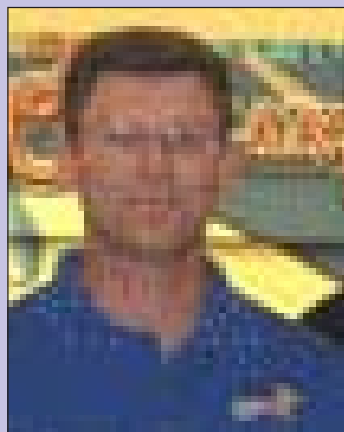




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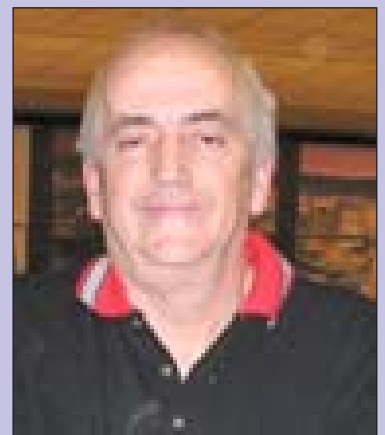


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YA'LL COME ON DOWN!

"International Bowling Campus" will do well in Texas

The move of the United States Bowling Congress headquarters from Wisconsin to Texas appears to be a done deal, and it is the talk of industry. It also appears to be on the fast track, with I's being dotted and T's crossed, and due diligence being done, as this is being written in late February.

One very obvious positive note for all involved is that in late winter, I am sitting in my North Texas office looking out at sunny skies with a temperature of 70 degrees. Something tells me this is not happening in Milwaukee today.

There's no place like home

My guess is that when it comes time to move, most of the good people who work in the Greendale office will decide to remain in Wisconsin. It is their home, and if this writer were faced with a decision to move from Texas to Wisconsin, it wouldn't take two minutes to choose to remain in the Lone Star State. For many, there really is no place like home, and there is nothing wrong with that; especially if you happen to like snow, which almost everyone does to different degrees.

Friendly folks

However, those who do decide to head southward might be in for a few pleasant surprises; and one of them might be that the people in Texas are similar to those in Wisconsin – friendly, eager to help their neighbor, family oriented, and for lack of a better word – nice. From my experience, the same can be said of our northern neighbors. The people of both states seem to take the golden rule to heart, and that is as it should be.

Bubba's got trees!

Another surprise might be that we have trees in Texas!; and an abundance of them in the city of Arlington where the new "International Bowling Campus" will be located next door to the Bowling Proprietors Association building. It gets a little dusty in parts of West Texas, but Dallas and Fort Worth were built in the "Great Trinity Forest," so there is plenty of greenery, and even more if you choose to take a drive east of Dallas on Interstate 20 or 30.

Not so hot

Another common misconception is that it is always HOT in Texas. While we do have our share of warm days, the average summer highs in north Texas are in the lower 90's. To be honest we have had a few scorching summers with more than 30

days over 100 – but we have also had a few with none, and many with less than ten – it's like a box of (melted) chocolates; you never know what you will get. We occasionally have a little humidity, but very little compared to cities like Houston, which is 250 miles south of the DFW Metroplex. We never have 'Vegas heat,' and thank goodness for that.

The flip-side is that our winters are very mild, with the average lows in the upper 30's, highs in the 50's and 60's. It rains about 80 days a year, and about half of those contain a thunderstorm or two. We get a few tornados, but it's not the path of destruction you see in the movies. There have only been about 80 of these very scary storms in the DFW area since 1950, and in the entire state, less than 500 people have lost their lives in that period. Most of these storms happen northwest of DFW in the panhandle and Oklahoma.

Snow? Maybe a couple of inches every three or four years, and if you are looking for a white Christmas, it has only happened once, in 1926 – does that mean we are due? Snow and ice and tornado alerts are big events in this neck of the woods. Our weather forecasters go into a frenzy whenever the possibility pops up on their radar, but they always err on the side of caution. Most of the time, it doesn't happen, or it's less serious than predicted.

Two different cities in one place

For the younger folks, the term DFW Metroplex is fairly new. It didn't really become reality until the DFW International Airport was opened between the two cities in 1974. Before then, Fort Worth was "Cowtown", with a rich western heritage, and Dallas was a cosmopolitan center of banking and commerce. Although blended now, there are still two distinct cities, both proud of their history – but the rivalry that once existed is long gone in favor of promoting the entire area.

It is bigger here

It's not a Texas exaggeration to say that the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex is huge. Encompassing seven primary counties, it is somewhere in the neighborhood of 8,000 square miles, with a population of nearly six million, and growing. From this writer's home in the eastern county of Rockwall to the western border of Fort Worth (Tarrant County) is about 80 miles. Another cute piece of true trivia we like to tell visitors is that we are closer to Chicago than we are to El Paso –

and El Paso is in a different time zone.

Bowling's new home, Arlington, is a city of about 330,000 in Tarrant County, just west of the centerline that divides Dallas and Tarrant counties. The building site is next door to the Six Flags Over Texas Amusement Park about 10-15 miles south of DFW Airport. It is in the heart of the most popular tourist area in Texas. The Alamo in downtown San Antonio, 200 miles south, is number two.

DFW is a sports mecca

Less than a mile from the site is Ameriquest Field, home of the MLB Texas Rangers, and just a bit further is the new billion-dollar Dallas Cowboys stadium complex, which will open in 2009. It will host the NFL Superbowl in 2011. The NBA Dallas Mavericks and the NHL Dallas Stars play in the beautiful American Airlines Center on the outskirts of downtown Dallas, about 15 miles east of Arlington. If you can't afford the tickets to the big league games, try the very entertaining minor league teams – the Dallas Desperados (indoor arena league football) two minor league baseball teams, the Frisco Roughriders and the historic Fort Worth Cats, and the FW Brahmas minor league hockey team. Oh yeah – I always forget soccer – Dallas has a major league soccer team called FC Dallas based in nearby Frisco.

I haven't forgotten bowling – there are about 25 centers in the DFW area, with two or three new ones in the planning stages. One is slated in the Dallas Cowboys complex, and almost all are very modern. About half are FEC's; but traditional leagues can be found easily, and there are plenty of tournaments for everyone.

If you like to hit a smaller ball, golf is a year-round sport. There are hundreds of public and private courses, and the metroplex is host to two PGA events – the Byron Nelson Classic and the Colonial Invitational annually.

Another major sports attraction is NASCAR, and DFW is home to the Texas Motor Speedway, where two Nextel Cup events are held annually. It also hosts an Indy Racing League event every year.

If one prefers his racing of the equestrian variety, one of the finest horse tracks in the world is only a ten minute drive from the new bowling campus. Lone Star Park, in nearby Grand Prairie, has world class thoroughbred and quarterhorse racing most of the year.

Arlington was once a sleepy college town, home of Arlington

State College. That school is now the University of Texas Arlington with 25,000 students. Other major universities in the DFW area include North Texas State University, Texas Women's University, Southern Methodist University, and Texas Christian University.

College and high school sports are very popular in north Texas, and some say high school football is almost a religion. In Texas sports, Friday nights in the fall are reserved for high school football. Saturday mornings, once occupied by kids bowling, is now a time for soccer. Maybe having Bowling HQ in Texas can revive that tradition.

A great opportunity for visionaries

What will the new "International Bowling Campus" look like? Right now, it looks like a couple of generic office buildings, but there is an opportunity to turn it into much more. There is talk of building a state-of-the-art training center, and of moving the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame to the site.

One source close to the planning said there had been some talk of building a Texas Bowling Stadium near the site, and another in Orlando, after which the national tournaments could rotate between Reno, Dallas and Orlando on a three year cycle. That sounds like a great idea – but very costly, which is probably why it won't happen.

However, what if the PBA could become involved in this 'three stadium' concept? What great locations and venues for major events! That would be better idea than the one this writer suggested a few years ago – to have both the men's and women's US Open Tournaments in St. Louis at the same time as part of a "Hall of Fame Week" to celebrate bowling. With three stadiums, the special week could be rotated to three cities.

I've heard the PBA owners are visionaries. There are a few of those in the BPAA and USBC as well. The question is, do they have the resources and passion to turn dreams into reality for bowling? The move to Texas is a great start. I can hardly wait to see what it might lead to in the future.

ed note: for more information about the DFW area, visit the Dallas Morning News website www.discoverdfw.com, click on the "Discover DFW magazine cover. To get a copy of the 95 page "Discover DFW 2007", call (214) 977-7950.

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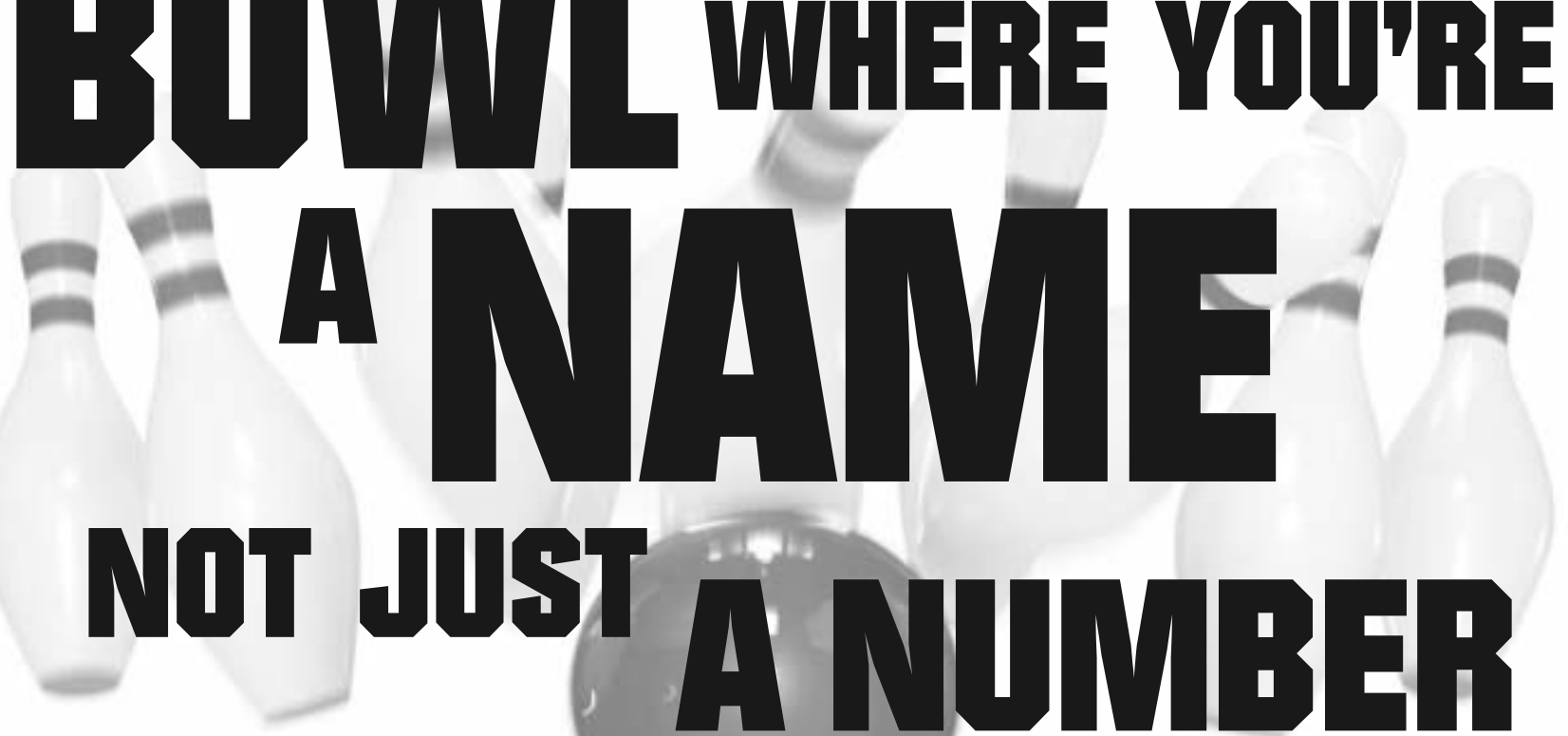
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Pressure? What Pressure?!

