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by Jim Goodwin

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## A Phenomenal Week for Bowling

### *Kulick makes us proud.*

It was an agonizing decision for us to attend the 2010 Bowling Summit and International Bowling Campus Grand Opening in Arlington, Texas January 23-26, because it meant we would not be able to personally witness the PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas, which concluded on January 24.

Since we couldn't be there, we had a feeling something spectacular would happen, but little did we know just how amazing it would be. If we had been asked to write a fictional movie script for the two major events that occurred in bowling the last week of January, we could not have written a better story than what actually happened.

Last year, we had the privilege of participating in writing the "50 Greatest Moments in PBA History" for Bowlers Journal Magazine. What happened on January 24, 2010 will definitely be among the top five for the next 50 years - Kelly Kulick won the Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions.

Kulick, who was the first woman to qualify for and participate on the former "men's tour," when she bowled the entire 2006-07 season, shattered the gender gap forever by defeating Chris Barnes 265-195 for one of bowling's most prestigious major titles. And make no mistake; she earned it. This was no one-ball "clash" format, or even a shortened version of the T of C; it was a long format event where every game and every ball counted.

Kulick qualified for the TofC by winning the Women's World

Championship, conducted by the PBA, and once in the field with most of the greatest bowlers in the world, the 32-year-old former Women's Queens and Women's US Open Champion, to say the least, took advantage of her opportunity.

She kept repeating to herself "Nothing to lose" all during the week, and repeated the phrase that motivated her even into the final game. Since no one expected her to win, she was able to relax and bowl well, but as the games piled up and she remained near the top of the standings, her relaxed approach turned into tough-as-steel determination.

In the final round to make the show, she moved from 6th to 2nd, but it didn't start well. She opened that block with awful games of 174, 172. But just like all week, there was no panic. She changed balls and angles, and averaged 231 for final six games including games of 279, 277 and a closing 267. "I knew there was a long way to go, so there was no reason to give up," she said.

On the show, she was all business. Her first match against Mika Koivuneimi was a close contest. Stepping up to finish that match first, she trailed the guy known as "Major Mika" for his ability to win in big events - but not this time. Kulick struck out to shut Mika out of the match and won 227-223.

Against Barnes, she was never in trouble in spite of a pocket 7-10 in the fifth frame. Again, no panic; she recovered with six strikes to blow away a struggling Barnes 265-195. Aside from the \$40,000 and a permanent place in sports history, she earned a two-year ticket to compete on the PBA tour. We think it is a

safe bet she will fair much better than her first time around, when her best finish was 22nd.

What are the implications of Kulick's amazing victory? Will it help the PBA garner more publicity and sponsors in the long term? Will it change their strategy of promoting the underdog, or will they try to promote KK as the ultimate underdog? Will this make the industry step up the effort to start a new women's tour? Seeing the huge ratings for this show (1.7 million viewers) will ESPN recognize that women can draw a TV audience, or will they say it was only the novelty that made people watch?

Stay tuned.

### *MajorMedia Event #2 - the IBC Grand Opening.*

As we said at the top, it was a tough decision to choose Arlington over Vegas, but we don't regret it one bit. As spectacular as Kulick's win was, it was another chapter in the long history of the PBA Tournament of Champions. In Arlington, the opening of the International Bowling Campus was a once in a lifetime event.

And it too garnered huge local, regional and national publicity. Fort Worth Star Telegram writer Rick Press (what a great name for a writer) described it this way: "Move over Cowboys. Take a seat in the dugout, Rangers. And guess what, Six Flags? You don't have the only titan in Arlington anymore. There is a new kingpin in town, and its name is bowling."

Anytime we see huge red ribbons, flags, searchlights and ice sculptors, we can be pretty certain something big is happening. And it was. Even Mother Nature

smiled on bowling January 25. The outdoor ceremonies, witnessed by an excited crowd of about 500, took place in beautiful sunny blue skies and 60-degree weather.

The one-hour opening ceremony, emceed by DFW sportscaster Scott Murray, included inspiring messages from bowling leaders, and welcoming words from city and state dignitaries including Arlington Mayor Bob Cluck, and US Congressman Joe Barton.

Ribbons were cut. Attendees were given commemorative souvenirs. Tours of the campus, training and research center, and museum were made. Bowling was toasted and saluted. It was a beautiful day for the entire bowling industry.

Now, the real work begins.

### *Two Really Good Guys - Brooks and Little*

On the eve of the Summit, we had the pleasure of joining the Southern Bowling Writers Association in honoring two outstanding individuals - Randy Little and Jamie Brooks.

Little earned the 2010 SBWA Dick Weber Distinguished Service Award for his work as Special Projects Director for USBC. From the time the IBC project was announced, Little coordinated all of the entities involved to bring the project to completion. Well Deserved.

Brooks and his lovely wife Peggy were toasted by friends and associates at the SBWA Roast, held January 23 at the bowling campus. It was an evening filled with laughter and great stories from his 55-year career in the industry.

