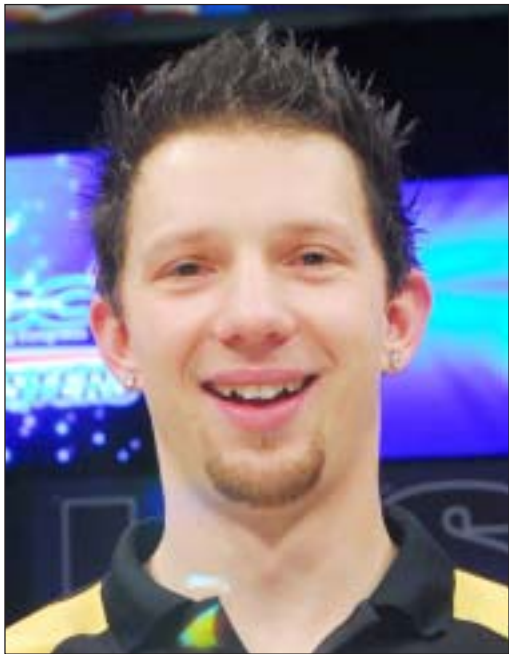




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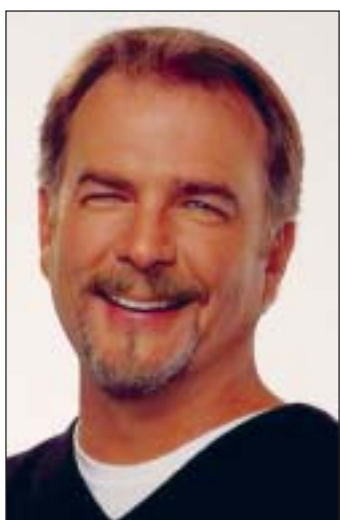
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in Plastic Ball Event





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by Jim Goodwin

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Going Forward While Looking Back

The Future Is Here

On February 25, the United States Bowling Congress held the first of a series of Town Hall Meetings to talk about its vision, purpose, and future. The meeting was held at the new International Bowling Campus in Arlington.

For this reporter, who has been around the game for a while, the future is now. It is unfolding before our eyes. Many of the things that we have talked about and written about over the past couple of decades have happened, or are about to happen.

Only a decade ago, who in this industry would have predicted that the ABC and WIBC would become the USBC and move its entire operation from Wisconsin to Texas to partner with the BPAA to build a new International Bowling Campus? Many of us hoped that these kinds of bold decisions were possible, but we doubt anyone thought seriously that it could happen this quickly, if at all.

Yet, it is the new reality. Change is not only in the air; it is the new mantra for the bowling industry. Will Rogers once said, "Bite off more than you can chew – and then chew it!" Here's hoping that bowling's current crop of leaders have strong teeth.

The first Town Hall Meeting was well attended, mostly by folks involved in USBC and centers in the Dallas and Fort Worth area. About 100 were there – a couple of notables were former BPAA and WIBC Presidents Jamie Brooks and Sylvia Broyles. About 30 USBC employees also sat in for the two-and-a-half-hour meeting.

USBC Chief Operating Officer Kevin Dornberger and board member Tamoria Adams presented the program, followed by questions and answers from the audience. At the conclusion, Dornberger expressed that he was pleased with the attendance, and somewhat surprised that the audience was very polite. "It was surprisingly calm. I thought they would ask more hard

questions," he said.

During the presentation, Dornberger and Adams talked about the business plan, the future role of local and state associations, a new dues structure, the awards program, and changes in the youth program like Bowlopolis and a tiered membership which includes a basic \$5.00 membership recommended by BPAA.

Standard youth membership will be \$17, and the Junior Gold level will remain at \$30. A major change that Dornberger said will affect about 1600 youth members is that the maximum age will be lowered to 20.

Dornberger also revealed that in spite of losing money this year that no increase will be requested for adult members until the 2010-11 season. It may shock some to read this, but we think a dues increase is in order, and justified.

Why? Because by their actions, USBC has proven that the organization is taking steps to improve in every way. A decade ago, we strongly opposed a dues increase because no fresh ideas were presented to justify it.

Back then, we wrote that instead of asking for more money, USBC (ABC & WIBC then) should try cutting expenses like any other business does to survive. We called for a 20% cut in salaries, a 20% cut in travel and other expenses, and a 50% cut in the awards program.

Today, because of the move, the staff has been cut from 225 employees to 160, which has resulted in more than the 20% salary and expense cuts that we suggested, and the awards program has been re-designed to be more of a recognition program than a prize program. Award expenses have fallen from over nine million a decade ago, to around four million today, some due to declining members, some due to re-design.

Ten years ago, when the ABC and WIBC asked for more money from a declining membership, we wrote that "They should be ashamed to

ask." Today, because of their willingness to embrace change and new ideas, they should be proud of themselves, and members should be proud of their membership and should not have a problem paying a little more for it.

The PBA Plastic Ball Event Made Us Think . . .

The most talked about tournament of the season, from the day it was announced, was the PBA Plastic Ball Tournament, held February 18-22 in Denver. In some ways it lived up to its billing of "Rolling Back the Technology." In other ways it fell a little short.

First of all, we loved the final headline "Carter – Weber Finish 1-2 in PBA Event." What year is this?! This time it was Jeff and Pete instead of Don and Dick. It was great to see Jeff Carter win his first PBA title, and he did it in style, going against his good friend Pete, who was gunning to break out of his tie with Mark Roth to win his 35th PBA crown.

It was interesting that all four finalists were power players, but not surprising. Joining Weber and Carter in the final four were Chris Barnes and Michael Fagan. Barnes averaged almost 250 for the event! Makes us wonder about the real value of all the new technology, described by Randy Pedersen this way – "like comparing a Yugo to a Ferrari."

There is no doubt that the new ball surfaces and cores have given 'marginal' players the tools to keep up with the guys who have more physical talent. In the "old days" (1970's) the complaint was that guys like Roth and a few others had an edge over the stokers. Now, the power guys complain because they have to "tone it down." Ah – one of life's most valuable lessons – "What goes around, comes around!"

One famous stoker almost made the show. Brian Voss was knocked out in the round of eight. He joined Randy and Rob in the booth for a few minutes, and seemed happy . . . but you know he was very disappointed because he narrowly

missed his chance to get back on the tour after losing his exempt status last season.

When this event was first announced, we got the impression that all of the players would be given two identical polyester balls with pancake weight blocks, and they were . . . but as the rules were refined, players were allowed to drill up to three more during qualifying, and an additional one if they made match play. They were also allowed to sand and polish as needed, and drill off-label.

When these new rules were added, it brought back memories of the days of 'ball manipulation,' which at one point got out of control when "soakers" were banned from the tour. I wasn't there, but I imagine the ball reps were busier than ever in Denver. After thinking they might get a week off, they probably wore out a lot of sandpaper.

A few top players took the week off – Norm Duke, Wes Mallott, Michael Haugen, Doug Kent, and Rhino Page. Randy Petersen said it didn't have anything to do with the rules or balls (wink, wink) but we suspect that a few just didn't want to mess with changing their games, or maybe they were worried about getting choked with sanding dust.

Personally, we would like to see what the pros could have done without being allowed to alter the balls, but we understand that this is how they make their living, so they have to have some input. Still, it was an interesting experiment, and we hope to see it again next year. Kudos to the PBA for trying something different.

A couple of basic observations from our corner – If this was an event to focus attention on the bowling balls and technology, why did they make the ball dark purple? Why not bright red or some color that would jump out on TV? And why the glass crystal trophy? Couldn't they find a nice acrylic one for the champion?

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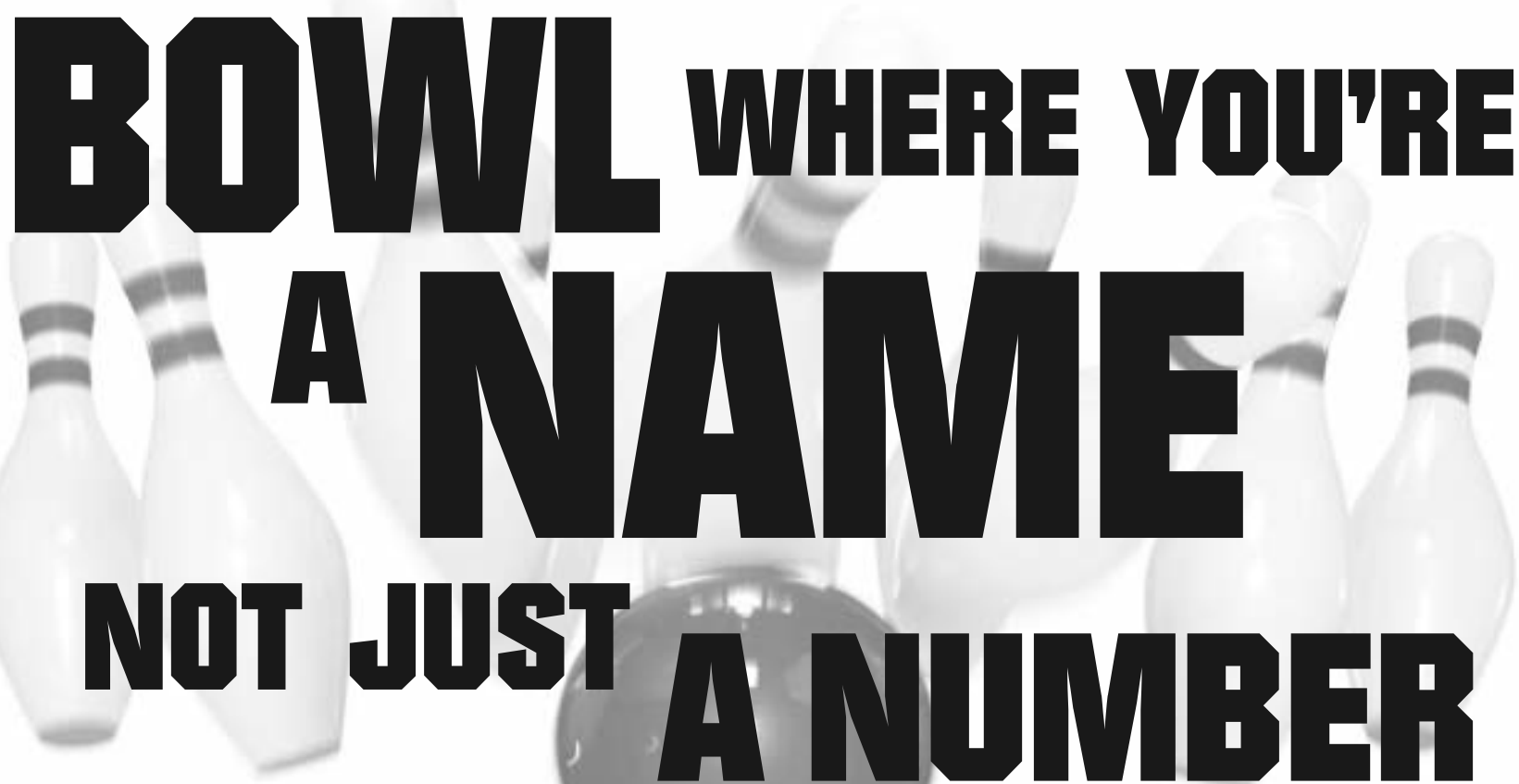
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Dress Codes

