 PBA Senior U.S. Open, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- June 24-27 PBA Senior Epicenter Classic, Epicenter Lanes, Klamath Falls, OR
- June 26-27 USBC Senior Championship, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- July 1-4 PBA Senior Northern California Classic, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, CA
- July 1-8 TAT Summer Classic, The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- July 7-8 SASBA SS/Senior Doubles, Holiday Lanes, Oklahoma City, OK
- July 7-13 USBC Junior Gold Championships, Buffalo, NY
- July 8-13 USBC Senior Masters, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- July 13-21 USBC Youth Championships, AMF Thruway Lanes, Cheektowaga, NY
- July 21-22 SASBA, 300 Bowl, Conroe, TX
- July 28-29 SASBA South Central, Dixie Bowl, Meridian, MS
- July 29-Aug 3 Teen Masters National Championships, The Orleans Bowl, Las Vegas, NV
- July 30-Aug 2 PBA Senior Council Bluffs Open, Thunderbowl, Council Bluffs, IA
- Aug 4-5 SASBA, Copperfield Bowl, Housotn, TX
- Aug 6-9 PBA Senior Hammond Open, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, IN
- Aug 8-12 Mini Eliminator, South PointBowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Aug 11-12 SASBA South Central M/G Doubles, Winchester Bowl, Memphis, TN
- Aug 11-14 PBA Senior Decatur Open, Spare Time Lanes, Decatur, IL
- Aug 17-21 PBA Senior Dick Weber Invitational, West Country Lanes, Ballwin, MO
- Aug 18-19 SASBA, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
- Aug 25-26 SASBA South Central, Millennium Bowl, Little Rock, AR
- Sept 1-3 SASBA South Central Labor Day Blowout, Lafayette Lanes, Lafayette, LA
- Sept 8-9 SASBA Champs/Non-Champs, Cityview, Fort Worth, TX
- Sept 15-16 SASBA South Central, Galaxy Lanes, Columbia, TN
- Sept 22-23 SASBA South Central M/G Doubles, Metro Bowl, Baton Rouge, LA
- Sept 29-30 SASBA Masters, Fiesta Lanes, New Braunfels, TX
- Oct 6-7 SASBA South Central M/G Doubles, Millennium Bowl, Little Rock, AR
- Oct 13-14 SASBA South Central, Rebel Lanes, Tupelo, MS
- Oct 20-21 SASBA Annual Championship, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
- Oct 27-28 SASBA South Central Team Championship, Timber Lodge Lanes, Monticello, AR
- Nov 3-4 SASBA South Central, Cumberland Lanes, Nashville, TN
- Nov 10-11 SASBA, Delmar Lanes, Houston, TX
- Nov 17-18 SASBA South Central M/G Doubles, RebeLanes, Tupelo, MS
- Dec 1-2 SASBA Foursome, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
- Dec 8-9 SASBA South Central Annual Championships, Metro Bowl, Baton Rouge, LA
- Dec 15-16 SASBA Annual Team, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX

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A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk!"

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A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

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While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, "Are you a cop?" "Yes," I answered and continued writing the report. "My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?" "Yes, that's right," I told her. "Well, then," she said as she extended her foot toward me, "would you please tie my shoe?"

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While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

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It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked. "It sure is," I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, "What'd he do?"

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What do you do?

You are driving in a car at a constant speed.

On your left side is a drop off., and on your right side is a fire engine traveling at the same speed as you.

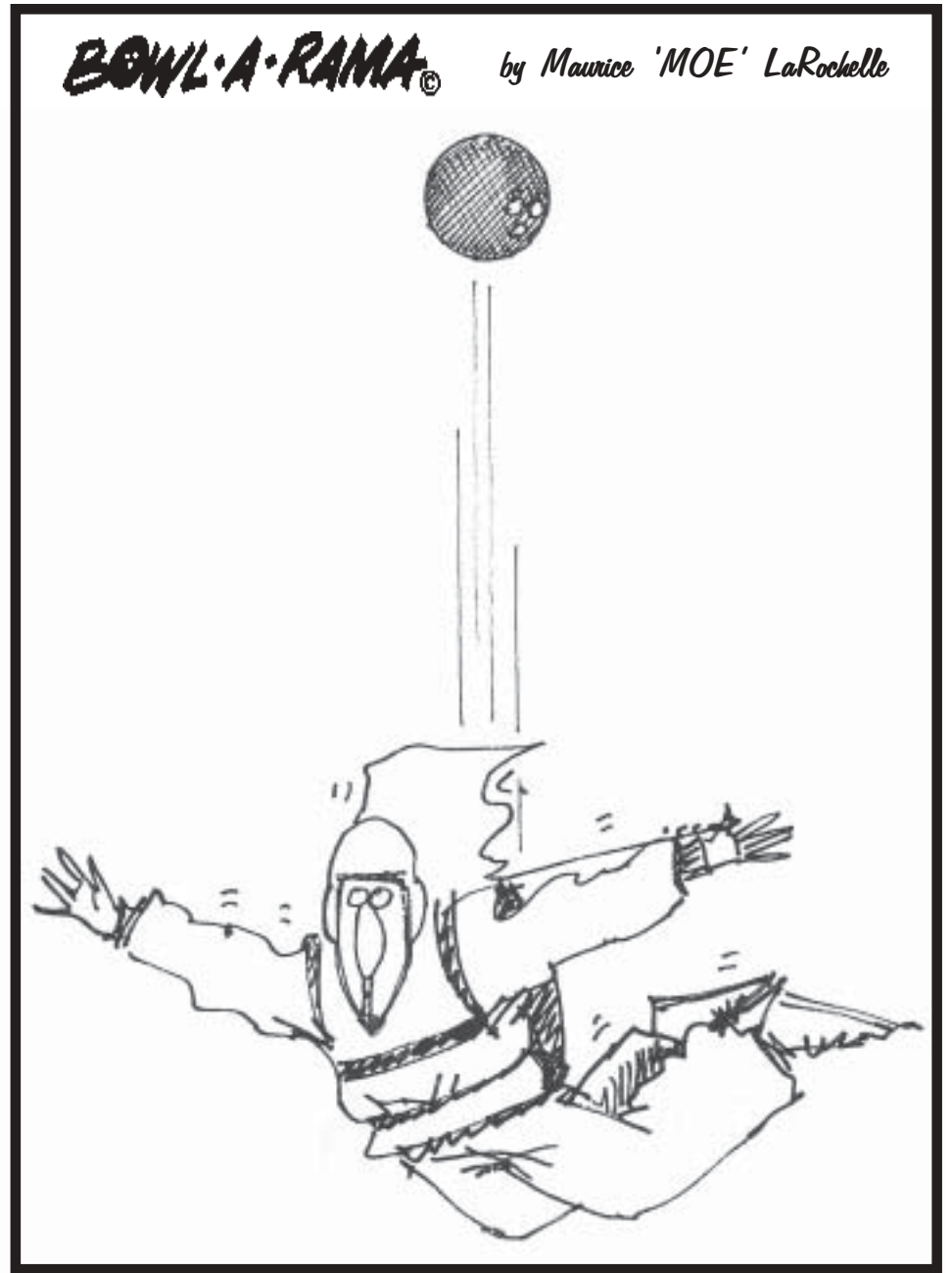
In front of you is a galloping horse which is the same size as your car and you cannot overtake it.

