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

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We Are Family

A few days ago, we attended the memorial service for Larry Reynolds in Dallas. You may not have known Larry, but we bet there is someone much like him in your community.

Although we don't bowl competitively any longer, Larry was our "Pro Shop Guy" – the one we turned to for technical questions, conversations about the sport and its top players, and sometimes just reminiscing about the days gone by when life and bowling was much simpler and easier to understand.

We take some comfort in knowing, although he died at 53, he was happy. He loved his wife and family, his job operating one of the busiest pro shops in the country inside Jamie Brooks' Plano Super Bowl, his dogs, and his countless friends in bowling, both in his local area, and around the country. Like many bowlers, golf was also a favorite game for Larry; it helped him relax and refresh his mind and body, and was one of the reasons he could focus so much energy and passion into his pro shop work.

More than 300 people came to the service to say goodbye to Larry, and many stood up to say what all of us already knew – that he was a really

good guy who will be missed. One of the speakers was his sister from Nebraska. She spoke of their childhood together, and how she cherished seeing him and his wife in Nebraska during the holiday seasons.

One thing Larry's sister said made us realize how important bowling is to those of us who play the sport and work in the industry. She said she never really understood why Larry was so "in love" with bowling; but looking around at the standing room only crowd, with tears in her eyes, she declared, "Now I understand. Now, I get it."

The service was officiated not by a minister, but by a bowler - Dallas legend Bob McGregor, who is a former PBA Rookie of the Year, RPC Champion, and holder of numerous titles on all levels. Bob conducted the service with grace and humility as he has for other members of the bowling community in the past. His deep faith is one of the primary reasons for his success. Bob was one of Larry's mentors, not for the technical aspects of his career, but for the attitude about life, and how to treat people.

Larry learned Bob's lessons well. His people skills were his strength. Service with a smile was natural for him. The shame

of his leaving us so soon, aside from losing such a good guy, is that although he was a very good bowler for many years, he was becoming a great senior player. We don't know if he had the desire to pursue it, but had he chosen to try the Senior Tour, with his skill and technical expertise, he had tremendous potential.

Ironically, the knee replacement surgery he had only days before his heart attack would have allowed him to take his bowling and golf games to a higher level. Now, he has heavenly fairways and pristine lane conditions. And his knees are pain free.

Another gentleman who spoke at the service was a friend we have loved and cherished for more than 30 years, Osby Harris. Osby spoke of "good people" who have recently passed away – Farah Fawcett, Michael Jackson, Walter Cronkite. His lesson was that we don't have to be famous to make a contribution and be loved by many. "Just look around this room," he said. "We all came today, because we all loved Larry." Osby's point was that we don't have to be famous to have a meaningful life. And Harris, like McGregor, is a wonderful example and role model.

No doubt that everyone read-

ing this across the country has been to a service similar to this one, and although we dislike the reason for our presence at these events on such sad occasions, we walk away with the comfort of knowing that we are all part of something very special – a bowling community. A family that understands each other.

We said at the top that everyone knows someone like Larry in their own community. That person may or may not be in the bowling business. Maybe it's someone at the local grocery, or your church, or the dry cleaners. Sometimes we speed through life so fast we don't stop to focus on faces we have seen for years, or even decades.

So, here is some advise, for what it is worth. . . . Slow down; look around; think about what is really important. Family, Faith, Friends, and finding out who the person is behind that familiar face.

The next time you hear someone say "Bowling is just a game," tell them it is much more – it is a family, and a community. They may not get what you are talking about at that moment, but like Larry Reynolds' non-bowling sister, some day they will understand.

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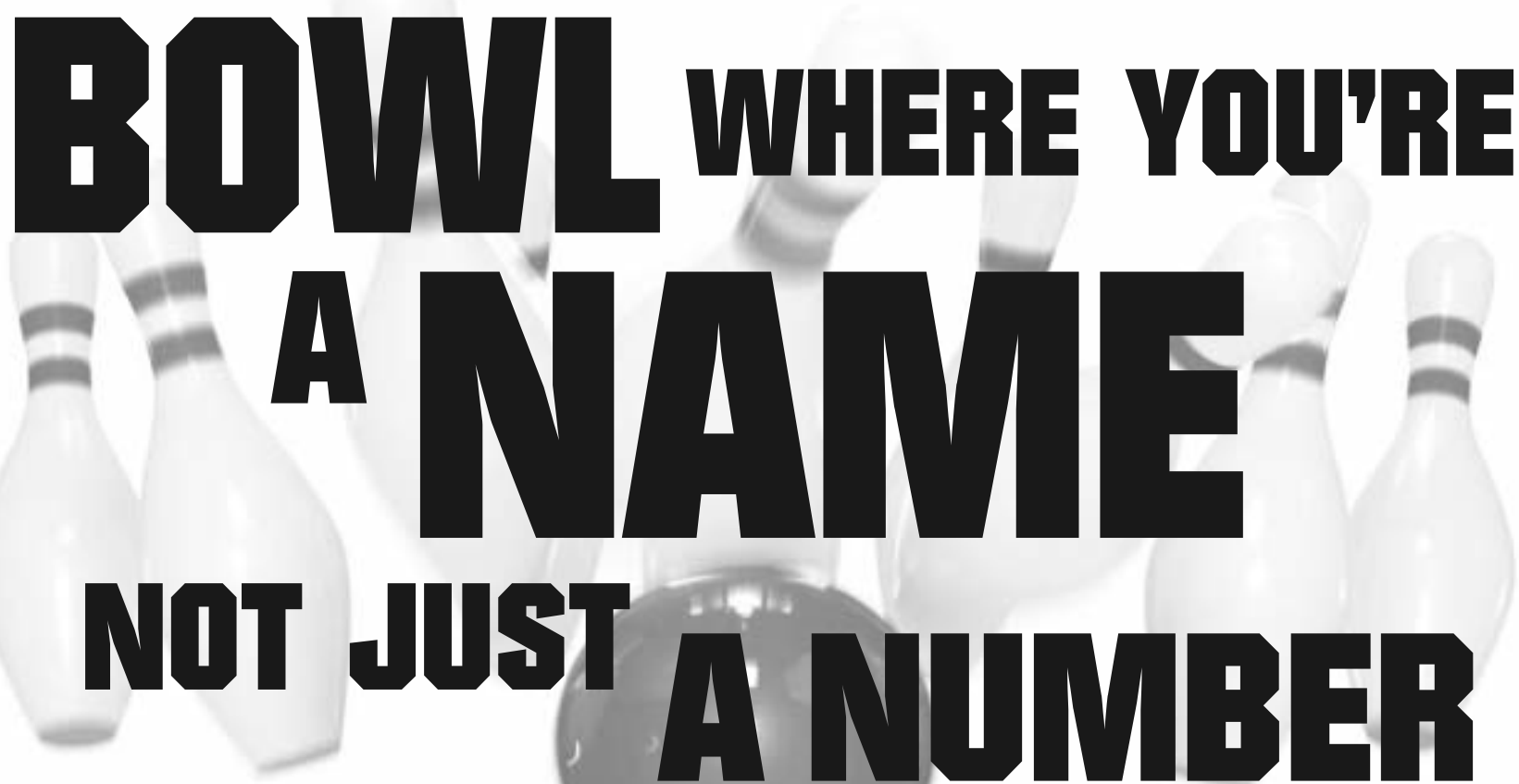
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HEROES COME IN ALL AGES

Sports Reporter Publisher Dan McDonough Saved By Son Pat

When I was a young bowler and writer I had the great fortune to meet the late Pat McDonough, a legend in bowling and other sports as a sportswriter for the New York World Telegraph and Sun.

He gave me one of my first major write-ups when I was a college bowler but he gave me so much more as an inspiration

and friend. We attended all types of events and he filled me with his stories of immortals in all sports and particularly bowling icons who had been at the formation of the American Bowling Congress in 1895.

And that was a dream come true, for Pat wasn't a guy who talked much about his experiences. He also was one of the wittiest men you could imagine, with a sense of humor that could make you laugh and bring people down to earth in a single sentence.

We were involved with many events, and in almost all cases, his son Dan was present as a photographer and to give whatever help his father might need. When Pat passed away, Dan took over his father's bowling publication, the Sports Reporter, and Dan and I continued the close relationship.

But this is a story about another Pat McDonough - Pat's grandson and Dan's son. All the McDonough's I have ever met have the highest IQ's and other skills that we all admire.

Young Pat, now 10, has been deeply involved in such things as the boy scouts and bird watching and almost from the time he could think, he has joined us in attending bowling functions where he has been a gentleman with poise and patience.

This is Fourth of July time and the time I revere the memory of our nation's heroes. And less than a year ago I added young Patrick to that list.

Dan and Pat were on a camping trip on the top of a mountain with a group of boy scouts when about 11pm, after a campfire of songs and skits, it began to rain and Dan and Pat headed for their car when Dan began to have chest pains, getting worse by the minute, and he was weaving in and out of his senses, and finally fell down; and then Pat took over. He assisted his father to the shelter of a latrine where he began using First Aid skills he had learned as a Boy Scout. Treating for shock and making sure his Dad was as comfortable as could be under the circumstances, even taking his jacket off to warm his shivering father despite nasty weather conditions.

Alone with his father, Pat took charge in as calm a manner as the most polished professional in any field. After about an hour trying to stabilize his father, Pat went for help and found another adult scouter, Michael Dellaballa, who later said in a statement to the investigators, "At about 12:15 am Pat was shaking my tent and asking if I could help him. It was pouring rain and I

really thought someone was pulling a prank just to get me out in the downpour. You should be most proud of Pat. I have to say he was very calm and composed for a 9 year old. He calmly told me what was going on, and all we needed to know to help his father."

"I dressed and he brought me to the



Pat McDonough with dad Dan

latrine and I introduced myself and asked Dan a few questions. I then went to get Jeff, another father, to help. We returned to the latrine, and I told Jeff to stay with Dan and Pat and to keep talking while I ran to the AD bldg and got the

EMT, Allan Bookspan," Dellabella said.

