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by Jim Goodwin

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PBA's Innovative World Series Should be Interesting

If you are a true blue Professional Bowling Association Tour fan, don't blink – you might miss something!

Continuing the aggressive and innovative management style that really got going this season, Fred Schreyer and Tom Clark are now rolling out a new history-making concept called the World Series of Bowling to start their 51st year. Essentially, the WSB replaces the traditional first half of the 2009-10 PBA season with seven exempt tour events, the Women's Series, and the PBA Senior World Championship, all happening in one city in one month.

Wow.

The venues for the events will be long-time tour stop Taylor Lanes in Taylor, Michigan, and historic 90-lane Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, both near Detroit. You may recall that Thunderbowl also boasted a six-lane arena that was originally built in 1960 to host the Detroit Thunderbirds of the National Bowling League. The arena will be used to tape the shows that will air from mid-October through early December on ESPN.

The second half of the season, the tour comes back to earth to visit ten cities, including three major events. Perhaps questions in the

minds of the media, players and fans are "Why this concept, why Detroit, and what will this do for the tour?"

Apparently, tape delayed broadcasts are now necessary to be able to afford television these days. We may not like it – but it is what it is, and we will get used to it soon enough. Also apparent is that the PBA has learned that the size of the TV audience is virtually the same for a taped show as for a live show – bowling fans will watch, even if they know who the winners are before the show airs.

By taping several shows at the same time in the same venue, the PBA saves a bundle in production costs – somewhere between \$500k and a million, depending on how it is done, according to experts. Several years ago, this concept was suggested to the PWBA after the 2003 Women's US Open was held in Detroit, but they opted not to do it, and the tour ceased operations that summer.

The guy who made that suggestion was Detroit bowling scribe Matt Fiorito, who will be covering the PBA World Series of Bowling in his award winning style. He sounds off on the event in a piece written for the Bowling News Network. (It appears on page 5) This might have been "the" answer for the PWBA, but it

now looks like the proverbial "idea ahead of its time."

Detroit has had its fair share of bowling and civic problems, but it still boasts more avid USBC league bowlers than any other association in the USA. Because of the convenience, a lot of them may support these events by bowling in the Tournament Qualifying Rounds, and the World Championship, which has an open field.

Other improvements include expanding the 64-man field for these events to 72, and the Women's Series field from 16 to 20. Each TQR will have a minimum of 10 spots available for the main events, and two new spots for the Women's Series.

The one troubling aspect of the WSB events is the same one this bowling traditionalist wrote about concerning the 2007 Women's U.S. Open. For that major event, there was a two-month delay from the time the finalists were determined until they bowled on TV for the title.

The PBA WSB will culminate in the live World Championship show on December 13 featuring finalists that will be determined in early September – a three month delay. A lot can happen in three months, and any momentum a player may have had to earn the position will be long gone.

Aside from that 'acceptable' glitch, which is probably the new standard, we continue to be amazed at the imagination of the PBA's management group. It is both refreshing, and long over due.

One of our first thoughts about this concept was the choice of the name – I thought 'why borrow the baseball name, or the golf name. (Masters). Why not come up with something clever and original? – but on second thought, the PBA may get some extra media attention by tying in some ESPN promo spots with the baseball World Series in October.

If the concept proves successful, we can also imagine it rotating to different cities in the future. Thinking selfishly, we would love to see it in the Dallas-Fort Worth area next year, just before the Cowboys host the 2011 NFL Super Bowl in Arlington. It could generate a ton of positive publicity for the International Bowling Campus, Training Center and Museum.

It might even become so important in terms of publicity for a solid month, that cities put up big bucks to bid for it - we can always dream, can't we?

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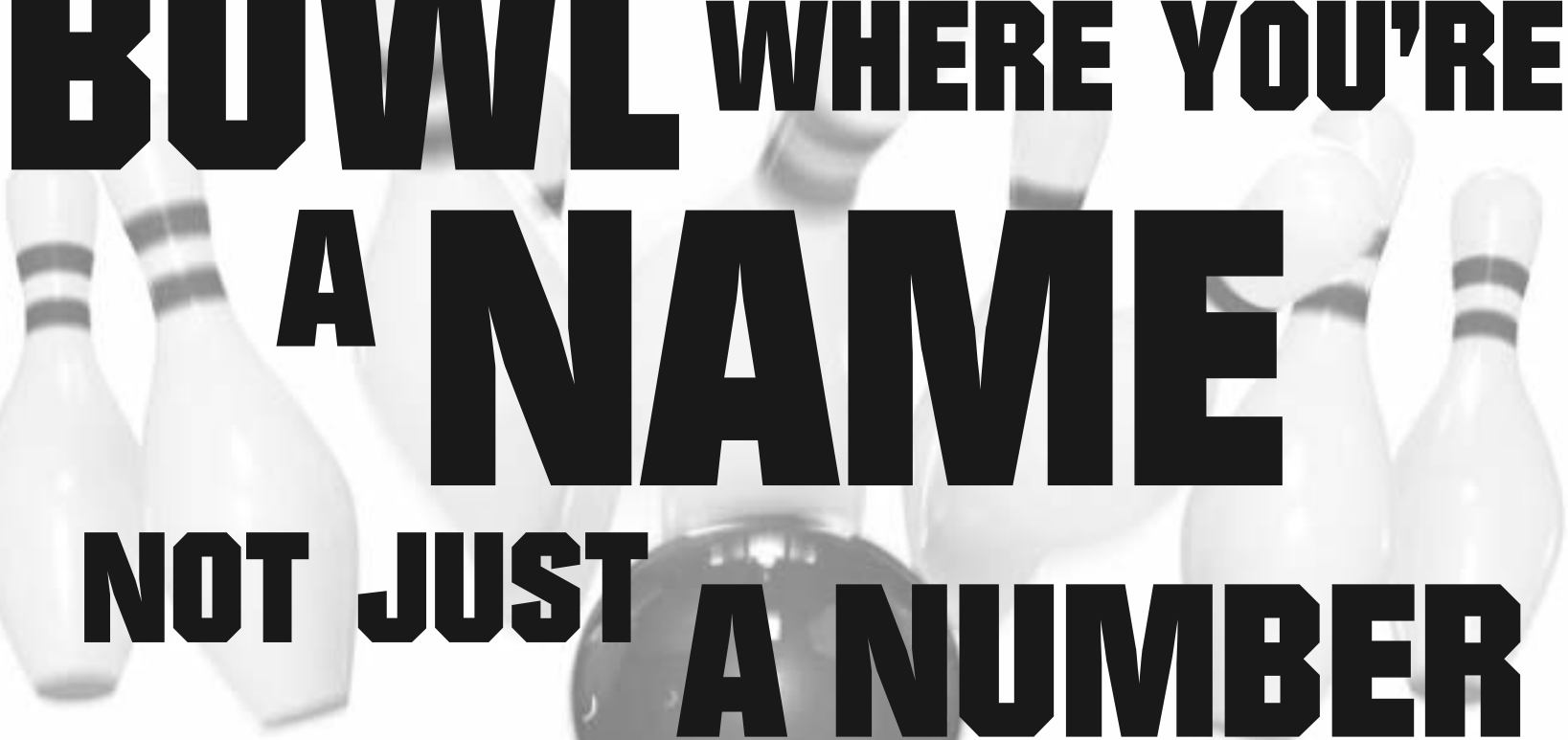
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PEZZANO

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

USBC Talking, and Listening, In Town Hall Meetings

I attended one of the first of a series of town hall meetings conducted by the United States Bowling Congress.

The presenters were two top, highly respected USBC officials, Kevin Dornberger, Chief Operating Officer, and Tamoria Adams, Chair of the National Policy Committee.

There are plenty of give and take, but very little meeting of the minds of a gathering of an audience of nearly 100, a good mix of association officials, proprietors, and youth and tournament representatives.

All the important issues were discussed and the proposed list of the 2009-2010 recognition awards, 26 of them, including magnets. I thought that was great, let the kids put their magnet awards on household appliances, their bowling bags or their school totes or lunch boxes, to show pride in their achievement and boost their sport.