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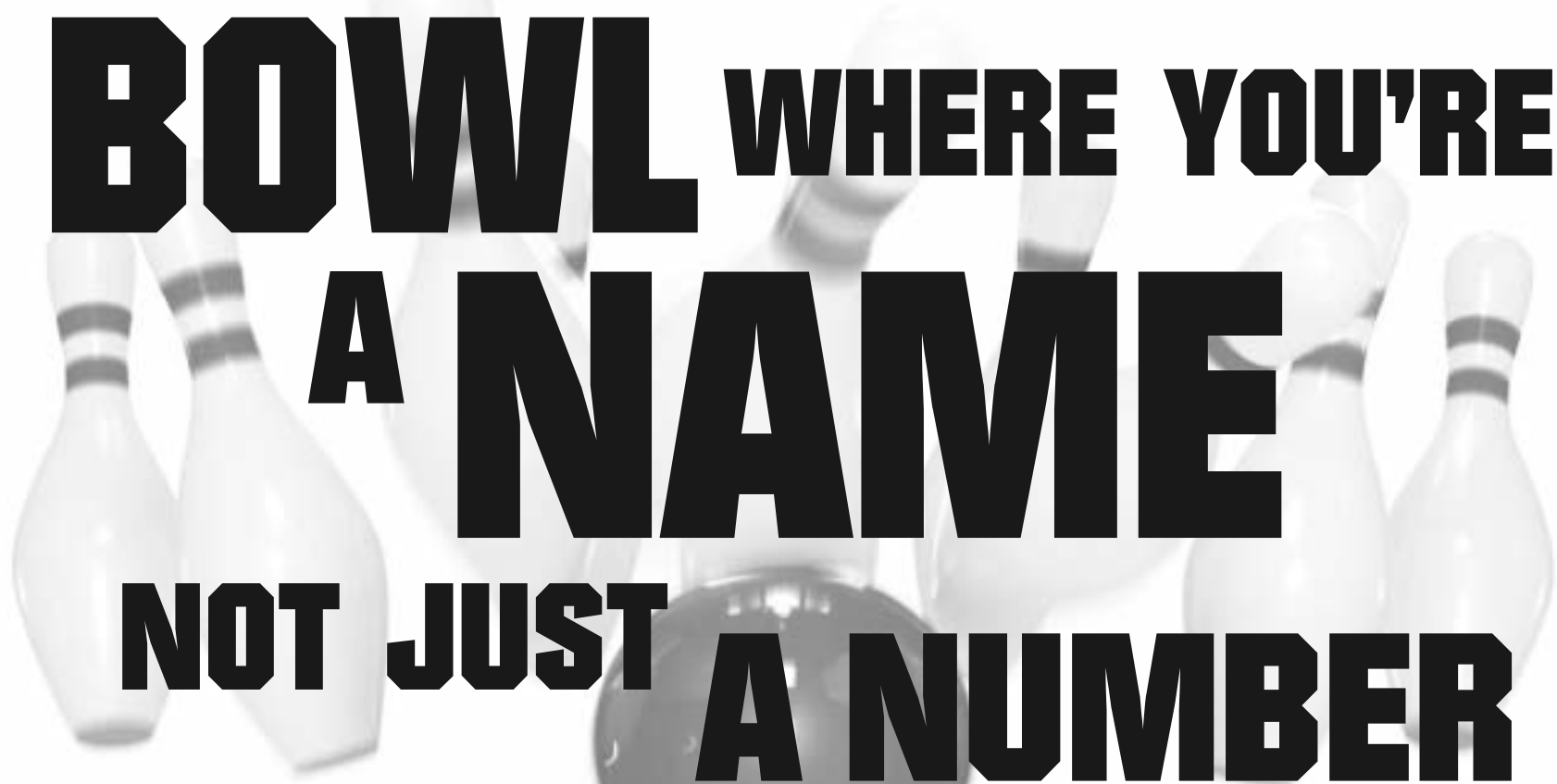
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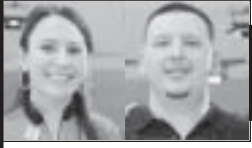
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# PEZZANO

Chuck Pezzano is the dean of bowling writers. His columns have appeared in newspapers and magazines nationally for over 50 years. He is a charter member of the Professional Bowlers Association, and is enshrined in both the PBA and USBC Halls of Fame.

## Without Women, Bowling Wouldn't be as Great

If you don't think women have been given a hard time over the years, read on, dear hearts.

Woman bowlers were among the first females in any field to gain some liberation.

The 1914 edition of Spalding's "How To Bowl" books, one of its "Red Cover Series" of Athletic Handbooks noted that bowling is a good sport for women: "It is really astonishing how many women have taken to bowling. When the sport received its first boom it was at once said that it was strictly a game for the masculine sex. Since then, however, there has been a wonderful change. Women have not only taken to the sport, but women's clubs, and women's tournaments have sprung up everywhere like mushrooms over night."

A prominent woman bowler of the day said, "As a means of passing the long winter evenings, the game is both healthful and enjoyable. No exercise is more invigorating; it brings to the eye a sparkle, and a glow to the cheek. In addition to the benefits derived from the muscular exertion, there is also the healthful excitement of the contest and the sociability which the game promotes.

"I do not know of an instance of a girl, who, having learned the game, has willingly given it up for any other form of amusement. Before learning to bowl, I was a great card player, whist, euchre, pedro, and the rest; now I very seldom touch a card. All of the spare time that I can find is spent in bowling or coaching some inexperienced player."

Then she went on to these unflattering comments: "Women are hard to teach. When you show a man where he can better his playing, as a general rule he accepts the suggestion. A woman rarely ever does, and that is the reason, probably, why women are not, as a class, as good bowlers as men.

"You can tell her, illustrate what you are saying, prove your point conclusively, and she will admit it. Then some inward feeling prohibits her from carrying out what she knows to be right. You may call it stubbornness, or whatever you like, but all women are that way, more or less, and they cannot help it."

"To some one way is as good as another. Their idea is to fling the ball down the alley. If it goes into the gutter or only takes off the seven or ten pin, they blame the alley, the pins, the boys, in fact everything but

### Idle bowling thoughts . . .

One of the most realistic quotes I've ever read came from Marshall Holman when he was elected to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame.

"I'm very appreciative. It feels good to look back on the days when I made my living as a bowler. I was 35 when I was elected to the PBA Hall of Fame, but I was too busy being an aggressive competitor to know what it meant then." Said Holman.

Holman, now 55, was known as the 'Medford Meteor' a combination of his home town in Oregon and for his fiery and flashy performances on and off the lanes. He won 22 pro titles in his career including biggies US Open and Tournament of Champions twice.

He was a love him or hate him type of character but always grabbed the spotlight with a sort of bad guy reputation for his snarling facial grimaces and often questionable body gestures, all in full view of the millions of TV watchers, amazed, amused and at times annoyed by talent and actions.

Some of my highlight moments often came when I introduced him to some of his severest

critics and he quickly turned them to his side with his quick wit, brain power and innate charm. Holman still rates as one of the best interviews for the media, and also one of the best ever as a TV show color man and commentator.

And a most welcome addition to any sports Hall.

The addition of Holman, Kim Terrell-Kearney, John Handegard and Betty Barnes to the USBC Hall, created in 2005 by a merge of the former American Bowling Congress and Women's International Bowling Congress Halls, brings the total to 379 members. If that seems like a big number, remember that over the years more than 100 million bowlers have rolled in sanctioned league and tournament play.

