



STARS & STRIKES
AMERICA'S BOWLING NEWSMAGAZINE



National Champions

*Ashly Galante
&
Goeffrey Young*

Who will win the U. S. Open?

Top 4 will bowl October 14



Lynda Barnes



Carolyn Dorin-Ballard



Liz Johnson



Shannon O'Keefe

INTERVIEW

Robin Romea



**Bowling's
Classiest Act**

**Dalkin, Kuhn
Retire from USBC**



Watch the competition unfold on ESPN at 1:00 p.m. Eastern
Sundays - September 16, 23, 30 and October 7

Top 4 Finals - Live Sunday
October 14th 1:00 p.m. Eastern



BOWL • • PINION

by Jim Goodwin

The editorial opinions expressed here are offered to provoke thought on important and sometimes controversial or provocative issues.

Agree or disagree, we'd like to hear from you:
starsandstrikes@sbcglobal.net

An Eventful Month In The Bowling World

Usually, the months of July and August are a little lazier than we are seeing this year. . . following Bowl Expo, about the only thing happening is a few Las Vegas tournaments leading up to the start of the fall league season.

We made the Las Vegas tournament scene again this year, but for the first time in a decade, it wasn't to work at the Mini Eliminator. We spent our week at the Orleans this year at the Teen Masters instead, and it was very enjoyable.

Meanwhile, storm clouds were flying across USBC Headquarters in Greendale, Wisconsin, and when the calm finally came, several key members of the USBC staff were gone, most notably USBC Chief Executive Officer Roger Dalkin.

Because this writer has occasionally been critical of Dalkin's leadership, and because two of those times were the past two months over his "Thinning the Herd" comments, we got a few emails after his departure. One of them said "Wow - remind me never to make you mad."

Actually, I'm sure my writings had nothing to do with Roger's resignation, and he never really made me mad. Frustrated maybe, but never mad. Roger did a lot of good things for bowling, but no matter how you slice it, membership in the organization he ran declined significantly every year he ran it, and apparently the USBC Board of Directors finally reached a point where they believe it's time to see if new leaders can change the course of bowling's governing body.

Perhaps the strongest signal that a new direction was desired was when they elected former BPAA president Jeff Boje to be the first proprietor to lead USBC. That action led to another departure - former WIBC President Sylvia Broyles, who was a candidate running against Boje for the USBC Presidency, announced her resignation from the board shortly after Roger stepped down.

The following week, interim Chief Operating Officer Kevin Dornberger announced the elimination of a few more key people,

Jeff Henry and former PWBA television announcer Jan Schmidt among them.

Next, the person who hired Schmidt, USBC Chief Tournament Officer Roseann Kuhn, announced that she will retire at the end of the year after 33 years of service at WIBC and USBC. Will more be leaving? Stay tuned. A search is already underway for Dalkin's replacement.

Being one of the dozen people who lost their jobs recently when the short lived Generations Bowling Tour didn't make it, I know what it feels like to lose a job, and I'm sure that many who are reading this also have had the experience and know the feeling. To be blunt, it sucks.

However, life goes on, and I truly believe that a closed door leads to a window of opportunity. Will the changes at USBC lead to better times? We don't know, but we do know that if you keep doing things the way they have always been done, you get the same results, and the results in Greendale have not been good for a long time.

Is Change Always Good?

The short answer is usually, but not always. The recent Women's U.S. Open conducted at the National Bowling Stadium, might be an example of too much change, too fast. There is something to be said for tradition and the phrase 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it.'

If you read last month's issue, you may have seen the candid conversation I had with USBC's Chief Officer of Marketing and Communication Tom Clark about the radical new format of this event, which made it very difficult and expensive to cover as a journalist, and has the top four players waiting two months to bowl for the title.

Several others also questioned Clark's judgment on this one, among them former PWBA Tournament Director Fran Deken, who wrote a guest column last month, and BJ editor Jim Dressel, who called the event "The U. S. Open In Name Only" in the August *Bowlers Journal*.

Add to the list very respected sports writer Matt Fiorito of the *Detroit Free Press*, and former pub-

lisher of the *Pacific Bowler* now independent columnist Joe Lyou. Fiorito, who is a member of the PBA Hall of Fame for meritorious service, penned a column on August 22 entitled "October Finals, New Format Ruin Women's Open"

The first and last lines of the piece clearly define Matt's opinion of the event - The first sentence reads "There's Stupid and there's stupid, and then there's the way the United States Bowling Congress is handling the so-called U. S. Open." Is he saying it's beyond stupid? I think he is! The last sentence of the piece laments the fact that after a cut from 132 to 16, the four finalists only had to bowl two games to make the top four. "Not much of a test of stamina, but a huge and failed test of credibility, not to mention the forsaken heritage of a once-great tournament."

Folks, my friend Matt knows what he is talking about. He earned his way into the Hall of Fame by being accurate and fair, and he hit this nail square on the head. I wish I had his journalistic talent, and his rare gift for making his point in the fewest words possible.

If you recall, last month, the event's chief architect Tom Clark told us that he believes the television coverage this event will receive "outweighs any negatives of this creative format." I truly hope that the TV coverage is good, but I hope even more that it leads to something more for these talented women in the near future, and eventually to a new pro tour. I'm also sure all of the others who question the format share that hope.

What's puzzling to me is why Tom thought he needed to use what he calls a "radical" format to be successful? 32 qualifying games is excessive, especially for women who have not had the opportunity to bowl much since the PWBA folded in 2003. And then to cut from the full field of 132 to 16 adds insult to injury.

I felt really bad for the women who bowled well enough to be in the top 24 or 32 who didn't have a chance to go on as they normally would in a traditional U. S. Open. With the luck factor being what it is, chances are many of them per-

formed better than those who made the brutal cut.

The reason for the 32 games was also self-serving for the USBC and PBA. USBC wanted to promote it's new PBA Experience leagues, and PBA wanted to conduct a women's tour trials on four different oil patterns for it's upcoming women's series. I think everyone was surprised that 65 of the 132 paid the extra \$750 to participate in the 'tour trials' portion of the event. Does that mean a lot of them have sponsors?

Actually, I'm not mad about what they did to this event, but I am frustrated by their lack of communication. Very few people knew what this format was going to be very far in advance, including the media. There was no press kit sent out (a normal practice for a major) no attempt to include the print media in publicity, and then when it was down to the final four, USBC decided to keep the results a secret.

Trust me on this one - the media doesn't like secrets. All this dumb policy did was force people to turn to the internet for news, which they did by the thousands at the conclusion of the quarterfinals. It took me five minutes to find out who the top four were when USBC refused to tell us.

It was, and still is, as Fran Deken said in her column last month, all about television. You can do good television without radical formats and without asking the print media to compromise its principals and standards. USBC seems to think it is an either/or situation. It's not.

Will the 2007 Women's U. S. Open be remembered as a successful event? Only time will tell. I know one thing - the last Women's U. S. Open, won by Kelly Kulick in Detroit in 2003, had 267 entries compared to 132 this year. And it came at a time when the PWBA Tour was about to fold for lack of entries and sponsors. I'd call that a success. It also didn't cost \$500,000 to put on as it has been reported that this one did. **XXX**

Stars & Strikes

America's Bowling
Newsmagazine
2850 Red Valley Run
Rockwall, TX 75087

Voice or Fax
(972) 722-8885

Email:
starsandstrikes@sbcglobal.net
website:
starsandstrikesbowling.com



God Bless the USA

Publishers & Founders

Jim Goodwin
C.J. Goodwin

Managing Editor

Heather Merryman

Associate Editor

Sue Strickland

Cartoonist

Walt Steinsiek
Maurice 'Moe' LaRoche

Technical Advisor

Robert Strickland

Photography

Pete Fedynich
Lou Anne Moore

Columnists/Reporters

John Jowdy
Chuck Pezzano
Susie Minshew
Walt Steinsiek
Jeanette Robinson
Joe Lyou

Permission is granted to reproduce any part of Stars & Strikes unless noted by copyright symbol. Please credit Stars & Strikes when reprinting.

Stars & Strikes is published monthly.

Advertising deadline is the last day of each month. Ad rates are available upon request. Postage paid in Rockwall, Texas.

Subscription rates are \$20.00 per year paid in advance. First Class Postage included

Published by
Pin Point Publishing
2850 Red Valley Run,
Rockwall, Texas 75087

Prices include
First Class
Postage

SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

Prices include
First Class
Postage

Cut out and mail with check or money order (no cash) to: **Stars & Strikes** 2850 Red Valley Run, Rockwall, TX 75087

1 Year (12 Issues) \$20.00 2 Years (24 Issues) \$36.00 3 Years (36 Issues) \$52.00

Canada subscribers add \$16.00 per year postage. All other foreign subscribers add \$22.00 per year postage. International money orders in U.S. funds.

Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone () _____ Occupation: _____

Visit our website: starsandstrikesbowling.com

Make Your League's Sweeper Special at



A DIVISION OF
BOYD GAMING



**Bowl at Las Vegas'
Finest Centers**

Voted #1 Since 1989
by RJ Readers and Staff Polls

All Centers Feature

Meeting Room Facilities
Snack Bar
Lounge
Full-Service Pro Shop

**Reserve Your League's
Sweeper Date Now**

**Call Wayne Daley, Group Coordinator at
1-888-365-7111 Ext. 6437**



Volume 17 • Number 9 SEPTEMBER 2007

\$2.00 per issue or \$20.00 per year by subscription

CONTENTS

8

 Robin Romeo
Interview


9

 Galante & Young
Win Teen Masters


10

 Shake Up At USBC
Headquarters


13

 Tom Baker Wins
Dick Weber
Invitational

www.starsandstrikesbowling.com

Plus . . .

- 2 Bowl-O-Pinion - Jim Goodwin
- 4 Pezzano
- 4 National Bowling Week Kickoff
- 6 USBC U.S. Women's Open
- 6 PBA Women's Tour Trials
- 7 U.S. Women's Open by Joe Lyou
- 8 An Interview with Robin Romeo
- 9 Teen Masters Nat'l Final Results
- 10 Shake Up At USBC Headquarters
- 10 Tournament of the Americas Results
- 11 PBA Senior Results
- 12 PBA Senior Results
- 13 Calendar of Events
- 13 PBA Senior Results
- 14 The Funny Page
- 15 Pro Shop Services



WE SUPPORT OUR PRESIDENT AND OUR TROOPS



Chuck Pezzano is the dean of bowling writers. His columns have appeared in newspapers and magazines nationally for over 50 years. He is a charter member of the Professional Bowlers Association, and is enshrined in both the PBA and USBC Halls of Fame.

PEZZANO

"Bowling does not need minuses being made of pluses"

What's going on here?

The Women's U.S. Open, which can be a jewel in bringing attention to the upper level of female bowling talent, and a step to the return a women's tour, has instead become a subject of discord.

The format, certainly open to controversy, but a subject for future discussion, had contestants rolling four blocks of eight games on four days across varying PBA lane condition patterns, a true championship test as befits the Open. Then the field was cut to the top 16 for single game elimination play, a hit and miss way to reduce the field to the final four, who return almost two months later for the final, but good for TV.

The competition for the final four was taped for TV showing and that is where the differences have come.

The powers that be at the USBC obviously did not want the names of the four winners revealed because the feeling was it would diminish the appeal of the taped shows, a logical conclusion.

I wasn't there because I didn't want to attend a major event that didn't conclude so I must admit that much of my information comes from personal sources at the scene, solid, to say the least.

I found no evidence that any members of the media were asked to withhold the results. But actions reveal more than such evidence. After constant press releases giving the results of the first four days of action, they were halted. Calls to the site and USBC office were unsuccessful in obtaining results.

That's understandable if the powers that be decided they didn't want results out, imagine, bowling discouraging publicity,

but it is also bush to expect the same sources to puff the upcoming shows. That's akin to eating your cake and wanting it too, and close to an attempt to manage news.

Though I can respect and somewhat understand the decision, I must disagree, based on personal experience and precedent. It also doesn't make much sense to attempt to hide results from media people whose individual outlets alone will reach more people than the TV shows.

Having been involved with more than 1,000 major bowling TV shows in various capacities over the decades, I've had the pleasure of working with announcers, producers, directors and planners from ABC, CBS, NBC, USA and ESPN.

Practically every situation came up. There were the live shows and the filmed and taped shows, including a 26 week series, a number of 13 week efforts, and many other delayed telecasts of shorter durations.

Most viewers naturally prefer live to recorded, but they will watch both. They highly resent being deceived. You can't keep the results of a show a secret unless you have a secret screening and legal pledges, with heavy penalties, not to reveal details.

In the past, both sides, the need for results, and the need to appeal to viewers, have been fairly successfully served, with little acrimony. The shows were heavily promoted with no effort to hide the winner, but with no specific details, facts you couldn't get unless you tuned into the show.

For instance, pre show publicity could highlight action without details. See Shannon O'Keefe win with her big game. Watch Lynda Barnes roll her way to the fi-

nals. How Carolyn Dorin-Ballard moved to the final four. Liz Johnson passes pre-lim test.