When they got to the latrine where Dan lay with Pat at his side, Bookspan took Dan's vital signs and established that he needed oxygen, which he administered. The EMT then told Dellabella that they needed to contact the NJ State Police and have them dispatch an ambulance to camp.

Bookspan then reported that, "We are all going to need a few men to help lift, and hold flashlights, and a pickup truck with four wheel drive to transport Dan off the top of the mountain to the entrance of camp where we would meet the ambulance and State Police. When the pickup truck arrived, we moved Dan, by using the sleeping bag that he was in, as a stretcher, and placed him into the open bed, then proceeded to drive to the entrance of camp in the pouring rain. While in route to meet the ambulance, Dan's vital signs and oxygen levels were carefully monitored and he was continually spoken to in order to continue his level of consciousness."

Bookspan later said, "On a special note, Dan's son played a vital role in keeping him alive prior to our arrival. He was the only one with him during the start of this event. He was the one that reached out for the initial help, and he was the one who stayed by Dan's side, refusing to leave him, during the entire event, and was able to give me vital information when Dan could not speak. It is my opinion, without his son's cool head and resourcefulness, Dan might not have made it through that night.

It was a heart attack with 100% blockage in the coronary artery that received immediate attention and was repaired within an hour of arriving at the hospital. Patrick did everything exactly right to give the healing needed attention as quickly as possible. After taking several months for a complete study of all the details, including statements and reports from the EMT's Paramedics, Cardiac Surgeon and hospital, Patrick was awarded one of the highest national awards that the Boy Scouts of America can bestow.

Young Pat is still the ardent, inquisitive, caring youngster he always has been, but he added another saga to the McDonough family tradition.

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Duke Wins Third Straight ESPY in "Best Bowler" Category

Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., won the 2008-09 "Best Bowler" ESPY Award for his third consecutive ESPY win and fourth overall.

The ESPY Awards, presented by ESPN, represent the best in sports in a variety of categories. The annual ESPY Awards ceremonies were held on July 15 in Los Angeles and aired on ESPN.

Duke was the winner in fan voting over Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, and Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas. Duke was a three-time Lumber Liquidators PBA title winner and the

Tour's earnings leader during the 2008-09 season. Winning the 2008 PBA World Championship gave him a record three straight PBA major titles. Malott also was a three-time winner and edged Duke in the 2008-09 PBA Player of the Year points race. Barnes, a two-time title winner, was third in Player of the



Norm Duke

Year points.

"The ESPYs is a chance for bowling to reside alongside all of the other sports," Duke said. "Whether you believe baseball, basketball and

football are the top tier sports, for a week we're all the same. The ESPYs is a celebration of the greatest seasons in all sports. To be mentioned along with all of those great athletes is really special. It's a terrific experience. I have a lot of wonderful memories from being a part of the ESPYs."

USBC Developing New Red, White And Blue Conditions; BPAA To Assist In Testing

ARLINGTON, Texas - The United States Bowling Congress plans to introduce a new series of lane conditions for certified competition. The group of patterns is designed to provide bowlers a better description for the difficulty of traditional "house" conditions.

As part of the plan, leagues and tournaments will have the option of using oil patterns falling into USBC Red, White or Blue condition categories. USBC Red pattern will be the most forgiving condition, USBC White will be more challenging and USBC Blue will be the most difficult of the new "house" conditions. USBC Sport Bowling conditions will continue to be the most

challenging level of oil patterns.

"We know that lane conditions have a tremendous impact on the sport," USBC Vice President-National Governing Body Neil Stremmel said. "House shots can be very easy or reasonably challenging. Knowing the difficulty of the condition helps build credibility for the sport and adds a new fun element for bowlers."

The new condition categories are scheduled for testing later this year in cooperation with the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America. The conditions should be available for tournament use in spring 2010 and for the fall 2010 league season.

Olympic Rings to be Displayed Outside International Training and Research Center

ARLINGTON, Texas - The U.S. Olympic Committee has given the United States Bowling Congress and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America permission to display the Olympic rings on the outside of the International Training and Research Center, which is currently under construction at the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas.

"It is an honor for USBC to be a part of representing the Olympic efforts of the United States," USBC Vice President-National Governing Body Neil Stremmel said. "The USOC understands the significance of this training center and the fact that we will be utilizing new technologies in the training arena as well as designing bowling specific exercise regimes that will impact the future of our sport."

The USOC decision gives the International Training and Research Center - a joint venture between the USBC and BPAA - the distinction of being the lone testing and athlete-development facility in the sport of bowling to feature the Olympic rings.

"This further validates the vision of bringing together the efficiencies of BPAA and the USBC under one roof to promote the sport," BPAA President Jim Sturm said. "With bowling's history and worldwide appeal, hanging the Olympic rings in Arlington can only enhance the bowling industry and its partners within the international community."

The new training facility in Arlington adds to the city's already-impressive collection of

"This program can provide proprietors an excellent marketing tool to attract and maintain league bowlers," BPAA President Jim Sturm said. "Red, White and Blue can be used like stepping stones to progressively increase a bowler's interest in the competitive side of the sport. We are eager to test the program and hear feedback from customers and proprietors."

Use of the USBC Red, White and Blue conditions will be completely optional and the patterns will be available for download at no cost.

"A primary goal of the project is to make the

elite sporting venues, which include the Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, home of the Texas Rangers, and Cowboys Stadium, the new \$1.15 billion home of the Dallas Cowboys.

"The City of Arlington is extremely proud to welcome the U.S. Bowling Congress and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America to our community," Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck said. "Both organizations are very important additions to our sports-oriented community."

Upon completion, which is forecast for fall 2009, the International Training and Research Center will include 14 lanes for training and six for research and testing of bowling equipment. Four lanes will be specially designed and equipped for broadcast television finals. High-tech tools in the test center's research area will include a robotic ball thrower, C.A.T.S. (computer-aided tracking system) and state-of-the-art biomechanics technology that includes grip pressure, foot pressure and motion capture, which uses a sensor array and computer system to precisely track a bowler's bodily movements.

Plans call for USBC coaches to use the test center lanes to coach Team USA, Junior Team USA, national teams from World Tenpin Bowling Association countries as well as other coaches who want to train in the facility. In addition, the center will host International Bowling Pro Shop and Instructors Association and BPAA seminars and be available for a fee to bowlers who want to take high-tech coaching lessons.

USBC Red, White and Blue conditions easy for bowlers to understand and proprietors to utilize," Stremmel said. "The industry's lane machine manufacturers have been extremely supportive in making sure this program will work for nearly any center wanting to participate."

As part of the effort to gain attention for the new condition categories, USBC is sponsoring a stop on next season's Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. The Red, White and Blue Open presented by USBC will be held at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan., Dec. 7-13. The finals telecast will air Jan. 3 on ESPN.

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Steve Smith Takes 2009 July High Roller \$30,000 Title



From left Runner-up Steve Calyore, 3rd place Josh Blanchard, 4th place Bob Purzycki, Champ Steve Smith and Storm's Corbet Austin

What a difference a format can make! With the July High Roller once again all single elimination match play, it had the feel of the "old Showboat" days!

Even the crowds felt more excitement watching leads go back and forth in those late frames, many outcomes not known until the final ball of the match! And even then, many matches needed a tie-breaker to determine who advanced and who didn't.

San Diego's Steve Smith remembers the old days as he was bowling in his 39th High Roller event going back to the 1998 July High Roller. Does experience matter? Well, consider that Smith was the last remaining undefeated player coming out of the Age 49 & Under division with 10 wins!

Experience count? How about Steve Calyore representing the 50 & Over/215 players? Calyore, the 53 year old from Naples, Florida was participating in his 72nd High Roller dating back to 1983! That's right the 2nd year of High Roller competition.

Yes, experience counts. Both players squared off with their 1st High Roller title in mind knowing that only one would get it. It was the 41 year old Smith reaping in the \$30,000 top prize, Calyore settling for his 2nd runner-up finish and a \$15,000 check.

Entries and the number of participants were up about 15% from last July and although the megabuck events are still fighting the economy, it was an optimistic crowd, hoping for another match play megabuck in February 2010. Stay tuned!

Mark Estes Wins \$20,000 at The Summer Mini-Eliminator

South Point Casino, Las Vegas, NV: In one of the most exciting finishes in the 16 year history of The Mini-Eliminator Mark Estes of Grapevine, TX came from 41 pins down in the 7th frame to defeat Gerardo Loreda of Mexico 213 to 209. Mark, the senior division champion, finished with six strikes to earn the \$20,000 top prize and the champion's trophy. Gerardo, who was the 205 and under champion, earned \$10,000 for his second place finish. Rounding out the final shootout was third place finisher Danny Inocencio, the 49 & under champion from College Station, TX, who rolled a 176 to earn \$5,000.

The Mini-Eliminator also produced three other champions during the week. Winning the three early bird tournaments, and the \$1,000 top prize, were champions; Justin Veitch of St. Petersburg, FL, Rod McLean of Las Vegas, and Dan MacLelland of Saginaw, MI who roller a perfect 600 two game series. A total of 60 bowlers cashed in the Early Bird

Tournaments which paid out \$9,000 in prize money and attracted over 500 entries.

Mini-Eliminator attracted 355 bowlers which generated just under 1,000 entries. Eighty eight bowlers made it to the finals which paid out over \$100,000. Total prize money distribution for the week exceeded \$150,000 and was paid out to 140 different bowlers from around the world. Over 40% of the bowlers that entered cashed. This event's entry count almost doubled last summer's event and was even larger than the February Mini-Eliminator. During the week Columbia 300 staffers distributed balls to every competitor that attended.

The Mini-Eliminator at South Point was presented by Columbia 300 and sponsored by Kegel and Artistic Impressions who is the official apparel company of the event. The dates for The Mini-Eliminator Winter Classic will be announced shortly. Please visit www.minieliminator.com for updates and a complete listing of results.