I was wrong – most favored the long used emblems.

It all came down to the state of the bowling organization, and the ways it could improve, and the big, big bottom line, the continuing loss of USBC membership, in both adult and junior divisions.

The ways and means to retain and increase dues paying members are many and varied, and all have their own ideas of how it can be done.

It's good that 67 million people bowled annually in recent years. Some bowled only once, most now and then, but a great number bowled regularly, many of them more times than league members.

The sanctioned bowlers are in the 3

They said it well. . .with comments

"To get maximum attention, it's hard to beat a good, big mistake." – *The Gazette* (Ask any bowler who ever tossed a bad ball at the wrong time.)

"Imagination is more important than knowledge." – *Albert Einstein* (Any top bowler will agree that the mental side of the game is at least 80 percent.)

"Trifles make perfection – and perfection is no trifle." – *Michaelangelo* (That's why pros practice the little parts of their game for hours on end.)

"The true way to soften one's troubles is to solace those of others." – *de Maintenon* (In other words, take the time to listen to another bowlers troubles, and if you talk to enough, you'll always find someone worse off than you are.)

"Trust in God, and keep your powder dry." – *Cromwell* (Pray, but make sure you're throwing a good ball first.)

"Tis strange – but true; for truth is always strange, stranger than fiction." – *Byron* (Now start believing some of those stories other bowlers tell you, or attend a meeting of a ladies bowling league.)

"Bad laws are the worst sort of tyranny." – *Burke* (And so are bad rules, in leagues and tournaments.)

"All for one; one for all." – *Dumas* (The way bowling teams are supposed to feel.)

"Variety is the very spice of life, that gives it all the flavours." – *Cowper* (Except when you run into five different splits in a game.)

"There is nothing so dreadful as a great victory – except a great defeat." –

million area and let's say there are probably that many more in unsanctioned leagues, clubs and fraternal groups that bowl regularly.

Dornberger made a telling and very true statement when he noted that many people bowl for fun.

They sure do, and fun, social contact and competition tossed in add to important elements of the sport. At times, the USBC should forget everything else and stress the USBC's role in governing the sport.

Bowling wouldn't be much fun if one person used a ball the size of a softball and another had a ball bigger than a beach ball.

Bowling wouldn't be much fun if one lane was 16 feet and another 61 feet long and the width was what the builder like that day.

It wouldn't be fun if there was a channel to the pocket and for every spare leave.

It wouldn't be fun if you bowling all season, and prize funds were gone come payoff time. Recently the USBC was instrumental in a New York case where funds were misused – and helped keep the honesty and integrity of bowling on the highest level.

Bowling would be a hodge-podge of skee ball and other amusement park games using a ball to knock down something – and it would be momentary fun without sophistication and purpose.

Real fun is anything is real involvement – and sanctioned bowling offers areas of fun, no matter how slight or how deeply you want to be connected.

Wellington (Like they say, winning can be tough, but it's better than losing.)

"The stoical scheme of supplying our wants by lopping off our desires is like cutting off our feet when we want shoes." – *Swift* (Aim high, shoot for the sky, 300 is possible every game, so don't settle for 100.)

"Welcome as the flowers in May." – *Scott* (A lucky strike.)

"Man can do everything with himself, but he must not attempt to do too much with others." – *Von Humboldt* (Change your game but don't offer instructions unless asked.)

"I never knew so young a body with so old a head." – *Shakespeare* (The young pros are smarter and smarter every year.)

"No wonder can last more than three days." – *Italian proverb* (So don't forget to come back to earth after that big game, big series or big win.)

"The word impossible is not in my dictionary." – *Napoleon* (And neither was it in the dictionaries of the likes of Don Carter, Dick Weber, Earl Anthony and Mark Roth.)

"I never did anything worth doing by accident, nor did any of my inventions come by accident; they came by work." – *Edison* (And an amen is added by all successful bowlers, promoters and officials.)

"But in this world nothing is sure but death and taxes." – *Franklin* (And excuses for bad bowling.)

"For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: It might have been!" – *Whittier* (add your own comment)

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Wes Malott Takes PBA Etonic Marathon Open

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – After conquering one of the most challenging tournament formats in Lumber Liquidators Professional Bowlers Association Tour history, Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, earned his sixth career title by winning the PBA Etonic Marathon Open at Woodland Bowl.

Malott defeated hometown favorite Ronnie Russell of Indianapolis, 248-195, in the championship match to win his third title of the year and take a commanding lead in the race for Player of the Year honors. He won a \$35,000 first prize.

“That’s the goal right now,” Malott said of his run for Player of the Year. “This puts me in good position but I can’t slack off – there’s Norm Duke, Patrick Allen and some others behind me so I’ve got to stay sharp.”

The unique tournament format consisted of 54 games – total pinfall with no match play – over four days con-

tested on six different PBA Tour lane condition patterns leading up to the stepladder finals. The long format and the use of PBA’s Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion, Earl Anthony and Shark oil patterns was designed to test the competitors’ stamina and versatility.

As the tournament leader, Malott earned the privilege of choosing the Scorpion oil pattern for the ESPN telecast. The Scorpion pattern incorporates a larger volume of oil on the lanes applied to a distance of 42 feet which often demands a more direct line.

“I consider myself to be one of the most versatile players out here and I don’t want to be a one hit wonder,” said the 32-year-old

Malott. “I picked the Scorpion pattern because I’ve bowled well on it and I felt it would hold up the best during the course of the finals.”

Earlier this season Malott won the Tour’s Versatility Swing, which consisted of six championships on the different PBA lane conditioning patterns.

For the 29-year-old Russell it was his first television appearance and best finish in an individual Tour event. He also finished second in last season’s PBA Exempt Doubles Classic with Joe Ciccone.

Prior to losing to Malott, Russell defeated Bill O’Neill, 27, of Southampton, Pa., 245-190, and in the semi-final match beat Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., 248-216. Weber, who finished third and has yet to win this season, was making his second consecutive television appearance and third in the last four

weeks. O’Neill, finishing fourth and still looking for his first Tour victory, was bowling on his sixth telecast of the season.

“For all three matches I felt exactly the same, but I probably needed to go to another ball, I’m not sure,” Russell said. “I can’t complain, I had a great week bowling in front of my family and all the hometown fans.”

In the opening match, O’Neill defeated reigning PBA Player of the Year and 10-time Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour titlist Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 239-220. Barnes was also making his second consecutive television appearance and fifth overall this season, but also has yet to win this season.



Wes Malott

Barnes Ends TV Slump with Victory in PBA’s Buckeye State Eliminator

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, ended his five-game television losing streak in style Sunday, racing away to a 258-172 victory over Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., in the title match of the Don Johnson Buckeye State Eliminator at Sequoia Pro Bowl.

Barnes, who successfully defended his 2008 Buckeye State title, earned \$25,000 and his first title of the 2008-09 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season. Four straight strikes in the middle of the game in response to four consecutive nine-pin spares by Koivuniemi put Barnes into a commanding lead and he never looked back.

“The hardest thing to do is to repeat with all the expectations that come from winning,” Barnes said, “but the short format today worked in my favor and I survived. I have been there enough to put up with the heat. I like the competition and love bowling on Sunday.”

Barnes also noted he has been working with retired PBA Tour star Mark Baker on improving his game.

“The stuff I worked on with Mark kept me in check”, said Barnes.

In the opening match of the unique eliminator tournament final, Rhino Page of Topeka, Kan., was low-man-out, failing to convert a pair of splits in posting a 202 game. Barnes

led the four-player group with a 238, Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, was second with a 216 and Koivuniemi had a 212 game.

In the semifinal contest, Scroggins left single pins in five frames en route to elimination with a 218. Koivuniemi rolled a 266 and



Chris Barnes

Barnes a 235 game to set up the title match between long-time friends and tour roommates.

The tournament also raised more than \$37,000 in the name of the tournament’s namesake, the late PBA Hall of Famer Don Johnson, for Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus to help buy insulin pumps and medicine for families in need.