Dress codes for athletes are making the news often with the pros and cons of proper attire.

Bowling has long been a subject when the topic of dress comes up. Bowling was probably the first sport to crayon, sew, or embroider names on the back of participant's shirts. Mostly, it was the last name of the bowler along with sponsor ads on the back and the name on the front above a pocket.

Jokes about bowling shirts have been as plentiful as yarns about overweight people and lawyers.

But contrary to what many have been led to believe, bowlers on the higher scoring levels always were nattily clothed. The top teams from the 1890s well into the 1930s often wore long sleeved white dress shirts with starched collars.

In the following five decades practically every bowler in every league, millions, were sponsored by the local gas station, barber shop, bar or restaurant, auto agencies and many corporations. It was good advertising, and cheap, the cost of the shirts, and a little extra for league entry fees and a few tournaments.

And the bowlers proudly wore their shirt for 30 weeks or more.

The top pro and semi-pro teams from the 1950s on sported complete uniforms, shirts, slacks, belts and identical shoes. They also had sport jackets and ties for off lane appearances. Add to that custom made bowling bags and accessories and the well turned bowler for a top sponsor cost many dollars to dress just right.

Bowling was laughed at, almost scorned, when TV bowling became big time and all the competitors had their names on their backs. The laughs turned to imitation as these days practically ev-

Idle bowling thoughts. . .

- Patrick Allen didn't go full-time on the pro tour until he was past 30, but his presence was felt on all levels of bowling from the time he was a super star teenager. So when it came time to select the 50 greatest players in Professional Bowlers Association history, though 44th doesn't sound impressive, it is in the case of Allen's comparatively short years on tour, less than 10. Yet, after the poll was taken, Allen made the TV show five consecutive events and won the highly prized Tournament of Champions. If a survey were taken now he would move up at least 10 spots or more, and if he continues his pace he could well be in that elusive top 10 of all time.
- Though jobs seem tight in every industry there are some major openings coming up in major integers of bowling, the United States Bowling Congress and the Bowling Proprietors Association of America, and also various other positions. Check the net. Though a familiarity with bowling is vital in some cases, in others, a completely blank background in the sport can bring a new and fresh perspective. It boils down to the man or woman seeking an ever challenging role.
- President Obama had his problems with keeping a bowling ball on the lane during one of his highly publicized campaign stops. Recently he mentioned getting back on the bowling lanes in the White House complex, but also indicated he might be interested in the bumper version of bowling. That thought was quickly vetoed by the new first lady.
- I still like the idea of different colored bowling lanes. It wouldn't change anything in the game except make it more colorful. Remember, there

ery sport now highlights a player's name on a uniform.

After World War II, many areas were devastated and there was a need for clothing. Some unknown genius came up with the idea of asking bowlers to donate their many shirts hanging unused in closets. Millions of shirts were collected and were sent everywhere, even to remote islands where the natives loved the gaudily colored and designed shirts and jackets.

One of the most impressive and widely praised exhibits at the Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum in St. Louis was the bowling garb display - men's and women's outfits covering nearly a century. Many of the shirts and blouses were very expensively made, and designed to draw attention, such as the one advertising a funeral parlor, the back beautifully done in numerous colors, showing a coffin, with a person in it.

The Professional Bowlers Association had a school in its early days and Harry Golden, the tournament director, would advise the new players on rules, behavior and dress, on and off the lane. Himself a sharp dresser, Golden was amazed to discover that half the pros didn't even have a dress jacket with them on tour.

Bowling shirts are no longer the musts they used to be. In fact, in some leagues, more bowlers wear hats perched crookedly, than shirts.

Bowling shoes, the rentals, became a fad for a time. People would go into bowling centers, rent the shoes, and walk off with them, despite their bright, ugly mismatched colors and a big size number on the back.

The latest fad is high heeled bowling shoes, for show, not bowling. A wise decision.

was a day when all bowling balls were black. Have you looked at a rack recently?

- Can you imagine a tournament bowler, after tripping on a cigarette butt on the approach, committing a foul and losing his opportunity to win the event, saying, "oh, the perversity of inanimate objects." What would you have said?

- Today's kids try almost all sports, on their own, or because of pushing parents. Bowling has some advantages. Every kid gets to play - and plays to win. Males and females are welcome, and various handicap systems make for fair competition. Visiting a friend's house I noticed his seven year-old has trophies for baseball, soccer and bowling. I asked him what trophy he liked best and he said the bowling one because he won it for one of the highest averages in his group, and added that almost everyone who played baseball or soccer got a trophy just for showing up. Bowling can also be guilty of award overkill. Everyone doesn't always win so the sooner that lesson is learned the better.

- The bowling campus in Texas, putting as many bowling groups as possible together at one site is a winner. With the Bowling Hall of Fame also moving there I hope that the lure of too much high tech stuff doesn't do away with the down to earth exhibits initiated by pioneer Bruce Pluckhahn, an early planner of the Hall who came up with such simple but highly praised exhibits of the multitude of bowling shirts used over the past century.

- The best job in bowling is to be the person who informs someone that they have been elected to a Hall of Fame.

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Johnson, Duke Nearly Perfect in Winning PBA Mixed Doubles Title

RENO, Nev. – Norm Duke called his 31st career Professional Bowlers Association title “the easiest I’ve ever won” and that was because he and partner Liz Johnson were nearly perfect in running away with the Don and Paula Carter Mixed Doubles Championship at the National Bowling Stadium.

Johnson, the first and only woman to advance to the title match in a Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour event, and Duke defeated Jennifer Petrick

away from the field,” Duke continued. “I was leading the men and I said to myself, ‘I can’t let anyone else have that gal to bowl with.’ She’s that good.”

“When we got to the TV show,” the newly-inducted PBA Hall of Famer from Clermont, Fla., said, “we were considering throwing our opponents a curveball by having Liz bowl anchor. But we didn’t and we started with nine strikes. And then I miss the headpin in the 10th

Brooklyn in the sixth frame,” she said. “I nailed the pocket in the seventh, and I came back and told him ‘That’s the way you throw a strike.’ But he got a harder time from other people than me. As far as I was concerned, the goal was to win and we pretty much had the game locked after six frames, so neither of us was concerned about a 300. It would have been something extra, but I was so happy to win, it didn’t matter.”

Johnson, 34, has been a shining star in women’s bowling since winning back-to-back United States Amateur Championships in 1993 and ‘94. She won 11 Professional Women’s Bowling Association titles before the women’s tour ceased operations in 2003. Since then she has frequently competed in PBA events, winning a PBA Eastern Region title as well as finishing second to Tommy Jones in the 2005 Cambridge Credit Classic in West Babylon, N.Y. Most recently, Johnson won the 2007 U.S. Women’s Open, and she barely missed making the TV show in the PBA National Bowling Stadium Championship early in January in Reno.

It was also Johnson’s third PBA mixed doubles title. She won the inaugural Ladies & Legends in San Diego in 1996 with PBA Senior Tour competitor Mike Kench and the 2007 version of the Ladies & Legends in Rockford, Ill., with Senior Tour partner Roger Kossert.

Shannon Pluhowsky of Phoenix and Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y., started the stepladder final with a 247-209 victory over Laura Hardeman of Chula Vista, Calif., and Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa. Petrick and Harman then defeated Pluhowsky and Angelo, 217-199, followed by a 166-155 decision over Carolyn Dorin-Ballard of N. Richland Hills, Texas, and Sean Rash of Wichita, Kan., to advance to the title match.

The PBA Tour’s first mixed doubles event since the Philip Morris Mixed Championships in 1998 was named in honor of one of the sport’s most celebrated couples, PBA/PWBA/United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famers Don and Paula Carter. It also was the seventh and final event in the 2008-09 PBA Women’s Series.



Liz Johnson and Norm Duke

of Canton, Ohio, and Steve Harman of Indianapolis, 274-180, in the title match to split the \$50,000 first prize.

In the Baker Format stepladder finals, where teammates bowled alternate frames, Johnson threw strikes on all five of her shots and Duke had four to build a string of nine team strikes heading into the 10th frame.

