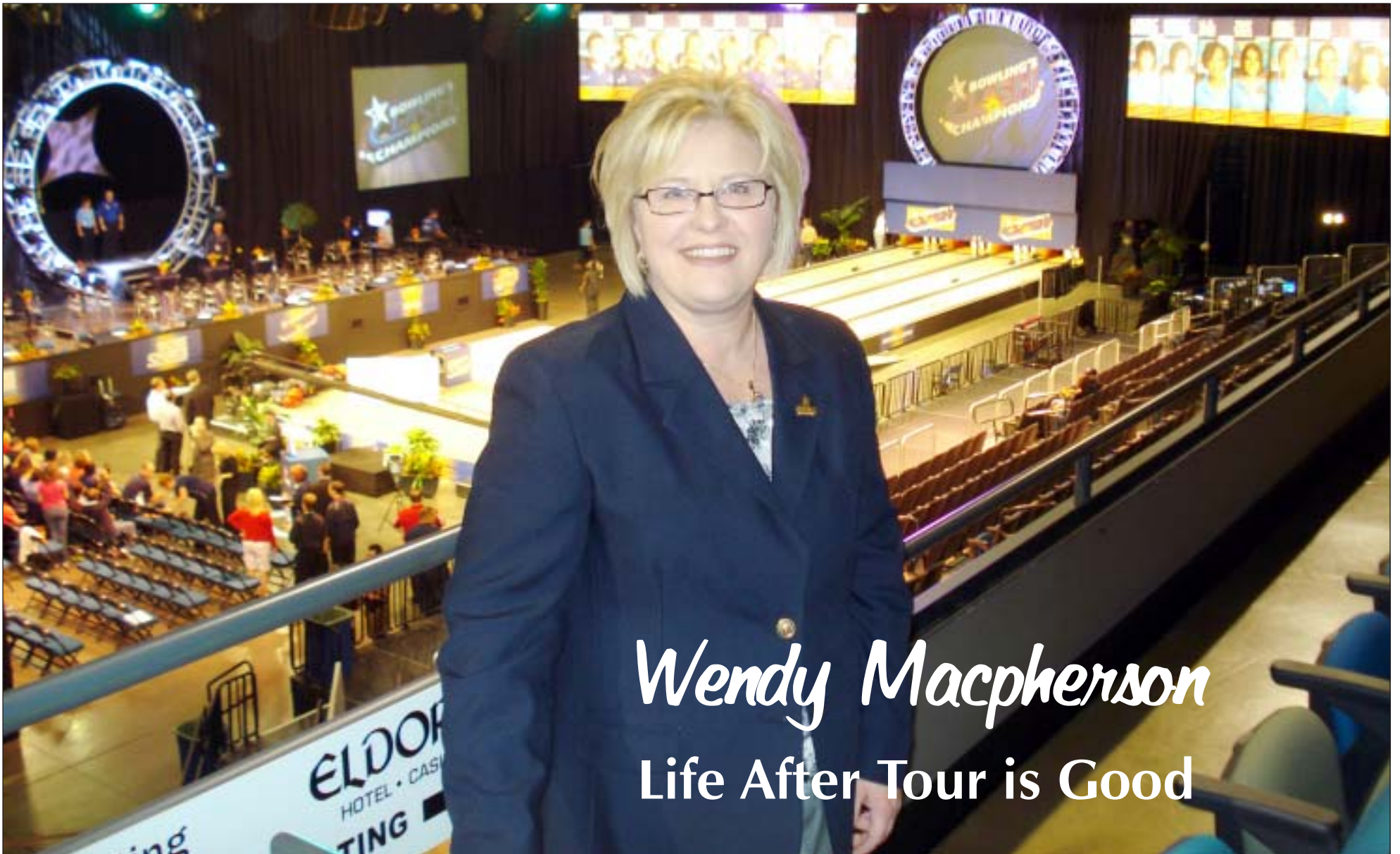




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What Might Have Been?

Occasionally, our thoughts drift afar from the world of bowling to a world where our sport is a tiny spec in the realm of life.

Today just happens to be Memorial Day, and we are feeling patriotic, and thankful to live in the greatest nation in the history of man; a privilege bestowed upon us by millions of courageous men and women who have given of themselves to serve our nation – many giving not only their time and talent, but their lives, and we especially honor those today.

By the time this is read, this special day will be gone for a year, but Independence Day will be around the corner, and the goosebumps and lumps in the throat will return with the playing of our national anthem, reminding us of those same feelings we had as Taps rang in our ears on Memorial Day.

Taps – only 24 simple notes on a bugle; but just try to breathe normally and maintain dry eyes as it echoes around us; impossible for most Americans.

Hearing it at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, when visiting this hallowed

and sacred place is a highlight of my life, as was not being able to catch a breath or hold back tears as we stood before the Viet Nam memorial that same day a few years back.

A silly and relatively minor accident with a motorcycle in the summer of 1968 prevented me from serving in the military. Drafted after high school in 1969, military doctors ruled that the tender scar on my Achilles tendon would prevent me from wearing standard issue boots worn by every soldier who ever marched for our country.

Today, when I see brave soldiers returning to battle with artificial limbs, my little severed tendon seems like a bug bite. I bet my older brother Michael, who passed away in 1993, felt the same way when he was not allowed to serve because of a finger severed as a child.

But our brother Tony took up the slack for the Goodwin brothers, serving in the Army medical corps; married a beautiful Army nurse. Tony and Judy produced four children, and their son Michael served in an Army Tank Brigade during Desert Storm.

Our Uncle Tom served in the Pacific during World War II.

Tony remained active in the reserves throughout his ca-

reer as a hospital administrator, achieving the rank of Major; and today, in retirement, Dr. Goodwin is a strongly conservative environmentalist and proud Texas Aggie who helped found the Brazos River Conservation Coalition to preserve one of Texas' most beautiful natural wonders.

This morning, as I pondered what 'might have been' if not for the incredible sacrifices of our military brothers and sisters, I read the story of Frank Buckles, the only living World War I veteran. Now 108, Buckles "exaggerated" his age in 1917 to become an Army ambulance driver in France. He survived "The War to end all Wars" to build a successful shipping business. Ironically, as a civilian, he was taken prisoner by the Japanese army in Manila in 1941, before the USA entered WW II, and spent 3 ½ years in a prison camp before being rescued by the 11th Airborne Division in February 1945.

It is men and women like Buckles, along with our friends and relatives who served, that built this country's moral strength and strong character.

One of the things that makes us most proud of the

bowling industry is its support of many worthy charities, the BVL among them. The Bowlers to Veterans Link is our oldest, dating back to 1942, when the generosity of bowlers provided funds for the war effort. At that time, the Women's International Bowling Congress also conducted a "Wings of Mercy" program that gave over \$340,000 – enough to buy four airplanes.

Our friend Johnny Petraglia works hard for BVL today, and encourages bowlers rolling multiple honor scores, that in lieu of the award, to donate the cost to BVL. Many others have also supported the program for years with their time and talent – veterans John Summer, Johnny Petraglia, Dave Davis, Don Wright, Walt Steinsiek, Jim Wyckoff, Jim Dressel and Bob Strickland to name only a few.

Who among us does not have a story or two or three about a family member or friend who served our country, and in fact, served us – because without them, our lives would simply not be the same.

