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The 'GoodWin' Scoring System

Hey PBA – maybe there is a better way?

With sincere respect to our great friend Johnny Petraglia, the recent ESPN telecast of the PBA Women's Series Showdown using his "Petraglia Scoring System" was interesting – but . . . well . . . a little boring. Low score wins? (see page 5)

With winner Carolyn Dorin-Ballard getting an all-time PBA record 20 consecutive strikes to win the \$25,000 top prize, we couldn't help but wonder how exciting it would have been if normal scoring had been used. Of course, with normal scoring, she probably would not have survived the first round. Thank you, my girl Michelle, who can't strike on the easiest PBA oil pattern? – gotta work on straightening out that big hook, girl!

He probably does not remember it, but we had a conversation with Johnny about alternate scoring systems a couple of years ago when the Generations Bowling Tour was going. We liked his system for the same reason the PBA was willing to try it – but we still think there is a better one – for lack of a better name, let's call it the "GoodWin System."

ESPN Announcer Rob Stone asked Johnny on air what his system would be called if it didn't have his name – his answer was "The Golf System." As much as we like golf, that was probably a turn-off for most bowlers. With its low numbers, we thought it was a cross between golf and tennis.

One point for a strike, two for a spare. . . and the player had to keep rolling until all pins cleared the deck. A Greek Church might score five or six, and take all day to finish. And low score wins.

Yes, it is simple, but a little too radical for our taste, and we really don't like borrowing the traditions of the G sport, and the "low score wins" aspect.

The GoodWin System is equally as simple, but it maintains most of the traditions of bowling that have been in place for more than a century. Here's how it works:

A game of bowling is ten frames, but in the GoodWin System, it is never 12 frames. There is never any "carryover or bonus scoring" that confuses half of the avid bowlers and all of the casual/recreational bowlers. A GoodWin Strike is worth 30 points - period. Ten strikes is a perfect 300 game. A spare is worth 20, and anything less than a spare is the actual pin count for the frame – all frames are limited to two shots. An all-spares game, for example, is 200.

What could be simpler than that? Most 7-year-olds can do the math simply by adding 30, 20, or less than 10 to the previous frame score.

But wait! There is more! There are several good reasons why we believe the GoodWin System is better than the Petraglia System, which is better than the traditional system. We said that 10 years ago when we first came up with this idea,

but we never thought any of bowling's official organizations would have the courage to try something new – even if it is better . . . but with this PBA telecast, there is hope that the status quo is not as sacred as we once thought it was.

Consider these facts about the GoodWin System:

1. It is so simple, virtually anyone can understand it and explain it in a few seconds.

2. Anyone looking at the score in any given game would know exactly what the totals are and who is ahead at all times.

3. Proprietors will love it because it shortens the game – three-game league sessions will end 20-30 minutes sooner. Television producers would love it for the same reason, and for the simplicity it shares with the Petraglia System.

4. It raises overall scoring by 20-25 pins, but because a strike worth 30 points, it widens the gap between pros and amateurs. In the GoodWin System, top amateurs will average in the 230's or 240's. Professional bowlers, because of their ability to make more strikes, will average 250-260. Too high? Have you seen current averages and how many 300 games are being rolled in recent years? And if a 110 average bowler can raise their average to 130 or 140 instantly, isn't that a good thing? Wouldn't casual open play bowlers enjoy breaking 100 more often?

5. 300 games – it would only

take 10 strikes to get one, but the psychological fear factor would remain. Bowlers who now get nervous after an 8 or 9 bagger would start to freeze-up after 6 or 7 strikes in a GoodWin Game. And the USBC has already changed the awards system so multiple awards for 300's are history. Why not make it a tad easier for a bowler to get his or her first one?

6. Software engineers could easily adapt present automatic scorers to the GoodWin System . . . but if it had been in place years ago, there would have been no need for automatic scoring, and all of the additional expense it has brought proprietors, not to mention the price increase for a game to cover that time and expense.

No matter how good an idea is, there is always room for improvement, and in this revolutionary time we are living in bowling, now is the time to implement a few of those new ideas.

So, how about it PBA, or USBC, or one of the megabuck tournaments? Give the GoodWin System a try! Just think – if the GoodWin System had been used on the USBC / PBA Women's Series Showdown, Dorin-Ballard's 20-in-a-row could have been back-to-back televised 300 games! How exciting would that have been?

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Mike Scroggins Wins 66th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open for 2nd Career Major

North Brunswick, NJ – Defeating Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year contenders Norm Duke and Chris Barnes in the stepladder finals, Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, won his second career major in winning the 66th Lumber Liquidators U. S. Open at Brunswick Zone Carolier.

It was Scroggins' sixth career PBA Tour title; he won the 2005 United States Bowling Congress Masters for his first major victory also defeating Duke. By beating Duke and Barnes, Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, earns 2008-09 PBA Player of the Year honors.

Scroggins defeated PBA Hall of Famer Duke 191-173 in the championship match to win the \$100,000 first prize and three-year Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour exemption.

"It's so satisfying to win it because it's such a grind," Scroggins said. "I just wanted to go out and bowl a decent game. Normally you're going to have to throw a 220 or 230 so it was just karma, I guess, that I was able to beat Norm and Chris."

"I'm a believer in you have to beat the best to be best and I consider Norm to be one of the best," Scroggins added.

In the semi-final match, Scroggins defeated Chris Barnes 200-199, who had a chance to repeat as Player of the Year with a victory. Barnes could have won the match with a strike on the first ball of the 10th frame but left a solid 8 pin. Needing a strike on his fill ball to tie the match, Barnes left a 10 pin.

"I threw my best shot," said Barnes who had eight television appearances this season and two wins to get back into the Player of the Year race. "I've put it in perspective--things work out the way they work out, but I'm just thankful to be in this position. Four

weeks ago I didn't think I would have a shot at Player of the Year."

Duke, who ranks tied for fifth in all-time career PBA Tour titles with 32, was trying to become the first bowler to win back-to-back U.S. Opens since Dave Husted accomplished the feat in

shots of my career. I still feel I bowled well, the breaks just didn't go my way.

