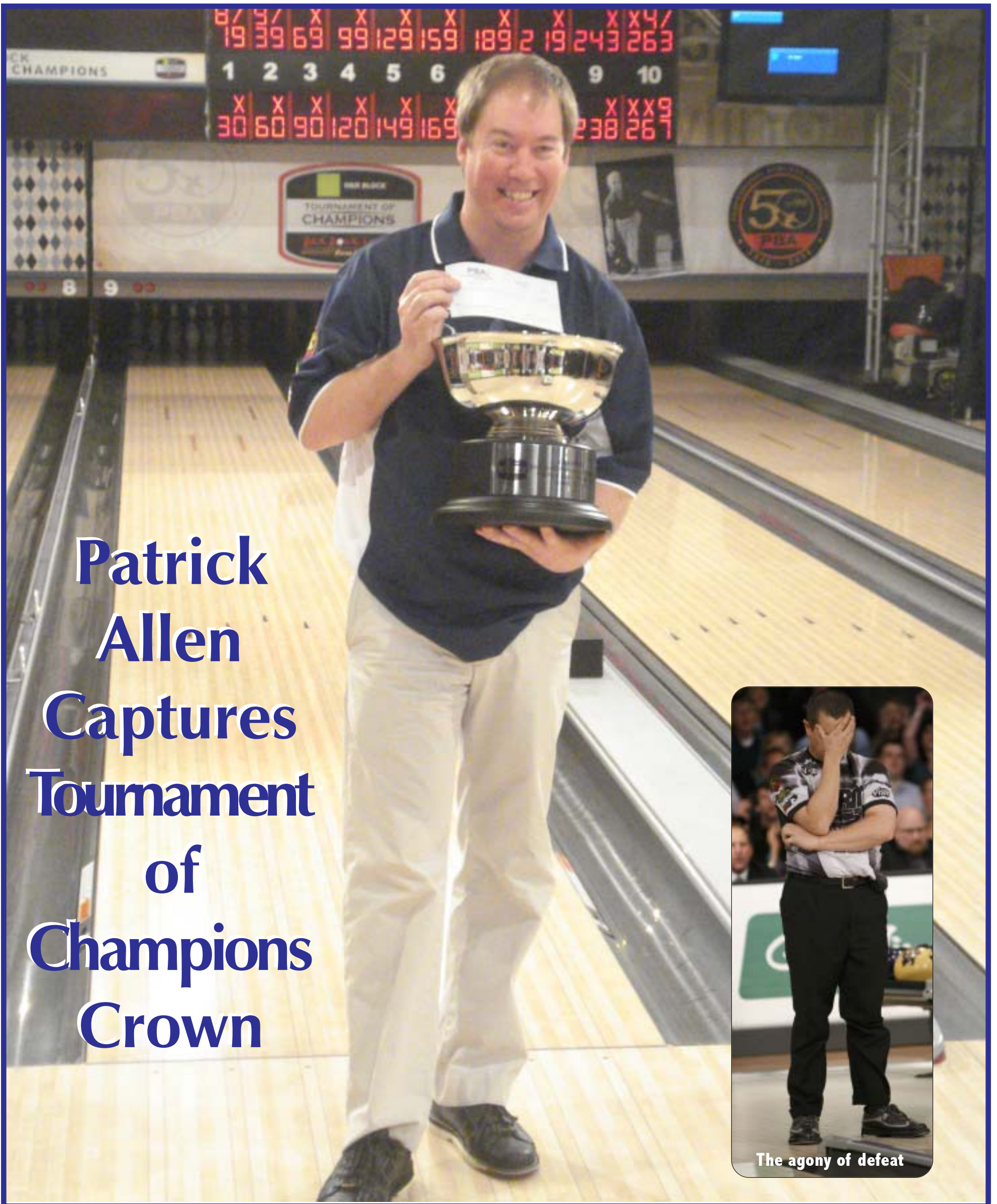




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by Jim Goodwin

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## PBA Tournament of Champions Week Was Truly Special

From all accounts, The Professional Bowlers Association hit a home run with its presentation of the 2009 Tournament of Champions and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, held January 19 –25 at the ultra-modern Red Rock Resort in Las Vegas.

The entire week, Red Rock Lanes was filled with great bowling stars of today and yesterday, friends, family, dignitaries from across the industry, and true-blue fans. One of the most impressive things we have seen since the “new PBA” started was the Ultimate Autograph Session, held on Saturday afternoon during the pro-am.

For almost three hours, fans lined up to file by the tables set up on Red Rock’s approaches to get posters, books, and other items signed by 38 of the top 50 greatest PBA players of all time. We sometimes underestimate the passion some have for our game, and this event reinforced our faith that these bowlers are as loved and admired as any athlete in any sport.

Many of the legends bowled in the event alongside the contemporary players, and many of today’s stars expressed their awe at bowling beside their boyhood heroes. Aside from the sore muscles, the legends also thoroughly enjoyed seeing the incredible talent of the younger players, and they seemed to relish being back

in the spotlight, if only for a few days.

It was an historic week, and we hope that the good people who now own and operate the PBA will remember the intangibles that some of them were seeing for the first time. There were countless “goose bump moments,” and that is what has defined the PBA these past 50 years.

On Saturday evening, over 420 people attended the PBA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala and Hall of Fame Banquet, held in Red Rock’s Charleston Ballroom. Attendees feasted on filet and salmon, but it was the ceremonies that will provide lasting memories. Including the cocktail hour, it lasted five and a half hours.

Following the fancy meal, three overdue inductees were formerly added to the PBA Hall of Fame roster; John Handegard, Del Ballard Junior, and Norm Duke. Former PBA Senior Tour Tournament Director Sandy Curtis, Robert Lawrence, and Brian Voss made introductions. It had been seven years since the last inductions.

The introductions and acceptance speeches were poignant, sincere, and full of warmth for family, friends, sponsors, and even opponents. Handegard, to the surprise of many who knew him on the lanes, was humble, and genuinely funny. “I mellowed after I quit bowling,” he told us afterwards.

Ballard went on a little long, but perhaps it was appropriate

considering how long he has been waiting for this honor. Duke followed Ballard, and had a great ad-lib opening line – “Thanks to Del, we now have only 11 minutes left for me and the top 50.”

Three deserving new members of the elite pro hall; and made even more special because they were able to share it with so many, including the legends of the PBA’s first half century.

The Grande Finale was the march across stage of the Top 50 Players, and new PBA Press Director Mike Jakubowski did an excellent job of introducing them in descending order, reading their career stats with emphasis on major titles. PBA Chief Fred Schreyer personally handed each man or his family member a crystal vase commemorating the honor, and each also had a photo taken with a special made bowling ball with their image inside.

Jakubowski interviewed the top five, starting with Mark Roth. Pete Weber got two rounds of questions, one for himself, and another representing his famous father Dick as the number three pick. Remembering his dad brought tears to PDW and all in the room.

Next came Walter Ray Williams Junior, and the family of the immortal Earl Anthony. Walter expressed pride at being second, and acknowledged that what Earl accomplished in only 14 years compared to his

28 was the difference. When it comes time to pick the best of the first 60 years, the top two order may reverse, many must have thought.

Earl’s wife Susie and son Mike spoke on his behalf. Susie said Earl would have been humble, and proud. Both said they wished he could have been there to see this great night, and talk with so many top champions, all of whom respected his character and talent.

The evening was concluded with comments from Peggy Elias, wife of founder Eddie Elias. She warmly thanked the players - Eddie’s “boys” as he called them, and the current PBA owners and staff for providing a wonderful evening and a memorable week.

The next day, Patrick Allen defeated Rhino Page 267-263 in an exciting championship match. . .and the next 50 years was off to a great start.