It works better than the fuzzy, through well intentioned practices that cause any division when all of bowling should be united.

An ample budget is needed to go along with bowling shows to promote them. The bottom line is the viewers, and anything to attract them is fair game, except completely giving up the ethics and respect the sport deserves.

Bowling better wake up. TV bowling is no magic bullet but it sure can be a big shot and vital in many ways if it is properly presented and not pushed around by TV with poor time slots, little supporting promotion and paltry rights fees, if any.

Bowling needs a weekly show, 52 weeks a year, one that features every area of the sport, obviously spotlighting the pros, but giving amateurs, college and high school bowlers, instruction, international, features and even as Andy Varipapa put it, "not trick shots, but highly skilled precision shots."

Bowling does not need minuses being made of pluses, as happened here.

The upcoming shows will be aired Sundays, September 16-23-30 and October 7, with the live finals on Sunday, October 14.

Watch, and have a friend or two join you.

(ed. note - Chuck Pezzano is probably the most prolific writer in the history of the sport, having written more than 5000 columns in over 100 different publications, and always with a steady column in a high circulation daily paper, as well as being a long time TV veteran.)

Bowling pin cart tour kicked off National Bowling Week

United States Bowling Congress bowling ball mascot Striker heads West to accompany the Bowling Foundation's Pin Cart on a 1,950-mile journey from Texas to Nevada in celebration of National Bowling Week and future USBC championships sites along the way.

The five-day tour took the Pin Cart from its current residence at Bowling Proprietors' Association of America headquarters in Arlington, Texas, to Reno, Nev., where was be put on permanent display at the National Bowling Stadium.

The tour kicked off at 11 a.m., Aug. 13, with a sendoff at BPAA Headquarters before heading across Interstate highways 20 and 10 to El Paso, Texas, where Stiker and the Pin Cart appeared Aug. 14, at the El Paso Convention Center, site of the 2010 USBC Women's Championships. The next day Striker and the Pin Cart moved up Interstate 25 to the Albuquerque (N.M.) Convention Center, host of the 2008 USBC Open Championships. Stiker greeted visitors and bowling fans there. After continuing across Interstate 40 and U.S. Highway 93, Striker and the Pin Cart rolled into Las Vegas where they appeared Aug. 16 at the Cashman Center, site of the 2009 USBC Open Championships. The trek's final leg was up U.S. Highway 95 into Reno on Aug. 17 in time for that evening's taping of the U.S. Women's Open, a USBC event.

"The Foundation is pleased to be part of this tour," said John Snyder, Chairman of The Bowling Foundation. "The excitement generated by the Pin Cart helps us achieve our goals in building awareness of bowling, particularly among youth."

The Pin Cart is a gas-powered golf cart remodeled as a 12' by 7' bowling pin body built to scale. Created in 1994 by Dennison Enterprises of New Berlin, Wis., the Pin Cart weighs

almost 500 pounds. It is constructed of glass-reinforced polyester and can go up to 37 miles per hour on the open road and took 300 hours and an estimated \$35,000 to build.

The centerpiece of a bowling industry marketing effort funded by BPAA and the former American Bowling Congress and Women's International Bowling Congress, the Pin Cart was used to gain recognition for the sport. Grassroots advertising involving auto racing was the first part of the program. The Pin Cart made its national debut in the 1994 Indianapolis 500 Parade and later served as a tow vehicle for former Indy Car driver and avid bowler Stan Fox to drive around Gasoline Alley at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

On Dec. 27, 1994, the Pin Cart began a 37-

city, 16-state cross-country tour to promote ABC's 100th anniversary. The journey began in front of Beethoven Hall in New York City where ABC was organized in 1895. It ended in Reno on Feb. 3, 1995 for the debut of the National Bowling Stadium, host of the 1995 ABC Championships Tournament.

In ensuing years, the Pin Cart resided at Bowling Headquarters in suburban Milwaukee, making appearances at a variety of events. Around 2000, BPAA's Bowling Foundation took over full control, using it at various functions until about two years ago.

USBC's 6-1/2'-tall official USBC mascot Striker, joined his pal, bowling pin mascot King on a promotional tour in New York City the week after his trip out West.

photo by Jim Goodwin





**PICK
THE
SOUTH
POINT**



FOR YOUR LEAGUE'S NEXT SWEEPER

**MEETING ROOM FACILITIES AVAILABLE
SNACK BAR • LANEVIEW LOUNGE
FULL-SERVICE PRO SHOP**

**RESERVE YOUR SWEEPER DATES NOW
CALL ANGIE BONIFAZI, GROUP COORDINATOR
AT 1-866-796-7111 EXT. 77172**

Michael Gaughan's

SOUTH POINT

9777 Las Vegas Boulevard South • Las Vegas, NV 89183 • SouthPointCasino.com

PRO SHOP MERCHANDISE DISCOUNTED FOR SWEEPER BOWLERS

After 32 Games - Top 16 Make Cut in U. S. Women's Open

RENO, Nev. - After 32 grueling games of qualifying on four different PBA Experience lane conditions, the field for the ESPN-televized quarterfinals was set Thursday at the 2007 U.S. Women's Open, a United States Bowling Congress event.

Team USA's Shannon O'Keefe of Rochester, N.Y., led the group of 16 women who advanced to the quarterfinals at the National Bowling Stadium. O'Keefe shot 6,874, an average of more than 214 per game, during qualifying to earn top seed.

"It really was a roller coaster tournament for me," said O'Keefe, who after the third game of the tournament was in 117th place. "It was hard at times to stay in the moment and not get carried away with my emotions, but I'm excited to make television again."

The final 16 players will be placed into a one-game, single-elimination bracket and all remaining rounds will be televised by ESPN for five Sundays beginning Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. Eastern. The winner of each of the first four shows will return to Reno for the live finals on ESPN at 1 p.m. Eastern on Oct. 14.

O'Keefe was joined at the top of the leader board after qualifying by Michelle Feldman of Skaneateles, N.Y., who finished second with 6,790. Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., was third with 6,780, while Karen Stroud of Victoria, Texas, was fourth with 6,778.

Other players advancing to the quarterfinals where: No. 5 seed Carolyn Dorin-Ballard of North Richland Hills, Texas; No. 6 Shannon Pluhowsky of Phoenix; No. 7 Lynda Barnes of Double Oak, Texas; No. 8 Wendy Macpherson of Henderson, Nev.; No. 9 Stefanie Nation of Orlando, Fla.; No. 10 Amanda Burgoyne of Newport, Minn.; No. 11 Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y.; No. 12 Tish Johnson of Napa, Calif.; No. 13 Kim Terrell of Antioch, Calif.; No. 14 Missy Bellinder of Fullerton, Calif.;

2007 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

QUALIFYING (32 games)

- 1, Shannon O'Keefe, Rochester, N.Y., 6,874.
- 2, Michelle Feldman*, Skaneateles, N.Y., 6,790.
- 3, Kelly Kulick*, Union, N.J., 6,780.
- 4, Karen Stroud*, Victoria, Texas, 6,778.
- 5, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard*, N. Richland Hills, Texas, 6,777.
- 5, Shannon Pluhowsky*, Phoenix, 6,777.
- 7, Lynda Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 6,750.
- 8, Wendy Macpherson*, Henderson, Nev., 6,728.
- 9, Stefanie Nation*, Orlando, Fla., 6,678.
- 10, Amanda Burgoyne, Newport, Minn., 6,591.
- 11, Liz Johnson*, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 6,570.
- 12, Tish Johnson*, Napa, Calif., 6,564.
- 12, Kim Terrell, Antioch, Calif., 6,564.
- 14, Missy Bellinder*, Fullerton, Calif., 6,551.
- 15, Amy Stolz*, Castle Rock, Colo., 6,540.
- 16, Olivia Sandham*, Wichita, Kan., 6,524.

Other cashers

- 17, Tiffany Stanbrough*, Oklahoma City, 6,514, \$3,000.
- 18, Joy Esterson*, Annapolis, Md., 6,504, \$2,500.
- 19, Clara Guerrero*, Colombia, 6,497, \$2,000.
- 20, Tennifer Milligan*, Costa Mesa, Calif., 6,488, \$1,800.
- 21, Roberta Vann, South Gate, Calif., 6,477, \$1,600.
- 22, Robin Romeo*, Newhall, Calif., 6,469, \$1,400.
- 23, Diantra Asbaty*, Chicago, 6,456, \$1,300.
- 24, Jacqui Reese*, Nazareth, Pa., 6,446, \$1,200.
- 25, Jen Petrick*, Canton, Ohio, 6,415, \$1,100.
- 26, April Ellis*, Jackson, Tenn., 6,405, \$1,000.
- 27, Diana Kurrass, Patchogue, N.Y., 6,401, \$900.
- 28, Leanne Hulsenberg*, Roseville, Calif., 6,387, \$825.
- 28, Laura Hardeman*, Chula Vista, Calif., 6,387, \$825.
- 30, Anne Marie Duggan*, Edmond, Okla., 6,363, \$750.
- 31, Adrienne Miller*, Rio Rancho, N.M., 6,361, \$700.
- 32, Jamie Martin*, Omaha, Neb., 6,354, \$650.
- 33, Laura Lee Daniel*, Corona, Calif., 6,352, \$625.
- 34, Tina Stickney*, Goodyear, Ariz., 6,340, \$600.
- 35, Lisa Wagner*, Tampa, Fla., 6,339, \$575.
- 36, Brenda Mack*, Indianapolis, 6,331, \$550.
- 37, Karen Rosprim, Fresno, Calif., 6,327, \$540.
- 38, Debbie McMullen*, Denver, 6,325, \$530.
- 39, Tammy Boomershine*, Ogden, Utah, 6,317, \$515.
- 39, Emily Maier, Sparks, Nev., 6,317, \$515.

* - Entrant in PBA Women's Tour Trials

No. 15 Amy Stolz of Castle Rock, Colo.; and No. 16 Olivia Sandham of Wichita, Kan.

Sandham, a former Team USA member, earned the final spot by shooting 230 in the final game to pass Tiffany Stanbrough of Oklahoma City by 10 pins.

"The whole day I was in and then I was out, so I was on the bubble the whole time," Sandham said. "By the last game, I think I had gotten use to the added pressure, and I got a couple lucky breaks. It was enough to keep me in."

In addition to the U.S. Women's Open, 65 participants elected to pay a separate entry fee and use their U.S. Women's Open qualifying scores in the PBA Women's Tour Trials.

Four players (O'Keefe, Barnes, Burgoyne and Terrell) elected not to enter the PBA Women's Tour Trials, opening the door for four other players to become eligible for the PBA Women's Series.

Stanbrough, Joy Esterson of Annapolis, Md., Clara Guerrero of Colombia and Tennifer Milligan of Costa Mesa, Calif., will join the remaining 12 U.S. Women's Open quarterfinalists in the PBA Women's Series, which will feature four events conducted alongside Denny's PBA Tour stops this season.

The 2007 U.S. Women's Open, a USBC event, is sponsored by Banquet, the Eldorado Hotel/Casino in Reno, Nev., the National Bowling Stadium and Kegel.

For more information on the U.S. Women's Open, including stories, photos and complete standings, visit www.bowl.com.

16 Qualify for PBA Tour Women's Series

RENO, Nev. - For Michelle Feldman, the thought of additional women's bowling events is always on her mind. With the addition of this fall's PBA Women's Series, Feldman's wish is becoming a reality.

Feldman will lead 15 other competitors who qualified for the series with their finish in the 2007 PBA Women's Tour Trials, which were being held in conjunction with the 2007 U.S. Women's Open, a United States Bowling Congress event.

Feldman (Skaneateles, N.Y.) led the field, who bowled 32 games over four days on four different PBA oil patterns, with a 32-game pinfall of 6,790.

"It was nice to make it and now I hope to win at least two times in the four weeks (on the PBA Women's Series)," said Feldman. "Hopefully these events lead to something more substantial next year and the year after. Not just four weeks, but something on our own further down the road."

Feldman, who entered Thursday's final round on the Chameleon oil pattern in third, posted an eight-game pinfall of 1,669, with five games

over the 200 mark including a high of 234 in her sixth game.

"It was a challenging pattern, all the patterns are challenging. I'm not able to bowl day in and day out on these patterns like the exempt bowlers. Really the only time I get to bowl on these shots are in my PBA experience league," added Feldman.

Kelly Kulick, who lead Tuesday and Wednesday's rounds, finished second with 6,780. Kulick (Union, N.J.), who made history last year as the first-ever exempt female bowler on the Denny's PBA Tour, posted an eight-game block of 1,537.

Karen Stroud of Victoria, Texas finished third with 6,778 after posting the day's high score of 1,840. Stroud capped the block with a 290 in game eight along with scores of 258 and 243 in games two and five.

Carolyn Dorin-Ballard (North Richland Hills, Texas) rounded out the top four with 6,777 after Thursday's 1,680. Monday's leader Stefanie Nation (Orlando, Fla.) finished seventh with 6,678.

