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Little BIG MAN

2008

by Jim Goodwin

For almost five decades, the Little family has been synonymous with bowling - designing, building, and operating several of the best and most innovative bowling centers in the history of the industry. The following is a tribute and thank you to the man who started it all in 1959. Exerps in this story were taken from a 1992 interview in this publication.

Keith Little died January 6, surrounded by his family in Texas. At 6'2" and 220 pounds, the former professional baseball player and bowler intimidated many an opponent on the diamond and on the lanes, but it was not his physical prowess or remarkable athletic talent that will be his total legacy – it will be his gregarious personality and warm sense of humor, his family, his vision that took the bowling business to a new level, and his phenomenal sales ability that people will remember. He made a difference, and improved the industry.

Little was 78, but friends never thought of him as 'an old guy.' He was young at heart, had a wonderful sense of humor, and loved to make people laugh. His family would probably say he never grew up in many ways; and it may have caused some heartaches, but it was part of his DNA. Those who loved him were willing to accept his faults, because his heart and dreams were enormous.

At his memorial service, many people offered fond memories of Keith. Some spoke of the enjoyment they felt watching him hit home runs at the ballpark as a young athlete. Others expressed their love of his tall stories, and of their amazement at his unwavering quests to make a deal.

The flamboyant Little *was indeed* a 'dealmaker,' but the rumor that he sold a ton of ice to Eskimos is not true – it was only about 1500 pounds. One thing is certain – he did make tons of money in the bowling business. Unfortunately, he was unable to hang on to much of it; but no one can deny that he left a positive mark in the industry.

This writer and friend spoke that day of his sense of humor – of the silly voices he used to tease people on the telephone, of the practical jokes he pulled on his friends and employees. He got such a kick out of making others smile and laugh, and he had an uncanny ability to make

people like him. It was his strength, and perhaps also his weakness. He might have been the guy your mother told you to stay away from, but he was so charming and entertaining that we never stopped to think that



March 23, 1962 - As a part-time pro bowler, Little finishes second to legend Don Carter in the ABC televised Houston PBA event

perhaps the clowning and laughter was only to mask the tears.

Keith was a very emotional man who was loved by many, but there were some who probably never had him on their Christmas card list. He was a tough competitor for those who owned centers in the same markets, but overall, he was good for the business because he forced his competition to update their centers to keep up with him.

After a decade as a professional baseball player in the Detroit Tigers system in the 1950's, Little entered the bowling business. His first job was at Irving Lanes, a 16-lane center close to where the Dallas Cowboys Texas Stadium is now located.

In 1959, he was hired by promoter J. Curtis Sanford to manage the 44-lane Cotton Bowling Palace in Dallas. Sanford, who is remembered for starting the Cotton Bowl Classic Football

game in the late 1930's, was a baseball fan, and he saw big potential in Keith. About a year after opening the Cotton Palace, Sanford's company, in partnership with Lamar Hunt, built the incredible 72-lane Bronco Bowl.

Bronco was a spectacular center, and it also housed the Bronco Arena, home of the Dallas Broncos National Bowling League team. Ironically, re-opening the closed Bronco 35 years after it was built would become Keith Little's last hurrah in the business. Almost everyone said it was foolish and couldn't be done – they should have known better than to say that to Little. More about that later.

Those first few years in the business, he also employed his athletic ability to become a tough competitor on the lanes. In 1962, he finished second to legend Don Carter in the ABC televised Houston PBA event. New announcer Chris Schenkel called the action.

In the late 60's, not content with just managing bowling centers, Little ventured into the restaurant business. He was great at greeting people, but a little

short on the details of food and beverage management. In spite of the hard work of his entire family, the restaurants didn't last, and Little was left with a considerable debt. "He shook hands with customers while we did all the work" recalled daughter Lynn at his memorial service; but she said it a chuckle and genuine affection, knowing her dad was nothing if not a visionary. After that disappointment, he turned back to the bowling business.

In 1975, he was broke and discouraged, but still somehow found the self-confidence to talk his friend Don Carter and other partners into building a new state-of-the-art center in Dallas. Don Carter All Star Lanes opened in 1976, and as Little said it would be, it was wildly successful. The beautiful 52-lane center set a new standard for design and amenities, with wide concourses, carpeted walls, and fancy furniture. It had the first indoor beer cart traveling behind the lanes to serve league bowlers and parties, and a glitzy upstairs nightclub that attracted a whole new generation of customers. It was the beginning of one of the most productive business careers in the history of the industry.

In a very short time, Little was back on top of the world, and for several years, as the managing partner, one of the highest paid bowling proprietors in the land. The Carter All Star Lanes chain grew rapidly to encompass a half dozen brand new large centers, and the money was rolling in like it was being printed in the back rooms. Keith's sister Alta joined the management team when the expansion started, and her sure and steady approach was a good balance for her brother's gun slinging style.

Alta was one of Keith's seven siblings – five sisters and two brothers, all older. She shared her brother's love of sports while they were growing up in Michigan, and during World War II, she played professional baseball

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PEZZANO

Campi's Record Still Amazing Today

One of the greatest feats in bowling history unfolded more than 50 years ago.

It was the TV winning streak piled up by the late Lou Campi of Dumont, a member of the ABC Hall of Fame and half a dozen other Halls. Campi rolled with the top teams, won the national doubles with Andy Varipapa, and again with Lindy Faragalli, and more than 100 assorted titles. He gained special attention as "Wrongfoot Lou" because he finished on his right foot even though he was a righty, and according to the books, that's the wrong foot.

A mason by trade, Campi was strong physically, but even stronger mentally and early acquired the reputation as one of the best clutch bowlers in the game. That, and his pride and confidence in his ability, made him an almost perfect performer for TV. Prior to the streak he had established himself as an outstanding TV performer, winning a couple of cars, pretty fair cash for the times, and all kinds of merchandise. He made constant TV appearances across the country.

No score or record bothered him, and he never worried about how high scores might be. He often said, "If a man bowled it, a man can beat it."

The TV shows were aired live from New York City when Campi was 52. Two years later Campi made history when he won the first official tourney conducted by the PBA.

The show was called, "East vs. West"

and was scheduled for 13 weeks. The format was simple. A list of bowlers from the East and another of bowlers from the West was compiled, and when a bowler lost he would be replaced the following

The Bowlmor lanes were known as the most difficult around, and the best in the East struggled to average close to 200. Campi averaged 232 plus for his 45 games, and only four were under 200.

He made a number of last game comebacks in the three game tests, and thrice threatened 300 games for which a bonus prize of \$100,000 had been posted.

If the names or the bowlers seem familiar, they should. All were elected to the ABC Hall except King. Kitchens of Sara Lee, now a giant firm involved with dozens of products, featured just cheese cake and coffee cake.



Lou Campi (left) and Pat McDonough at Bowlmor Lanes on University Place in Manhattan. Photo taken in 1949.

week by the next man on the list. The winner would return.

Campi didn't give his fellow Easterners a chance to bowl. He won all 13 scheduled matches.

In order he defeated Thern Gibson, Johnny King, Bill Lillard, Tom Hennessey, Ed Lubanski, Ned Day, Dick Weber, Don Carter, Steve Nagy, Ed Kawolics, Buzz Fazio, Dick Hoover and Joe Wilman.

That completed the 13 week run. But the producer and announcer, Lou Marks, the owner of the host center, Nick Gianos of Bowlmor Recreation, and the main sponsor, Kitchens of Sara Lee, all knew they had a big hit, and extended the show. Campi beat Buddy Bomar, and an additional week was added, the 15th, when Campi lost to Lillard, 665 to 662.

Pat McDonough, then the statistical genius and bowling writer on the sports staff of the New York World Telegram, figured the odds against Campi winning 14 straight matches were an unbelievable 16,383 to 1.

Sadly, no film or tapes of any portion of the shows were preserved, because in those days the tape was erased, and used over again. Some recordings and home movies do pop up now and then.

There have been many notable TV performances in bowling because there has been so much TV bowling the past 50 years. But Campi's monumental feat of beating legends week after week still evokes rave notices from old-timers - and awe from younger bowlers just learning about the details.

photo - Dan McDonough, Sports Reporter

Idle bowling thoughts . . .

- I'm a big fan of bowling Halls of Fame, no matter how small, and you should be too. Halls help keep alive the accomplishments of the history of the sport . . . by those who helped make that history.

- Mark Roth's conversion of the 7-10 on a PBA tour telecast, the first time it was done, drew tremendous attention and comment, and still does. But if you leave the monster, unless it means the game, just try to make sure of one pin. Let your opponent try to be the hero.

- When you skip practice, someone, somewhere, is practicing, and if you meet, he'll win.

Hall of Famer Harry Smith used to say about practice, "If you start out practicing two hours a day, you eventually get so good you have to practice at least three hours to stay that good."

- Can you think of a better longevity team than Joe Norris, Dick Weber, Bill Lillard,

Carmen Salvino and Teata Semiz . . . with Walter Ray Williams Jr. coming fast.

- Practically every radio station in the country gives regular weather reports. Where there is skiing, the ski conditions are reported consistently. The same is true of water conditions for boaters and fishermen. Funny, but never, anywhere, have I heard any radio station reporting the lane conditions at nearby bowling centers.

- Any bowling team could use a bowler who plays every lane perfectly, never folds under pressure, never has a miss, and is quick at making any possible adjustment. But there's no way you can get him to lay down his food and drink and come out of the spectator seats.

- You don't have to use the full weight allowed - a 16 pound bowling ball. Many of the best don't. Use what is best for you as advised by a competent instructor. You are supposed to throw the ball, not have the ball throw you. And don't throw it, roll it.

- There was a time when bowling cost a buck or two or three a game. Now it's a race to see how close some may come to the \$10 mark.

- The recent attention given to women's bowling and the showing of top females on TV is encouraging to the many young girls who have chosen bowling as their competitive sport.

- The best advice you can give any young bowler is to urge them to learn how to keep score without any help from machines, and to learn how to read the rules of the game and any tournament they might enter.

- When young children are still tossing around at bedtime and demanding another story be read to them, take out a bunch of league or tournament scoresheets and read them in a low, monotonous voice. The child, and anyone within hearing, will be sound asleep in minutes.