“Liz did everything you could ask a partner to do for two days,” Duke said. He and his Cheektowaga, N.Y., teammate wound up paired together because they were respective top qualifiers in the men’s and women’s preliminary rounds.

“With four games to go in qualifying, I looked up at the leader board and saw Liz was pulling

frame. It was embarrassing.”

“Had I not had Liz as a partner, I might have bowled a 150 game,” Duke grinned. “She was perfect, perfect, perfect. It was the easiest tournament I ever won.”

It also was a victory that moved Duke into fifth place on the all-time PBA Tour titles list.

“It was pretty awesome,” Johnson said. “Norm was really a great partner. If I needed help, he’d offer it, but he pretty much left me alone. We both want to win. We were both hungry to win. We have that passion to win, so that’s what made it so great.”

Duke’s miscue in the 10th frame didn’t bother Johnson at all.

“I gave him a hard time about throwing a

PBA DON AND PAULA CARTER MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., February 1, 2009

Final Standings

1, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, New York/Norm Duke, Clermont, Florida	\$50,000
2, Jennifer Petrick, Canton, Ohio/Steve Harman, Indianapolis	\$27,000
3, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, N. Richland Hills, Texas/Sean Rash, Wichita, Kansas	\$13,000
4, Shannon Pluhowsky, Phoenix/Brad Angelo, Lockport, New York	\$11,000
5, Laura Hardeman, Chula Vista, California/Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa	\$10,000

Stepladder Results (Baker Format)

Match One - Pluhowsky/Angelo def. Hardeman/Hess, 247-209; Match Two - Petrick/Harman def. Pluhowsky/Angelo, 217-199; Semifinal Match - Petrick/Harman def. Dorin-Ballard/Rash, 166-155; Championship - Johnson/Duke def. Petrick/Harman, 274-180

Round of 16 (after 32 games)

Ken Abner, Cincinnati, Ohio (\$4,000)/Missy Bellinder, Fullerton, Calif. (\$3,000), 6,662; Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio (\$3,700)/Clara Guerrero, Colombia (\$2,700), 6,650; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla. (\$3,400)/Amy Stolz, Castle Rock, Colo. (\$2,500), 6,642; Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis (\$3,200)/Shannon O’Keefe, Arlington, Texas (\$2,300), 6,603; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla. (\$3,000)/April Ellis, Arlington, Texas (\$2,200), 6,582; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y. (\$2,800)/Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia (\$2,100), 6,568; Scott Newell, Deland, Fla. (\$2,700)/Tennelle Milligan, Costa Mesa, Calif. (\$2,000), 6,534; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio (\$2,650)/Lisa Bishop, Belleville, Mich. (\$1,950), 6,443; Joe Bailey, Pittsburgh (\$2,700)/Trisha Reid, Columbus, Ohio (\$1,900), 6,385; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla. (\$2,550)/Joy Esterson, Annapolis, Md. (\$1,850), 6,286; Chester Rogers Jr., Milwaukie, Ore. (\$2,500)/Anne Marie Duggan, Edmond, Okla. (\$1,800), 6,252

Men’s Round of 64 (after 23 games)

Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,055, \$2,410; Andrew Cain, Scottsdale, Ariz., 3,050, \$2,240; Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 3,033, \$2,230; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,032, \$2,220; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,031, \$2,205; Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 3,031, \$2,205; Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan., 3,028, \$2,190; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 3,020, \$2,180; Bill O’Neill, Southampton, Pa., 3,015, \$2,170; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,014, \$2,160; Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 3,011, \$2,150; Matt Freiberg, Somerset, N.J., 2,997, \$2,140; Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 2,991, \$2,130; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 2,990, \$2,120; Jason Lundquist, Delaware Water Gap, Pa., 2,989, \$2,110; Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, 2,987, \$2,100

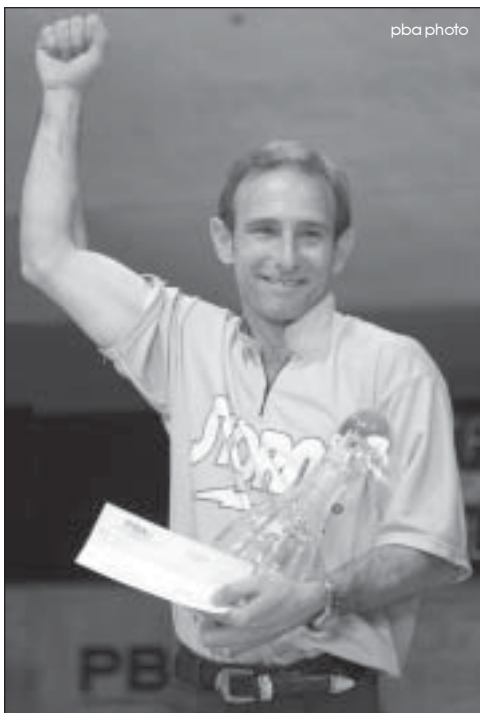
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Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 2,984; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 2,983; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 2,983; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,980; Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,977; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 2,969; David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 2,963; Dave D’Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 2,963; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,960; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,958; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,949; Edward VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 2,942; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,939; Mike DeVaney, San Diego, 2,932; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,924; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2,910; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,908; Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 2,904; Roger LeClair, Clackamas, Ore., 2,902; Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 2,890; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 2,888; Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 2,885; Billy Oatman, Chicago, 2,882; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2,874; Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 2,866; Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 2,864; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 2,828; Terrance Reeves, Valrico, Fla., 2,819; Craig Tuholksi, Washougal, Wash., 2,799; Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,782; Humberto Vazquez, San Pedro, Mexico, 2,721; Kenny McPartlin, Reno, Nev., 2,672

Women’s Round of 32 (after 23 games) \$1500 each

Adrienne Miller, Buffalo Grove, Ill., 2,837; Olivia Sandham, Wichita, Kan., 2,824; Michelle Feldman, Auburn, N.Y., 2,818; Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2,804; Lynda Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,798; Robin Orlikowski, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,778; Tina Stickney, Phoenix, 2,763; Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, 2,748; Elysia Current, Ephrata, Pa., 2,729; Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 2,710; Aumi Guerra, Dominican Republic, 2,701; Karen Boyd, Plantation, Fla., 2,700; Wendy Macpherson, Henderson, Nev., 2,655; Stefanie Nation, Arlington, Texas, 2,609; Brenda Mack, Indianapolis, 2,587; Ricki Williams, Wichita, Kan., 2,527.

Norm Duke Wins Denny’s Dick Weber Open



who was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame the same week as the Tournament of Champions. “I needed it mentally - if there wasn’t this break on Tour I would have probably taken a week off anyway.”

Duke’s win was the 32nd of his career tying him for fifth all-time with fellow Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III. In addition to coming into the tournament with renewed focus, the Clermont, Fla., resident admitted to a little added inspiration from the late Dick Weber.

“When I started the practice session I noticed Dick’s photo on a banner and I thought if I’m going to win this tournament I better bowl like Dick Weber,” said the 44-year-old Duke. “It means a lot.”

For Duke it was his third victory of the season having won the PBA World Championship to start the season, becoming the first player to win three consecutive majors. He also won the Don and Paula Carter Mixed Doubles with Liz Johnson in January.

Duke, who won a \$35,000 first prize, held off the hard-charging Fagan who won three consecutive matches from his No. 5 qualifying position to get to the championship match.

The 28-year-old Fagan opened the stepladder by defeating reigning PBA Player of the Year and 10-time titlist Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 204-183, then beat four-time Tour titlist Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 256-223, and Hall of Famer and 34-time titlist Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., 243-201.

“I really didn’t have high expectations and I knew I was going to have my work cut out for

me,” said Fagan, who was trying for his first individual PBA Tour title. “I felt good going into the last match but the lanes were breaking down pretty quickly. I was just hoping I could get one more good game out of it.

“But when Norm’s on his game there’s really not much you can do.”

Fagan, of Patchogue, N.Y., won the PBA Exempt Doubles Classic with Danny Wiseman in 2008 for his lone Tour victory.

PBA Denny’s Dick Weber Open Fountain Bowl – Fountain Valley, Calif. - February 8, 2009

Final Standings

1. Norm Duke, Clermont, Florida	278 (one game)	\$35,000
2. Michael Fagan, Patchogue, New York	871 (four games)	\$17,500
3. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Missouri	201 (one game)	\$ 9,000
4. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, New York	223 (one game)	\$ 7,000
5. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas	183 (one game)	\$ 5,000

Stepladder Results

Match One – Fagan def. Barnes, 204-183
Match Two – Fagan def. Shafer, 256-223
Semifinal Match – Fagan def. Weber, 243-201
Championship Match – Duke def. Fagan, 278-168

MatchPlay Round Cashers

Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 16-7-1, 9,037, \$4,500; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 10-14, 9,000, \$4,000; John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 14-10, 8,911, \$3,800; George Lambert IV, Canada, 15-9, 8,822, \$3,600; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 13-11, 8,795, \$3,400; Brian Voss, Kennesaw, Ga., 9-15, 8,763, \$3,200; Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 13-11, 8,750, \$3,000; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 13-11, 8,739, \$2,900; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 11-12-1, 8,705, \$2,800; Jason Belmonte, Australia, 11-13, 8,667, \$2,750; Bill O’Neill, Southampton, Pa., 11-13, 8,661, \$2,700; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 12-12, 8,652, \$2,650; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 10-14, 8,540, \$2,600; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 9-15, 8,528, \$2,550; Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 10-13-1, 8,525, \$2,500; Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, 10-14, 8,428, \$2,450; Mike DeVaney, San Diego, 11-13, 8,370, \$2,500; Dave D’Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 6-17-1, 8,348, \$2,350; Vance Sisk, Sun City, Calif., 8-16, 8,103, \$2,300

Other Cashers

Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,178, \$1,950; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 3,173, \$1,900; Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 3,169, \$1,860; Ryan Abel, Bel Aire, Kan., 3,167, \$1,805; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 3,167, \$1,805; Craig Tuholksi, Washougal, Wash., 3,163, \$1,760; D.J. Archer, Mineral Wells, Texas, 3,156, \$1,730; P.J. Haggerty, Clovis, Calif., 3,155, \$1,700; Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,150, \$1,680; David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 3,149, \$1,660; Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,148, \$1,630; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,148, \$1,630; Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 3,142, \$1,590; Matt Freiberg, Somerset, N.J., 3,142, \$1,590; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,139, \$1,560; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 3,136, \$1,540; Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 3,134, \$1,520; Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 3,131, \$1,500; Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 3,127, \$1,485; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 3,127, \$1,485; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,125, \$1,470; Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan., 3,123, \$1,460; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,122, \$1,450; Edward VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 3,116, \$1,440; Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 3,113, \$1,430; Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 3,108, \$1,420; Dave Wodka, Las Vegas, 3,105, \$1,405; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,105, \$1,405

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. – A week-long break on the Lumber Liquidators Professional Bowlers Association Tour was a welcome relief for PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke.