The 2007 PBA Women's Series, which is sponsored by the USBC, marks the first opportunity for

women to bowl on Tour since the Professional Women's Bowling Association folded in 2003. The series will feature 16 women competing in four events which will run concurrently with four Denny's PBA Tour events. All events will feature a \$51,100 prize fund including a \$10,000 top prize.

PBA Women's Tour Trials National Bowling Stadium Reno, Nev. - Aug. 16, 2007 ROUND FOUR TOTALS

- 1, Michelle Feldman, Skaneateles, N.Y., 6,790; 2, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 6,780; 3, Karen Stroud, Victoria, Texas, 6,778; 4, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, N. Richland Hills, Texas, 6,777; 4, Shannon Pluhowsky, Phoenix, Ariz, 6,777; 6, Wendy Macpherson, Henderson, Nev, 6,728; 7, Stefanie Nation, Orlando, Fla., 6,678; 8, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 6,570; 9, Tish Johnson, Napa, Calif., 6,564; 10, Missy Bellinder, Fullerton, Calif., 6,551; 11, Amy Stolz, Castle Rock, Colo., 6,540; 12, Olivia Sandham, Wichita, Kan., 6,524; 13, Tiffany Stanbrough, Oklahoma City, 6,514; 14, Joy Esterson, Annapolis, Md., 6,504; 15, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 6,497; 16, Tennifer Milligan, Costa Mesa, Calif., 6,488.



NOW HIRING MECHANICS for all Texas locations

Lewisville • Grapevine • Plano Fort Worth • Houston • Austin Coming Soon Lubbock

On the job training for computers, networking, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and related equipment

MAIN EVENT offers excellent benefits, advancement and relocation opportunities!

MainEventUSA.net

Women's U. S. Open: Mystery and Excitement

by Joe Lyou

This is the story of the 2007 U.S. Women's Open, presented by the USBC (United States Bowling Congress) and the PBA (Professional Bowlers Assn.).

The action took place from Aug. 13-18 at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. The plot (a.k.a. tournament format) started out as a mystery, but as the tournament progresses, it made a lot of sense. In fact, you could even say that the format, devised for television, was brilliant.

The characters in this story are the 132 entrants, which included Kelly Kulick, who won the 2003 U. S. Open, then had to wait four long years before she had a chance to defend her title.

Supporting roles are played by other members of the old PWBA (Professional Women's Bowling Assn.) along with past and present members of Team USA.

A good story line contains surprises, and the U.S. Women's Open supplied them in spades.

For example, after four grueling days of qualifying - consisting of eight games each day on a different PBA lane pattern - the No. 1 seed was an amateur. She's Shannon O'Keefe, a former Team USA member from Rochester, N.Y.

A free-wheeling righthander, O'Keefe finished the 32-game qualifying round with a total of 6874, a fine 214.8 average. O'Keefe edged out two pros, Michelle Feldman (6790) and Kulick (6780) for the top spot.

That was in the overall USBC Women's Open standings. Since O'Keefe is an amateur, she chose not to pay the additional \$750 fee in order to gain one of the 16 exempt spots for the PBA Women's Tour Trials. Thus, she was not listed in the PBA standings.

(Are you still with me? I told you that the plot/tournament format was a mystery. But stay with me and you'll know how the story ends.)

The 32-game qualifying scores were used to determine the 16 women for the PBA competition. These 16 women were divided into four groups and paired according to where they finished in the standings.

In other words, the No. 1 seed bowled against the No. 16 seed; No. 2 against No. 15, and so forth.

The four group roll-offs were taped by ESPN and will be shown over four Sundays - Sept. 16, Sept. 23, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7.

Rather than trying to explain the four roll-offs in detail, let's simplify them by telling you that the four group winners were two amateurs (O'Keefe and Lynda Barnes of

Double Oak, Texas - and yes, she's married to PBA star Chris Barnes) - and two pros (Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, North Richland Hills, Texas, and Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y.).

These four players will return to Reno on Sunday, Oct. 14 and battle for the '07 U. S. Women's Open championship - and the \$25,000 that goes to the winner. The action will be shown live by ESPN.

Tom Clark, the USBC Director of Communications, said he hopes the four taped shows will build a lot of suspense and excitement so that there will be a huge audience for the live championship showdown.

If you want to see how this story ends, you'll have to watch ESPN on Sunday, Oct. 14.

TOURNAMENT NOTES:

Amateurs Shannon O'Keefe and Lynda Barnes rolled the two highest games in the group roll-offs. Barnes rolled a 289 in eliminating Michelle Feldman, who had a fine 258. Then, in the title match, O'Keefe fired a 299 - she left a soft 10 pin on her final ball - as she defeated Team USA's Stefanie Nation, who ran into split troubles and had to settle for 159.

The darling of the group roll-offs was Missy Bellinder, the fearless little righthander who once starred at Cal State Fullerton. In her first match, Bellinder rallied to upset Kelly Kulick, 233-196. In the title match against Liz Johnson, Bellinder was leading going into the seventh frame, when she left a pocket 7-10. She then missed an unlikely 10 pin in the next frame, losing to Johnson, 213-194. Nevertheless, it was a great showing by Bellinder, who was making her very first TV appearance.

In addition to Chris Barnes, two other PBA champions, Tony Reyes and Tommy Jones were on hand to coach their respective staff members. International megastar Tim Mack was giving wife Brenda tips when he wasn't taking care of their beautiful 9-months-young girl, Lana. Tim says his right shoulder is "getting better every day" and his bowling is "improving a little bit each day." He hopes to return soon to do some serious bowling.

One of the most dramatic sights in the U.S. Women's Open was watching Chris Helf of West Valley, Utah, compete while wearing a prosthetic just below her right knee. Although she has just one good leg, it didn't stop her from competing in the biggest women's bowling tournament of the year. And she looked like she was enjoying herself, even though she finished ahead of only 12 players. Helf averaged 165 for her 32 games of qualifying.

U. S. OPEN FINAL FOUR

Carolyn Dorin-Ballard
Current Status: Professional
43, N. Richland Hills, TX
20 Professional titles, 3 majors
College: West Texas State (A&M) degree in communications
Honors: 2001 and 2003 PWBA Bowler of the Year, National Spokesperson for High School bowling, member of the USBC Board of Directors
Personal: Married to PBA great Del Ballard Jr. Her sister Cathy Dorin-Lizzi is also a pro bowler. Carolyn and Del have one child Alyssa



Liz Johnson
Current Status: Professional
33, Cheektowaga, NY
11 professional titles, 1 major (1996 U.S. Open)
College: Moorhead State University
Honors: Liz rolled a 300 game on national TV in 2001 to earn a \$50,000 bonus. First woman to bowl for a title on the PBA national tour, she finished 2nd to Tommy Jones in the title match of the 2005 Banquet Open in Michigan. First woman to win a PBA regional title.

Lynda Barnes
Current Status: Amateur (former pro)
39, Double Oak, TX
2 Professional titles, 1 major
College: San Jose State University
Honors: 10 year member of Team USA. 3-time U.S. Amateur Champion. 2005 World Bowling Writers Bowler of the Year and member of WBW Hall of Fame. AMF World Cup Champion
Personal: Married to PBA star Chris Barnes. They have twin sons Troy and Ryan, 4.



Shannon O'Keefe
Current Status: Amateur
28, Rochester, NY
College: Attended Portland (Oregon) State University 97-98
Honors: 3-year member of Team USA. 5 Gold Medals in 2006 Tournament of the Americas. 2001 New York State Queens Champion
Personal: Married to Bryan O'Keefe, who was a collegiate all-american at the University of Nebraska

What Happens Now?

Knowing they will bowl for a major title on October 14, what will these great players do for two months to get ready? Will they practice more, or less? On the Cheetah oil pattern? Where? Are they concerned about injury or a slump? Will their family and friends be able to go back to Reno to watch them in the finals?

Stars and Strikes contacted Carolyn and Liz to answer these questions - here's what they had to say.

"I'm sure I will continue to practice just as much, maybe more. I do have some upcoming tournaments and regionals ahead that will keep me sharp, including an invitational in Panama. There are a few houses in Buffalo where I can practice and have them put out "cheetah" for me just to get an idea of what balls roll the best. I am really not concerned about getting in a slump or getting an injury. I will continue my regimen of going to the gym 3-4 days a week, along with practicing and bowling a couple of leagues. I use the leagues as a practice for my timing because they are very competitive. I may have a few friends and family in Reno. I am trying to get my mom there as we speak." - Liz Johnson

"I've always been a practicing person. I always felt that if I didn't practice, I wouldn't be competitive. I will be going to the gym 3 days a week, practicing 3 days and bowling in one or two leagues. I will also try to compete in as many scratch tournaments as I can since I feel this is a perfect way to work on your mental game. I'm not really worried about a slump or injury because that is something you cannot control. I am in the process of having some therapy on my shoulder, because I have had tendonitis in the past and it reoccurred during the Open. Del will be working in Minnesota during the finals, but I might beg Brunswick to let him come watch. I have already spoken to Cathy about attending and if she does, Alyssa will be with me. It would be nice if Alyssa could see me on TV - you know I only have a few years of bowling left. (ha, ha.)" - Carolyn Dorin-Ballard

Chad Payson Memorial Scholarship Youth Pro-Am

This event paid out over \$9,000
in scholarships each of the past two years!
Congratulations to all scholarship winners!

The 2007 Pro-Am will once again
be held in Conjunction with

**THE PBA SOUTHWEST REGION
YOUNG & PRATT INC. AUSTIN OPEN
OCTOBER 5 - 6**

...where every entry receives a brand new
Brunswick ball!

For \$80 choose any of the following from the BVP line: Mammoth, Sidewinder, Rampage, or Wizard. Increase the entry fee to \$100 and get a Blast, Vapor, or Red Zone and for only \$105 select a Total Inferno, Fury, or Fury Pearl. (Entry fees cover all costs associated with the event including the ball. Drilling fees are separate.)

Site: Dart Bowl, Austin, Texas
Dates: October 5th & 6th
Times: 6:00 pm each night
Lane condition: The PBA pattern chosen for the tournament

Official Entry Forms are available at many bowling centers
across Texas or download one at www.DartBowl.com.



Cody Hoskinson of Wichita, Kansas won this 42" Samsung LCD Television valued at \$1499 during the Teen Masters held at the Orleans Bowling Center in Las Vegas

Romeo Still Romancing the Sport

Any true bowling fan who asks the question "Where are you Romeo?" will find a quick answer - she is on the lanes with a new perspective and a renewed competitive fire. Robin Romeo is one of the best women bowlers in history, and to the delight of her thousands of fans, and in spite of there being no women's pro tour, she is not finished demonstrating the tremendous talent that won her 17 national titles as a touring pro.

Indeed, she is still making headlines. This year, not long after turning 50, she couldn't find a top level women's event, so she entered the Profes-

sional Bowlers Association Senior Masters. She was the first woman ever to qualify for the matchplay, and finished in the top 24, bowling against the best male seniors in the world.

A greater honor for Romeo also happened this year. She was chosen as the first woman bowler ever for the National Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame. She will join such greats as Johnny Petraglia, Carmen Salvino, and the late Andy Varipapa in that hall, not to mention world-renowned athletes of Italian heritage from other sports. She is already a member of several bowl-

ing Halls of Fame, including the USBC and PWBA Halls. Induction will be in Chicago in November.

What everyone remembers most about Robin, however, was her tremendous good spirit and demeanor on and off the lanes, and her genuine caring about her sport and her fellow man. There are two things about Robin that this writer will never forget - one is sitting next to her beloved father Ray Romeo when she won the Sam's Town Tournament of Champions and seeing the tears of joy run down his cheeks; the other was seeing Robin write a \$5000 check to help the Oklahoma

City bombing victims after winning a \$10,000 title in 1995.

Being a great athlete will get you into halls of fame, but being a great human being is the greatest honor of all, and Robin Romeo is one of bowling's most cherished treasures when it comes to defining integrity and character in an athlete.

In the recent Women's U.S. Open, Robin competed in a field of 132 players, many of them half her age. She finished 17th in the PBA Tour Trials, barely missing the cut.

- Jim Goodwin

How excited were you to see the Women's US Open return?

I was very excited to hear about the return of the US Open. I looked forward to competing in a major event again.

Aside from barely missing the cut in the Open and PBA Trial, what is your general impression of these events, and do you think this is the best way to bring women's pro bowling back into the industry? What would you change?

I thought the overall tournament was a success. It was very challenging to bowl on the PBA tour patterns. I know for me you really had to make quick decisions on ball choices and lane choices. To have a chance to make both cuts in one event was great.

I think it's a great beginning for the future of women's bowling, especially to have 5 weeks on television. Hopefully it will help in getting some major sponsors to keep women's bowling alive.

The US Open is a major event and I would like to see a longer format with more match play.

What does it feel like to be the first woman bowler elected to the Italian Sports Hall of Fame?

When I got the phone call to let me know I was being inducted into the NIASHF, I was speechless. This is my first hall of fame outside of bowling. To be inducted with men and women athletes from all over the world, I can't describe my feelings. I am truly honored being the first women bowler.