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Viator, Burgoyne Named To USBC Youth Development Positions

Team USA 2007 members added to newly formed department

Two members of Team USA in 2007, Brenda Viator and Amanda Burgoyne, have been named to positions in the newly formed Youth Development department



Amanda Burgoyne

where she was a three-time Academic All-American - in 1998 with a degree in Education and is a USBC Bronze coach, will serve as Program Developer with an emphasis on youth ages 13 and under. Also a part of Team USA in 2008, she previously taught at Ridgeview Global Studies Academy, an elementary school in Davenport, Fla.

Burgoyne, 23, who also graduated from the University of Nebraska recently with a degree in Sociology and also is a USBC Bronze coach, will serve as Youth Tournament Coordinator - focusing on the USBC Youth Open Championships, USBC Junior Gold Championships and Pepsi USBC Youth Championships. She is a four-time Team USA and Junior Team USA member and received the Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow Award in 2004.

Additionally, Kyle Ehrhardt, 27, will serve as Program Developer with an emphasis on youth ages 14-19, transferring from his role as Associate Director of USBC

High School and Collegiate.

"This is a diverse group with unique backgrounds, all of whom will bring a lot to the USBC Youth Development team,"

said newly appointed USBC Director of Youth Development

Brian Graham, who will begin his new role on Jan. 28. "Brenda with her experience working with younger children, Amanda with her extensive competition experience and Kyle with his marketing and program development knowledge - all three will be critical in laying the foundation."

Graham, 34, who oversaw College Bowling USA (now known as USBC Collegiate) for three seasons beginning in 2001, is returning to USBC after a highly successful tenure as Brand Manager for Hammer Bowling since March 2004.

"Without question, the successful future of our sport is dependent on getting youth involved, from a participation and skill development standpoint," USBC Chief Operating Officer Kevin Dornberger said. "Having Brenda, Amanda and Kyle join Brian in forming the Youth Development team is an important step in establishing the strong groundwork for a successful developmental program."



Brenda Viator

Eoff, O'Keefe Win Team USA Trials

Ballard and Johnson also on new Team USA

HENDERSON, Nev. - After waiting anxiously last year to see if he would be one of the selections to join Team USA, Derek Eoff of Greenfield, Wis., was determined to avoid that situation again this year.

Eoff jumped from fourth place to first in the last game of the 2008 United States Bowling Congress Team USA Trials on Friday, claiming the title with a 36-game pinfall of 7,997 (222.14 average) and securing a spot on Team USA for the second consecutive year. Shannon O'Keefe of Brookfield, Wis., came out on top in the women's division with 7,730 (214.72 average) at Sunset Station's Strike Zone Bowling Center.

"Winning this tournament is something I've always wanted to do, and it's definitely nice to earn my spot on the team instead of waiting around to see if I'm selected," said Eoff, who tied a tournament record with five out of a possible six medals in his Team USA debut at the 2007 Men's American Zone Championships in Guatemala. "The field was tough and it's nice to know that I made most of the right moves and adjustments this week on four very demanding lane patterns."

O'Keefe decided to compete in this year's event despite already securing a spot on Team USA in 2008 by virtue of her selection at last year's Team USA Trials.

"Even though I already earned my spot on Team USA, I think anytime you come out and perform well and walk away with a win it means something," said O'Keefe, who won the singles gold medal at the 2007 Women's World Championships in Monterrey, Mexico. "To start off the year on the right foot gives me a lot of confidence heading into the rest of the year."

The top two men and top two women

who were not already members of Team USA in 2008 earned automatic spots on Team USA.

Since O'Keefe finished first, Tina Stickney of Goodyear, Ariz., and Stefanie Nation of Orlando, Fla., who finished second and third respectively, earned automatic spots on the team. Stickney earned a spot on Team USA for the second straight year while Nation made it for the fourth consecutive time.

The men's division had a bit more drama as John Janawicz of Wintk Haven, Fla., and Nathan Bohr of Wichita, Kan., tied for second place after 36 games with 7,988. In the one-game roll-off, Janawicz defeated Bohr, 231-210, to earn a second consecutive year on Team USA.

Even though Bohr lost in the roll-off for the automatic spot, the National Selection Committee selected him and three others to join Team USA. Del Ballard Jr. of North Richland Hills, Texas, Tish Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Brenda Viator of Lake Wales, Fla., were also selected.

The additions to Team USA round out the team for 2008, bringing the final total to 15 women and 14 men.

The men's team includes Denny's PBA Tour stars Walter Ray Williams Jr., Chris Barnes, Tommy Jones, Parker Bohn III, Patrick Allen and Sean Rash as well as four players who earned spots at last year's Team USA Trials (David O'Sullivan, Bill Hoffman, Rhino Page and David Haynes).

The women's team includes Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Wendy Macpherson, Liz Johnson, Kelly Kulick, Kim Terrell, Diandra Asbaty and Missy Bellinder as well as four players who earned spots at last year's Team USA Trials (Lynda Barnes, O'Keefe, Tennelle Milligan and Shannon Pluhowsky).



Derek Eoff and Shannon O'Keefe

2008 Teen Masters is Back With Long-Term Sponsors

11th annual event kicks off in March; National Finals in Las Vegas in July



America's best youth tournament, the Teen Masters, is back and better than ever due to new long-term sponsorship from some of the industry's top companies. Three major bowling brands, Dexter Shoes, Ebonite International, and Kegel have all made multi-year, major commitments to the Teen Masters for the 2008 event and beyond.

After 50 TM Qualifying events across the nation, the top 480 athletes will advance to the Teen Masters National Finals July 19-26 at Michael Gaughan's beautiful South Point Resort on the famous Las Vegas Boulevard. Over 2000 youth bowlers are expected to enter again this year, and those who make the finals are in for the experience of their lives.

In addition to thousands in Smart Scholarship awards, the finalists will get red carpet treatment, made possible by generous sponsorship support. Here are a few things on the agenda:

The Dexter Leaders Challenge - winners of local and regional qualifiers will be upgraded to VIP status at the national finals if they win wearing Dexter shoes. They will have exclusive access to the Dexter Den, with their own private ball paddock, Wii video games, an Ipod docking station,

internet access, and free refreshments between rounds.

The Ebonite 'Bowl to Win' Package - Athletes who opt for this special entry package will be eligible for the new Ebonite Bowl to Win competition at the national finals. All who enter will have a new Ebonite ball shipped directly to their home, and they will be eligible to win another ball during the finals. Those winners will have identical Ebonite balls drilled on-site by Ebonite's expert technicians. They will then compete on two different oil patterns where the question "Is it the bowler or the ball?" will be answered.

The Kegel Kup - The world's leader in lane technology, Kegel, will present a new TM Team event to determine which bowling center has the best high school team. All 50 TM Qualifiers will advance one team to the national finals where they will compete for both team and singles titles. Special surprises are also in store for these players - they will be announced by March 1.

To hear more about these exciting new concepts and others - like the TM Training Camps, TM Team Works, Dexter After Dark, and TM Rock Star, tune into The Phantom Radio Show February 27 to hear Killer 'B' President Gary Beck reveal all of the latest news about America's best youth tournament, the 2008 Teen Masters. It's playing 24/7 on a computer near you - www.phantomradioshow.com.

USBC Masters To Reunite With USBC Open Championships In 2009

One of sport of bowling's most prestigious events, the United States Bowling Congress Masters, will reunite with the tradition-rich USBC Open Championships next season.

The two events, which were united together from the Masters inception in 1951 until 2001, will be conducted at Cashman Center in Las Vegas in 2009. The Masters is tentatively scheduled to be held Feb. 8-15, 2009, with the Open Championships beginning shortly thereafter.

"These events really complement each other and this move brings back some of the tradition these events have shared in the past," USBC Chief Operating Officer Kevin Dornberger said. "The Masters will be the perfect kickoff to the Open Championships and the unique venue is unmatched in the sport of bowling."

The events will be conducted on 56 specially constructed lanes inside Cashman Center, creating a stadium setting and enhancing the event for spectators as well as competitors.

For the past four years, the Masters has enjoyed a successful run in suburban Milwaukee, with the television finals being held at Miller Park in 2004 and 2007. Although the Masters will not be conducted during the 2008 calendar year, it will remain one of major events on the Denny's Professional Bowlers Association Tour schedule for the 2008-09 season.

"We are looking forward to repositioning the USBC Masters and are intrigued to see what the change in location and timing will do

for attendance, media coverage and TV ratings," PBA Commissioner and CEO Fred Schreyer said. "We have a great partnership with the USBC and while Milwaukee has been an outstanding host for the Masters in recent years, we agreed with the USBC that some changes were needed to maximize the amount of attention this prestigious event will receive."

With the move to February, the Masters television finals will no longer go up against the National Football League, paving the way for an increase in mainstream media exposure and higher television ratings.

"The Masters is now positioned to achieve maximum television ratings and our hope is to expose this great event to an even bigger audience," USBC Vice President of Marketing and Communications Tom Clark said. "The plan is to build the Masters into the pinnacle week in the sport of bowling and this is a move in that direction."

In 1951, the Masters began as an invitational event showcasing national and local bowling stars and has grown to become bowling's most prestigious event. The tournament draws nearly 500 of the best professional and amateur bowlers in the world competing for a prize fund of more than \$350,000.

The Open Championships, which was held for the first time in 1901, is the world's largest participatory sporting event. The 2009 event in Las Vegas is scheduled to run at least five months and is expected to draw more than 80,000 bowlers from across the world.

USBC Board Votes To Pursue Moving Headquarters To Texas

Decision is pending purchase of buildings, land, BPAA board approval

The United States Bowling Congress Board of Directors has given approval to start negotiations with all parties involved to relocate the organization's headquarters to Arlington, Texas.

The decision, made Sunday during the Board's meeting in Myrtle Beach, S.C., is contingent on negotiations for buildings and land near the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America complex along with any incentives offered by the City of Arlington and State of Texas. The BPAA Board of Directors also must approve the plan which it is scheduled to do at a meeting Wednesday during the BPAA Mid-Winter Meetings in Myrtle Beach.