"I'm proud of Mike, he did a great job."

In the opening match former exempt player Richard Wolfe of Vienna, Va., defeated PBA Hall of Famer and 19-



Mike Scroggins

1995-96. Duke was Player of the Year in 1994 and 2000. He left a 4-6-7-10 split in the third frame and a 4-6-7 split in the ninth frame.

"I've said it before, it's more than rolling a good shot," said Duke. "On those shots where I had the splits I thought those were two of the best

time PBA Tour titlist Amleto Monacelli, 213-176 to advance to the second match where he lost to Barnes 243-240.

The 66th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open marks the end of the regular season on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour.

66th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open Brunswick Zone Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J. - April 5, 2009

Final Standings

1. Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas	391 (two games)	\$100,000
2. Norm Duke, Clermont, Florida	173 (one game)	\$ 50,000
3. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas	442 (two games)	\$ 25,000
4. Richard Wolfe, Vienna, Virginia	453 (two games)	\$ 13,000
5. Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela	176 (one game)	\$ 9,000

Stepladder Results

Match One – Wolfe def. Monacelli, 213-176

Match Two – Barnes def. Wolfe, 243-240

Semifinal Match – Scroggins def. Barnes, 200-199

Championship Match – Scroggins def. Duke, 191-173

Round 6 Match Play, Cashers After 43 Games

Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 13-11, 11,036, \$7,000; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 14-10, 10,980, \$6,000; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 12-12, 10,960, \$5,000; Ron Nelson Jr., Bridgeview, Ill., 12-10-2, 10,942, \$4,500; Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 9-15, 10,906, \$4,000; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 13-11, 10,879, \$3,600; Sean Riccardi, Piscataway, N.J., 10-13-1, 10,855, \$3,400; Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 10-14, 10,832, \$3,200; Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, 13-10-1, 10,824, \$3,000; Jeff Lizzi, Sandusky, Ohio, 9-15, 10,800, \$2,900; Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan., 9-15, 10,787, \$2,800; Billy Oatman, Chicago, 12-12, 10,741, \$2,700; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 9-14-1, 10,731, \$2,600; Craig Tuholski, Washougal, Wash., 13-9-2, 10,730, \$2,550; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 8-6, 10,691, \$2,500; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 9-15, 10,686, \$2,450; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 9-15, 10,636, \$2,400; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 6-4, 10,602, \$2,350; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3-5, 10,583, \$2,300; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 6-10, 9,176, \$1,800; Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 6-7-1, 8,602, \$1,750; Mike DeVaney, San Diego, 3-7, 7,605, \$1,675

Round 4 Qualifying, Cashers After 27 Games

Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 5,590, \$1,800; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 5,580, \$1,750; Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,564, \$1,700; Peter Spreadbury, Oak Forest, Ill., 5,554, \$1,650; Paul Pinto, Philadelphia, 5,548, \$1,600; Anthony LaCaze, Glen Ellyn, Ill., 5,546, \$1,550; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 5,543, \$1,500; Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, 5,542, \$1,480; William Barlow, Edgewood, Md., 5,533, \$1,450; Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 5,533, \$1,450; Mike Rose Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 5,515, \$1,420; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 5,513, \$1,410; P.J. Sondag, Avoca, Pa., 5,512, \$1,400; Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 5,511, \$1,390; Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 5,509, \$1,380; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5,505, \$1,370; Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, 5,502, \$1,360; Jeff Morin, Hoptacong, N.J., 5,498, \$1,350; Lindsay Baker, Amherst, N.Y., 5,489, \$1,340; Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 5,488, \$1,330; Kenneth Jessee, Huber Heights, Ohio, 5,485, \$1,320; Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 5,483, \$1,310; Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 5,478, \$1,300; George Lambert IV, Canada, 5,474, \$1,290; Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 5,466, \$1,280; Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 5,460, \$1,270; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 5,448, \$1,260; Don Allen III, Vancouver, Wash., 5,443, \$1,255; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 5,439, \$1,250; Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 5,435, \$1,245; Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 5,431, \$1,240; Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 5,430, \$1,233; Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 5,430, \$1,233; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 5,426, \$1,225; Brian Voss, Kennesaw, Ga., 5,425, \$1,220; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5,416, \$1,215; Jim Thomas, Binghamton, N.Y., 5,412, \$1,210; Chris Fory, Bridgeport, Conn., 5,409, \$1,205; Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 5,407, \$1,200; Joe Bailey, Pittsburgh, 5,406, \$1,195; Rick Hara, Darien, Ill., 5,386, \$1,190; James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., 5,383, \$1,185; Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 5,381, \$1,180; Vinny D'Ambrosio III, Staten Island, N.Y., 5,379, \$1,175; Michael Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 5,377, \$1,170; Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 5,376, \$1,165; P.J. Haggerty, Clovis, Calif., 5,375, \$1,160; Chun Bae, Cedarhurst, N.Y., 5,373, \$1,155; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 5,364, \$1,150; Butch Cormier, Lafayette, La., 5,357, \$1,145; Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 5,351, \$1,138; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 5,351, \$1,138; Thomas Smallwood, Flushing, Mich., 5,350, \$1,128; Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., 5,350, \$1,128; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 5,343, \$1,120; Edward VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 5,340, \$1,115; Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 5,329, \$1,110; Alex Aguiar, Dartmouth, Mass., 5,323, \$1,105; David Haynes, Las Vegas, 5,322, \$1,100; Shawn McKee, Concord, N.C., 5,321, \$1,095; Michael Marsico, Chesapeake Beach, Md., 5,317, \$1,090; Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 5,312, \$1,085; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 5,306, \$1,080; Dennis Beagle, Lehigh Acres, Fla., 5,305, \$1,075; Nick Weber, St. Charles, Mo., 5,295, \$1,070; Scott Lavy, Troy, Mo., 5,285, \$1,065; Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio, 5,284, \$1,060; Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 5,281, \$1,055; Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 5,261, \$1,050; John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 5,250, \$1,045; Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 5,238, \$1,040; Robert Mockenhaupt, Pompton Lakes, N.J., 5,230, \$1,135; Gean Perez, Puerto Rico, 5,225, \$1,030; Derek Petty, Potomac Falls, Va., 5,200, \$1,025; Ron Dixon, Boynton Beach, Fla., 5,184, \$1,020; Tom Sorce, Blassdell, N.Y., 5,143, \$1,015; Jason Baker, Sharon Springs, N.Y., 4,933, \$1,110; Jeff Kubasak, Staten Island, N.Y., 4,867, \$1,005; Geoff Wetzler, Tolland, Conn., 3,898, \$1,000

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PEZZANO

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What Makes A Good Pro?