# Happy 50th PBA

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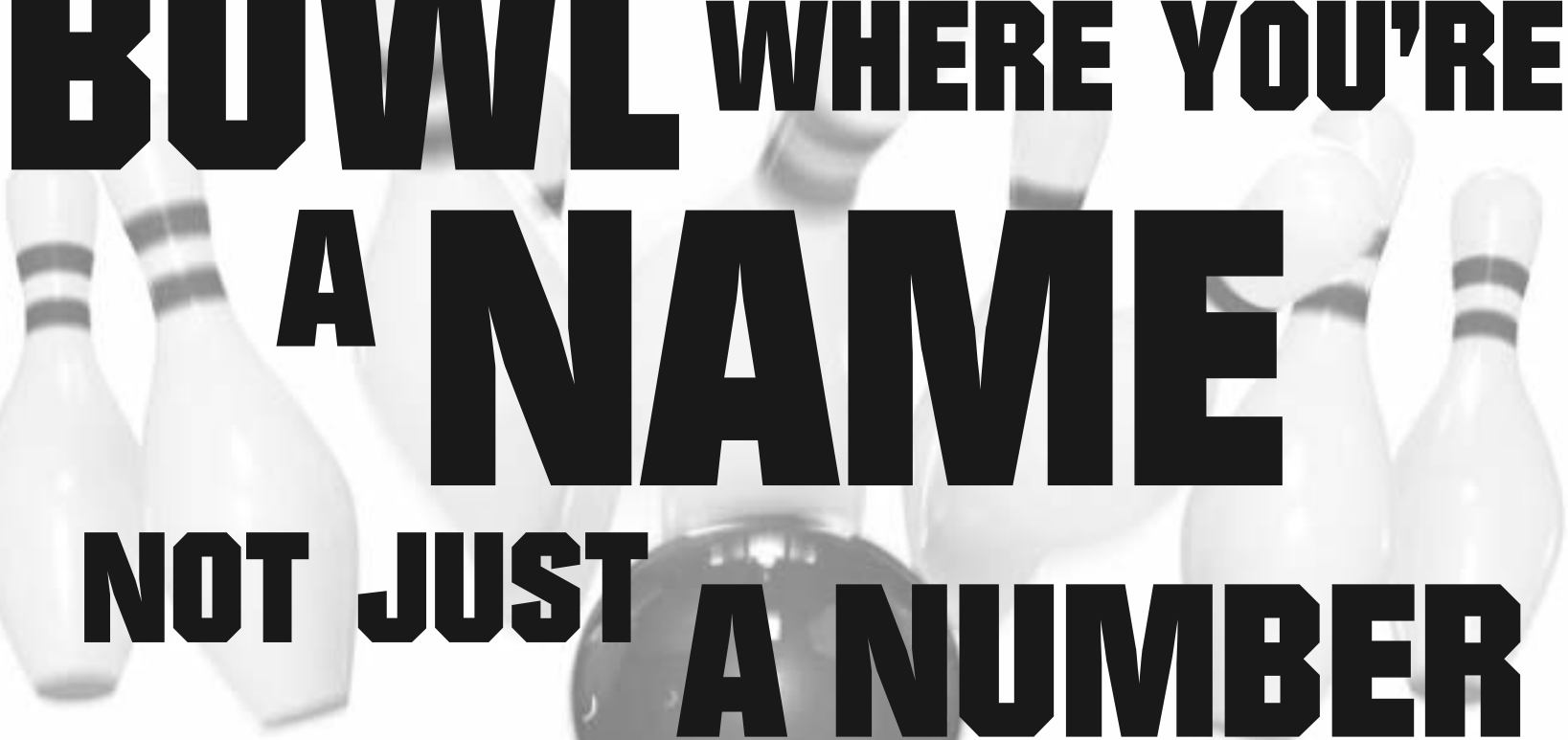
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# PEZZANO

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.

## Idle bowling thoughts . . .

- That true hero, pilot Chesley Sullenberger, the man who guided a powerless jet to a miracle crash landing on the freezing, turbulent Hudson River in New York City, saved lives, more than 150, and soared the pride of millions around the world. He landed that plane better than 90 percent of the bowlers land their bowling ball on the lane.
- If you took the individuals who make up the 17,200 teams participating in the 2009 USBC Open, some 90,000, and took all their various professions and talents, you would have a firm foundation for the establishment of a great city.
- An old, old time bowler is one who remembers when the entire prize fund of some leagues didn't add up to what it costs to enter some of today's big money events.
- Las Vegas and Reno remain two of the most popular destinations for tournaments. And yet, there's one city that boasts all that those two do in the way of access, lodging, food, entertainment and whatever is needed as a host – Atlantic City, NJ. The American Bowling Congress championships were conducted in A. C. and Showboat had a four-year run of pro events, including a \$500,000 prize U. S. Open. The bowling lanes are no longer part of the operation leaving 1990 as the most recent bowling. A lot of bowling people should take a long look at the possibilities that still remain.
- The only difference between talent and dumb luck depends on whether you get the off pocket strike or your opponent does.
- In 1993 part of a column I wrote noted, "Tom Kouros, a top instructor and one of the most respected authors of instructional materials, has a new book out. It's "Par Bowling; The Challenge" and covers every inch of everything you can or should do in bowling. The book is 394 pages of solid instruction and information, features 135 drawings and illustrations and is a must in having a guide or reference." It still is.
- The election of Kouros to the USBC Hall of Fame was hailed by his students and admirers all around the world.
- One of the best issues of any bowling magazine ever published is the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bowlers Journal International. It will give anyone with any interest in bowling untold hours of facts, figures and discussion topics.
- Wes Malott is an awesome figure on the lanes. He's a big man and the ball seems small in his hand. Norm Duke also is an awesome player. He's a small man and the ball seems large in his hand. And that's what makes bowling the far reaching sport it is.
- The only award not presented is one for someone who never won an award.
- There was a time when bowlers bought brightly colored bowling balls so they could easily locate their ball on the rack. Now it is the black ball that stands out among bowling balls of almost every color or combination of hues.
- It is amazing that people find it difficult to understand why the merger that created the United States Bowling Congress has run into some sharp pebbles in smoothing the road. You can't take more than 100 years of habits and experiences, millions of bowlers, hundreds of paid workers, hundreds of thousands of volunteer workers, a changing sport and business, and expect all the pieces to fit together as quickly as a first grader's puzzle. Patience not only is needed, it is a must from all involved.
- Bowling balls are expensive, but they always were. Back in 1907 the newest rubber bowling balls sold for \$15. For many, that was more than a week's pay. And those good looking high top bowling shoes set you back anywhere from two to five bucks, but they lasted for years and years.
- An old newspaper clipping, dated Oct. 25, 1897, reported that Detroit had four bowling leagues that year. In three of them "palm" balls were used, and in a newly formed six team circuit the new "finger" balls were used. And here we are, 110 years later, and the rage in some areas is two handed palm bowling.
- Watch the great instructors in action.. They not only teach, they inspire.
- A very little boy told me about the match he had against one of his friends. It was close all the way until he knocked down a pin in the seventh frame to win out, 1-0.
- Good guys never finish last, not if they are good enough.
- true handicap system works only when those given handicaps are handicapped on their true ability, and not on their often fiction averages. There always should be a minimum unless the bowler is handicapped in some way. If a bowler is not interested enough in the sport to at least attain the average average of all league bowlers then they should accept minimum average requirements or not be allowed to win anything more than praise. Sometimes, in the quest for as many entries as possible, too much consideration in the area of free pins is the easy way out.
- Almost every bowler throws away at least one point in average each year by not fully concentrating on the fill ball in the final frame.
- If another bowler does it you call it an error or a mistake. If you do it, it is called practical experimentation that failed.
- My nomination for the most articulate person in the world remains the bowling instructor who can give expert advice - without taking his or her hands out of a pocket.
- The fact that the USBC team tournaments, formerly ABC and WIBC, draw more than 10,000 five player teams each year, no matter where they are contested, speaks volumes about the sport, because no sport can match the long history of such dedicated participation. Try them if you haven't already, and you'll discover the lure of the tournament lanes.
- W.C. Fields once said, "Start every day off with a smile and get it over with." Do the same with every game you bowl.

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# Patrick Allen Wins PBA National Bowling Stadium Championship

Patrick Allen stumbled as he approached the finish line, but a colossal bad break for Walter Ray Williams Jr., the Professional Bowlers Association's all-time titles leader, handed Allen the Lumber Liquidators PBA National Bowling Stadium Championship.

Allen defeated Williams, 225-223, when Williams left a pocket 8-10 split on his second shot in the 10th frame of the title match. A fourth consecutive strike would have meant victory for the 45-time PBA champion after spares by Allen in the ninth and 10th frames gave Williams a chance for a come-from-behind victory.