"After carefully considering the facts, including taking into account the long history of USBC and its predecessors in the Milwaukee area, the Board came to the conclusion that it was in USBC's best business interests to join with BPAA in Arlington creating an international bowling campus," said USBC President Jeff Boje.

USBC Headquarters will move to Arlington unless there is a breakdown in the negotiations relating to the property. If all details can be worked out, USBC is

expected to move its headquarters operations within a year. In addition to office space for approximately 235 overall employees, the new complex would include a combined equipment testing and international training center.

"The property we are looking at is in a very high profile area that we believe will help enhance the visibility of the sport of bowling," Boje added. "In addition to being close to Six Flags, the Texas Rangers baseball stadium and new Dallas Cowboys football stadium are close by. There also are a number of other entertainment venues in the vicinity.

"With USBC and BPAA under the same roof, there's an untold number of ways we can work together to help grow the sport," Boje said. "There already are a number of joint programs that we work together on and this proposal would allow us to do so even more."

USBC and BPAA announced in November their boards of directors had approved study of how much their operations should be integrated. The goal was to use such efficiencies to help grow the sport of bowling.

PBA Stars Brighten A Child's Life

A handful of Denny's PBA Tour stars made Tuesday a very special day for one little boy in California.

Danny Wiseman, along with Parker Bohn

later helping him strike eight consecutive times with two balls. With every strike, Nathan grew more comfortable and his smile grew wider.



Nathan Fry, center, with some of his favorite PBA stars

III, Tommy Jones, Wes Malott, Ryan Shafer and Pete Weber among others, fulfilled the dream of three-year-old Nathan Fry, who has leukemia.

The cheerful little boy came to Fountain Bowl with his mother and father Tuesday afternoon with the hopes of throwing a couple balls down the lanes and knocking over some pins. What happened was beyond what any three-year-old could dream of.

After Nathan threw a few frames, Danny Wiseman emerged from behind the curtain, stunning the boy. Wiseman gave a shy Nathan a hat, a patch and a variety of PBA souvenirs as Nathan slowly began to realize his hero was in his presence.

Wiseman then joined Nathan on the lanes, helping the young boy convert spares and

Just as it seemed his day couldn't get any better, one by one his heroes continued to emerge. Nathan knew them all by name: Wes Malott, Mika Koivuniemi, Chris Barnes, Parker Bohn III.

Nathan, who watched ESPN and ESPN Classic from his hospital bed when he was going through chemotherapy, became the star of the show, high-fiving the players and drawing the awe of the greatest bowlers in the world with his enthusiasm.

As more than an hour of bowling and excitement wore on, Nathan began to grow tired from his amazing day. It may have been one of the best days in the young boy's life, but little did he know how much he touched the lives of those watching him put his sickness aside and show his enthusiasm for bowling and for life.

"Like an unchecked cancer, hate corrodes the personality and eats away its vital unity. Hate destroys a man's sense of values and his objectivity. It causes him to describe the beautiful as ugly and the ugly as beautiful, and to confuse the true with the false and the false with the true."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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"Big Daddy" was a HOME RUN KING with Big Ideas and Big Dreams

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in the famous All American Girls League promoted by Charles Wrigley, and made famous by the movie starring Tom Hanks and Geena Davis. Keith and Alta are one of the few brothers and sisters who played baseball on the professional level.

In the early 80's, the Carter All Star chain was the gold standard in the industry, but the man who started it was not able to enjoy the rewards for long. He lost his partnership position when he decided to add a third professional title to his impressive resume - gambler. Convinced he was invincible, Little lost everything he worked so hard to build - his partnership, his security, many long-standing business and personal relationships, and for a while, even his unflappable self-confidence.

In 1992, he said that his gambling habit and the misery it caused was his biggest regret, but he was proud that he was able to stop. "The one thing I'm really sorry about is that I thought I was a gambler for almost four years, and I thank God I got over it," he said.

In 1987, Little staged yet another comeback when he built the most elaborate bowling center anyone had ever seen on the doorstep of DFW International Airport in Euless, Texas. He recognized that in the decade since the first Carter center opened, the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth were merging rapidly, and he found a perfect location in the heart of the new metroplex on the very visible Airport Freeway for his next venture. Modeled after the casino business, Showplace Lanes was another home run for the man who was now a giant in the field of new bowling center design and construction.

Back in the black and rolling in the dough again, expansion soon followed for the Showplace operation. A second center was opened in Austin, and a site was chosen for a third not far from the original Carter center in Garland, Texas.

Then, almost out of the blue, it all came to a screeching halt for Keith Little.

This time, it was not self-inflicted, at least not directly. The majority partner Little had chosen to build the Showplace centers turned out to be one of the principle parties in the huge Savings and Loan scandal that gripped America's economy in the late 1980's. According to Keith, when his partner Ed McBirney was removed as head of the failed Sunbelt Savings and Loan, he demanded money from the bowling operation. With bills to pay, Little refused to give it to him, which led to another ouster.

Little spent the next couple of years pursuing a lawsuit against McBirney, but when bankruptcy was declared, there was nothing left, and Keith was left in the cold once again. "All I ended up with was my car," he said. Ironically, in spite of stealing billions, McBirney only spent about three years in jail. The money he got from forcing Little out of the Showplace partnership was miniscule in comparison to the S&L funds taken by him and several

others.

Finally, Keith Little's very enigmatic life came full circle when he pulled another rabbit out of his bag of tricks to rescue the once incredible Bronco Bowl. In 1994, he convinced Tony and Danny Gibbs,



Happy Day - Keith and Mary Little with son Randy on his wedding day

owners of a small commercial construction company, to invest several million dollars in purchasing and renovating the bowling center and arena that had closed three years earlier.

Bronco was a big 135,000 square foot building in bad shape in a poor, mostly latino neighborhood; but that didn't stop Keith from working his sales magic. He sold the Gibbs brothers on the idea of making money in a fun business. He sold the city on the idea of bringing life and jobs back to an older neighborhood, and he sold the bowling community by tugging at their nostalgic heartstrings.

Little even convinced the conservative *Dallas Morning News* to run a story and photo at the top of page one to announce the project. The September 21, 1994 edition of the paper talks about how Little will bring "Las Vegas-style entertainment" to the Oak Cliff section of the city. That article is probably the only time bowling ever got a front-page story in a major daily newspaper in Texas history.

The grand opening party a year later was lavish, complete with ice sculptures, elaborate buffets, city dignitaries, and celebrities. For the old timers, it was reminiscent of the original Bronco opening in 1961 when Curtis Sanford cut the ribbon with Hollywood actress Jayne Mansfield on his arm.

That night, Little stood on the same arena stage where the NBL Dallas Broncos once played, and with a tear in his eye, said, "They said it couldn't be done,

but we did it!" It was like watching P.T. Barnum starting a new circus. Heard a hundred times that evening from those in the large crowd who attended - "I can't believe he did it." - it was repeated over and over again, but not by anyone who knew Keith well.

Then came a final blow to a business career that had more ups and downs than a pogo stick. In the months that followed, the customers didn't come. The city didn't back the project; the talent acts for the arena didn't develop. Bronco was again an abandoned building, and Keith Little was again unemployed. It was a beautiful building, but the location couldn't compare to the Carter and Showplace centers. It was strike three for the former home run hitter - the mighty Keith had struck out.

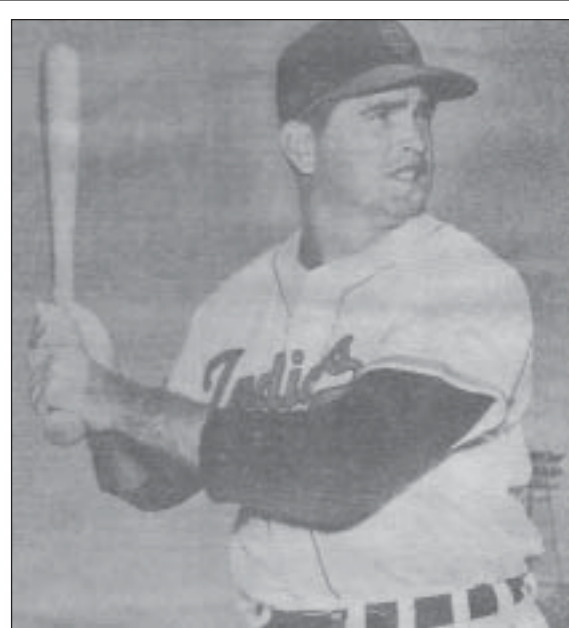
His spirit almost broken, Little tried a few more projects as the new millennium approached, but a personal tragedy in his life was

just too much to overcome when his teenage son Kyle from his second marriage died from a drug overdose. I will never forget the phone call I got that day from Keith, and sharing his unbearable sadness and hearing his trembling voice, I knew he was a devastated man, and that we would be seeing no more "Little" miracles from the larger-than-life man known to many as "Big Daddy."

Keith spent his last couple of years in poor health at an extended care facility, and was visited often by his loving family. His daughters Lynn and Dianne were with him almost around the clock in the final days. His son Randy, who is still in the bowling business, said it was wonderful to get re-acquainted with the great dad

he remembered as a young man. His wife Mary, a woman of deep faith, spoke well of him at his service. "Although divorced 38 years," she said. "We remained good friends, and we never stopped loving each other and our children."

It's likely the bowling industry will never



During his baseball career, Little was a slugger. In 1955, he hit 47 home runs to lead all minor leagues, and once hit four homers in four consecutive innings

see another Keith Little. 19th century orator Robert Green Ingersol once said, "The greatest test of courage on the earth is to bear defeat without losing heart." Throughout his very interesting life, Keith Edwin Little touched many lives in many ways, and in spite of setbacks that would fell most men, he never lost his caring heart.

... Rest in peace, Big Daddy.

Haugen Wins PBA Tournament of Champions

LAS VEGAS – Michael Haugen Jr.'s chances to win his first career Major title looked bleak in the sixth frame of the H&R Block Tournament of Champions. What followed next may go down as one of the greatest comebacks in Denny's Professional Bowlers Association Tour history, and was the most heartbreaking moment in the career of a man who has had many.