Don Johnson Buckeye State Eliminator Sequoia Pro Bowl – Columbus, Ohio - March 8, 2009

Final Standings

1. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas	3 games, 731 pins	\$25,000
2. Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Michigan	3 games, 650 pins	\$13,000
3. Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas	2 games, 434 pins	\$ 6,500
4. Rhino Page, Topeka, Kansas	1 game, 202 pins	\$ 5,500

Eliminator Results

Match One: Barnes 238, Scroggins 216, Koivuniemi 212, Page 202 (Page eliminated)

Semifinal Match: Koivuniemi 266, Barnes 235, Scroggins 218 (Scroggins eliminated)

Championship: Barnes def. Koivuniemi, 258-172

ELIMINATOR ROUND - Low two-game score eliminated in each group, each round

GROUP A

Round One

Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 467 (248-219); Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 467 (233-234); Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 395 (202-193); Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 369 (179-190 earned \$2,600)

Round Two

Scroggins 518 (277-241); Fagan 417 (190-237); Malott 392 (181-211 earned \$3,000)

Round Three

Scroggins 456 (196-258 advances to ESPN finals); Fagan 426 (243-183 earned \$4,000)

GROUP B

Round One

Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 499 (245-254); Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 493 (215-278); Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 467 (247-220); Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 452 (205-246 earned \$2,600)

Round Two

Koivuniemi 468 (246-222); Bohn 439 (256-183); Wiseman 427 (224-203 earned \$3,000)

Round Three

Koivuniemi 451 (235-216 advances to ESPN finals); Bohn 398 (215-183 earned \$4,000)

GROUP C

Round One

Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 448 (212-236); Bill O’Neill, Southampton, Pa., 442 (229-213); Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 435 (258-177); Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 368 (176-192 earned \$2,600)

Round Two

Jones 463 (199-264); Barnes 443 (186-257); O’Neill 424 (225-199 earned \$3,000)

Round Three

Barnes 440 (245-195 advances to ESPN finals); Jones 366 (201-165 earned \$4,000)

GROUP D

Round One

Joe Bailey, Pittsburgh, 455 (201-254); Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan., 443 (228-215); Ed VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 403 (189-214); Mike DeVaney, San Diego, 378 (190-188 earned \$2,600)

Round Two

Bailey 452 (232-220); Page 393 (135-258); VanDaniker 380 (214-166 earned \$3,000)

Round Three

Page 447 (245-202 advances to ESPN finals); Bailey 432 (234-298 earned \$4,000)

Round of 33 (\$2200 ea.)

Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 6,035; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 6,033; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 6,024; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 6,016; Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 5,998; Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, 5,993; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 5,990; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 5,979; Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 5,977; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 5,973; Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 5,957; Jason Lundquist, Delaware Water Gap, Pa., 5,944; Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 5,943; Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 5,92; Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 5,929; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 5,789; Terrance Reeves, Valrico, Fla., 5,691, \$1,800

Round of 64 (\$1800 ea.)

Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 2,952; Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,951; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 2,951; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2,948; Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., 2,941; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,937; Billy LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 2,931; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 2,920; Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 2,918; Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 2,901; Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 2,899; Andrew Cain, Scottsdale, Ariz., 2,885; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,884; Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 2,879; Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 2,866; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,857; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 2,853; Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 2,838; Billy Oatman, Chicago, 2,832; John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 2,814; Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 2,804; Dave D’Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 2,790; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,776; Chester Rogers Jr, Milwaukie, Ore., 2,767; David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 2,758; Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 2,753; Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 2,74; Richard Jones Jr., Bedford, Ohio, 2,725; Craig Tuholski, Washougal, Wash., 2,707; Ken Abner, Cincinnati, 2,700; Jonathan Van Hees, Newport, R.I., 1,888

ETONIC MARATHON OPEN

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Indiana - March 1, 2009

Final Standings

Match One – Bill O’Neill, Levittown, Pa. def. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas (\$5,000) 239-220

Match Two – Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, Ind. def. O’Neill (\$7,000) 245-190

Match Three – Russell def. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo. (\$9,000) 248-216

Championship

Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas (\$35,000) def. Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, Ind. (\$17,500) 248-195

Qualifying Round 6 Cashers (After 54 Games)

Edward VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 11,983, \$4,000; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 11,914, \$3,500; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 11,904, \$3,200; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 11,886, \$3,100; Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, Fla., 11,876, \$2,900; Jason Belmonte, Australia, 11,869, \$2,800; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 11,841, \$2,700; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 11,836, \$2,600; Thomas Smalwood, Flushing, Mich., 11,816, \$2,500; Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 11,775, \$2,450; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 11,754, \$2,400; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 11,753, \$2,450; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 11,748, \$2,300; Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., 11,720, \$2,250; Mike DeVaney, San Diego, 11,712, \$2,300; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 11,697, \$2,150; Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 11,685, \$2,120; Joe Bailey, Pittsburgh, Pa., 11,667, \$2,190; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 11,656, \$2,060; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 11,634, \$2,030; Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 11,544, \$2,000; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 11,537, \$2,070; Derek Sapp, Keokuk, Iowa, 11,536, \$1,940; Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan., 11,520, \$1,910; Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 11,497, \$1,865; Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 11,497, \$1,865; Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 11,487, \$1,820; John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 11,481, \$1,790; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 11,481, \$1,790; Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 11,445, \$1,760; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 11,390, \$1,740; Dave D’Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 11,383, \$1,720; Jonathan Van Hees, Newport, R.I., 11,373, \$1,700; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 11,363, \$1,680; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 11,328, \$1,660; Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 11,209, \$1,640; George Branham III, Indianapolis, 11,190, \$1,620; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 11,184, \$1,600; Ryan Cimminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 11,145, \$1,590; Jason Lundquist, Delaware Water Gap, Pa., 11,118, \$1,580; Adrienne Miller, Albuquerque, N.M., 10,906, \$1,570; Andrew Cain, Scottsdale, Ariz., 10,830, \$1,560; Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 10,737, \$1,550; Jason Poll, West Des Moines, Iowa, 10,496, \$1,640; Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 9,518, \$1,530; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 9,492, \$1,520; Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 9,376, \$1,510; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 5,748, \$1,500

Barnes Tops Williams to Win Go RVing Match Play Championship

NORWICH, Conn. – Reigning Lumber Liquidators PBA Player of the Year Chris Barnes fought his way back into contention to repeat with an impressive three-game 722-693 victory over Walter Ray Williams Jr. in the title match of the Go RVing Match Play Championship at Norwich Bowling and Entertainment Center.

Barnes, the No. 3 seed in the PBA's "March Madness" match play elimination tournament, used the three-game, total pinfall format to his advantage in winning his 12th career title and back-to-back titles for the first time in his career. Two weeks earlier, Barnes won the Don Johnson Buckeye State Eliminator in Columbus, Ohio.

Barnes, who has been notorious for making critical mistakes in a number of past TV losses, had the luxury of three games to make up for an error this time, and that's exactly what he did.

Williams and Barnes both flirted with perfection in the first two games, but unforced errors by both players kept the contest up in the air going into the decisive third game.

The No. 5 seeded Williams, the PBA's all-time titles leader with 45, looked like he was going to run away with the match early. Williams, who has been the victim of three perfect games on TV without ever bowling one himself, started the match with nine strikes. But when he left a 7 pin on his first shot in the 10th frame and missed the spare, he gave Barnes hope, finishing with 267 to Barnes' 241. Instead of a possible 59-pin lead, Williams led by only 26 pins.

"Brain (expletive)," the 49-year-old Williams said of his uncharacteristic missed spare. "That's what happens when you get old."

Barnes quickly erased his deficit in game two, starting with nine strikes himself. With back-to-back splits and open frames, Williams

struggled to a 192. But Barnes returned Williams favor, leaving a 4-10 split to end his perfect-game bid. Despite that error, Barnes finished with 266 and took a 48-pin lead into the third game.

"It was the same bad shot I made when I left the Big Four in the first game," Barnes said. "But in general, the move I made worked, so I was pleased."

Williams threw a couple more strikes than Barnes in game three, but it was basically a contest of staying out of trouble. Working on three strikes, Williams left a 4 pin in the seventh frame that took away the momentum he needed to overcome Barnes' lead. Williams won the third

game, 234-215, but he was still 29 pins short.