So, on this Memorial Day, we say THANK YOU to all of them. **XXX**

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ADAM CHASE & DANIELA ALVARADO WIN 2009 USBC INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

EULESS, Texas. – After beginning the championship match with a tie at 188, St. John's University senior Adam Chase defeated North Carolina State's Nick Davis – 172-166, 231-216 and 204-169 – during each of the next three games to win the men's national title at the 2009 USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships at AMF Eules Lanes in Eules, Texas, Tuesday.

The title match was close from start to finish, but Chase was the more timely of the two bowlers, making the shots he needed to make when he needed to make them in order to close the match out in four games. The long path was nothing new to Chase, who bowled a field-high 24 games during Tuesday's match-play round.

Afterward, Chase was pleased to have collected the victory, but he was not shy about showing the toll the long day had taken on him.

"After 24 games, I'm exhausted, but I just kept finding a way to grind games out to keep moving on," Chase said. "I could go to bed right now, but what a great feel-

ing." Chase earned the right to bowl for the title by downing No. 3-seed Robert Klann 3-2 (185-158, 177-188, 186-202, 210-135, 229-207)



Adam Chase

during semifinal action. One round earlier, Chase advanced by scoring a 3-2 (172-231, 275-264, 179-213, 212-174, 265-234) victory over the tournament's No. 2-seed, Wichita State's Jacob Peters.

As the No. 10-seed for match play, some spectators may have viewed Chase as a long shot title

contender; nevertheless, he believed in himself from start to finish, and he credits that belief with having helped him through each match.

"I got a few bad breaks yesterday to qualify tenth, but I've been bowling really well over the last couple months, so I was really confident that I could do something special in this tournament," Chase said. "I just took it one game at a time, and I made the most of things today."

On the day, Chase averaged 201.50 and authored three games – 275, 265 and 257 – of 250 or greater. He finished the tournament with a 36-game average of 197.

On Tuesday, Wichita State University junior Daniela Alvarado went 9-0 during match play en route to the women's national title at the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Singles Championships at AMF Eules Lanes in Eules, Texas.

In order to collect the crown, Alvarado, a multiple medalist for Team Mexico, was forced to battle one of the few players in the field who could match her international experience, Martin Methodist's Hayley Beavis, who has bowled for Team England.

However, only one star would

shine during the title match, and just as it had been all tournament long, it was Alvarado.

The smooth right-hander used a late string of five strikes to take

lane conditions and to the support of her Wichita State teammates.

"The lane conditions fit my natural shot, so I was able to get a perfect read for what was going on from one ball to the next," Alvarado said. "This was a great tournament with a lot of great bowlers, so I'm very excited that I was able to win, especially with my friends and teammates here to cheer me on."

For the tournament, Alvarado established a 21-game average of 215.19 and recorded 19 games of 200 or better. Her low game on Tuesday was the 202 she notched during the deciding game of the title match.

Alvarado punched her ticket to the title match by defeating University of Central



Daniela Alvarado

Florida senior Brigette Harrelson 3-0 (209-200, 227-174, 214-170) during the semifinal round. Beavis earned her opportunity to bowl for the crown by dispatching Harrelson's UCF teammate, Kristie Petravich, 3-0 (204-201, 213-182, 219-201).

Alvarado credits the victory to her ability to read the challenging

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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.

The Delegates Have Spoken

It seemed that the delegates to the 2009 United States Bowling Congress annual meeting were in a no mood when it came to voting.

That's not true. They actually approved 13 amendments and rejected 10.

But they balked time and again when it came to increases in dues for national and state membership.

The boost in national was pegged at \$5, all in the first year or in steps over three years. The rise in state dues was to be one or two dollars.

In the membership request the majority were for the rise, as many as 61 percent approving - but two-thirds was needed for passage. I thought some sort of increase would be granted, and with all the matters the USBC has on the platter, I also felt there was merit to the bid.

In a totally unscientific personal survey of delegates from different sections of the country, I came up with all kinds of answers, and had to conclude that it wasn't a matter of money as the main barrier.

After all, a five dollar increase is a mere dime a week and a two dollar rise is just four cents a week. Sanctioned bowling is still one of the best buys in all sports, and that solid fact is never emphasized enough in print, on air, and in the many bowling meetings conducted in the governing and staging of competitive events, from tiny

social gatherings to huge major championships.

Some people voted no because they feel they don't get enough help on the local levels.

Some people voted no because they are fed up with rising costs for everything, taxes, food, insurance, transportation; education and you name it.

Some people voted no because they wanted to show they still have some power and as a protest to what they feel is increasing power of the national.

Some people voted no because they want more detailed information more often.

Some people voted no because they're still against the merger.

Some people voted no because they're against the move to Texas.

Some people voted no because they think such specials as Bowling's Clash of Champions are too expensive in time and money and don't do much for solving the problems of continuing membership loss.

Some people voted no because they feel it is a time to tighten belts and budgets.

Bowling always has been a sport of ups and downs but for the most part officials at every level have a love for the game and vote their brains and heart for what they think is right at a given time and place - a vote that can be changed.

Flowers For The Living Award Becomes A Part of the Bowling Foundation Family

ARLINGTON, Texas - The Bowling Foundation will team with the Sam Levine Flowers for the Living Award, and the partnership will begin with the presentation of the 2009 award which will be given within the next few weeks.

The Flowers Award is one of the most prestigious distinctions given in the bowling industry. The award, like the foundation, is unique because it is totally independent of any company or organization.

"We are very excited about teaming up with the Foundation, and we want to thank Foundation President Cathy DeSocio and Executive Director Troy Greisen for having the vision to see the value of this wonderful award," said Flowers Committee Chairman Jim Goodwin.

Started in 1961, the Flowers for the Living Award was inspired by the Flowers for the Living poem written by Ohio Associated Press editor Fritz Howell, one of the founders and a member of the first committee. Other founders were: Sam Levine, Cleveland Kegler; Steve Cruchon, Detroit Bowlers Digest; Billy Sixty, Milwaukee Journal; Bill Hengen, Minneapolis Star; and Tom Bolger, Toledo Blade.

The award goes to living people who have made exceptional contributions to the growth, welfare and image of bowling. Award winners receive a fresh bouquet of flowers, which are delivered to the recipient's home, and two plaques.

The first plaque features the "Flowers" poem, the second features an inscription written by former committee co-chairman, the late Sam Weinstein. The inscription reads: "This award is not 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."

The award is managed today by an independent panel of industry writers and executives who nominate candidates and select a winner each year. To maintain its independence and integrity, the ballots are kept secret, and the winners are not revealed until the time of presentation.

"The Bowling Foundation is honored to support this prestigious award that annually recognizes those that are bowling's goodwill ambassadors," said Greisen. "'Giving a helping hand' is written in the words of the poem Flowers for the Living that inspires this award, and that is exactly what The Bowling Foundation is all about. We look forward to strengthening the power and meaning of The Sam Levine Flowers for the Living Award."

About The Bowling Foundation

As the charitable arm of bowling, The Bowling Foundation operates and supports many youth-related programs, organizations and charitable causes through the efforts of bowlers, leagues, associations, and bowling centers. Some of the most important programs include: Bowl For The Cure with the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation, Special Olympics, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Bowl For Veterans, the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, and various scholarships and grants for schools and youth organizations. For more information, go to www.bowlingfoundation.org.

For more information about the Flowers for the Living Award and a complete list of winners, please visit the Bowling Foundation Web site www.bowlingfoundation.org. In 2011, the Flowers Award will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

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Dale Eagle Captures PBA Senior Mooresville Miller High Life Classic

MOORESVILLE, N.C. – Dale Eagle of Gene Stus.