Haugen overcame a 50-pin deficit to defeat Chris Barnes, 215-214, in a title match that was as much about Haugen's guts as it was about the crucial mistake Barnes made to miss out on his third career Major title.

The top-seeded Haugen had an adventurous week, which started in urgent care Wednesday night due to a sickness. He bounced back to make match play by qualifying eighth and went 15-3 in round robin to earn an automatic berth in the title match.

Barnes came into the finals riding a seven-game losing streak, the second-longest streak on his career, but he had a history of breaking losing streaks with a flair for the dramatic: he broke a career-worst eight-game losing streak in 2005 by winning his first career Major title in the 62nd U.S. Open.

Things looked to be heading that way again when the No. 2 seed Barnes breezed past No. 3 Ryan Shafer, 257-205, in the semifinals and started the title match with strikes in the first three frames while Haugen left the 4-6-7 in the second and the 4-7-10 in the fifth giving Barnes what seemed like an insurmountable

lead. The match started to turn in the seventh when Barnes lost his carry and left three consecutive single pins, the third of which set off a stunning turn of events. Barnes whiffed the 10-pin in the ninth frame, giving Haugen the slightest of openings. Haugen, who had struck in the seventh and eighth frames, took advantage by striking in the ninth and then doubling in the 10th to force Barnes to double for the win.



Michael Haugen

The eight-time champion left a 2-pin with his first shot in the 10th and picked up the spare which still gave him a chance for the tie with a strike. Instead, he left the 4-pin this time, leaving Haugen to celebrate from the bench for the second time this season.

"You can't give up, you just can't. There's a lot of pressure and prestige in this event and you just want to make good shots and not embarrass yourself," Haugen (Cave Creek, Ariz.) said. "I looked at the scoreboard around the seventh frame and knew if he didn't strike the rest of the way and I did, the most he could get was 220s and I could get to the 210s. I knew I could at least make him think about it. Anything can happen, a 7-10 or a 4-9, but I never thought it would be a missed single pin."

This week marked Haugen's first career Tournament of Champions event. He won his first career title in the 2007 Lake County Indiana Classic in November, defeating Wes

Malott, 247-239. That day, Malott needed a strike in the 10th frame to win but left the 10-pin to give Haugen his first taste of victory. On Sunday, he became just the second bowler in history – and the first since Joe Joseph in 1962 – to win their first career title and the Tournament of Champions in the same season.

"A lot of people say your career doesn't start until your first title and that the first one validates you as a bowler. What you do after that really defines your career," Haugen said. "That first win definitely gave me confidence

but mostly I'm just in a better place in my life. I made a commitment to just worry about myself and not worry about anything else. If I keep my karma good, things will be just fine."

Haugen earned \$50,000 and a two-year exemption through the 2009-10 season for his victory. Barnes (Double Oak, Texas) earned \$25,000 for second and Shafer (Horseheads, N.Y.), who defeated PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber in the first match, 215-213, took home \$10,000 for third. Weber (St. Ann, Mo.), who was looking for his record-breaking ninth career Major, earned \$7,000 for fourth.

2008 H&R Block PBA Tournament of Champions
Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Nevada - January 27, 2008

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND	Totals	Prize
1. Michael Haugen Jr., Cave Creek, Arizona	215 (1 game)	\$50,000
2. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas	471 (2 games)	\$25,000
3. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, New York	420 (2 games)	\$10,000
4. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Missouri	213 (1 game)	\$ 7,000

SCORES – In the first match, Shafer def. Weber, 215-213; in the second match, Barnes def. Shafer, 257-205; and in the final, Haugen def. Barnes, 215-214.
This is Haugen's second career Denny's PBA Tour title and his first career Major.

ROUND ROBIN MATCH PLAY - ROUND TWO

Michael Haugen Jr., Cave Creek, Ariz., 15-3-0, 7,985; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 8-10-0, 7,832; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 13-4-1, 7,701; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 11-7-0, 7,673; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 9-9-0, 7,672, \$5,000; Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 11-7-0, 7,648, \$4,500; Wes Malott, Argyle, Texas, 10-8-0, 7,625, \$4,200; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 12-6-0, 7,623, \$3,900; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 8-9-1, 7,601, \$3,600; Randy Pedersen, Clermont, Fla., 7-9-2, 7,552, \$3,300; Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 8-9-1, 7,541, \$3,100; Robert Smith, Captain Cook, Hawaii, 8-10-0, 7,539, \$2,900; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 12-5-1, 7,479, \$2,800; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 7-10-1, 7,459, \$2,700; Tommy Delutz Jr., Flushing, N.Y., 6-12-0, 7,312, \$2,600; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 7-10-1, 7,261, \$2,500.

ROUND ROBIN MATCH PLAY - ROUND ONE - CASHERS

Mike DeVaney, Temecula, Calif., 3-6-0, 5,284, \$2,300; Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 5-3-1, 5,283, \$2,280; Steve Cook, Granite Bay, Calif., 5-4-0, 5,246, \$2,260; Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 4-5-0, 5,213, \$2,240; David Ozio, Beaumont, Texas, 2-6-1, 5,208, \$2,220; Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 5-4-0, 5,188, \$2,200; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3-6-0, 5,186, \$2,180; Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3-6-0, 5,179, \$2,160; Brian Himmier, Cincinnati, 3-6-0, 5,163, \$2,130; Ernie Schlegel, Vancouver, Wash., 6-3-0, 5,163, \$2,130; John Petraglia, Manalapan, N.J., 3-5-1, 5,113, \$2,090; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 3-5-1, 5,113, \$2,090; Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3-5-1, 5,080, \$2,060; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3-5-1, 5,068, \$2,040; Jason Hurd, Titusville, Fla., 3-6-0, 5,034, \$2,020; Rick Lawrence, Celina, Texas, 3-6-0, 4,930, \$2,000.

Note: Ernie Schlegel replaced Jason Couch, Doug Kent replaced Norm Duke and Rick Lawrence replaced Tommy Jones.

OTHER CASHERS

Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,028, \$1,790; Ernie Schlegel, Vancouver, Wash., 3,028, \$1,790; Chris Hayden, Odessa, Texas, 3,027, \$1,760; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,026, \$1,740; Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3,025, \$1,720; Mike Mineman, Belleville, Ill., 3,023, \$1,700; Dave Arnold, Dublin, Calif., 3,001, \$1,680; Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,994, \$1,660; Rick Lawrence, Celina, Texas, 2,993, \$1,640; Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 2,990, \$1,620; Hugh Miller, Seattle, 2,972, \$1,600; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 2,954, \$1,580; Mark Roth, Fulton, N.Y., 2,946, \$1,570; Wayne Webb, Sacramento, Calif., 2,937, \$1,560; Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 2,922, \$1,550; Roy Buckley, Westerville, Ohio, 2,920, \$1,540; Dave Soutar, Bradenton, Fla., 2,900, \$1,530; Del Ballard Jr., N. Richland Hills, Texas, 2,895, \$1,520; Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 2,888, \$1,510; Scott Santos, Ledyard, Conn., 2,877, \$1,500; Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 2,815, \$1,500; Dave Husted, Milwaukie, Ore., 2,787, \$1,500.

Fagan & Wiseman Take Doubles

Of all the times Michael Fagan dreamed of capturing his first PBA Tour title, never in his wildest dreams could he have imagined it happening the way it did Sunday.

Fagan and his teammate Danny Wiseman watched as Joe Ciccone missed a spare in the 10th frame that would have tied the match, giving Fagan his first title and Wiseman his 12th with a 210-208 win over Ciccone and Ronnie Russell in the 2008 PBA Exempt Doubles Classic at Red Rock Lanes.

Fagan and Wiseman jumped out to a big lead early, starting the match with five strikes in a row while Russell and Ciccone had two spares and an open in the first four frames. Fagan had two major hiccups late in the match, however, leaving the 1-2-4-6-10 washout in the sixth and a 3-6-10 in the eighth, both of which resulted in open frames. Ciccone and Russell responded with strikes in the sixth and seventh and again in the ninth to pull closer and then Wiseman and Fagan went spare-spare-strike the rest of the way, giving Ciccone a chance to win the match for his team with a strike and nine-spares in the 10th.

Ciccone, who was looking for his first career Denny's PBA Tour title as was Russell, struck with his first ball in the 10th, but then left the 2- and 5-pins, meaning a spare would take the teams to a one-ball roll-off.

The crowd at Red Rock Lanes along with Fagan and Wiseman sat stunned when Ciccone missed to the left and missed both pins, giving Fagan and Wiseman the title.

"I'm in shock. My heart just goes out to Joe," Wiseman (Baltimore), who won his first title since 2004, said. "I'm so happy for Michael though. He's such a talented player and I hope this is the first of many more for him."

Fagan, who was redeemed after nearly costing his team the title, echoed Wiseman's sentiments but was relieved to get his first win, an exemption for the 2008-09 season and a berth in the 2008-09 Tournament of Champions.

"I never would have imagined winning my first title this way, but I'll take it any way I can get it," Fagan (Patchogue, N.Y.) said. "Danny and I had a great connection all week. It's just exciting to get that first win and qualify for the Tournament of Champions."

Fagan and Wiseman were the top seed for the stepladder final and took on the No. 4 seeded Ciccone and Russell, who won two matches to get to the title game.

In the semifinal, Ciccone and Russell defeated Bill O'Neill and Mike Scroggins, 233-223. Ciccone and Russell held a comfortable lead until Russell left the 4-9 in the ninth to let Scroggins and O'Neill back in. With a chance to double for the win, Scroggins gave it right back when he left the 3-6-7 and opened. Ciccone got up in the 10th and struck with his first two shots to give his team the 233-223 win.

In the first match, Ciccone and Russell defeated Chris Barnes and Wes Malott, 235-193. Russell, making his first career TV appearance, had clutch strikes in the eighth and 10th frames sandwiched around a Ciccone strike in the ninth which sealed the win over Barnes and Malott, who were unable to strike after the seventh frame.

Fagan and Wiseman split \$40,000 for the win and each earned an exemption for the 2008-09 season. Ciccone (Buffalo) and Russell (Indianapolis) split \$18,000 for second, O'Neill (Levittown, Pa.) and Scroggins (Amarillo, Texas) split \$9,000 for third and Barnes (Double Oak, Texas) and Malott (Argyle, Texas) earned \$7,000 for fourth.