"Chris bowled a lot better than I did," Williams said. "If it had been a best of three match, I win, but that's not the way it went today."

"Three games was a big deal for me. It gave me a chance to win," Barnes said. "Normally, I leave the Big Four in game one and I'm out."

"The right lane was troublesome for both of us," he continued. "I was just able to put together a bigger string on that lane than Walter Ray was, but it was getting to be a problem. Fortunately, we ran out of frames before I ran out of pins."

Barnes, who won \$25,000, surged into third place in the Player of the Year points race behind Wes Malott and Norm Duke, and he still has a mathematical chance to pass both and retain his Player of the Year title.

"Things seem to be going my way right now," the Double Oak, Texas, resident said. "The U.S. Open is the toughest tournament of all to win. I will need that to happen to have a chance."



Chris Barnes

Naccarato Notches First Senior Win at Golden Ladies Classic

Las Vegas - Jeanne Naccarato, Tacoma, WA, captured the 19th Annual Golden Ladies Classic in wire-to-wire fashion at The Orleans Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

The former pro bowler and Hall of Famer averaged 219 to lead the first round of qualifying and never looked back. After 15 games of qualifying Naccarato was 16 pins ahead of best friend and former tour roommate Robin Romeo, Newhall, CA, in a contest available only to ladies over the age of 50 years.

The format called for dropping qualifying pins as the top 18 entered match play but Naccarato and Romeo continued their striking ways, entering the stepladder finals as the top seeds. Naccarato averaged 223 and won 14 of 18 matches while Romeo averaged 218, winning 13 of her matches. Opening match of the 5-person stepladder finals pitted former Golden Ladies winner and USBC Senior Queens champion Sandy Postma, Lansing, IL, against Lil Johnson, Lawton, OK. Postma prevailed, 204-193, and then faced 2006 winner Char Hammel, Las Vegas. Postma narrowly defeated Hammel, 201-196, after Hammel suf-

fered a split in the ninth frame. That was the end of the line for Postma as she next fell to Romeo, 158-215. Naccarato stayed out of trouble and defeated Romeo, 206-175 to take home the \$2,000 first prize and trophy.

In the Super Senior (over 60 years) division Andi Whitlock, Middletown, DE, a past USBC Senior Queens champion, came out on top to win the trophy and \$750. Whitlock averaged 202 and won 9 of 12 matches. Runnerup was Bennie Gemello, Tucson, who averaged 208 but only won 6 matches.

72 women from 19 states entered the event which is run by Jeanette Robinson, USBC Hall of Fame member. Robinson was feted by all the bowlers on Tuesday night in honor of her 80th birthday and as the founder of this popular event for senior women.

This year's tournament was dedicated to the late Joe Lyou, former owner and editor of the Pacific Bowler. He passed away shortly after returning from covering last year's Golden Ladies Classic.

Next year's tournament dates are set for March 8-11, 2010 at the Orleans.



Jeanne Naccarato

National Golden Ladies Classic
The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV - March 12, 2009

Finals

Regular Division: 1. Jeanne Naccarato, Tacoma, WA, \$2000 2. Robin Romeo, Newhall, CA, \$1,100 3. Char Hammel, Las Vegas, \$700 4. Sandy Postma, Lansing, IL, \$500 5. Lil Johnson, Lawton, OK \$450 6. Janine Ditch, Chino Hills, CA, \$375 7. Karen Miller, Las Vegas, \$360 8. Joan Reilly, Wilmington, NC, \$350 9. Carol Jones, Englewood, CO, \$345 10. Pam Lawrence, Pflugerville, TX, \$340 11. Pam Buckner, Reno, NV, \$335 12. Fran Deken, Coweta, OK, \$330 13. Vesma Grinfelds, San Francisco, \$325 14. Gloria Frazier, Vidor, TX, \$320 15. Gail Smith, Discovery Bay, CA, \$315 *16. Heidi Pagenkopf, Lynnwood, WA, \$310 17. Barbara Shelton, Hempstead, NY, \$305 18. Karen Pullman, Salt Lake City, \$300. *Pagenkopf replaced Dee Price, Stockton, CA, who withdrew due to injury.

Super Senior Division:

1. Andi Whitlock, Middleton, DE, \$750 2. Bennie Gemello, Tucson, \$550, 3. Karen Smith, San Marcos, CA, \$450 4. Nadine Fulton, University Place, WA, \$400 5. Rose Williams, Yorba Linda, CA, \$355 6. Dora Nettleman, Eaton Rapids, MI, \$320 7. Donna Donohue, La Mesa, CA, \$280 8. Rose Smith, Las Vegas, \$260 9. Beth Krohn, Port Neches, TX, \$250 10. Anita Pope, Silsbee, TX, \$245 11. Alberta Wambold, Rochester, NY, \$235 12. Vern Vanderveen, Mira Luna, CA, \$220.

USBC VEGAS GRAND OPENING SPECTACULAR, As Expected

by Jeanette Robinson

The USBC Las Vegas Convention authority and the city of Las Vegas went all out to make the return of the event to the City of Lights one

the competition area puts a stamp on the competitive side that this is truly a major major. For the opening, a special pre taped demonstration



Dick Porter photo

showing the versatility of the board left no doubt that this is truly one of the best of its kind. For the spectators this is really an added bonus because it affords them a chance to be close to the action no matter where they are seated in the arena.

Among the local dignitaries who

that will be in the memory book of those who attended for a long time to come. The staff of Henderson, who is one of the top women shepherded the event like a fine tuned watch.

The who's who of the industry were all in attendance. Mayor Oscar Goodman, accompanied by two show girls, walked the center lane and later cut the ribbon, officially kicking off this year's event.

The old saying "You have to see it to believe it" applies to the Cashman Center. You have the feeling you're part of the truly major event when walking into the venue that houses all of the major companies in our industry.

The megatron score board that dominates

were honored was our own Wendy Macpherson of Henderson, who is one of the top women bowlers in the United States. She has been chosen, along with five other top women bowlers to compete in an inaugural Women's Series Showdown in April at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Florida. ESPN will air the event on Sunday April 12th from 1-3 pm Eastern. Wonderful exposure for our ladies.

The Open runs for five and a half months, but all the early indicators point to "have game will travel" Two perfect games were posted the first week and a team from England held the top spot for a couple of days. If you bowl or participate in our sport, please take time to visit the Cashman Center.



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GO RVING MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP
Norwich Bowling and Entertainment Center, Norwich, Conn. - March 22, 2009

Championship

Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas (\$25,000) def. Walter Ray Williams Jr. (\$13,000), 772-693

Semifinals

Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind. (\$6,000), 824-741; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., def. Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio (\$6,000), 679-589

Round of 8

Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., def. Norm Duke (\$4,100), Clermont, Fla., 4-0; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, def. Brad Angelo (\$4,100), Lockport, N.Y., 4-2; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., def. Billy Oatman (\$4,200), Chicago, 4-0; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Andrew Cain (\$4,100), Scottsdale, Ariz., 4-0

Round of 64 - Best of 7 Games (Losers earn \$1,800)

Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, def. Alex Aguiar, Dartmouth, Mass., 4-1; Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., def. Scott Santos, Ledyard, Conn., 4-1; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Joe Biscardi, Wantagh, N.Y., 4-1; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. Joseph Costanzo, Plainview, N.Y., 4-1; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., def. Vinny D'Ambrosio III, Staten Island, N.Y., 4-3; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, def. Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 4-0; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., def. Terrance Reeves, Valrico, Fla., 4-1; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., def. David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 4-1; Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., def. Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 4-1; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., def. Chester Rogers Jr., Milwaukee, Ore., 4-1; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., def. Jason Lundquist, Delaware Water Gap, Pa., 4-1; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., def. Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 4-2; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, def. Craig Tuholski, Washougal, Wash., 4-1; Mike DeVaney, San Diego, def. Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 4-1; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., def. Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4-3; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., def. Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 4-1; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 4-1; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., def. Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 4-3; Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan., def. Joe Bailey, Pittsburgh, 4-1; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, def. Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 4-2; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, def. Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 4-3; Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, def. Ken Abner, Cincinnati, 4-1; Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., def. Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 4-3; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., def. Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 4-2; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., def. Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 4-2; Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., def. Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 4-3; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., def. Edward VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 4-3; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., def. Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 4-2; Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, def. Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 4-2; Billy Oatman, Chicago, def. Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 4-3; Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., def. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4-2; Andrew Cain, Scottsdale, Ariz., def. Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 4-1

Other Cashers

Lindsay Baker, Amherst, N.Y., 1,475, \$900; Wayne Hedges, Plantsville, Conn., 1,472, \$550; Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,464, \$390; Russell Michaud, Hudson, N.H., 1,462, \$350; Matt Freiberg, Somerset, N.J., 1,459, \$207; Alex Medveditskov, Russia, 1,459, \$207

LOWELL WHO?????