Who are the other inductees this year?

The other inductees are: Geno Auremma, Tom Barrasso, Jean Cione, Fred Couples, Dave Ferraro, Penny Marshall, Johnny Musso, MaryLou Palermo, Mike Scioscia, Dick Vermeil, Mario Andretti, Tony Basile, Richard

interested in.

I always tried to watch my weight, although I love to eat especially sweets.

Any regrets about your career on tour? You left before the tour folded - Why?

When I left the tour, I thought it was the right time for me. I have no regrets, because I am still competitive and have many chances to compete.

What is your best memory of your career on tour?

My best memory was winning the 1989 US Open. It was my first major, and helped me win the 1989 Bowler of the Year.

On tour, you wore a small pin on your collar that simply said "attitude" - is having a good attitude the most important ingredient in finding success?

Jeanne Naccarato gave me that pin and I wore it all the time. I always felt that having a great attitude kept me in the game. I know that my success came from my attitude.

Best advice for a young lady in high school or college who wants to be a pro bowler?

Well unfortunately there is no Pro Tour, but even if there was I would say stay in school and have a career first. You can always bowl!! There are many opportunities as an amateur. Stay an amateur and try out for team USA, you will get to see the world and how great it is to bowl for your country.

If I had to do it all over again, I would do it all the same. I had a great time, and traveled all over the world. I loved it!!!



photo by Bill Vint

Women's U.S. Open - Great, but still room for improvement

USBC and their sponsors deserve a standing ovation for the presentation of the



Joan Romeo

2007 Women's US Open Tournament conducted at the National Bowling Stadium August 12-18, 2007. While we recognize this

outstanding tournament was a team effort; we would like to congratulate Tom Clark for his vision and leadership in spear heading the event.

The idea of a sweeper with the pattern for the next day was innovative. Having the Video wall recognize past champions and then present more information regarding the patterns from the guys who know, Chris Barnes and Norm Duke, were informative and entertaining at the same time. Credibility was added with the addition of bowling greats Nelson Burton Jr. and Marshall Holman and award-winning USA Today columnist Christine Brennan to the ESPN telecasts. All three professionals were there several days before the telecasts to gather information, view the competition and mingle with the bowlers.

However, the stars of the event were truly the women bowlers. The field of 132 represented a mixture of past, present and future stars of the game. An Invitational couldn't have scripted it any better, the gals performed and provided the excitement we've all come to expect from the ladies. Although the top eight bowlers were pretty much a lock going into the last day, the fight for the bottom eight changed with almost every game. Competition was fierce and 16th position for the tour trials was not confirmed until the last ball of the last bowler was thrown.

From a marketing and operational prospective, there is also room for improvement:

- Scheduling of the tournament, which required a Saturday check in, created some minor problems. They should consider more communication with the hotels.
- Perhaps bowling the sweeper each morning and having the tournament in the evening would help generate more spectators.
- Addressing the alternate position in the rules, prior to the start of the tournament, would have been a good idea.
- Since the PBA does not allow coaching during their events, many of the spectators questioned the girls being coached during the competition.
- With over a 100 entries and such a talented field, we would hope the next event would cut to a minimum of 24 and perhaps even 32 for the matchplay.

Joan Romeo has two daughters who are professional bowlers - Robin and Tori, and she is active everyday in the promotion and marketing of bowling through her advertising and marketing agency - The Marketing Team. Joan was also the winner of the 2007 Remo Pichetti Humanitarian Award presented at Bowl Expo 2007.

4th Annual Las Vegas

MILITARY BOWLING

CHAMPIONSHIPS
 TEAM ★ SINGLES ★ DOUBLES
 Active Duty, Retired & Senior Retired Divisions

GOLD COAST
 BOWLING CENTER
 LAS VEGAS, NV.

HIGH ROLLER
 www.high-roller.com

STORM

USBC
 United States Bowling Congress

January 20 - 24, 2008

1-800-257-6179 • info@high-roller.com

**HAVE
YOU
HEARD?**

**Spread
the
Word!**

**PHANTOM
RADIO
IS ON**

24 Hours a day, 7 days
a week, 365 days a year,
Phantom Radio brings you
the best bowling interviews
on the air

Phantom Radio is on your
computer NOW.

It's easy! - just log onto
www.phantomradioshow.com
or click on the scary icon or link on
dozens of bowling websites, including
www.starsandstrikesbowling.com and
www.bowlersjournal.com

Many classic shows are in the
Phantom archives and special CD's
are available for purchase.

2007 is Phantom's 6th year!
www.phantomradioshow.com

UPCOMING GUESTS

Larry Gautier (NABI Champion)

Wes Pye (Strike Ten)

Paula Carter

Don Carter

Phantom



Radio

Galante and Young Win Teen Masters National Championship

The 2007 Teen Masters National Champions are Ashly Galante and Geoffrey Young.

Galante, Palm Harbor, Florida and Young, Denton, Texas both posted a 3-1 record in the best of five championship match, and each earned a \$7,500 scholarship for their

Santoro and Boulds each earned a \$3750 scholarship award. Altogether, the event paid over \$60,000 in scholarship awards. 86 of the 387 teens who bowled in the event earned scholarship awards.

In prior matches, Galante defeated last year's

Annual National Championships next summer.

The 2008 Teen Masters Qualifying schedule is posted on the Teen Masters website www.teenmastersbowling.com.

In addition to the main event competition,



Geoffrey Young and Ashly Galante

performance. Both 18-year-olds were bowling in their second Teen Masters.

Galante, runner-up in the 2006 Teen Masters, defeated Samantha Santoro 202-164 in the deciding game to win the title. "I felt really relaxed starting the match, but in game three, the lanes started changing and I didn't catch it fast enough," said Galante. "It feels great to win after finishing second last year."

Young defeated Austin Boulds 202-189 in the final game to win the crown. "I threw the ball really well all week, but today it was even better," said Young. "It was a great experience with the crowd cheering, and the whole week was really good. I want to thank my parents for letting me bowl in all these tournaments and Gary Beck for running such a good event."

champion Brittini Hamilton 3-2 in a very hard fought match to advance to the title match. Santoro earned her way by defeating Samantha Jimenez 3-1, and Young defeated Jonathan Trzcinski 3-2 to advance.

Young will be a senior at Denton High school this fall, and plans to return to Teen Masters competition next year. This was Galante's last year of eligibility. She is headed for Pikesville College in Kentucky this fall where she will be a communications major and a member of the bowling team.

Team USA competition is also in the future for both champions. Galante is a member of Team USA and Young is a member of Junior Team USA.

Over 50 Teen Masters Qualifying events will kick off in March 2008 leading up to the 11th

Teen Masters finalists bowled in the TM Team Cup at the end of the week, a random draw 4-player team event featuring baker style matches. The winners of the 2007 TM Team Cup were Michael Murphy, Sam Fread, Shane Higgins, and James Koss.

Another very popular attraction of the event was the Dexter Den, sponsored by Dexter Bowling Shoes. 80 local qualifying leaders earned Dexter Den Badges by winning their local events wearing Dexter shoes. The Den featured a big screen TV with the Wii Bowling Video game, Plush Lounge furniture, a refreshment bar, and an iPod docking station.

In addition to Dexter, The TM National Finals was sponsored by The Orleans, USBC Sport Bowling, Kegel, BPAA, and the PBA.

TEEN MASTERS NATIONAL FINALS

The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV - August 3, 2007

Championship Matches - Boys

Geoffrey Young, Denton, Texas \$7500 def. Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., (171-162, 175-216, 234-171, 202-189)

Round of 4

Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., \$3750, def. Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., \$1800, 3-2 (191-176, 177-182, 137-159, 204-195, 210-183); Geoffrey Young, Denton, Texas, def. Jonathan Trzcinski, Bayshore, N.Y., \$1600, 3-2 (203-210, 173-217, 187-173, 211-200, 164-139).

Round of 8

Jonathan Trzcinski, Bayshore, N.Y., def. Jonathan Buckert, Rochester, N.Y., 3-2 \$1400, (157-221, 197-160, 175-196, 224-188, 204-163); Geoffrey Young, Denton, Texas, def. Andy Soukup, Naperville, Ill., 3-2 \$1300, (209-184, 199-158, 200-233, 167-211, 211-182); Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., def. Joseph May, Palm Harbor, Fla., 3-2 \$1200, (234-192, 193-185, 182-207, 206-214, 227-196); Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., def. Michael Conn, Crestwood, Ky., 3-0 \$1100, (188-145, 232-158, 206-198).

Round of 16

Andy Soukup, Naperville, Ill., def. Tyler Kemp, Connerville, Ind., 3-2 \$500, (166-223, 214-138, 180-167, 191-214, 181-158); Michael Conn, Crestwood, Ky., def. Shane Reid, Enfield, Conn., 3-2 \$400, (190-164, 183-180, 184-187, 175-196, 192-185); Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., def. Tucker Clark, Sperry, Okla., 3-2 \$375, (146-202, 224-196, 235-170, 164-208, 225-159); Joseph May, Palm Harbor, Fla., def. *Andrew Koff, Miami, Fla., 3-1 \$350, (248-188, 196-203, 217-213, 224-215); Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., def. Kristopher Prather, Pace, Fla., 3-1 \$300, (234-178, 190-227, 235-189, 266-189); Jonathan Trzcinski, Bayshore, N.Y., def. Colby Warren, Danville, Va., 3-2 \$325, (179-245, 158-259, 207-178, 203-166, 200-181); Geoffrey Young, Denton, Texas, def. A. J. Van Fleet, Haw River, N.C., 3-1 \$275, (243-174, 156-178, 225-192, 203-187); Jonathan Buckert, Rochester, N.Y., def. Christopher Grube, Palm Harbor, Fla., 3-0 \$250, (258-182, 191-189, 214-183)

Other Cashers

Matthew Sabin, Woodbridge, NJ - \$205; Devin Bidwell, Simi Valley, CA - \$200; Israel Hernández, Bayamón, PR - \$195; Tim Frye, Hackettstown, NJ - \$190; Cameron Weier, Federal Way, WA - \$185; Sean Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, TX - \$180; Adam Jozwiak, Youngstown, NY - \$175; Abed Daher, Brownstown, MI - \$170 (\$150 each)

Justin Troche, Hope Mills, NC; Zachary Hattori, Las Vegas, NV; Craig Wellbrook, Calverton, NY; Joshua McBride, Wichita, KS; T.J. Baral, Palm City, FL; Kyle King, Glendale, AZ; Jay Foote, Westerville, OH; Tyler Barker, Magna, UT; Alex Buss, Naperville, IL; Ryan Appel, Cinnaminson, NJ; Joe E Novara, Patchogue, NY; Nick Atkinson, Frostburg, MD; Matthew Gauroniak, Palm City, FL

*Andrew Koff and Ashly Galante received \$250 for leading after 18 games.

Championship Matches - Girls

*Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla. \$7500 def. Samantha Santoro, Reinholds, Pa. 3-1 (223-214, 227-169, 202-216, 202-164)

Round of 4

Samantha Santoro, Reinholds, Pa. \$3750, def. Samantha Jimenez, Rowland Heights, Calif. \$1600, 3-1 (189-148, 185-162, 159-201, 232-193); Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla. def. Brittini Hamilton, Webster, N.Y., \$1800, 3-2 248-188, 205-181, 177-216, 198-279, 213-196)

Round of 8

Samantha Santoro, Reinholds, Pa. def. Liz Seibel, Hellertown, Pa. 3-1 \$1400, (193-170, 179-213, 172-164, 234-178); Brittini Hamilton, Webster, N.Y. def. Kayla Johnson, Washington, Ill. 3-2 \$1300, (187-218, 167-150, 226-176, 206-237, 210-177); Samantha Jimenez, Rowland Heights, Calif. def. Stephanie Melton, Louisville, Ky. 3-1 \$1200, (194-210, 212-156, 210-150, 221-159); Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla. def. Stephanie Scanlon, Palm Harbor, Fla. 3-0 \$1100, (219-212, 216-181, 205-183)

Round of 16

Stephanie Melton, Louisville, Ky. def. Maggie Zakrzewski, Palatine, Ill. \$500, (184-190, 172-171, 192-188, 197-224, 197-162); Samantha Jimenez, Rowland Heights, Calif. def. Jessica Earnest, Vandallia, Ill. \$400, 3-1 (152-187, 199-155, 201-172, 221-173); Brittini Hamilton, Webster, N.Y. def. Jessica Baker, Springfield, Ohio 3-1 \$375, (161-214, 206-178, 178-169, 212-188); Kayla Johnson, Washington, Ill. def. Megan Goeller, Rolling Meadows, Ill. 3-1 \$350, (160-153, 156-244, 178-144, 233-188); Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla. def. Michelle Secours, Brockport, N.Y. 3-1 \$325, (186-174, 200-235, 200-178, 258-187); Samantha Santoro, Reinholds, Pa. def. Jenny Brown, Deland, Fla. 3-0 \$300, (204-268, 246-170, 225-188); Stephanie Scanlon, Palm Harbor, Fla. def. Amanda Halter, Georgetown, Texas 3-0 \$275, (203-195, 200-193, 174-168); Liz Seibel, Hellertown, Pa. def. Melanie DeCarlo, Peru, Ill. 3-0 \$250, (210-133, 226-199, 234-190)

Other cashers

Dayna Galganski, N. Palm Beach, FL - \$245; Felecia Goll, St. Clair Shores, MI - \$240; Larissa Lantto, Eden Prairie, MN - \$235; Amanda Nordick, Fargo, ND - \$230; Elizabeth Hansen, Sioux Falls, SD - \$225; Kimberly Yioulos, Rochester, NY - \$220; Heather D'Errico, Rochester, NY - \$215; Emily Lewis, Louisville, KY - \$210; Kaitlin Quinn, Livonia, NY - \$205; Alyssa Harper, Miami, FL - \$200; Rose Brown, Modesto, CA - \$195; Natalie Jimenez, Rowland Heights, CA - \$190; Kristi Mickelson, Bellevue, NE - \$185; Kristina Terpo, Brooklyn, NY - \$180; Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, FL - \$175; Joi Bell, Pflugerville, TX - \$170

SHAKEUP AT USBC HEADQUARTERS

Roger Dalkin Retires As USBC Chief Executive Officer

GREENDALE, Wis. - The United States Bowling Congress and Roger Dalkin, USBC Chief Executive Officer, announced that effective today, Dalkin would retire after 30 years of service to USBC and the bowling community.