Tavares, Fla., captured his first Professional Bowlers Association Senior Tour title in four years, by winning the PBA Senior Mooresville Miller High Life Classic Wednesday at George Pappas Victory Lanes.

Eagle, earned his 11th career Senior Tour title by defeating PBA Hall of Famer Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas, 247-224, in the championship match.

“Everything just came together,” said the 63-year-old Eagle. “I was making the right adjustments and keeping my emotions and mental part of my game together. Everything just seemed to happen very naturally.”

Eagle’s last Senior Tour win came in 2005 in Klamath Falls, Ore., but he has finished second several times since then including twice last year. With 11 titles, Eagle is tied for third all time in Senior Tour wins with



Dale Eagle

forced him to make targeting adjustments down the lane. He’s also had to adjust to a new delivery.

“I’ve had to rely more heavily on my left eye for targeting and it’s taken quite a bit of work to adjust to that,” said Eagle, who was the tournament’s qualifying leader and averaged 250. I’ve also been working on putting a different roll on the ball. I just can’t rev it up like I used to.”

Eagle advanced to the title match by defeating Roger Kossert of Lithia, Fla. 257-199 in the semifinal and Williams advanced by defeating Ray Johnson of Battle Creek, Mich., 263-245.

Ron Mohr of Eagle River, Alaska, who won the first two events of the season, was defeated in the Round of 8, 2-1, by Williams.

PBA SENIOR MOORESVILLE MILLER HIGH LIFE CLASSIC
George Pappas Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C., - May 6, 2009

Championship

Dale Eagle, Tavares, Fla. (\$8,000) def. Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas (\$4,500), 247-224

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$3,000)

Eagle def. Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 257-199; Williams def. Ray Johnson, Battle Creek, Mich., 263-245

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated, \$1,700 each)

Eagle def. Bill Spigner, Vernon Hills, Ill., 2-0; Kossert def. Mike Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 2-1; Johnson def. Rod Tramp, Porterville, Calif., 2-1; Williams def. Ron Mohr, Eagle River, Alaska, 2-1

Round of 16 (best of five games, losers eliminated, \$1,300 each)

Eagle def. Pete Couture, Titusville, Fla., 3-1; Spigner def. Mike Terrell, Newport News, Va., 3-1;

Kossert def. Wayne Webb, Sacramento, Calif., 3-2; Henry def. Bob Handley, Winter Park, Fla., 3-0;

Johnson def. Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3-1; Tramp def. Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 3-2; Mohr def. Keith Sharp, Orlando, Fla., 3-1; Williams def. Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 3-1

Round of 24 (best of five games, losers eliminated, \$1,150 each)

Couture def. Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 3-1; Spigner def. Ron Proffitt, Brookville, Ohio, 3-0;

Webb def. Thomas Brown, Lexington, N.C., 3-0; Henry def. Gale Voshell, Dover, Del., 3-0; Johnson def. Tim Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 3-1; Parks def. Bill Argenbright, Fishersville, Va., 3-1; Sharp def. Stan Wells, Kingsport, Tenn., 3-0; Voss def. Brian Brazeau, Ocala, Fla., 3-1

Round of 32 (best of five games, losers eliminated, \$1,050 each)

Chamberlain def. Mark McNutt, Alpharetta, Ga., 3-0; Spigner def. Wilbert Moorer, Dover, Del., 3-2;

Brown def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3-1; Henry def. Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3-0; Johnson def. Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 3-1; Argenbright def. Sam Zurich, Grant, Fla., 3-2; Sharp def. Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 3-0; Brazeau def. George Pappas, Charlotte, N.C., 3-2

Johnny Petraglia Wins PBA Senior Sun Bowl in The Villages

THE VILLAGES, Fla., – In dominating record-breaking fashion, Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Johnny

Petraglia of Jackson, N.J., won the PBA Senior Sun Bowl in The Villages at Spanish Springs Lanes for his first Senior Tour title of the season.

Petraglia defeated Hugh Miller of Seattle, 278-225, in the championship match Wednesday to win the seventh Senior Tour title of his career.

Leading the tournament wire-to-wire, Petraglia set four scoring records (six and 12-game qualifying pinfall and 36-game pinfall with and without bonus pins). He had a 13-5 match play record which also helped him earn the top qualifying position for the stepladder finals.

“It’s very gratifying to bowl this well throughout the whole tournament and bring home a win,” the 62-year-old Petraglia said.

“It would have been very disappointing to be the top qualifier and lose it all in one match.”

“I had to bowl a good game,” said the left-hander who also owns 14 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour titles. “If Hugh would have thrown a 290 game to beat me that wouldn’t feel so bad, but if he wasn’t going to bowl the big game I had to make sure I did.”

It was in last year’s PBA Senior U.S. Open that Petraglia felt the disappointment of leading the entire tournament only to lose in the championship match to Wayne Webb 204-172.

Petraglia earned \$8,000 for his Villages win while Miller, who owns one Senior Tour and seven national PBA Tour titles, earned \$4,500 for second.

In the semifinal match, Miller defeated Kevin Croucher of Grants Pass, Ore., 227-220. In the opening match Croucher defeated Roger Kossert of Lithia, Fla., 224-213.



Johnny Petraglia

2009 PBA SENIOR SUN BOWL IN THE VILLAGES
Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla. - May 13, 2009

Final Standings

1. Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 278 (one game), \$8,000

2. Hugh Miller, Seattle, 452 (two games), \$4,500

3. Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 444 (two games), \$3,000

4. Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 213 (one game), \$2,500

Stepladder Results

Match One – Croucher def. Kossert, 224-213; Semifinal Match – Miller def. Croucher, 227-220; Championship – Petraglia def. Miller, 278-225

Round 5 (After 36 games)

Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 13-5, 9,395; Hugh Miller, Seattle, 13-4-1, 9,042; Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 13-4-1, 9,000; Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 13-4-1, 8,788; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 13-5, 8,745, \$2,000; Ron Mohr, Eagle River, Alaska, 13-4-1, 8,712, \$1,750; Wayne Webb, Sacramento, Calif., 9-9, 8,687, \$1,600; Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 10-8, 8,676, \$1,550; Mike Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 8-8-2, 8,665, \$1,500; Keith Glasgow, St. Petersburg, Fla., 8-9-1, 8,597, \$1,450; John Shreve, Elyria, Ohio, 8-8-2, 8,580, \$1,425; Dale Eagle, Tavares, Fla., 8-10, 8,557, \$1,400; Dave Patchen, Oregon, Ohio, 9-9, 8,532, \$1,375; Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 9-8-1, 8,475, \$1,350; Rohn Morton, Vancouver, Wash., 6-11-1, 8,456, \$1,325; Mike Pullin, Rochelle, Ill., 8-9-1, 8,405, \$1,300

Round 4 (after 27 games)

Bob Handley, Winter Park, Fla., 5-3-1, 6,314, \$1,150; Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 4-5, 6,310, \$1,140; Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 4-5, 6,304, \$1,130; Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 5-4, 6,295, \$1,120; Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 5-4, 6,293, \$1,110; Gerald Teel, The Villages, Fla., 3-5, 6,244, \$1,100; Tim Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 5-4, 6,183, \$1,095; Bobby Johnson, Chillicothe, Ohio, 4-5, 6,163, \$1,090; (TIE) Donald Breihan, Columbia, S.C., 2-7, and Mitch Jabczynski, Novi, Mich., 4-5, 6,121, \$1,082; Tommy Kress, Rochester, N.Y., 3-6, 6,118, \$1,075; Barry Mefford, Aurora, Ill., 2-7, 6,111, \$1,070; Dennis Psaropoulos, Lake Worth, Fla., 3-6, 6,064, \$1,065; (TIE) Pete Couture, Titusville, Fla., 3-6, and Ron Woods, Hudson, Fla., 1-8, 5,902, \$1,057; Sal Bongiorno, Hollywood, Fla., 0-9, 5,819, \$1,050