Behind you is another galloping horse.

Both horses are also traveling at the same speed as you.

What must you do to safely get out of this highly dangerous situation?

Get your drunk self off the merry-go-round.



Ever notice the older we get the more like computers we are? . . . We start out with lots of MEMORY and DRIVE then we become outdated, and eventually have to get our parts replaced.

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I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, "Mom! That lady isn't wearing a seat belt!"

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On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."

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A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear."

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A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, "Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit." "And why not, darling?" "You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning."

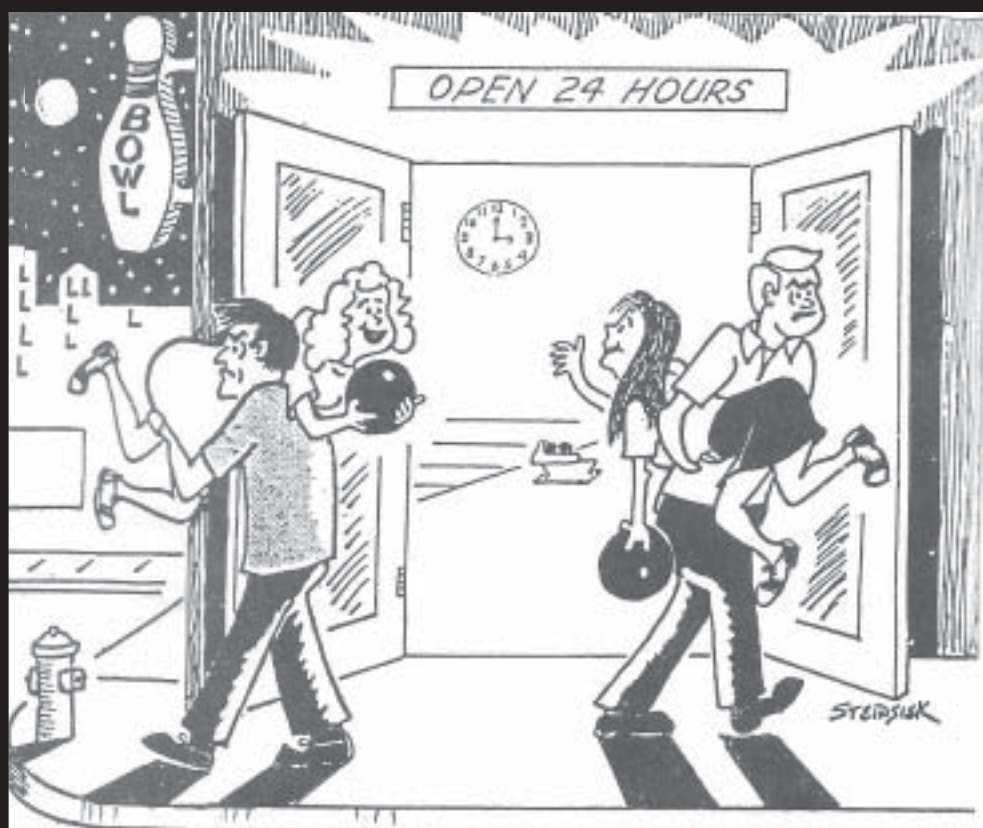
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A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "My mom can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

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While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: "Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he gooes."

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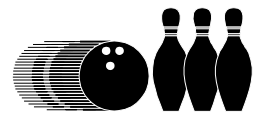
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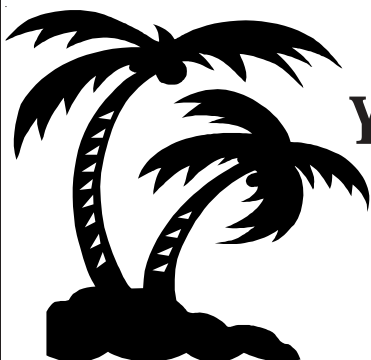
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