"After my years of service and undergoing the challenge of leading and implementing one of the largest mergers of non-profit organizations in the history of the United States, it is time for new leadership," said Dalkin. "Successfully merging the American Bowling Congress, Women's International Bowling Congress, Young American Bowling Alliance and USA Bowling was a tremendous challenge and the highpoint of my career. With the merger



accomplished and a sound financial footing for USBC, this is the appropriate time for USBC to select an individual to build on what we have accomplished."

"We all thank Roger for his tireless and dedicated years of service. We have asked Roger to continue assisting USBC in its mission in a consulting capacity, and we are pleased he has agreed to do so," said Michael Carroll, USBC President.

According to Carroll, USBC will conduct a national search for a successor and that current USBC Chief Officer-National Governing Body Kevin Dornberger is acting as interim Chief Operating Officer until a successor is chosen.

USBC Chief Officer Of Tournaments And Events Roseann Kuhn Announces Retirement

After 33 years of service to the United States Bowling Congress and Women's International Bowling Congress, USBC Chief Officer of Tournaments and Events Roseann Kuhn has announced her retirement effective Dec. 31, 2007.

Upon her retirement, Kuhn plans to devote much of her time encouraging women to become involved with the organization.

"There is a need to recruit more women to work for this organization and I will do what I can to recruit them whenever possible," Kuhn said.

"I know there are many who have a passion for bowling as much as I did more than 30 some years ago when I first joined WIBC, and would enjoy the opportunity to be part of an organization that wants to grow the sport, and to see a brighter future for those who follow."

In 2005, she received the WIBC Joyce Deitch Trailblazer Award for making a significant contribution to women's bowling. Those receiving the award are considered risk



takers, leaders, innovators, motivators, change agents and visionaries.

Kuhn, a Victoria, Kan., native, joined the WIBC staff in 1974 as a field representative. In 1976, she was promoted to field services department manager and her advancement continued, with her serving as rules/legal manager from 1988 to 1995. In 1995, Kuhn relocated to the Denver area where she served as WIBC's rules/legal technical advisor, and in 1996 she was appointed WIBC executive director and returned to the Milwaukee area.

The Kansas Women's Bowling Association honored Kuhn in 2004 with its first-ever Friendship Award in recognition of her support, loyalty, hard work and focus on the enhancement of bowling. In 2004 she also received the Metropolitan Bowling Writers Association's most prestigious award, the William Landgraf Memorial Award for Distinguished Service to the sport of bowling.

Sylvia Broyles Retires From USBC Board Of Directors

Sylvia Broyles, who has been associated with the sport of bowling for more than 50 years, has announced her retirement from the United States Bowling Congress Board of Directors, effective Aug. 1. She served as USBC vice president in 2006-07 after serving as a USBC director in the 2004-05 season.

Throughout her career Broyles served the sport on the national, state and local levels. Since her initial appointment to the WIBC Board of Directors in 1977, she served as director and second, third, fifth and seventh vice presidents before eventually being elected as WIBC's final president from 2002 through 2004.



Her dedication to the sport was also evident through her work in numerous other bowling leadership positions such as being a former member of the National Bowling Forum board, Bowling Inc. director, National Bowling Council/BVL and USA Bowling director and secretary-treasurer. Broyles, of Spring Branch, Texas, was elected to the USBC Hall of Fame in 2005.

"I am retiring from service at the national level, but I plan to continue working at the local and state level promoting state tournaments and of course, USBC," Broyles said. "I wish all in the industry the very best in the future."

Staff Reorganizes - Support Teams Eliminated

On Wednesday, August 8, USBC unveiled a reorganization at Bowling Headquarters that eliminated the Customer Insight, Marketing/Sponsorship and Education teams. Interim COO Kevin Dornberger said the personnel changes will allow USBC to function more efficiently.

As part of the reorganization, Jan Schmidt (Marketing/Sponsorship), Jeff Henry (Rules) and Al Smith (Public Relations) were released, effective immediately. Barb Waldorf, Lynn Kallas and Suzanne Lee of the Customer Insight team also are gone, along with Rick Buss, Don Sparks and Bob Schoneman of the Education team. Others with those respective teams were reassigned. The sponsorship component of the Marketing/Sponsorship Team also was eliminated, as were the posts of Brandon Tanner and Amy Laskowski.

"There are no quotas or no numbers," said Dornberger. "We are simply redistributing the workload and trying to find more efficient ways to perform certain functions."

United States Wraps Up Dominating Performance at Tournament of the Americas

TAMARAC Fla. - With more than twice as many gold medals than its closest competitor, the United States delegation wrapped up a dominating performance this week at the 45th Lee Evans Tournament of the Americas, including five individual all-events wins.

With a clean sweep of the Junior division leaderboard, Andrew Koff of Miami and Nikki Iozzia of Sunrise, Fla., had the most room for error, each taking more than a 300 pin lead into the final six games of the tournament, while Jesse Rodriguez of Davie, Fla., and Ashly Galante of Palm Harbor, Fla., still needed solid performances in team event to maintain their lead and take home gold.

Koff set the pace and took the Junior Male (16-19) all-events title averaging 207 this week for a 36 game total of 7,476 at Don Carter Tamarac Lanes in Tamarac, Fla. Galante posted 7,166 for the Junior Female (16-19) all-events win while Rodriguez added 7,161 to earn Junior Male (12-15) all-events gold and Iozzia turned in 6,957 for the Junior Female (12-15) title.

"It's really a great opportunity to be able to



Andrew Koff



Bryanna Caldwell

bowling in an international tournament and it makes the win even that much more special," said Koff, who recently led all qualifiers at the 2007 Teen Masters. "It was important to me to be able to get through the ups and downs this week and always remember to make the best of my bad games, because there always seemed to be a lot of bowling left. I was excited when it was finally over."

Far surpassing her goal to outdo last year's performance, Bryanna Caldwell of Tucson, Ariz., was in a closer race and had to overcome a 10 pin deficit on the last day to earn the Female Individual All-Events title with 7,529.

"The all-events title is a bigger accomplishment than any one event because you have to bowl well consistently throughout the week to win," said Caldwell, who totaled five medals in her Adult division debut, including three gold. "Junior Team USA and my collegiate bowling experience really were key factors in my win this week. Both have helped me to handle pressure situations and know how important it is to stay clean even when I might be struggling with the lane condition."

2008 Military Bowling Championships in Las Vegas

Entries are now being accepted for the 2008 Military Bowling Championships, January 20 - 24. For the 3rd consecutive year, Gold Coast Hotel, Casino & Bowling Center is the host and is looking forward to greeting the contestants and their guests. For hotel reservations, call them toll free at 1-800-675-3267.

If you don't have a team and would like to be a part of this incredible event, call us toll free at 1-800-257-6179 and we will help find a team that needs a player. The MBC is open to all Retired and Active Duty military personnel.

Welcome back to sponsors Storm Bowling Products, Roto Grip, Thom's Thum, BuddiesProShop.com, Bowling & Golf Supersource, UPS & Enterprise Auto Rental. Welcome also to new sponsors USBC and Bowlers Journal!

Each year, the Military Bowling Championships is certified by USBC, bowling's governing body, and this year the Breakfast Awards Party will be sponsored by USBC. From USBC's Jack Mordini, Chief Officer Tournament/Membership Services, "We at USBC are very aware of the prestige of this great event. We look forward to being a part of this competition and camaraderie that the contestants have enjoyed for 30 years!"

"We are thrilled to be a part of this long-running and prestigious event!" added Keith

Hamilton, President and Marketing Director of the BJ. "Very few events have been around as long as the Military Bowling Championships and we are proud to be the event's Official Publication." Bowlers Journal has long set the standard for bowling industry publications. Visit them at www.bowlersjournal.com.

For the 2nd consecutive year, the 1st team entry was sent in by Clinton Sloan, a real estate broker from Vacaville, California. Sloan, retired from the Air Force, is bowling for the 11th year and sent in 3 teams. Later the same day, a team entry was received from R.D. Norleen from Lacey, Washington. As of this date, there are already 16 teams entered. Last year's event filled with 160 teams. It appears that the MBC will fill once again.

The Military Bowling Championships features competition for 6-person Teams, Singles, Doubles & All-Events. There are separate divisions for Active Duty, Retired and Senior Retired players. Entry fee is \$160 per player. There is also a Mixed Doubles tournament for contestants and their guests hosted by Orleans Bowling Center, just 2 miles away.

For more info and brochures, call High Roller at 1-800-257-6179, email us at info@high-roller.com or visit us at www.militarybowlingchampionships.com.



Teen Masters competitors passed time off the lanes playing Wii Video Bowling in the Dexter Den

Dave Patchen Earns First PBA Senior Title

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa – Dave Patchen used a little karmic retribution to take home his first career PBA Senior Tour title.

After throwing a perfect shot in the ninth frame and leaving a stone 9-pin when a strike would have given him the lead, Patchen watched as Henry Gonzalez left a 2-10 split and opened in the 10th frame needing only a mark to win, giving Patchen a 202-196 win in the title match of the 2007 PBA Senior Council Bluffs Open at Thunderbowl.

The 53-year-old was moved to tears by winning his first title, which didn't come easy on Thursday.

Patchen needed a 279 in the final game of his best-of-three-games Round of 8 match to beat 10-time PBA Senior Tour titlist Dale Eagle, who came in on a three-match winning streak. He

then had to double in the 10th frame against PBA Hall of Famer David Ozio in the semifinals to squeak by with a 245-242 win.

In the title match, it looked like Gonzalez might run away with his third PBA Senior Tour title when Patchen split and opened in the third frame, but Gonzalez was unable to capitalize, and Patchen was able to stay within five pins of Gonzalez until the ninth frame. After Gonzalez left the 3-6-10 and converted, Patchen had a chance to take the lead with a strike, but the 9-pin meant Gonzalez only needed a mark to win.



Dave Patchen

“That shot in the ninth frame was the best ball I threw all day and it just didn't go down,” Patchen (Oregon, Ohio) said. “I told (roommate) Tim (Kauble) ‘if it's meant to be, it's meant to be. If not, that's the way it is.’ When he left that split it was just total shock. I was about ready to cry. I'm just so happy I get a banner.”

Patchen credits his win against Ozio, in which he overcame a 7-10 split in the sixth frame, for giving him the confidence he needed in the title match.

“That match against Ozio was my toughest match. This is the fourth time I've bowled him this year and I always bowl well against him but he always seems to get me,” Patchen, who used a Roto Grip Mystic the entire tournament, said. “I figured if I could get past him I'd have a chance.”

“I was really nervous against Ozio but I wasn't nervous in the championship. I felt really comfortable. I guess I figured if I left a 7-10 split (Gonzalez) could leave one too, but I really didn't think he'd leave that split. My heart is still pounding. This is one of the best days of my life.”

Patchen earned \$8,000 for the win, while Gonzalez (Colorado Springs, Colo.) took home \$4,500. Ozio (Beaumont, Texas) and Jerry Swank (Chouteau, Okla.), who Gonzalez beat, 230-213, earned \$3,000 each for third and fourth, respectively.

PBA Senior Council Bluffs Open

Thunderbowl, Council Bluffs, Iowa - August 2, 2007

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH - (Winner earns \$8,000. Loser earns \$4,500)

Dave Patchen, Oregon, Ohio, def. Henry Gonzalez, Colorado Springs, Colo., 202-196.