Many leagues and tournaments wind up with races as close as a bunch of college students trying to see how many of them can fit into a telephone booth or a compact car.

When competition is keen and can go any way, it's tension time. Tempers are short, and there are flareups of all sorts, even between bowlers on the same team. The most docile bowler can become aggressive when a battle is on, whether the reward is a tiny trophy or the Tournament of Champions title.

Adapting to change is a soirée of tension. Yet, tension is natural. It shows up when there is a conflict of any kind, a spat with your mate, kids, friends, enemies, or in fighting off another barrier or bowling team, or even a lane condition.

You become great at something the same way you learn to swim or ice skate. By making a fool of yourself until you master the challenge.

Good judgment comes from experience, and experience usually comes from poor judgment. Money can't buy natural ability. It's a gift. And experience comes from countless hours of practice, patience and competition.

The finest athletes in every field of sport, and talent in all other fields, generally agree that you never fully get

used to pressure. Don't let outward appearances fool you. Tension grips the most seasoned performers. But that doesn't reduce ability. Some rise to the greatest heights when under the most pressure. Nobody completely shakes tension. It's a fact of life and must be lived with - like it or not.

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

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

Think about that when you're making a clutch shot or a style switch in the middle of a game or tournament. Being tense or scared is not the major problem. Being scared of being scared causes most of the trouble. The first step in the battle against pressure is to admit it is there, and won't fold up or silently slip away.

Each individual battles pressure in his own way. Veteran performers, having been through it, have more weapons to combat the common malady. Some chew gum, tobacco, candy, or their lips. Others take a deep breath, or try to stop

breathing. Some fidget as much as a lobster in boiling water. Some talk more, others less. For every action or idea that works, there's another that won't.

Look in the mirror. You should know the best way to calm the person looking back at you. Don't think you're different because a triple gets you flustered or you nervously shake when you face even a so called simple spare at a crucial moment.

On the surface, most established pros seem as calm as the proverbial contented cat. Inside they're more like raging tigers. Similarly so, though most bowling competition seems to be decided on the lanes, the hidden element, the battle against the pressure, really determines the winner.

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

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

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Bowler's Q & A . . .

The questions come: Here are some with answers that may well lead to more questions.

Question: What's a perfect bowler?

Answer: Most are resting in peace. People seem to get better after they are dead. The only live perfect bowlers are the ones whose place you took on a team, or the ones who don't bowl any more, but have become coaches and spectators.

Q: What do you do if you always come up with a bad shot whenever you need a good shot?

A: Please don't try to shoot yourself, you'll probably miss. Crying always helps a little.

Q: You always hear about star bowlers and champions being such good sports. Is it true?

A: Of course, what have they got to complain about?

Q: Should you wish your opponent luck, even if you really don't mean it?

A: Why not? It is merely symbolic. Just wish that he shoots good, and you shoot better. You can even hope that he have twice the, luck that you do - then wish you get five splits in each game.

Q: In our mixed league, very few of the husbands carry their wife's bowling ball. Why?

A: Never really noticed, but after deep research the results show that when a man carries a bowling ball for his wife, either the ball or the wife is new.

Q: As a team captain, what should I say or do to a member of my team when he makes a terrible shot?

A: Like Patrick-Henry said, "Few men have ever repented of silence. If you don't know what to say or do, don't say or do anything. That way two people keep out of trouble."

Q: What on earth would an elephant do with bowling balls?

A: Use them to apply roll-on deodorant, silly.

Q: What causes the 7, 8 or 10 pin or any other single pin to stand on what seems to be a perfect hit?

A: There are many theories. The most logical is to blame it on Bush or Clinton. They get blamed for everything else that goes wrong in the world.

Q: Why were the old days of bowling so good?

A: Who says so? The thing that makes the good old days so good is the fact that we really don't remember them very well.

Q: Is it easy to predict the success of a certain bowler or bowling team?

A: Many bowlers and teams look great on paper, but we all know how easily most paper tears apart.

Q: What role does luck play in bowling?

A: A lucky strike comes easy and often. Lucky games are frequent, and now-and then you come up with a lucky night or a lucky tournament. Of course, all bowlers believe in luck. It's the best way to explain the good scores of opponents, or other bowlers you don't like.

Q: Are there ways to convert the 7-10 split?

A: Luck leads the list. One novel way is a method not recommended. Some years ago Japan's Katsuhiko left the monster split. He delivered his second ball and just as he tumbled both pins an earthquake struck. He never got his patch for the feat because nobody stayed around to verify it.

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BPAA Announces 2008 Bowling Industry Service Award Winners

The Bowling Proprietors' Association of America announced the recipients of the 2008 Bowling Industry Service Awards, the most prestigious awards presented by the bowling industry, at its recent Town Hall Membership Meeting held in Myrtle Beach, S.C. on January 22nd.

Howard Baum, longtime bowling industry veteran and former BPAA Board Member has been selected as the 2008 BPAA Hall of Fame Inductee and recipient of the Victor Lerner Memorial Medal. The Lerner Medal is the highest honor in the bowling business and is awarded for a lifetime of service to the bowling industry and represents the recipient's induction into BPAA's Hall of Fame located at the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum in St. Louis.

Mr. Baum is cited for his lifetime of service and "grass roots" leadership to BPAA on all levels including, and not limited to, his many years serving on BPAA's Board, numerous committees, serving as the Carolinas/Georgia BPA executive director as well as his leadership of the many past tournaments BPAA conducted over the years and his intricate role in the evolution of BPAA's Annual Convention into what is now known as International Bowl Expo, the bowling industry's premier annual event.

Ed Zitnik, Past BPAA Officer, board member who served on many committees in the past and was currently serving as co-chairman of BPAA's Military Relations Committee in addition to running Bell Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio, will be awarded the 2008 President's Medal for his role in bringing in and sustaining our military members over the past several years. This decision was made prior to the untimely passing of Mr. Zitnik in December 2007, so unfortunately this will be presented posthumously. Ed's immediate family will be approached to accept this award in his memory.

Bruce Davis will receive the coveted V. A. Wapensky Award, named after BPAA's long time Chief Executive Officer, "Chief" Wapensky for his many years of volunteer service and sharing his marketing expertise to the bowling industry.

BPAA's 2008 Dick Weber Bowling Ambassador Award, which was unveiled in

2005 and named after the legendary bowling icon, will be presented to Carmen Salvino recognizing his current and past contributions to the image of bowling. The Dick Weber Bowling Ambassador Award is given to a professional or amateur bowling athlete who has demonstrated Mr. Weber's grace on and off the lanes.

The Ruben A. Dankoff Award for Public Policy and Legislative Service will be presented to BPA of Minnesota Executive Director Kenn Rockler for his continuous work on legislative issues, both state-wide & nationally. This award is presented to a proprietor or bowling industry leader who, or a proprietor organization which, provides outstanding voluntary service on the Federal, state or local governmental levels in the development of legislation, public policy initiatives, or other political efforts, which benefits BPAA members, the BPAA itself or the bowling industry as a whole.

Walter 'Wally' Hall, BPAA Past President and Hall of Famer, will receive BPAA's 2008 Special Projects Award for his service as Dean of the new BPAA Management School and for being instrumental in its development and initial success.

BPAA's 2008 Media Award will be presented to Matt Fiorito of the Detroit Free Press for his unprecedented coverage of both the 2007 North Pointe Insurance Group \$100,000 High School Bowling Championship and the 2007 QubicaAMF International Family Tournament held in the Detroit area. He published stories pre-tournament, during and post tournament and was onsite every day to cover the events.

These awards will be presented during International Bowl Expo 2008 on Monday, June 23 (Wednesday morning, June 25 for the Lerner Memorial Medal presentation) at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort Hotel in Orlando, Florida.

"We are very pleased to announce this well-deserving group of 2008 award recipients," noted Joe Schumacker, BPAA President. "Every one of these distinguished recipients are and have been true models of leadership, service and dedication. We congratulate all of them on their accomplishments and contributions to BPAA and the bowling industry."

Chris Barnes Makes a Wish Come True

PBA star converts "Flying Eagle" trick shot for four-year-old with muscular dystrophy

Denny's Professional Bowlers Association Tour star Chris Barnes fulfilled the dream of a four-year-old boy Friday at Thunder-Alley in Omaha, Neb., meeting up with Hunter Edwards and converting the "Flying Eagle" trick shot for the young boy as part of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Edwards, who has muscular dystrophy, dreamed of meeting Barnes and seeing him convert the difficult shot, in which a 7-pin is placed in its correct position on the left lane and a 10-pin is placed in its position on the right lane while a third pin is placed on the right side of the left lane approximately 50-feet down lane. Barnes fires the ball at the third pin which flies off and knocks over the 10-pin while the ball continues on its path and knocks down the 7-pin.

After Barnes talked with Edwards and presented him with a framed autographed jersey, Barnes set up the shot. After missing the target pin on his first try, Barnes successfully completed the shot on his second try, much to the delight of

Edwards and the entire crowd gathered around at Thunder-Alley.

Barnes and Edwards spent the next hour together with Edwards – who is wheelchair bound – bowling with the assistance of a ramp. Gradually more bowlers appeared to brighten Edwards' day, including PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III, who performed another one of Edwards' favorite trick shots: a strike through chairs set up on the lanes.

Edwards and his family will



Chris Barnes presents Hunter Edwards with a framed signed jersey



Hunter had a "Countdown to Chris" sign in his house leading up to the event

conclude their dream week by attending Sunday's live ESPN-televized finals of the 2008 Pepsi Championship at Thunder-Alley. Five bowlers competed for \$25,000 and an exemption for the 2008-09 season.

'Life is like a coin. You can spend it anyway you wish, but you can only spend it once.'

USBC to hold 2009, 2010 Conventions in Reno

The United States Bowling Congress has selected Reno, Nev., as the host city for the 2009 and 2010 USBC Conventions and Annual Meetings.

Events will be held both years at the Reno Events Center adjacent to the National Bowling Stadium. The 2009 festivities will be held April 29-May 2 while the 2010 Convention/Annual Meeting is slated for April 28-May 1. Other cities that were considered were Minneapolis and Portland, Ore.

"There are a number of reasons why Reno was selected," said USBC President Jeff Boje. "Part of it was the fact the USBC Women's Championships will be in Reno in 2009 and the Open Championships will be there in 2010 although it is not our intention to be forever tied to the tournaments. Also, there was some sentiment that Reno has been pretty good for bowling and we've been pretty good for Reno. It's a good, mutual relationship."

While this will be the first time the USBC Convention will be held in Reno, the organization's predecessors, the American Bowling Congress and Women's International

Bowling Congress, held their annual events there a combined seven times between 1995 and 2004. In fact, it was in Reno in 2004 that ABC Convention delegates approved the amendment to create USBC. The previous year in Reno, WIBC Annual Meeting delegates failed to approve the original proposal. They ended up approving the follow-up amendment in Wichita, Kan., in 2004.

"We are extremely pleased to have the opportunity to welcome approximately 2,000 USBC delegates to Reno-Tahoe in 2009 and 2010," said Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority President and CEO Ellen Oppenheim. "We hope to offer an unparalleled experience for the delegates, who for the first time will be able to enjoy new meeting and banquet facilities located right next door to the National Bowling Stadium."