2008 PBA Exempt Doubles Classic
Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Nev. - Jan. 27, 2008

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND	Totals	Prize
1. Michael Fagan-Danny Wiseman	210 (1 game)	\$40,000
2. Ronnie Russell-Joe Ciccone	676 (3 games)	\$18,000
3. Bill O'Neill-Mike Scroggins	223 (1 game)	\$ 9,000
4. Chris Barnes-Wes Malott	193 (1 game)	\$ 7,000

SCORES – In the first match, Ciccone-Russell def. Barnes-Malott, 235-193; in the second match, Ciccone-Russell def. O'Neill-Scroggins, 233-223; and in the final, Fagan-Wiseman def. Ciccone-Russell, 210-208. This is Wiseman's 12th career Denny's PBA Tour title Fagan's first career PBA Title.

Jones Captures 11th PBA Title

RENO, Nev. – Tommy Jones and Patrick Allen have enjoyed a friendly rivalry the last few years, needing each other about which star has more Denny's Professional Bowlers Association Tour titles.

With both players owning 10 titles heading into the ConstructionJobs.com Championship, Jones took over bragging rights by defeating Allen, 254-214, at the National Bowling Stadium to capture victory No. 11 and be-



Tommy Jones

come the second bowler ever to win on all five of the PBA's oil patterns.

Jones redeemed himself for a sluggish first half of the season just like Allen did in last year's event at the NBS. Allen did not make a championship round the entire first half of the 2006-07 season before running the table in Reno in the first event following the holiday break, winning what was his eighth career title. Allen would go on to win again in 2006-07 while Jones would cap the season with a win in the PBA Tournament of Champions to set a PBA record for shortest time between his first and 10th titles, while also earning an advantage over Allen in their personal battle.

The tables turned in the first half of this season as Allen made three championship rounds and won his 10th career title in December to pull even with Jones, while Jones suffered one of the worst slumps of his ca-

reer. He failed to make a championship round in the first half for the first time since his rookie year in 2001-02.

"I definitely like it when the scores are lower," Jones (Simpsonville, S.C.) said. "The good players are going to win no matter what but when the pace is lower you get rewarded for throwing the ball better instead of just grabbing a ball and guessing right."

Jones definitely got rewarded on Sunday, getting break after break against both Allen and his semifinal opponent Ryan Shafer. Shafer hurt himself by missing the head pin three times in the first five frames and Jones took advantage by throwing a turkey in frames four through six to take the lead and win the match, 223-210.

In the title match, Allen lost his carry after looking solid in defeating Danny Wiseman 248-192 in the first semifinal. After a strike in the first frame, Allen left six consecutive single-pins, including three straight 7-pins at the end of the string. Jones, meanwhile, was locked in, striking six times in a row to run away with the victory and more importantly take over bragging rights between the two, who are the only bowlers to win at least two titles in each of the last three seasons.

"P.A. and I joke back and forth about who has more titles so it's nice to have the edge now, but it's just one of those deals," Jones said. "It's a good start to the New Year and maybe it's the start of another trend like the last couple years."

The 2005-06 PBA Player of the Year joined Mika Koivuniemi as the only bowlers to win on all five patterns.

"It's definitely an accomplishment to know you can bowl well on all the patterns, but I was pretty fortunate today," Jones said. "Shafer got some bad breaks and P.A. just missed a ball change. If he makes that change he would have bowled a lot better. It's been a year of struggles and fortunately I got a lot of breaks today."

Jones earned \$25,000 for his win. Allen (Wesley Chapel, Fla.) earned \$13,000 for second while Wiseman (Baltimore) and Shafer (Horseheads, N.Y.) took home \$6,000 each for third and fourth, respectively.

Malott Holds Off Lefties for 3rd Crown

MEDFORD, Ore. – As the only right-handed bowler in the championship round, Wes Malott thought he might have an advantage against his left-handed opponents. Turns out, he was right.

Malott defeated rookie Rhino Page, 255-193, to win the 2008 Lumber Liquidators Earl Anthony Medford Classic at Lava Lanes to capture his third career Denny's Professional Bowlers Association Tour title.

The 31-year-old had finished second in his last three championship rounds and four of the last five, but he finally put it all together, striking in 17 of 22 frames in his two matches. The outcome of the two matches were never really in question, a contrast to his recent losses on TV. In three of his last four title-match losses, his margin of defeat was eight pins or less.

"Once we got to the show I knew the lefties would have to go through a transition," Malott (Argyle, Texas) said. "In that first semifinal match, neither of them struck from the fifth frame on so I knew it was starting to transition. I still had to bowl well and thankfully I did and brought it home."

In the title match against Page, who was making history as the first rookie since Mike Durbin in 1967 to make three championship rounds, Malott jumped out to an early lead with strikes in the first four frames. After looking dominant in his first match, a 230-190 win over Patrick Allen, Page never caught up to the transition and failed to string two strikes together after starting the match with a double.

It was another disappointing finish for the 24-year-old phenom, who has finished second twice and fifth in his three championship round appearances. He is still well on his way to the PBA Rookie of the Year award

as he sits in the top 10 in the PBA World Point Rankings, all while having to go through the Denny's PBA Tour Qualifying Rounds each week.

Malott, meanwhile, moved up to third in the PBA Player of the Year race behind Allen and leader Walter Ray Williams Jr. Page moved into seventh on the list.

Malott advanced to the title match with a



Lava Lanes owner Ric Donnelly congratulates Wes Malott

245-235 win over Parker Bohn III. Malott started the match with six consecutive strikes and never looked back, striking in the eighth and ninth frames to clinch the match.

In the first semifinal, Page jumped ahead of Allen early with strikes in the first five frames which turned out to be enough as neither bowler struck in the final five frames. Allen, who was making his fourth consecutive championship round appearance, had just three strikes in the match and an open in the fourth frame.

Malott earned \$25,000 and an exemption for the 2008-09 season with his win. Page (Topeka, Kan.) earned \$13,000 for second while Bohn (Jackson, N.J.) and Allen (Wesley Chapel, Fla.) took home \$6,000 each for third and fourth, respectively.

2008 Lumber Liquidators Earl Anthony Medford Classic Lava Lanes, Medford, Oregon - January 13, 2008

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND	Totals	Prize
1. Wes Malott, Argyle, Texas	500 (2 games)	\$25,000
2. Rhino Page, Topeka, Kansas	423 (2 games)	\$13,000
3. Parker Bohn III, Jackson, New Jersey	235 (1 game)	\$ 6,000
4. Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Florida	190 (1 game)	\$ 6,000

SCORES – In the first match, Page def. Allen, 230-190; in the second match, Malott def. Bohn, 245-235; and in the final, Malott def. Page, 255-193. This is Malott's third career Denny's PBA Tour title.

ROUND OF 8 - (Losers earn \$4,100)

Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan, def. Mike Mineman, Belleville, Ill., 4-2 (250-242, 236-204, 215-233, 236-279, 247-246, 225-225); Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 4-1 (195-236, 245-238, 279-184, 257-198, 226-179); Wes Malott, Argyle, Texas, def. Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 4-0 (257-172, 223-196, 245-186, 194-168); Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-1 (223-213, 214-233, 226-198, 234-202, 274-187).

ROUND OF 16 - (Losers earn \$2,700)

Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., def. Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 4-1 (236-279, 266-215, 289-226, 223-213, 202-185); Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan, def. Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, 4-0 (213-204, 258-207, 278-222, 238-199); Wes Malott, Argyle, Texas, def. Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 4-2 (225-243, 217-219, 238-234, 249-225, 268-206, 228-158); Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., def. Mike DeVaney, Temecula, Calif., 4-0 (257-201, 229-216, 255-226, 227-215); Mike Mineman, Belleville, Ill., def. Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 4-2 (200-192, 258-256, 258-236, 237-279, 247-256, 259-247); Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., def. Riga Kalfas, Florence, Ky., 4-2 (196-234, 234-225, 224-173, 248-204, 217-254, 252-228); Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 4-0 (224-199, 203-202, 259-216, 279-172); Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan, def. Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 4-2 (232-140, 234-187, 179-239, 224-238, 231-203, 229-209).

ROUND OF 32 - (Losers earn \$2,200)

Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., def. Mitch Beasley, Arlington, Texas, 4-2 (158-249, 188-169, 236-189, 245-225, 256-274, 210-204); Riga Kalfas, Florence, Ky., def. Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 4-3 (207-216, 212-174, 203-224, 278-235, 215-222, 228-210, 204-201); Mike Mineman, Belleville, Ill., def. David Leverage, Peoria, Ariz., 4-3 (200-147, 201-222, 247-185, 227-256, 217-217, 184-268, 236-177); Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan, def. Michael Haugen Jr., Cave Creek, Ariz., 4-3 (194-204, 236-214, 186-219, 194-221, 251-229, 195-167, 211-189); Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., def. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4-1 (218-189, 259-232, 206-151, 226-238, 249-242); Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., def. Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 4-2 (198-190, 210-169, 236-222, 209-228, 160-223, 211-167); Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan, def. Steve Weber, Chalmette, La, 4-0 (207-172, 233-180, 277-198, 204-171); Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., def. Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, 4-2 (247-177, 209-233, 209-204, 246-164, 173-174, 216-201); Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., def. Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 4-2 (225-187, 246-200, 232-256, 258-300, 268-224, 225-215); Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., def. Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 4-2 (248-202, 257-190, 200-207, 279-204, 215-217, 224-203); Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, def. Billy Oatman, Chicago, 4-3 (207-265, 191-227, 280-223, 234-215, 246-267, 234-192, 220-192); Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., def. Mark Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 4-3 (207-194, 209-247, 257-296, 215-259, 257-234, 229-205, 257-248); Mike DeVaney, Temecula, Calif., def. Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 4-0 (259-226, 204-203, 242-213, 235-200); Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., def. Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 4-0 (234-210, 247-189, 245-236, 257-216); Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, def. Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 4-0 (258-256, 237-227, 277-235, 245-245); Wes Malott, Argyle, Texas, def. Andrew Cain, Scottsdale, Ariz., 4-3 (225-195, 186-235, 224-247, 279-206, 195-234, 213-193, 223-202).