"After Walter Ray labeled the first one in the tenth, I was just praying for a rolloff," Allen said. "He is the all-time titles leader because he performs when he needs to. The second shot looked good off his hand. Having that happen to win is something you can't even imagine."

Allen, who picked up his 11th career title

and first of the 2008-09 season, earned \$25,000 and locked up an exemption for the 2009-2010 season. Williams won \$13,000 for second place.

"I drifted a hair left on the second ball and didn't get it to the right spot, seeing the 8-pin standing was like somebody shot me," Williams said. "I got a few good breaks this week, I just needed one more."

The tournament was the first in PBA Tour history to employ different lane conditioning patterns on each lane during the match play and ESPN-televized championship rounds. The left lane was conditioned with

the PBA's 44-foot-long Shark pattern while the right lane featured a 36-foot Cheetah pattern, forcing the players to make separate bowling ball and angle-of-attack choices for each lane.

"I knew if I could get lined up right, I would be all right," Allen said. "Bowling on the

mixed patterns against O'Neill, Barnes, Malott and Walter Ray could be the biggest challenge I have ever faced."

In the opening stepladder match, Allen ended 2006 PBA Rookie of the Year Bill O'Neill's bid for his first title, 218-200. O'Neill, a former Saginaw Valley State University collegiate All-American from Levittown, Pa., earned \$5,000 for fifth place. Leaving and failing to convert the 1-2-4-6-10 "washout" in the fourth frame proved to be O'Neill's undoing.

Allen then eliminated reigning PBA Player

of the Year Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 267-236. The key shot in the match was Barnes' missed 7 pin spare attempt in the ninth frame after he had rallied to take a one-pin lead. Barnes, a 10-time PBA champion, earned \$5,500 for fourth place.

The 38-year-old left-hander advanced to the title match against Williams after a 268-215 romp past red-hot Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas. Malott, the 2008-09 Player of the Year points leader, was never a factor after Allen started the match with seven strikes. Malott earned \$6,500 for third place.



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## Lumber Liquidators PBA National Bowling Stadium Championship National Bowling Stadium - Reno, Nevada

### Championship Round

1. Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Florida	975 (4 games)	\$25,000
2. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla.	223 (1 game)	\$13,000
3. Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas	215 (1 game)	\$6,500
4. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas	236 (1 game)	\$5,500
5. Bill O'Neill, Levittown, Pennsylvania	200 (1 game)	\$5,000

SCORES - In the first match, Allen def. O'Neill, 218-200; in the second match Allen def. Barnes 268-236; in the third match Allen def. Malott, 268-215; and in the final, Allen def. Williams, 225-223.

### Round of 16

Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 6-12-0, 7,324, \$4,000; Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 12-6-0, 7,314, \$3,700; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 10-8-0, 7,306, \$3,400; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 10-8-0, 7,290, \$3,200; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 11-7-0, 7,284, \$3,000; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 10-8-0, 7,219, \$2,800; Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 9-8-1, 7,212, \$2,700; Robert Smith, Columbus, 8-9-1, 7,179, \$2,650; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 10-8-0, 7,166, \$2,600; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 8-9-1, 7,114, \$2,550; Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 8-9-1, 6,965, \$2,500

### Round of 64 (\$1800 each)

Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 2,937; Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 2,930; Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 2,928; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,923; Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 2,919; Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, 2,913; Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan., 2,912; Terrance Reeves, Valrico, Fla., 2,910; Craig Tuholski, Washougal, Wash., 2,905; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 2,891; Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,878; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,873; Ken Abner, Cincinnati, 2,868; Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 2,867; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 2,851; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,849; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,834; Billy Oatman, Chicago, 2,829; Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 2,816; Andrew Cain, Scottsdale, Ariz., 2,816; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 2,813; Jason Lundquist, Delaware Water Gap, Pa., 2,811; Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 2,793; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 2,787; Aumi Guerra, Dominican Republic, 2,780; Jason Poli, West Des Moines, Iowa, 2,773; Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 2,770; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,720; Chester Rogers Jr, Milwaukie, Ore., 2,719; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2,685; Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 2,671; David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 2,644

# Malott Successfully Defends Bayer Earl Anthony Medford Classic Title

## Perfect Finish Helps Macpherson top Nation in PBA Women's Series Regular Season Finale

**MEDFORD, ORE.** - Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, moved into the Lumber Liquidators PBA Player of the Year points lead when he successfully defended his Bayer Earl

Duke in the Player of the Year points race.

Jones, who made his first TV appearance since winning the Geico Classic in West Babylon, N.Y., last March, made a valiant bid to get back

into the match, but he couldn't put together a sustained string of strikes to cut into Malott's lead. Jones earned \$13,000 as runner-up.

In the final PBA Women's Series event of the 2008-09 season, newly-elected United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Wendy Macpherson of Henderson, Nev., closed with four strikes in a row and won a 199-184 slugfest when Stefanie Nation of Arlington, Texas, failed to convert the 1-2-4-

second Women's Series title. She won her first

in the Pepsi Viper Women's Championship in Omaha, Neb., to start the women's season. In the opening match of the telecast, Malott threw strikes in six of his first seven frames to end Patrick Allen's hopes for back-to-back titles, 234-195. Allen, from Wesley Chapel, Fla.,

earned \$5,500 for fourth place. In the men's semifinal match, Malott struck on eight of his first nine shots for a 255-246 victory over Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa. O'Neill, who is still vying for his first PBA Tour title, took home \$6,500 for third place.



Wendy Macpherson and Wes Malott

Anthony Medford Classic title with a 239-201 victory over top qualifier Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., at Lava Lanes.

Malott, the No. 4 qualifier, won three straight matches on his way to the \$25,000 first prize, his fifth career title and his second title of the 2008-09 season. Two open frames by Jones to start the championship match helped Malott take a 33-pin lead after three frames and five strikes in a row to finish the game clinched the victory.

"It wasn't an easy test to get through those guys on the show today," Malott said. "I said to myself do what you know how to do and that's what I did."

"Now that I have defended my title here in Medford, I am meeting some goals I set for myself," Malott said. "I wanted to win two titles in a season and five titles in my career. Now that I have defended, I can set my sights on Player of the Year."

The win gave Malott a 10-point lead over Norm

8 in the 10th frame.

"I did the best I could do to get strikes," Macpherson said. "The last part of the game I closed in on the pocket and gave myself a chance."

Sitting on the bench, however, she knew she needed help to win. Nation's errant shot in the 10th frame was the break Macpherson needed. "I had done the math. I knew what was possible," the 20-time Professional Women's Bowling Association titlist said. "I have been on both sides of that situation. You never like to win that way, but I left the game feeling I did everything I could to win."

"In the six minutes after I stepped off the lanes I received 34 text messages. My response was, 'Wow!'"

For Macpherson, who got into the event as an alternate, it was her first USBC-sponsored Women's Series title. She also earned \$10,000 and a spot in the upcoming Women's Shootout. Nation, who earned \$6,000, was seeking her

## 2009 Bayer Earl Anthony Medford Classic Lava Lanes, Medford, Ore. - Jan. 18, 2009

### Final Standings

1. Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas	728 (3 games)	\$25,000
2. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, South Carolina	201 (1 game)	\$13,000
3. Bill O'Neill, Levittown, Pennsylvania	246 (1 game)	\$6,500
4. Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Florida	195 (1 game)	\$5,500

### Stepladder Results

Match One - Malott def. Allen, 234-195; Semifinal Match - Malott def. O'Neill, 255-246; Championship - Malott def. Jones, 239-201

### PBA WOMEN'S SERIES

#### Championship Match

Wendy Macpherson, Henderson, Nev. (\$10,000) def. Stefanie Nation, Arlington, Tx (\$6,000), 199-184.