Chad Murphy congratulates Champion Mark Estes

Tony Churchey Wins \$20,000 Top Prize at TAT Summer Classic



Left to Right: Mike Calderon of Ebonite, Champion Tony Churchey, Jamie McWilliams TAT Co-Owner, and Shawn Morris of Ebonite

The Orleans Casino, Las Vegas, NV- In our lowest scoring finals match ever, Tony Churchey from Madison, Alabama came out on top with a score of 195 to win \$20,000. Tim Pfiefer from Cranberry, PA came in second winning \$12,500 with a 191. Josh Blanchard's 173 gained him \$10,000 and Matt Jones finished 4th for \$5,000 with a 137 respectively.

Our Top 3 finishers were all knocked out in a round and got added back in with their high losing score, which is why anyone can win the TAT!

The TAT Amateur Summer Classic had 375 bowlers with just under 2,600 entries in all events for the week. Exactly 106 bowlers made our finals from all across the world, paying

out over \$125,000. Seventy five percent of bowlers cashed in this year's True Amateur Tournament with 50% making one of our finals and more than 25% making our main tournament finals.

Our three sweepers were very successful with 3 separate divisions, and 3 different prize funds. These 3 events had a 1 in 6 cash ratio and entrants could receive up to three sweepers for \$40. We also gave out 44 free sweeper entries from random drawings throughout the week. K&K Sweeper winners Keith Ubert, Tony Churchey, and Gene Azumi. were all awarded \$1,000.

We also gave out \$15,000 in cash and prizes to 102 winners in our 3 Chance Events where bowlers participated in a two game set, dropping their lowest score. The TAT had 5 Mystery Score winners this tournament, with 4 out of 5 hitting it with a score under 180 and 3 out of 5 receiving \$1,500!

This year's Ebonite Challenge winner was Bill Soderquist from Woonsocket, Rhode Island earning him \$5,000 for his \$10 investment. The other Top 5 members received \$1,000 each during our No-Tap Ebonite Challenge where anybody can win. All 74 entrants

in the Ebonite Challenge received an Ebonite One Pearl with their entry.

We would like to thank the Ebonite staff for doing an outstanding job helping TAT bowlers all week. They did a terrific job letting TAT entrants demo the latest Ebonite balls including the new Ebonite Evolve. They also helped bowlers with their layouts and gave out 466 balls, all of which were FREE to TAT participants.

We would also like to thank the staff of The Orleans and K&K Pro Shop of Las Vegas. They did a great job drilling balls for our bowlers all week. For more information visit their website at www.theorleans.com and www.kkbowl.com.

Last but not least, we especially want to thank all the bowlers who joined us and made this another terrific event. Our entire staff enjoys running the tournament and seeing familiar faces every 6 months. We hope to see you all next February as we have big plans for the next tournament. Unfortunately, due to our strict Amateur rules our Top 3 finishers cannot bowl the TAT for 3 years. We wish them luck in their bright bowling careers and they will be missed.

USBC BOARD ADDS NEW OFFICERS; DARLENE BAKER NAMED PRESIDENT-ELECT

The USBC Board of Directors voted during a meeting last month to change its structure to include five officer positions. The new board structure and positions are effective immediately.

"We want to get more board members greater experience dealing with the key details and responsibilities involved in being an officer for our organization," USBC President Jeff Boje said. "This change will make for better mentoring and greater consistency on the Board, but will not create any

new authority or power."

As part of the new structure, the USBC Board of Directors will have a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President and Secretary. All will serve one-year terms selected by elections of the Board as a whole every year. For terms preceding a year in which the USBC President will change due to a term limit, rather than select a 1st Vice President, the Board will select a President-Elect. The President-Elect will then

take over as USBC President the following year.

Darlene Baker, Mahomet, Ill., was voted USBC President-Elect and will become USBC President. Baker will be the first female USBC president in the history of the organization on Aug. 1, 2010.

"I am honored and appreciative of the Board having confidence in me to assume this great responsibility," Baker said. "I intend to spend the coming months continuing to build strong relationships on behalf of USBC both inside and

outside the bowling industry. Being President-Elect will allow me to learn all the key elements needed to hit the ground running with a seamless transition next year."

Tommy Gann, Sand Springs, Okla., was elected 2nd Vice President. Andrew Cain, Scottsdale, Ariz., will serve as 3rd Vice President. Tamoria Adams, Charlotte, N.C., was elected Secretary. There is no automatic succession with the new board positions other than President-Elect.

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Dale Earnhardt Jr. is a Hit at Bowl Expo

by Charlie Allen for the Bowling News Network

Dale Earnhardt Jr. is no stranger to NASCAR fans, and as a result of Bowl Expo 2009 in Las Vegas, he is less of a stranger to the bowling community.

Earnhardt, or, "Junior", as he likes to be called, respects that he is the third generation of champion race car drivers, but doesn't walk in the shadow of his father or grandfather. "I had a close relationship with my dad, and what he accomplished in racing is not only amazing but provides me with the drive to hopefully one day become as good as he was," said Earnhardt.

Junior grew up in Concord, North Carolina where admittedly, he was not a very popular high school student, despite his famous father. He preferred to hang out with a small



Dale Earnhardt Jr.

group of friends, something he prefers to this very day. In fact, when not racing he takes solace in hanging out at home in his 'Club E', where he and close friends can "party down."

After earning a two-year automotive degree he began wrenching at his dad's car dealership, where he earned the reputation as the fastest oil change guy around.

Junior and brother Kerry were go-kart racers as kids, and age 17, he made the leap into racing with the 'big boys' competing in the street stock division at Concord Speedway.

Junior admits to liking the sport of bowling, but makes no pretense of being a bowler.

"I like to bowl and party with friends. I think a 181 is about the highest game that I can remember bowling, and I average around 132," said Earnhardt.

Although not a good bowler, he expressed tremendous respect for the professional bowlers. "As an athlete taking a car around the track at high speeds, it takes practice, concentration, staying focused on your goal, and

guts. Those same elements are necessary for a professional bowler to rise to the top of their game."

He responded with enthusiasm when asked how his NASCAR 'Team 88' is doing "We've made a lot of changes with a new crew and all," said Earnhardt. "I believe that we are headed in the right direction, and know that we have to be patient and stay positive."

In the world of big money purses and multi-million dollar sponsor deals, NASCAR has felt the economic pinch, much as the rest of America has, including the bowling industry. "The economy is having an impact on all of the teams," said Earnhardt. "The entire sport needs to become more creative, which is a good thing."

What does a guy that is accustomed to living life in the fast lane, do for relaxation? The answer is probably not obvious. "Several years ago I started building computers," said Earnhardt. "I've actually become very good at it, and I get a lot of personal enjoyment out of it."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. struck this writer in a much different way that anticipated.

"I was amazed at the many aspects of Earnhardt," said Charlie Allen. "He spoke with a soft demeanor, was articulate and spoke in depth and from the heart when answering questions."

As Earnhardt himself so aptly stated -

"I like being a 'regular guy' and partying down with my friends."

Traveling along the highway it is likely that Dale Earnhardt, Jr. will make a pit stop at a bowling center for a game or two. And you can probably bank on that including a brew or two.

Charlie Allen of Columbus, OH is the publisher of *The Ohio Bowler* and *The New York Bowler*

Fred Thompson Speaks at 2009 Bowl Expo

by Page Dew for the Bowling News Network

Former Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson addressed a receptive audience at the 2009 International Bowl Expo, held June 22-26 at the Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas. Thompson's conservative view of political, social, and economic policies resonated well with his listeners.

An unsuccessful candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination in 2007-08, the Senator's resumé is diverse. He is a politician, actor, attorney, lobbyist and radio host. As an actor, he is best known for his appearances as District Attorney Arthur Branch in the popular television series, *Law and Order*, while his movie career has brought him to the screen 23 times including the films *No Way Out*, *The Hunt for Red October*, *Days of Thunder*, *Class Action*, *In the Line of Fire* and *Cape Fear*.

Speaking without notes or a prepared script, the Senator acquitted himself well, entertaining the mostly small business group with his personal story, interwoven with his self-described common sense opinions. He described his journey through life as full of "happenstance" with no regrets.

All of his issue positions were predictable with strong supporting arguments. The 67-year-old Thompson seemed to enjoy the Bowling Expo venue where he presented himself as a "friend of freedom." A strong believer in federalism, he has been quoted as saying, "federalism provides a basis for a proper analysis of most issues."

In his press conference after his public presentation, Thompson sat at a long table with reporters and amplified his keynote remarks. At times, it felt like a friendly chat with Andy Griffith in Mayberry. Both Thompson and Griffith give the feeling of being in a room with someone with a slow Southern drawl who is extremely intelligent. His personal journey through life highlights strength of character, perhaps derived from his parents and the en-

vironment of his hometown of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

The recent election of President Barack Obama and the majority rule of the Democratic Party in Congress prompted Thompson to opine that the passage of increased federal regulations and taxes will stifle small businesses, including bowling centers. Additionally, the Senator said that such "liberal" policies will cause "the chickens to come



Fred Thompson talks with writers Jim Dressel & Charlie Allen

home to roost." He described Obama as "naïve," if he believes these policies will prove to be productive.

On foreign policy, Thompson presented an interesting take on the current unrest in Iran. He pointed out that the young population in Iran certainly has taken notice of the way the United States has encouraged free elections in Iraq. As a result of this policy in a neighboring country, Iranians long for the same right to determine their government.

As a bowler, the Senator recalled how he bowled in a league with a local civic organization many years ago, but did not have his own ball or shoes. Like many bowlers, he could not remember his highest game, perhaps by design.

Currently Thompson is a radio host, along with his wife, Jeri, on 170 stations on Westwood One, succeeding Bill O'Reilly when O'Reilly ended *The Radio Factor*. He is represented by the prestigious William Morris Agency and will most likely be seen again in television and the cinema, but expressed no future political aspirations.