Round of 64 - (\$1800 each)

Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,965; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,964; Erik Hohlbein, Renton, Wash., 2,960; Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 2,957; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 2,956; Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 2,951; Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 2,937; Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 2,937; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,932; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,931; Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 2,923; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,915; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 2,914; Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 2,909; Bryan Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,901; Tommy Delutz Jr., Flushing, N.Y., 2,899; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2,887; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,886; Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 2,883; Curtis Woods Jr., Santa Rosa, Calif., 2,873; Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 2,870; Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 2,864; Todd Book, Cantonment, Fla., 2,864; Edward VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 2,824; Bill O'Neill, Levittown, Pa., 2,820; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 2,796; Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 2,787; David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 2,787; Robert Smith, Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,750; Grant Benton, Redmond, Ore., 2,705; Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 2,653; Robert Smith, Captain Cook, Hawaii, 1,189, \$780.

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CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND	Totals	Prize
1. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, South Carolina	477 (2 games)	\$25,000
2. Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Florida	462 (2 games)	\$13,000
3. Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, Maryland	192 (1 game)	\$ 6,000
4. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, New York	210 (1 game)	\$ 6,000

SCORES – In the first match, Allen def. Wiseman, 248-192; in the second match, Jones def. Shafer, 223-210; and in the final, Jones def. Allen, 254-214. This is Jones' 11th career Denny's PBA Tour title.

ROUND OF 8 - (Losers earn \$4,100)

Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., def. David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 4-2 (226-191, 215-235, 244-217, 184-216, 222-189, 264-243); Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, def. Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 4-0 (202-158, 245-244, 221-214, 268-243); Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., def. Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 4-0 (213-177, 233-225, 205-195, 197-194); Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., def. Roger Kossert, Brandon, Fla., 4-1 (278-225, 227-228, 244-227, 253-187, 200-193).

ROUND OF 16 - (Losers earn \$2,700)

Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., def. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4-3 (237-177, 268-187, 209-207, 238-258, 262-278, 224-226, 246-201); Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., def. Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 4-3 (228-205, 200-213, 253-192, 192-262, 173-189, 278-205, 226-218); Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 4-1 (246-218, 233-181, 220-235, 215-206, 231-189); Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., def. Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 4-1 (278-214, 223-233, 221-202, 230-214, 238-214); Roger Kossert, Brandon, Fla., def. Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 4-2 (243-228, 191-187, 218-179, 189-222, 212-221, 245-216); Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 4-1 (236-201, 257-223, 226-258, 246-223, 223-217); Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., def. Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 4-2 (204-187, 223-201, 243-204, 225-233, 228-289, 220-211); David Traber, Hebron, Ill., def. Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, 4-1 (245-208, 232-242, 215-206, 220-210, 203-202).

ROUND OF 32 - (Losers earn \$2,200)

Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., def. Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 4-1 (232-196, 254-269, 215-180, 226-189, 257-235); Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, def. Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 4-3 (212-212, 206-220, 186-195, 248-180, 218-158, 247-207, 208-194); David Traber, Hebron, Ill., def. Tommy Delutz Jr., Flushing, N.Y., 4-1 (237-207, 245-223, 233-194, 206-228, 206-192); Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. Mitch Beasley, Arlington, Texas, 4-3 (178-175, 192-182, 193-237, 189-172, 221-234, 213-213, 279-205); Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., def. Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 4-0 (218-168, 233-190, 233-182, 238-195); Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., def. Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 4-2 (165-229, 280-227, 248-226, 230-258, 213-192, 221-205); Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., def. Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-2 (217-235, 217-226, 300-232, 242-203, 227-210, 228-223); Roger Kossert, Brandon, Fla., def. Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 4-3 (180-205, 170-265, 227-213, 231-181, 156-202, 228-222, 199-173); Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., def. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4-0 (204-204, 223-197, 211-204, 234-215); Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., def. Curtis Woods Jr., Santa Rosa, Calif., 4-2 (226-184, 279-206, 215-237, 205-246, 245-217, 238-195); Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, def. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-1 (245-191, 209-160, 174-187, 181-170, 256-233); Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., def. Riga Kalfas, Florence, Ky., 4-2 (182-214, 241-208, 204-267, 277-225, 210-203, 248-163); Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., def. Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 4-2 (204-252, 201-193, 244-199, 189-200, 246-177, 214-191); Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, def. Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 4-1 (221-181, 213-245, 212-169, 214-184, 205-170); Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., def. Robert Smith, Captain Cook, Hawaii, 4-2 (267-172, 203-223, 201-183, 161-179, 248-210, 205-184); Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., def. Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4-3 (171-216, 182-159, 169-173, 208-207, 196-217, 210-200, 286-160).

Round of 64 - (\$1800 each)

Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 2,836; Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan, 2,835; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,833; PJ Haggerty, Clovis, Calif., 2,833; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 2,826; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2,824; Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 2,823; Mike Mineman, Belleville, Ill., 2,807; Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La, 2,796; Edward VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 2,795; Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, 2,786; Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 2,786; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,777; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2,757; Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 2,754; Mason Sherman, Moorpark, Calif., 2,745; Bill O'Neill, Levittown, Pa., 2,741; Dave Arnold, Dublin, Calif., 2,741; Mike DeVaney, Temecula, Calif., 2,709; David Leverage, Peoria, Ariz., 2,708; Todd Book, Cantonment, Fla., 2,705; Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 2,694; Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 2,688; Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 2,669; Jon Brandon, Santa Clara, Calif., 2,662; Curry Clayton, Birmingham, Ala., 2,657; Steve Rogers, Bourbonnais, Ill., 2,653; Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 2,615; Michael Haugen Jr., Cave Creek, Ariz., 2,610; Mark Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,583; Billy Oatman, Chicago, 2,554; Bob Udseth, Hanover Park, Ill., 2,119, \$1,560.

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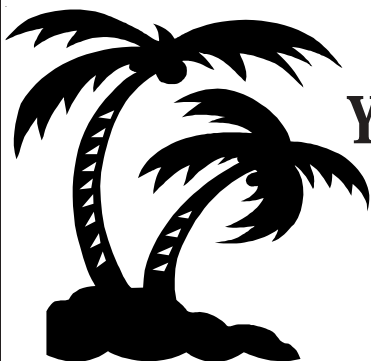
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Scroggins Wins 4th PBA Crown in Weber Event

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. – Mike Scroggins came into the final round of the Motel 6 Dick Weber Open two losses away



Mike Scroggins

from tying a PBA record for the longest losing streak in televised matches. Now he's on a four-game winning streak.

Scroggins broke an eight-match television losing streak and became the first No. 5 seed since Tommy Jones in 2005 to win a stepladder final on the Denny's PBA Tour, knocking off top-seed Chris Barnes, 226-171, to win his fourth career title at Fountain Bowl.

Just as Wes Malott did as the lone right-hander in last week's Lumber Liquidators Earl Anthony Medford Classic final round against three lefties, the lone lefty Scroggins let the four right-handers in the finals burn up the lanes while he put up high score after high score. After a close game against Pete Weber in the opening match, Scroggins dominated his next three opponents.

In the title match, Barnes was doomed by a 4-6 split and an open in the sixth frame followed by a 1-2-4-10 washout and open in the seventh. Scroggins wrapped up the match with strikes in the eighth and ninth frames.

After the match, Scroggins was brought tears when talking about what it meant to him to win the tournament named in honor of the late Dick Weber. He recalled the time Weber gave him a hand-clipped newspaper article soon after Scroggins won the 2004 Baby Ruth Real Deal Classic.

"He was such a great guy and for a legend to come up after a tournament and give me press clippings that he actually cut out, I'll never forget that," Scroggins (Amarillo, TX) said. "He said, 'Mike, put these away and always remember how you felt that day.' He was a special guy and I'll never forget him."

Scroggins was anything but the sentimental favorite going into the finals, facing the unenviable task of going up against Pete Weber, who was making the finals for the first time in the three years the event has been held in honor of his father, who passed away in February 2005. Weber took control of the match after overcoming an early deficit by striking in the seventh, eighth and ninth frames. Needing a strike in the 10th to win, Weber left the 4-9 split which opened the door for Scroggins. Weber picked up the split and struck to force Scroggins to double and Scroggins calmly struck twice to advance.

"I knew bowling Pete was going to be a tough match because the lanes started out so difficult and I knew whoever survived that match would probably go a long way," Scroggins said of his lowest-scoring of the four matches. "On my side, the lanes definitely got better and I was fortunate to double in the 10th to beat Pete. After that just I relaxed.

"Whenever your opponents give you an opening it gives you a boost and fortunately I took advantage of it."

Scroggins was given an opening in all four of his matches and he more than took advantage. In his second match against No. 3 Tommy Delutz Jr., a 269-224 win, Scroggins struck eight consecutive times after an eight-spares in the second frame while Delutz never recovered from two spares and an open in the first four frames.

The third match was never in question as No. 2 seed Jack Jurek was unable to strike until the sixth frame while Scroggins struck seven consecutive times after a nine-spares in the first frame, cruising to the 254-199 win.

Scroggins took home \$25,000 for the win and an exemption for the 2008-09 season, while Barnes (Double Oak, TX), who fell to 0-5 in championship rounds this season, earned \$13,000 for second. Jurek (Lackawanna, NY) took home \$6,500 for third, Delutz (Flushing, NY) earned \$5,500 for fourth while Weber (St. Ann, MO) earned \$5,000 for fifth.

2008 PBA Motel 6 Dick Weber Open

Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, California - January 20, 2008

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

	Totals	Prize
1. Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas	953 (4 games)	\$25,000
2. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas	171 (1 game)	\$13,000
3. Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, New York	199 (1 game)	\$ 6,500
4. Tommy Delutz Jr., Flushing, New York	224 (1 game)	\$ 5,500
5. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Missouri	197 (1 game)	\$ 5,000

SCORES – In the first match, Scroggins def. Weber, 204-197; in the second match, Scroggins def. Delutz, 269-224; in the third match, Scroggins defeated Jurek, 254-199; and in the final, Scroggins def. Barnes, 226-171. This is Scroggins' fourth career Denny's PBA Tour title.