By Fran Deken

In November the USBC announced the new inductees for the 2009 USBC Hall of Fame. In the Veteran category it was Gene Stus, a well-known star of the senior circuit and in Meritorious Service it was Tom Kouros and Lowell Rothschild. Kouros, a top-notch coach and author of books on bowling as well as a columnist in the *Bowlers Journal* is known to many people in the bowling world but the question in many minds is "Who the heck is Lowell Rothschild?"

Of course, with the announcement came the bios on these folks and now everyone knows that Rothschild, a Tucson attorney, is a past president of the American Bowling Congress. Wait a minute, so were lots of guys and they're not in the Hall of Fame! In fact, only one past president, Max Skelton, is in the Hall of Fame! ABC presidents only served one year terms after moving up the ranks of numerous vice-presidencies and all of them served on many committees and put in a multitude of service hours. So what makes Lowell Rothschild special?

Lowell is what I would call a "go-to" guy. You go to Lowell to get things done, then Lowell goes to big corporations to get them to pay for it. Maybe that's a double "go-to" guy. If you read his bio that came out with the Hall of Fame announcement, then you know that he started the first Education committee to train association volunteers, then he proceeded to establish an award for the best of those volunteers, as well as handling the ABC legal committee, getting the PBA to sanction their events, and working to make single membership happen. Along the way he raised over a million bucks for the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame. But did you also know that for many years Lowell has been involved with an organization called MaccabiUSA which sends Jewish athletes to the Maccabiah Games both in Israel and South America every four years. The games involve over 60 countries and 30 sports, including ten-pin bowling. He has served on their board, been a games organizer, chaired the ten pin bowling and is currently fund-raising for the 2009 games.

But you still don't really know Lowell, a short man who's exceptionally long on brains, a man who's always smiling, has a great sense of humor and loves bowling, unusual traits in an at-

torney.

I was fortunate enough to be on the first women's bowling team that went to the Maccabiah Games in Israel in 2001, thanks to Lowell's fundraising and recruiting efforts. Lowell even hit on manufacturers for the newest balls, bags and shoes. When the team showed up with Storm's red, white and blue basketball spare ball, the other bowlers went nuts, begging us to give them the ball. Lowell was in his 70's then and he made the long trip to Tel Aviv in July to be with his bowlers. July in Tel Aviv is like being in Vegas with humidity! Israel only has five bowling centers so he made the one hour trip daily from Tel Aviv to Netanya, which has a 20 lane center (big



for Israel), to encourage us and cheer for us and was thrilled when the women won more medals than the men, justifying his push to include us in the games. We asked Lowell to carry the flag in one of the medal ceremonies and he did it with great enthusiasm. Toward the end of our third week in Israel Lowell asked us if we thought we could get to Tel Aviv for dinner one night. We bowled every day until 5 pm but of course, we said it was no problem. Athletes at the games are fed buffet style and the buffet menu hadn't changed in over two weeks so all twelve bowlers eagerly taxied to his hotel and then we started walking in the 90 degree heat at 6:30 in the evening.

"It's not far," said Lowell with a twinkle in his eye, "and dinner is on me." We still didn't know where we were going but Lowell is like the Pied Piper. He talks and you follow him anywhere. What a dinner - fabulous steaks, a private room, good wine and good company! Lowell told us stories about earlier Maccabi bowling teams that had us laughing so hard we cried. If anyone was owed a dinner, it was Lowell! Like any good lawyer he asked questions about ourselves and our families and he listened attentively, like any good lawyer.

Lowell still bowls in a weekly league and plans to bowl the USBC Championships for his 46th time this year. He's the kind of friend who would give you the shirt off his back but, be careful, because his other hand is out for a donation to whatever cause he's currently working on. And since he's Lowell Rothschild, he'll probably get it.

PBA Tour Introduces PBA World Series of Bowling in August

A new era in the Professional Bowlers Association will begin next season with the creation of the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour World Series of Bowling.

The Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour, currently celebrating its 50th Anniversary, announced the creation of the series today which will offer more than \$2 million in prize money and will take place from Aug. 1-Sept. 7, 2009 in Detroit.

The kickoff PBA Motor City Open will take place at longtime PBA host center Taylor Lanes in Taylor, Mich., from Aug. 1-6. The remainder of the World Series of Bowling, including six exempt PBA Tour events, the return of the PBA Women's Series presented by USBC and a revamped PBA Senior Tour World Championship will be held at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., just outside Detroit. The World Series of Bowling will culminate with the PBA World Championship open field event, the first major championship of the 2009-2010 season.

The PBA World Series of Bowling will mark the first time the PBA Tour will spend an extended period of time in one city. The event figures to be a financial boon for Detroit with hundreds of competitive bowlers from around the world, including the exempt PBA Tour stars such as Walter Ray Williams Jr., Pete Weber and reigning player of the year Chris Barnes expected to participate. Seven PBA Tour bowling telecasts emanating from the World Series will air on ESPN, bringing further exposure to the city of Detroit.

"The World Series builds on the proud tradition of the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour being the standard in professional bowling worldwide," said PBA Tour CEO and Commissioner Fred Schreyer. "Detroit will be host to the greatest festival of competitive bowling in history."

Detroit boasts more USBC certified bowlers than any other city in the U.S. Main host Thunderbowl Lanes is a 90-lane bowling center featuring a unique arena setup for the taping of the ESPN telecasts and continuous online coverage on the PBA Tour's live streaming video service Xtra Frame on pba.com.

"We are thrilled to host this revolutionary month in PBA Tour history," said Thunderbowl Lanes owner Tom Strobl. "Detroit's passionate bowling fans are in for a treat."

The seven PBA championship events with dedicated telecasts will be taped at the conclusion of the World Series and air out over what

has traditionally been the first half of the PBA Tour season from mid-October to early December 2009, Sunday afternoons on ESPN. The first half of the season on ESPN will conclude with the live finals of the PBA World Championship on Dec. 13, featuring the four finalists decided in early September at the World Series.

The January-April second half of the PBA Tour season will be similar to the current Tour makeup, featuring live Sunday telecasts. The Tour will travel to at least 10 cities across the country for events, including three major championships (USBC Masters, PBA Tournament of Champions and concluding the regular season with the U.S. Open).

Tournament fields for the PBA Tour World Series will be increased from 64 to 72 players. Along with the 58 exempt players, international exemptions will be introduced and at least 10 tournament qualifying round positions will be available to win per event in Detroit.

The PBA Women's Series presented by USBC returns with seven events for the 2009-2010 PBA Tour season. Six will take place at the World Series, including all the PBA "animal pattern" championships and a newly created open-field PBA Women's Series World Championship. The field size for the Women's Series events will improve from 16 to 20 bowlers for each exempt event, and for the first time two TQR spots will be up for grabs for each women's event at the World Series.

The PBA Senior World Championship makes its return to the PBA schedule during the World Series. The championship match of the Senior World Championship will be televised, once again bringing senior tour bowling to ESPN.

While the PBA World Series of Bowling includes the greatest bowlers in the world and the ESPN shows are the centerpiece events, there will also be something for every competitive bowler in the form of side events with diverse formats. Some of the side events and sweepers, which will all be conducted by the PBA, will not include exempt PBA Tour pros.

"The message for now to all PBA members and competitive bowlers from the Midwestern U.S. to Malaysia is this," Schreyer said. "Save August 2009 on your calendar and start practicing."