No matter what the promotion may be, every bowling presentation should have as one of its goals a way to increase organized membership lists.

Remember, you are never too bad to go into a bowling center and practice - and Yes - you are never too good to go into a bowling center and practice.

Some of those tips of more than 90 years ago are not bad at all, and would still hold up well today. I can't say the same for the catty references to women and their personalities.

For sure, women have long been deep into bowling, and it wasn't nearly the so called bad sport it often is made out to be.

Without women, it never would have grown up to the sport and pastime it came to be.

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## NICKOLAI Named USBC Youth Volunteer Of The Year

Karl Nickolai, who has led the Michigan State University bowling program for the last 25 years, has been selected to receive the USBC Youth Volunteer of the Year Award by the USBC Youth Committee.

The prestigious award is annually presented to an adult volunteer who has displayed outstanding efforts to foster, organize and promote certified youth bowling programs at the local, state and/or national level for the last seven or more years.

In addition to his work at Michigan State, Nickolai has helped to promote collegiate bowling through his Web site, CollegeBowling.com. He also currently serves as president of the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association (NCBCA), a position he has held for nearly 15 years. He has been with the organization since 1985.

"I have always enjoyed my work with the MSU Intercollegiate Bowling Program, the NCBCA and the CollegeBowling.com Web site," Nickolai said. "I am very honored to have been nominated and selected for the USBC Youth Volunteer Award."

Nickolai makes a 70-mile commute from his hometown of Waterford, Mich., to the university in East Lansing to coach the Michigan State bowling team. He conducts tryouts in addition to taking the team to tournaments.

He launched CollegeBowling.com in 1997, when there were a limited number of Web sites for bowling teams but not a site dedicated to the coverage of collegiate bowling. CollegeBowling.com has allowed fans to follow their favorite teams and sport.

In 1998, Nickolai developed the Online Team Power Ranking (OTPR), an objective point system for ranking all schools with college

bowling teams based on regular-season tournament performance. He credits Joe Ciccone, a former Arizona State University and Erie Community College bowler who is a current PBA member, with helping to develop a system that provides a meaningful team ranking throughout the season.

He also devised the concept of a college bowling "average differential" to measure athlete performance against an event field rather than by just tracking traditional bowling averages. The average differential allows athletes to be fairly compared across different events with different lane conditions.

In 1998-1999, he was selected for the Gordon Teigen Meritorious Service Award, presented annually by the NCBCA to an individual in recognition of outstanding service to collegiate bowling, for his work on CollegeBowling.com. In 2000-2001, he was the first recipient of the NCBCA Men's Coach of the Year, now known as the NCBCA Kerm Helmer Men's Coach of the Year award.

"Karl's time spent coaching and successes, along with his countless hours and resources volunteered in non-coaching situations, make him an excellent candidate," wrote Steve Lawson in his recommendation of Nickolai.

On the lanes, Nickolai had an 877 series (299-300-278) in January 1997, which at the time was the Greater Detroit Bowling Association city record and remains fourth on the all-time Detroit list. He also rolled an 827 series in 1996, which included consecutive 300 games (227-300-300).

Nickolai will be presented the USBC Youth Volunteer of the Year Award during the USBC Convention, April 28-May 1 in Reno, Nev. To learn more about USBC awards and this year's USBC Convention, visit BOWL.com.



Karl Nickolai



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# Rookie LaCaze, Nation Win PBA Earl Anthony Memorial Titles

DUBLIN, Calif. — Anthony LaCaze, a 27-year-old rookie from Melrose Park, Ill., won his first Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour title Sunday, throwing three clutch strikes in the ninth and 10th frames to defeat Michael Machuga of Erie, Pa., 214-206, in the title match of the Earl Anthony Memorial at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl.

Stefanie Nation of Grand Prairie, Texas, virtually matched LaCaze, throwing three strikes in her 10th frame to nip Lynda Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 201-181, for the Anthony women's title.

LaCaze, in his second career Professional Bowlers Association television appearance, trailed until he threw the biggest strike of his life in the ninth frame and followed with two even bigger strikes in the 10th to force Machuga to double in his 10th frame to win. Machuga got the first strike, but left a 10 pin on his second to hand LaCaze the \$25,000 first prize and a berth in next week's PBA Tournament of Champions.

"It's a great feeling," LaCaze said. "I wanted to throw the best shots I could, and make Machuga throw the best shots he could, and whoever did it best would win. I'm speechless."

Machuga was on the same page. "My second shot in the 10th frame is as good as I can throw it," he said. "You always have the mindset that your opponent is going to strike out. Anthony stepped up in the 10th frame, bowling for his first title on very difficult lane conditions, and threw it as good as you possibly can. I give him all the credit in the world."

"I always knew I could win," LaCaze added, "but when you actually do it, it's different. I'm up in the clouds right now."

LaCaze and Machuga both survived low-scoring semifinal matches that set the stage for the title match. Machuga nipped Sean Rash of Wichita, Kan., in his semifinal match, 188-183. Machuga didn't have two strikes in a row, but otherwise bowled an error-free game until he failed to convert the 3-10 split in the 10th frame. But Rash missed a pair of single-pin spares and that proved to be his undoing.

LaCaze, a former collegiate All-American bowler with Saginaw Valley State University, slipped past

Mike Wolfe of New Albany, Ind., 190-158, in the other semifinal match. LaCaze had a double late in the game, but a pair of splits and a pair of missed single-pin spares ended Wolfe's hopes.

In the PBA Women's Series presented by BOWL.COM title match, Nation jumped into the lead with strikes in the first and second frames, but couldn't build on her lead. An unconverted split in the sixth frame gave Barnes life, and Barnes then doubled in the eighth and ninth frames to take the lead. Even after she left the 4-6-7 split and opened in the 10th frame, Nation had to mark to win.

"I had it and I let it get away," Barnes said. "I grabbed the ball in the 10th frame and pulled it. That's what you tend to do when the lanes are as difficult as they were today."