In fully evaluating pro bowlers you can't use money winnings as the only guide. Scoring averages can be deceiving too because they aren't always what they might seem.

Pros bowl primarily to earn money. That's number one. The aim of every sport is to score well, so that's important too.

Yet, a pro bowler can finish high in total earnings by winning or placing high in the more lucrative events, even if failing badly in others. And if a bowler is intent on posting a high average, for whatever reason, the goal can be achieved by skipping tournaments where scores have been on the low side, and by concentrating on sites where he has scored best.

Most important is attitude, and this applies to the top pro right on down to the raw beginner. Some bowlers are quitters, or at least, shirkers. When they're far down in the standings, no matter what type of competition, they merely go through the motions in their final games or frames. This lowers their overall average and doesn't reflect the true ability they show when in the hunt.

Other bowlers shoot for every pin in every game as though it meant a title, and some bowlers get loose when they're out of the running and rack up the big scores that mean only a boost in average. There is no right or wrong in either type of bowler. Most quitters don't quit on purpose, and the never-say-die bowlers know of no other way to play the game. This all evolves through habit or because of inborn personality traits, the things that make

up bowlers, as well as people, and make them different.

In charting a pro bowler it is necessary to take into consideration his personality, ability in the clutch, and attitude on winning and losing.

Timing, and maybe a little luck, is important. If a bowler could save his best scores for the events paying \$40,000 or so for first, he could have a big year with a few wins. In some events it takes a 240 average to win. In others, a little over 210 does the job. Any decent pro can average 210 or better on a given week.

So the only real consistent thing about bowling is the inconsistencies, particularly in scoring. Every bowler knows that his game, night, or tournament is coming. Putting the performance in the right place is another matter. It's what dreams are made of.

A good look at the pro averages shows that the quality of performance is amazing. It usually takes about 222 to top the men and the next 50 bowlers are within a few points. And that's for more than 1,000 games across different lanes in different bowling centers in different parts of the country. The women pros are almost as good.

So, when it comes time to evaluating the pros, don't forget the unknown factors previously mentioned, but don't ever under-rate their overall ability. They can score on any type of lane condition and under the most stressful physical and mental situations.

Most bowlers couldn't shoot the scores the pros shoot-even on a pinball machine that won't tilt.

A Bowling Tragedy

by Juetta Holseth (for BNN)

I am writing this article in hopes of saving a life - possibly yours.

On Saturday, April 19, two Minnesota bowlers were on their way to the USBC Open Championships in Las Vegas to meet up with 18 other teammates and friends. Because of the surcharges imposed by most airlines for heavy baggage, these two friends - Ken Vierling and Denny Wardlow - were happy to help their fellow teammates by taking thirty-four bowling bags with them in an SUV on a 1,700 mile jaunt to the tournament site.

Their trip started out uneventful. The Denver, Colorado area could have posed a serious problem because of the blizzard they were experiencing but the pair headed south toward Colorado Springs to bypass the mess on Interstate 70. They then turned west on Highway 24, went through a few mountains before getting to flat terrain near Hartsel, Colorado.

That is when disaster raised its ugly head. Fatigue overcame Ken Vierling. He veered to the right, over-corrected and zoomed across the road to the other side - flipping the SUV multiple times. Denny died as he slept in the vehicle. Ken will probably be a paraplegic for the rest of his life. Undoubtedly, the estimated 1000+ pounds of bowling balls flying through the vehicle as it rolled is what did the fatal

blows to two wonderful people.

If you are driving to the USBC Open Championships, to a league session or anywhere, please secure all bowling bags in your vehicle! For that matter, secure everything in the passenger compartment that could potentially cause serious injury to you or your loved ones.

Will you have an accident like this? Probably not.

Will you have an accident where your vehicle rolls? Probably not.

However, why take a chance if there are other options available?

Ken is on a respirator and has undergone neck surgery. He has a little feeling in portions of one arm - but nothing else. Shortly he will have surgery on one hand to reset bones but is far from complete recovery. Each day is bringing new trials-and-tribulations for a wonderful man and his family.

The Wardlow family is also hurting over their loss and are trying to make final arrangements for this bowling volunteer and dedicated family member, too.

Please keep all of these people in your thoughts and prayers, and do yourself a favor - secure those bowling balls when traveling.

Juetta Holseth is a bowling proprietor and publisher of the Minnesota based Metro Bowler BNN Newspaper.

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Dorin-Ballard Almost a "10" in PBA Women's Series Showdown Win

Hall of Famer breaks TV record with 20 consecutive strikes in women's special event



Carolyn Dorin-Ballard

Dorin-Ballard, one of the most successful women bowlers in history, rolled a television record 20 consecutive strikes, including 11 in a row in the title match, to win the inaugural PBA Women's Series Showdown presented by the United States Bowling Congress which aired on ESPN.

In an event that employed the Johnny Petraglia Scoring System for the first time on national television, the Keller, Texas, resident posted a near-perfect score of 11 in the Championship Round Title match to nip Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, by a single point and rising star Stefanie Nation of Arlington, Texas, by two points.

Under the Petraglia system, players receive one point for each ball thrown in each frame – and the lowest score wins. A perfect game – 10 strikes – is a "10." And that's what Dorin-Ballard almost had, except for the 10 pin she left (and converted) in her 10th frame. Woessner nearly matched her, rolling eight strikes along with a pair of spares in the third and fourth frames for a score of 12. Nation threw seven strikes and converted three spares for her score of 13.