Coming off a disappointing 39th place-finish in the H & R Block Tournament of Champions two weeks ago, a rested Duke defeated Michael Fagan 278-168 in the championship match to win the Denny’s Dick Weber Open at Fountain Bowl. “That week off was everything,” said Duke,

Seniors Shank and McMahan Win February High Roller & "A Game"

You shouldn't be the least bit surprised at the headline above - we're not!

We've seen many, many senior amateurs that have no problem competing against the 49 & under



Greg McMahan with Storm President Dave Symes

"kids". And, once again they proved it to the bowling world. Like the quotable Ron Degroat has been saying for years, "You don't bowl against your opponents, you bowl against the pins!"

The tougher part for Greg McMahan and Bob Shank is that they first had to survive the senior field to have a shot at the title against the kids.

66 year-old Bob Shank fired 300 during the higher-than-wanted "A Game" qualifying and, in fact, had 9 in a row three times during his 12 games of competition. After breezing through the 3-game Semis (747), Shank, from Ft. Wayne, Indiana, fired 794 in 3 consecutive matches earning the right to take on red-hot Tom Smallwood in the Championship Match. Smallwood was on a 249 pace for his 4 match games as he entered the Championship Match. Both players threw strikes - and both missed a 10-pin spare - but Shank didn't let up with his 238-224 match play victory which netted him the \$10,000 top prize.

Smallwood, from Flushing, Michigan, is always a factor each time he puts his shoes on, in any bowling center anywhere, and showed everyone with his 5-game qualifier in which any of his 3 consecutive games were over 800! His 2nd place finish worth \$5,000 was the 1st of two \$5,000 prizes Smallwood would snag during High Roller Week at Sam's Town.

Then onto the main event where a \$50,000 prize was up for grabs in High Roller competition. \$50,000 was the largest megabuck prize to be paid since Rick Benard's win in 2004. For 5 days, it seemed to Greg McMahan that he might just end up watching the finals instead of

being a major player in it. He will be the first to tell you that he struggled for most of the week, but got closer and closer to those Senior Cuts and then on the final day of qualifying, he made it through Rounds 1, 2 & 3 and into the Grand Finals.

McMahan, the 55 year-old from Dandridge, Tennessee, was one of 4 players in the Championship Round, as he was representing the 50 & Over Division. He admitted that he certainly didn't help himself with a missed spare in the 9th but when he stepped up in the 10th, that 9th frame was soon forgotten. The big righthander threw 2 beauties to seal the win and the \$50,000 top prize. It was his 3rd time entered in High Roller's exclusive \$10,000 Club.

Finishing 2nd was 2-time High Roller champ Rick Miller, never the guy you want to have to bowl! The 39 year-old lefthander from Lincoln,

Nebraska bowled a great game and although the huge crowd thought he made a good shot, he stared at a 7-pin which gave McMahan all the room he needed. Miller pocketed \$25,000 for his usual fine efforts. Just 1/2 hour earlier he needed to defeat Tom Smallwood for a place in the Final 4. Craig Harrington won \$11,000 representing the age 40 - 49 division and Michael Bliven won \$10,000 for 4th place coming out of the 215 & Under Average Division.

For Harrington, it was his 5th entry into the \$10,000 Club, leaving him just 2 behind leaders Rudy Kasimakis, Mike Neuman and Pat Healey and just 1 behind Brad Angelo & Brian Kretzer. Harrington, Bill Rowe and Roger Blad are the leaders among active High Roller players.

High Roller Week paid out 308 prizes of at least \$1,000, as usual more than all the other area

tournaments combined! There were 5 prizes of at least \$10,000 paid! Shank & McMahan became High Roller Champs #188 & 189.

Once again Sam's Town provided the best rates around and will do so again for the Senior Easter Classic and the July High Roller. Call them toll free at 1-877-593-5993. When at Sam's Town, make sure you receive and use your Player's Card. The same card is valid in all Boyd Gaming and Coast Properties.

See the results of all High Roller Week competition along with the July High Roller dates at www.high-roller.com.

Next up is the Senior Easter Classic at Sam's Town April 5 through 12. Call for info at 1-800-257-6179.



Bob Shank

Shawn Ryan Takes True Amateur Tournament

The True Amateur Tournament February event did better than expected. With the economy in a downward spiral, the TAT had almost 4000 entries

Joel Reynoso received an extra \$1000 bonus for using an Ebonite ball.

The new Buddies Mystery Score paid out over



Ed Gallagher of Ebonite, Shawn Ryan, and Jamie McWilliams Tat Co-owner

(3984). Shawn Ryan from New Port Rickey, Florida was our big \$25,000 main event winner. \$15,000 2nd place went to Mike Colby, Agawan, Maine, 3rd place Jim Wolcott (\$10,000), from Henderson TN, 4th place \$5000 was Nick O'Malley from Clondaldin, Dublin, Ireland.

Amateur Bowlers from all over the world once again ascended on Las Vegas to participate in the TAT Amateur Tournament. Tat had more International bowlers than ever with the biggest group from Ireland 16 bowlers.

All Bowlers received FREE Ebonite's performance bowling ball, NVD from Ebonite with their first entry. (TAT gave away hundreds of high performance Ebonite balls to bowlers). The single entry fee also paid for the - \$20,000+ Chance Tournaments, the sweepers, the \$30,000 Ebonite Challenge, and the main Tournament prize fund with \$55,000 being paid to the Top 4.

TAT had guaranteed minimum's of \$500 for making the finals. If you entered with Big Bucks, all finalists received an additional \$500 for making the finals. (\$1000 for making the finals daily leaders received \$1250.) 232 bowlers paid the \$100 to get the \$500 added money and 83 bowlers @ \$500 each who had the Big Bucks made the finals. Bowlers paid \$23,200 and received back \$41,500, another TAT First.

The Chance tournaments had 144 winners, the sweepers had 88 plus 6 bonuses in 3 separate division payoffs, the Ebonite Challenge had 17 cash winners and the main event had 134 checks of \$500 to \$25,000. TAT gave out 389 prizes (mostly cash) to 484 bowlers which is a 4 out of 5 cash ratio with many checks over \$1000. This doesn't include side pots or brackets.

134 bowlers made it to the finals and even with the marathon entries counting as .5 an entry, one in 11 by squads (mostly daily cuts) made the finals. Partly because the marathon bowlers keep bowling after they make the finals and add more bowlers. Cash prizes increased in each round of the finals with two thirds of the checks well over \$1000. 1 out of 4 bowlers made it to the main event finals and almost 50% made it to either the Ebonite Challenge or the main event finals.

It was an exciting week as 3 different tournament players bowled perfect games. When rolling his 300

\$15,000 to over a two dozen different bowlers. All money left over was drawn and given away in the finals (over \$5000).

The Ebonite Challenge paid 17 cash spots with last cash of \$100. (all participants received a second Ebonite Performance ball -The Pin Slasher). The winner was Mike Wilk from California for \$5000. The other top four were paid \$1,000 each and were, (2) Omar Arnett from Texas, (3) Art Nutley from Illinois (4) Tim Bonneville from Arizona (5) and Vaughn Doody from Nevada. This event has a \$10 entry fee and all Qualifiers received a second Performance Ball by Ebonite (Pin Slasher). Where else can you bowl for \$5,000 for a \$10 entry fee?

The 4 Chance Tournaments had 144 winners. The 4 free events paid out \$21,000 with last cash of \$100. Winners were, #1 Chris Klerk from Arizona, winner #2 Evan Castillo from Nevada, #3 Larry Hoffman from Arizona, and #4 was Alan Gibbons from Ireland. The 3 sweepers paid out over \$20,000 with most bowlers receiving 2 1/2 price sweepers entries with any multiple entries. The sweepers had \$6,000 added money from the sponsors and paid out great by the 3 divisions.

The Ebonite Demo Days ran from the 1st through the 7th of Feb. and many bowlers who did well used the Demo Days and the Ebonite staff to help them get the right ball reaction. Ed Gallagher, Mike Calderon, Shawn Morris and Todd Zenner and all their staff deserve special thanks from all of us at TAT and from the hundreds of bowlers who utilized their services.

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

We at TAT would like to thank the bowlers who participated and our sponsors, especially Ebonite, Buddies Pro Shop.com, Etonic, Verve, K & K Bowling Supply, Enterprise rent-a-car and The Orleans whom without their support, we could not have these multiple prize funds with so many ways to cash. We hope to see you again in July 2009. June 28th thru July 5th, 2009

Any questions please call 1 888 828 2695 or for more information, please visit our web site at www.trueamateurtournaments.com.