Nation, who lost the 2009 Earl Anthony women's title with an errant shot in the final frame, threw three strikes in the 10th frame this time to avenge her loss a year earlier.

"I was fortunate things fell my way," said Nation, who won her second PBA Women's Series title. "It was a very difficult lane condition. You had to make good shots and hope. I followed my gut, made a move and I was able to strike out in the 10th frame. That was the difference."

In addition to a \$10,000 prize, the victory also earned Nation the final berth in the PBA Women's Series Showdown presented by BOWL.COM which will be conducted in April at the new United States Bowling Congress International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas. Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J.; Shannon Pluhowsky, Kettering, Ohio; Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas, and Michelle Feldman, Auburn, N.Y., had previously qualified for the special event during the PBA World Series of Bowling.

The Earl Anthony Memorial, the ninth event of the 2009-10 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season, was dedicated to the late superstar who was recognized as the greatest player in PBA history last January during the organization's 50th anniversary celebration. Anthony, the first player in PBA history to earn \$1 million, was a 43-time PBA Tour champion.



Fred Schreyer, Susie Anthony, Stefanie Nation, Anthony LaCaze, Mike Anthony, Ted Hoffman

EARL ANTHONY MEMORIAL  
Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, Dublin, Calif., Jan. 17, 2010

## CHAMPIONSHIP

Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill. (\$25,000) def. Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa. (\$13,000), 214-206

## SEMIFINAL ROUND

Machuga def. Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan. (\$7,000), 188-183; LaCaze def. Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind. (\$7,000), 190-158

## ROUND OF 8 (losers earned \$4,600)

Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., def. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4-3; Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., def. Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4-2; Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-2; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., def. Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 4-0

## ROUND OF 16 (losers earned \$3,400)

Shafer def. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-2; Machuga def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 4-3; Rash def. John Nolen, Grand Blanc, Mich., 4-1; Belmonte def. Andres Gomez, Colombia, 4-3; Wolfe def. Mike DeVaney, San Diego, 4-1; Weber def. PJ Haggerty, Clovis, Calif., 4-2; LaCaze def. Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 4-2; Jones def. Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 4-3

## ROUND OF 28 (losers earned \$2,500)

Scroggins def. Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 4-1; LaCaze def. Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 4-2; P. Allen def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 4-2; Weber def. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4-3; Haggerty def. Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 4-3; DeVaney def. Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 4-0; Gomez def. Stuart Williams, England, 4-1; Rash def. Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 4-1; Nolen def. Mika Koivuniemi, Howell, Mich., 4-2; Machuga def. Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 4-1; Angelo def. Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 4-2; Shafer def. Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 4-1

## Other Cashers

(\$1,600 each) - Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, Fla., 2,922; Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 2,922; (tie) Tim Mack, Indianapolis, and Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 2,916; (tie) George Lambert IV, Canada, and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,913; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 2,911; John May, Lincolnton, N.C., 2,905

(\$1,500 each) - Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 2,903; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,898; Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 2,896; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,894; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,891; Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 2,885; Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 2,881; Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 2,880; Ivan Miyasato, Clovis, Calif., 2,865; Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 2,863; Curtis Woods Jr., Santa Rosa, Calif., 2,856; Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 2,850; Ronnie Russell, Camby, Ind., 2,840; Brian Waliczek, Birch Run, Mich., 2,834; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,829; Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 2,823; Wayne Webb, Sacramento, Calif., 2,819; Steven Black, Phoenix, 2,800

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## PBA WOMEN'S SERIES

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Stefanie Nation, Garden Prairie, Texas (\$10,000), def. Lynda Barnes, Double Oak, Texas (\$6,000), 201-181.

### SEMIFINAL ROUND (losers earned \$4,000)

Lynda Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, 4-1; Stefanie Nation, Garden Prairie, Texas, def. Shannon Pluhowsky, Kettering, Ohio, 4-3

### ROUND OF 8 (losers earned \$2,500)

Barnes def. Lindsay Baker, Amherst, N.Y., 4-2; Nation def. Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 4-0; Pluhowsky def. Wendy Macpherson, Henderson, Nev., 4-1; Woessner def. Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 4-3

### Other Cashers (\$1,400 each)

(tie) Amanda Beck, Patchogue, N.Y., and Tammy Boomershine, North Ogden, Utah, 2,779; Jennifer Petrick, Canton, Ohio, 2,766; Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 2,641; Tina Stickney, Chandler, Ariz., 2,635; Missy Bellinder, Fullerton, Calif., 2,613; Aumi Guerra, Dominican Republic, 2,602; Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 2,593; Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas, 2,591; Shannon O'Keefe, Arlington, Texas, 2,538; Nicole Ellison, Chatsworth, Calif., 2,458; Renae Gross, North Port, Fla., 2,257

## Kulick: In her own words

Four days after her historic victory, the PBA conducted a media conference by telephone. Here are some of Kulick's comments:

### How she has handled the media attention

"It has been overwhelming. But it is great to see how what I did has reached across America. I really hope that it isn't just me that benefits from this. I want the sport to benefit as well."

### On being a role model

Those are shoes I am familiar with. I'm glad to put myself in that role, not just for girls who bowl, but for all young women who enjoy any sport."

### On qualifying for the PBA tour for two years

"I guess that will be my job for at least two years, but I'll try to make it more than

two. I am looking forward to making the best of it.

### On what she would do if she had not won

"I was seriously looking at cooking schools to become a chef."

### On branding herself

"I am looking for an agent to help me take advantage of any endorsement opportunities"

### On being who she is

"No matter what happens, this won't change me. I think this happened because of the way I am, and how I live my life."

### On self talk for motivation

"I believe in positive reinforcement and it motivates me. My mom Carol was with me in Las Vegas, and she helps me stay focused. You have to have mental toughness to play this game."

### On coaching

"I am a Dick Ritger student, and I now help with his camp every summer. I will be there for three weeks this summer."

### Does she think the players of yesterday, like Patty Costello, could have won against the men if they had the opportunity?

"Great question. Yes I do. The game then was about finesse and accuracy,

where today's game is more of a power game."

### On a new Women's Tour

"I hope this leads to more people looking into a new women's tour. I would rather be bowling on a full-fledged women's tour.

### On her Home Town reaction

"Union, New Jersey has been great. I've gotten standing ovations and congratulations all around."