"I'm still in shock," Dorin-Ballard said. "I

was lucky to get into the championship round."

Dorin-Ballard, who collected a \$25,000 first prize, also threw nine strikes in the Championship Round Wild Card match, but she wound up in a 12-12 tie with Wendy Macpherson of Henderson, Nev., because she missed a single pin spare conversion attempt in the second frame. Needing a third shot to make the six pin in that frame, Dorin-Ballard's score of three for that frame kept Macpherson in the match. Dorin-Ballard then had to throw another three strikes in a row to nip Macpherson by a single pin to win a three-ball roll-off to get into the championship round.

"Any time you bowl Wendy Macpherson, you have to bowl your best game," Dorin-Ballard said. "All of these ladies know how to strike. I knew I had to keep striking to have a chance."

It was a unique event for the six top performers in the PBA Women's Series presented by USBC champions during the 2008-09 season, and it gave the women an opportunity to showcase their bowling skills in an usual bowling environment.

"I am glad the women are back on

television," Dorin-Ballard added. "This series of events is a step in the right direction for the future of women's professional bowling. With the help of the PBA, USBC, Brunswick, Dexter, Turbo and Kegel, it's just a matter of time before other sponsors come forward and see the value of the women's tour."

PBA WOMEN'S SERIES SHOWDOWN
Kegel Training Center, Lake Wales, Florida
April 12, 2009

Final Standings

1. Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas, \$25,000
2. Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, \$12,000
3. Stefanie Nation, Arlington, Texas, \$5,000
4. Wendy Macpherson, Henderson, Nev., \$3,000
5. Missy Bellinder, Fullerton, Calif., \$3,000
6. Michele Feldman, Auburn, N.Y., \$2,000

Championship (Petraglia Scoring System based on one point for each ball thrown in each of 10 frames; low score wins)

Dorin-Ballard 11, Woessner 12, Nation 13

Wild Card Round (lowest score advanced to Championship Round)

Dorin-Ballard 12, Macpherson 12, Bellinder 17 (Dorin-Ballard won a three-ball roll-off with Macpherson, 30-29)

Elimination Round (winners advanced to championship round; next three lowest scores advanced to Wild Card Round)

Match One – Woessner 12, Macpherson 15, Dorin-Ballard 17

Match Two – Nation 12, Bellinder 15, Feldman 18 (Feldman eliminated)

Nebraska Earns Third NCAA Women's Championship Title

CANTON, Mich. - Nebraska locked up its third national title in six years as it defeated Central Missouri 4-1 in the championship match of the 2009 NCAA Women's Bowling Championship.

After splitting the first two games in the best-of-seven match, the Cornhuskers ran away from the Jennies to win the title. They won the opener 200-185, dropped the second game 198-149 and then pulled away with wins of 201-168, 201-177 and 190-134 at Super Bowl in suburban Detroit.

Nebraska coach Bill Straub said he wasn't exactly sure what to expect from his young squad as they took to the lanes under the bright television lights and in front of a capacity crowd. The Cornhuskers feature four freshmen, four sophomores and two juniors, none of whom had previously bowled on television.

"This is real sweet because this team is just so dang young," said Straub, whose team has beaten Central Missouri for all three of its national titles.

"I can't know how these teenagers are going to react and to do it on TV - amazing."

Nebraska anchor Cassie Leuthold, one of the two juniors on the team, was named the tournament's most outstanding player as she helped lead the Cornhuskers to a final record of 72-20 on the season.

"It's been a hard road and the work has definitely paid off," Leuthold said. "I couldn't have made it this far without my teammates."

Joining Leuthold on the all-tournament team was Sara Litteral and Erica Perez of Fairleigh Dickinson,



Jazmyne Hefflefinger of Delaware State, Teresa Christopher of Central Missouri and Valerie Calberry of Nebraska.

Leuthold and Calberry's Nebraska teammates included Kaleena Henning, Jasmine Laugerman, Erin McCarthy, Chelsey Mero, Kristina Mickelson, Katie Ann Sopp, Kayla Stram and Danielle van der Meer.

In the semifinals, which concluded just before the televised finals, Nebraska defeated Delaware State 4-2, while Central Missouri took out Fairleigh Dickinson 4-3.

2009 NCAA WOMEN'S BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP
Super Bowl, Canton, Michigan

Match Play


Semifinals

Central Missouri def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-3 (Fairleigh Dickinson eliminated) (152-185, 194-220, 180-172, 221-184, 179-208, 234-169, 235-171) Nebraska def.

Delaware State, 4-2 (Delaware State eliminated) (201-190, 149-215, 156-204, 241-173, 214-209, 216-179)

Championship

Nebraska def. Central Missouri, 4-1 (200-185, 149-198, 201-168, 201-177, 190-134)



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Romeo's Big Series Helps Team Take Classic Lead at USBC Women's Championships

RENO, Nev. - Robin Romeo fired the second highest individual series in tournament history as she led Alpha Pool Plastering of Newhall, Calif., into the lead in Classic Team on Wednesday at the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships.

Romeo became just the third woman to break the 800 barrier at the Women's Championships, shooting an 805 series at the National Bowling Stadium and propelled her team to a 3,286 total, the second highest team score in the 90-year history of the tournament. Together Once Again of North Richland Hills, Texas, shot 3,350 in 2006 to set the record.

A 16-time professional champion and USBC Hall of Famer, Romeo paced her team with games of 280, 280 and 245. Needing a strike on her second shot in the final frame to break the all-time series record, Romeo left a light 7 pin and fell just short. Kendra Gaines set the record in 2000 with 812. "I was really hoping to bowl well for the team today," Romeo said. "My heart was definitely beating faster going into those final frames, but I was more nervous on how the team was doing rather than me as an individual. But it's definitely more fun when we're all bowling well."

Romeo was joined on the team by fellow USBC Hall of Famer Carol Norman, who fired a 648 series, and Jeanne Naccarato, who shot 626. Donna Conners added 625 and Beth Owen Cipelweski shot 582.