Round 3 (after 18 games)

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Round 2 (after 9 games)

Bob Handley, Winter Park, Fla., 5-3-1, 6,314, \$1,150; Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 4-5, 6,310, \$1,140; Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 4-5, 6,304, \$1,130; Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 5-4, 6,295, \$1,120; Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 5-4, 6,293, \$1,110; Gerald Teel, The Villages, Fla., 3-5, 6,244, \$1,100; Tim Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 5-4, 6,183, \$1,095; Bobby Johnson, Chillicothe, Ohio, 4-5, 6,163, \$1,090; (TIE) Donald Breihan, Columbia, S.C., 2-7, and Mitch Jabczynski, Novi, Mich., 4-5, 6,121, \$1,082; Tommy Kress, Rochester, N.Y., 3-6, 6,118, \$1,075; Barry Mefford, Aurora, Ill., 2-7, 6,111, \$1,070; Dennis Psaropoulos, Lake Worth, Fla., 3-6, 6,064, \$1,065; (TIE) Pete Couture, Titusville, Fla., 3-6, and Ron Woods, Hudson, Fla., 1-8, 5,902, \$1,057; Sal Bongiorno, Hollywood, Fla., 0-9, 5,819, \$1,050

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JOHNSON CLAIMS 2009 USBC QUEENS TITLE

JANINE PRIMROSE WINS 2009 USBC SENIOR QUEENS

RENO, Nev. - At the start of the week, Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., had virtually written off her chances of capturing the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Queens, the



Liz Johnson

one title that had always eluded her.

Fast forward a few days and Johnson found herself standing on the lanes wearing the Queens tiara, holding the trophy and savoring a moment she had only dreamed about up until that point.

Johnson defeated 2007 Queens champion Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., 247-204, to earn the title before a crowd of nearly 1,500 at the Reno Events Center. The victory earned her \$30,000 and a place among bowling's biggest names as Queens champion.

"This is the most prestigious women's event, and to be in the company of some of the women who have won this is amazing," said Johnson, who finished second to Shannon

Pluhowsky at the 2006 Queens. "I was so close to winning the title in 2006, and it took me a couple of months to get over that loss, but this feels absolutely amazing."

Johnson never thought she would have a shot at the title this week after getting off to a rocky start and landing in 71st place after the opening round of qualifying at the National Bowling Stadium. She slowly moved up the standings and fought through the double-elimination match-play bracket undefeated to claim the title.

"This week I bowled OK but my reaction wasn't that good, and I barely won some matches," said Johnson, who now has 13 professional women's titles including the 2007 U.S. Women's Open. "I'm a fighter, though. When it comes to anything, especially bowling, I'm going to fight my way through."

Johnson and Kulick both got off to hot starts in the championship match. After Johnson left a 7 pin on a solid pocket shot, she rattled off four consecutive strikes.

Kulick, however, started the game with five strikes before disaster struck. In the sixth frame, Kulick left the Greek Church, the 4-6-7-9-10 split, and fell into a deficit from which she would never recover.

After converting the 2 pin in the sixth frame, Johnson strung together three more strikes to easily claim the championship.

"This is the one title that has eluded her, and she earned it today," Kulick said. "If there is any bowler I want to finish second to, it's Liz. She's having a great career. She just keeps fighting and seems to overcome everything."

In reaching the title match, Kulick took out Michelle Feldman of Auburn, N.Y., 221-170, in the semifinal. Feldman started with an open and Kulick never trailed in the match.

Kulick defeated Lisa Bishop of Belleville, Mich., the match before by starting with nine

consecutive strikes in a 262-224 win. Stepping up in the final frame in her bid for a televised perfect game, Kulick threw the ball a tad slow and it hooked through the head pin



Janine Primrose

and left the 3-4-6-7 split.

To open the championship round, Bishop defeated Brenda Edwards of Mansfield, Texas, 221-199. After leaving the 3-4-6-7-9-10 split in the final frame, Bishop converted the spare to keep her hopes alive. Edwards could have advanced with three consecutive strikes in the 10th frame, but left the 6-10 on her first shot.

Janine Primrose of Gardnerville, Nev., came back from an early deficit to defeat Dana Miller-Mackie of Albuquerque, N.M., in the championship match of the 2009 USBC Senior Queens.

Primrose, who was the only undefeated bowler leading up to the final match, bowled

games of 164, 233 and 231 on her way to a 628-598 victory in the three-game, double-elimination match play finals. She received \$3,000 and a tiara for the win, while Miller-Mackie took home \$1,700.

Despite finding herself down 28 pins against Miller-Mackie after the first game, Primrose, who competed in her first USBC Senior Queens, fought her way back in the second game to square the series up at 397 after two games.

"I think it was nerves going in," Primrose said. "I dug myself a hole in every match of this tournament, but fortunately made my way out of each one. After evening up the series, I felt I had the momentum going into the final game, and it came at the right time."

That momentum helped Primrose strike on her first five shots of the third game, while Miller-Mackie was unable to double early in the game.

"The quick start to the final game put the pressure on my opponent early," Primrose said. "Dana is such an awesome bowler that it actually makes me nervous, so I knew I couldn't let down."

Miller-Mackie, who was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in 2000, has had success previously in the USBC Queens, but never was able to win the event, finishing second in 1983 and 1992.

"It's felt like I've finished second here about six times now, but the entire week was great," said Miller-Mackie, who also made her Senior Queens debut. "Janine bowled great all week, and all of the senior ladies were just wonderful."

In accepting her tiara, trophy and prize check, Primrose dedicated her performance to her mother, who had recently passed away.

"This was for her," Primrose said. "I expected her to be with me this week, but I know she was looking down on me today."

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Without A Pro Tour, Life Goes On for Macpherson

New USBC Hall of Famer Stays Busy and Involved in Bowling

There is no question that Wendy Macpherson is one of the greatest women bowlers of all time, winning the distinction of being named Bowler of the Decade of the 1990's. Her career began with a stunning victory as an 18-year-old winning the U S Open in 1986, and she never looked back.

By the time the PWBA Tour ceased operation in 2003, Macpherson had accumulated 20 pro titles, including five majors. She was named Rookie of the Year after winning the Open, and went on to earn Player of the Year honors four times.

Macpherson owns 10 PWBA records, including all-time leading earnings of more than \$1.2 million, and an amazing 102 career television appearances, making her perhaps the most recognized woman pro by fans everywhere.

In 2006, Macpherson won the USBC Open Championship Singles competing against thousands of the best male bowlers in the land, and in 2009, she takes her rightful place in the USBC Hall of Fame.

It was in Reno, Nevada just before the induction ceremony that Jim Goodwin took the opportunity to 'catch up' with what has been happening in Wendy's life "post PWBA." Here is what Wendy had to share with the Bowling News Network:

Let's talk about the transition from a full-time touring professional bowler for 20 years to what has been happening since 2003 when the PWBA Tour ceased operation.

Sure – As you know, my first love is to bowl; to be a bowler. I love to compete. It makes my heart beat. I love everything about it. Since 2003, the lack of women's tournaments has been disappointing with no tour to bowl in, but in the past few years, there has been a little more for the ladies with the addition of the Women's Series to the PBA Tour. But it's still nothing like the 25 – 27 weeks per year we had for many years, and I miss that competition.