Round of 16 (after 32 games, pinfall totals include match play bonus pins; top four advance to Sunday's

#### ESPN television finals)

Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 12-5-1, 7,276, \$5,000; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 10-7-1, 7,234, \$4,000; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 11-7, 7,221, \$3,700; Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 9-9, 7,163, \$3,400; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 10-8, 7,151, \$3,200; Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, Fla., 9-9, 7,115, \$3,000; Edward VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 9-9, 7,093, \$2,800; Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, 7-11, 7,075, \$2,700; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 8-10, 7,064, \$2,650; Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 10-8, 7,058, \$2,600; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 9-9, 7,027, \$2,550; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 7-11, 6,969, \$2,500

#### Round of 32

PJ Haggerly, Clovis, Calif., 4-5, 5,022, \$2,340; Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3-5-1, 5,016, \$2,240; Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 4-5, 5,010, \$2,230; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2-7, 4,986, \$2,220; Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 4-4-1, 4,982, \$2,210; Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 4-5, 4,972, \$2,200; Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 5-4, 4,960, \$2,190; Ken Abner, Cincinnati, 5-4, 4,943, \$2,180; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 5-4, 4,925, \$2,170; Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 4-5, 4,900, \$2,160; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3-6, 4,894, \$2,150; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 4-5, 4,892, \$2,140; Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 4-5, 4,855, \$2,130; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 2-7, 4,842, \$2,120; Billy Oatman, Chicago, 1-8, 4,828, \$2,110; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1-8, 4,717, \$2,100

#### PBA WOMEN'S SERIES

#### Round of 10

Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, N. Richland Hills, Texas, 5-3-1, 4,852, \$5,000; Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, 4-5, 4,841, \$4,000; Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 5-4, 4,834, \$3,500; Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 5-4, 4,739, \$3,000; Tennelle Milligan, Costa Mesa, Calif., 3-6, 4,724, \$2,500; Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 2-6-1, 4,645, \$2,200; Missy Bellinder, Fullerton, Calif., 2-7, 4,617, \$2,100; Jennifer Petrick, Canton, Ohio, 5-4, 4,611, \$2,000

#### Round of 64 - (\$1800 each)

Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 2,913, \$1,890; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2,907; Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 2,904; George Lambert IV, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, 2,904, \$1,890; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2,902; Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan., 2,897; Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 2,891; Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,890; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,877; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,869; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,861; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 2,860; Terrance Reeves, Valrico, Fla., 2,854; Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 2,848; Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 2,841; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,841; Andrew Cain, Scottsdale, Ariz., 2,831; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,815; Chester Rogers Jr, Milwaukie, Ore., 2,813; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 2,802; Timothy Behrendt, St Louis, 2,798; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,793; Mike DeVaney, San Diego, 2,786; Azidi Ameran, Malaysia, 2,774; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2,741; Craig Tuholski, Washougal, Wash., 2,731; David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 2,726; Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 2,718; Jason Lundquist, Delaware Water Gap, Pa., 2,709; Joe Bailey, Pittsburgh, 2,671; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,654; Marshall Holman, Medford, Ore., 2,654

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Trisha Reid, Columbus, Ohio, 2,699; Adrienne Miller, Buffalo Grove, Ill., 2,667; Shannon O'Keefe, Arlington, Texas, 2,659; Shannon Pluhowsky, Phoenix, 2,626; Joy Esterson, Annapolis, Md., 2,590; Michelle Feldman, Auburn, N.Y., 2,567

# Panel Selects Earl Anthony as Greatest Player in PBA History

The late Earl Anthony, who left an indelible legacy on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour as its first career millionaire, was announced as the greatest player in the PBA's first 50 years, capping the tour's weeklong 50th anniversary celebration at Red Rock Resort, Casino and Spa.

Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla., the man who finally eclipsed Anthony's total of 43 career PBA

titles, finished second in voting conducted by a national panel of bowling experts.

Earl "would have been thrilled, very honored," said Susie Anthony, the late Earl Anthony's wife. "If Earl were here, he would probably say he wasn't deserving. He wouldn't turn it down, but he'd be very humble."

"He would have been humble in public, thrilled in private," Anthony's

son Mike added.

Finishing second wasn't much of a disappointment to Williams, who now has 45 PBA titles, more than \$4 million in career earnings and is still one of the PBA Tour's most feared competitors.

"I feel Earl's record is better than mine because it was more condensed," Williams said. "Earl bowled 14 years and 400 or so events. I've bowled well

over 600 by now, maybe 700. Some people will argue Earl's era was tougher, but others will argue my era was tougher. The reality is, people threw the ball differently in each era. That's the way the game is played."

"I'm very pleased to be No. 2," Williams continued. "If Dick Weber would have had 45 titles at the time Earl was still bowling, he probably would have kept on bowling because

he would have wanted someone to chase. As it was, he retired because no one had close to the number of titles he had. He didn't have anything to shoot for."

"Some people don't remember that Earl was Player of the Year in 1983, the year he retired," said Williams, who is one of the PBA's best historians. "And he didn't even bowl a full season that year."

### PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ASSOCIATION 50 GREATEST PLAYERS IN PBA HISTORY

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Earl Anthony            | 11. Don Carter        | 21. Amleto Monacelli | 31. Wayne Zahn     | 41. Joe Berardi      |
| 2. Walter Ray Williams Jr. | 12. Billy Hardwick    | 22. Mike Durbin      | 32. Jim Godman     | 42. Danny Wiseman    |
| 3. Dick Weber              | 13. Brian Voss        | 23. Dave Husted      | 33. George Pappas  | 43. Doug Kent        |
| 4. Pete Weber              | 14. Dick Ritger       | 24. Jason Couch      | 34. David Ozio     | 44. Patrick Allen    |
| 5. Mark Roth               | 15. Nelson Burton Jr. | 25. Steve Cook       | 35. Randy Pedersen | 45. John Guenther    |
| 6. Mike Aulby              | 16. John Petraglia    | 26. Chris Barnes     | 36. Dave Ferraro   | 46. Gary Dickinson   |
| 7. Norm Duke               | 17. Carmen Salvino    | 27. Jim Stefanich    | 37. Bill Allen     | 47. Barry Asher      |
| 8. Don Johnson             | 18. Wayne Webb        | 28. Harry Smith      | 38. Larry Laub     | 48. Tommy Hudson     |
| 9. Marshall Holman         | 19. Dave Davis        | 29. Del Ballard Jr.  | 39. Mike McGrath   | 49. Miika Koivuniemi |
| 10. Parker Bohn III        | 20. Dave Soutar       | 30. Tommy Jones      | 40. Tom Baker      | 50. Bob Strampe      |



# Allen Wins H&R Block Tournament of Champions

**LAS VEGAS, Nev.** – Patrick Allen won the Professional Bowlers Association’s H&R Block Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes, but he didn’t feel very good about it.

The Wesley Chapel, Fla., left-hander slipped

second shot clock before re-composing himself.

“Rhino got the ball a little too far left. It came off his hand with nothing on it,” Allen said. “I could see it was a bad shot.”

Page missed the headpin, knocking down

been going my way,” Allen added. “It was an honor to be here the whole week. Winning the Tournament of Champions, especially this week, is something I’ll never forget. It was an honor just to be here this week.”

The victory for Allen, who was the top qualifier making his PBA record-tying fifth consecutive television appearance, continued an amazing turn-around after a dismal start to the season.

“After the first six weeks, I was on the

verge of bowling for my job. I was bowling terrible. But I had a practice session with Doug Kent and things began to click after that.”

Right-hander Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, defeated lefty Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, 276-203, in the opening stepladder match, but back-to-back 4-6-7-10 splits in the semifinal match against Page ended Malott’s bid for a third title in six weeks.

Page won, 243-200.



Patrick Allen, congratulated by PBA Owner Mike Slade and Peggy Elias, wife of late Eddie Elias - PBA Founder

past his fellow southpaw, close friend and Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour roommate Rhino Page of Topeka, Kan., 267-263, to win his second career major championship and his second title in three weeks. It meant a \$50,000 payday and a two-year PBA Tour exemption in the crowning event of the PBA’s 50th Anniversary Gala week.

Allen had a hard time shaking off the fact that his buddy basically handed him the glory by making an errant shot on his second shot in the 10th frame. Needing only a nine-count spare after striking on his first shot in the final frame, Page – the PBA’s reigning Rookie of the Year – called for a re-rack to calm himself. Not realizing he had already used the two re-racks he was allowed, he glanced at the 25-

four pins and his dream of winning his first major title disappeared.

“I knew the shot was in trouble when it came off my hand,” Page said. “I got distracted with the time clock, but sometimes you have to learn the hard way. I still had a great week. I’ll take second after not making the cut the previous three weeks.”

“He out-bowled me until that shot,” Allen said. “I really feel for him. You don’t win out here if you don’t get some breaks, but that’s not the way you want to win. I got a huge break two weeks ago against Walter Ray Williams Jr., but to be honest, I didn’t feel as bad for Walter Ray. He’s got 45 titles. You have to get breaks to beat him.”