ROUND OF 4 - (Losers elimination, earn \$3,000)

Henry Gonzalez, Colorado Springs, Colo., def. Jerry Swank, Chouteau, Okla., 230-213; Dave Patchen, Oregon, Ohio, def. David Ozio, Beaumont, Texas, 245-242.

ROUND OF 8 - (Losers eliminated, earn \$1,700)

Jerry Swank def. Don Sylvia, 2-0 (224-194, 245-226); Henry Gonzalez def. Keith Sharp, 2-1 (222-192, 195-222, 268-216); Dave Patchen def. Dale Eagle, 2-1 (236-177, 170-186, 279-217); David Ozio def. Barry Gurney, 2-1 (220-238, 245-204, 259-226).

ROUND OF 16 - (Losers eliminated, earn \$1,300)

Don Sylvia def. Mike Dias, 3-2 (235-248, 193-178, 216-212, 211-258, 279-218); Jerry Swank def. Ronald Krippelcz, 3-0 (243-221, 279-204, 208-200); Keith Sharp def. Gary Smith, 3-2 (226-184, 236-228, 193-216, 200-225, 229-217); Henry Gonzalez def. Bob Brady, 3-2 (217-232, 229-178, 188-238, 210-189, 193-187); Dale Eagle def. Vince Mazzanti Jr., 3-2 (244-227, 279-218, 227-247, 227-268, 279-247); Dave Patchen def. Rich Holden, 3-0 (266-169, 205-190, 236-234); David Ozio def. Gary Dickinson, 3-2 (205-207, 235-245, 300-268, 256-210, 279-226); Barry Gurney def. Mel Wolf, 3-1 (164-148, 163-211, 213-209, 233-194).

ROUND OF 24 - (Losers eliminated, earn \$1,100)

Don Sylvia def. Kevin Croucher, 3-0 (245-226, 184-169, 200-156); Jerry Swank def. Fred Kaczmarczyk, 3-0 (248-234, 266-236, 254-199); Keith Sharp def. Michael Henry, 3-1 (226-190, 203-170, 163-189, 232-211); Henry Gonzalez def. Roger Kossert, 3-0 (254-190, 235-174, 257-201); Dale Eagle def. John Shreve Sr., 3-1 (268-225, 209-213, 267-183, 247-211); Rich Holden def. Sam Zurich, 3-2 (197-236, 257-248, 224-212, 221-256, 244-197); David Ozio def. Robert Holzbauer, 3-0 (253-176, 235-203, 258-229); Mel Wolf def. Tom Carter, 3-1 (235-200, 215-191, 226-240, 214-206).

ROUND OF 32 - (Losers eliminated, earn \$1,000)

Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., def. Jimmy Johnson, Bellevue, Neb., 3-2 (167-168, 177-213, 245-216, 234-219, 202-193); Fred Kaczmarczyk, Martinez, Calif., def. Chuck Pierce, Dallas, 3-0 (182-146, 194-193, 268-217); Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, def. Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3-1 (209-199, 263-248, 215-255, 247-185); Henry Gonzalez, Colorado Springs, Colo., def. Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 3-1 (237-231, 244-196, 178-191, 224-169); Dale Eagle, Tavares, Fla., def. Terry Norton, Omaha, Neb., 3-1 (258-159, 225-191, 207-237, 266-224); Rich Holden, Chinchilla, Pa., def. Greg Shields, Independence, Mo., 3-0 (247-213, 212-198, 227-184); Robert Holzbauer, Madison, Wis., def. Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3-0 (256-182, 216-178, 237-213); Mel Wolf, Jackson, Mich., def. George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 3-2 (226-206, 192-225, 222-202, 191-299, 248-181).

Super Seniors (\$600 each)

Fred Cole, Visalia, Calif., 3,417; Matt Buxton, Jefferson City, Mo., 3,384; Perry Keplinger, Amherst, Ohio, 3,380; Frank Gallo Jr., Newport News, Va., 3,368; D.A. Carbone, Broomfield, Colo., 3,355; Ron Garr, Ridgedale, Mo., 3,354; Larry Gallo-way, Fresno, Calif., 3,341; William Keenan, Jr., Orlando, Fla., 3,252; Sidney Smith, Omaha, Neb., 3,249

The BTM Hits The Road

Bowling This Month and Hammer have agreed to sponsor a series of weekend events patterned after The BTM tournament. The events will be presented by Rick Ramsey, veteran tournament manager and event coordinator, who has managed the BTM tournament the past five years.

Each event will be USBC Sport certified and contested on the flat oil condition utilized by The BTM. The format will be 4 games across 8 lanes, multiple entry singles and will offer the popular crossover doubles. Squads will be scheduled for Saturday and Sunday allowing bowlers to participate either or both days. A minimum of \$800.00 will be added to each tournament with a projected first place of

\$1500.00.

The first tournament is scheduled for September 22-23 at Bowl Haven Lanes in Alton, Illinois followed by Nutmeg Bowl, Fairfield, Connecticut, September 29-30. Additional events are scheduled for Wonderland Lanes, Livonia, Michigan, October 20-21 and Fox Bowl, Wheaton, Illinois October 27-28. Additional tournaments may be added at a later date. Each of the host centers management is committed to the Sport of Bowling and are excited to offer bowlers in their markets the opportunity to participate in The BTM.

For additional information contact Rick Ramsey at 1-800-218-1667 or email ricklpt@msn.com

What's New? . . . CRUISE SHIP TOURNAMENTS!

Bahamas ... Southern Caribbean ... Alaska ... bowling and cruising - finally two great pastimes have merged. Bowlingatsea.com and Norwegian Cruise Lines will be offering cruise ship tournament bowling beginning in early 2008.

The two newest ships of NCL's fleet will be offering four-lane on ship bowling lanes as part of the new freestyle cruising experience. Elimination tournaments will be offered on cruises lasting from 5-11 days.

Bowling is great. And bowling on a cruise ship is even better!

Participants can choose from eight different cruise packages. There will be a limit of only forty participants in each tournament. Friends and family are

welcome to join the fun, they will not be allowed to bowl during the reserved tournament hours.

The cruises are for USBC members in good standing with verifiable book averages from 2006 or 2007 of 196 or below. The tournament will be conducted as a singles handicap elimination tournament. Additional tournament rules are available upon request.

With registration, every contestant receives an event Hand Towel, a Commemorative Medallion, an event Bowling Shirt, and a baseball cap. In addition there will be Cash Prizes and Trophies for the top four bowlers.

For more information visit www.bowlingatsea.com.

NEW for 2008

CRUISE SHIP TOURNAMENT BOWLING



Alaska
Florida
Bahamas
Caribbean

Contact us at
info@bowlingatsea.com
or call our Tournament
Reservation Office
415-320-2839



©2007 www.BowlingatSea.com

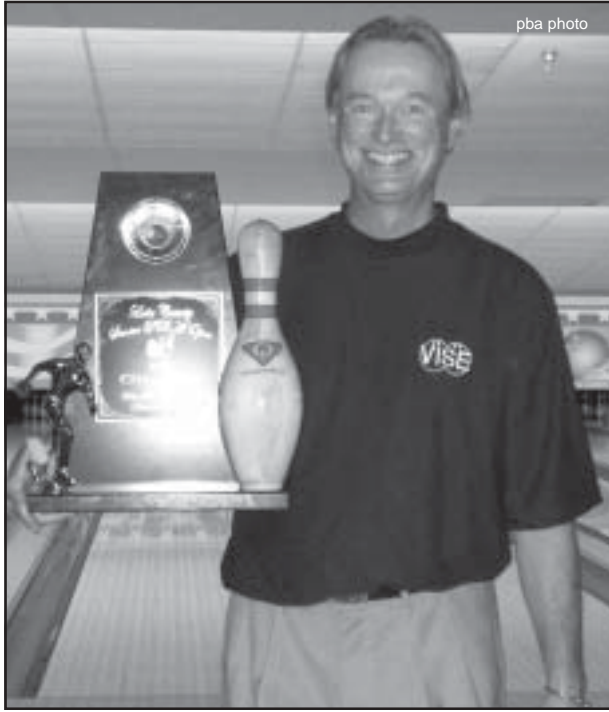
Don Sylvia Wins PBA Senior Lake County Open Title

HAMMOND, Ind. – Don Sylvia waited a long time for his second Professional Bowlers Association Senior Tour title, but it was well worth the wait.

Sylvia captured his first title since his rookie season in 2003, defeating Roger LeClair, 226-211, in the title match of the 2007 PBA Senior Lake County Open at Olympia Lanes.

The 2003 PBA Senior Rookie of the Year qualified 21st after 16 games and had to bowl five matches to get the title match while LeClair, who qualified third, had to win just three.

The day, like the four years since his last title, wasn't easy for Sylvia, who af-



Don Sylvia

ter sweeping his best-of-five Round of 32 match, three-games-to-none, had to come from behind in his next two matches to win. He fell in an 0-2 hole to No. 12 Mark Jones in the Round of 24 before bouncing back to win the final three games, then lost the first game to No. 5 Michael Henry in the Round of 16 before winning three in a row again.

Sylvia had an easier time in the best-of-three Round of 8, sweeping Bob Chamberlain, 2-0, then knocked off his roommate Henry Gonzalez, 210-192, in the one-game semifinal to reach the title match.

The 54-year-old jumped out to an early lead

against LeClair, who opened in the second, but Sylvia opened in the fourth to give LeClair the lead. Sylvia responded with five consecutive strikes, while LeClair was burned by a ringing 10-pin in the eighth frame after a double. The Discovery Bay, Calif., resident wrapped up the title with a nine-spares in the 10th frame.

"I've been waiting so long for this," Sylvia said. "The first title is always great. I came out my rookie year and was very fortunate to win, but believe me the second one is much tougher. The second one proves I really do belong out here. This is just a taste of honey."

Sylvia, who dedicated the win to his late father who passed away two years ago, took home \$8,000 for the win.

The win was particularly painful for LeClair (Clackamas, Ore.), who again came up just short in his quest for his first career PBA Senior Tour title. The 2005 PBA Senior Rookie of the Year runner-up to PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker, LeClair also finished second at Olympia Lanes two years ago.

LeClair took home \$4,500 for second, while Gonzalez (Colorado Springs, Colo.) and Gary Smith (E. Peoria, Ill.) took home \$3,000 for third and fourth.

Kevin Croucher Collects His First PBA Senior Title

DECATUR, Ill. – It took two extra frames, but Kevin Croucher finally came away with his first career PBA Senior Tour title.

Croucher won a sudden death roll-off, 20-18, over Gary Smith after the two tied at 227 through 10 frames to win the 2007 PBA Senior Decatur Open at Spare Time Lanes.

Smith came into the match on fire, averaging 279.67 in his previous three games in the Round of 8 and Round of 4, but he cooled off enough for Croucher to pull even with him with three clutch strikes in the 10th frame.

Croucher then started the one-ball, sudden death roll-off with a strike, which Smith matched. On the second ball, Croucher struck again while Smith left the 6- and 10-pins, giving Croucher the win.

"I've played a lot of sports my whole life and they all pertain to staying calm," Croucher said. "After a while you get used to it and that's the fun part. The fun part is having to throw shots in that situation and perform under pressure. That's when you find out how good you are."

Croucher was good enough to knock off Smith, who swept his best-of-three match in the Round of 8 with wins of 276-243 and 279-210 over Keith Sharp (Orlando, Fla.). Smith then overcame PBA Hall of Famer David Ozio (Beaumont, Texas) in a semifinal shootout in which both bowlers struck with their first nine shots and seemed destined for the first 300-300 tie in PBA Senior Tour his-

tory. Ozio left a 10-pin with his first shot in the 10th, however, and Smith struck once in the 10th for the win.

Croucher, meanwhile, had to overcome Bob Kelly (Dayton, Ohio) in the Round of 8, winning the final two games for a 2-1 win. It was a small measure of revenge for Croucher, who was edged in the 2006 PBA Senior Rookie of the Year voting by Kelly last season.

After knocking off 10-time PBA Senior Tour titlist Dale Eagle in the semifinals, 231-180, Croucher took the lead early in the title match, until back-to-back spares in the fifth and sixth frames. Smith, meanwhile, struck four consecutive times to take the lead and looked like he might cruise to his first career PBA Senior Tour title.

Smith (E. Peoria, Ill.) needed a strike with is first ball in the 10th to shut Croucher out, but a nine-spares gave the Grants Pass, Ore., resident an opening. He took it by striking all three times in the 10th to send the match to a roll-off.

"I made one bad shot in the match but then he gave me a window. You look forward to getting that window out here but when it comes up you have to remain calm," Croucher said. "I wasn't thinking about anything other than making a good shot. Once we tied I knew I could start on the lane I finished on. I threw it a little light but luckily it carried."

Croucher earned \$8,000 for the win while Smith took home \$4,500 for second. Ozio and Eagle earned \$3,000 each for third and fourth.



Kevin Croucher

PBA Senior Lake County Open

Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind. - August 9, 2007

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH - (Winner earns \$8,000. Loser earns \$4,500)

Don Sylvia, Discovery Bay, Calif., def. Roger LeClair, Clackamas, Ore., 226-211.