We understand you have made several trips to Japan to bowl?

Yes. A couple of years ago, I joined the Japanese Pro Bowlers Association, and I've been going back-and-forth bowling in about 7-9 tournaments a year in Japan. I take about four or five trips per year of about 2-3 weeks each trip. It's a fabulous time. I'm learning a new culture, and it takes care of my bowling fulfillment and gets my heart beating and all of that I really enjoy.

Have you learned the language?

I would love to learn it, but it is difficult. Our friend Susie Reichley [also a USBC Hall of Famer] has helped me a little, and she speaks it fluently, but it took her four years of living there to learn . . .so, maybe in about 20 years I can have a real conversation. Just when I think I am understanding a few things, its time to come back to the States.

Have you been able to make money bowling there?

Absolutely. A few dollars. It's an expensive thing to do. Airline tickets are expensive, and I need to pay a translator, but I do live with a family when I'm there, so that helps.

Do you have any sponsorship for the trips to Japan?

A little bit, but it is still very expensive, and I absorb most of the cost myself.

Are you still on a ball company staff?

I am. I'm still with Columbia 300. Some of the tournaments, its just not possible to make expenses, so I choose not to go, but it has been the experience of a lifetime; learning the culture. The home I live in Shizuoka overlooks Mount Fuji. I have my own room, and I'm able to leave things there for my next trip. They are a great family, and have made it my second home. They are super-supportive of my career and my adventure over there.

Has your husband Nick been able to go with you?

About a year-and-a-half ago he came for a couple of tournaments, but with the economic state we are in now, we have to work, and we do what we need to do to make a couple of dollars.

Do you still work with Brad Edelman and his High Roller tournaments?

Yes. I've been doing that since 1992. When I moved to Las Vegas in '91, I approached Brad and told him I would love to be a part of the High Roller staff. I saw it as an opportunity to be involved in the sport without physically throwing a ball, and I really love it. When I work those tournaments, my days are very calm, cool and collected. I am not emotionally involved – I didn't just bowl 300 followed by a 140 game, so the days are great



because I am not bowling, but I am seeing others enjoy the sport. It has been a really great thing to be involved in.

And you and the High Roller staff are also involved in the Military Tournament?

Yes we are. I have great admiration for everybody in the service. These are good people who have risked their lives to defend our country, and I've met a ton of people through the two events that run in January and August. They are wonderful people. In all the years I bowled on TV, many of them saw me, and now I get to know them. It's been wonderful.

Tell us about the experience of winning the USBC Singles.

You know what, Jim – I can't put it in words. I'll never forget a quote of Pat Costello when I won the 1986 U S Open. She said, "It will be a little while before you realize what you have actually done." I'm now three years past winning that 2006 event, and I've been down to Cashman Center in Las Vegas a few times this year, and I always think like 'Wow,

I have an Eagle in this historic tournament.' I just can't believe it happened. And it happened on a weekend that came after I had not bowled for three months because I had been caring for my father, who had just lost his battle with cancer. I hardly got dressed or left the house for three months after we lost him. I flew to Corpus Christi on the day he was cremated.

We all know how close you were to your dad – will your thoughts be of him when

compared to bowling?

Bowling is still harder. Politics is simply doing what you believe in; and maybe understanding why other people do things, and maybe changing your mind, or not changing your mind. Bowling is far more difficult than that. I'm excited about it, because it is a whole other avenue of bowling for me, and something else I can do without throwing a ball.

We remember that you were usually very outspoken when it came to politics in the PWBA – will that carry over to USBC?

I had my opinions, and like a lot of people, I think I've gotten more opinionated as I've gotten older. I just have such love for the sport of bowling. If I can do anything to help the sport, I will love being a part of it.

For some of us, it seems like yesterday that you won the U S Open at age 18, and now at 41, you are still young enough that you have many years to add to your career in bowling – does it seem that way to you as well?

I'm Hopeful. Some days, I feel a little older, but there are days when I can hardly believe I'm not still 18 and that so many years have gone by. Some days, I wake up with joints aching, and I know how many years it has been.

Are you still hopeful that a real Women's Pro Tour will return?

I can't have anything but hope. I'm biased. I only know one type of tour. I only know one type of format. I only believe one way – so I'm biased. I believe the way we did it with the multiple games and the lane conditions – bowling the U S Open on A, B, and C squad without ever running the lanes is the way to go. I don't think we need to bowl on fresh oil every time we bowl. I don't think we need to allow people to get lucky to win a match to advance. I think the best bowler in any given tournament should win. That is not happening under the formats that are being done now.

Carolyn Dorin-Ballard told us she does not consider the PBA Women's Series titles equal to her PWBA and LPBT Tour titles – do you feel the same?

Absolutely I do – not even close. I asked Jim Dressel recently what the writers thought. Do I have 20 or 21 pro titles? As an example, I watched Liz Johnson win her first U S Open title in Indy grinding it out for 56 games morning, noon, and night; and then I watched her bowl 14 games and about five more on TV to win the same thing. They just don't compare – but the record says she has two U S Open titles. But one is far more significant in my eyes than the other. One was on a format that I have a hard time giving any credibility to. I believe in change, but I think there can be change that is a lot different, that could still keep the integrity of a professional title. XXX

Now, you have entered the politics of bowling as a new member of the USBC Board of Directors. How hard is politics

Allen Wins DYDO Japan Cup 2009

Page Makes History by Throwing First Perfect Game in Japan Cup TV Finals History

TOYKO, Japan – It took over 5,000 miles of Pacific Ocean for someone to take down Lumber Liquidators Professional Bowlers Association Tour Player of the Year Wes Malott.

Tour star Patrick Allen found a reaction in the championship game that he hadn't seen all day which lead him to a 247-214 win over



Patrick Allen

Malott in the finals of the DYDO Japan Cup 2009 in Tokyo Metro Gymnasium. The win marks Allen's 13th career PBA Tour title.

Malott and Allen, who qualified No. 1 and No. 2 respectively, opened the match mirroring each other in the first three frames but a solid 10-pin in the fourth by Malott gave Allen a 10-pin lead. Both players traded shots but it came down to Allen needing count in the 10th to pick up the win and the \$50,000 first-place prize.

"I didn't bowl well in the first two matches but I found a way to stay alive," Allen, whose win marked the 20th consecutive season an American player has won the Japan Cup, said. "I was just trying to tell myself I can do this. I stepped up there and made good shots in the last game when I needed it. It's great to bowl an event like this and an honor to win the Japan Cup."

Joining Allen in the spotlight on Sunday was Tour star Rhino Page. Page, Topeka, Kan., threw the first perfect game in Japan Cup TV finals history, defeating Jeong Tae-Hwa, Korea, 300-235, in the Round of 8. Page earned \$100,000 for the perfect game.

After his win in the Round of 8, Page lost

his look in his semi-final match against Malott, losing 236-216. Malott started with the front seven but a missed single-pin conversation in the 8th frame opened up the match; however Page's struggle to strike was the difference.

Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., advanced to the championship match by outlasting Korea's Byun Yong-Hwan, Korea, 203-159 in the second semi-final. Neither bowler could take control of the match early as Yong-Hwan opened in four of the first six frames while Allen started with four consecutive spares and an open in the sixth. There were a combined total of four 7-10 splits between the two players and Allen managed to put together the only string of strikes, finishing with a four-bagger.