Located in the heart of downtown Reno adjacent to the National Bowling Stadium and the brand new Downtown Ballroom, the Reno Events Center offers 118,000 square feet of space within walking distance of more than 6,600 hotel rooms.

Turbo's Tape-Scapes are Changing the Bowling Landscape

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Turbo's Power Supplies tape line was introduced five years ago and has been an industry leader. *Tape-Scapes* is the newest innovation to the Power Supplies line from the company known worldwide for its unending commitment to innovation, quality and craftsmanship.

The first of four new *Tape-Scapes* designs, *Great Ball of Fire*, was introduced in January with tremendous success. Three more exciting new designs will be added to the *Tape-Scapes* line in 2008. Look for the next release in April, and the third during Bowl Expo this summer. Design #4 will hit

the shelves in October.

In addition to the colorful graphics, like the flames on the Great Ball of Fire tape, the Turbo logo and slogan "Grip It and Rip It" is part of the design. Ads are currently running in several leading bowling magazines showing the new product.

"Skin protection and fitting tapes have been used for many years, but there has been very little distinction between brands," said Lori Tessmar, Turbo President of Sales and Marketing. "*Tape-Scapes* makes an every-day product exciting and visible, gives our tapes and our brand a unique identity, and allows bowlers to add a little flare and fun to their game."

The new *Tape-Scapes* graphic designs will be available in all the various types and textures available in standard tapes found at pro shops everywhere. Now, bowlers will enjoy all the protection and performance with the added fun of decorating their thumb and fingers to fit their mood or personality.

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USBC Open Tournament News:

HEAVY-HEARTED WISCONSIN TEAM TAKES LEAD

There are many reasons bowlers compete in the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships year after year, and for TPA 2-RIP Holzie of Madison, Wis., this year's trip to the tournament has been bittersweet.

Don "Holzie" Holznagel, a 76-year-old avid bowler and father of team members Scott and Todd Holznagel, died after a heart attack last week, just days before the group was scheduled to compete in the USBC Open Championships.

Ken Duffield, a team coordinator for both Ten Pin Alley 2 and Team Dirty of Madison, Wis., surprised the brothers by changing the team name slightly to TPA 2-RIP Holzie. He did this to allow the team to dedicate its team bowling effort this year to Don.

"It was a complete surprise to the brothers and a nice remembrance of their dad," said Jay Heinzelman, a 35-year-old meteorologist. "The Holznagels are a big part of the Madison bowling community with a lot of family bowling tradition. The late Mr. Holznagel has three other sons in addition to my two teammates, and amazingly, all five have (certified) 300 games."

At the Albuquerque Convention Center on Friday night, TPA 2-RIP Holzie honored Don's memory by turning in the highest team game of this year's event and reaching the top spot in Regular Team with a 3,089 total.

The group posted games of 977, 1,044, and 1,068 to pass Bowlers Annex of Nashua, N.H., which previously held the lead with 3,064. Matt Stock led the team with 683 and was followed by Chris

Pounders (663), Todd Holznagel (651), Scott Holznagel (559) and Heinzelman (533).

"I would say we started out kind of struggling, especially me personally," said Heinzelman, who rolled a 300 game at the 2006 event in Corpus Christi, Texas. "But we had some guys get lined up right away, and like they say, it's a team sport, and we were able to pull together and improve each game as a team."

CALIFORNIA BOWLER CELEBRATES MILESTONE WITH CAREER-BEST PERFORMANCE

In 1980, Bruce Harner of Azusa, Calif., began a journey that has taken him to 17 cities in 14 states, and this week he celebrated his 25th United States Bowling Congress Open Championships appearance by traveling to the top of the leaderboard in Regular All-Events.

The 50-year-old left-hander uses the annual tournament as a chance to see places he wouldn't necessarily travel to on vacation, and part of the thrill is being able to share each experience with his wife and teammates. Each location has provided unique sightseeing and cultural opportunities, and bowling well has been a welcomed bonus.

This year at the Albuquerque Convention Center, Harner made his 25th march down Center Aisle and marked the milestone with a career-high 1,997 all-events total. He was deliberate and consistent, shooting nine games of 200 or better on the way to 681 in team, 660 in singles and 656 in doubles. Steven Vance of Duluth, Ga., previously held the Regular All-Events lead with 1,937.

"I remember my coach back in juniors

telling me to keep things simple and not try to do too much with the ball," said Harner, who improved his lifetime average at the USBC Open Championships to 200.17. "I always come here planning to play my own game and hope it works. This year, I played off the corner like I have the past few years and it worked. This is a phenomenal way to celebrate."

Harner's previous high all-events total was 1,984 in Corpus Christi, Texas, in 2006, which also included a career-high 717 singles total. But despite his continued success on the tournament lanes, the annual pilgrimage is about so much more than just bowling to Harner and his teammates.

"I've been bringing a group of two or four teams for the last 15 years or so, and we really enjoy coming back because it's a good chance to get together and have a good time," said Harner who bowls in just one league each week. "If we bowl well and get a check, it's that much better, but taking the lead today was amazing and makes me want to bowl for 25 more years."

PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF FOR ARIZONA BOWLER

Before this year, Terry Hamman of Sun City, Ariz., had bowled in 35 consecutive United States Bowling Congress Open Championships and never rolled a 700 series.

The streak ended at the Albuquerque Convention Center on Monday as the 65-year-old right-hander tossed 28 strikes on the way to games of 236, 257 and 267 for a 760 series and teamed up with Lawrence Brown of Avon, Ohio, to take the lead in Regular Doubles with a 1,349 total.

Brown contributed games of 245, 160 and 184 for a 589 series to help the pair past

Joseph Beeson of North Jackson, Ohio, and Mark Ferrara of Hubbard, Ohio, who previously held the lead with 1,347.

"We've bowled together long enough that we are able to help each other find a line," said Hamman, who bowled with Brown at the USBC Open Championships for the fourth time. "Then it's all about being consistent and staying clean. Also, one of our main goals is to get our score to go up each year."

The pair raised the bar high with a 1,340 effort last year in Reno, Nev., where Hamman posted his previous high series of 686, but things seemed to fall into place even better this year for Hamman's 36th tournament appearance.

"Today, I just had good timing and some forgiveness with my line, and I stayed with it and let the ball do the work," said Hamman, who entered the year with a 179 average in 315 games on the tournament lanes. "A lot of times, I seem to struggle out here, and I get frustrated. I'm not getting frustrated anymore, and that has really helped. I also stayed clean until the final frame (in doubles), and that was key."

Hamman added 544 in team and 521 in singles for a career-best 1,825 all-events total and earned bragging rights over Brown, who finished with 645 in singles and 586 in team for 1,820.

"Last year we were just happy to make the board, and to come out and improve like this feels great," said Brown, who made his 10th Open Championships appearance. "At the end of the day, I just want to average 200 and shoot 1,800. If you make your spares out here, you usually score pretty well. I just can't believe he beat me by five pins. Now I'll have to hear about it for the entire year. It's all in good fun, though."

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Bob Perry Converts the 2-10 in 10th to win his 2nd High Roller Title

Las Vegas: A record number of new bowlers and a record percentage of senior players helped fill the lanes at Sam's Town for the 19th annual February High Roller! In fact, seniors won 2 of the 3 events!

After taking 100 of the world's best amateurs and making them ineligible, High Roller officials were leery about how the turnout would be. But after the last ball was thrown and the check for \$25,000 was awarded, we were proud, pleased and appreciative that this year's event reached last year's entry numbers!

And with so many other events in town, we thank you for choosing us!

The event started with an amazing 6 bowlers on a pair in the very first squad and that quickly 56 prizes of \$1,000 were paid on the first day of qualifying, more than other tournaments paid at the end! A total of 266 prizes of \$1,000 to \$25,000 were paid and that doesn't even include the Sweepers, the A Game or the Red Hot!

Most of the bowling world knows of Bob Purzycki and his drug and alcohol troubles throughout his life. Many know that fresh out of rehab, he won the 1997 Super Bowl High Roller. Now, here 11 years later, the 55-year old Paterson, New Jersey native showed the world that he still has the touch. That touch came into play in the 10th frame of the final round as finalists Dave Guindon, Don Tesh and Matt Gilman watched Perry, formerly Purzycki, convert the 2 - 10 "for the money"!

There were some in the crowd who knew Purzycki from the old days and swore that he left the 2-10 on purpose and made it just to entertain the crowd. Whether that is true or not, what is true is that Purzycki is now the owner of High Roller title #2.



3 High Roller Champs:
Ron Mohr - A Game, Bob Perry - High
Roller, Ed Smaglik - Red Hot

Dave Guindon doesn't view that split as bad luck. Guindon, a former High Roller finalist, knew he had a chance to shut Purzycki out and didn't so the 40 year old right-hander from West Seneca, New York, amicably accepted his fate and the runner-up prize of \$12,500. Guindon is now inducted into High Roller's famed \$10,000 Club for the 4th time, matching Chris Barnes and Craig Harrington. Easily the veteran of the group, Guindon was bowling in his 45th High Roller.

Part of the excitement of the week was that each of 4 divisions was guaranteed to have a \$10,000 winner. Although the "40's"

qualified in the 49 & Under division, they had their own match play division in the finals.

Don Tesh, from Winston-Salem, NC and representing the 205 Average & Under division, finished 3rd for \$11,000 and Matt Gilman, of Pembroke Farms, FL and the 39 & Unders was 4th for \$10,000.

More 5-figure prizes were earned! From the senior division, Ron Mohr emerged as the "A Game" champ for \$10,000. Mohr, from Eagle River, Alaska, defeated red hot Rob Gotchall. Gotchall, from Lincoln, Nebraska, would stay red hot all week, firing a 300 game among many big games and \$1,000 prizes.

Ed Smaglik won \$12,000 as he bested the field in the Las Vegas Red Hot. Smaglik, from Flagstaff, AZ, stayed ahead of Bill Green of Westfield, MA who earlier won a Sweeper.

400 Storm balls were awarded to players from luck-of-the-draw and awards for bowling multiple entries. Players took home the new Rapid Fire, the Attitude Shift and the new Gravity Shift.

Visit www.high-roller.com for complete results of High Roller week as well as pictures and news releases. Brochures for the July High Roller will be available shortly online and in your mail box. For more info, call us toll-free at 1-800-257-6179 or email us at info@high-roller.com.

High Roller has now paid over \$80 Million in prize money to bowlers since 1982!

James Hall Takes Home True Amateur Tournament \$25,000 Top Prize

Las Vegas, - Bowlers loved the bowling center and the hot casino action at our host center. The Orleans Hotel and Casino really knows how to take care of the bowlers needs. TAT surpassed the amount of entries over the July event. TAT had over 5650 entries for this tournament. The final match was exciting to say the least, but in the end, James Hall from San Diego California was our big \$25,000 winner.

All guaranteed prizes in all events were paid in full. The winner of the main event was James Hall (\$25,000), 2nd place went to Chris Johnson (\$15,000) 3rd place Noah Berger (\$10,000), 4th place Matt O'Grady (\$5000), 5th place William Tessier (\$3500) and 6th place was Chris Sole for (\$2500).

Amateur bowlers from all over the world once again ascended on Las Vegas to participate in the TAT Amateur Tournament. They received as always, real value for their entry fee. Our squads were almost full to capacity with over 150 bowlers taking part in the early practice session and the first Chance squad. Our Sunday Free sweeper was very impressive with 300 bowlers taking part.