Although this collective group has won a handful of Women's Championships titles in various events over the years, they know it would be special to collect another title after



l to r: Carol Norman, Beth Owne Cipelweski, Robin Romeo, Donna Conners, Jeanne Naccarato

five years of competing together. "Winning this title with this team would mean everything," Romeo said. "Bowling well, having fun and hopefully winning a team title with this group of girls would make it extra sweet."

The team also bowled with a little extra motivation. Norman's mother, Loretta, passed away two weeks ago and the team remembered her by wearing the initials CLN embroidered on the back of their shirts.

"When she passed away, our initial thoughts were to skip the tournament," Norman said. "Then we thought how she would have felt if we missed the tournament because of her, and she would have definitely kicked our butts. We competed in her honor today."

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Australia's Belmonte First Two-Handed Player to Win a PBA Title

West Babylon, N.Y. – Australia's Jason Belmonte became the first two-handed player in Professional Bowlers Association history



Jason Belmonte

to win a PBA Tour title when he upset top qualifier Michael Fagan of Patchogue, N.Y., 215-201, to win The Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic at AMF Babylon Lanes.

Belmonte, making his PBA Tour singles television debut, won \$25,000 and an exemption to bowl on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour during the 2009-10 season. He also joined Sweden's Mats Karlsson, Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli and Finland's Mika Koivuniemi as the fourth international player to win a PBA Tour title.

"The PBA Tour is the ultimate bowling competition in the world," said Belmonte. "With all the media attention I have received, it's now time for us to put the foot down on the gas and go mainstream; this is not just about me. There are many great stories and great athletes out here. It's time all of us knock on all the doors of we can, the next one could be the 'golden key' door we are all looking for."

The 25-year-old Australian has been a terror in international competition over the past few years, but had not experienced PBA competition until this season. In limited PBA Tour participation, he had finished in the top 15 four times with a best finish of 10th place

in the season-opening PBA World Championship in Wichita, Kan.

"I was very nervous on those first two shots, I threw it where I looked at but then I realized I was looking at the wrong spot," said Belmonte about his first shots on television. "I settled down after that."

Belmonte developed his unusual style as a toddler growing up in his parents' bowling center in New South Wales, Australia, bowling with bowling balls that were too heavy to throw with one hand. By inserting the middle two fingers of his right hand into the ball, and using his left hand to guide and spin the ball, he is able to generate hooking power very few one-handed players can match.

In the title match against one of the Tour's premier power players, Belmonte bowled an error-free game, needing only a pair of doubles to build an advantage after Fagan opened in the first and fifth frames. Belmonte used an aggressive reactive bowling ball to play a deep inside angle on the left lane, and a hard plastic ball to play a straight, outside line on the right lane to combat the PBA's Shark and Viper lane conditioning patterns used on the championship left and right lanes, respectively.

"I knew the lanes would break down faster," said Belmonte. "If Mike had another game, he would have shot 240."

In the opening match, Ritchie Allen of Columbia, S.C., finished with eight strikes in a row to eliminate Robert Smith of Columbus, Ohio, 258-244. Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., overcame an open in the first frame with six strikes on his next seven shots to defeat Allen, 237-218.

Belmonte then slipped past O'Neill in the semifinal match, overcoming a spare/open start with eight strikes on his next nine attempts for a 245-236 victory. O'Neill's hopes for his first PBA title ended when he left a solid 10 pin after striking on his first ball in the 10th frame.

"I threw mine great and couldn't believe I left the ten," said Belmonte after leaving a ringing tenpin on a solid pocket hit in the 7th frame. "When I saw Billy's last shot go down, I thought 'well that was fun, see you later', but then his ten stood."

Fagan earned \$13,000 for second place, O'Neill \$6,500 for third, Allen \$5,500 for fourth and Smith \$5,000 for fifth place.

3 New High Roller Senior Champs

We were happy to hear many seniors at the Senior Easter Classic talking about the senior match play division in the July High Roller. But meanwhile on the lanes, several bowlers were intent on getting their names in High Roller's champ list and the famed

old from Renton, Washington continued perhaps the hottest streak ever, making the cut in his 15th consecutive Senior Classic. He picked up \$6,000 for his efforts.

Most players stayed at Sam's Town for Senior Classic Week and they were treated to



Roto Grip's Roger Noordhoek congratulates 50 & Over Champ Wally Kraus and runner-up Bernie Iwasczyszyn

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All 6 of the champs and 2nd place finishers were at least 60 years old! Two of the champs qualified for the match play finals from the Age 67 & Over division and the runner-up from the Classified Classic was 70 years old!

In the first event, Bob Brown won the 60 & Over Classic defeating High Roller champ Ed Roberts for the \$12,000 top prize, the largest top prize ever in the 60 & Over Classic. Brown, the 68 year old from Bellingham, Washington, wasn't finished yet as he went on to make the cut in each of the 3 Classics during Senior Classic Week. Roberts earned \$6,000 for 2nd.

Wally Kraus, from Brookville, Indiana, defeated local Bernie Iwasczyszyn for the \$20,000 top prize, the largest prize paid in the Senior Classic in several years. Bernie "I" took home the \$10,000 runner-up check, his first check with his newly replaced knee.

And in the finale, it was Curtis Cage wrapping up the week with a big win in the Classified Classic, defeating Jim Micus for that honor. Cage, 68 year old from Santa Clara, California, became the 4th player of the week to join the \$10,000 Club. Micus, the 70-year

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Edwin Fisher Becomes 100th Member Of USBC Championships 50-Year Club

LAS VEGAS - When Edwin Fisher of Houston walked down Center Aisle at the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships, he reached two milestones and solidified his place in tournament history.

Fisher's slow and emotional march was the 50th of his career, and he became the 100th member of the tournament's elite 50-Year Club.

"I had no idea I was the 100th person," said the 83-year-old right-hander, who has been bowling competitively for 69 years. "Once someone told me, I expressed my thanks for having the genes to be able to be here."