"HERE'S YOUR SIGN." BILL ENGVALL TO HEADLINE BOWL EXPO 2009

Due To A Scheduling Conflict Popular Blue Collar Comic Replacing Chicago At Club Xpo

Tough times need not be all cloudy and sometimes we can all use a good laugh. Best known for his "Blue Collar Comedy Tour," comedian Bill Engvall will provide the laughs during the closing night of Bowl Expo 2009 inside the popular Club Xpo at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

One of the stars of the WB network sketch comedy show, "Blue Collar TV," and the star of his own popular, "Bill Engvall Show," Engvall will share the Blue Collar humor he finds in everyday situations with attendees June 25.

He replaces previously-announced headliner,



Chicago, who had to cancel their appearance due to scheduling conflicts with their U.S. and international tours. Bowl Expo officials are already working to possibly secure the Grammy-winning band for Bowl Expo 2010.

Bill Engvall first introduced America to his Blue Collar comedy with first album, "HERE'S YOUR SIGN" in 1996. It was quickly certified platinum and held the #1 position on the Billboard Comedy Chart for 15 straight weeks, and peaked

at #5 on Billboard's Current Country Album Chart and reached the Top 50 on Billboard's Top 200 Album Chart.

His "The Bill Engvall Show," is one of cable TV's

Top 3 sitcom telecasts of all time. Engvall also hosts one of the top rated shows on CMT, Country Fried Home Videos and has hosted "Mobile Home Disasters," a blue collar version of "Extreme Home Makeover." Besides his comedy tours and WB TV shows, Engvall also hosts one of the top-rated shows on CMT, "Country Fried Home Videos."

Engvall also starred in a movie version of the Blue Collar Comedy Tour as well as several other comedies for the big screen. His newest movie, "Baitshop," premieres on the USA Network August 9.

Besides "Here's Your Sign," Engvall's CD's include, "Dorkfish" and his latest, "15° Off Cool." He has also written several books, including his autobiography, "Bill Engvall -Just A Guy" (St. Martin's Press).

A native of Galveston, Texas, Bill was a disc jockey in Dallas before trying his hand at standup

comedy. Soon after, he moved to Los Angeles to pursue television opportunities. He was recognized as "Best Male Stand-up Comedian" at the American Comedy Awards. He has had guest appearances on several TV shows, including a recurring role on The Jeff Foxworthy Show and Delta, starring Delta Burke. He has also had numerous appearances on "The Late Show with David Letterman," "The Tonight Show" and has hosted several comedy specials on Showtime and Comedy Central.

Also appearing at Club Xpo: Haute Chile. Seven incredible musicians fronted by strong vocals will provide the best of Motown, Classic Rock, Jazz, Standards, Disco and current Hip-Hop favorites topped with a taste of Salsa. Along with their powerful sound, Haute Chile features highly energized choreography and a highly stylized look. Haute Chile is a pumped-up fiesta band guaranteed to keep attendees dancing into the wee-hours.

John Nolen Wins USBC Masters Title In First Television Appearance

LAS VEGAS, Nev. – Until recently, John Nolen of Waterford, Mich., was a virtual unknown on the national bowling scene. He used Sunday's nationally televised championship



John Nolen

round of the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Masters to change that in a hurry.

Competing on television for the first time, Nolen defeated Danny Wiseman of Baltimore, 202-193, to win the USBC Masters and claim his first career Lumber Liquidators Professional Bowlers Association Tour title.

Nolen, the No. 1 seed for the championship round, finished as the top qualifier and blew through match play undefeated to win the title. He finished 7-0 in his matches and became the first top qualifier to win the title since Mike Scroggins accomplished the feat in 2005.

"This means everything to me," said Nolen, who earned \$60,000 and a two-year PBA Tour exemption. "I came into this week wanting to get a win, and if this is what I'm going to do for the rest of my life, I have to think that way."

Nolen, 29, sat helpless on the bench as he watched Wiseman finish the match. Needing a strike, nine, spare to even the score or two strikes to win outright, Wiseman stepped up

and left a 10 pin on his first shot to hand Nolen the victory.

"I don't like rooting for people to miss, really I don't," said Nolen, who won the PBA Regional Players Invitational in December. "If someone strikes, they earn it and they deserve it, but I wasn't too upset to see that 10 pin standing. Danny is a great champion, and I didn't expect anything other than for him to put 10 back in the pit to win the title."

Wiseman started the title match with three consecutive strikes before struggling with ball reaction down the stretch. In the end, he said he just didn't make the right subtle adjustments to win the match.

"You can't second guess yourself," said Wiseman, who was seeking his second Masters title after winning in 2004. "It's all about decision making. You have to make the change and sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. You have to live with the decision."

Wiseman, the No. 3 seed, defeated second seed Steve Harman of Camby, Ind., and fourth seed Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., to reach the championship match.

In the opening match of the championship round, Wiseman pulled away early from Jones with five consecutive strikes to start and cruised to a 257-216 victory. Against Harman, Wiseman struck on his final four shots in a 223-188 victory.

The 2009 USBC Masters featured a field of 452 of the best professional and amateur bowlers from around the world. A major on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour, the players competed for an overall prize fund of \$350,000.

Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour

USBC Masters, Cashman Center – Las Vegas, NV - February 15, 2009

Final Standings

1. John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 202 (one game), \$60,000
2. Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, Md., 673 (three games), \$30,000
3. Steve Harman, Indianapolis, Ind., 188 (one game), \$20,000
4. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 216 (one game), \$15,000

Stepladder Results

Match One – Wiseman d. Jones, 257-216
Match Two – Wiseman d. Harman, 223-188
Championship Match – Nolen d. Wiseman, 202-193

MATCH PLAY RESULTS

ROLL-OFF FOR THIRD AND FOURTH SEED (Winner takes third seed, loser takes fourth seed)
Wiseman d. Jones, 245-192

ROLL-OFF FOR TOP SEED (Winner takes top seed, loser takes second seed)

Nolen d. Harman, 755-632

ROUND 7 LOSERS BRACKET (Losers earn \$7,000)

Duke d. Gotchall, 672-652; Buss d. Sterner, 721-621

ROUND 6 LOSERS BRACKET (Losers earn \$4,000)

Gotchall d. McCune, 653-641; Duke d. Weber, 676-659; Sterner d. Scroggins, 706-699; Buss d. Smallwood, 624-597

ROUND 5 WINNERS BRACKET

Nolen d. Wiseman, 677-665; Harman d. Jones, 635-616

ROUND 8 LOSERS BRACKET (Losers earn \$11,000)

Wiseman d. Duke, 700-677; Jones d. Buss, 670-650

ROUND 5 LOSERS BRACKET (Losers earn \$3,500)

Gotchall d. Loschetter, 724-632; Duke d. Yamamoto, 795-625; Scroggins def. DeVaney, 650-647; Buss d. Bohr, 701-644

ROUND 4 WINNERS BRACKET

Nolen d. Smallwood, 701-634; Wiseman d. Weber, 690-650; Jones d. Sterner, 632-581; Harman d. McCune, 694-686

ROUND 4 LOSERS BRACKET (Losers earn \$3,000)

Gotchall d. Machuga, 660-641; Loschetter d. Barnes, 728-687; Duke d. Lambert, 670-639; Yamamoto d. Tuholski, 697-644; Scroggins d. Shafer, 712-700; DeVaney d. Rash, 734-673; Buss d. O'Grady, 804-757; Bohr d. Hess, 631-552

ROUND 3 LOSERS BRACKET (Losers earn \$2,500)

Robert Gotchall, Lincoln, Neb., d. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 647-630; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, d. Charlie Bruno, Depford, N.J., 713-580; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., d. Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 759-686; Craig Tuholski, Washougal, Wash., d. Jason Belmonte, Australia, 671-642; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, d. PJ Haggerty, Clovis, Calif., 668-637; Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., d. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 720-624; Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., d. Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 638-607; Thomas Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, d. Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 713-710

ROUND 2 WINNERS BRACKET

John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., d. Isao Yamamoto, Japan, 630-579; Tom Smallwood, Flushing, Mich., d. Ryan Shafer, Elmira, N.Y., 625-610; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, d. George Lambert IV, Canada, 726-71; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., d. Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 622-618; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., d. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 643-640; Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., d. Mike DeVaney, Temecula, Calif., 702-594; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., d. Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 692-615; Steve Harman, Camby, Ind., d. Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 652-650

ROUND 2 LOSERS BRACKET (Losers earn \$2,000)

Gotchall d. Kent, 636-588; Angelo d. Koff, 756-577; Loschetter d. Bohn, 636-565; Bruno d. May 657-595; Fagan d. Koivuniemi, 641-605; Duke d. Hale, 647-531; Tuholski d. Russell, 678-611; Belmonte d. Williams, 687-663; Scroggins d. O'Neill, 713-684; Haggerty d. Barrett, 709-569; Kretzer d. Peterson, 696-677; Rash d. Waliczek, 722-645; O'Grady d. Smith, 738-594; R. Allen d. Ashby, 622-621; Jaros d. Kloss, 636-630; Hess d. Carter, 635-591

ROUND 1 LOSERS BRACKET (Losers earn \$1,700)

Kent d. Macpherson, 725-516; Angelo d. Knipple, 664-569; Loschetter d. Warren, 749-716; May d. Wu Siu Hong, 686-683; Koivuniemi d. Quintero, 758-614; Hale d. LeClair, 663-648; Russell d. Dunleavy, 622-579; Belmonte d. Odette, 769-594; O'Neill d. Miyamoto, 712-642; Barrett d. Vernon, 636-588; Peterson d. Jensen, 634-565; Waliczek d. Boesch, 595-589; O'Grady d. Edwards, 694-602; R. Allen d. Ciminnelli, 603-527; Jaros d. P. Allen, 676-625; Carter d. Vanderlick, 696-559