Elaine Hagin Earns 49th Flowers for the Living Award

Las Vegas, June 21, 2009: Since its beginning in 1961, the Sam Levine Flowers for the Living Award has been given to great people in the industry who have made exceptional contributions over many years to enhance the growth, welfare and image of bowling.

This year's winner, Elaine Hagin, epitomizes those words. For six decades, Hagin has served bowling, not for monetary reward, but from a deep love of the game and the people around the world who share her love and devotion for the sport.

An even better description of Hagin's qualifications for this prestigious honor was rendered by the late Sam Weinstein, former co-chairman of the award. Sam said, "This award is not necessarily for any great deed or spectacular accomplishment, but just for being a person in our world who truly deserves a pat on the back to let them know we love them and admire them for what they have done and stood for."

Sam's words fit Elaine Hagin like they were written especially for her. Her love affair with bowling began in her home state of California, where she spearheaded numerous programs and projects for the Women's International and American Bowling Congresses which ranked at the top of national programs.

Her early work was so outstanding that it led to her being inducted into local, state and national halls of fame, but this "Flowers" honor she is receiving today is beyond hall of

fame recognition; it is for the intangible elements, enthusiasm, and the 'can do spirit' she brought to the organizations she has served virtually her entire life.

Hagin has always believed that almost anything is possible for those who are willing to roll up their sleeves and work for it, and that attitude has produced results for bowling.

As national chair for the Bowlers to Veterans

Link, she said "We can raise millions," and they did. When the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame was being planned in St. Louis, Hagin was a part of finding funds to pay for it, and behind the efforts to make it one of the premier sports museums in the world. Now she is working to do the same for the new IBMHF in Arlington, Texas.

As a national officer of the WIBC, she helped

make that organization one of the best in the world. As president of USA Bowling, she started a Title IX task force that led to NCAA status for women's collegiate bowling programs.

In 1999, she brought recognition to bowling by winning the Women's Sports Foundation President's Award for her work in the development and advancement of women's sports.

Her accolades go on and on, but today is truly special for Hagin, because by earning the Flowers award, it says that her friends and colleagues in bowling have noticed all those outstanding achievements, and they have noted that she performed them almost flawlessly, with style and grace her entire career.

The Sam Levine Flowers for the Living Award is presented by The Bowling Foundation, bowling's official charitable arm. The award was created in 1961 by Cleveland Kegler publisher Sam Levine and a small group of newspapermen. It was inspired by a poem written by one of the founders, Ohio Associated Press editor Fritz Howell. His poem, "Flowers for the Living" suggests that deserving people be honored "while they are still alive to smell the flowers."

The award consists of three parts - a presentation plaque, a matching plaque with the poem, and a beautiful bouquet of flowers. For more: www.bowlingfoundation.org.



Bowling Foundation Executive Director Troy Greisen, Elaine Hagen, Joan Romeo, Flower's for the Living Committee Chairman Jim Goodwin



BPAA APPOINTS STEVEN D. JOHNSON AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) announced it has appointed Steven D. Johnson to serve as its Executive Director, effective August 3, 2009. In this role, Johnson will lead association efforts to help the \$10 billion bowling industry build upon its resurgence in popularity and maintain continued increases in consumer participation through a strategic vision that includes further domestic and international growth, as well as expanded partnership marketing and nonprofit initiatives.

"Steven is joining BPAA at an exciting time and a critical juncture in bowling's history. In recent years, bowling has enjoyed a tremendous resurgence in popularity fueled by the emergence of 'entertainment' bowling centers and increased participation across all age levels, particularly among youth bowlers," said Jim Sturm, BPAA President and United States Bowling Congress Director. "We now have a unique opportunity to channel this momentum to take bowling



to greater heights than ever before and I'm confident that Steven is the man to help us get there."

Johnson, who brings 20 years of senior-level management experience, joins bowling after a decade in the racing industry. He has been instrumental in leading the growth of some of racing's largest brands, serving as President and CEO for such entities as Heartland Park, CHAMP Car World Series (CART) and Sports Car Club of America (SCCA).

"I feel very fortunate to join BPAA during this time of growth and opportunity, and to be part of such an incredible team," said Johnson. "Bowling has proven to be one of the few recession-resistant industries and an activity that transcends boundaries of age, race and geography. We can also offer a platform that is unique in any industry,

access to more than 68 million bowlers and 3,400 centers across virtually every U.S. market. This industry is primed for even further growth and I'm proud and excited to play a role in helping to lead the next chapter."

Johnson joins BPAA after serving for more than a year as President and CEO of Heartland Park, an internationally recognized multi-use entertainment complex. Previously, he spent three years as President and CEO of CHAMP Car World Series (CART), a leading global brand in sports and entertainment and the longest running global racing series in the world. Prior to CART, Johnson acted for four years as President and CEO of Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), the leading automotive nonprofit membership organization in the world, consisting of 110 regions, 64,000 members and two for-profit subsidiaries. He previously held senior-level management positions at National Hot Rod Association, Honeywell and Master Lock Company.

"Steven's appointment follows an exhaustive search that began more than six months ago. Our goal was to find a sports industry leader who brings vision, a proven track record for success and a passion for bowling. We found all of these qualities in Steven and are confident that he is the perfect person to usher bowling into a yet another phase of growth," said Cathy DeSocio, Secretary of the BPAA Board.

Johnson will relocate to Texas along with his wife Cheryl and son Alex. He succeeds John Berglund who is retiring at the end of 2009 after having served for eight years as the organization's Executive Director. Added Sturm, "We would like to thank John for his leadership, years of service, support during this transition and tremendous contributions to our great sport."

STU UPSON NAMED USBC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stu Upson has been named executive director for the United States Bowling Congress by the USBC Board of Directors. Upson brings to USBC 20 years of sports and entertainment business management experience and a proven track record of success in a variety of organizations.

Since 2002, Upson has served as senior vice president for Skip Barber Racing, the world's largest automotive education and entertainment company. Based in Lakeville, Conn., Skip Barber Racing operates more than 1,000 events annually at more than two dozen venues across North America offering driving training, amateur and professional race series and corporate programs.

"Stu Upson is a uniquely talented sports business executive," USBC President Jeff Boje said. "The Board conducted an exhaustive nationwide search, and Stu emerged as the clear choice to lead USBC. He brings tremendous experience growing the financial strength and visibility of sports organizations to USBC."

While at Skip Barber Racing, Upson was instrumental in a corporate turnaround from bankruptcy in 2001. His leadership helped generate double-digit annual revenue growth, create new customer service quality guidelines and return the company to profitability.

"I am extremely excited about joining USBC,"

Upson said. "The sport of bowling has tremendous potential for growth, and I look forward to working with the Board of Directors and the staff in Arlington to serve USBC membership and lead the sport to future success."

Prior to his position at Skip Barber Racing, Upson served as senior vice president for Venue3D, a joint venture between the William Morris Agency and Mills Corporation to provide marketing consulting services for retail developers and properties.

Upson also spent four years as senior vice president of sports and entertainment marketing for First USA Bank. At First USA Bank, Upson established a sports affinity credit card program, signing agreements with more than 200 sports and entertainment properties. Earlier in his career, Upson served as vice president of business development for Major League Baseball Properties.

A graduate of Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, Calif., Upson currently lives in New Canaan, Conn. Upson will begin his duties at USBC headquarters in Arlington, Texas on July 13.

USBC Chief Operating Officer Kevin Dornberger will remain with the organization in a senior executive role with a title to be determined.



International Bowl Expo 2009 Rolls Out of Vegas

Bowling Industry on Solid Track for Remainder of 2009

Enthusiasm and optimism were everywhere during International Bowl Expo 2009 (IBE 2009) at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. After a week of classes, seminars, networking events and the ever-popular trade show, bowling industry leaders, suppliers, manufacturers and attendees declared the event an outstanding success giving IBE 2009 high marks in all categories.

Attendance numbers were up over last year's Bowl Expo in Orlando, yet off about 10 percent from a normal venue in Vegas. However, John LaSpina, IBE committee chair remarked this year's convention and trade show actually beat the odds of other Vegas national shows. "While Las Vegas numbers for other national trade shows are down about 30%, we are pleased with the total participation of the bowling industry as a whole in this year's Bowl Expo." LaSpina also added, "Early reports from vendors indicate there was a lot more buying on the Trade Show floor and a lot of interest expressed in new items that were on display."

Originally known as the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America's (BPAA) Annual Convention, it officially became BPAA's Bowl Expo in 1995 and ultimately "International Bowl Expo" a year later. As in past years, the international popularity was very evident as contingencies from BPA of Canada, the European Bowling Proprietors' Association, the Japanese Bowling Proprietors Association, as well as numerous industry colleagues from China, Australia, South America, Mexico, Russia, India and Southeast Asia were among those in attendance. Online registration at International Bowl Expo's official Web site, www.bowlexpo.com continued to be a popular avenue for registrants to sign up for the annual event. IBE 2009 was also the venue of choice for the Bowling Writers Association of America's (BWAA) annual conference, the Bowling News Network (BNN), the IBPSIA Annual Conference and USBC Coaching Summit in addition to the Annual Armed Forces Bowling Conference, held at the Orleans Hotel and Casino.

On Monday, June 22, BPAA conducted their

annual membership breakfast meeting where member delegates re-elected their slate of officers to a second one-year term: BPAA president, Jim Sturm, Dunbar Bowling Center, Dunbar, W.Va.; John Snyder, Thunder Bowl Lanes, Alpena, Mich. as president-elect; Cathy DeSocio, Joma Bowling, Wichita, Kan., secretary and Tom Martino, Majestic Lanes, Hopelawn, N.J. as treasurer. Also re-elected to two year term at-large director seats were Rick Braden, Terre Haute Bowling Center, Terre Haute, Ind., John Losito, Sun Valley Lanes, Lincoln, Neb. and Bill Wammes, Al Mar Lanes, Bowling Green, Ohio. Jason Altman, Surf Bowl, Orangeside, Calif. joins the board as the new Pacific Coast Regional Director succeeding Jim Wangeman, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif., whose term expired.