“Over the past few weeks, everything has

**H&R BLOCK TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**  
Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Nev. - January 25, 2009

Final Standings		
1, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Florida	267 (one game)	\$50,000
2, Rhino Page, Topeka, Kansas	506 (two games)	\$25,000
3, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas	476 (two games)	\$10,000
4, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas	203 (one game)	\$6,000

**Stepladder Results**  
Match One – Malott def. Scroggins, 276-203; Semifinal Match – Page def. Malott, 243-200; Championship – Allen def. Page, 267-263

**Final Match Play Standings**  
Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 16-8, 11,927; Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan., 14-8-2, 11,776; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 13-11, 11,752; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 14-8-2, 11,732; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 14-10, 11,710, \$5,000; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 15-9, 11,638, \$4,600; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 17-7, 11,623, \$4,100; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 15-8-1, 11,472, \$3,800; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 13-10-1, 11,406, \$3,600; Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 11-12-1, 11,354, \$3,500; Rick Lawrence, Waxahachie, Texas, 9-14-1, 11,254, \$3,200; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 12-11-1, 11,246, \$3,100; Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 13-11, 11,190, \$2,800; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 9-15, 11,185, \$2,700; Mike DeVaney, San Diego, 12-12, 11,136, \$2,600; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 14-10, 11,113, \$2,500; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 10-13-1, 11,101, \$2,400; Dave D’Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 9-15, 11,082, \$2,300; Brian Voss, Kennesaw, Ga., 10-14, 11,078, \$2,250; Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 13-11, 10,968, \$2,200; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 10-13-1, 10,961, \$2,150; Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 7-16-1, 10,755, \$2,100; John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 5-19, 10,601, \$2,050; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 6-16-2, 10,569, \$2,000

**Other Finishers (after 24 games)**  
Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 5,421, \$1,700; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 5,404, \$1,680; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 5,401, \$1,900; Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 5,397, \$1,740; Dave Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 5,388, \$1,620; Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 5,374, \$1,600; Dave Husted, Milwaukie, Ore., 5,367, \$1,690; Del Ballard Jr., N. Richland Hills, Texas, 5,360, \$1,580; Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 5,347, \$1,570; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 5,326, \$1,560; David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 5,304, \$1,550; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 5,296, \$1,540; Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 5,289, \$1,530; Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 5,287, \$1,520; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5,267, \$1,510; Wayne Webb, Sacramento, Calif., 5,255, \$1,500; Kenny Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 5,237, \$1,490; Larry Laub, Lincoln, Calif., 5,167, \$1,480; Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 5,164, \$1,470; Mike Aulby, Indianapolis, 5,141, \$1,460; Roy Buckley, Westerville, Ohio, 5,124, \$1,450; John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 5,091, \$1,440; Ernie Schlegel, Vancouver, Wash., 5,087, \$1,430; Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 5,073, \$1,420; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5,066, \$1,410; Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 5,015, \$1,490; Mark Roth, Fulton, N.Y., 5,014, \$1,390; Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 4,980, \$1,380; Steve Cook, Granite Bay, Calif., 4,979, \$1,370; Jason Hurd, Titusville, Fla., 4,970, \$1,360; Mike Mineman, Collinsville, Ill., 4,911, \$1,350; Dave Soutar, Bradenton, Fla., 4,894, \$1,340; Nelson Burton Jr., Stuart, Fla., 4,793, \$1,330; Teata Semiz, North Brunswick, N.J., 4,792, \$1,320; Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 4,593, \$1,310; Don McCune, Las Vegas, 4,508, \$1,300  
x-Weber def. Angelo, 229-224, in a one-game roll-off after they tied for the 24th position in match play

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## Macpherson Completes Field for First PBA Women's Series Showdown

As the winner of the Bayer Earl Anthony Medford Classic PBA Women's Series title, Wendy Macpherson of Henderson, Nev., landed the sixth and final berth in the first Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Women's Series Showdown presented by the United States Bowling Congress. The special event will air on ESPN April 12 from 1-3 p.m. ET.

The Showdown will be conducted at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla., and will feature the winners of five of the six 2008-09 individual Women's Series events, plus Missy Bellinder of Fullerton, Calif., who finished second to two-time winner Michelle Feldman of Auburn, N.Y., in the CLR Carmen Salvino Scorpion Championship.

Also qualifying for the Showdown are Women's Series champions Feldman, who

also won the Chameleon Championship; Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas, winner of the Cheetah Championship; Stefanie Nation, Arlington, Texas, winner of the Pepsi Viper Championship, and Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, winner of the Lumber Liquidators Shark Championship.

While the Don and Paula Carter Mixed Doubles Championship was part of the 2008-09 Women's Series schedule, the women's winner of that event was not eligible for the Showdown.

The Showdown format and prize fund will be announced later.

Each Women's Series individual event, which featured 16 of the world's top women bowlers, were conducted concurrently with regular Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour events on PBA Experience lane conditions.

## USBC SENIOR MASTERS HEADED TO LAS VEGAS IN 2009, 2010

The United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters will shift to Las Vegas for the next two years beginning this June when it is contested at South Point Hotel and Casino's Bowling Center.

The USBC Senior Masters will be held June 7-12 at South Point instead of the previously announced venue in Tucson, Ariz. The move will allow for an increase in the maximum number of entries from 288 to 384. South Point will also host the event in 2010.

"We mutually decided with our hosts in Tucson to step away from our previous agreement, and USBC is extremely pleased to now be partnering with South Point to present this prestigious tournament," USBC Vice President of Tournaments and Events Jack Mordini said. "The Senior Masters drew large fields the last two times it was held in

Las Vegas in 2004 and 2005, and we expect that trend will continue."

The Senior Masters showcases the sport's top bowlers age 50 and older competing for an estimated prize fund of \$125,000. In addition to defending champion Kenny Parks, others expected to compete are bowling legends Dave Soutar, Gary Dickinson, Johnny Petraglia, Pete Couture, Mark Roth, Ernie Schlegel, Tom Baker and many more.

All USBC members who meet the age requirement and have an average of 190 or higher are eligible to compete in the Senior Masters. Entry forms are now available by visiting [bowl.com](http://bowl.com) or by contacting tournament director Tom Boedecker at (800) 514-2695, ext. 3415 or by e-mail at [tom.boedecker@bowl.com](mailto:tom.boedecker@bowl.com).

## WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS? BOWL EXPO 2009!

Once again Las Vegas is the destination for the International Bowl Expo 2009 (IBE09), the bowling industry's premier annual event. The 2009 theme is, "We're On A Roll," and thousands of bowling industry professionals are expected to roll into the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino and Mandalay Bay Convention Center June 21-25 for a jam-packed week of information, education, networking and fun.

Bowling center owners, operators, managers, bowling suppliers, pro shop owners/managers and various other industry leaders will have a chance to roam the trade floor and visit approximately 800 exhibit booths and nearly 300 companies showcasing the latest trends, bowling-related products and services, marketing ideas, profit center opportunities and tools designed to help build their businesses and spread the excitement of bowling throughout their communities.

Education is a big part of IBE09 and this year 50 seminars and workshops are scheduled to cover nearly every aspect of the bowling business. Key industry leaders, thinkers, speakers and trainers from within and outside the bowling industry will be on-hand to provide fresh ideas and innovative concepts in areas of Bowling Management, Marketing, Food and Beverage Operations, as well as Training and Youth Bowling. Other sessions will cover Pro Shop Operations, Coaching, Promotions, Family Entertainment Centers and Small Centers.

The list of topics is extensive as well. Among the session titles to choose from: 8 Great Ways To Build Sales And One Really Lousy One, Center Security, Marketing Your FEC, Vending Games And Redemption In

Small Centers, Converting Your Center To An FEC, Lock-ins: How To Add An 8th Day Of Revenue, How To Operate A Successful Pro Shop, Generation Z and How Increase Food Profits.

Concurrent with the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) membership and business meeting are the International Bowling Pro Shop Instructors Association (IBPSIA) annual conference, the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Coach's Summit, the Armed Forces Bowling Conference and the Bowling Writer's Association (BWAA) annual meeting.

Presentation of the 2009 Bowling Industry Service Awards will be among the festivities during the show as will the popular Trade Floor Treasure Hunt and Kids Day with activities geared toward younger guests. Throughout the convention there will be numerous other contests, cash giveaways and celebrity autographs! And for the fifth year, it's the International Bowling Karaoke SuperStar Finalist contest. And, to close out the show, attendees will be dancing like it was, "Saturday In The Park" when legendary Grammy Award-winning band, Chicago takes the stage.