All bowlers received a free high performance NVS bowling ball from Ebonite with their first entry. (TAT gave away just under 900 high performance Ebonite balls to bowlers). The single entry fee also paid for the - \$21,000+ Chance Tournaments, the sweepers, the \$30,000 Ebonite Challenge, and the main Tournament prize fund with \$61,000 being paid to the top 6 with a Guaranteed minimum of \$500 for making the finals. If you entered with Big Bucks, all finalists received an additional \$500 for making the finals. (\$1000 for making the finals.)

It was an exciting week as four different tournament players bowled perfect games.

The new Buddies Mystery Score paid out over \$15,000 to more than two dozen differ-

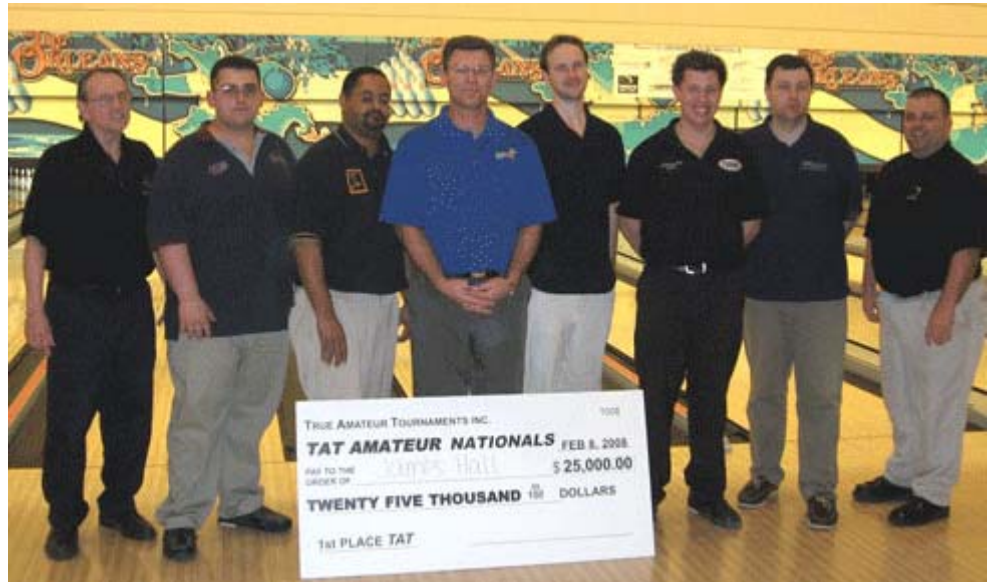
ent bowlers. All money left over was drawn and given away in the finals.

The Ebonite Challenge paid 18 cash spots. The winner was Ray Struck for \$5000.

The other top four paid \$1,000 each and were, (2) Trent Marner, (3) Mike Mowrey (4)

get the right ball reaction. Dino Castillo, Paul Enright, Vince Woods and Mike Calderon all deserve special thanks from all of us at TAT and from the hundreds of bowlers who utilized their services.

TAT would like to welcome Etonic on



L-R: Ed McWilliams - TAT Owner, William Tessier, Chris Johnson, James Hall - Champion, Noah Berger, Matt O'Grady, Chris Sole, Paul Enright - Ebonite Rep

Richard Ray (5) Mike Bohe. This event has a \$10 entry fee all qualifiers received a second high performance ball by Ebonite (Gamebreaker). Last cash was \$108.

The 4 Chance Tournaments had 167 winners. The 4 free events paid out \$21,000 with last cash of \$100. Winners were, #1 Jeff Clapp, winner #2 was Ryan Oldham #3 Derek Moreci, and #4 was David Velleux. The 3 sweepers paid out over \$20,000 with most bowlers receiving 2 free sweeper entries with any multiple entries.

The Ebonite Demo Days were held Feb. 1-5, and many bowlers who did well used the Demo Days and the Ebonite staff to help them

board. Etonic gave away 32 high performance pairs of shoes to the bowlers in the 4 Chance Tournaments. They increased our prize fund by adding 32 spots for the shoe giveaway.

We at TAT would like to thank the bowlers and our sponsors, especially Ebonite, Buddies Pro Shop.com, Etonic, Continental airlines, Enterprise rent-a-car and The Orleans Without their support, we could not have these multiple prize funds with so many ways to cash. We hope to see you again the July 2008. Exact dates will be announced soon.

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DUKE MAKES DENNY'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HIS 3rd MAJOR

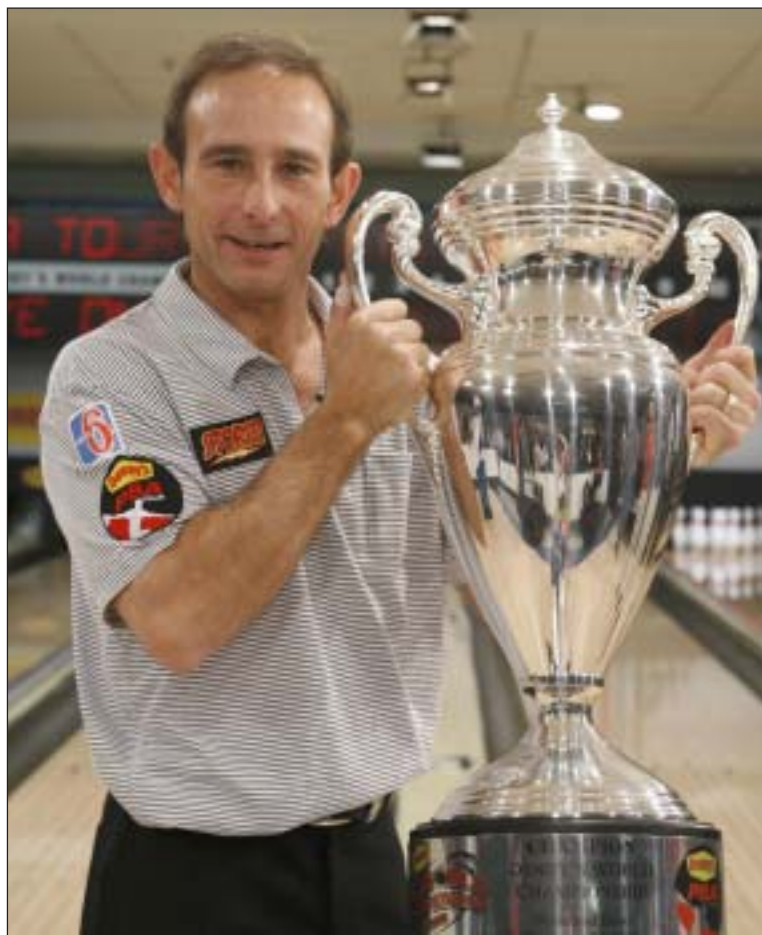
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Same location, same opponent, different circumstances. Same result.

For the second consecutive year, Norm Duke defeated Ryan Shafer to a win a title at Woodland Bowl, but this one meant so much more.

Duke, who came into the week on the verge of losing his Denny's Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Tour exemption, defeated Shafer, 202-165, to win the Denny's World Championship for his third career Major and 27th title overall.

The win gives Duke a much-needed two-season Tour exemption. The veteran has struggled through various injuries this season and came into the week 51st in the PBA World Point Rankings with just five events remaining. The top 39 via the point rankings earn exemptions at season's end.

Suffering from the flu all week, Duke showed his usual



Norm Duke

flair for the dramatic, gutting it out to advance to the final round, which moved him up to 37th in the point rankings. His win, however, means he doesn't have to worry about points for the next two years.

"The number of times I thought about pulling out of this event and now to see myself sitting here with another Major title and \$50,000 and all the things that come with a Major, I just can't believe it. I'm shocked," Duke (Clermont, Fla.) said. "This was the most painful flu I've ever had. Bowling this week was not fun. I really wanted to quit but every time I would go back and lay down I felt miserable so I thought, 'I'm going to be miserable either way. I may as well bowl.'"

In a final round where all four bowlers had a hard time finding their way on the lanes, Duke did just enough to overcome two great cham-

think Walter Ray is going to shoot below 200 in a Major," Duke said. "But Majors are sometimes about grinding it out and filling frames and doing those little things. I also had some luck on my side today."

It was another punch in the gut for Shafer, who has now made the finals in a Major 10 times and has been the runner-up four times, but has yet to come out victorious.

To add to his pain, Shafer dropped to 0-7 on TV in his career against Duke, including 0-5 in title matches. Duke beat Shafer for the title twice last season, including the finals of the 2007 Pepsi Championship at Woodland Bowl. That day, Shafer fired the 18th televised 300 game in PBA history before Duke cooled him off in the title match.

The win moves Duke into a tie with Mike Aulby for sixth on the all-time titles list. It was his first Major victory since the 2000 PBA National Championship.

Duke defeated Williams, 208-180, in the semifinal while Shafer had advanced to the title match with a 204-158 over Australian amateur Andrew Frawley. Duke was clinging to a slim lead in the title match until Shafer opened three consecutive times in the sixth, seventh and eighth frames. Duke's strike in the ninth frame sealed the deal.

Duke earned \$50,000 in addition to his two-season Denny's PBA Tour exemption through the 2009-10 season. Shafer (Horseheads, N.Y.) earned \$25,000 for second while Williams (Ocala, Fla.) and Frawley (Sydney, Australia) took home \$11,500 each for third and fourth, respectively.

**2008 PBA Denny's World Championship
Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Indiana - February 24, 2008**

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND	Totals	Prize
1. Norm Duke, Clermont, Florida	410 (2 games)	\$50,000
2. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, New York	369 (2 games)	\$25,000
3. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Florida	180 (1 game)	\$11,500
4. Andrew Frawley, Sydney, Australia	158 (1 game)	\$11,500

SCORES – In the first match, Shafer def. Frawley, 204-158; in the second match, Duke def. Williams, 208-180; and in the final, Duke def. Shafer, 202-165. This is Duke's 27th career Denny's PBA Tour title and third Major.

ROUND OF 8 - (Losers earn \$7,000)

Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 4-0 (238-200, 190-141, 299-245, 246-198); Andrew Frawley, Sydney, Australia, def. Wes Malott, Argyle, Texas, 4-3 (189-222, 202-256, 243-224, 257-257, 279-237, 218-227, 287-204); Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., def. Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 4-0 (226-224, 237-193, 210-209, 236-206); Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 4-0 (247-169, 230-222, 277-220, 280-255).

ROUND OF SUPER 16 - (Losers earn \$4,500)

Andrew Frawley, Sydney, Australia, def. Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 4-2 (165-135, 181-191, 201-219, 251-212, 218-187, 216-189); Wes Malott, Argyle, Texas, def. Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 4-3 (190-205, 169-190, 218-213, 217-200, 278-210, 170-209, 263-218); Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., def. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4-0 (231-203, 244-200, 221-214, 207-192); Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., def. Zulmazran Zulkifli, Team Malaysia, 4-2 (189-155, 191-225, 203-221, 192-180, 194-163, 178-166); Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, def. Todd Book, Cantonment, Fla., 4-3 (229-224, 181-259, 188-248, 166-179, 278-227, 257-168, 285-235); Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 4-2 (214-191, 236-192, 216-237, 178-228, 240-231, 257-250); Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., def. Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 4-3 (141-212, 258-234, 206-237, 205-154, 205-232, 212-189, 235-215); Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., def. Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 4-1 (228-265, 228-185, 279-218, 248-194, 237-215).