Also during Monday's meeting BPAA presented Larry Moyes, Ben Lomond Lanes, Ogden, Utah with the 2009 President's Medal for his contributions and leadership of past IBEs, while Mike Hennessy, bowling journalist, was recognized posthumously with the 2009 V. A. Wapensky Award accepted by his wife Gerry. The New York State Bowling Proprietors Association was presented the 2009 Ruben A. Dankoff Legislative Award and Pro Bowl Hall of Famer, renowned coach Mike Aulby, owner of Mike Aulby's Arrowhead Lanes, Lafayette, Ind. as the 2009 BPAA/Dick Weber Bowling Ambassador Award recipient. Other award winners included Hank Harris, Brunswick Corporation, BPAA Special Project Award, and Kent Lowe, Louisiana State University senior Sports Information Director received the 2009 BPAA Media Award. In addition, several BPAA Golden Pin (Best Practices) and Proprietor of the Year recipients were recognized for their achievements. Several educational seminars were also held on Monday, including an interactive educational keynote session presented by public relations consultants Brad and Janet Ritter entitled, "Pins, Profits & PR."

Monday evening featured the Fifth Annual International Bowling Karaoke SuperStar Finals, presented by The Lighting & Sound Karaoke Store. Ten regional finalists performed in front of a

prestigious panel of judges and hundreds of IBE 2009 attendees vying for the \$5,000 top prize. Virginia Rush Williams who qualified and won the regional contest at Waccamaw Lanes, S.C., took top honors. Kendra Sullivan, Colonial Lanes, Wisc. and J. E. McKissic, Alley Cats, Texas placed a close 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in a very entertaining contest.

With over 50 different educational seminars and workshops offered, education was the main focus Monday and Tuesday as leaders and speakers from within and outside the bowling industry spoke to the thousands gathered to gain fresh knowledge and ideas on how to better run their businesses.

Mandalay Bay's South Pacific Ballroom was packed for Wednesday morning's general session where NFL Hall of Famer Lynn Swann was inducted into the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame Celebrities Exhibit. The former Pittsburgh Steeler great was recognized for his many contributions in promoting the sport of bowling. The newly created Mechanics Hall of Fame inducted Rip Owens, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, Texas as its first recipient. That was followed by keynote speaker, former Tennessee senator, one-time presidential candidate and TV and film actor Fred Thompson who provided amusing insights into his acting and political career before turning more serious to present his thoughts on the issues of the day.

Strike Ten Entertainment vice presidents Frank DeSocio and Henry Lewczyk, provided an update on STE's progress over the past year and the crowd was treated to a special live appearance by the evil Kingpin from the popular Bowlopolis video series.

Wednesday morning The Bowling Foundation recognized Teacher of the Year Selinda Riggs, Cheney Middle School, Cheney, Wash. The highlight of the morning came when BPAA inducted former president Rex Haney, Gage Center Bowl, Topeka, Kan. into BPAA's Hall of Fame through the presentation of the industry's most prestigious award, the Victor Lerner Memorial Medal.

The 2009 Expo's trade show presented attendees with a packed exhibit floor that offered a range of

new and standard products and services available to the bowling industry. Thousands of bowling center, military, pro shop and other bowling-related operators spread throughout the Mandalay Bay Convention Center exhibit floor, which was sponsored by Pepsi-Cola, the official soft drink of bowling, on Wednesday and Thursday in search of the industry's most current and innovative products and services. Making the two-day trade show even more attractive were many Pro Bowlers appearing at various vendors signing autographs while a number of exhibitors offered interactive and hands-on demonstrations as well as many 'freebies.' This year The Bowling Foundation held its first-ever "horse race" fund-raiser that raised money for youth programs and for the second year BPAA-USBC held their Bowl Expo Bowling Challenge, this year won by USBC. There were also numerous other contests and cash prize giveaways that helped keep buyers on the trade floor throughout both exhibit days.

Fundraisers were plentiful during Bowl Expo with The Bowling Foundation's Golf Outing, "live horse race" and the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame's Salute to Bowling Silent and Live Auction, which included the induction of internationally acclaimed author and bowling instructor Tom Kouros into the Coaches Hall of Fame. Pledges and actual donations for the BPAC (BPAA's Political Action Committee) were once again received from attendees.

To cap off a week of hard work, serious learning and intense networking, Thursday evening saw the return of the ever-popular Club Xpo featuring pre-show music by Three Kinds of Magic, headline entertainer Bill Engvall and the musical group, Haute Chile.

International Bowl Expo thanks all of its sponsors and especially recognizes the 2009 Diamond Level Sponsors Pepsi-Cola, QubicaAMF, North Pointe Insurance Group, Brunswick, UPS, Anheuser-Busch, Tony's Pizza and Jolly Time Popcorn.

International Bowl Expo 2010 returns to the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel June 27 - July 2, 2010, with exhibits housed at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Jason Belmonte Named the Bowling Foundation's First Goodwill Ambassador

ARLINGTON, Texas - Australia's Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame and Bowlers Education Youth programs.

Liquidators Professional Bowlers Association Tour event and among the most popular players in the world, has been signed as the first goodwill ambassador of The Bowling Foundation.

As a goodwill ambassador, the 25-year-old from Orange, Australia, will promote The Bowling Foundation and its charities while competing as an exempt player on the 2009-10 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour.



Sean Rash and Jason Belmonte



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The Strike Force Tour is happy to announce the 17th Annual Arizona Bowling Dream with a \$10,000 1st Place Guarantee regardless of entries and will be hosted at the plush Brunswick Zone Mesa labor day weekend September 4-7 2009.

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I want to thank all our returning sponsors and new ones coming on board! We are set to have the best time ever! We hope to see you on lanes Labor Day weekend! Until then “May the Force be With You” – visit www.strikeforcetour.com or call us 800.838.7119.

"This support will be significant for The Bowling Foundation," The Bowling Foundation Executive Director Troy Greisen said. "Jason Belmonte's phenomenal success and popularity will bring much-needed awareness to our youth programs and charity partners. Jason understands the importance of helping those in need."

The 2008-09 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year won The Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic, earning him his 2009-10 exemption. Belmonte made the match-play field six times and cashed in eight of the nine events he entered during the 2008-09 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season.

"I am proud to serve as The Bowling Foundation's first goodwill ambassador," Belmonte said. "The sport of bowling does a lot of good work for youth and charity through the foundation, and I want to support these efforts any way I can."

Belmonte and his unique bowling style earned plenty of media attention during the 2008-09 season. Among his appearances were ESPN's E:60, ABC's Good Morning America, NBC's Today Show and The Fox Network's Fox & Friends. He also was featured in the Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, ESPN The Magazine, Denver Post, Boston Globe and ESPN.com among many other media outlets.

For more information, visit bowlingfoundation.org, or contact us at (888) 302-8122 or info@bowlingfoundation.org.
About The Bowling Foundation

The mission of the foundation is to enhance the lives of others through the sport of bowling, particularly reaching out toward youth, those less fortunate, underprivileged or in need, giving them increased chance for success, health, fitness and the joy of sport; while fostering bowling across all sectors of society and the world.

As the "charitable arm of bowling," the foundation is fully supported by the leading entities for the sport including the United States Bowling Congress, The Bowling Proprietors' Association of America, the Bowling Proprietors Association International, Strike Ten Entertainment and the Professional Bowlers Association.

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UNITED STATES SWEEPS MASTERS GOLD, SILVER MEDALS IN BOGOTA

BOGOTA, Colombia - Junior Team USA dominated Masters match play, sweeping the boys and girls gold and silver medals while also taking a boys bronze at the 2009 Pan American Bowling Confederation Youth Championships.



It to rt, Christine Bator, Jake Peters, Geoffrey Young, Kristie Petravich and Daniel Spink

Kristie Petravich of West Palm Beach, Fla., defeated Christine Bator of Warren, Mich., 2-0, to take the girls title, while Jake Peters of Decatur, Ill., beat Daniel Spink of St. Louis, Mo., 2-1, to take the boys gold medal.

"It feels great to end the tournament with a win like this," said Petravich, who beat Bator 195-187 and 198-159 in the best two of three championship match. "Either way we were going to get gold, so it didn't really matter who came out on top."

Peters defeated Spink in three games, dropping the opener 204-180 before coming back with victories of 209-188 and 258-245.

"Today was a redemption day for us after we finished second in trios and team," Peters said. "After getting silver in back-to-back events, it feels great to do this for the team. It was so nice going into the final knowing that we had the gold medal no matter what."

Geoffrey Young of Denton, Texas, earned a bronze medal by advancing to the semifinals, where he lost to Spink, 2-0. Jenn Boisselle of Brandon, Fla., Brittni Hamilton of Webster, N.Y., and Chris Pierson of Waukesha, Wis., lost in the quarterfinals.

The Masters medals capped off a successful week for Junior Team USA in the PABCON Youth Championships. In all, the squad captured eight gold medals, eight silver medals and three bronze medals for a total of 19 medals. The boys and girls teams both medaled in every event.

BATOR TAKES SINGLES GOLD

Junior Team USA's Christine Bator of Warren, Mich., held on to win the singles gold medal.

Bator, who competed on the first of two squads, totaled 1,346 for six games, an average of 224.33, at Salitre Bowling Center. She sat and watched as Colombia's Laura Fonnegra nearly passed her. Instead, the Colombian, who bowls collegiately at Lindenwood, settled for the silver medal, five pins back.

Fonnegra needed two strikes in the final frame to edge Bator but left a 10 pin on the first shot and closed with a 197 game. Fonnegra didn't miss a spare the last game but was unable to throw two consecutive strikes.

"I was so nervous that I was shaking in my flip flops," Bator said. "Laura threw the ball great the last game, and I feel fortunate to have held on to win the gold medal."