Further details will be released on the PBA World Series of Bowling and the 2009-10 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season regularly. Stay tuned to pba.com.

Mini-Eliminator Signs 3-Year Deal With South Point

Las Vegas, NV - Pinnacle Events, owners of the world famous Mini-Eliminators (Minis), announced an agreement with The South Point Hotel & Casino to host the Minis for the next three years. This historic partnership, which covers a total of 7 events, guarantees The Mini-Eliminators will be held twice a year for the next 3 years. The first event of the new contract is the Summer Mini; which is being held from Tuesday, June 30 through Saturday, July 4, 2009.

The multi-event agreement was recently signed in Las Vegas by the South Point Director of Bowling Mike Monyak and Pinnacle Events' President Steve Sanders. "It's a partnership that was destined to happen" states Mike Monyak. "The Mini-Eliminators were held at The Orleans for eight years under my tenure and once I moved over to The South Point it was one of my first priorities to get Steve to move The Minis here." Steve was just as excited to reunite with Mike "We held our most recent Mini-Eliminator here (February, 09) and had a 40% increase over our previous event. The bowlers loved The South Point and it was a "no-brainer" teaming up with Mike Monyak again.

The South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa is a Mediterranean themed destination that features a beautiful 64 lane bowling center. The bowl-

ing center has one of the largest concourses in the world and features multiple meeting rooms to comfortably host major events like The Mini-Eliminator. The USBC and PBA both currently host events at The South Point.

The South Point Hotel features over 2,100 rooms and suites, the Costa del Sur Spa and Salon, a Pool and Fitness Center, six bars, eight restaurants, 16 screen movie theater, a headliner showroom, and a live entertainment lounge. The casino has over 2,300 slot machines, 60 table games, poker room, race and sports book, and a 600-seat Bingo Hall. Bowlers and guests will be treated to an incredible experience when visiting the property.

The Mini-Eliminator has been running for 15 years and has paid out over \$20 million in prize money. Although The Mini-Eliminator is an amateur only tournament many of the current PBA Exempt Players, including former Mini-Eliminator Champion Chris Barnes, has used the Mini as a stepping stone to a professional career. The Mini-Eliminator uses a 3-game scratch qualifying format by division with an elimination (beat half-the-field) finals format. One in ten bowlers per division per squad advance to the finals and 1 in 5 bowlers cash. For more information please visit www.minieliminator.com or call the tournament office; 1.877.900.MINI.

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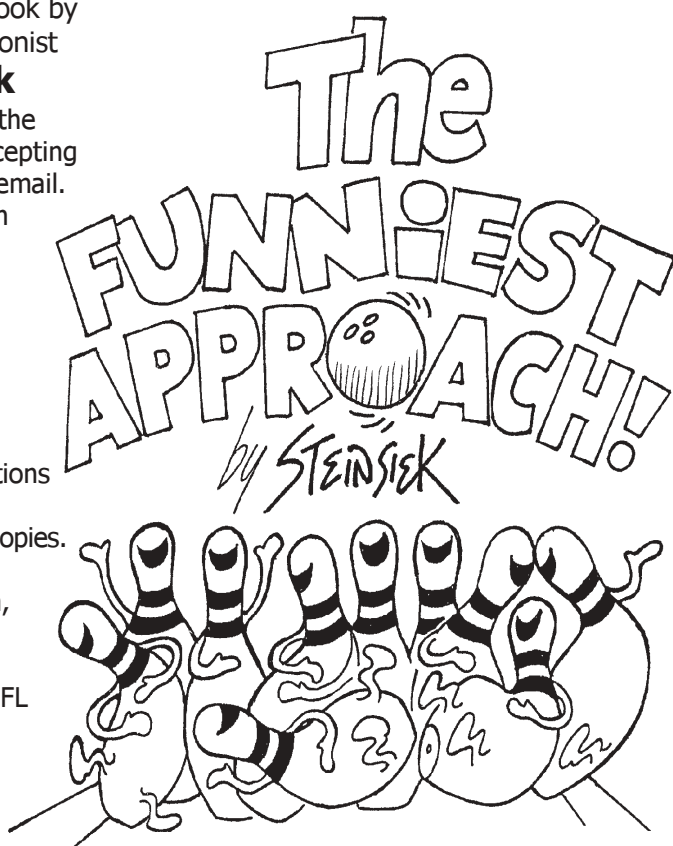
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USBC OPEN Making History in Las Vegas

The City of Lights has an ongoing history of show openings featuring the best performers in the world. Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman, put his stamp of approval and prestige on the lanes when he welcomed the media and dignitaries to the "sneak peek" open house at Cashman Field, site of the 2009 USBC Open Championships. The curtain officially went up on February 21st when the first of more than 85,000 bowlers started rolling for fun and glory. The mayor was joined by executives who represent different entities that will keep this event on a smooth track for a record 154-day run.

This writer was impressed by all the positive remarks and enthusiasm displayed by all of the key leaders. Tournament manager Duane Hagen said this was the perfect platform for Las Vegas. He then treated the gathering to a film clip on the scoreboard that is the first of its kind and will feature enhanced graphics. This state-of-the-art scoreboard will be a big help, especially for the spectators.

Our local bowlers will be invited to help test the new machines and work-out any imperfections to help with training and troubleshooting before the start of official competition. If you have ever competed past or present in our sport, a visit to Cashman Field is a must during the next six months. Competition is expected to run from 6am until 2am the next morning. Every segment of our industry will be represented with large booths along the concourse.

Matt Cannizzaro, the media relations director for the USBC Open compiled a concise and informative media packet. One of the most interesting historical facts was the inaugural Open 105 years ago. A group of ABC delegates threatened to secede from ABC if they didn't work toward holding a national

championship. As a result, Chicago was awarded a 1901 convention with a tournament to be staged at the same time. A host delegation leased the 2nd floor of the Welsbach building located behind the Marshall Fields store on Wabash Avenue.

The Brunswick Balke-Callender Corporation donated six lanes and the Chicago association raised \$1,000 to add to the prize fund and provided medals. At 3 pm on January 8, 1901 the four-day event started with 41 teams from 9 states. The team doubles and singles consisted of three games in a format that remains to this day. For the record, entry fee was \$5 per bowler per event, and the total prize fund was \$1,592. The purse for this years championships is estimated at seven million

dollars. We've come a long way. Adding to the color and excitement will be an umbrella of competition throughout the city. Our coast properties will be hosting the Ebonite Beat-the-Board tournament at The Orleans with squads running every hour on the hour between 10am and 8pm seven days a week. Sam's Town will be hosting a 40 Frame Tournament and the Gold Coast will be home to the popular Bowler's Journal Tournament. All this added action will afford competition from throughout the US and overseas more roll for their buck.

The report card is in, and everyone we talked with who attended the PBA 50th Anniversary Gala, featuring the greatest players in PBA history at the Red Rock resort, scored it a perfect 10. We salute all of those responsible for giving these legends who played a major roll in keeping our sport front and center with their time in the spotlight.

A thought for the day: Blessed by those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

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Jeanette Robinson



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

AMF Eules Lanes to Host 2009 USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships

A field of elite collegiate bowlers from across the country will battle for national titles when the 2009 USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships are conducted at AMF Eules Lanes in Eules, Texas, this May.

This year's event, scheduled to take place May 17-19, will be the first hosted by AMF Eules Lanes, which is located just south of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and just north of the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas.

"AMF is very excited to be part of this event," said Donnie Griffin, Dallas District Manager for AMF Bowling. "We realize that supporting collegiate bowling is important to the bowling industry. AMF Eules Lanes, with its wide concourse and new, state-of-the-art scoring, will be a great venue for the finals. It will be very comfortable for spectators and the teams, so we intend to promote the competition to bowlers in the Dallas area to encourage them to come out and watch the action."

The Intercollegiate Singles Championships is a USBC Sport Bowling-certified event that brings the top 16 male and top 16 female collegiate bowlers from across the country together in pursuit of a national title.

"The Intercollegiate Singles Championships brings together some of collegiate

bowling's top student-athletes to compete in the premier collegiate singles tournament in the country," said Gary Brown, USBC Collegiate Manager. "AMF Eules Lanes will be a great host, so I expect spectators, coaches and competitors to be treated to a very positive experience."