ROUND OF 16 - (Losers earn \$3,150)

Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., def. Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 4-2 (194-204, 193-158, 248-211, 197-210, 199-194, 200-196); Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., def. Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 4-2 (223-300, 226-175, 212-190, 247-248, 208-201, 227-221); Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, def. Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 4-3 (259-195, 201-257, 193-210, 214-170, 213-234, 205-199, 243-212); Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. Jason Belmonte, Orange, NSW, Australia, 4-2 (257-196, 166-266, 217-162, 189-278, 254-210, 258-203); Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., def. Del Ballard Jr., N. Richland Hills, Texas, 4-1 (236-197, 223-168, 182-196, 204-174, 221-217); Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., def. Bill O'Neill, Levittown, Pa., 4-3 (193-147, 171-216, 202-223, 237-202, 212-171, 243-245, 203-202); Wes Malott, Argyle, Texas, def. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4-1 (259-222, 220-236, 214-180, 279-243, 259-178); Andrew Frawley, Sydney, Australia, def. Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4-0 (209-196, 219-180, 198-197, 234-178).

ROUND OF 32 - (Losers earn \$2,150)

Bill O'Neill, Levittown, Pa., def. Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 4-2 (205-201, 181-200, 228-214, 228-210, 181-216, 277-205); Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., def. Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 4-3 (195-172, 267-256, 177-194, 233-201, 189-198, 190-247, 248-179); Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., def. Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, 4-3 (279-214, 224-222, 201-234, 212-214, 219-241, 226-182, 247-233); #16 Del Ballard Jr., N. Richland Hills, Texas, def. Ryan Abel, Bel Aire, Kan., 4-0 (179-166, 199-158, 194-183, 205-184); Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., def. Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 4-1 (215-250, 241-237, 247-184, 227-197, 238-213); Wes Malott, Argyle, Texas, def. David O'Sullivan, Orlando, Fla., 4-3 (200-192, 245-198, 226-246, 254-202, 207-227, 168-193, 269-243); Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., def. Mitch Beasley, Arlington, Texas, 4-3 (234-155, 184-191, 227-215, 226-235, 242-237, 168-191, 220-212); Andrew Frawley, Sydney, Australia, def. Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, 4-3 (170-222, 206-181, 214-256, 233-183, 214-208, 195-258, 224-197); Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., def. Mark Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 4-1 (226-168, 205-172, 196-209, 267-200, 216-191); Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., def. Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan., 4-0 (238-215, 232-157, 258-219, 257-242); Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., def. Steve Rogers, Bourbonnais, Ill., 4-3 (171-185, 204-263, 177-184, 224-219, 217-216, 191-188, 279-246); Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., def. Tim Mack, Indianapolis, Ind., 4-0 (206-140, 220-179, 214-188, 233-203); Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 4-1 (233-208, 234-184, 183-227, 215-215, 237-203); Jason Belmonte, Orange, NSW, Australia, def. Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 4-3 (179-216, 224-146, 243-235, 204-242, 231-191, 203-225, 235-157); Thomas Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, def. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-2 (223-191, 211-191, 214-219, 202-184, 178-191, 230-181); Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, def. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4-0 (263-165, 231-204, 268-225, 270-180).

OTHER CASHERS

Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 5,634, \$1,500; Jim Wolcott, Hendersonville, Tenn., 5,633, \$1,480; Todd Minotti, Oviedo, Fla., 5,627, \$1,460; Jeff Lizzi, Sandusky, Ohio, 5,612, \$1,440; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 5,604, \$1,420; George Branham III, Indianapolis, 5,602, \$1,400; Riga Kalfas, Florence, Ky., 5,599, \$1,380; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 5,592, \$1,360; Gregory Thompson Jr., Dayton, Ohio, 5,568, \$1,340; Robert Smith, Captain Cook, Hawaii, 5,559, \$1,320; Jim Crook, Indianapolis, Ind., 5,509, \$1,310; Chris Monroy, Holden, Mass., 5,488, \$1,300; Derek Sapp, Keokuk, Iowa, 5,464, \$1,290; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 5,448, \$1,280; Mark Siders, Westerville, Ohio, 5,425, \$1,270; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 5,400, \$1,260; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 5,134, \$1,250.

pions who struggled mightily on Sunday, in Shafer and PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. The all-time titles leader Williams, who was looking for his record-tying eighth career Major, had two opens in their semifinal match while Shafer had three late in the title match.

"If you had told me I was going to shoot (208-202), I would have said 'where'd the other 200 come from?' because you don't

Barnes Bounces Back in Home State

EL PASO, Texas – Many people predicted after his latest disappointment in a title match that Chris Barnes would break out of his slump in a big way. They were right.

Just two weeks after one of the biggest mistakes of his career, Barnes responded with his ninth career Denny's PBA Tour title, defeating



Chris Barnes

Tommy Jones, 241-158, to win the 2008 Bayer Classic at Oasis Lanes. The victory also gave Barnes the lead in the 2007-08 PBA Player of the Year race.

Barnes has struggled throughout his entire career in televised championship rounds despite appearing in the finals more times than any bowler on the Tour since 2000. This season has been no different as he came up empty in seven championship round appearances coming into this week, the biggest heartbreak coming in the H&R Block Tournament of Champions two weeks ago. Against Michael Haugen Jr., Barnes lost a 52-pin lead late in the match and missed a single-pin conversion which cost him his third career Major title.

The 37-year-old bounced back by making his fourth consecutive championship round and Tour-leading eighth of the season.

"Getting away from all the drama was the most important thing. You can make a lot of what you see in 20 minutes on TV and forget

about the 15 hours during the week it took to get there," Barnes (Double Oak, Texas) said. "It was important to concentrate on that. The mistake I've made a lot has been losing focus for a couple frames here and there and that cost me. I did lose my focus a couple times today but fortunately I got it together and made some good shots."

Barnes knocked off his Tour roommate, Mika Koivuniemi, 240-198, in the semifinals in a rematch of last year's title match at Oasis Lanes. He then took on Jones who is Barnes' polar opposite on television. Jones came in with a Tour-record .811 winning percentage in his career on TV (30-7) and an 11-2 record in title matches compared to Barnes' 8-18 record when a title is on the line.

In the title match Sunday, Barnes jumped out to an early lead with strikes in the first three frames while Jones had two spares and an open in the first four frames. Jones started to climb back in the match after Barnes had three consecutive spares in the fourth, fifth and sixth frames, but after Jones doubled he left the 2-8-10 split and opened.

Playing the outside part of the lane compared to the other finalists who played inside, Barnes struck in the seventh, eighth and ninth to clinch the victory.

"Tommy doesn't give a lot of people second chances and fortunately for me today he did," Barnes said. "I looked at playing the lanes inside because typically I like to play where everyone else is playing and try to beat them shot-for-shot. Friday night I moved outside the last game and I felt good there so it was in the back of my mind."

With his first win of the season coupled with two second-place finishes, two thirds and two fourths, Barnes took a four-point lead over Walter Ray Williams Jr. in the PBA Player of the Year race with six events – and two Majors – remaining. Barnes has yet to win the award in his 10-year career.

Barnes earned \$25,000 and an exemption for the 2008-09 season with his win. Jones (Simpsonville, S.C.) earned \$13,000 for second while Koivuniemi (Hartland, Mich.) and Mike DeVaney (San Diego), who fell 216-135 to Jones in the semifinals, took home \$6,000 each for third and fourth, respectively.

2008 PBA Bayer Classic

Oasis Lanes, El Paso, Texas - February 10, 2008

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

	Totals	Prize
1. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas	481 (2 games)	\$25,000
2. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.	374 (2 games)	\$13,000
3. Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich.	198 (1 game)	\$ 6,000
4. Mike DeVaney, San Diego, Calif.	135 (1 game)	\$ 6,000

SCORES – In the first match, Jones def. DeVaney, 216-135; in the second match, Barnes def. Koivuniemi, 240-198; and in the final, Barnes def. Jones, 241-158. This is Barnes' ninth Denny's PBA Tour title.

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

Mike DeVaney, Temecula, Calif., def. Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan., 4-2 (227-221, 192-267, 192-227, 233-218, 238-190, 235-193); Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 4-3 (148-207, 246-219, 194-203, 211-217, 248-215, 214-200, 247-223); Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., def. Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 4-1 (187-181, 224-147, 211-206, 207-213, 198-178); Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 4-1 (200-197, 203-140, 203-172, 192-211, 214-164).

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

#5 Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., def. Riga Kalfas, Florence, Ky., 4-3 (159-193, 154-274, 167-245, 196-178, 221-191, 211-190, 230-221); Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-3 (215-209, 195-221, 191-186, 138-212, 208-213, 243-220, 249-230); Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., def. Tommy Delutz Jr., Flushing, N.Y., 4-0 (202-197, 238-193, 237-234, 220-211); Tom Baker, King, N.C., def. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-2 (214-128, 217-224, 190-237, 188-162, 246-152, 279-203); Mike DeVaney, Temecula, Calif., def. Robert Smith, Captain Cook, Hawaii, 4-2 (211-165, 260-211, 265-210, 235-253, 185-202, 210-184); Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Edward VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 4-1 (193-179, 227-211, 176-221, 258-186, 278-145); Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan., def. D.J. Archer, Mineral Wells, Texas, 4-2 (214-174, 238-235, 236-243, 177-118, 222-149, 180-164); Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 4-3 (158-235, 158-207, 280-194, 224-211, 245-228, 215-269, 226-221).

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

Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan., def. Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 4-0 (242-211, 279-191, 224-201, 245-196); Edward VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., def. PJ Haggerty, Clovis, Calif., 4-3 (172-219, 209-215, 222-162, 204-208, 210-180, 212-181, 256-179); Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, def. Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 4-1 (220-213, 221-187, 234-186, 174-246, 224-201); Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., def. Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 4-0 (237-170, 203-180, 255-223, 224-222); Robert Smith, Captain Cook, Hawaii, def. Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 4-1 (202-190, 197-191, 191-186, 192-210, 209-192); Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., def. Mitch Beasley, Arlington, Texas, 4-1 (207-168, 245-192, 229-216, 208-219, 185-183); Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., def. Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 4-3 (236-157, 244-224, 210-242, 207-212, 233-228, 246-248, 208-189); Tommy Delutz Jr., Flushing, N.Y., def. Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4-1 (253-223, 211-203, 256-300, 225-182, 269-216); D.J. Archer, Mineral Wells, Texas, def. Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 4-2 (246-228, 212-193, 190-179, 154-192, 173-216, 198-179); Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 4-2 (237-149, 216-205, 211-219, 195-213, 209-207, 210-208); Tom Baker, King, N.C., def. Bill O'Neill, Levittown, Pa., 4-1 (194-197, 202-179, 248-211, 234-214, 234-225); Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., def. Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 4-2 (184-192, 210-198, 189-144, 232-187, 195-210, 217-202); Mike DeVaney, Temecula, Calif., def. Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 4-1 (222-179, 229-152, 215-189, 156-184, 245-191); Riga Kalfas, Florence, Ky., def. Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 4-2 (247-210, 214-223, 213-172, 193-223, 222-217, 211-201); Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., def. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4-2 (232-193, 222-265, 205-184, 196-201, 279-196, 234-220); Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., def. Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 4-2 (151-204, 236-160, 209-211, 279-223, 226-199, 228-199).

ROUND OF 64 (\$1800 each)

Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 2,885; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 2,884; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,878; Curtis Woods Jr., Santa Rosa, Calif., 2,860; Todd Book, Cantonment, Fla., 2,858; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 2,858; Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 2,850; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,849; Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, Texas, 2,849; Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 2,848; Corey Husted, Clackamas, Ore., 2,844; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,841; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 2,840; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,834; Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, 2,833; Gregory Thompson Jr., Dayton, Ohio, 2,831; Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 2,791; Edward Rede, Las Cruces, N.M., 2,777; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,775; Mike Mineman, Belleville, Ill., 2,755; Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 2,750; Humberto Vazquez, San Pedro, Mexico, 2,740; Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 2,737; Billy Oatman, Chicago, 2,722; David Leverage, Peoria, Ariz., 2,714; Mark Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,691; George Gaucin, El Paso, Texas, 2,688; Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,637; Bobby Stives, El Paso, Texas, 2,620; Michael Haugen Jr., Cave Creek, Ariz., 2,618; Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 2,605; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,500.