Bator, who finished second in singles to teammate Josie Earnest at last year's PABCON Youth Championships, put together six consistent games en route to the victory. She had games of 236, 223, 220, 219, 226 and 222.

"The big thing was I made my spares today," Bator said. "If it wasn't for my high spare percentage, I wouldn't have even been close. I only had three opens and two of them were splits."

Junior Team USA newcomer Jenn Boisselle of Brandon, Fla., took the bronze medal as she threw three strikes in the final frame for 1,287. Boisselle edged Colombia's Maria Jose Rodriguez by 22 pins.

Kristie Petravich of West Palm Beach, Fla., finished fifth with 1,253, while Brittni Hamilton of Webster, N.Y., was ninth with 1,180.

On the boys side, Colombia's Juan Gomez beat out Junior Team USA's Jake Peters of Decatur, Ill., by 42 pins to win the gold medal. Gomez totaled 1,401 to Peters' 1,359. El Salvador's Rudy Quintanilla took the bronze medal with 1,332.

JUNIOR TEAM USA SWEEPS DOUBLES GOLD MEDALS

The United States swept the doubles gold medals while also earning a boys silver and girls bronze.

Jake Peters of Decatur, Ill., and Chris Pierson of Waukesha, Wis., held on to win the boys gold with 2,508, edging their teammates Geoffrey Young of Denton, Texas, and Daniel Spink of St. Louis, Mo., by 19 pins.

Brittni Hamilton of Webster, N.Y., and Christine Bator of Warren, Mich., combined to shoot 2,499 and breezed to the girls title by nearly 150 pins. Jenn Boisselle of Brandon, Fla., and Kristie Petravich of West Palm Beach, Fla., earned the bronze with 2,351.

"I was nervous watching the last squad and usually I wouldn't want to stick around, but I wanted to support Geoffrey and Daniel," said Peters, who bowled on the second of three squads. "It's great that Chris and I won, but it would have been great if they had won, too. All that matters is that we won the gold and silver medals."

Peters led the duo with 1,302, the highest individual total of the day, while Pierson added 1,206. Young fired 1,261, and Spink shot 1,228 in the silver-medal effort. Puerto Rico's Hector Soto and Anibal Marin took the bronze with 2,472.

For the girls, Bator, who won the girls singles gold medal Monday, led her pairing with 1,293, while Hamilton contributed 1,206.

"To win my first medal in international competition feels really amazing," said Hamilton, who is on Junior Team USA for the first time this year. "I thought it was going to be close, but we were able to somehow pull away down the stretch. After the third game, we decided just to have fun and not take it so seriously."

Colombia's Maria Jose Rodriguez and Laura Fonnegra took the silver with 2,355, edging Boisselle and Petravich by four pins. Petravich shot 1,189, while Boisselle had 1,162.

JUNIOR TEAM USA GIRLS TAKE GOLD IN TEAM, ALL-EVENTS

The Junior Team USA girls earned gold medals in team and all-events. The Americans ran away with the team title with 4,926, topping second-place Canada by nearly 150 pins, while Christine Bator easily won the all-events title.

Kristie Petravich led the team effort with a six-game total of 1,303 and was followed by Bator (1,259), Brittni Hamilton (1,215) and Jenn Boisselle (1,149). The Canadians took silver with 4,784, while Colombia earned bronze with 4,706.

On the boys side, Venezuela overcame a 30-pin deficit entering the last game to top the United States for the gold medal with 4,931. The Americans took silver with 4,838, while Puerto Rico got bronze with 4,821.

The Junior Team USA girls entered the final round with a 55-pin lead and really weren't challenged all day. They had games of 792, 839 and closed with their lowest total of the six games with 779.

"I'm so proud of this team," Bator said. "We struggled a little bit the last game, but I knew if we just filled frames we would be OK."

The United States girls have now won five gold medals in as many events, with Bator being a part of all five medals. She earned the all-events title by shooting 5,118 for 24 games, an average of 213.25. Petravich took silver with 4,981, while Colombia's Laura Fonnegra was third with 4,976.

Hamilton finished fifth in all-events with 4,910, while Boisselle was sixth with 4,907.

"I was trying to not think about all-events all day," said Bator, who has earned gold medals in singles, doubles, trios, team and all-events. "I just have to keep bowling like I have all week. The hard part is over now. Winning the Masters would just be an extra bonus."

In the boys team event, Venezuela shot 902 in the final game to the United States' 779 to jump from second to first. Carlos Cottone led the Venezuelans with 1,330 and was followed by Kevin Blandria (1,237), Michael Piccari (1,218) and Giorgio Clinaz (1,146).

Chris Pierson led the United States with 1,253. Jake Peters added 1,242, Daniel Spink shot 1,186 and Geoffrey Young had 1,157.

Alejandro Montijo of Mexico edged Peters for the gold medal in all-events with 5,177 for 24 games, an average of 215.71. Peters took the silver with 5,158, while Fidel Marchena of the Dominican Republic earned bronze with 5,059.

UNITED STATES TAKES GIRLS GOLD, BOYS SILVER IN TRIOS IN BOGOTA

The Junior Team USA girls won its third gold medal in as many events, claiming the trios title, while the boys settled for the trios silver medal.

The United States trio of Jenn Boisselle, Kristie Petravich and Christine Bator earned the gold medal with a six-game total of 3,765, topping host Colombia by 102 pins. On the boys side, Mexico ran away with the gold medal, topping the United



JOWDY'S JOURNAL BY JOHN JOWDY

World Series of Bowling . . .

The Professional Bowlers Association Tour is, by far, the most important and effective promotional vehicle in bowling.

A new era in the PBA will feature 23 tournament telecasts slated for the 2009-10 season, beginning with the creation of the Lumber Liquidators PBA World Series of Bowling. The World Series of Bowling will be held in the Detroit area and kick off at longtime PBA host center, Taylor Lanes, in Taylor, Michigan, about 20 miles southeast of Detroit.

This will mark the first time the PBA tour will spend an extended period of time in one city. Six events will be staged at Thunderbowl Lanes. This is a 90-lane facility featuring a unique setup for taping of the ESPN telecasts; as well as continuous online coverage of the PBA Tour's live streaming video service "Xtra Frame" on pba.com. Thunderbowl Lanes features an arena that originally housed the Detroit franchise of the old National Bowling League and later catered to the Detroit All-Star bowling league.

The seven PBA championship events will air out what has been traditionally the first half of the PBA season from mid-October to early December 2009; Sunday afternoons on ESPN. The second half of the season, from January to April will feature live Sunday telecasts and travel to at least 10 cities across the country, including three major championships; USBC Masters, PBA Tournament of Champions, and the US Open. In my estimation, the advantage of the seven-week stand in one location FAR outweighs the loss of tournaments in other areas, particularly from a financial standpoint. The savings in travel costs will be a financial boom to the PBA as well as the PBA players.

The World Series of Bowling is exactly what it implies. All events are open to professionals as well as amateurs. Amateurs may enter directly into the open event fields; (Motor City Open; PBA World Championship; PBA Women's World Championship; and PBA Senior World Championship). Amateurs may also enter Lumber Liquidator's PBA exempt Tour events; but must qualify through Pro Tour Qualifying Rounds. All amateurs who finish among the top 10 in TQR's will advance to the field of 72.

World Series of Bowling exempt events will consist of 41 players from the 2008-09 points list; eight players from the PBA Tour Trials; seven players from the PBA Regional Players Invitational; three international players exemptions; one Golden Parachute qualifier; one player from a medical deferment in 2008-09; (Tommy Delutz) the 2008-09 TQR points list leader; and 10 players (including one amateur) that advance from the TRQ's.

One of the main features of the World Series of Bowling is the appearance of THREE two-handed-thumbless bowlers; Finland's Osku Palermaa, Australia's Jason Belmonte, and former Team USA member, Cassidy Schaub.

After a deal with the European Bowling Tour, the World Series of Bowling asked all international stars to apply for exemptions. They had dozens of applications and decided on three outstanding international players that included Osku Palermaa, the European Bowling Tour points leader; Tae-Hwa Jeong, a 10-time Korean PBA Tour winner as well as a five-time Japan PBA Tour titlist; and Amleto Monacelli, a 19-time PBA champion.

States' Daniel Spink, Chris Pierson and Jake Peters by nearly 200 pins.

Junior Team USA's girls, who have already claimed the singles and doubles gold medals, led the Colombians by 140 pins heading into the final game and held off a final push to earn the gold.

"All of our nerves started to come back that last game," Boisselle said. "We saw the Colombians start stringing strikes, so we were definitely nervous. We just had to bowl our game and it worked out for us."

Boisselle led the group with a 1,309 individual total, an average of better than 218 per game. Petravich added 1,236, while Bator shot 1,220.

Colombia's Laura Fonnegra shot 1,275 and was

In addition to this, there were entries into World Series events from players from Sweden, Denmark, and Russia. Add to this, Mika Koiveniemi of Finland and Jason Belmonte of Australia who are on the PBA exempt list. Stuart Williams from England and George Lambert from Canada qualified through the tour trials, thus establishing the World Series of Bowling as truly an international event.

The women's World Series of Bowling consist of 12 players from their U.S. Women's Tour Trials, six champions from 2008 and at least two players qualifying through TQR's.

The capacity for the Motor City Open is 196. For the PBA World Championships the capacity is 200 entries. The maximum for the Senior World Championships is 140 and the maximum for the PBA Women's Championship is 100.

There will also be eight side events and sweepers. Three side events with a \$250 entry fee are restricted to amateurs and non-exempt PBA players. Five sweepers with entry fees of \$100 and \$80 are open to ALL players. All side action will go directly into the prize fund; no lineage fees or administrative fees will be deducted. In order to participate in any side event, a bowler must enter at least one of the main tournaments or any of the TQR's. Each of the five sweepers will be contested on five different PBA lane patterns...Earl Anthony, Tournament of Champions, U.S. Open, Dick Weber and Shark.