ROUND OF 4 - (Losers elimination, earn \$3,000)

Don Sylvia def. Henry Gonzalez, 210-192; Roger LeClair, def. Gary Smith, 185-171.

ROUND OF 8 - (Losers eliminated, earn \$1,700)

Henry Gonzalez def. Tom Baker, 2-0 (192-192*, 248-171); Don Sylvia def. Bob Chamberlain, 2-0 (220-194, 205-130); Gary Smith, E. def. Don Blatchford, 2-0 (242-178, 221-203); Roger LeClair def. Roger Kossert, 2-0 (209-200, 242-205).

*Gonzalez won in a one-ball, sudden death roll-off, 10-9.

ROUND OF 16 - (Losers eliminated, earn \$1,300)

Tom Baker def. Jeff Bellinger, 3-1 (223-174, 206-212, 248-174, 266-155); Henry Gonzalez def. James Brenner, 3-1 (239-196, 203-234, 247-203, 224-194); Don Sylvia def. Michael Henry, 3-1 (198-235, 198-195, 249-179, 238-187); Bob Chamberlain def. Rohn Morton, 3-2 (200-203, 181-175, 193-175, 175-206, 207-177); Don Blatchford def. David Ozio, 3-2 (247-228, 204-179, 190-254, 187-224, 236-235); Gary Smith def. Tim Kauble, 3-1 (216-221, 233-156, 232-201, 236-234); Roger Kossert def. Dale Eagle, 3-1 (221-210, 226-200, 191-215, 224-183); Roger LeClair def. Bill Henson, 3-1 (213-187, 234-201, 197-214, 243-192).

ROUND OF 24 - (Losers eliminated, earn \$1,100)

Jeff Bellinger def. Frank Gallo Jr., 3-0 (235-225, 243-203, 255-195); Henry Gonzalez def. Ray Johnson, 3-1 (257-168, 218-228, 234-216, 243-194); Don Sylvia def. Mark Jones, 3-2 (176-190, 167-239, 191-179, 233-163, 226-207); Rohn Morton def. George Lord, 3-2 (172-195, 209-246, 255-183, 220-162, 178-174); Don Blatchford def. Sam Zurich, 3-2 (200-267, 235-214, 167-227, 215-194, 258-215); Gary Smith def. Ron Garr, 3-0 (217-185, 236-191, 243-226); Dale Eagle def. John Shreve Sr., 3-1 (268-255, 189-214, 235-218, 239-235); Bill Henson def. Tom Carter, 3-1 (225-196, 193-219, 246-189, 225-167).

ROUND OF 32 - (Losers eliminated, earn \$1,000)

Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., def. Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3-1 (174-203, 211-160, 227-216, 176-165); Ray Johnson, Battle Creek, Mich., def. Bob Brady, Santa Monica, Calif., 3-1 (212-159, 204-205, 222-209, 214-207); Don Sylvia, Discovery Bay, Calif., def. Mike Pullin, Rochelle, Ill., 3-0 (199-168, 170-162, 241-159); George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., def. Vince Mazzanti Jr., Levittown, Pa., 3-2 (169-192, 182-170, 194-177, 209-218, 193-174); Sam Zurich, Grant, Fla., def. Barry Mefford, Aurora, Ill., 3-0 (191-165, 237-221, 158-153); Ron Garr, Ridgedale, Mo., def. Bill Spigner, Vernon Hills, Ill., 3-0 (209-178, 237-207, 263-242); John Shreve Sr., Elyria, Ohio, def. Norb Wetzel, Fond du Lac, Wis., 3-0 (184-181, 219-190, 255-221); Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, def. Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3-1 (195-185, 185-210, 223-204, 200-178).

Other Cashers (\$800 each)

George Miller III, Grand Rapids, Mich., 3,209; Vinnie Atria, Louisville, Ky., 3,208; Robert McDonald, Addison, Ill., 3,207; Robert Flaws, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 3,201; Michael Truitt, Orland Park, Ill., 3,199; Dave Patchen, Oregon, Ohio, 3,170; Kerry Fulford, Waco, Texas, 3,169; (TIE) John McClure, Maumee, Ohio, and Roy Buckley, New Albany, Ohio, 3,168; (TIE) Chuck Pierce, Dallas, and Jimmy Plessinger, York, Pa., 3,161; Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,160; Dave Bernhardt, Shelby Twp., Mich., 3,155.

Super Seniors (\$600 each)

Perry Keplinger, Amherst, Ohio, 3,149; Dale Diamond, Springfield, Ill., 3,146; Les Zikes, Palatine, Ill., 3,138; Mel Wolf, Jackson, Mich., 3,113; Dave Soutar, Bradenton, Fla., 3,101; Michael Brinkmann, Fountain Hills, Ariz., 3,064; Bill Idzior, Crown Point, Ind., 3,061; Pete Gurskis, Orland Park, Ill., 3,054; Teata Semiz, North Brunswick, N.J., 3,040; Barry Gurney, West Hills, Calif., 3,030.

PBA Decatur Open

Spare Time Lanes, Decatur, Ill. - August 14, 2007

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH - (Loser earns \$4,500)

Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., def. Gary Smith, E. Peoria, Ill., 227-227*

*Croucher won in a roll-off, 20-18.

ROUND OF 4 - (Losers elimination, earn \$3,000)

Gary Smith, E. Peoria, Ill., def. David Ozio, 284-279; Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., def. Dale Eagle, 231-180.

ROUND OF 8 - (Losers eliminated, earn \$1,700)

Gary Smith def. Keith Sharp, 2-0 (276-243, 279-210); David Ozio def. Tom Baker, 2-1 (238-213, 183-237, 245-239); Kevin Croucher def. Bob Kelly, 2-1 (202-232, 268-214, 254-224); Dale Eagle def. Roger Kossert, 2-0 (207-187, 249-244).

ROUND OF 16 - (Losers eliminated, earn \$1,300)

Keith Sharp def. Vince Mazzanti Jr., 3-2 (204-207, 244-237, 257-214, 225-247, 213-194); Gary Smith def. Dale Traber, 3-2 (237-213, 204-255, 214-255, 256-185, 247-216); Tom Baker def. Rohn Morton, 3-1 (197-205, 245-190, 247-213, 257-210); David Ozio def. Don Blatchford, 3-0 (268-235, 245-200, 269-229); Bob Kelly, def. Jim Knoblauch, 3-1 (202-210, 222-201, 237-215, 235-217); Kevin Croucher def. Michael Henry, 3-2 (203-195, 198-242, 212-288, 246-244, 268-199); Roger Kossert def. Tom Carter, 3-2 (255-209, 206-258, 243-195, 195-254, 203-146).

ROUND OF 24 - (Losers eliminated, earn \$1,100)

Keith Sharp def. David Axon, 3-2 (220-213, 278-195, 228-246, 193-224, 219-216); Gary Smith def. Don Sylvia, 3-1 (245-213, 225-187, 164-235, 225-201); Rohn Morton def. Fred Cole, 3-1 (269-210, 189-269, 258-221, 269-267); Don Blatchford def. Barry Mefford, 3-2 (244-201, 247-222, 183-285, 213-258, 256-217); Bob Kelly def. Bill Keenan, 3-1 (193-190, 213-225, 254-190, 212-200); Michael Henry def. Butch Woolen Jr., 3-1 (202-225, 243-196, 238-227, 278-197); Dale Eagle def. Andy Ippolito, 3-2 (158-236, 242-176, 247-190, 193-227, 207-182); Tom Carter def. Mark Roth, 3-1 (246-224, 248-267, 245-175, 229-210).

ROUND OF 32 - (Losers eliminated, earn \$1,000)

David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., def. George Hall, Palatine, Ill., 3-2 (193-208, 258-248, 237-202, 213-237, 220-210); Don Sylvia, Discovery Bay, Calif., def. Sam Zurich, Grant, Fla., 3-2 (266-235, 246-258, 268-248, 166-228, 222-191); Fred Cole, Visalia, Calif., def. Billy Young Jr., Tulsa, Okla., 3-2 (216-205, 233-216, 216-257, 206-208, 289-238); Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., def. Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 3-1 (258-180, 237-204, 202-236, 194-192); Bill Keenan, Orlando, Fla., def. Jerry Edwards, Wood Dale, Ill., 3-1 (280-205, 215-227, 238-197, 226-210); Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, def. Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 3-2 (171-181, 212-178, 222-245, 258-212, 191-187); Andy Ippolito, Forest Hills, N.Y., def. Barry Gurney, West Hills, Calif., 3-2 (208-248, 204-215, 184-175, 255-224, 186-171); Tom Carter, Rockford, Ill., def. Jay Aono, Boise, Idaho, 3-2 (233-268, 250-190, 222-199, 157-235, 269-186).

Other Cashers (\$800 each)

Steve Neff, Homosassa Springs, Fla., 3,534; Roger LeClair, Clackamas, Ore., 3,533; Bob Brady, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,529; Harv Pallas, Stevensville, Mich., 3,526.

Super Seniors (\$600 each)

Leo Plaia, New Orleans, 3,510; (TIE) Chuck Pierce, Dallas, and Roy Buckley, New Albany, Ohio, 3,501; Teata Semiz, North Brunswick, N.J., 3,469; Jerry Lau, St. Peters, Mo., 3,456; (TIE) Terry Hockstad, Shelby Twp., Mich., and Donald Breihan, Columbia, S.C., 3,450; (TIE) Frank Gallo Jr., Newport News, Va., and James Brenner, LeClaire, Iowa, 3,418; Lee Tucker, Camarillo, Calif., 3,403.

Tom Baker Takes PBA Senior Dick Weber Invitational

BALLWIN, Mo. – It was only fitting the 2007 Professional Bowlers Association Senior Tour season came down to a match-up between PBA Hall of Famers Tom Baker and David Ozio.

After running neck and neck throughout the course of the season, the friends and rivals met in the title match of the season-ending PBA Senior Dick Weber Invitational, with the PBA Senior Player of the Year award hanging in the balance.

After months of taking turns as the front-runner for the award, it was Baker who once again came out on top, possibly securing a record third consecutive PBA Senior Player of the Year award with a 256-213 win over Ozio in a match that was much closer than the final score indicated.

While Baker came into the event with two titles to Ozio's one victory in 2007, Ozio may have held the slight edge over Baker, leading the PBA Senior Point Rankings and advancing to the championship round in seven of 12 events coming in.

But Baker earned the top seed for match play Sunday, then compiled a 16-8 record in match play – including a 7-1 record in the final eight games Tuesday morning – to earn the top seed for the stepladder finals.

Ozio settled for the No. 4 seed, then worked his way up the ladder by knocking off No. 5 seed Bob Brady, 237-211, No. 3 seed Keith Sharp, 235-169, and No. 2 seed Hugh Miller, 201-175. He looked destined to charge past Baker for his first career PBA Senior Player of the Year award.

With the momentum on his side, Ozio started the title match with a nine-spares, then rattled off three consecutive strikes while Baker left three consecutive 10-pins in the second, third and fourth frames, and it

looked like Ozio might run away with the match.

The tide quickly turned, however, as Ozio struggled over the next four frames with an eight-spares and three consecutive nine spares. Baker made a quick adjustment which led to seven consecutive strikes. In mere minutes, the match – and perhaps the end-of-the-year hardware – had gone to Baker.

“He bowled great all year,” Baker said of Ozio. “When it comes down to the matches between us it’s just a matter of who carries. I made a little move after I left those 10-pins. I got a break on a strike in the fifth frame where I wanted the shot to be lighter and it was a little too light so I just said at that point I have to make a move.”

“Sometimes you have to take a risk and I forced myself to do it and it paid off.”

The win was Baker's eighth PBA Senior Tour title in just three seasons, putting him into a tie for seventh on the all-time list. Should the voting sway his way, he would become the first bowler in history to win three consecutive PBA Senior Player of the Year awards.

“It would be awesome,” Baker (King, N.C.) said. “David has been pushing me all year. To do it three times in a row really would say something.”

Baker earned \$9,000 for the win, while Ozio (Beaumont, Texas) took home \$5,000 for his third runner-up finish of the season.

The inaugural PBA Senior Dick Weber Invitational also awarded a spot in the 2008 H&R Block Tournament of Champions, one of four Majors on the Denny's PBA Tour, but Baker was already eligible due to his 2007 USBC Senior Masters win earlier in the summer. The spot will now go to a past Denny's PBA Tour champion.