Earlier in the day, Malott advanced to the Semi-Finals by defeating Ryota Ichihara, Japan, 215-183, in the Round of 8. The Pflugerville, Texas native trailed through five frames when Ichihara opened the door by leaving a pocket 8-10 split and only converting the 8-pin. Malott finished the game by striking on four of his last six shots to advance to the Semi-Finals.

In the third Round of 8 match of the day, Yong-Hwan, Korea, defeated Yoshiki Ohsawa, Japan, 257-247.

A 4-6-7-10 split in the first frame by Shigenori Sakata, Japan, set the tone for the fourth Round of 8 match. Sakata struggled to find his way, falling to Allen, 208-174.

Dydo Japan Cup 2009
Shinagawa Prince Bowling Center,
Tokyo, Japan - April 25, 2009

Finals

Winner earns \$50,000, (Loser earns \$26,000)

No. 2 Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla. defeats

No. 1 Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 247-214

Semi-Finals (Losers earn \$13,000)

Malott defeats No. 13 Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan.,

236-216

Allen defeats No. 27 Byun Yong-Hwan, 203-159

Round of 8 (Losers earn \$6,500)

Malott defeated No. 40 Ryota Ichihara, Japan,

215-183

Page defeated No. 12 Jeong Tae-Hwa, Korea,

300-235

Yong-Hwan defeated No. 30 Yoshiki Ohsawa,

Japan, 257-247

Allen defeated No. 23 Shigenori Sakata, Japan,

defeated 208-174

Notes: Page earns \$100,000 for his 300 game in

the Round of 8.

USBC Convention, Bowl Expo Scheduled Together for 2011 in Texas

RENO, Nev. - All of the bowling industry will meet in one place for first time as the United States Bowling Congress Convention will be held in the same city as International Bowl Expo in 2011.

Both events are scheduled for June 27-July 2, 2011 at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, Texas. Plans for the grand week of bowling became official when the USBC Board of Directors approved moving its convention and annual meeting to June.

"The Board has looked at the April-May timeframe with some concern due to the absence of youth at our convention," said USBC President Jeff Boje. "They are in school or taking final exams so the move opens up our convention for youth bowlers and families.

"Bowling is a family sport and convention should be a family activity, too. The Texas event also will allow people to see everything the International Bowling Campus has to offer. The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame will be open by 2011 and the new Training and Research Center will be in full operation."

Shuttles will be provided between the Gaylord Texan, other host hotels and to the International Bowling Campus.

"Simply put, International Bowl Expo is a con-

vention not only for proprietors, but for the bowling industry," said BPAA President Jim Sturm. "There are seminars at Bowl Expo that will interest USBC delegates and exhibits at USBC Convention that benefit proprietors."

"At the end of the day, we're all bowlers and this will showcase our sport to everyone."

A tentative schedule has the BPAA Annual Meeting held early in the week, followed by educational keynote speakers and seminars. The International Bowl Expo general session and trade show along with USBC workshops would follow mid-week, with the USBC Annual Meeting held the final two days. The week also would feature annual gatherings of the International Bowling Pro Shop and Instructors Association, USBC Coaches Conference and Bowling Writers' Association of America.

USBC delegates would be invited to attend the Bowl Expo trade show and general session at no charge. Some Bowl Expo seminars and special events will have admission fees.

Executives at USBC and BPAA project seeing significant cost savings and efficiencies for both organizations by moving their national events to the same time and location.

Chris Barnes Rolls to Victory at Bowling's Clash of Champions

RENO, Nev. - Consider the title defended. Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, picked up where his wife, Lynda, left off last year as he claimed the top spot at Bowling's Clash of Champions, a United States Bowling Congress event.

Barnes, who earned his way into the Clash by being the 2007-08 Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year, defeated collegiate bowler Rebekah Diers of Kingston, N.Y., in the man versus woman title match 257-207 Thursday at the Reno Events Center.

A crowd of nearly 1,500 fans watched the special made-for-television event that showcased 16 champions of various events competing for a total prize pool of \$100,000. The Clash will air on CBS Sports on May 9 from 4-6 p.m. EDT.

"In this format, with this field, it's tough to have high expectations," said Barnes, whose wife Lynda defeated pro bowler Sean Rash to win last year's inaugural Clash. "I was fortunate that Lynda bowled in this event last year because I knew what I wanted to try and accomplish and it worked."

The victory didn't come easy for Barnes, however, as Diers, who bowls collegiately at McKendree, put him on his heels early in the match.

Diers opened the game with four consecutive strikes before leaving the 2-4-10 split and converting it. In the seventh frame, however, she left the 4-6-7-10 split to effectively end her upset bid.

Barnes, meanwhile, started with a strike and a spare before rattling off six consecutive strikes, one of which was a Brooklyn. Needing a mark in the final frame to win, Barnes crushed the pocket for a strike.

"Rebekah bowled just terrific and her first six frames were way better than my first six frames," Barnes said. "If I don't have that Brooklyn in the fourth frame, she is ahead by almost 20 and there's no pressure on her. She sure didn't seem nervous about bowling me in those first few frames."

Barnes took home \$50,000 for his victory,

while Diers earned \$25,000 for finishing second. It was an experience Diers said she will never forget.

"I just tried to do my best every shot," Diers said. "This is the best day of my life. I got to not only bowl with Chris Barnes, I got to bowl



Chris Barnes

against him."

In the semifinals, Diers eliminated Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., while Barnes took out collegiate bowler Dan Vick of Pittsford, N.Y., 226-223.

All four players advanced to the championship round by surviving one of the most unique formats in the history of bowling. Each player made it through their foursome in the one-ball, sudden-death round, defeating opponents who ranged in age from teenagers to seniors.

For more information on Bowling's Clash of Champions, visit bowl.com.

Take Dad Bowling



\$3,000 SUPER BYES AT THE MINI-ELIMINATOR

Las Vegas, NV: The July Mini-Eliminator at The South Point in Las Vegas has created a way for bowlers to be guaranteed \$3,000 for making the finals and be only 1 match away from the \$35,000 Champion Shootout. A Super Bye will be awarded to one bowler from each division; 49 and under, 50+, and bowlers with a 205 and under average. The Super Byes will be won by the bowler shooting the highest series after they have qualified for the finals and re-entered.

Bowlers entering the earlier squads will have the greatest chance at earning a Super Bye. Although re-entries are normally \$180, anyone making the finals and re-entering to earn a Super Bye will get \$50 off all of their re-entries. Also, if a bowler purchased the Super Marathon entry, which gives you 5 qualifying squads, and qualifies for the finals on one of their first four entries, they can bowl for the Super Bye for FREE until they use up all of their entries.

The 13th annual Mini-Eliminator is being held Tuesday, June 30 through Saturday, July 4, 2009 and includes 16 qualifying squads and 3 early bird events. The top 6 prizes are guaranteed regardless of entries including \$20,000-1st, \$10,000-2nd, \$5,000-3rd and \$3,000 for 4th through 6th place. Also guaranteed is all finalists, 1 in 10, earning a minimum of \$500.

The Mini-Eliminator uses a 3-game scratch qualifying format by division with an elimination (beat half-the-field) finals format. One in ten bowlers per division per squad advance to the finals and 1 in 5 bowlers per squad cash. Over \$500,000 is projected to be paid out.

To make your Mini-Eliminator experience as affordable as possible we offer a Super Marathon Entry. For only \$795 you receive 5 main event entries, 3 early bird entries, a Columbia Power Swing, a triple roller, \$300 in match play coupons and \$120 in room credit at The South Point. Total value of the Super Marathon is \$1,925 which means you save over \$1,100.