### How does she rank her major titles

1. Women's World Championship  
2. PBA Tournament of Champions  
3. Women's US Open  
4. USBC Queens"

# Kulick's Tournament of Champions Victory Creates National Buzz for Bowling

## No Going Back

It was a wonderful and unselfish gift this talented 32 year old player from Union NJ gave to all us who happened to be watching this winter day. As her march into the history books gathered its unstoppable momentum, Sunday became Saturday afternoon. The faces of Rhino, Mika and Chris slowly morphed, becoming the images of Johnny, Mark and Earl. The staccato cheerleading of the announcers comfortably changed into the steady and soothing croon of Chris, Billy and Bo. The picture appeared a little grainy, the edges tinged in black and white. We were taken back to the golden age of bowling on television where it seemed that "Wide World" would follow. From somewhere up there, the giants of the sport who have gone before us were nodding their heads in approval.

Ever since the introduction of woman participants at the highest competitive and professional levels of bowling, we in the industry knew that eventually this day would come. That a woman would reach for and triumph over a distinguished field to grasp the highest ring offered- a major championship!

We have witnessed a watershed moment in the world of competitive bowling. The performance of Kelly Kulick in winning the Tournament of Champions marks the end of an era in our sport and the beginning of a period of time where tough issues must be confronted head on to insure the continued viability of our sport and the venues that produce it.

How do we reconcile the fact that competitive bowling at its highest level is no longer gender specific?

It is a question that the industry has overlooked for so long. How will we structure a reformed sport to take this new reality into account?

The major impact of this will undoubtedly be in young player development. As competition continues to separate the men from the boys, do we continue to separate the girls from the boys? What will be the impact of this on both high school and collegiate teams? On coaching philosophy? Will it have an effect on the mandates of Title IX?

The efforts of bowling to succeed in the Olympic movement must also be revisited. It is the very question of just what it means for the USBC to be a national governing body. Is it a waste of money to continue to pursue Olympic status or even remain in the shadow of both the USOC and the IOC?

But for the moment, let's just relish this accomplishment for what it is- a triumph of a skilled and dedicated player over long odds and her gift of a memorable moment for all of us.

-- Jim Salisbury

"The rich history of the PBA Tour has added another chapter," said PBA Commissioner and CEO **Fred Schreyer** of the huge ESPN audience. "We are pleased that we can deliver such a strong audience to our advertisers and sponsors at one of our signature events. We look forward to continuing to build on the momentum we have established."

"Kelly Kulick is a great representative of the sport of bowling and the PBA, and she is doing a wonderful job of telling compelling stories about the PBA and bowling in general," said **Tom Clark**, PBA Deputy Commissioner. "She is keenly aware of the opportunity she has to showcase the sport, and that simply means greater value for the entire industry."

**Randy Pedersen**, 13-time PBA Tour champion and ESPN color analyst: "What I witnessed on Sunday, given the circumstances, could possibly be the best performance I have ever witnessed in professional bowling. Nobody gave Kelly a chance, yet she performed magnificently. Under the most extreme pressure our sport can provide she managed her game flawlessly. People need to understand just how spectacular this accomplishment is."

**Nelson Burton Jr.**, PBA Hall of Famer and long-time ABC-TV color analyst: "She truly bowled with as much determination and heart as I have ever seen."

**Don and Paula Carter**, bowling hall of famers: "What a great show Sunday! We enjoyed every aspect of the telecast."

**Associated Press**: "Kelly Kulick left all the guys in the gutter."

**Matt Fiorito**, Detroit Free-Press: "Annika Sorenstam couldn't do it, nor could Michelle Wie, although they got tons of publicity in their failed attempts. But on Sunday, Kelly Kulick proved to the world that in precision sports at least, women can compete with men."

**Jeff Wolf**, Las Vegas Review-Journal: "Kelly Kulick used a 15-pound bowling ball to smash a 52-year barrier when she became the first woman to win a PBA Tour tournament."

**Andy Hutchings**, The Sporting Blog, sportingnews.com: "I'm too young to remember it ever being truly popular, but I think it's fair to say bowling has become a bit of a niche sport of late... Today, Kelly Kulick might have changed that."

**Dave Poe**, Parkersburg News and Sentinel: "The best sports story on Sunday? It wasn't

Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts coming back from an 11-point deficit to defeat the upstart New York Jets and advance to the Super Bowl. Nor was it the New Orleans Saints' dramatic overtime victory over the Minnesota Vikings. Rather, Sunday belonged to Kelly Kulick. Who in the heck, many of you are wondering, is Kelly Kulick? She's a professional bowler. She's arguably the best female bowler in the world. On Sunday, she was the best bowler in the world - period."

**Mason Lerner**, Sports Chat, The Faster Times: "Kelly Kulick made history and added a new twist on throwing like a girl when she became the first woman to ever win a PBA major at the Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas."

**Stephen Haynes**, Newsday.com: "The call Joanne Byrne received from her husband on Sunday informing her that Kelly Kulick had become the first woman to win a PBA Tour title didn't elicit much surprise. No, for the Levittown Division girls bowling coach, there was just pride and a little I-told-you-so."

**Fort Worth Star Telegram**: "Lynda Barnes, a pro bowler whose husband, Chris Barnes, suffered the 265-195 loss to Kulick, said she had no hard feelings. 'He got run over — it's as simple as that,' Barnes said as she hugged friends at the International Research and Testing Center (Monday during the opening ceremonies for the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas). "But you can't help but be happy for Kelly."

**Sportsexaminer.com**: "You might say that the announcers were breathless by comparing Kulick to Billie Jean King as a pioneer in women's professional sports. But you can't deny she accomplished something no other woman has. Golfers Michelle Wie and Annika Sorenstam failed to reach those heights when they competed on the men's golf tour."

"It's kind of funny, just last week she was telling me that she was questioning how much bowling there might be in her future. She said she was going to enroll in culinary school. She really enjoys cooking and thought it might be good to go back to school," says reigning Women's World Champion and two-time PBA Women's Series titlist **Stefanie Nation**. "Obviously, things have changed now in just a matter of days."