Participants earn their places in the Intercollegiate Singles Championships field by finishing in the top four at one of four sectional tournaments, which will be held March 13, in Allentown, Pa., Chattanooga, Tenn., Fairview Heights, Ill., and Las Vegas.

Intercollegiate Singles Championships competition begins with two, six-game qualifying rounds. At the end of those 12 games, competitors are seeded for single-elimination, best-of-five match play. The top four qualifiers in each division earn byes into the quarterfinal round. Seeds five through eight earn first-round byes. Matches are conducted until national champions are crowned in each division.

The 2008 men's national title was captured by Rochester Institute of Technology's Dan Vick, who will attempt to earn his way back into the tournament field to defend his crown. Pikeville University's Jennifer Wright was the 2008 women's champion.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 21-July 23** USBC Open Championships, Cashman Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Mar 27-July 4** The Forty Frame Game Ladies, Starlite Lanes, Reno, NV
- Mar 28-July 4** Bowlers Journal Women's Championships, Starlite Lanes, Reno, NV
- Mar 28-29** USBC Women's Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- Apr 5-12** SASBA M/G Doubles, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
- Apr 17-19** High Roller Senior Easter Classic, Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Apr 18-19** MAMBO, Astro Bowl Sports Center, San Antonio, TX
- Apr 18-21** SASBA SS Singles, Bandera Super Bowl, San Antonio, TX
- Apr 25-26** SASBA South Central, Dixie Bowl, Meridian, MS
- Apr 25-28** PBA Senior Jackson Open, Jackson, MI
- Apr 25-29** SASBA Trio, AMF Eules, Eules, TX
- Apr 28-May 2** PBA Senior Dayton Classic, Dayton, OH
- Apr 30** USBC Queens and Senior Queens, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- May 2-3** USBC Convention, Reno Events Center/Silver Legacy Resort, Reno
- May 3-6** Bowling's Clash of Champions, Reno Events Center, Reno, Nev
- May 9-10** SASBA South Central, Galaxy Lanes, Columbia, TN
- May 9-13** PBA Senior Miller High Life Classic, George Pappas Victory Lanes, Mooresville, NC
- May 15-17** SASBA, Fiesta Lanes, New Braunfels, TX
- May 16-17** PBA Senior Sun Bowl In The Villages, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, FL
- May 22-25** USBC Intercollegiate Bowling Championships, AMF Eules Lanes, Eules, TX
- May 30-31** SASBA, All Star Lanes, Shreveport LA
- June 7-12** SASBA South Central, Lightning Strikes, Trussville, AL
- June 14-19** PBA Regional Players Championship, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, MI
- June 20-21** SASBA SS Singles, Millennium Bowl, Little Rock, AR
- June 21-24** USBC Senior Masters - Golden Pin Lanes, Tucson, AZ
- June 21-26** PBA Senior U.S. Open, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- July 4-6** SASBA South Central, PlaMor Lanes, Huntsville, AL
- July 10-12** PBA Senior Northern California Classic, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, CA
- July 11-17** International Bowl Expo, Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV
- July 16-25** July High Roller, Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- July 18-19** SASBA Firecracker, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
- July 25-26** MAMBO, South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- July 25-Aug 2** USBC Junior Gold Championships, Indianapolis, IN
- July 30-Aug 1** USBC Youth Open Championships, Indianapolis, IN
- Aug 1-4** SASBA South Central, Funquest, Collierville, TN
- Aug 8-9** SASBA M/G Doubles, Diamond Lanes, Odessa, TX
- Aug 13-16** WTBA Women's World Championships, Cashman Center, Las Vegas
- Aug 15-16** CubicaAMF International Family Tournament, Main Event, Grapevine, TX
- Aug 15-18** Teen Masters National Championships, South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas
- Aug 22-26** PBA Senior Lake County Indiana Open, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, IN
- Sept 5-7** SASBA, Copperfield, Houston, TX
- Sept 19-20** SASBA South Central, Savannah Bowling Center, Savannah, TN
- Sept 26-27** PBA Senior Decatur Open, Spare Time Lanes, Decatur, IL
- Oct 10-11** 6th New Mexico Open, Tenpins & More, Rio Rancho, NM
- Oct 17-18** SASBA, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
- Oct 24-25** PBA Senior Ladies & Legends, Town & Country Lanes, Joliet, IL
- Nov 7-8** PBA Senior Dick Weber Open, Royal Scot Golf & Bowl, Lansing, MI
- Nov 7-8** SASBA, 300 Bowl, Conroe, TX
- Nov 7-8** SASBA Labor Day Blowout, Lafayette Lanes, Lafayette, LA
- Nov 7-8** SASBA Champ/Nonchamp, Bandera Super Bowl, San Antonio, TX
- Nov 7-8** SASBA Over 70/Over 60 Doubles, Corsicana Super Bowl, Corsicana, TX
- Nov 7-8** SASBA Annual Championship, AMF Eules, Eules, TX
- Nov 7-8** SASBA South Central, Paris Family Center, Paris, TN
- Nov 7-8** SASBA, Oil Bowl, Longview, TX
- Nov 7-8** SASBA Foursome, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX



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May 10, May 17, May 24
June 7, June 14, June 21, June 28

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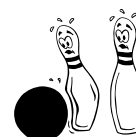
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THE FUNNY PAGE

One winter morning a husband and wife in northern Minnesota were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through."

So the good wife went out and moved her car. A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through."

The good wife went out and moved her car again. The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park...." Then the electric power went out. The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowplows can get through?"

With the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, the husband replied, "Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time."

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I'm Retired - I was tired yesterday, and I'm tired today.

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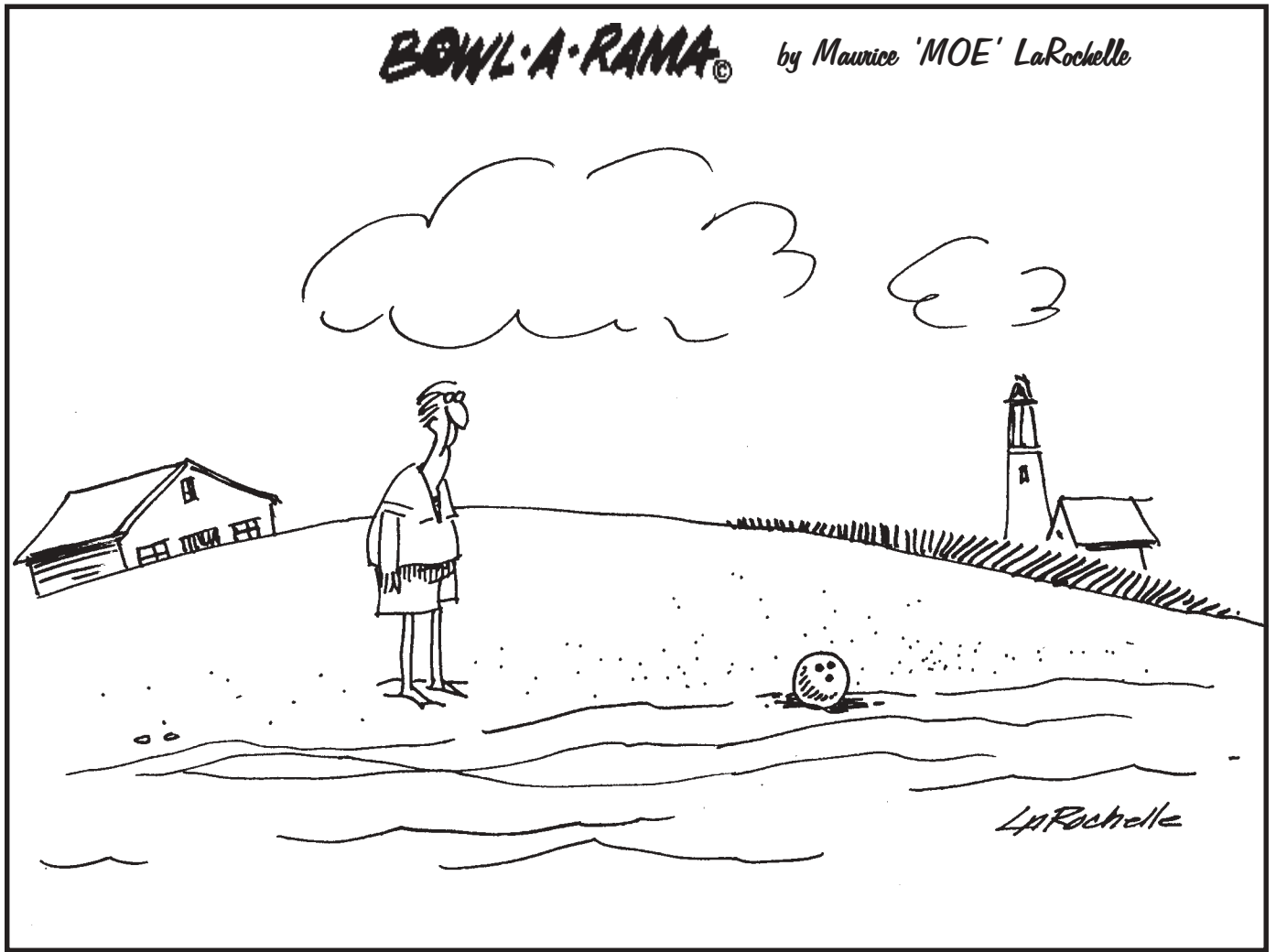
Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you. - Winston Churchill