The sponsors that help make IBE09 possible include Pepsi-Cola, the official soft drink of bowling; Anheuser-Busch; Brunswick, North Pointe Insurance Group and QubicaAMF Worldwide.

International Bowl Expo's registration booklets will be in the mail soon. Online registration and other information will be available on the official Bowl Expo Web site, [www.BowlExpo.com](http://www.BowlExpo.com), or by calling the Expo answer line: 888.649.5585.

## Vadakin Steps Aside as Team USA Assistant Coach After 11 Years

Current Shocker Head Coach Gordon Vadakin is stepping aside as assistant coach on Team USA; a position he held for 11 years. Vadakin announced his decision January 7 and will not be part of the team in 2009.

"The program is incredibly successful and it makes sense to bring new coaches into the program now so that they can continue to learn and move the program forward under Head Coach Jeri Edwards leadership", said Vadakin.

"Representing your country, in any capacity - player or coach - is a tremendous honor. Once you have been a member of the Team USA family you always remain connected"

Vadakin was an assistant coach on Team USA from 1990-1993 and from 2000-2008. As a member of Team USA in 1983 and 1989, Vadakin became close with then - Team USA head coach Fred Borden. In both 1990 and 2000, Borden invited Vadakin to become an assistant coach.

During the 2000-2004 period, the Team USA coaching staff of Borden, Edwards, Vadakin, and Kenny Yokobosky started rebuilding the team. In 2004, Coach Borden retired, handing the head coaching reins over to assistant coach Jeri Edwards. Under Coach Edwards guidance, Team USA has rapidly grown to dominate tenpin bowling worldwide.

In 2006, Vadakin was a part of this three coach staff that took Team USA to the gold medal at the Men's World Championships in Busan, South Korea. The gold medal was the first in the team event since 1971, a span of 35 years. Vadakin credits this accomplishment as the most memorable of his time at Team USA.

"It just felt like there was an enormous weight lifted off of our shoulders," said Vadakin. "It was a really big deal."

Vadakin was also a part of Team USA's most recent success in 2008 at the Men's World Championships in Bangkok, Thailand in which the team won an unprecedented five gold



medals.

"It has been a fun ride to see the teams rise to be one of the best worldwide," said Vadakin.

Team USA has always had a strong connection with Wichita State as the Shockers currently have six members or alumni on Team USA and Junior Team USA and have had 35 in the history of the program.

"I feel a strong connection with this program and I always will," said Vadakin. "I have learned a lot from coaches Borden, Edwards, and Yokobosky They are tremendous friends and three of the finest coaches in the world and it has been an honor to work with them."

Team USA has not named a replacement for Vadakin.

## PBA Names Kegel Official Training Center

The Kegel Training Center has been named the Official Training Facility of the Professional Bowlers Association.

As part of this relationship, the Kegel Training Center will provide the Computer Aided Tracking System (C.A.T.S.) and support technician for all three remaining PBA major championships including this week's H&R Block Tournament of Champions, the United States Bowling Congress Masters and the 66th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open plus the upcoming GEICO Plastic Ball Championship and the Go RVing Match Play Championship.

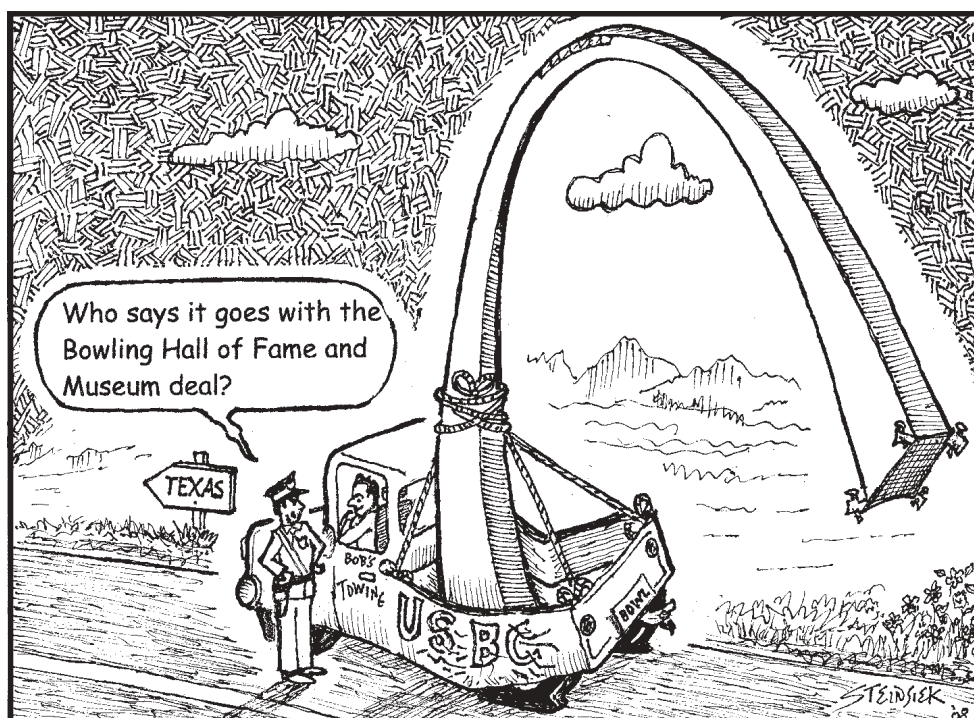
With C.A.T.S., viewers will be given unprecedented access to data including shot-by-shot information on each players' ball speed, launch angle, target accuracy at multiple points on the lane, entry angle and rev rate. C.A.T.S. includes a graphic display of each ball path to illustrate accuracy and lane play for the complete game.

"The C.A.T.S., information will help viewers appreciate how good these players are at throwing a bowling ball," said Kegel Vice President Del Warren.

"The partnership between the PBA and Kegel will be a great treat for the fans," said PBA Vice President and COO Tom Clark. "The C.A.T.S. System will educate the viewer and bring them closer to the action."

As the world leader in bowling education, the Training Center has trained more than 10,000 bowlers from around the world including 50 national teams and more than 500 elite professionals from Asia, Europe and the Americas.

"Educating and coaching the bowler on the differences between the game and the sport of bowling has always been a key area of focus for the Kegel Training Center," Warren added. "Our entire coaching staff is proud to be part of helping the PBA make the sport of bowling better for all."



Destination - Las Vegas

Las Vegas, the city of lights, has long been recognized as the bowling tournament capital of the world. It's already assured that they will easily defend that title in '09. At one time or another for the next twelve months, bowling greats of both genders along with top amateurs, and weekend warriors, will be spending several nights and sometimes weeks competing on the local lanes.

The ball started rolling on January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Red Rock Lanes when they hosted the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala featuring the greatest players in PBA history. Baseball has its big night once a year at Cooperstown, New York and pro football salutes its greats at Canton, Ohio. This Gala is a long time coming, but was worth the wait because everyone who has followed the sport can identify with one or maybe all of these gifted athletes. For the record, if you are into numbers, these greats represent an organization that has more than four thousand members representing thirteen countries.

The Professional Bowling Association has created an added perk that will afford fans a chance to have a collector's item they can treasure for years to come. Customized bowling balls and pins featuring one of the fifty greatest players on one side and an anniversary logo on the other side will be available in a limited edition series. The honored players each received a ball the night of the banquet. Information regarding the purchase of the commemorative balls may be found by visiting [www.ontheballbowling.com](http://www.ontheballbowling.com). A 15% discount will be offered with the promotion code "PBA".

The PBA sent out a 'top ten' list of '08 highlights and their number one was Norm Duke winning his third straight Major championship. Duke, who entered the PBA Hall of Fame this season, is a sure bet to be in the mix this year and for a few more to come. In my book, he has taken up where Dick Weber left off as our sports true ambassador.

The women pro bowlers move back into the national spotlight last year thanks to the PBA women's series format. The sixteen player

field, bowling seven game qualifying rounds, played out well and hopefully will be expanded in the year ahead. The top two finalist enjoyed wonderful exposure by being on the same pair of lanes as the men. Their performance gave their counterparts reasons to be proud.