Fisher's time on the lanes began when he was 13 years old and worked as a pin boy during junior high school. He continued to bowl throughout high school, his time in the Navy and then college, and he finally made his USBC Open Championships debut at the 1957 event in Fort Worth, Texas. That year also marked the debut of underground ball returns and automatic pinsetters at the tournament. Fisher was hooked.

"It was a thrill of a lifetime," said Fisher, who has only missed three events since his debut. "Walking down that Center Aisle for the first time, I had chills down my spine. I've never experienced

anything like that before."

That same feeling carried over to Cashman Center on Sunday afternoon as Fisher marched into the record books.

"This time, it was even more thrilling," said Fisher, who was on the USBC (formerly the

American Bowling Congress) financial committee that approved the tournament's first electronic scoreboards. "I've been looking forward to this day. When I participated in my 20th Open, a guy received his 50-year award, and from that day, I told myself I wanted that. Now that I did it, I will treasure this forever."

On the lanes this year, Fisher had 501 in doubles, 498 in team and 433 in singles for a 1,432 all-events total. During his tenure at the Open Championships, he has knocked down 72,204 pins for a 171.9 career average.

"I love this tournament, and I will continue to come as long as I can," said Fisher, who is in the Houston, Texas State and Southern Bowling Congress Halls of Fame. "If I'm not able to come, I will still be active in bowling in any way I can. I'm thankful to have good genes and make it to 50 years. I'm also thankful to the USBC for recognizing me like this."



Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic
AMF Babylon Lanes, West Babylon, N.Y. - March 29, 2009

Final Standings

1, Jason Belmonte, Australia	460 (two games)	\$25,000
2, Michael Fagan, Patchogue, New York	201 (one game)	\$13,000
3, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pennsylvania	473 (two games)	\$ 6,500
4, Ritchie Allen, Columbia, South Carolina	476 (two games)	\$ 5,500
5, Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio	244 (one game)	\$ 5,000

Stepladder Results

Match One – Allen def. Smith, 258-244.

Match Two – O'Neill def. Allen, 237-218.

Semifinal Match – Belmonte def. O'Neill, 245-236.

Championship – Belmonte def. Fagan, 215-201

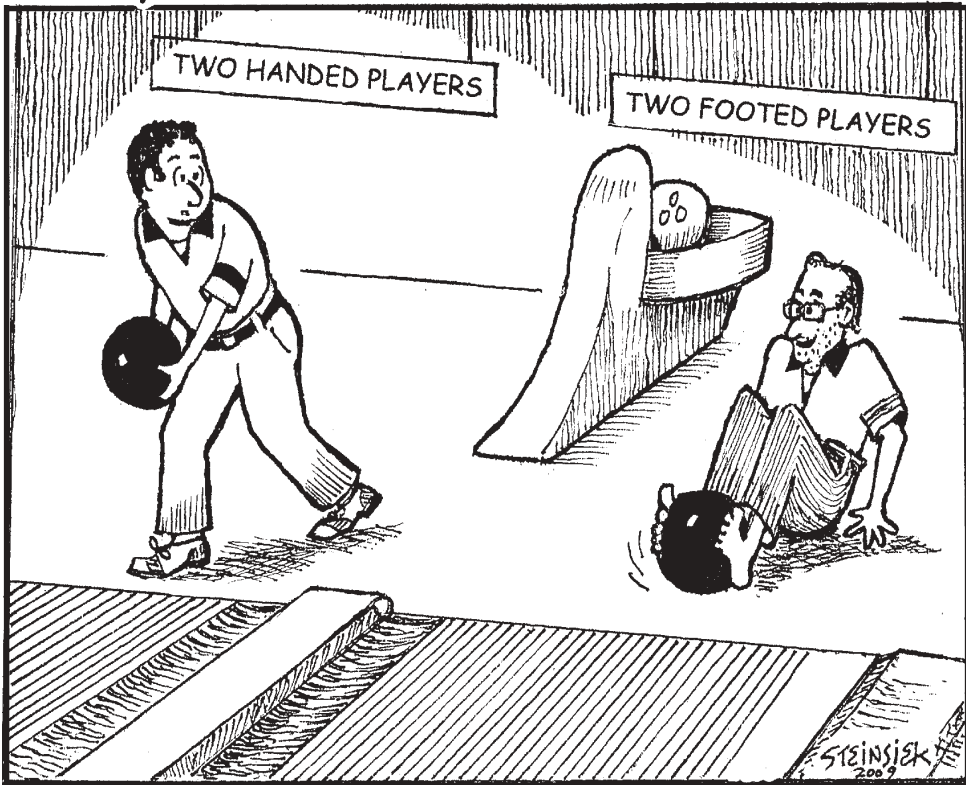
Round of 16 Results

Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 13-5, 7,397, \$4,000; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 11-7, 7,319, \$3,700; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 9-9, 7,316, \$3,400; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 8-10, 7,312, \$3,200; Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 9-9, 7,282, \$3,000; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 9-9, 7,263, \$2,800; Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 9-8-1, 7,257, \$2,700; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 7-10-1, 7,246, \$2,650; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 8-10, 7,159, \$2,600; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 8-10, 7,154, \$2,550; John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 9-9, 7,104, \$2,500

Round of 64 (\$1800 ea)

Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 2,993, \$1,890; P.J. Haggerty, Clovis, Calif., 2,990; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 2,979; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,969; Jason Lundquist, Delaware Water Gap, Pa.; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 2,960; Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 2,956; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 2,953; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 2,932; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,932; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,929; Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 2,926; Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 2,922; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 2,919; Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 2,912; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,910; Mike DeVaney, San Diego, 2,903; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 2,895; David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 2,893; Craig Tuholski, Washougal, Wash., 2,889; Andrew Cain, Scottsdale, Ariz., 2,869; Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 2,868; Rhino Page, Topeka, Kan., 2,847; Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,839; Billy Oatman, Chicago, 2,827; Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 2,822; Chester Rogers Jr., Milwaukie, Ore., 2,773; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,764; Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 2,755; Norm Ginsberg Jr., East Meadow, N.Y., 2,706; Dale Aivaz Jr., Yonkers, N.Y., 2,679; Terrance Reeves, Valrico, Fla., 2,652