Scroggins Notches PBA Crown #5

OMAHA, Neb. – Mike Scroggins probably had a feeling in the first frame Sunday, when the normally automatic Walter Ray Williams Jr. missed a single-pin conversion, things would go his way.

That was certainly the case as Scroggins got all the breaks Sunday, coupled with some smart decisions, to defeat Williams, 214-194, in the 2008 Pepsi Championship at Thunder-Alley, winning his fifth career Denny's Professional Bowlers Association Tour title and his second of the season.

The Tour veteran has finally figured out how to win on TV. Prior to his win in January in the 2008 Motel 6 Dick Weber Open, Scroggins was just 9-22 in televised matches and was riding an eight-game losing streak. He broke the streak in a big way, winning four matches as the No. 5 seed to win his fourth title.

Scroggins' path to victory was much shorter this Sunday as he earned the No. 1 seed for the stepladder finals, giving him an automatic berth in the title match. He had the tall task of facing the Tour's all-time titles leader, who was looking for his third title of the season and 45th of his career.

Instead, Williams missed a 10-pin in the first frame and had trouble carrying the rest of the way, leaving three 10-pins, two 7-pins and a stone 8-pin in the match. Scroggins, using a different ball on each lane, struck in four of the first five frames and overcame an open in the seventh by striking in the eighth and ninth to all but seal the deal.

With the two other left-handed bowlers in the finals – Billy Oatman and Rhino Page – going by the wayside, Scroggins new he had to make some changes in the title match.

"Seeing the lefties struggle in the first couple matches, I was definitely thinking hard about things," Scroggins (Amarillo, Texas) said.

"Billy started with three opens and Rhino threw it good in the second match but then he was totally lost in the next match. Both lanes were completely different. I had to use two different balls, stand in two different places and look at two different targets.

"Luckily, Walter Ray struggled to carry the 10-pin and I was able carry it."

Scroggins, who also beat Williams for his second career title in 2004, is enjoying the finest season of his 17-year career, winning two titles in a season for the first time. With the win, he moved up to fourth in the 2007-08 PBA Player of the Year points race, 13 points behind Williams, who took the lead back from Chris Barnes with his runner-up finish. Just five events remain, including two Majors, where Player of the Year points increase.

"He's the greatest bowler alive so it is extra special," Scroggins said of Williams. "I was definitely nervous, mostly because I was unsure of how I was going to play the lanes, but it's nice. This is definitely a career-year for me."

Williams had advanced to the title match with a 236-224 win over the No. 3 Page, a rookie making his fourth championship round of the season. After nine-spares in the third and fourth frames, Williams struck in five of the next six frames while Page suffered an open in the seventh, coming up empty in his fourth attempt at his first career title.

Page defeated No. 4 Pete Weber, 236-231, who had advanced from the first match with a 211-203 win over the 2006-07 PBA Player of the Year Oatman.

Scroggins took home \$25,000 for the win while Williams (Ocala, Fla.) earned \$13,000 for second. Page (Topeka, Kan.) took home \$6,500 for third, Weber (St. Ann, Mo.) earned \$5,500 for fourth while Oatman (Chicago) earned \$5,000 for fifth.



Mike Scroggins

2008 PBA Pepsi Championship Thunder-Alley, Omaha, Neb. - February 17, 2008

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

	Totals	Prize
1. Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas	214 (1 game)	\$25,000
2. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla.	427 (2 games)	\$13,000
3. Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan.	460 (2 games)	\$ 6,500
4. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo.	442 (2 games)	\$ 5,500
5. Billy Oatman, Chicago	203 (1 game)	\$ 5,000

SCORES – In the first match, Weber def. Oatman, 211-203; in the second match, Page def. Weber, 236-231; in the third match, Williams def. Page, 236-224; and in the final, Scroggins def. Williams, 214-191. This is Scroggins' fifth Denny's PBA Tour title.

ROUND OF 16

Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 13-5-0, 8,011; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 8-10-0, 7,944. Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan., 12-6-0, 7,871; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 11-6-1, 7,867; Billy Oatman, Chicago, 14-4-0, 7,765; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 12-6-0, 7,735, \$4,000; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 10-8-0, 7,727, \$3,700; Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 8-10-0, 7,703, \$3,400; Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 9-9-0, 7,608, \$3,200; Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 11-6-1, 7,596, \$3,000; Bill O'Neill, Levittown, Pa., 7-11-0, 7,549, \$2,800; Mitch Beasley, Arlington, Texas, 11-7-0, 7,539, \$2,700; Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, 10-8-0, 7,446, \$2,650; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 7-11-0, 7,445, \$2,600; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 9-9-0, 7,392, \$2,550; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 7-11-0, 7,363, \$2,405.

ROUND OF 32 Cashers

Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4-5-0, 5,441, \$2,250; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 6-3-0, 5,429, \$2,240; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2-7-0, 5,415, \$2,230; Mike DeVaney, San Diego, 4-5-0, 5,394, \$2,220; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 3-6-0, 5,390, \$2,210; Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, 5-4-0, 5,386, \$2,200; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 5-4-0, 5,381, \$2,190; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 5-4-0, 5,331, \$2,180; Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 3-6-0, 5,318, \$2,170; Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 4-5-0, 5,311, \$2,160; Todd Book, Cantonment, Fla., 3-6-0, 5,240, \$2,150; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3-6-0, 5,236, \$2,140; Mike Mineman, Belleville, Ill., 1-8-0, 5,202, \$2,130; Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 2-7-0, 5,145, \$2,120; Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 3-6-0, 5,123, \$2,110; Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 2-7-0, 5,005, \$2,100.

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Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 3,157; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,150; Wes Malott, Argyle, Texas, 3,149; Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 3,148; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,144; Edward VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 3,136; Rick Miller, Lincoln, Neb., 3,132; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,118; Riga Kalfas, Florence, Ky., 3,104; Tommy Delutz Jr., Flushing, N.Y., 3,102; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,086; Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,083; Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 3,078; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,073; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,066; Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 3,064; Tyler Jensen, Keller, Texas, 3,043; Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 3,034; PJ Haggerty, Clovis, Calif., 3,020; Walter Schaub II, Schaumburg, Ill., 3,018; Ted Baer, Omaha, Neb., 2,982; Robert Flunder IV, Toledo, Ohio, 2,977; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,970; Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 2,966; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,960; Steve Rogers, Bourbonnais, Ill., 2,959; Micah Gibbons, Springfield, Mo., 2,959; Mark Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,913; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,912; David Leverage, Peoria, Ariz., 2,866; Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 2,849; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,790, \$1,300.

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USBC Youth Volunteer, Coach And Ambassadors Of Year Selected

John Fukasawa, Michael Nyitray, Kayla Chick and Kyle Calcote have been selected as recipients of United States Bowling Congress Youth recognition awards which will be presented May 9 at the 2008 USBC Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Fukasawa was named USBC Youth Program Volunteer of the Year for his outstanding efforts in fostering, operating and promoting youth bowling programs. The Applegate, Calif., native has volunteered as a youth bowling coach for approximately 10 years at Fireside Lanes in Citrus Heights, California Certified as a USBC Silver coach, Fukasawa assists bowlers during the center's Saturday morning youth leagues and also developed a Saturday afternoon clinic to offer individual lessons.

"John continues to give of himself because he truly enjoys helping others," said Debbie Haggerty, the Fireside Lanes youth director who nominated Fukasawa for the award. "He always has a smile and an upbeat attitude and relates well with the juniors. He is a great asset to our program, our center and our bowlers. He sets the mark for our other coaches."

Nyitray, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was selected as the David Dahms Coach of the Year for his outstanding commitment to coaching, sportsmanship, and knowledge of USBC Youth bowling rules. A USBC Gold coach, Nyitray volunteers his time working with youth bowlers at Brunswick Margate Lanes, a 32-lane center in Margate, Florida. He also has worked with parents of youth bowlers to help get high school bowling started at Gulliver Preparatory School in Pinecrest, Florida.

"This season I've been more active in developing Gulliver's bowlers," Nyitray said. "This ground-up project is a multi-year commitment designed, in part, to promote growth in the sport of bowling in high schools in south Florida."

Chick and Calcote were named the Female and Male USBC Youth Ambassadors of the

Year, respectively, for their exemplary contributions in the sport of bowling, academic accomplishments and community involvement. Each will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

One of the two winners may be selected to serve a three-year term as a member of the USBC Youth Committee.

Chick, 17, of Muscatine, Iowa, is a senior at Muscatine High School and bowls on the school's varsity team. At school she is a member of the National Honor Society, first chair clarinet in wind ensemble, head drum major of the Mighty Muskie marching band and president of the science club. She also is president of both the Muscatine Future Farmers of America and her local 4-H. Her career goal is to become a veterinarian.

"I really enjoy bowling because it is something I am good at and it is one of my favorite extracurricular activities to participate in," Chick said.

Calcote, 18, of Friendswood, Texas, is a senior at WTM Academy Homeschool, maintains an "A" average and is heavily involved in youth bowling at both the local and state levels. The president of the Greater Houston USBC Youth Leaders, Calcote is serving his second term as a youth representative on the Greater Houston USBC board of directors. He also serves as the president of the Texas State USBC Youth Leaders, a director on the Texas State USBC board, and a member of the youth committees for both the Houston and Texas associations. A bowler since age 8 and owner of a perfect game with a 781 high series, the USBC Junior Gold member has been a youth leader for four years. He plans to study business administration and bowl on a collegiate team next fall.

"Kyle's people skills and dedication to the sport of bowling make him the perfect candidate to represent the USBC as its Youth Ambassador of the Year," said John Osfield, the Greater Houston and Texas State Youth Leaders advisor who nominated Calcote for the award



John Fukasawa



Michael Nyitray



Kayla Chick



Kyle Calcote

Trio Earn USBC Recognition Awards

Lowry, Smith, Wiemer to be honored during USBC Convention

Youth bowling pioneer Don Lowry, state and local association official Charlotte Smith and bowling center owner Roger Wiemer have been chosen to receive United States Bowling Congress recognition awards for 2007.

The late Lowry of Kokomo, Ind., was selected for the Joyce Deitch Trailblazer Award, Smith of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, for the Helen Baker Outstanding Association Service Award and Wiemer of Springfield, Mo., for the Proprietor of the Year Award. All will be officially honored May 9 during the USBC Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

The Joyce Deitch Trailblazer Award, named for the Women's International Bowling Congress seventh president, honors organizations and individuals who have made important contributions to bowling by being motivators, visionaries, leaders and inventors. The Helen Baker Outstanding Association Volunteer Award is given in honor of WIBC's fifth president and recognizes an outstanding bowling leader who has made invaluable contributions to local and state associations as an innovator, creator and mentor. The Proprietor of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding bowling center proprietor for his or her enthusiastic support of local and state bowling associations and of national programs.

A long-time bowling proprietor, Lowry, who died in 1998, was known as the Father of Youth Bowling. The longtime Bowling Proprietors' Association of America member and one-time BPAA vice president was a major voice in ending an 18-year dispute that resulted in the merger of BPAA's Youth Bowling Association and the American Junior Bowling Congress. He served as the first president of the Young American Bowling Alliance in the 1982-83 season. He also founded the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America's National Family Tournament.

"My husband did a lot for youth bowling," said Lowry's widow, Willie, who also noted his contributions to women's bowling in his hometown. "When we first started (in 1950), there weren't many women who bowled. After we got started, Don got women into bowling here in Kokomo. We started with 12 lanes and had to expand to 24 because of all the women who bowled. After the women came, the youth followed as it was a big family thing back then."