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

The locals involved in making the 2009 USBC Open Championships the best in the events one hundred and six year history, have been working overtime since December 15<sup>th</sup> to get the Cashman Center ready by the February 1<sup>st</sup>. They are calling it a one of a kind tournament venue. To put it all in perspective, the amount of lumber used is enough to construct at least five three bedroom homes and more than six miles of wiring

also is required to hand the tournaments electrical needs. The spectators will have an opportunity to watch all the action from five interactive cameras placed throughout the center. Like frosting on the cake, the tournament will feature a brand new 'state of the art' scoreboard. Officials point with pride that this will be the first up-grade of its kind since the unveiling of automatic scoring at the 1975 event in Tampa, Florida. It's starting to unfold as an event one must be part of.

David Haynes of Las Vegas finished second, in the grueling team USA trials held at Sunset Station - Strike Zone bowling center and earned an automatic spot on Team USA for 2009. Haynes, a nine-time Team USA member, credited his wife's criticism and coaching with steering him to the finals. Dotty, who is a top bowler in her own right, told him his arm swing and release looked like he was driving a school bus. Haynes, for many years, has deserved a reputation as one of the finest amateur bowlers in the USA.

Speaking on behalf of everyone who works in Las Vegas bowling centers, we are looking forward to seeing your smiling faces in the year ahead.

**A thought for the day:** A True way to seek happiness - be contented by limiting your desires.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Feb 1-8 **True Amateur Tournament**, The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 1-8 **TAT Open Championships**, The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 3-8 **PBA Denny's Dick Weber Open**, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, CA
- Feb 5-8 **Mini Eliminator**, South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 7-8 **SASBA**, Metro Bowl, Baton Rouge, LA
- Feb 8-15 **USBC Masters**, Cashman Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 9-13 **USBC Masters Side Event**, South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 18-22 **PBA GEICO Plastic Ball Championship**, Brunswick Zone Wheat Ridge, Wheat Ridge, CO
- Feb 19 - July 23 **The BTM and 1-2-3 Tournaments**, Silver Nugget, N. Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 20-July 23 **The Forty Frame Game USA**, Samis Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 21-July 23 **USBC Open Championships**, Cashman Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 21-22 **Bowlers Journal Championships**, Gold Coast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 21-22 **SASBA South Central**, Pinnacle, Clarkesville, TN
- Feb 21-July 23 **TAT Beat The Board Tournament**, The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 23-Mar 1 **PBA Etonic Marathon Championship**, Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, IN
- Mar 2-8 **PBA Don Johnson Buckeye State Eliminator**, Sequoia Pro Bowl, Columbus, OH
- Mar 7-8 **SASBA M/M Doubles**, Redbird Lanes, Duncanville, TX
- Mar 9-12 **19th Annual Golden Ladies Classic**, The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas
- Mar 18-22 **PBA GoRving Match Play Championship**, Norwich Bowling & Entertainment Center, Norwich, CT
- Mar 21-22 **SASBA**, Lone Star Lanes, Sherman, TX
- Mar 25-29 **PBA Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic**, AMF Babylon Lanes, West Babylon, NY
- Mar 27-July 4 **The Forty Frame Game Ladies**, Starlite Lanes, Reno, NV
- Mar 27-July 4 **Bowlers Journal Women's Championships**, Starlite Lanes, Reno, NV
- Mar 28-July 4 **USBC Women's Championships**, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- Mar 28-29 **SASBA M/G Doubles**, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
- Mar 29-Apr 5 **66th Lumber Liquidators U. S. Open**, Brunswick Zone Carolier, North Brunswick, NJ
- Apr 5-12 **High Roller Senior Easter Classic**, Samis Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Apr 17-19 **MAMBO**, Astro Bowl Sports Center, San Antonio, TX
- Apr 18-19 **SASBA SS Singles**, Bandera Super Bowl, San Antonio, TX
- Apr 18-21 **SASBA South Central**, Dixie Bowl, Meridian, MS
- Apr 18-21 **PBA Senior Jackson Open**, Jackson, MI
- Apr 25-26 **SASBA Trio**, AMF Euleess, Euleess, TX
- Apr 25-28 **PBA Senior Dayton Classic**, Dayton, OH
- Apr 30 **Bowling's Clash of Champions**, Reno Events Center, Reno, NV
- May 2-3 **SASBA South Central**, Galaxy Lanes, Columbia, TN
- May 3-6 **PBA Senior Mooresville Miller High Life Classic**, George Pappas Victory Lanes, Mooresville, NC
- May 9-10 **SASBA**, Fiesta Lanes, New Braunfels, TX
- May 9-13 **PBA Senior Sun Bowl In The Villages**, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, FL
- May 16-17 **SASBA**, All Star Lanes, Shreveport LA
- May 30-31 **SASBA South Central**, Lightning Strikes, Trussville, AL
- June 7-12 **SASBA SS Singles**, Millennium Bowl, Little Rock, AR
- June 14-19 **USBC Senior Masters - Golden Pin Lanes**, Tucson, AZ
- June 20-21 **PBA Senior U.S. Open**, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- June 20-21 **SASBA South Central**, PlaMor Lanes, Huntsville, AL
- June 21-24 **PBA Senior Northern California Classic**, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, CA
- June 21-26 **International Bowl Expo**, Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV
- June 27-July 4 **July High Roller**, Samis Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- July 4-6 **SASBA Firecracker**, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
- July 10-12 **MAMBO**, South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- July 11-17 **USBC Junior Gold Championships**, Indianapolis, IN
- July 16-25 **USBC Youth Open Championships**, Indianapolis, IN
- July 18-19 **SASBA South Central**, Funquest, Collierville, TN
- July 25-26 **SASBA M/G Doubles**, Diamond Lanes, Odessa, TX
- July 25-Aug 2 **WTBA Women's World Championships**, Cashman Center, Las Vegas
- July 31-Aug 5 **Teen Masters National Championships**, South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas
- Aug 1-4 **PBA Senior Lake County Indiana Open**, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, IN
- Aug 8-9 **SASBA**, Copperfield, Houston, TX
- Aug 8-11 **SASBA South Central**, Savannah Bowling Center, Savannah, TN
- Aug 13-16 **PBA Senior Decatur Open**, Spare Time Lanes, Decatur, IL
- Aug 15-16 **6th New Mexico Open**, Tenpins & More, Rio Rancho, NM
- Aug 15-18 **SASBA**, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
- Aug 15-18 **PBA Senior Ladies & Legends**, Town & Country Lanes, Joliet, IL
- Aug 22-26 **PBA Senior Dick Weber Open**, Royal Scot Golf & Bowl, Lansing, MI
- Aug 29-30 **SASBA**, 300 Bowl, Conroe, TX
- Sept 5-7 **SASBA Labor Day Blowout**, Lafayette Lanes, Lafayette, LA
- Sept 19-20 **SASBA Champ/Nonchamp**, Bandera Super Bowl, San Antonio, TX
- Sept 26-27 **SASBA Over 70/Over 60 Doubles**, Corsicana Super Bowl, Corsicana, TX
- Oct 10-11 **SASBA Annual Championship**, AMF Euleess, Euleess, TX
- Oct 17-18 **SASBA South Central**, Paris Family Center, Paris, TN
- Oct 24-25 **SASBA**, Oil Bowl, Longview, TX
- Nov 7-8 **SASBA Foursome**, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
- Nov 14-15 **SASBA**, Del Mar Lanes, Houston, TX
- Dec 5-6 **SASBA**, Cityview, Fort Worth, TX
- Dec 19-20 **SASBA Annual Team**, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX

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*If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.*

# THE FUNNY PAGE



The cardiologist's diet  
If it tastes good spit it out.

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The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.  
- George Burns

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After a quarrel, a wife said to her husband, 'You know, I was a fool when I married you.' The husband replied, 'Yes, dear, but I was in love and didn't notice.'

When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her.

I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months - I don't like to interrupt her.

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Some 'Senior' personal ads seen in Florida Newspapers:  
(Who says seniors don't have a sense of humor?)

**FOXY LADY:**  
Sexy, fashion-conscious blue-haired beauty, 80's, slim, 5'4' (used to be 5'6'), searching for sharp-looking, sharp-dressing companion.  
Matching white shoes and belt a plus.