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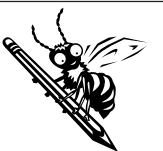


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- Feb 20-July 23 **The Forty Frame Game USA**, Samis Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 21-July 23 **USBC Open Championships**, Cashman Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Mar 27-July 4 **The Forty Frame Game Ladies**, Starlite Lanes, Reno, NV
- Mar 27-July 4 **Bowlers Journal Women's Championships**, Starlite Lanes, Reno, NV
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- Mar 27-July 4 **Bowlers Journal Women's Championships**, Starlite Lanes, Reno, NV
- Mar 28-July 4 **USBC Women's Championships**, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- May 3-6 **PBA Senior Miller High Life Classic**, George Pappas Victory Lanes, Mooresville, NC
- May 9-10 **SASBA**, Fiesta Lanes, New Braunfels, TX
- May 9-13 **PBA Senior Sun Bowl In The Villages**, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, FL
- May 9-June 21 **Bowler's Buzz Jubilee Singles Tournament**, AMF Clearlake, Houston, TX
- May 15-17 **USBC Intercollegiate Bowling Championships**, AMF Euleless Lanes, Euleless, TX
- May 16-17 **SASBA**, All Star Lanes, Shreveport LA
- May 22-25 **SASBA South Central**, Lightning Strikes, Trussville, AL
- May 30-31 **PBA Regional Players Championship**, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, MI
- June 7-12 **SASBA SS Singles**, Millennium Bowl, Little Rock, AR
- 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
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- 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
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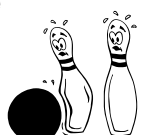
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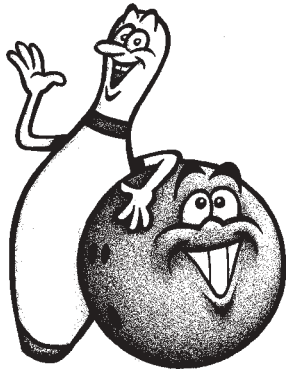
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Three sisters ages 92, 94 and 96 live in a house together. One night the 96 year old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, 'Was I getting in or out of the bath?' The 94 year old yells back, 'I don't know. I'll come up and see.' She starts up the stairs and pauses 'Was I going up the stairs or down?' The 92 year old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, 'I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood.' She then yells, 'I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door.'

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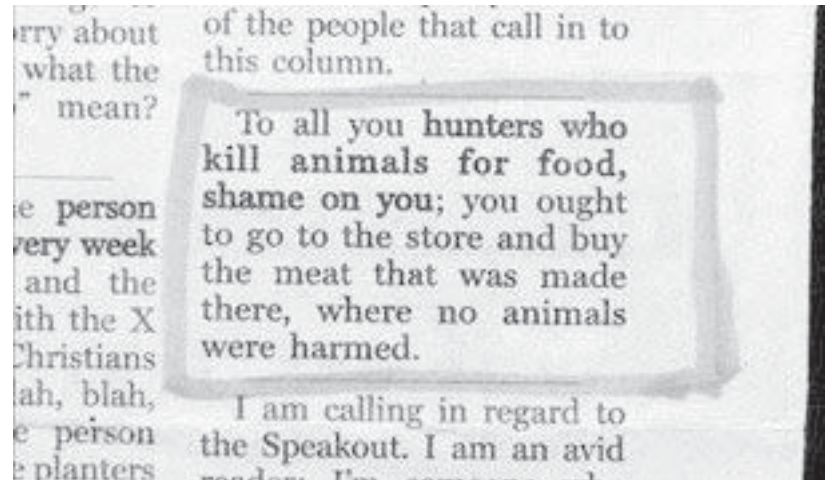
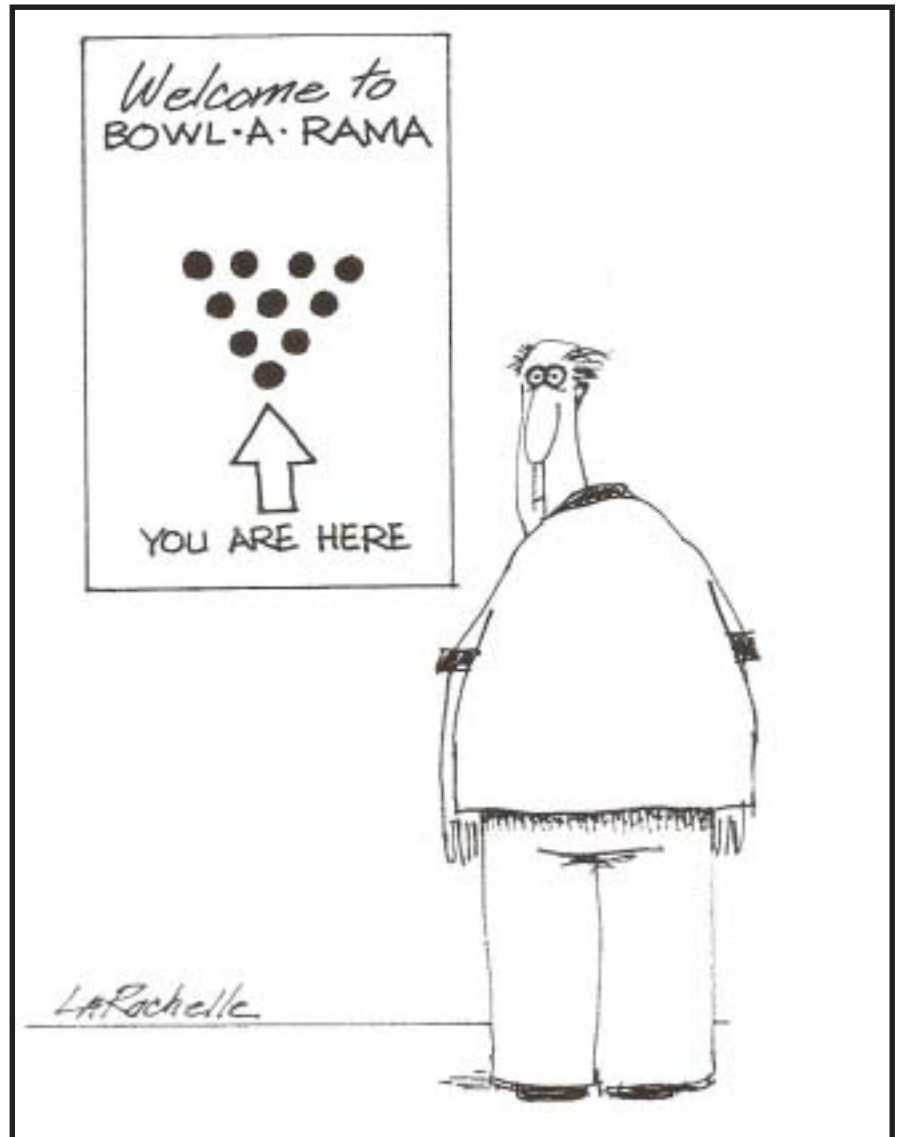
An elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher: 'They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!' she cried. The dispatcher said, 'Stay calm. An officer is on the way.' A few minutes later, the officer radios in. 'Disregard.' He says. She got in the back-seat by mistake.'