ROUND ROBIN MATCH PLAY

Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 18-6-0, 8,955; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 14-10-0, 8,766, \$100; Tommy Delutz Jr., Flushing, N.Y., 16-8-0, 8,750; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 15-9-0, 8,735; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 18-6-0, 8,716; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 11-12-1, 8,658, \$4,000; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 13-11-0, 8,652, \$3,700; Wes Malott, Argyle, Texas, 13-11-0, 8,599, \$3,400; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 10-14-0, 8,573, \$3,200; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 14-10-0, 8,569, \$3,000; Bill O'Neill, Levittown, Pa., 9-14-1, 8,525, \$2,900; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 13-11-0, 8,514, \$2,800; Jon Brandon, Santa Clarita, Calif., 15-9-0, 8,422, \$2,750; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 11-13-0, 8,348, \$2,700; Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 13-11-0, 8,298, \$2,650; Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 8-16-0, 8,266, \$2,600; Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 12-11-1, 8,248, \$2,550; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 8-16-0, 8,198, \$2,500; Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, 8-16-0, 8,179, \$2,450; Roger Kossert, Brandon, Fla., 9-15-0, 8,119, \$2,400; Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 10-6-0, 8,115, \$2,178; David O'Sullivan, Orlando, Fla., 11-13-0, 8,113, \$2,300; Edward VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 8-16-0, 8,073, \$2,250; Todd Book, Cantonment, Fla., 8-15-1, 8,063, \$2,200.

Other Cashers

Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,142, \$2,000; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 3,133, \$1,925; Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 3,133, \$1,925; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,108, \$1,850; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,099, \$1,800; Don Allen III, Vancouver, Wash., 3,098, \$1,725; Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 3,098, \$1,725; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 3,095, \$1,650; Corey Husted, Clackamas, Ore., 3,090, \$1,600; Elysia Current, Wichita, Kan., 3,078, \$1,550; David Leverage, Peoria, Ariz., 3,077, \$1,500; Robert Smith, Captain Cook, Hawaii, 3,074, \$1,450; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,073, \$1,400; Tony Figuiera, Gardena, Calif., 3,071, \$1,380; Paul Varela, Carson, Calif., 3,066, \$1,350; Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 3,066, \$1,350; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,065, \$1,310; Joy Esterson, Annapolis, Md., 3,065, \$1,310; Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 3,062, \$1,280; Rick Lawrence, Celina, Texas, 3,054, \$1,260; Michael Haugen Jr., Cave Creek, Ariz., 3,048, \$1,230; Kurry Crayton, Birmingham, Ala., 3,048, \$1,230; Mark French, Ventura, Calif., 3,047, \$1,200; Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 3,046, \$1,180; Brent Ilagan, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 3,044, \$1,160; Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 3,042, \$1,140; Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 3,039, \$1,115; Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan., 3,039, \$1,115; Jonathan Van Hees, Newport, R.I., 3,035, \$1,100.



Jowdy's Journal by John Jowdy

The USBC Masters . . . A Truly Major Event

The United States Bowling Congress Masters will reunite with the USBC Open Championships next season. The two events will be conducted at Cashman Center in Las Vegas with the Masters tentatively scheduled to be held February 8-15, 2009.

Chalk up another coup for Tom Clark, USBC Vice-President of Marketing and Communications who continues to exert all efforts to promote bowling in the right direction. The Masters is one of the most prestigious bowling tournaments of all time. Moreover, it has taken an even greater significance since becoming one of the "Majors" on the Professional Bowling Association tour. With the Masters now scheduled for February, the televised finals will no longer be pitted against the National Football League. This schedule time change will certainly gain greater media exposure, plus, consequentially, it will undoubtedly increase the all-important TV ratings.

Dick Evans, the most prolific bowling writer in the country, has often expressed his displeasure regarding the Masters being conducted in a regular bowling center; and rightfully so. With the exception of the last four or five years, the Masters held all qualifying and finals rounds in an arena setting, alongside the USBC Open Championships. Yet, despite the fact that the televised finals were conducted at Miller Park, home of the Milwaukee Brewers in 2004 and 2007, qualifying rounds were contested in a privately operated bowling center with limited space for spectators and bowlers alike. It hardly bore resemblance to a "major" event.

The original ABC Masters was conducted in 1951. The Masters complimented the ABC Open Championship Tournament, which, prior to the birth of the PBA, attracted the greatest bowlers in the country. Not too surprising, a great

majority of Masters champions have achieved ABC/USBC Hall of Fame status, beginning with the initial champion, Lee Jougard. Four other Hall of Famers, Dick Hoover, Billy Welu, Billy Golembiewski, and Earl Anthony won it twice. Mike Aulby won it THREE TIMES!

Oddly, a number of less distinguished bowlers carted off a Masters championship but did little else to enhance their careers. For example, since the birth of the PBA, none of the following Masters champions ever notched a PBA title: Lou Scalia, (1967) Jim Chesney (1969), Doug Myers (1979) Neil Burton (1980), Mike Lastowski, (1983), Ken Johnson (1992), Jason Queen, (1997) Brian Boghosian, (1999) Brett Wolfe (2002) and Bryon Smith (2003).

Even more astounding, look WHO they beat!

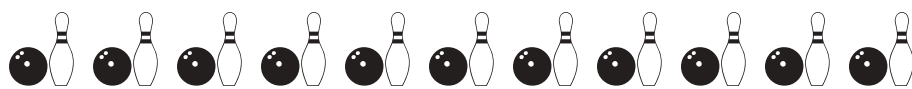
Jim Chesney beat Barry Asher, Doug Myers topped Bill Spigner, Neil Burton knocked off Mark Roth, Mike Lastowski beat out Pete Weber, Ken Johnson conquered Dave D'Entremont, Jason Queen beat Eric Forkel, Brian Boghosian knocked off Parker Bohn, Brett Wolfe topped Dennis Horan, Bryan Smith beat Walter Ray Williams.

With the exception of D'Entremont, Horan, and Forkel, all the above bowlers who lost to the non-PBA titlists are members of either the PBA Hall of Fame, the USBC Hall of Fame, or both Halls of Fame.

The sports world is replete with one-time wonders. Yet, no one can deny or erase the moment of glory of any of the aforementioned non-PBA titlists.

Nor can their names ever be dislodged from the USBC Masters record books.

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Final Entry Number In for 2008 USBC Open Championships



ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico - In less than a month, the 2008 United States

Bowling Congress Open Championships will begin its 143-day run as the Albuquerque Convention Center opens its doors to welcome the first of 12,615 teams.

A late rush of entries heading into the Jan. 18 deadline helped this year's event earn its place in history as the second largest USBC Open Championships held outside of the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada Only the 2005 event in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, attracted more teams with 13,222.

The 2008 Open Championships will be the seventh largest in 105 years of competition. The largest turnout in history was 17,285 teams in 1995 when the 78-lane National Bowling Stadium

hosted the event for the first time.

"It's great to see this tournament continue to grow, and this year's numbers prove how much the bowlers enjoy the competition and the chance to come to great cities like Albuquerque," USBC Vice President of Membership/Tournament Services Jack Mordini said. "And even though we've been to Albuquerque once before, a lot has changed in eight years, so there will be something new for each bowler to experience."

The tournament's inaugural trip to New Mexico and Albuquerque in 2000 attracted 10,688 five-player teams, approximately 54,000 bowlers.

This time around, more than 63,000 bowlers will make the journey to the Land of Enchantment to compete for more than \$5 million in prize money. The event officially kicks off on February 16 and will run from 7 a.m. until 2 a.m. daily until July 7.



THE FUNNY PAGE

As income tax time approaches, did you ever notice: When you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "THEIRS"?

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If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

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I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on methey're cramming for their final exam.

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I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks, so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use? toothpicks?

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OK.... so if the Jacksonville Jaguars are known as the "Jags" and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are known as the "Bucs," what does that make the Tennessee Titans?

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From Disorder in the American Courts:

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

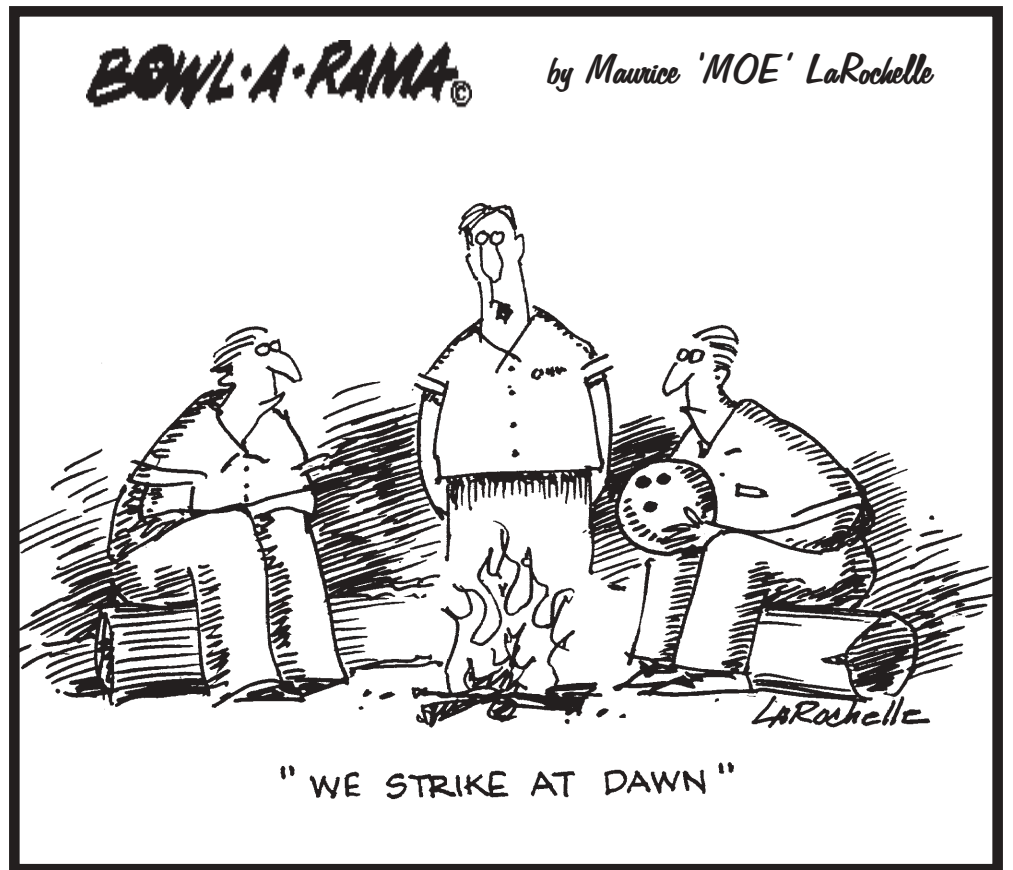
WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

WITNESS: Oral.