Tom Baker

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 8-9 SASBA Champs/Non-Champs, Cityview, Fort Worth, TX
- Sept 15-16 SASBA South Central M/G Doubles, Metro Bowl, Baton Rouge, LA
- Sept 18-23 Dydo Japan Cup, Shinagawa Prince Hotel Bowling Center, Tokyo, Japan
- Sept 22-23 SASBA South Central, Galaxy Lanes, Columbia, TN
- BTM Tour, Bowl Haven Lanes, Alton, IL
- Sept 29-30 SASBA Masters, Fiesta Lanes, New Braunfels, TX
- BTM Tour, Nutmeg Bowl, Fairfield, CT
- Oct 4-Nov 11 Storm National Mixed Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- Oct 6-7 SASBA South Central M/G Doubles, Millennium Bowl, Little Rock, AR
- Oct 13-14 SASBA South Central, Rebel Lanes, Tupelo, MS
- October 14 Women's U.S. Open Finals, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- Oct 20-21 SASBA Annual Championship, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
- BTM Tour, Wonderland Lanes, Livonia, MI
- Oct 21-28 USBC Masters, AMF Bowlero Lane, Wauwatosa, WI
- Oct 27-28 SASBA South Central Team Championship, Timber Lodge Lanes, Monticello, AR
- BTM Tour, Fox Bowl, Wheaton, IL
- Oct 31- Nov 4 PBA Motor City Classic, Taylor Lanes, Taylor, MI
- Nov 3-4 SASBA South Central, Cumberland Lanes, Nashville, TN
- Nov 7-11 PBA Etonic Championship, AMF Thruway Lanes, Cheektowaga, NY
- Nov 10-11 SASBA, Delmar Lanes, Houston, TX
- Nov 14-18 PBA Lake County Indiana Classic Open, Stardust Bowl II, Merrillville, IN
- Nov 17-18 SASBA South Central M/G Doubles, Rebel Lanes, Tupelo, MS
- Nov 18-25 High Roller Thanksgiving Senior Classic, Samis Town Bwl, Las Vegas, NV
- Nov 21-25 PBA Windy City Classic, Hawthorn Lanes, Vernon Hills, IL
- Nov 28-Dec 2 PBA Great Lakes Classic, Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, MI
- Dec 1-2 SASBA Foursome, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
- Dec 5-9 PBA Beltway Classic, AMF Country Club Lanes, Baltimore, MD
- Dec 8-9 SASBA South Central Annual Championships, Metro Bowl, Baton Rouge, LA
- Dec 12-16 PBA Spartanburg Classic, Shamrock Lanes, Spartanburg, SC
- Dec 15-16 SASBA Annual Team, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
- Jan 2-6 PBA High Desert Classic, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- Jan 9-13 PBA Earl Anthony Medford Classic, Lava Lanes, Medford, OR
- Jan 15-20 PBA Dick Weber Open, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, CA
- Jan 20-22 PBA Exempt Doubles Classic, Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, NV
- Jan 23-27 PBA Tournament of Champions, Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 6-10 PBA Sun City Classic, Oasis Lanes, El Paso, TX
- Feb 13-17 PBA Pepsi Championship, Thunder Alley, Omaha, NE
- Feb 18-24 PBA Denny's World Championship, Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, IN
- Feb 26-Mar 2 PBA Buckeye State Classic, Sequoia Pro Bowl, Columbus, OH
- Mar 5-9 PBA Constitution State Classic, Norwich Bowling & Entertainment Center, Norwich, CT
- Mar 19-23 PBA Geico Classic, AMF Babylon Lanes, W. Babylon, NY
- Mar 23-30 Denny's 65th U.S. Open, Brunswick Zone Carolier, North Brunswick, NJ

PBA Senior Dick Weber Invitational West County Lanes, Ballwin, Mo. - August 21, 2007

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND	Totals	Prize
1. Tom Baker, King, N.C.	256 (1 game)	\$9,000
2. David Ozio, Beaumont, Texas	886 (4 games)	\$5,000
3. Hugh Miller, Seattle, Wash.	175 (1 game)	\$4,000
4. Keith Sharp, Orlando, Fla.	169 (1 game)	\$3,200
5. Bob Brady, Santa Monica, Calif.	211 (1 game)	\$2,500

SCORES – In the first match, Ozio def. Brady, 237-211; in the quarterfinal, Ozio def. Sharp, 235-169; in the semifinal, Ozio def. Miller, 201-175; and in the final, Baker def. Ozio, 256-213.

ROUND ROBIN MATCH PLAY

1, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 16-8-0, 9,169. 2, Hugh Miller, Seattle, 14-10-0, 8,952. 3, Keith Sharp, Orlando, Fla., 13-11-0, 8,903. 4, David Ozio, Beaumont, Texas, 15-9-0, 8,853. 5, Bob Brady, Santa Monica, Calif., 15-9-0, 8,821. 6, James Brenner, LeClaire, Iowa, 13-10-1, 8,756, \$2,100. 7, Sam Zurich, Grant, Fla., 12-12-0, 8,753, \$1,900. 8, Dale Eagle, Tavares, Fla., 12-11-1, 8,704, \$1,700. 9, Sam Maccarone, Glassboro, N.J., 13-11-0, 8,688, \$1,500. 10, John Petraglia, Manalapan, N.J., 13-11-0, 8,605, \$1,400. 11, Norb Wetzell, Fond du Lac, Wis., 10-13-1, 8,576, \$1,300. 12, Shannon Starnes, Fort Worth, Texas, 12-12-0, 8,570, \$1,250. 13, Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 15-9-0, 8,532, \$1,200. 14, Tom Carter, Rockford, Ill., 11-13-0, 8,495, \$1,150. 15, William Keenan, Jr., Orlando, Fla., 12-10-2, 8,458, \$1,125. 16, Mark Roth, Fulton, N.Y., 10-14-0, 8,430, \$1,100. 17, Chuck Pierce, Dallas, 11-12-1, 8,395, \$1,090. 18, Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 11-12-1, 8,388, \$1,080. 19, Ray Johnson, Battle Creek, Mich., 14-10-0, 8,346, \$1,075. 20, Kenny Parks, East Chicago, Ind., 11-13-0, 8,270, \$1,070. 21, Rohn Morton, Vancouver, Wash., 8-16-0, 8,248, \$1,065. 22, Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 8-15-1, 8,215, \$1,060. 23, Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 8-16-0, 8,039, \$1,055. 24, Mike Pullin, Rochelle, Ill., 7-17-0, 7,798, \$1,050.

Super Seniors (\$600 each)

Gary Dickinson, Edmond, Okla., 3,223; Dave Bernhardt, Shelby Twp., Mich., 3,167; Donald Kilgore, Las Vegas, 3,161; Fred Cole, Visalia, Calif., 3,160; George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 3,142; Barry Gurney, West Hills, Calif., 3,129; Rich Holden, Chinchilla, Pa., 3,126; Larry Galloway, Fresno, Calif., 3,110; Ron Garr, Ridgedale, Mo., 3,080; Dan Duskin Sr., Atlantic, Iowa, 3,069.

Find the Perfect Game

www.stormbowling.com



My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't

XXX

A cowboy from Texas gets pulled over by an Arizona State Trooper for speeding. The trooper started to lecture the cowboy about his speeding, and in general began to throw his weight around to try to make the cowboy feel uncomfortable.

Finally, the trooper got around to writing out the ticket. As he was doing that, he kept swatting at some flies that were buzzing around his head.

The cowboy says, "Y'all havin' some problem with them circle flies?" The trooper stopped writing the ticket and said, "Well yeah, if that's what they're called. But I've never heard of circle flies."

"Well, sir," the cowboy replies, "circle flies hang around ranches. They're called circle flies because they're almost always found circling around the back end of a horse."

The trooper says, "Oh," and goes back to writing the ticket.

But, a moment later he stops and asks, "Are you callin' me a horse's ass?"

"No, sir," the cowboy replies, "I have too much respect for law enforcement to call y'all a horse's ass." "That's a good thing," the trooper says and goes back to writing the ticket.

After a long pause, the cowboy, in his best Texas drawl says, "Hard to fool them flies though"

XXX

I ponder . . .

Being "over the hill" is much better than being under it!

I'm not a complete idiot - Some parts are just missing.

God must love stupid people; He made so many.

I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.

Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.

The gene pool could use a little chlorine.

Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.

Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!

The trouble with life is there's no background music.

Wrinkled Was Not One of the Things I Wanted to Be When I Grew up.

NyQuil, the stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning medicine.

Out of my mind . . . Back in five minutes.

THE FUNNY PAGE

BOWL-A-RAMA

by Maurice 'MOE' LaRockelle



DID YOU KNOW?

- The 'sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick' is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.
- Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.
- If the government has no knowledge of aliens, then why does Title 14, Section 1211 of the Code of Federal Regulations, implemented on July 16, 1969 make it illegal for U. S. citizens to have any contact with extraterrestrials or their vehicles?
- In every episode of Seinfeld there is a Superman somewhere.
- A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
- Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.
- If you sneeze too hard you can fracture a rib. If you try to suppress a sneeze you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die. If you keep your eyes open by force they can pop out.
- More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.
- Horses can't vomit.
- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- In 10 minutes, a category three hurricane releases more energy than all of the world's nuclear weapons combined.
- On average 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.
- On average people fear spiders more than they do death.
- Ninety percent of New York City cabbies are recently arrived immigrants.
- Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.
- Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.
- Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.
- It's possible to lead a cow upstairs... but not downstairs.
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- It is physically impossible for you to lick your elbow.
- The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.
- A snail can sleep for three years.
- No word in the English language rhymes with 'MONTH.'
- Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
- The electric chair was invented by a dentist.
- All polar bears are left handed.
- In ancient Egypt , priests plucked EVERY hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.
- TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters on only one row of the keyboard.
- 'Go,' is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
- If Barbie were life-size, her measurements would be 39-23-33. She would stand 7 feet, 2 inches tall.
- A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.
- Americans on average eat 18 acres of pizza every day.
- Most who read this tried to lick their elbow.

WALT'S WORLD BY WALT STEINSIEK

TOM CLARK'S NIGHTMARE!

This just in... The USBC Women's U.S. Open has been canceled due to the two months delay between qualifying and the final four championship play-offs. Two of the four have the flu, one can't afford the trip back to Reno and the top qualifier has run off with the hotel's pool-boy.



STEINSIEK '07

TEACHING & PRO SHOP SERVICES



Susie Reichley
Broker/Associate

"Superior Performance with a Personal Touch"

COLDWELL BANKER
RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE
Office (972) 931-2400
Direct (972) 588-8223
Certified Residential Specialist
Accredited Buyer Representative
Senior Real Estate Specialist

HOME OF BK Bowler
www.bkbowler.com/wpc

USA Bowl
10920 Composite
Dallas, TX 75220
(214) 358-0717

Performance Center
WICKS

BOWL A RAMA
Bowl-A-Rama
5021 Lakeview Pkwy
Rowlett, TX 75088
972-475-7080

Tom Wicker Cell: (214) 926-5606 • Email: twick@prodigy.net

PRO SHOP
Plano Super Bowl

*Pro Savings
Pro Service
Pro Satisfaction*

Rick Lawrence
Pro Shop Manager

2521 Ave K • Plano, Texas 75074 • (972) 881-0242

Red Bird LANES

RED BIRD PRO SHOP
Bowling Accessories
Professional/Fitting & Drilling
Leverage and Modern Techniques

JEFF CATHEY (972) 298-7143

USBC COACHING

Bill Zuben
USBC Bowling
Gold Certified Coach
IBPSIA Certified

**A hug is a great give . . .
one size fits all. It can be
given for any occasion and
it's easy to exchange.**

email: rinkersales@aol.com P. O. BOX 815273
DALLAS, TX 75381-5273
LOCAL: 972-484-5419
FAX: 972-484-7678

Rinker SALES COMPANY

**Used Parts
AMF & BRUNSWICK**

ROY RINKER, JR
800-395-2695

Select Pro Shops
8668 Park Blvd.
Seminole, FL 33777

Work: (727) 395-0412
Home: (727) 392-2272
www.selectproshop.com

**Support
America's veterans.**

★ ★ ★

**They're in a league
of their own.**

Join the Bowlers to Veterans Link as we support those men and women whos bravery and courage puts them in a league all their own. Sixty years before America's troops responded to the September 11 attacks, the BVL was formed to help service ment and women through rehabilitation, recreation, and family assistance. Our vets have made a great sacrifice. Now, we ask you to make a small one. Please give to BVL through your league coordinator.

Visit www.BowlforVeterans.org

1901 W. Airport Freeway Euless, TX 76040 817-571-1174

3149 S. Cooper Arlington, TX 76015 817-419-3236

STRIKE ZONE PRO SHOP

**Matt Hoyt
Patrick Taylor**

**James Askins
Leo Erne**

Bowl for the Cure® is a year-round fund-raising and breast cancer awareness initiative by USBC, in partnership with the **Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.**

Help Save Lives, Join The Fight Against Breast Cancer

www.BowlersDream.com
Your #1 source for all your bowling equipment needs.

In addition to our already low prices simply type in **STARS** as your discount code upon checkout and save an additional \$5 off any order of \$100 or more.

Don't forget to sign up to win a FREE ball of your choice.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PRO SHOP

Bowling's most complete tournament returns to bowling's grandest Facility.

Mixed
Tournament
Events

Festival
of Bowling
Events

Prize\$
&
\$cholarships

Tournament
for the
Entire Family



USBC Certified



Thursday - Sunday

National Bowling Stadium

October 4 - November 11, 2007

Reno, Nevada

website: www.NationalMixed.com

800-304-2695 fax 775-334-2606