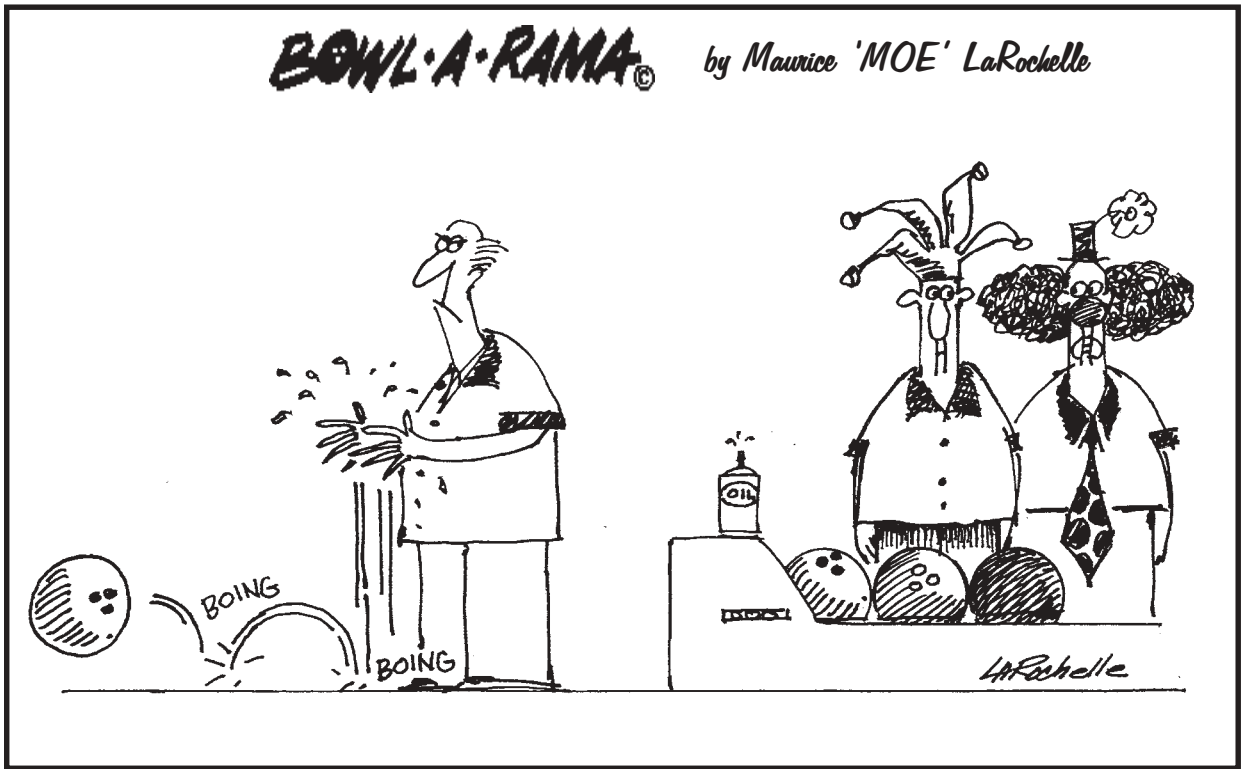
**SERENITY NOW:** I am into solitude, long walks, sunrises, the ocean, yoga and meditation.  
If you are the silent type, let's get together, take our hearing aids out and enjoy quiet times.

**WINNING SMILE:**  
Active grandmother with original teeth seeking a dedicated flosser to share rare steaks, corn on the cob and caramel candy .

**BEATLES OR STONES?**  
I still like to rock, still like to cruise in my Camaro on Saturday nights and still like to play the guitar.  
If you were a groovy chick, or are now a groovy hen, let's get together and listen to my eight-track tapes.

**MEMORIES:** I can usually remember Monday through Thursday. If you can remember Friday, Saturday and Sunday, let's put our two heads together.

**MINT CONDITION:** Male, 1932, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves.



The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.

— Mark Twain

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What Love means to a 4-8 year old . . .  
'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore.  
So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.'

Rebecca - age 8

'Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss'

Emily - age 8

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.'

Bobby - age 7

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.'

Nikka - age 6

'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.'

Tommy - age 6

'During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.'

Cindy - age 8

'My mommy loves me more than anybody.  
You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.'

Clare - age 6

'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.'

Chris - age 7

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.'

Mary Ann - age 4

'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.'

Lauren - age 4

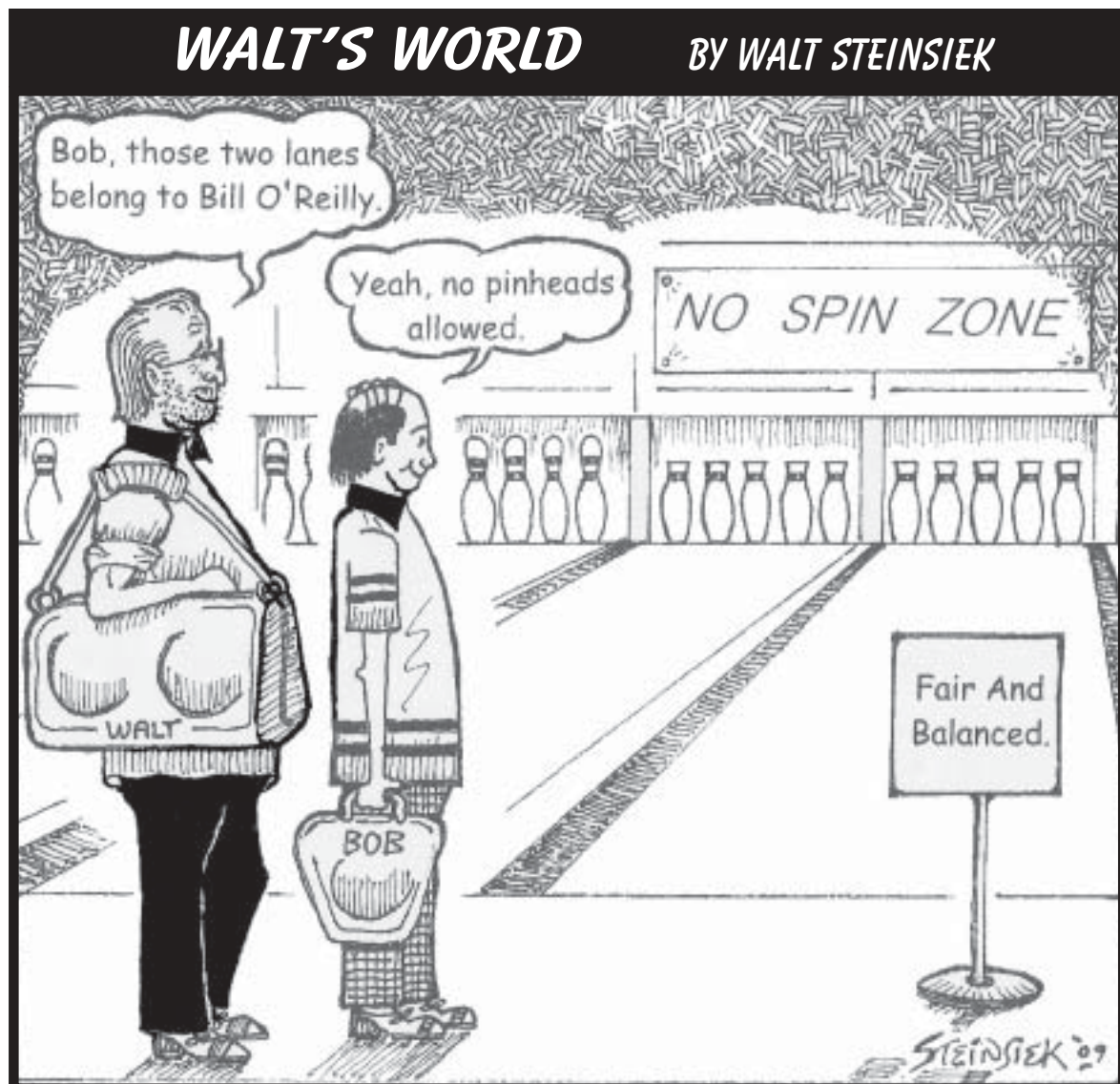
'When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.'

Karen - age 7

'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.'

Jessica - age 8

A four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife.  
Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.  
When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said,  
'Nothing, I just helped him cry.'



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