I feel confident that the "new" PBA format will not only be successful, but with telecasts of the events aired internationally, it will increase TV ratings and create greater worldwide interest. It will surely inspire younger generations of aspiring bowlers.

The regular PBA tour featuring 64 exempt players will include numerous new bowlers and number of veterans who re-qualified. Two of the most notable players failing to gain exemption for the 2009-10 season were David Traber and Dave D'Entremont.

Bowlers who qualified for the 2009-10 season were; Dave Arnold, Mitch Beasley, Joe Ciccone, P.J. Haggerty, Tim Mack, John May, Derek Sapp, Cassidy Schaub, Thomas Smallwood, Brian Waliczek, Lonnie Waliczek, Stevie Weber, and Troy Wollenbecker.

Although the "new" PBA look is a product of united and cooperative PBA employees, much of the credit must be attributed to Tom Clark, the deputy commissioner of the PBA. Clark, a former USA Today sports reporter, has demonstrated an uncanny ability to promote bowling as no other individual in recent years. He has been most instrumental in resurrecting women professional bowlers and did an excellent job in his short stint with the USBC. And now he is displaying the greatest promotional skills on the PBA staff since Eddie Elias founded the organization.

Perhaps the PBA's greatest coup of the 2009-10 season was the selection of Brian Voss as the Golden Parachute exemption. The choice of Voss, who failed to qualify for the 64-man exemption list, was a no-brainer. The former poster-boy of the PBA tour is a 24-time PBA champion and is fully capable of holding his own among the PBA touring players.

Meanwhile, the addition of several new faces, the re-qualification of a number of veterans, the and the initiation of the World Series of Bowling promises to make the 2009-10 PBA season one of the greatest ever!

followed by Maria Jose Rodriguez (1,225) and Anggie Ramirez (1,163). Canada's Rosalie Hiscock, Kodee Pilling and Valerie Calberry took the bronze with 3,571.

For the boys, Mexico averaged better than 220 as a team and pulled away with a 737 in Game 4. They finished with 3,975, topping Junior Team USA's 3,791. Alejandro Montijo led the Mexicans with a 1,383 series and was joined by Andre Fors Farias (1,371) and Jorge Ramos (1,221).

Pierson set the pace for Junior Team USA with 1,320, while Peters shot 1,255 and Spink fired 1,216. Venezuela's Michael Piccari, Giorgio Clinaz and Kevin Blandria took the bronze medal with 3,777, just 14 pins behind the Americans.

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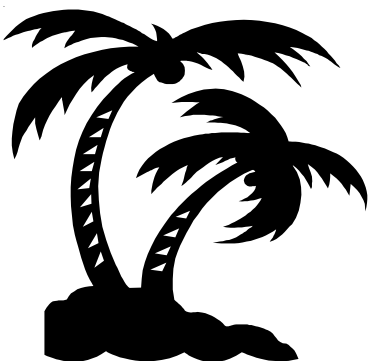


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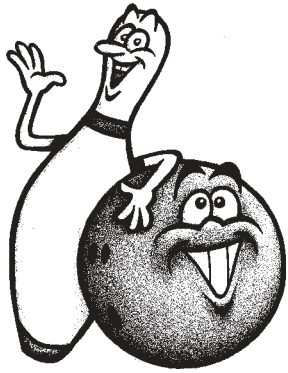
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THE FUNNY PAGE

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My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, 'What's on the TV?' I said, 'Dust.' And then the fight started...

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My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table.

My wife asked, 'Do you know her?'

'Yes,' I sighed, 'She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.'

'My God!' says my wife, 'who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?'

And then the fight started

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Elaine and Donna, were doing some carpenter work on a Habitat for Humanity house. Elaine, who was nailing down house siding, would reach into her nail pouch, pull out a nail and either toss it over her shoulder or nail it in.

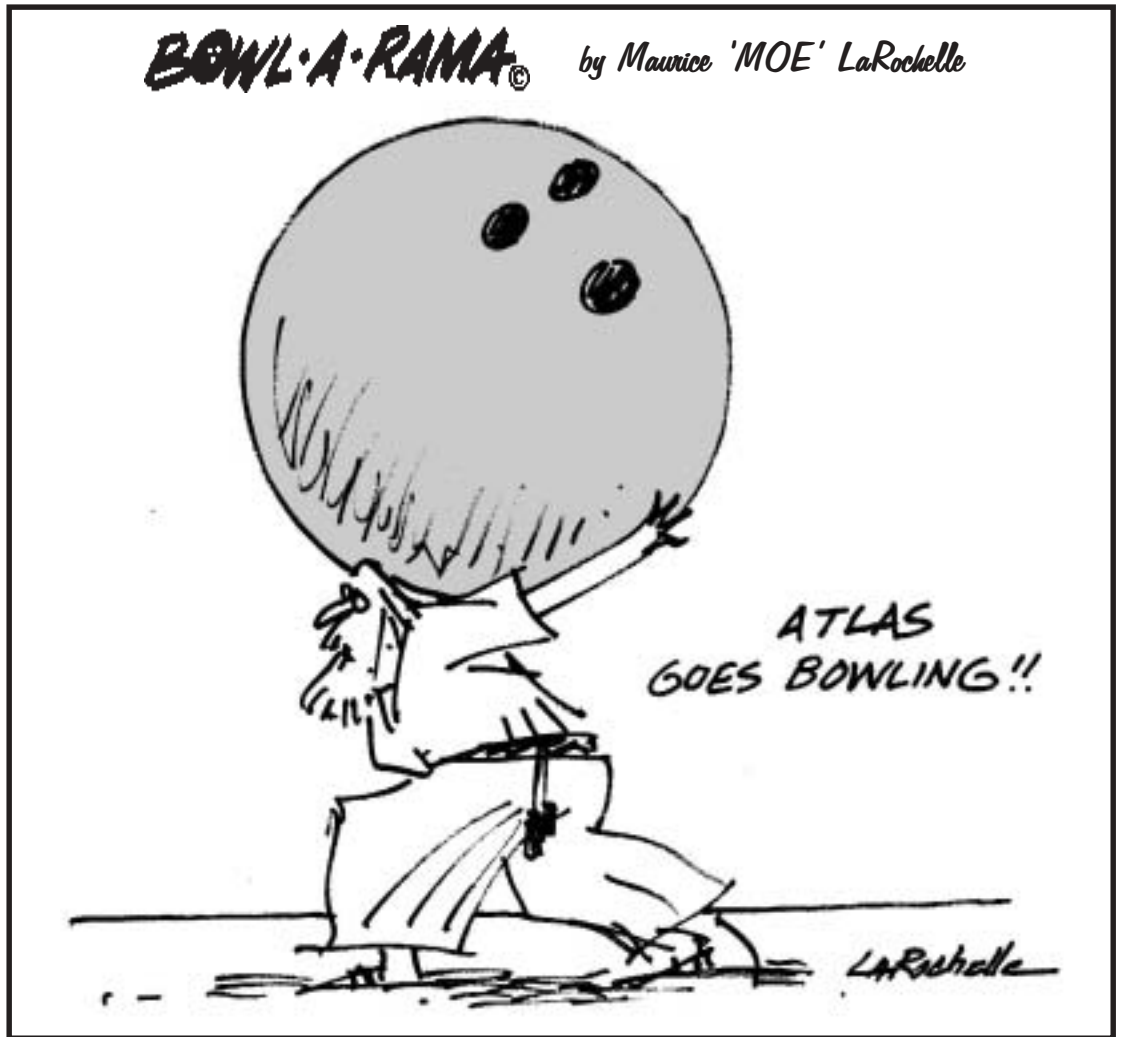
Donna, figuring this was worth looking into, asked, 'Why are you throwing those nails away?'

Elaine explained, 'When I pull a nail out of my pouch, about half of them have the head on the wrong end and I throw them away.'

Donna got completely upset and yelled, 'You moron! Those nails aren't defective! They're for the other side of the house!'

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My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds...' I bought her a set of scales. And then the fight started...



A little boy wanted \$100.00 very badly and prayed for weeks, but nothing happened .

Then he decided to write God a letter requesting the \$100.00.

When the postal authorities received the letter to God, USA, they decided to send it to the President.

The president was so amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$5.00 bill.

The president thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy.

The little boy was delighted with the \$5.00 bill and sat down to write a thank-you note to God, which read:

Dear God: Thank you very much for sending the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you sent it through Washington D.C. and those people took \$95.00 in taxes.

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A true Southerner knows how many fish, collard greens, turnip greens, peas, beans, etc., make up "a mess."

A Southerner knows instinctively that the best gesture of solace for a neighbor who's got trouble is a plate of hot fried chicken and a big bowl of cold potato salad. If the neighbor's trouble is a real crisis, they also know to add a large banana pudding!

Even Southern babies know that "Gimme some sugar" is not request for the white, granular sweet substance that sits in a pretty little bowl in the middle of the table.

Every Southerner knows tomatoes with eggs, bacon, grits, and coffee are perfectly wonderful; that red eye gravy is also a breakfast food; and that fried green tomatoes are not a breakfast food.

And to those of you who are still having a hard time understanding all this Southern stuff, ... Bless your hearts, I hear they are fixin' to have classes on Southernness as a second language!

Southern women know their vacation spots:

The beach

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The crick

Southern women know everybody's first name:

Honey

Darlin'

Shugah

Southern girls know the 3 deadly sins:

Having bad hair and nails

Having bad manners

Cooking bad food

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A blonde was driving home after a game and got caught in a really bad hailstorm. Her car was covered with dents, so the next day she took it to a repair shop.

The shop owner saw that she was a blonde, so he decided to have some fun. He told her to go home and blow into the tail pipe really hard, and all the dents would pop out.

So, the blonde went home, got down on her hands and knees and started blowing into her tailpipe. Nothing happened. So she blew a little harder, and still nothing happened.

Her blonde roommate saw her and asked, 'What are you doing?'