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# “Move over Cowboys and Rangers - There’s a New Kingpin in Town” *International Bowling Campus Officially Open in Arlington*

Under a clear blue sky and in front of an overflow audience, the International Bowling Campus officially became a reality Monday in Arlington, Texas.

Grand Opening attendees, many of whom arrived in red Arlington tourist trolleys, listened to speakers from national and local elected officials to members of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau to national bowling leaders. They also watched a special time capsule be buried, took part in two ribbon cuttings and a ceremonial first ball roll.

"This is one exciting day in Arlington," said Arlington Convention and Visitor's Bureau President and Chief Executive Officer Jay Burgess. "It means so much to us in so many ways.

"The eyes of the world have been on us for awhile and you just added to that. We are the home of America's pastime (Texas Rangers

baseball), the home of America's Team (the Dallas Cowboys) and now the home to the largest participatory sport in America."

The Grand Opening capped a more than two-year vision to bring most of bowling's major organizations in one place. Between the International Training and Research Center to the south to the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame to the north, the campus is the corporate home of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America, United States Bowling Congress, Strike Ten Entertainment, The Bowling Foundation, International Bowling Pro Shop and Instructors Association, Bowling and Billiards Association, Bowling Writers Association of America and Bowling News Network.

The 100,000-square-foot complex is located at 621 Six Flags Drive, across the street from Six Flags Over Texas and near Cowboys Stadium and Rangers Ballpark in Arlington.

"This may be the most important day in bowling history and that says a lot in the 5,000-year history in bowling," said BPAA Executive Director Steve Johnson. "This facility is unparalleled in the sports and entertainment world. This is not about any one leader or any one organization. It's about what's best for the industry of bowling."

"This represents more than the bowling organizations coming together. This represents the future of this industry," said USBC Executive Director Stu Upson. "There will be some hard work ahead but I guarantee it will be a great ride."

"The building of the Hall is a perfect example of what can be accomplished when you get everyone together to accomplish a mission," said IBM/HF Executive Director Bill Supper.

Following the 50-minute ceremonies, the Campus was open for tours of the ITRC and the IBM/HF. After a special reception for IBM/

HF contributors, the national Bowl for the Cure kickoff for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure was held at the ITRC.

People touring the ITRC saw firsthand how bowling balls, pins, lanes and lane dressing will be tested plus learned the latest about BPAA and USBC coaching programs. Those visiting the IBM/HF saw the new combination of the sport from both the historical and contemporary views. All seemed impressed with what they saw.

In summing up what the opening of the Campus means, Johnson read directly from an article by writer Rick Press in Monday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram:

"Move over, Cowboys. Take a seat in the dugout, Rangers. And guess what, Six Flags? You don't have the only Titan in Arlington anymore. There's a new kingpin in town. And its name is bowling."



# Kelly Kulick Shatters Gender Barrier by Capturing PBA Tournament of Champions

**LAS VEGAS, Nev.** – Sports history was made Sunday, January 24 when Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., won the 45th Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes becoming the first woman to win a Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour tournament.

She defeated 2007-08 PBA Player of the Year Chris Barnes 265-195 in the championship match to win a \$40,000 first prize in PBA's signature event, plus a two-year exemption on the PBA Tour.

"It's been a dream of mine to win a PBA Tour event but I couldn't have imagined it would have come in the Tournament of Champions," said the 32-year-old right-hander. "It may have looked easy but my legs were like jelly - it got to a point where I couldn't feel them. Believe me, I was nervous and I was just letting adrenalin take over."

The previous high finish for a woman in a PBA Tour event was second by Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., in the 2005 Banquet Open.

In 2006, Kulick became the first woman to earn an exemption on the PBA Tour by finishing sixth in the PBA Tour Trials. Her best finish in the 2006-07 season was 22nd which she accomplished twice.

Kulick recognized the potential impact her victory will have for the future of the sport.

"I believe this can only mean bigger and better things for the sport," she said. "If in any way this can be a boost for women's sports and bowling, I'm willing to do my part."

"I feel like I'm on a magic carpet ride right now and I want to keep riding it higher and higher."



Kelly Kulick

In the championship match Kulick started with four consecutive strikes, then had an open frame when she left the 7-10

split in the fifth frame. She then went on to fire the next six strikes and a nine-count

on the final ball to close the game.

Barnes was hoping for his second Tournament of Champions win having previously won it in 2006.

"When it comes down to one game, a combination of factors have to come together and they just didn't for me," Barnes said, "but Kelly bowled great and she met every challenge."

In women's professional competition, Kulick won the 2007 United States Bowling Congress Queens and the 2003 U.S. Women's Open in addition to winning the PBA Women's World Championship in 2009.

"Kelly Kulick's win today at the PBA Tour's Tournament of Champions is not only historic, it serves as a motivational and inspirational event for girls and women competing at all levels all around the world," said Women's Sports Foundation founder Billie Jean King. "Kelly had a great week, defeating several of the top-ranked men's bowlers in the world, and hopefully she can truly enjoy the moment and appreciate how it is not only a big deal in bowling, but a major moment in her life and potentially the lives of others."

In the semifinal match, Kulick defeated eight-time Tour champion Mika Koivuniemi 227-223 to advance to the final match against Barnes.

In the opening match, Koivuniemi defeated three-time titlist Rhino Page, 255-215.

Kulick earned a berth in the Tournament of Champions, by winning the PBA Women's World Championship last September, the first PBA women's major tournament.

## PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

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### Final Standings

1, Kelly Kulick, Union, New Jersey	492 (two games)	\$40,000
2, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas	195 (one game)	\$20,000
3, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Michigan	478 (two games)	\$10,000
4, Rhino Page, Dade City, Florida	215 (one game)	\$ 7,000

### Stepladder Results

Match One – Koivuniemi def. Page, 255-215

Semifinal Match – Kulick def. Koivuniemi, 227-223

Championship – Kulick def. Barnes, 265-195

### Final Round Cashers (after 48 games)

Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 13-11, 11,174, \$5,000; Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 13-11, 11,156, \$4,600; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 14-10, 11,140, \$4,200; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 12-12, 11,105, \$4,000; Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 11-13, 11,032, \$3,800; Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 13-10-1, 10,917, \$3,600; Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 11-13, 10,883, \$3,400; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 13-11, 10,878, \$3,200; Dave Wodka, Chatsworth, Calif., 15-9, 10,801, \$3,000; Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 12-11-1, 10,785, \$2,800; Wayne Webb, Sacramento, Calif., 9-15, 10,735, \$2,700; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 16-8, 10,691, \$2,600; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 11-12-1, 10,663, \$2,500; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 11-13, 10,615, \$2,400; Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 9-15, 10,581, \$2,350; John Nolen, Grand Blanc, Mich., 9-15, 10,473, \$2,300; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 11-13, 10,413, \$2,250; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 9-15, 10,397, \$2,200; Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 8-14-2, 10,360, \$2,150; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 6-18, 10,249, \$2,100

### Other Cashers (after 24 games)

Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 5,164, \$1,800; Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., 5,157, \$1,770; Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 5,152, \$1,725; Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 5,152, \$1,725; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 5,139, \$1,680; Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 5,129, \$1,650; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 5,111, \$1,620; Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 5,100, \$1,590; Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 5,100, \$1,590; Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 5,094, \$1,560; Rick Lawrence, Waxahachie, Texas, 5,089, \$1,540; Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 5,079, \$1,520; Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,066, \$1,500; Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 5,062, \$1,470; Mike DeVaney, San Diego, 5,062, \$1,470; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5,059, \$1,440; Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 5,058, \$1,430; Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 5,050, \$1,420; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5,040, \$1,410; Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 5,039, \$1,400; Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5,035, \$1,390; Brian Himmier, Cincinnati, 5,030, \$1,380; Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 5,024, \$1,370; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 5,003, \$1,360; Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 4,984, \$1,350; Lonnie Walliczek, Wichita, Kan., 4,952, \$1,340; Mike Mineman, St Louis, 4,944, \$1,330; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 4,932, \$1,320; Ernie Schlegel, Vancouver, Wash., 4,922, \$1,310

(\$1300 each) Del Ballard Jr., Keller, Texas, 4,913; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 4,890; John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 4,880; Roy Buckley, Westerville, Ohio, 4,79; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 4,783; Dave Arnold, Dublin, Calif., 4,745; Dave Soutar, Bradenton, Fla., 4,583; Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 4,427; Don McCune, Las Vegas, 4,403; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., WD, \$1,300

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# Southern Bowling Writers Roast and Toast Jamie Brooks

Arlington, Texas, January 23, 2010: Hall of Fame bowling center proprietor Jamie Brooks was toasted, and roasted in style at a gala Southern Bowling Writers Association dinner prior to the grand opening of the new International Bowling Campus.

Brooks, owner of more than 40 bowling centers in his 55-year career in the business, was thrilled to see so many of his friends and business associates in the room to enjoy the event. Brooks also served as President of the Bowling Proprietors Association of America in 1985-86.

“This was absolutely great, and a lot of fun, said Brooks, who was introduced and ribbed by his beautiful wife Peggy. “We have been rich, and we have been poor in this business, but we have never been bored,” she said. “And we have enjoyed every minute of it.”

Joining Peggy in the good-natured kidding were former pro bowler Steve Wunderlich, Bowlers Journal Executive Editor Jim Dressel, Phantom Radio Show host Len Nicholson, former WIBC President Sylvia Broyles, friend Richard Britton, Hall of Fame bowler and proprietor Bill Lillard, Stars & Strikes publisher

Jim Goodwin, and fellow bowling center proprietor Wally Hall, who also served as a BPAA President. Beth Standlee, president of Trainertainment, emceed the event.

Hall was the opening roaster, and he set a very high standard with his stories about Brooks, and his closing song, which was delivered wearing a cowboy hat to honor Brooks’ Texas heritage. His energetic rendition included audience participation and brought rousing laughter to get the roast rolling in style.

The Southern Bowling Writers Association was proud to present the roast on the eve of

the 2010 Bowling Summit and Grand Opening of the International Bowling Campus. The event was also a fundraiser for the new International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame. Proceeds were donated in the name of Jamie and Peggy Brooks’ daughter Monica, who tragically lost her life in an automobile accident in 2009.

The Southern Bowling Writers Association is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010. Its mission is to promote the sport and industry in the 17 southern states it serves, while remaining “Focused on the Future.”



photos by Ron DeRoxtra

## Little Earns 2010 SBWA Dick Weber Award

The winner of the Southern Bowling Writers Association 2010 Dick Weber Distinguished Service Award is Randy Little, Murphy, Texas. The prestigious award was presented by SBWA President Frank Barnhart preceding the SBWA Jamie

struction on a daily basis, schedule work for the contractors and sub-contractors, and report progress to the officers of USBC, BPAA, and the International Museum & Hall of Fame.

Before taking on this position, Little had a distinguished career as an outstanding bowling center proprietor with the Don Carter and Showplace centers, where he worked with his father Keith Little and partners. For five years after leaving Showplace, he worked with the Amend Group in the commercial real estate and construction business.



SBWA President Frank Barnhart (l) presents Dick Weber Distinguished Service Award to Randy Little

Brooks Roast at the International Bowling Campus January 23.

SBWA's highest award goes to individuals who epitomize the highest character and integrity in performing outstanding service to the industry. Residents of the 17 States that encompass the SBWA are eligible for nomination.

Since the International Bowling Campus project was announced, Little has served as the Special Projects Director for USBC, working behind the scenes to coordinate all of the officials and groups involved, supervise the design and con-

struction on a daily basis, schedule work for the contractors and sub-contractors, and report progress to the officers of USBC, BPAA, and the International Museum & Hall of Fame.

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"I had the opportunity to know Dick Weber," said Little,

"and it is truly my honor to receive this award that bears his name."

Dick Weber represented bowling and AMF for almost 50 years as an outstanding athlete, spokesman, and ambassador for the sport. He passed away on February 14, 2005 at 75. His incredible contributions to the sport and industry are legendary.

The Southern Bowling Writers Association, representing 17 states, is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2010. SBWA is Focused on the Future, and dedicated to the advancement of the sport and industry.



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## HOLMAN, TERRELL-KEARNEY ELECTED TO USBC HALL OF FAME

A pair of two-time U.S. Open champions, one from the 1980s, the other from the 2000s, have been elected to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in a worldwide ballot of the Superior Performance category.