Other Cashers (\$1,100 each)

65. Kenneth Abner, Cincinnati, 3,180, \$1,300; 66. Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 3,173; 67. Andrew Loose, Chicago, 3,172; 68. Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 3,169; 69. (TIE) Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., and Matt McNiel, Chanhassen, Minn., 3,166; 71. Chester Rogers Jr, Milwaukie, Ore, 3,160; 72. Beau McVey, Derby, Kan., 3,156; 73. Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 3,153; 74. Mike Keily, Lakewood, Colo., 3,147; 75. Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore, 3,146; 76. (TIE) Jeff Austreng, Waterford, Mich., and Jason Walsh, Cumbalum, NSW, Australia, 3,145; 78. Tim Pfeifer, Cranberry Twp., Pa., 3,144; 79. Edward VanDaniker Jr, Essex, Md., 3,136; 80. Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 3,135; 81. Russ Wilson, Lawrence, Kansas, 3,133; 82. Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,129; 83. Hank Boomershire, Ogden, Utah, 3,128; 84. Adrian Ang, Malaysia, 3,125; 85. Ivan Miyasato, Clovis, Calif., 3,122; 86. (TIE) Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., and Brett Wolfe, Tempe, Ariz., 3,121; 88. (TIE) Anthony LaCaze, Glen Ellyn, Ill., and Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,119; 90. Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia, 3,118; 91. Keith Kolozsi, Las Vegas, Nev, 3,115; 92. Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 3,112; 93. Steven Smith, San Diego, 3,109; 94. Alex Medveditskov, Russia, 3,108; 95. (TIE) Timothy Behrendt, St Louis, and Maads Sandbaekken, Norway, 3,107; 97. Eric Copping, Websterville, Vt., 3,106; 98. D.J. Archer, Mineral Wells, Texas, 3,103; 99. Paul Bober, Mt. Prospect, Ill., 3,101; 100. Andrew Frawley, Australia, 3,091.

(\$1,000 each)

101. (TIE) Joe Bailey, Pittsburgh, and Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,086; 103. Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 3,080; 104. Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 3,076; 105. Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 3,071; 106. Aaron Hardesty, Laramie, Wyo., 3,068; Javier Pardi, Venezuela, 3,066; 108. Rudy Kasimakis, Tupelo, Miss., 3,056; 109. Mario Quintero, Mexico, 3,050; 110. Kent Wagner, Palmetto, Fla., 3,029; 111. J.R. Raymond, Lebanon, Ill., 3,023; 112. Kerry Fulford, Gatesville, Texas, 3,018; 113. Trisha Reid, Columbus, Ohio, 3,010; 114. Humberto Vazquez, San Pedro, Mexico, 3,004; 115. John DeBenedetta Jr., Las Vegas, Nev., 2,996; 116. Jason Rockwell, Federal Way, Wash., 2,932

USBC Breaks Ground on International Training and Research Center

ARLINGTON, Texas - Staff members at the new International Bowling Campus were on hand Thursday for the groundbreaking of the International Training and Research Center.

USBC Chief Executive Officer Kevin Dornberger, USBC Vice President-National Governing Body Neil Stremmel and BPAA Director John Berglund briefly addressed the group before various people donned hard hats and used shovels to ceremoniously move dirt in the complex's south parking lot.

"This facility has been a long time in the making," Dornberger said. "It will be the facility to teach, the facility to train and the facility to coach. We will make this the learning place of the world."

"There are more than 30 National Governing Body training centers in the United States so, this is a positive step to the future success for bowling," Stremmel said. "The ability to perform testing, conduct research and administer high-quality coaching is a key component to be a national governing body."

Others on hand included USBC High Performance Director for Team USA, the USBC Coaching program and the International Training

and Research Center David Garber and International Training and Research Center Head Coach Rod Ross.

"I am elated that USBC, along with BPAA, has the foresight to build a state-of-the-art training and test center," Garber said. "This is another huge step in being able to grow the sport of bowling and continue to increase credibility to USBC and the coaching department."

"This is a very exciting time for the sport of bowling. Having a facility like this is needed if we want to grow and develop the sport," Ross said. "The tools and techniques that we have and continue to develop will

not only help the elite athletes and teams that will train here, but the programs we develop will also help bowling centers improve their bowler retention and bowler developmental programs."

The facility will include 14 lanes for training and six for research and testing of bowling equipment with four of the lanes being equipped for televised broadcasts. High-tech tools in the test center's research area will include a robotic ball thrower, computer ball tracking system and state-of-the-art biomechanics technology such



FRED THOMPSON TO BRING LAW & ORDER TO BOWL EXPO

Former U.S. Senator Fred Thompson will be the featured speaker at the International Bowl Expo (IBE09) when it meets June 21-25 at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. Mr. Thompson will deliver his remarks Wednesday morning during the bowling industry's annual convention and trade show.

Thompson was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1994 filling the unexpired term of Al Gore. He won reelection in 1996 for a term that ended January 3, 2003. Thompson has also made an unsuccessful run for the 2008 Republican presidential nomination until finishing third in the South Carolina Primary.

During his first Senate campaign, Thompson championed a competent and ethical federal government, the importance of self-government and lower taxes. After his election he served as Chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, was a member of the Finance Committee and Select Committee on intelligence.

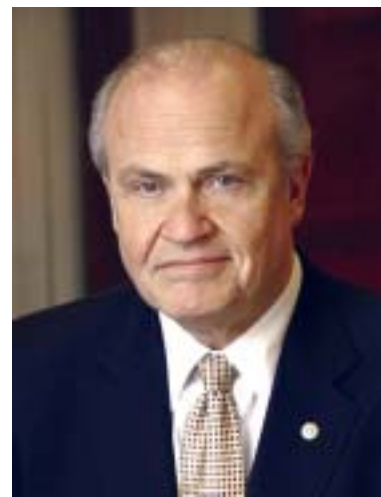
Before his election, Thompson served as chairman of the International Security Advisory Board at the United States Department of State, is a member of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and is a Visiting Fellow with

the American Enterprise Institute specializing in national security and intelligence. In 1973 Thompson was appointed minority counsel to Republican senators on the committee investigating the Watergate Scandal.

As an actor, Thompson has appeared in numerous movies and television programs, including No Way Out, In The Line of Fire, Die Hard II, The Hunt for Red October and in the TV series China Beach, Wiseguy and most recently as New York District Attorney Arthur Branch in the Emmy Award-winning NBC drama, Law & Order.

Thompson has been a recent fill-in on the Paul Harvey program and will host Westwood One stations' new radio program The Fred Thompson Show beginning in March. He is a sought-after speaker not afraid to, as he calls it, "dialogue with America" about the important issues of the day. In August, 2008 Thompson formed Fred PAC, a federal political action committee dedicated to electing men and women who share his First Principles approach to government.

Fred Thompson is a native of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. He received an undergraduate degree in philosophy and political science from Memphis State University and his law degree from Vanderbilt University.



Carter Tops Weber for First PBA Title in GEICO Plastic Ball Championship

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. – Jeff Carter of Springfield, Ill., ended his 122-tournament quest for his first



Jeff Carter

Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour title, defeating his idol, Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., 235-213, to win the GEICO Plastic Ball Championship at Brunswick Zone-Wheat Ridge.

Carter, 39, threw six strikes in a row after an opening-frame spare to build a 56-pin lead after five frames and he easily held off Weber to win the \$25,000 first prize, a one-year exemption to bowl on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour next season, and a berth in the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions.

The tournament was contested with throw-back polyester bowling equipment that dominated the sport in the 1970s, providing a challenge similar to requiring professional golfers to play an entire tournament using persimmon woods, or tennis players to compete with wooden rackets and cat-gut strings.

With the entire field using identical low-tech bowling balls, the emphasis was on accuracy, speed control and hand action at the point of

release. Carter – a contemporary power player – didn't expect to do well when he entered, but he found the equipment limitations actually worked in his favor.

"This tournament took some variables out of play that I've struggled with in the past," Carter said. "I just put my game into slow motion and went from there."

"Bowling against Pete was indescribable," Carter continued, adding with a grin: "Actually, bowling him for the title made it easier. He's my friend. He's also one of my heroes. I've dreamt about bowling him for my first title. Today that dream came true."

Carter also said that Weber had made a reference before the title match that seeing Carter vs. Weber on the scoreboard was special. Pete was referring to memories of his late father Dick Weber's close relationship to fellow Budweiser teammate and hall of famer Don Carter. Jeff Carter is not related to Don, but the symbolism wasn't lost on him.

"Who would have thought it would come down to Carter vs. Weber for my first title," Carter said. "Who could ask for anything better?"

In the first semifinal round match, Weber followed an open frame and spare with eight consecutive strikes to defeat Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 269-226. In the second semifinal match, Carter fell behind when he left and failed to convert the 4-6-7-9-10 "Greek church" in the fifth frame, but struck on six of his next seven shots for a 220-191 victory over Michael Fagan of Patchogue, N.Y.

GEICO PLASTIC BALL CHAMPIONSHIP
Brunswick Zone-Wheat Ridge, Wheat Ridge, Colorado

Championship

Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill. (\$25,000) def. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo. (\$13,000), 235-213.