Lowry was a member of the BPAA Board of Directors and also served on the BPAA Youth Committee for about 20 years. He was instrumental in the career of USBC Hall of Famer Don Johnson. His earned BPAA's highest honor, the Victor Lerner Memorial Award, in 1983. He later earned BPAA's second-highest honor, the President's Award. In 1982, he was elected to the Indiana

Bowling Association Hall of Fame. He was a charter member of the Kokomo Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

Smith currently serves as Washington USBC Association vice president and Coeur d'Alene USBC Women's Bowling Association president. She was instrumental in helping Washington merge its American Bowling Congress, Women's International Bowling Congress and Young American Bowling Alliance associations into the USBC.

"This was a big surprise and the fact I'm going to receive it is very humbling," Smith said. "I don't feel I'm worthy of such an honor."

"I enjoy what I do. I love working with all the people. My husband tells me I do more than I realize. Not in my wildest dreams would I have thought I'd receive any award."

Smith has been involved in bowling since 1968 when she was drafted as secretary of her husband's military league in Germany. She continued her involvement back in the United States in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Idaho and Washington. During her terms on various local and state boards of directors, she has helped develop policy and procedure manuals, established life membership, member emeritae, hall of fame and association awards and later became a certified coach. She received the Betty Mellen Award from the St. Maries (Idaho) WBA for exemplifying the best image of bowling. She was later inducted into the St. Maries WBA and Coeur d'Alene WBA halls of fame.

"Of all I've done administratively, the biggest thing I've accomplished is helping the state women decide to merge and being able to see that through," Smith said.

Wiemer, who currently owns three Springfield centers and who has overseen seven establishments dating back to 1971, has been a staunch supporter of certified league and tournament bowling. A bowler for more than 60 years and a former Professional Bowlers Association Senior Tour player, he is scheduled to compete in his 49th USBC Open Championships in Albuquerque, N.M., in March.

"I was overwhelmed," said Wiemer when told about the honor. "You work hard and try to do it right, be there and listen to your customers."

Wiemer also has been very active in the BPAA. He served as local and state president and recently finished a two-year term on the BPAA Board of Directors as Midwest regional director. Each year, he takes a week off and works at the Qubica/AMF International National Family Tournament. Wiemer also has hosted one of the country's most successful tournaments, the Great Ozarks Open, since 1990. The 50th anniversary event, which runs from early February through mid-June, is expected to have more than 1,900 teams. Innovations such as creating scratch travel leagues and a senior travel league have helped keep bowling strong in his centers.

Wiemer is a member of three bowling association halls of fame - Missouri, Springfield and Burlington, Iowa.

"I share this award with my staffs," Wiemer said. "They did this. I don't know how I got it."



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The winds of change in all areas of our life are exemplified by the fact that an African-American and a woman are currently strong presidential candidates. Our sport, like most areas of society, was slow to bring the non-caucasian into the fold. If you were to walk in to the Orleans Bowling Center in Las Vegas on a Sunday afternoon, you would see, in the spirit of competition, 60 four-member teams, made up mostly of African-Americans, battling in what I'm sure is the largest league in the state.

Erma McCoy, the league secretary, has seen this TNBA (The National Bowling Associatoin) league grow steadily each year.

C.T. Turner, who competes not only in the Sunday league, but has been a long time member of my Wednesday Scratch Trio remembers how slow this development was growing up in the Detroit area during the 40's and 50's. He said, "We played baseball and basketball because they required only three things - a basketball, a baseball, and a sandlot. Bowling balls and shoes cost money and there were very few places you were welcome if you had the equipment. There were a lot of places you could set up pins, but you weren't allowed to knock them down." C.T. pulled up stakes and moved to California in the early 60's and had the good fortune to watch a TNBA league he helped form fill the Plaza Lanes in San Jose, California. When health permits, he makes it a point to compete in all the TNBA special events including the nationals.

For the record, in the early years up to 1938, only very small facilities were available to negro bowlers. Cleveland, Ohio had two lanes, Chicago had four

lanes, and in Detroit there were four lanes on Chone Avenue in a basement.

The first "negro bowling tournament" was held on Ontario-St. Clair Avenue in Cleveland. The tournament was considered a big success with the winning team receiving \$35 and a leg on the 'Joe Louis' trophy. Bags and shoes were given for runner-up prizes. The big breakthrough came for negro bowlers in 1941 in Detroit when the 26-lane Forest Club opened its doors and welcomed them. Later, the Dixie Bowl and Palmer Bowl became available. Today, the TNBA members are not only everywhere, but most of the major establishments compete for their business.

Ground-breaking honors on the PBA tour went to Bill Rhodman, a Detroit, considered by many as the city's all-time greatest bowler. He broke the color barrier at the ABC tournament in 1951 at St. Paul, Minn. He died in 1961, and was inducted posthumously into the ABC Hall of Fame in 1997.

It wasn't until 1986 that George Branham III became the first African-American to win a PBA title. He won several including the Tournament of Champions. It wasn't until the 06-07 season that Billy Oatman of Chicago was named Rookie of the Year. The personable Oatman is out on tour this year, and made his first TV appearance recently.

We have made great strides in our sport, and in our society, and it is not out of the question that some young up and coming collegiate bowlers could become bowling's Tiger Woods.

Remember a smile can make a gloomy day bright.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 16-July 7 **USBC Open Championships**, Albuquerque Convention Center, Albuquerque, NM
- Bowlers Journal Championships**, Albuquerque, NM
- BTM Tournament**, Leisure Lanes, Albuquerque, NM
- National Golden Ladies Classic**, The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- SASBA South Central**, Winchester Bowl, Memphis, TN
- PBA Geico Classic**, AMF Babylon Lanes, W. Babylon, NY
- SASBA Member/Guest Doubles**, Palace Lanes, Houston, TX
- Denny's 65th U. S. Open**, Brunswick Zone Carolier, North Brunswick, NJ
- All-American High School Championships**, North Brunswick, NJ
- SASBA**, Thunder Bowl, Claremore, OK
- USBC Women's Championships**, Detroit, Michigan
- High Roller Senior Spring Classic**, Samis Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- SASBA Member/Member Doubles**, 300 Bowl, Conroe, TX
- PBA Senior Dayton Classic**, Capri Bowling Lanes, Dayton, OH
- USBC Queens**, Super Bowl, Detroit, MI
- Senior Queens**, Skore Lanes, Detroit, MI
- PBA/BPAA Senior Ladies and Legends**, Cherry Bowl, Rockford, IL
- SASBA Trio**, USA Bowl, Dallas, TX
- PBA Senior Jackson Open**, Airport Lanes, Jackson, MI
- SASBA**, Four Seasons Bowling Center, Alexandria, LA
- SASBA Firecracker**, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
- SASBA South Central**, Galaxy Lanes, Columbia, TN
- SASBA SS Singles**, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
- USBC Senior Masters**, Golden Pin Lanes, Tucson, AZ
- SASBA Mem/Guest Doubles**, Millennium Bowl, Little Rock, AR
- PBA Senior U.S. Open**, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- SASBA South Central**, PlaMor Lanes, Huntsville, AL
- International Bowl Expo 2008**, Rosen Shingle Creek & Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL
- PBA Senior Epicenter Classic**, Epicenter Bowling Complex, Klamath Falls, OR
- Bowling Writers Association of America Convention**, International Plaza, Orlando, FL
- High Roller**, Samis Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- PBA Senior Northern California Classic**, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood CA
- SASBA South Central**, Tusculum Lanes, Nashville, TN
- USBC Junior Gold Championships**, Detroit MI
- USBC Youth Open Championships**, Skore Lanes, Detroit, MI
- SASBA**, 300 Bowl, Conroe, TX
- Teen Masters National Championships**, South Point Bowl, Las Vegas, NV
- Pepsi USBC Youth Championships**, Sunnybrook Lanes, Detroit, MI
- SASBA SS/Champ/Non-Champs**, Holiday Lanes, Oklahoma City, OK
- WTBA World Youth Championships**, Orlando, Florida
- SASBA**, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, TX
- PBA Senior Hammond Open**, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, IN
- SASBA South Central M/G/Doubles**, Winchester Bowl, Memphis, TN
- PBA Senior Decatur Open**, Spare Time Lanes, Decatur, IL
- 5th New Mexico Open**, Tenpins & More, Rio Rancho, NM
- SASBA**, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
- SASBA SS/Guest Doubles**, Diamond Lanes, Odessa, TX
- Military Vets Handicap Team**, Samis Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- SASBA Labor Day Blow-Out**, Lafayette Lanes, Lafayette, LA
- SASBA Masters**, Mega Play USA, Port Arthur, TX
- USBC Storm Mixed Team Championships**, National Bowling Stadium, Reno
- SASBA South Central**, RebeLanes, Tupelo, MS
- SASBA Annual Championship**, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX

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You can say what you want about the South, but you never hear of anyone retiring and moving North!

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Finally a workout program we can live with. This is amazing, I tried it and it works! Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato sacks. Then try 50-lb potato sacks and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.) After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks.

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SPEEDING TICKET

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license.

She replied in a huff, 'I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you take away my license and then today you expect me to show it to you!'

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A Toddler's Tea Party!!

One day my mother was out and my dad was in charge of me and my brother who is four years older than I am. I was maybe 1 and a half years old and had just recovered from an accident in which my arm had been broken among other injuries.

Someone had given me a little 'tea set' as a get-well gift and it was one of my favorite toys. Daddy was in the living room engrossed in the evening news and my brother was playing nearby in the living room when I brought Daddy a little cup of 'tea', which was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my Mom came home. My Dad made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea, because it was 'just the cutest thing!!'

My Mom waited, and sure enough, I came down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy. She watched him drink it up, then said, 'Did it ever occur to you that the only place that baby can reach to get water is the toilet??'

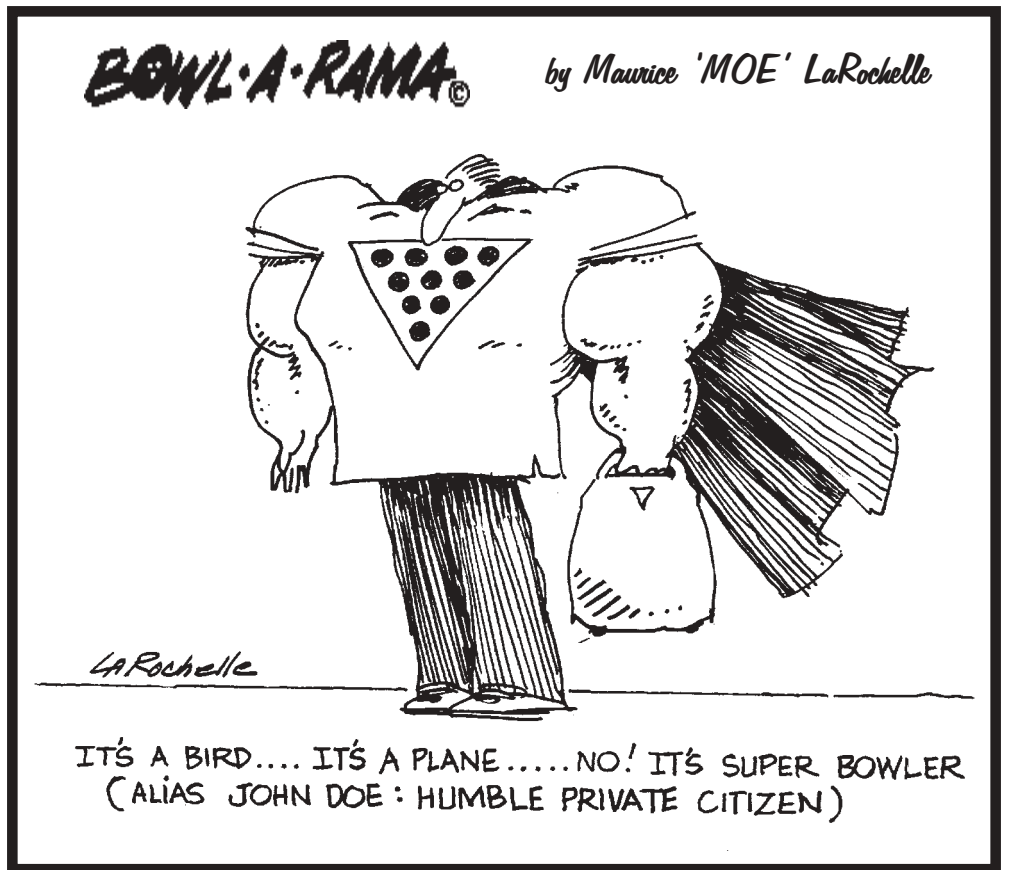
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KNITTING

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting!

Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, 'PULL OVER!'

'NO!' the blonde yelled back, 'IT'S A SCARF!'



LIFE AFTER DEATH :

"DO YOU BELIEVE IN LIFE AFTER DEATH?" THE BOSS ASKED ONE OF HIS EMPLOYEES. "YES, SIR," THE NEW EMPLOYEE REPLIED. "WELL, THEN, THAT MAKES EVERYTHING JUST FINE," THE BOSS WENT ON. "AFTER YOU LEFT EARLY YESTERDAY TO GO TO YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S FUNERAL, SHE STOPPED IN TO SEE YOU!"

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MAXINEISMS

Everything slows down with age, except the time it takes cake and ice cream to reach your hips.

It's time to do some stuff around the house. Sit around it . . . walk around it . . . lie around it.

I find it helps to organize chores into categories: Things I won't do now; Things I won't do later; Things I'll never do.

On Labor Day, if one of my relatives sees a shadow, they all quit working for six weeks.

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Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?

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If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea...does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?

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Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?

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Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

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GRANDMA'S AGE

Little Johnny asked his grandma how old she was. Grandma answered, "39 and holding." Johnny thought for a moment, and then said, "And how old would you be if you let go?"

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Do Lipton Tea employees take 'coffee breaks'?

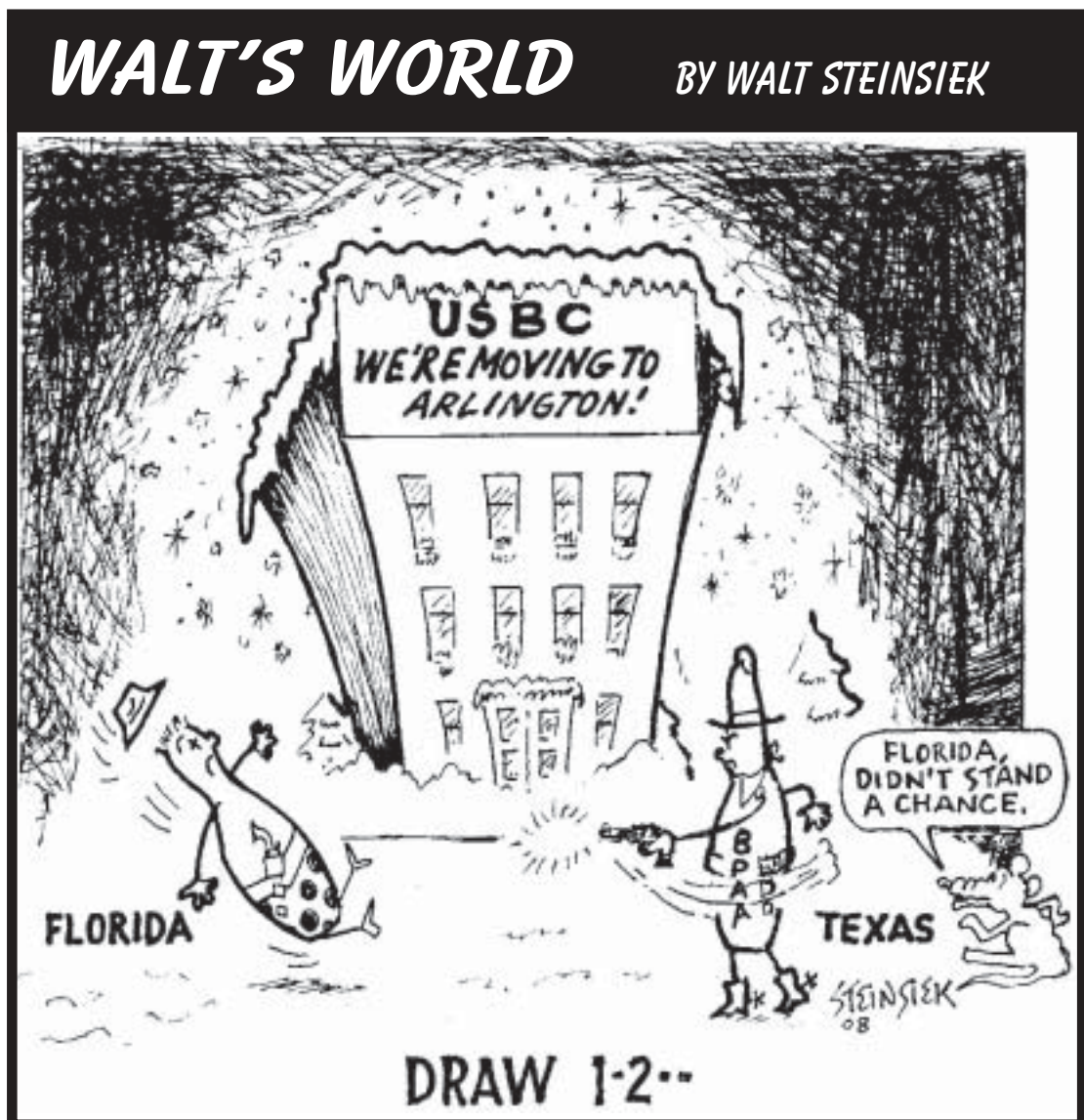
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What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

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BLONDE ON THE SUN

A Russian, an American, and a Blonde were talking one day. The Russian said, 'We were the first in space!' The American said, 'We were the first on the moon!' The Blonde said, 'So what? We're going to be the first on the sun!' The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads. 'You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn up!' said the Russian. To which the Blonde replied, 'We're not stupid, you know. We're going at night!'



Jack Thomas Selected to Receive 2008 Kerm Helmer Horizon Award

Bowling center manager and youth bowling proponent Jack Thomas of Sacramento, Calif., has been selected by the United States Bowling Congress to receive its 2008 Kerm Helmer Horizon Award for his efforts to establish and increase USBC Junior Gold and collegiate competition opportunities for young bowlers.

The award, which annually honors a leader in the bowling community who has the vision to bring dreams to life, will be presented to Thomas on May 9 at the USBC Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

Currently the general manager of Fireside Lanes in Citrus Heights, Calif., Thomas has been an active supporter of youth bowling at the local, state and national levels for more than 30 years. He served on the boards of directors of the Young American Bowling Alliance, the Bowling Proprietors Association of America and the NorCal Bowling Proprietors

of America and was a BPAA representative on what's now known as the USBC Collegiate Committee in the mid-1980s to the late 1990s, a period of rapid growth for the program.

"Jack was a pioneer in many aspects of youth bowling as we know it today," said nominator Debbie Haggerty, mother of pro bowler and past Junior Team USA and Team USA member P.J. Haggerty. "He helped promote the first Junior Gold tournaments on the west coast and was instrumental in helping my son to the level he is today."

USBC's Kerm Helmer Horizon Award was created in 2004 to honor the memory of Kerm Helmer, the team founder and long-time bowling coach at Erie Community College who served as a board member, vice president and president of the Young American Bowling Alliance, one of the four organizations that merged to form the United States Bowling Congress three years ago.

Storm Named Presenting Sponsor of 2008 USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships

Storm Bowling Products, Inc., has been named the presenting sponsor of the 2008 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Team Championships, which will be held April 16-19 at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan.

The USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships, contested annually since 1975, is the pinnacle event of the college bowling season with the top 16 men's and top 16 women's teams in the country vying for national titles.

"We're excited to be the official sponsor of such a great tournament. Many of our sport's top athletes today are a product of the experiences they gained through the collegiate bowling program," said Steve Kloempken, marketing director for Storm Bowling Products, Inc. "At Storm, we recognize the hard work and dedication it takes to be a champion. And you'll be hard pressed to find a tournament

which exemplifies these values more so than at this tournament."

"The USBC Collegiate program is thrilled to have Storm on board in support of this great event," Director of USBC High School and Collegiate Jeanne Klescewski said. "With its support, this year's USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships will continue to be one of the most exhilarating tournaments in not only bowling, but all of college athletics."

Qualifying for the national finals will be held on March 15-16 at four sectional sites: Allentown, Pa.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Fairview Heights, Ill., and Las Vegas. Teams placed in sectionals will bowl 64 Baker games over two days, with the top four men's and top four women's teams from each sectional advancing to the USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships presented by Storm.

John Burkett Tops US Bowler Celebrity Rankings; Jerome Bettis ranked second

NBA All-Stars Dwight Howard, Chris Paul and LeBron James all earn mention

Former Major League Baseball pitcher John Burkett topped the rankings, thanks to his eight 300 games and three 800 series. No one can dispute the former MLB pitcher's proven credentials. Burkett has been a USBC member since 1988 and has eight 300 games and three 800 series to his credit. Posted a 221 average in 2006-07, and a 2082 all-events score at the 2006 USBC Open Championships in Corpus Christi, Tex.



John Burkett

Former NFL running back Jerome Bettis, who has a 200 average and was inducted into the Celebrity Wing of the Bowling Hall of Fame in 2006, ranked second, followed by another celebrity Bowling Hall of Fame inductee - former MLB pitcher Tom Candiotti, who posted a 212 average in last season and rolled his first 300 in March 2007.

While they are most known for their exploits on a basketball court, three NBA superstars participating in this weekend's All-Star Game in New Orleans are also known for their prowess on another type of hardwood - bowling.

Orlando Magic forward Dwight Howard, New Orleans Hornets guard Chris Paul and Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James earned top spots in the first Celebrity Bowling rankings published in the Spring 2008 issue of US Bowler, the official membership magazine of the United States Bowling Congress.

Howard, who "bowls every chance I get," ranked No. 5, with the No. 8 spot going to Paul, an avid bowler who has served as a USBC spokesperson since March 2007. James, who had bowling lanes installed in his house, earned honorable mention.

"Anyone who knows me knows that right next to basketball, bowling is a true passion of mine," said Paul, a Most Valuable Player candidate who was featured on the cover of Thursday's USA Today NBA All-Star Game special section. "Bowling is one of those sports that, much like golf, you can do for a long time. When I finish playing basketball, I'll still be bowling. And a dream of mine is to, one of these days, when I build my dream house, is to have at least two to four lanes in my house."

"As soon as the season is over you won't be able to find me in the gym, but you'll definitely be able to find me in a bowling center."

"Bowling, a lot of times, helps when it comes to pressure, too. When you get up there in the 10th frame - even if I'm going against my brother - the slightest tension in my arm when I come back to bowl can affect your shot. It is just like missing a free throw. I might go right into the gutter to lose the match."

Additionally, Memphis Grizzlies guard Michael Conley, who throws his strike ball right-handed and spare ball left-handed, ranked at No. 6, followed by Washington Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas, who bowled in leagues in Los Angeles as a teen and still bowls regularly in the offseason, at No. 7.

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