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A 98-year-old Mother Superior from Ireland was dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They tried giving her some warm milk to drink but she refused it. One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen and remembering a bottle of Irish whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to her lips. Mother drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had drunk the whole glass down to the last drop. "Mother," the nuns asked with earnest, "please give us some wisdom before you die." She raised herself up in bed and said, "Don't sell that cow."

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A 72 year old guy who loves to fish was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say, 'Pick me up.' He looked around and couldn't see any one. He thought he was dreaming, then he heard the voice say again, 'Pick me up.' He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog. The man said, 'Are you talking to me?' The frog said, 'Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up, then kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous because I will be your bride!' The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully, and placed it in his front breast pocket. Then the frog said, 'What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said????? I said kiss me and I will be your beautiful bride!!!' He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said, 'Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog!'



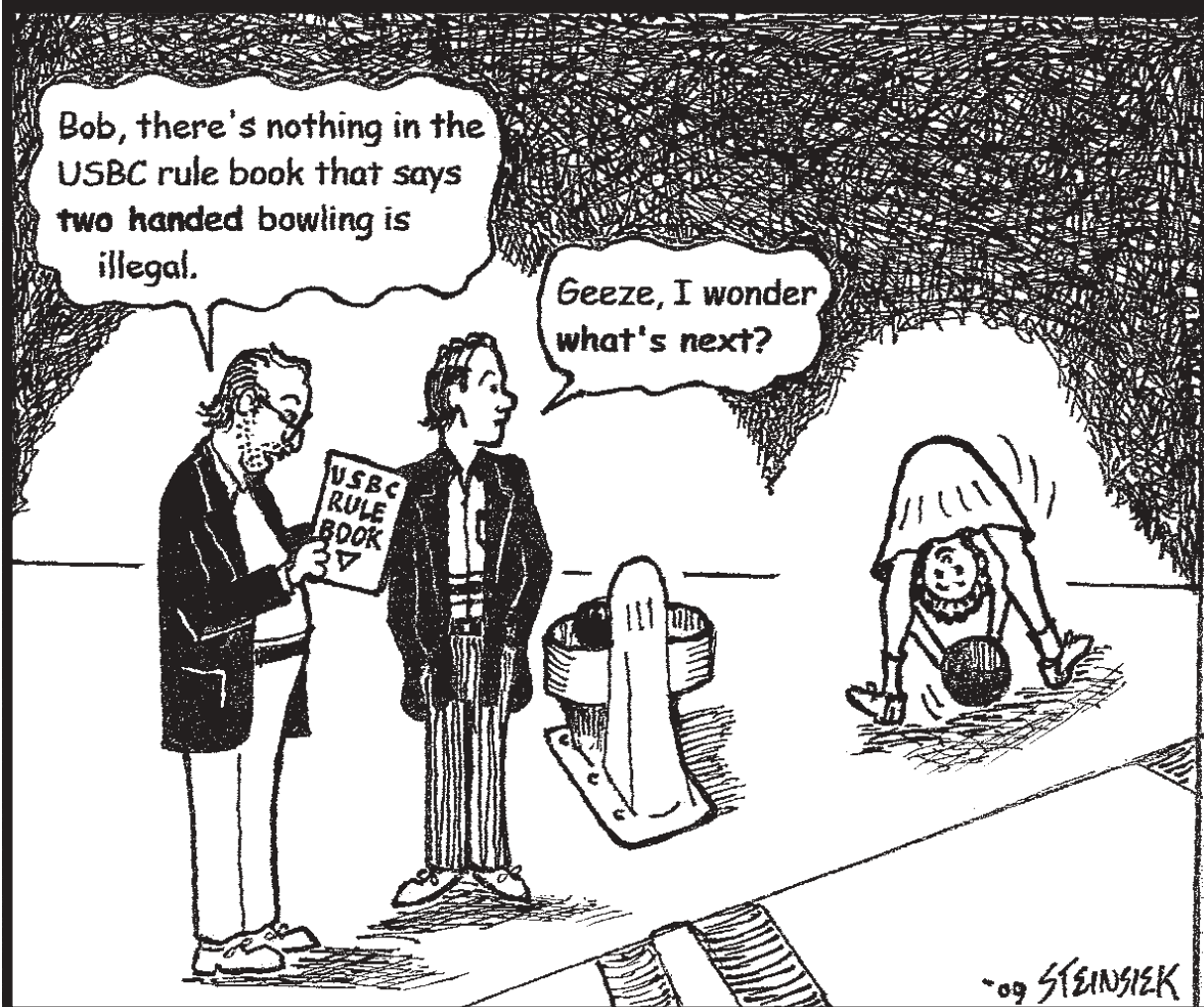
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