Semifinal Round

Match One – Weber def. Barnes (\$6,000), 269-226

Match Two – Carter def. Fagan (\$6,000), 220-191

Round of 8 (\$4100 each)

Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Mike DeVaney, San Diego, 4-1; Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., def. Brian Voss, Kennesaw, Ga., 4-3; Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., def. Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 4-3; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., def. Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 4-3

Round of 16 (\$2700 each)

Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 4-2; Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., def. Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4-1; Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-2; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., def. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-0; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., def. Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, 4-0; Brian Voss, Kennesaw, Ga., def. Edward VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 4-0; Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, def. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4-1; Mike DeVaney, San Diego, def. Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 4-2

Round of 32 (\$2200 each)

Mike DeVaney, San Diego, def. Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 4-2; Jason Belmonte, Australia, def. Billy Oatman, Chicago, 4-3; Edward VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., def. David Williams Jr., Omaha, Neb., 4-2; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., def. Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 4-0; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., def. Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 4-1; Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., def. Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 4-2; Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, def. Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 4-0; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 4-1; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., def. Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 4-1; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., def. Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 4-3; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., def. Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 4-3; Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, def. Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 4-1; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, def. Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 4-1; Brian Voss, Kennesaw, Ga., def. Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 4-1; Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., def. Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 4-1; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 4-3

Round of 64 (\$1800 each)

Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 3,025; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,023; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,022; Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 3,006; George Lambert IV, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, 3,002; Andrew Cain, Scottsdale, Ariz., 2,989; Jason Lundquist, Delaware Water Gap, Pa., 2,968; Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 2,968; Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 2,959; Craig Tuholski, Washougal, Wash., 2,953; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,944; Chester Rogers Jr., Milwaukie, Ore., 2,934; John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 2,920; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2,907; Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, 2,895; Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 2,888; Joe Bailey, Pittsburgh, 2,885; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,871; Ken Abner, Cincinnati, 2,857; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 2,848; Terrance Reeves, Valrico, Fla., 2,844; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,840; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 2,838; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,825; Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 2,811; David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 2,796; Mike Kelly, Lakewood, Colo., 2,788; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,776; John Slavich IV, Schaumburg, Ill., 2,756; Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,754; Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 2,634; Chris Wimpey, Aurora, Colo., 2,614

ESPN to Air Special PBA Bowling Series in Prime Time this Spring

Wednesday night will be bowling night in America this spring.

The Professional Bowlers Association will be going prime time in a groundbreaking new five-week series to air Wednesday evenings on ESPN beginning April 22, the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour and Strike Ten Entertainment announced.

The world's best bowlers will face off in the first-ever PBA King of the Hill Powered by AMP Energy® at 9 p.m. ET on April 22, April 29, May 6, May 13 and May 20 on ESPN.

In addition, during this five-week timeframe consumers will be encouraged to visit participating bowling centers to participate in the AMP/Dale Earnhardt Jr. promotion for a chance to win exciting prizes.

"We are thrilled to bring high stakes bowling to a prime time audience," said PBA CEO and Commissioner Fred Schreyer. "Working with ESPN and Strike Ten plus our great sponsor AMP Energy®, we will present bowling to fans like they've never seen it before."

The top 10 players in the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour Player of the Year points race at the end of this 50th Anniversary season will qualify for the PBA King of the Hill Powered by AMP Energy® series, plus one wild card entry. The Player of the Year, likely to be decided the last week of the season at the 66th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open concluding April 5 on ESPN, will be declared the first "King."

Each one-hour King of the Hill show

will feature three players. In the first show April 22, the No. 2 finisher in the Player of the Year race will face the No. 3 finisher in a one-game match, with the winner advancing to bowl vs. the King (Player of the Year) in a one-game match. That winner will come back as the King on the following week's show.

The players in the PBA King of the Hill Powered by AMP Energy® will be battling for a purse of \$100,000. The event will be contested at the Kegel Training Facility in Lake Wales, FL.

The second show will feature Player of the Year points finisher No. 4 vs. No. 5; The third week finds No. 6 vs. No. 7; No. 8 takes on No. 9 on fourth show; and the last week has No. 10 vs. the wildcard. Each show concludes with the winners of those matches advancing to the King of the Hill match to face the reigning King, with that winner coming back to defend the crown the following week.

The PBA Player of the Year points list can be found on pba.com. Currently, Wes Malott leads the point race, followed by Sunday's H&R Block Tournament of Champions winner Patrick Allen and PBA World Championship winner Norm Duke.

"I am honored that the PBA has chosen the Kegel Training Center to be the Official Training Center of the PBA," said Kegel President John Davis. "I also appreciate that the PBA recognizes Kegel's past, present and future contribution to support the true sport of bowling."

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Dorin-Ballard and Eoff Capture Texas Queens and Masters Crowns

Larry Reynolds and Catherine Wilson Win Senior Masters & Queens

Two national stars of the sport are the winners in the 2009 Texas Queens and Masters Tournament, held February 21-22 at the famous Forum Bowl in Grand Prairie.



Queens Champion Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Tournament Director Bob Martin, with Sue Hunter, President of Texas USBC

Carolyn Dorin-Ballard and Derek Eoff, both from the Fort Worth USBC, won the titles, and a free entry into the next National USBC Queens and Masters events.

In the women's competition, Dorin-Ballard was the leader after eight games of qualifying and a four-game semi-final round with a 2573 total, averaging 214.4, but she struggled for most of the 10-game matchplay finals.

In game eight, she finally found the right combination to show everyone why she is considered one of the greatest bowlers of all time, firing a huge 797 for the final three, with games of 269, 290 and 238. Her 2331 earned the \$1300 top prize and a free entry into the National USBC Queen event.

2008 Texas Queens Champion April Ellis finished second with a 2280 total, followed by Genie Franklin at 2253. Ellis earned \$800, and Franklin cashed for \$700.

Eoff, a Team USA member who recently moved to Texas to work at the new USBC headquarters in Arlington, dominated the men's competition, finishing with a 2622 total, 250 pins ahead of second place finisher Erik Vermilyea's 2372.

Eoff earned \$1700 for the victory, plus an entry into the 2010 USBC Masters. Vermilyea took home \$1200 for

second, followed by Russell Corwin in third. Corwin won \$900.

Reynolds and Wilson Win Senior Titles

After the youngsters fought it out for the Queens and Masters Crowns, the Seniors took the Lanes at Forum Bowl. The 2009 Texas Senior Masters and Queens Champions are Larry Reynolds, Dallas, and Catherine Wilson, San Antonio.



Derek Eoff

Reynolds prevailed over second place Mark Estes to win \$1300, and Wilson earned \$1100 and an entry into the USBC National Senior Queens. Julianna Williams finished second to Wilson.

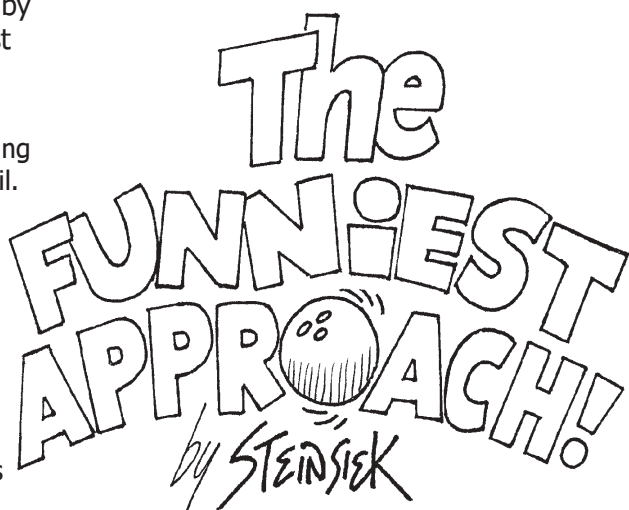
Altogether, there were 288 Texans who bowled in the events - 98 and 72 in the Masters and Queens, and 57 and 52 in the Seniors.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 21-July 23 **USBC Open Championships**, Cashman Center, Las Vegas, NV
- 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
- 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
- SASBA South Central**, Dixie Bowl, Meridian, MS
- Apr 18-21 **PBA Senior Jackson Open**, Jackson, MI
- Apr 25-26 **SASBA Trio**, AMF Euleless, Euleless, TX
- Apr 25-28 **PBA Senior Dayton Classic**, Dayton, OH
- Apr 25-29 **USBC Queens and Senior Queens**, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- Apr 28-May 2 **USBC Convention**, Reno Events Center/Silver Legacy Resort, Reno
- Apr 30 **Bowling's Clash of Champions**, Reno Events Center, Reno, Nev
- 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
- SASBA**, Fiesta Lanes, New Braunfels, TX
- May 9-10 **PBA Senior Sun Bowl In The Villages**, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, FL
- May 9-13 **USBC Intercollegiate Bowling Championships**, AMF Euleless Lanes, Euleless, TX
- May 15-17 **SASBA**, All Star Lanes, Shreveport LA
- May 16-17 **SASBA South Central**, Lightning Strikes, Trussville, AL
- PBA Regional Players Championship**, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, MI
- May 22-25 **SASBA SS Singles**, Millennium Bowl, Little Rock, AR
- May 30-31 **USBC Senior Masters - Golden Pin Lanes**, Tucson, AZ
- June 7-12 **PBA Senior U.S. Open**, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- June 14-19 **SASBA South Central**, PlaMor Lanes, Huntsville, AL
- June 20-21 **PBA Senior Northern California Classic**, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, CA
- June 21-24 **International Bowl Expo**, Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV
- June 21-26 **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 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
- SASBA South Central**, Savannah Bowling Center, Savannah, TN
- Aug 8-11 **PBA Senior Decatur Open**, Spare Time Lanes, Decatur, IL
- Aug 13-16 **6th New Mexico Open**, Tenpins & More, Rio Rancho, NM
- Aug 15-16 **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 Euleless, Euleless, 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
- Nov 23-30 **High Roller Senior Easter Classic**, Samis Town, Las Vegas, NV
- Dec 5-6 **SASBA**, Cityview, Fort Worth, TX
- Dec 19-20 **SASBA Annual Team**, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX

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The latest cartoon book by Stars & Strikes cartoonist **Walt Steinsiek** is now available, and the author is currently accepting orders by phone and email. Individuals may obtain copies of **The Funniest Approach!** for **\$8.95 each (postage paid)**, and discounts will be available for organizations and for leagues that purchase 12 or more copies. To email Steinsiek: ztlaw98@hotmail.com, call 772-664-5564 or send a check to: 5337 Bison St., Micco FL 32976-7790.