The South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa, located on the famous Las Vegas Strip, is offering bowlers a super low rate; \$47 midweek and \$77 weekend. This rate can be reduced even further since a \$40 off coupon is included in everyone's first three Mini-Eliminator entries. Bowlers and guests will be treated to an incredible experience and can book a room by calling 1.866.791.7111.

For more information on The Mini-Eliminator please visit www.minieliminator.com or call the tournament office; 1.877.900.MINI. You can bowl for free by recruiting just 2 new bowlers. You can even earn a free Super Marathon entry by recruiting just 4 new bowlers.

Beating the Odds

Unfortunately the news is dominated by the economy and its downward spiral. The travel industry has been the hardest hit with airlines and hotels reporting daily cancellations and percentages in some cases falling off by fifty percent or more. Las Vegas is holding off the tide thanks to the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships at the Cashman Center. The 154 consecutive days event is enjoying a record field of participants and when finished will no doubt set records on and off the lanes.

The side events that piggy back with the Open has a new entry this year called the Ebonite Beat the Board tournament at The Orleans. The format is a Doubles event with bowlers bowling three games each – moving after each game. Team averages cannot exceed 440. As an added bonus there

is a singles event per division with a \$3000 1st place guaranteed. The lane pattern remains the same throughout the event. This is a walk-in tournament with bowlers being put on the lanes as they become available between 10 am through 8 pm seven days a week.

The bowlers I have talked with following the Beat the Board like the challenge and more importantly are taking advantage of all the action available in Las Vegas, especially in their free time. Bill Selt, Menasha, WI said he scored strong in the singles and doubles at Cashman and was happy with his performance at The Orleans. He carried a 218 average and bowls one league a week back home, but like many of the competitors, spent several extra hours practicing in preparation for the Open. He plans to come back to the Suncoast in June to compete against the big boys on the Senior Tour. His partner, Tony Marklay, and their wives have taken a side trip to Hoover Dam then plan to drive to the Grand Canyon on the way home and try out the sky walk.

One of the ladies paring up for Beat the Board, Rhonda Brockington, from Brooklyn, NY, should receive a special award from Las Vegas Visitors Authority; she had fifty-one relatives and friends accompany her to Las Vegas. My personal survey indicates the participants have saved up and set aside money to make this trip a special event for everyone. The city fathers I'm sure will set up and take notice in the future when someone talks about a major bowling event.

This years USBC Queens in Reno was won

by Liz Johnson who was long overdue to move into the winner's circle for the 1st time in this prestigious event. She finished runner-up to Shannon Pluhowsky in 2006. She is a tremendous competitor who kept her game on a high note by competing in High Roller, Mini Eliminator and the PBA tour.

Janine Primrose, Gardnerville, NY capture the Senior Queens title. Several of the National Golden Ladies competitors made their way into matchplay, including Rose Smith of Las Vegas and Karen Smith of San Marcos, CA, both former GLC champions. I was happy to see that a former tour star, Dana Miller-Mackie was back in action and hopefully will be in Las Vegas next March. These ladies should all be an inspiration and hopefully inspire ladies near the fifty mark to keep their game and look

to future competition.

Veteran bowling writer Dick Evans asked for comments on the USBC's decision to make next year a handicap tournament with Gold, Silver and Bronze titles. Joan Reilly, NC another former GLC champion responded with this quote, "I think handicapping the National will benefit most bowlers. Unlike most scratch bowlers, I travel with a group of ten ladies with averages as low as 120. Every year when we set up our teams, we try to give ourselves the best advantage by creating combinations that place us at the top of the divisions in both team and doubles. I give the USBC thumbs up for their new changes." You can bet there will be a lot of articles written pro and con in the year ahead.

It saddened this writer to learn that a dear friend and longtime competitor had passed away in Pennsylvania. USBC Hall of Famer Patty Costello was, without a doubt, one of the great women bowlers of her time. The dominate left hander captured twenty-five professional titles and was named Woman Bowling of the Year by the Bowling Writers Association of America in 1972 and 1976. She bowled her last tournament in 1993 finishing second in the WIBC Queens. I was proud to call her my friend and at a time when the women's tour was nearing its peak, she was a wonderful image for future stars to mirror themselves after.

A thought for the day: Think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
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
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Mar 28-July 4	USBC Women's Championships , National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
May 9-June 21	Bowler's Buzz Jubilee Singles Tournament , AMF Clearlake, Houston, TX
June 7-12	USBC Senior Masters - Golden Pin Lanes , Tucson, AZ
June 14-19	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
June 29-July 5	TAT Amateur Classic , The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
June 30-July 4	Mini Eliminator , South Point 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 30-Aug. 1	QubicaAMF International Family Tournament , Main Event, Grapevine, TX
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 13-14	PBA Senior Decatur Open , Spare Time Lanes, Decatur, IL
Aug 13-16	1st Annual Professional Women Bowlers Reunion & Tournament , ESkape Entertainment, Buffalo Grove, IL
Aug 15-16	6th New Mexico Open , Tenpins & More, Rio Rancho, NM
Aug 15-18	SASBA , All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
Aug 22-26	PBA Senior Ladies & Legends , Town & Country Lanes, Joliet, IL
Aug 29-30	PBA Senior Dick Weber Open , Royal Scot Golf & Bowl, Lansing, MI
Aug 31-Sept 5	SASBA , 300 Bowl, Conroe, TX
Sept 5-7	Military Handicap Team Tournament , Samis Town Bowl, Las Vegas, NV
Sept 19-20	SASBA Labor Day Blowout , Lafayette Lanes, Lafayette, LA
Sept 26-27	SASBA Champ/Nonchamp , Bandera Super Bowl, San Antonio, TX
Oct 10-11	SASBA Over 70/Over 60 Doubles , Corsicana Super Bowl, Corsicana, TX
Oct 17-18	SASBA Annual Championship , AMF Euleless, Euleless, TX
Oct 24-25	SASBA South Central , Paris Family Center, Paris, TN
Nov 7-8	SASBA , Oil Bowl, Longview, TX
Nov 14-15	SASBA Foursome , Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
Nov 22-29	SASBA , Del Mar Lanes, Houston, TX
Dec 5-6	High Roller Senior Thanksgiving Classic , Samis Town, Las Vegas, Nev
Dec 19-20	SASBA , Cityview, Fort Worth, TX
	SASBA Annual Team , Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX

July High Roller Original Match Play! Just like the old days!

It's been a big month here at High Roller, rolling out a new website, logo and format for the July High Roller! The website and logo are actually brand new but the format is similar to what we used for many years starting back in August of 1982 at Showboat Lanes.

There are a few changes to the famous High Roller match play. There are 2 divisions: Age 49 & Under and the combination division for Age 50 & Over and players with all averages of 215 or less. You will bowl your matches in one of those divisions and then the last remaining player from each division bowls one more match for the title!

Also different from 27 years ago are the re-entry squads. There are 4 re-entry squads for players that are eliminated in any of the first 3 rounds. Round 3 is the money round where 1 in 8 of the field wins \$1,000. Any player that hasn't won that great bottom prize may re-enter. In all re-entry squads, players start over in a new Round 1. Players receive a different Storm high performance ball on their 1st & 3rd re-entry.

Visit us at www.high-roller.com to view and print the new brochure for the July High Roller - it's all match play and we are very excited! Our phone lines have been ringing off the hook and we have received more email than we have in a long time! In fact, we have already contacted our printer and increased the order! No kidding!