The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married — for the fourth time.

The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought.

He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years.

After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she'd first married a banker when she was in her early 20s, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40s, later on a preacher when in her 60s, and now in her 80s, a funeral director. The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

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My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, "62." He was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

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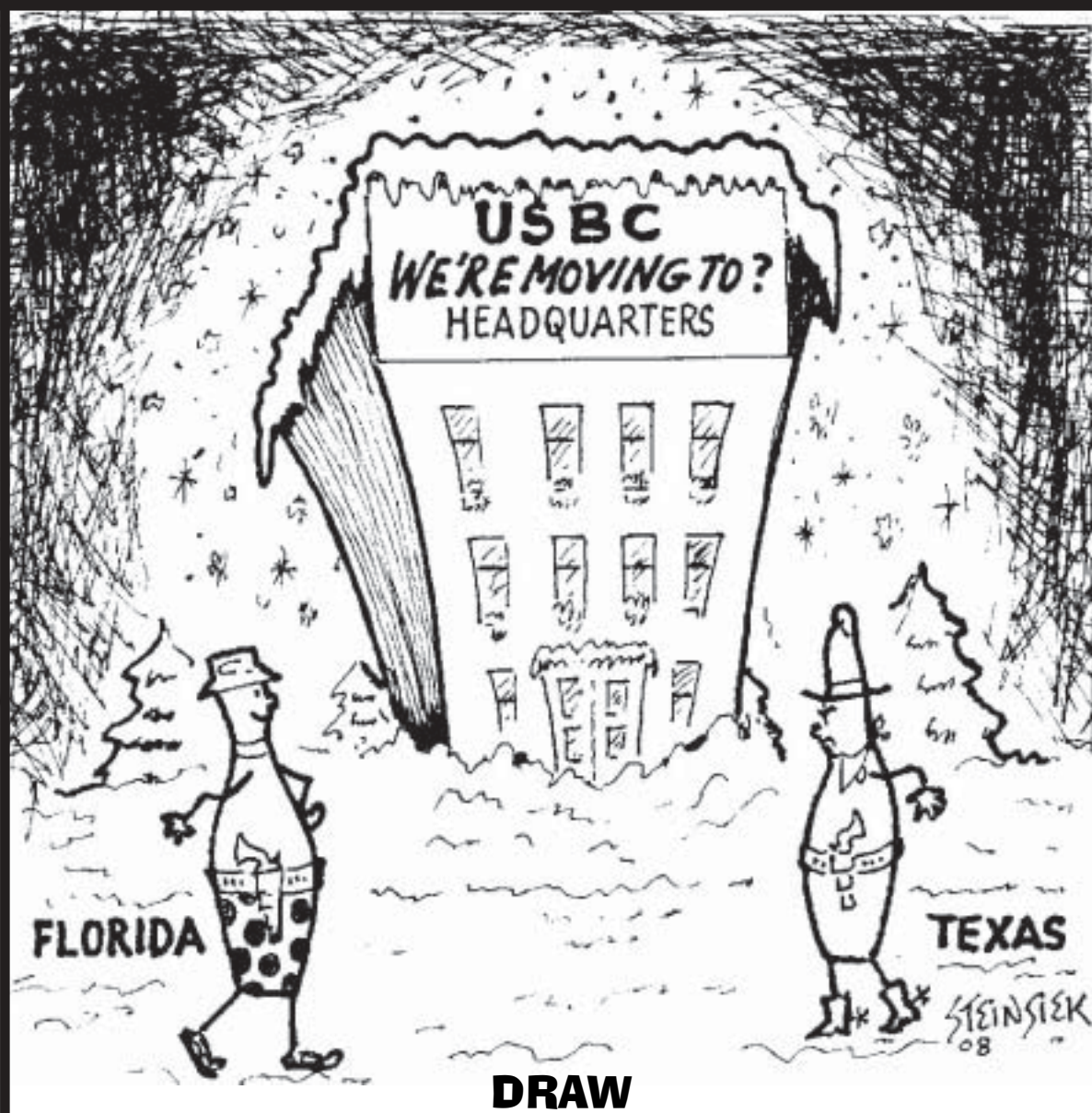
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USBC EXTENDS ENTRY DEADLINE FOR WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

The United States Bowling Congress has announced that it has extended the entry deadline for the 2008 USBC Women's Championships to March 21. The event will be conducted April 10-July 6 at Super Bowl in Canton Michigan.

Beginning April 10, the first of approximately 40,000 bowlers will visit the Detroit area to compete in the world's largest participatory sport for women. Bowlers will compete in five-player team, doubles and singles events.

USBC has made entering the Women's Championships an easy process. Open to all women who hold USBC adult membership, the Women's Championships consists of five average divisions to

accommodate bowlers of all abilities.

Those interested in entering may do so electronically by visiting bowl.com or by downloading a Women's Championships reservation form. Entrants also will have access to a calendar with available dates.

Entry information may also be obtained by calling (800) 514-2695, ext. 3173 or by e-mailing usbcwomenschampionships@bowl.com. The entry fee is just \$30 per event per bowler plus an optional \$10 for all events.

In addition to competing in one of the world's most prestigious bowling events, participants will have an opportunity to cash in on a prize fund expected to reach \$2 million.



SHANNON O'KEEFE JOINS THE STORM STAFF OF CHAMPIONS

Brigham City, UT - Storm Products Inc, the Brigham City, Utah manufacturer of high performance bowling equipment, is pleased to announce that

Shannon O'Keefe has joined its staff of champions.

O'Keefe, 28, had a breakthrough year in 2007 - highlighted by her singles gold medal at the Women's World Championships in Monterrey, Mexico, and runner-up finish at the U.S. Women's Open. In the U.S. Open quarterfinals, she rolled a 299 game - nationally televised on ESPN.

O'Keefe, a native of Oregon City, Ore., has been named a women's finalist for the 2007 Harry Glickman Professional Athlete of the Year Award, an honor bestowed upon Oregon's top athlete for the calendar year. She is also a current member of Team USA.

"Joining the Storm family is truly an honor," said O'Keefe. "To know that Storm believes

in me and has chosen me to represent their company means more than I could ever put into words. I started throwing Storm balls this past May and I believe it had everything to do with how successful of a year 2007 turned out to be."

More highlights for O'Keefe in 2007 include a fifth-place finish at the prestigious United States Bowling Congress Queens and helping lead Team USA to the team silver medal at the Women's World Championships for the second time in her career.



Shannon O'Keefe

"We are extremely excited to welcome Shannon to Team Storm," said Storm Marketing Director Steve Kloempken. "She's been very successful this past year with Storm equipment, winning Gold at the World Championships and finishing runner-up in the U.S. Open. Shannon is quickly proving herself to be one of the best in the world."

SPECIAL EVENT BRINGS BOWLING BACK TO NETWORK TELEVISION

For the first time in nearly a decade, the sport of bowling will return to network television when Bowling's Clash of Champions, a United States Bowling Congress event, airs on CBS Sports in May.

The special made-for-television event, presented in cooperation with Strike Ten Entertainment, will take place May 7-8 at the USBC Convention in Kansas City, Mo., and will feature 16 champions from USBC events as well as the U.S. Open. The "Clash" will be taped and is scheduled for broadcast on CBS Sports on Saturday, May 10 from 5-6 p.m. Eastern and Sunday, May 11 from 4-5 p.m. Eastern.

The event will mark the first time bowling has been broadcast on network television since June 26, 1999, when the Professional Bowlers Association's ACDelco All-Star Classic aired on CBS Sports.

"The USBC is proud to bring exciting, high-stakes bowling competition back to network television," USBC Chief Operating Officer Kevin Dornberger said. "Bowling is America's favorite lifetime sport, and on these shows champions from youth players to professional bowling's greatest stars will be battling in a unique setting with a compelling format that no one who has ever bowled can miss."

"We are pleased to welcome the sport of bowling back to network television," said Rob Correa, Senior Vice President, Programming, CBS Sports. "Our viewers will enjoy the exciting format, featuring competitors of all ages."

Four lanes will be constructed on the floor of the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium to host the competition. The USBC Convention stage will be built on top of the pinsetters inside the 10,000-seat arena.

Bowling's Clash of Champions will feature eight men and eight women ranging from teenagers to seniors who won their respective events during the 2007 calendar year. The players will battle for a \$50,000 first-place prize and \$100,000 overall prize pool.

The men's field will showcase USBC Masters champion Sean Rash, U.S. Open winner Pete Weber, USBC Open Championships Regular All-Events titlist Mike Rose Jr., USBC Senior Masters winner Tom Baker, U.S. Amateur champion David O'Sullivan, U.S. Junior Amateur champion Adam Martinez, USBC Youth Open all-events titlist Jason Price and USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships winner Tim Pfeifer.

Competing in the women's field is USBC Queens champion Kelly Kulick, U.S. Women's Open winner Liz Johnson, USBC Women's Championships Classic All-Events titlist Wendy Macpherson, USBC Senior Queens winner Lucy Sandelin, U.S. Amateur champion Lynda Barnes, U.S. Junior Amateur champion Jenny Brown, USBC Youth Open all-events titlist Brittni Hamilton and USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships winner Elysia Current.

The players will start competition with an eight-game seeding round at a local bowling center in the Kansas City area on May 7. The following day, the players will take part in a shootout format at the Municipal Auditorium to shrink the field from 16 to four (two men and two women) on the first telecast. The final round, which follows the shootout, will feature semifinal matches with the remaining man and woman facing off for the title.



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