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as motion capture, which uses a sensor array and computer system to precisely track body movements of bowlers. "

Plans call for coaches to use that technology on the test center lanes to coach Team USA, Junior Team USA, national teams from World Tenpin Bowling Association countries and possibly coaches who want to train in the facility. In addition, the plan is for the training center to be available for a fee to bowlers who want to take high-tech coaching lessons.

"This if the fulfillment of a dream," Berglund said. "But it's not the end of a dream. It's the beginning and BPAA is happy to play a role in making it happen."

Full-time construction on the 20-lane facility has begun with a goal to be finished by September 1.

"USBC is the world leader with regards to equipment specifications and rules; now coaching will have an appropriate place to become world class," Stremmel said.

THE FUNNY PAGE



Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?

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The statistics on sanity is that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends — if they're okay, then it's you.

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Was there a telethon that wiped out lumbago? Nobody complains of that anymore. Maybe that's what castor oil cured, because I never hear mothers threatening kids with castor oil anymore.

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How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

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You only need two tools in life - WD-40 and Duct Tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD -40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.

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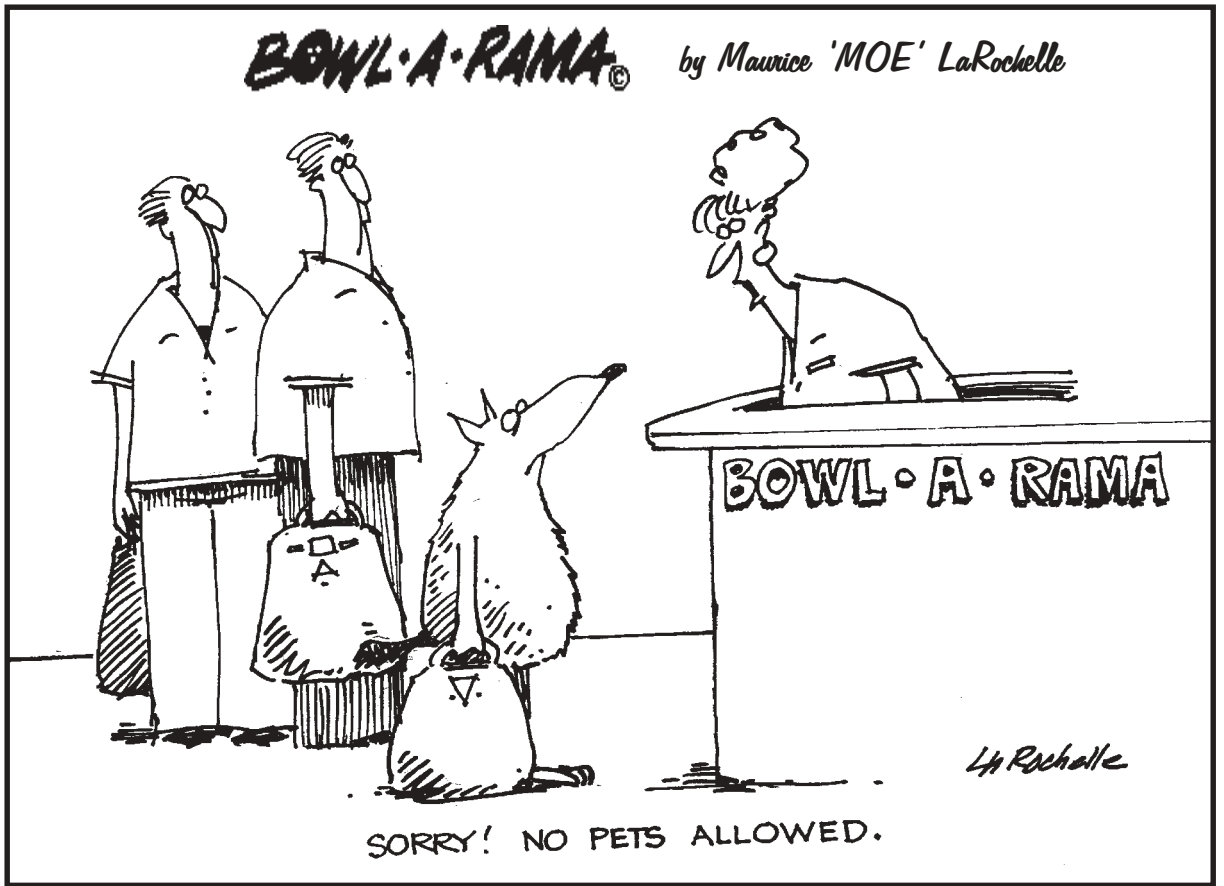
In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

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Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they already know there is not enough money?

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A mouse trap, placed on top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.



Looks of Disappointment

A man was just waking up from anesthesia after surgery, & his wife was sitting by his side. His eyes fluttered open and he said, 'You're beautiful.' Then he fell asleep again. His wife had never heard him say that before, so she stayed by his side. A few minutes later his eyes fluttered open & he said, 'You're cute.' The wife was disappointed because instead of 'beautiful,' it was now 'cute.' She asked, 'What happened to beautiful?' The man replied, 'The drugs are wearing off.'

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Here's a phrase I heard all the time in my youth but never anymore - 'store-bought.' Of course, just about everything is store-bought these days. But once it was bragging material to have a store-bought dress or a store-bought bag of candy.

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Father O'Malley answers the phone.
 'Hello, is this Father O'Malley?'
 'It is!'
 'This is the IRS. Can you help us?'
 'I can!'
 'Do you know a Ted Houlihan?'
 'I do!'
 'Is he a member of your congregation?'
 'He is!'
 'Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?'
 'He will!'

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We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress
 - Will Rogers

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Gotta love the Irish:

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!"

Miraculously, a parking place appeared.

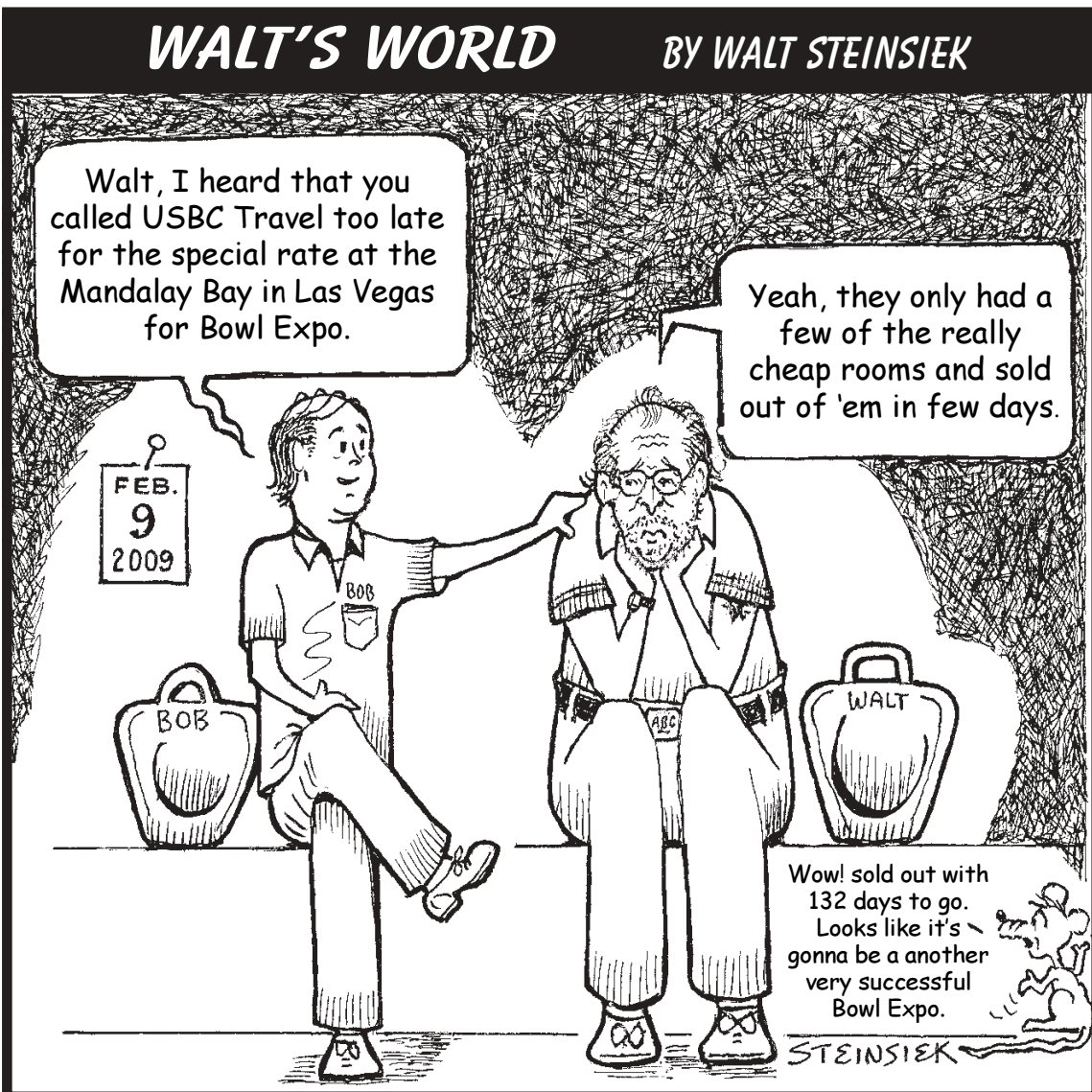
Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney.

"Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher. "They say I died!!"

"Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney. "Where are ye callin' from?"

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