From June 29 to the July 4th fireworks, Sam's Town Hotel, Gambling Hall & Bowling Center in Las Vegas will host the electric atmosphere that made the High Roller famous. It was in 1982 that the world learned that this format is the most exciting and pressure-packed format of them all! Ex-

perience High Roller's famous single game elimination matches in front of huge crowds. Round by round, whether you are bowling or watching your friends, you will see great matches and great 10th frames. And it doesn't let up until a champ is crowned on Saturday, July 4th. A \$350 entry fee can lead to a top prize as high as \$50,000!

"Anyone can beat anyone in a 1-game match!" said Norm Edelman, and it became our slogan for 23 years as the best players don't always win. But for those who are eliminated in the first 3 rounds, re-entries are available. If you lose, you can re-enter and have another chance at those huge top prizes. In fact, players re-entering receive a Storm high performance ball! Become the last undefeated player to win the title - 1 opponent at a time! You don't need to beat half or the entire field.

It is always luck-of-the-draw that determines your lane and your opponent. Select your 1st round match play time. But from that point forward it is strictly luck-of-the-draw as you advance from round to round. What a great feeling it is to visit the Winner's Circle after each round!

And don't forget: • 5 Roto Grip Sweepers that pay up to \$4,000 for 1st place. There are guaranteed prizes for Seniors in 3 Sweepers. • Enter early for Free Entries in the Vise Inserts VIP events! • For players staying at Sam's Town - the \$3,000 Coca Cola Give-A-Way! A special event just for hotel guests - at no cost!

So get ready and make your plans now for the 28th annual July High Roller! See you there!

"Anyone can beat anyone in a 1-game match!"

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The latest cartoon book by Stars & Strikes cartoonist

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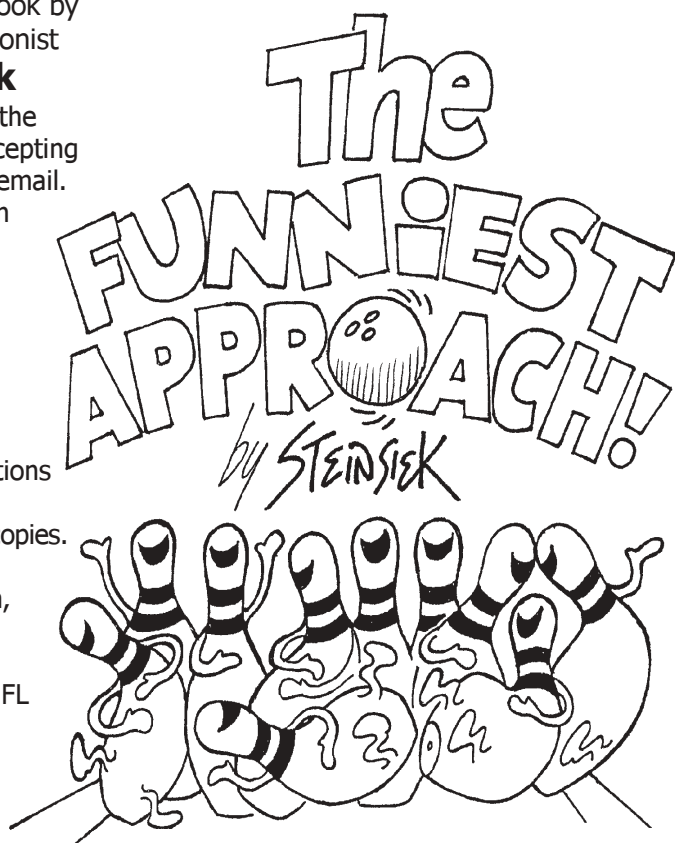
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THE FUNNY PAGE

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"Cracking the Human Resources Code"

"JOIN OUR FAST-PACED COMPANY"

We have no time to train you.

"CASUAL WORK ATMOSPHERE"

You'll be here very late, very often — might as well be comfortable.

"MUST BE DEADLINE-ORIENTED"

Your first four projects are already way overdue.

"SOME OVERTIME REQUIRED"

Did we mention that you'll be here very late, very often? And most weekends.

"DUTIES WILL VARY"

Anyone in the office can boss you around.

"MUST HAVE AN EYE FOR DETAIL"

We have no quality control.

"CAREER-MINDED"

Female applicants must be childless.

"APPLY IN PERSON"

If you're old, fat or ugly, that position has already been filled.

"NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE"

This job listing is just a legal formality. The position was filled by some executive's nephew.

"SEEKING CANDIDATES WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF EXPERIENCE"

Due to consolidation, you'll be replacing three people.

"PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS A MUST"

This company is a total mess.

"REQUIRES TEAM LEADERSHIP SKILLS"

You'll have all the responsibilities of upper management, without the pay, title or respect.

"GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS"

Listen to management, figure out what they want, don't ask too many questions and get the job done.

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"Peach Brandy"

A Baptist preacher went to visit a member of the community and invited him to come to church Sunday morning.

It seems that this man was a producer of fine peach brandy, and told the preacher that he would attend his church IF the pastor would drink some of his brandy and admit doing so in front of his congregation. The preacher agreed and drank up.

Sunday morning the man visited the church. The preacher recognized the man from the pulpit and said: "I see Mr. Johnson is here with us this morning. I want to thank him publicly for his hospitality this week and especially for the peaches he gave me and the spirit in which they were given."



**BUBBA COMES DOWN WITH A BAD CASE OF ...
BOWLERS BLOCK!!!**

"What Teachers Say and What They Really Mean"

When teachers say, "Your son has a remarkable ability in gathering needed information from his classmates."
What they really mean is, "He was caught cheating on a test."

When teachers say, "Karen is an endless fund of energy and vitality."
What they really mean is, "The hyperactive monster can't stay seated for five minutes."

When teachers say, "Fantastic imagination! Unmatched in his capacity for blending fact with fiction."
What they really mean is, "Definitely one of the biggest liars I have ever met."

When teachers say, "Margie exhibits a casual, relaxed attitude to school, indicating that high expectations don't intimidate her."
What they really mean is, "The lazy thing hasn't done one assignment all term."

When teachers say, "Her athletic ability is marvelous. Superior hand-eye coordination."
What they really mean is, "The little creep stung me with a rubber band from 15 feet away."

When teachers say, "Nick thrives on interaction with his peers."
What they really mean is, "Your son needs to stop socializing and start working."

When teachers say, "Your daughter's greatest asset is her demonstrative public discussions."
What they really mean is, "Classroom lawyer! Why is it that every time I explain an assignment she has to create a class argument?"

When teachers say, "John enjoys the thrill of engaging challenges with his peers."
What they really mean is, "He's a bully."

When teachers say, "An adventurous nature lover who rarely misses opportunities to explore new territory."
What they really mean is, "Was caught skipping school at the fishing pond."

When teachers say, "I am amazed at her tenacity in retaining her youthful personality."
What they really mean is, "She's so immature that we've run out of diapers."

When teachers say, "Unlike some students who hide their emotion, Charles is very expressive and open."
What they really mean is, "He must have written the Whiner's Guide."

When teachers say, "I firmly believe that her intellectual and emotional progress would be enhanced through a repetition of her learning environment."
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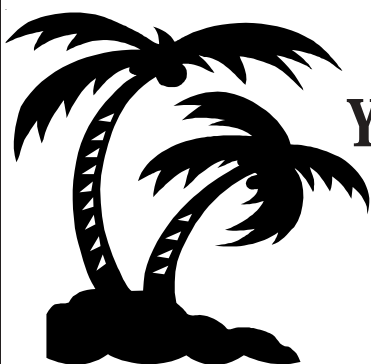


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