The first blonde told her how the repairman had instructed her to blow into the tail pipe in order to get all the dents to pop out.

The roommate rolled her eyes and said, 'Uh, like hello! You need to roll up the windows first.'



A Five Star Bowl Expo

This years International Bowl Expo that was held June 21-25 at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center received high marks on both those inside the industry and spectators who attended the seminars and trade show.

My husband and I enjoyed a first, thanks to a couple of dear friends from out of town, who invited us to enjoy a couple of nights at the beautiful resort that bills itself as a tropical paradise within a beautiful metropolis. Staying on-site affords one the opportunity to enjoy all the excitement that is generated by meeting and seeing people within the industry that make it one of the finest sports in the world.

One of the first encounters was with Fran Deken of Oklahoma, who chairs the "BWAA Senior Bowler of the Year Committee". She was working on a plan to revamp the award system possibly going to some type of a better way to gather and store information about those who are contenders of the honor. Deken had just returned from the clinic on coaches guide on matching equipment put on by Del Ballard and Bill Monce. She said it was full of wonderful information and afforded the coaches in attendance valuable tips to use in the year ahead. I heard this from more than one source and had the opportunity to pass the compliment along to Del while he was engaged in conversation with Chris and Lynda Barnes. During the same time period, I crossed paths with Hall of Famer Virginia Norton, who was busy jumping in and out of as many sessions as time would allow. I was happy to get her assurance that she will be back next March to compete in the National Golden Ladies at The Orleans.

The Bowling Writers Association of America was well represented at Expo, and this was helpful because a little history was in the making with some major decisions and questions about the future. The tough decision was the proposal to turn the administrative duties of the BWAA over to Strike Ten Entertainment. Jim Goodwin, Editor of Stars and Strikes, was strongly in favor and Bill Vint was against the proposal. Both had good reasons for their views, but when it went to a vote the change was approved by a narrow margin. The STE will reportedly give bowling greater exposure on the national stage. If this works out, it's a win-win for our industry.

Speaking of writers, I had a chance to catch two Hall of Famers, Chuck Pezzano and John Jowdy as they were starting to enter an elevator on their motorized ve-

hicles. I knew they were smart, but add to that brilliant using that type of transportation to get around the large Mandalay Bay Convention area. They looked good and are looking forward to covering our sport for years to come.

Staying on site also affords one an opportunity to share some after hours quality time with people you haven't touched base with during the past year. Breaking bread with Jim Dressel of the BJ, Jim Goodwin Editor of Stars & Strikes, and Evelyn Peoples of the Bowlers Buzz from Houston and also coaches. The evening was filled with wonderful information and very upbeat about the path bowling is taking for the future.

The trade show was well laid out, but next to impossible to attend every booth unless you were lucky enough to devote the whole day or two days to visiting or taking in the sites. On my one short sojourn, I met Pete Weber at the Storm booth where he was signing autographs and talking about equipment. Pete was leaving the next morning for Japan and said he was ready for the fall tour.

The Expo pushed hard to encourage proprietors and coaches to spend more time and energy on youth programs. Bob McKee, a successful coach at Coronado High School had three of his athletes accompany him to the show. Hopefully, more varsity coaches took advantage of this rare opportunity to have invaluable information available in one place.

USBC has to be proud of the excitement they generated during this years event, and hopefully next year's Expo will enjoy the same level of success.

The book closed officially on the Las Vegas '08-09 season with a Toast of Coast team championship. This is a rare roll-off where bowlers have a chance to enjoy a big payday with no our-of-pocket money. The teams representing all Coast Property leagues roll off with the top 32 teams making the finals and guaranteed cash. Vegas Doubles representing Gold Coast made up of Oscan Jiminez, Janet Gooden, Steve Dutton, Bruce Burkley and Robert Yadao. Each received \$1000 and an opportunity to take a guest to one of four vacation outings in Nevada or Utah. Gold Coast Senior travel was runner-up and Jeanette's Scratch Trio from The Orleans placed third. Over all Coast gave out \$20,000. This should be big incentive for putting together leagues for next fall.

Enjoy the summer and work on your game. XXX

LIVE FROM LAS VEGAS
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Jeanette Robinson is a PWBA champion and member of seven Halls of Fame

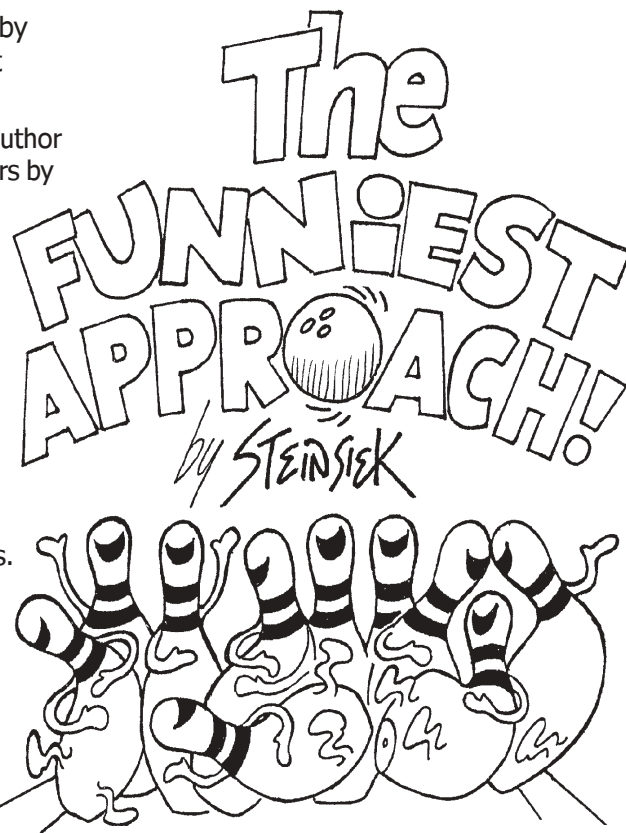
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- July 30-Aug 1 QubicaAMF International Family Tournament, Main Event, Grapevine, TX
- July 31-Aug 5 Teen Masters Nat'l Championships, South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas
- Aug 1-4 PBA Senior Lake County Indiana Open, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, IN
- Aug. 3-6 Motor City Open, Taylor Lanes, Taylor, MI
- Aug 8-9 SASBA, Copperfield, Houston, TX
- SASBA South Central, Savannah Bowling Center, Savannah, TN
- Aug. 8-13 PBA Cheetah Championship, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, MI
- Aug 8-11 PBA Senior Decatur Open, Spare Time Lanes, Decatur, IL
- Aug 13-16 6th New Mexico Open, Tenpins & More, Rio Rancho, NM
- Aug. 14-1 PBA & Women's Series Viper Championship, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, MI
- Aug 15-16 SASBA, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
- Aug. 18-20 PBA & Women's Series Chameleon Championship, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, MI
- Aug. 27-29 PBA Shark Championship
- Aug 15-18 Women's Series Shark Championship, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, MI
- Aug 22-26 PBA Senior Ladies & Legends, Town & Country Lanes, Joliet, IL
- Aug. 23-25 PBA Senior Dick Weber Open, Royal Scot Golf & Bowl, Lansing, MI
- Aug 29-30 PBA & Women's Series Scorpion Championship, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, MI
- Aug. 30-Sept 4 SASBA, 300 Bowl, Conroe, TX
- Sept 5-7 PBA Women's World Championship, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, MI
- Sept 19-20 PBA Senior World Championship, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, MI
- Sept 25 PBA World Championship, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, MI
- Sept 26-27 August Military Hdcp Team Classic, Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas
- Oct 10-11 SASBA Labor Day Blowout, Lafayette Lanes, Lafayette, LA
- Oct 17-18 SASBA Champ/Nonchamp, Bandera Super Bowl, San Antonio, TX
- Oct 24-25 Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational, AMF Winston-Salem Lanes, Winston-Salem, NC
- Nov 7-8 SASBA Over 70/Over 60 Doubles, Corsicana Super Bowl, Corsicana, TX
- Nov 14-15 SASBA Annual Championship, AMF Euleess, Euleess, TX
- Nov 22-29 SASBA South Central, Paris Family Center, Paris, TN
- Dec. 7-13 SASBA, Oil Bowl, Longview, TX
- Dec 5-6 SASBA Foursome, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
- Dec 12-13 SASBA, Del Mar Lanes, Houston, TX
- Dec 19-20 High Roller Senior Thanksgiving Classic, Sam's Town Bowl, Las Vegas, NV
- 2010 USBC Red, White and Blue Open, Northrock Lanes, Wichita, KS
- Jan. 4-10 SASBA, Cityview, Fort Worth, TX
- Jan. 12-17 SASBA SS Singles, Bandera Super Bowl, San Antonio, TX
- Jan 17-22 SASBA South Central Masters, Lightning Strikes, Dickinson, TN
- Jan. 19-24 SASBA Annual Team, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
- Jan. 26-31 Don and Paula Carter Mixed Doubles, Lava Lanes, Medford, OR
- Feb. 9-14 Earl Anthony Memorial & Women's Series Earl Anthony Memorial, Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, Dublin, CA
- Feb. 16-21 Military Bowling Championships, Gold Coast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb. 22-28 PBA Tournament of Champions, Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, NV
- March 2-7 Dick Weber Open, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, CA
- March 16-21 USBC Masters, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- March 23-28 Omaha Classic, Thunder Alley, Omaha, NE
- April 6-8 67th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open, Woodland Bowl, IN
- PBA Don Johnson Eliminator, Sequoia Lanes, Columbus, OH
- PBA Match Play Championship, Norwich Bowling Center, Norwich, CN
- Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship, AMF Babylon Lanes, W. Babylon, NY
- PBA Marathon Open, AMF Country Club Lanes, Baltimore, MD
- PBA Experience Showdown presented by BOWL.COM (Special Event), USBC International Training Center, Arlington, TX
- PBA Women's Series Showdown presented by BOWL.COM (Special Event), USBC International Training Center, Arlington, TX

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