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I was at the beauty shop for nearly two hours. That was only for the estimate.

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My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying. - Rodney Dangerfield



My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe. - Jimmy Durante

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- TRUE TEXAS TOWNS
- Happy, Texas 79042
 - Pep, Texas 79353
 - Smiley, Texas 78159
 - Paradise, Texas 76073
 - Rainbow, Texas 76077
 - Sweet Home, Texas 77987
 - Comfort, Texas 78013
 - Friendship, Texas 76530
 - Love the Sun?
 - Sun City, Texas 78628
 - Sunrise, Texas 76661
 - Sunset, Texas 76270
 - Sundown, Texas 79372
 - Sunray, Texas 79086
 - Sunny Side, Texas 77423
 - Want something to eat?
 - Bacon, Texas 76301
 - Noodle, Texas 79536
 - Oatmeal, Texas 78605
 - Turkey, Texas 79261
 - Trout, Texas 75789
 - Sugar Land, Texas 77479
 - Sally, Texas 76567
 - Rice, Texas 75155
 - Sweetwater, Texas 79556
 - Why travel to other cities?
 - Texas has them all!
 - Detroit, Texas 75436
 - Colorado City, Texas 79512
 - Cleveland, Texas 77327
 - Dayton, Texas 77535
 - Denver City, Texas 79323
 - Klondike, Texas 75448
 - Nevada, Texas 75173
 - Memphis, Texas 79245
 - Miami, Texas 79059
 - Boston, Texas 75570
 - Santa Fe, Texas 77517
 - Tennessee Colony, Texas 75861
 - Reno, Texas 75462
 - Freeport, Texas 77541
 - Feel like traveling outside the country?
 - Don't bother buying a plane ticket!
 - Athens, Texas 75751
 - Canadian, Texas 79014
 - China, Texas 77613
 - Egypt, Texas 77436
 - Ireland, Texas 76538
 - Turkey, Texas 79261
 - London, Texas 76854
 - New London, Texas 75682
 - Paris, Texas 75460
 - No need to travel to Washington D.C.
 - Whitehouse, Texas 75791

- We even have a city named after our planet!
- Earth, Texas 79031
- And a city named after our State!
- Texas City, Texas 77590
- Exhausted?
- Energy, Texas 76452
- Cold?
- Blanket, Texas 76432
- Winters, Texas
- Like to read about History?
- Santa Anna, Texas
- Goliad, Texas
- Alamo, Texas
- Gun Barrel City, Texas
- Robert Lee, Texas
- Need Office Supplies?
- Staples, Texas 78670
- Men are from Mars, women are from Venus, Texas 76084
- You guessed it..it's on the state line..
- Texline, Texas 79087
- For the kids...
- Kermit, Texas 79745
- Elmo, Texas 75118
- Nemo, Texas 76070
- Tarzan, Texas 79783
- Winnie, Texas 77665
- Sylvester, Texas 79560
- Other city names in Texas, to make you smile...
- Frognot, Texas 75424
- Bigfoot, Texas 78005
- Hogeye, Texas 75423
- Cactus, Texas 79013
- Notrees, Texas 79759
- Best, Texas 76932
- Veribest, Texas 76886
- Kickapoo, Texas 75763
- Dime Box, Texas 77853
- Old Dime Box, Texas 77853
- Telephone, Texas 75488
- Telegraph, Texas 76883
- Whiteface, Texas 79379
- Twitty, Texas 79079
- And the Anti-AI Gore City
- Kilgore, Texas 75662
- And our favorites...
- Cut n Shoot, Texas
- Gun Barrell City, Texas
- Hoop And Holler, Texas
- Ding Dong, Texas and, of course,
- Muleshoe, Texas

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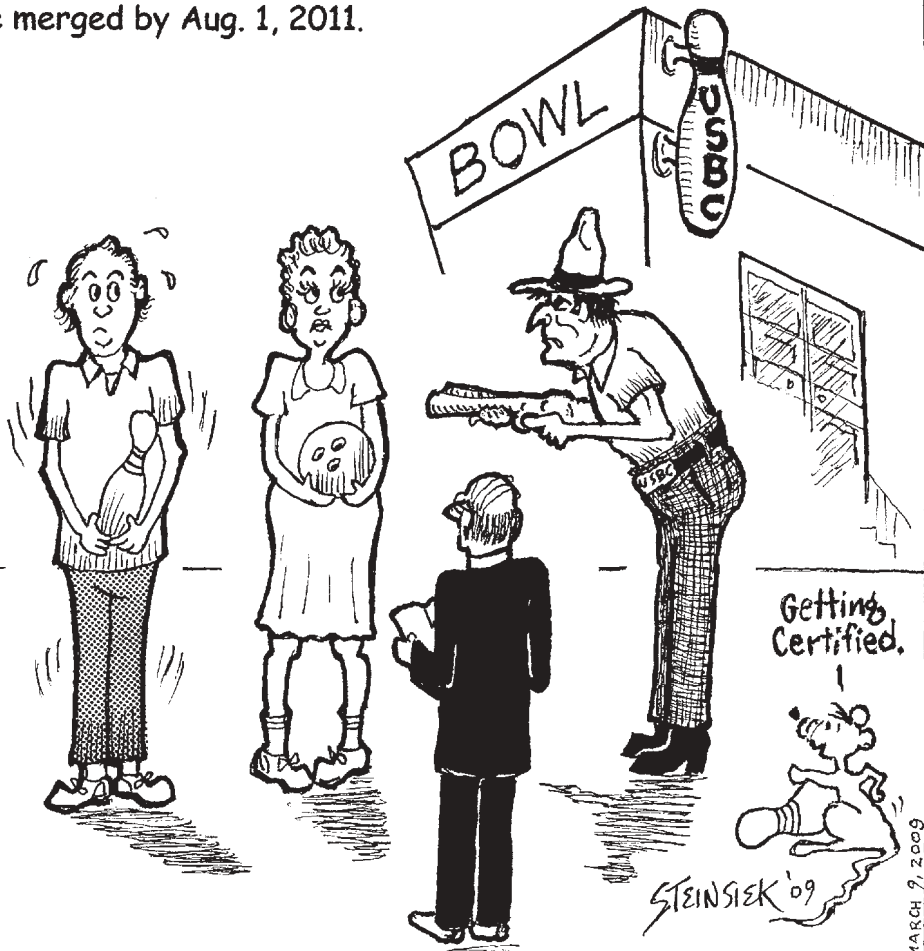
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Article II, Purposes

Section B. Chartering State and Local Bowling Associations

Requires non-merged state and local associations

to be merged by Aug. 1, 2011.



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