Marshall Holman, 55, of Medford, Ore., and Kim Terrell-Kearney, 44, of Grand Prairie, Texas, will join John Handegard and Betty Barnes, who were elected in November by the USBC Hall of Fame Committee in the Veterans and Meritorious Service



Kim Terrell-Kearney

categories, respectively. All will be inducted May 12 at the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas. It will be the first outdoor induction ceremony in USBC history and will be preceded the previous night by a special dinner in downtown Fort Worth. The public is invited to both events with free admission to the inductions.

Holman won all but one of his 22 Professional Bowlers Association titles between 1975 and 1988. Among his victories were the Firestone Tournament of Champions in 1976 and 1986 and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America U.S. Open in 1981 and 1985.

"This is something," said Holman, now owner of several income tax franchises in Southern Oregon. "It really feels good because it comes at a time when I can look back and reflect on what I did as a bowler. It seems so long ago that I made my living as a bowler."

"I knew I would receive the news one way or another around the first of the year. While my credentials in the nationals, the old American Bowling Congress and now United States Bowling Congress championships were not stellar, my body of work as a professional was pretty good."

He earned more than \$1.7 million during his 23 years as a PBA touring player. He won the George Young High Average Award in 1982, 1984 and 1987, the latter year also being named the PBA Player of the Year. He was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1990 and also is a member of the International Jewish Sport, Oregon Sports and Medford Halls of Fame. He has bowled in 15 American Bowling Congress/USBC Open Championships and Masters, averaging more than 200. His best finish in USBC competition was fourth in the 1986 Masters.

"I'm very appreciative," said Holman. "This is something that I can say at age 55. I was 35 when I was elected into the PBA Hall of Fame but I was too busy being an aggressive competitor to know what it meant then."

Terrell-Kearney owns 10 professional titles, most recently the 2008 U.S. Women's Open. Her other major victories came in the 2002 Women's International Bowling Congress Queens and the 2001 Women's U.S. Open. She also has finished in the top 10 of the WIBC/USBC Women's Championships 16 times, nine of them in the 2000s. And she has placed in the top 10 in the Queens nine times.

"It's always been dream of mine to be elected to this hall of fame but I wasn't sure if it would be a reality," said Terrell-

Kearney, the assistant coach at the new International Training and Research Center. "Staying active certainly helped my cause and getting to 10 wins helped my chances. I'm entirely proud of what I've done."

"To go in with Marshall given what he's done and being such an icon in our sport is special. It's almost surreal being mentioned in that category."

Terrell-Kearney first came onto the national bowling scene in 1987 as a collegiate All-American at San Jose State University. That same year she qualified for Team USA, repeating the feat the next year. She was a collegiate All-American in 1988 and later that year was all-events champion in the Federation Internationalé des Quilleurs World Youth Championships. She joined the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour in 1989 and was named Rookie of the Year. She returned to Team USA in 2008 and 2009, winning gold medals in the 2009 Pan American Bowling Confederation Championships Masters and team events and a silver medal in the 2009 World Tenpin Bowling Association World Women's Championships team event.

"It's going to be neat," said Terrell-Kearney, who was elected in her first year of eligibility. "I'm excited. My family is excited. They are all looking forward to coming out."

She was the leading vote-getter among the nine candidates considered by USBC's panel of veteran bowling writers, hall of famers and board members, named on 163 of 188 ballots cast for 86.70 percent to easily exceed the 70 percent majority needed for election. Holman received 160 votes for 85.11 percent.

Other men's candidates were: Del Ballard Jr., Keller, Texas, 109 votes (57.98); Amleto Monacelli, Barquisimeto, Venezuela, 73 votes (38.83); Dave Husted, Milwaukie, Ore., 70 votes (37.23); Wayne Webb, Sacramento, Calif., 62 votes (32.98); and David Ozio, Beaumont, Texas, 28 votes (14.89).

Other women's candidates were: Carol Gianotti, Morley, Australia, 130 votes (69.15); and Dede Davidson, Buellton, Calif., 39 votes (20.74). Gianotti missed election by just two votes.

The USBC Hall of Fame was created in 2005 by merging the former ABC and WIBC Halls of Fame. With the two new inductees selected by the committee, there are now 379 members of the USBC Hall of Fame - 249 in Performance, 111 in Meritorious Service and 19 Pioneers.



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## Scroggins Wins Pepsi Red, White and Blue Open for Seventh Career Title

WICHITA, Kan – Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, flirted with a perfect finish, but settled for an easy victory in winning his seventh career Professional Bowlers Association Tour title in the Pepsi Red, White and Blue Open presented by the United States Bowling Congress at Northrock Lanes.

Scroggins ruined 42-year-old rookie Wayne Garber's bid for his first PBA Tour title, 278-229, to conclude the highest scoring tournament in PBA history. The finals aired Sunday on ESPN.

Scroggins, who struggled in two preliminary matches leading up to the title contest, started the championship match with nine strikes before leaving a 7 pin on his first shot in the 10th frame. He made the spare and left another 7 pin on his fill ball, but the match may have been decided before it even started because the inexperienced Garber made a decision that played right into Scroggins' hands.

Garber, making his first television appearance, earned his berth in the title match by upsetting PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla., 10-8, in a one-ball, sudden-death roll-off after they had tied at 237-237 and threw matching strikes in the first roll-off frame. As the highest ranking survivor in the ESPN finals, Garber then had the right to select which pair of lanes would be used for the championship match.

Normally, one pair of lanes is used for all TV matches, but because of the unusual six-player format used in the Red, White and Blue Open finals, two pairs of lanes were in use. Garber decided to remain on the right pair of lanes where he had just defeated Williams, rather than move to the left pair of lanes where Scroggins had left a steady stream of 7 pins in edging Mike Fagan of Patchogue, N.Y., 218-197, and then fellow left-hander Patrick Allen of Wesley Chapel, Fla., 227-215, in his preliminary matches.

"My biggest mistake was choosing that pair of lanes," Garber said later. "I threw four practice balls on the left pair and had no look at all, but if I could do it over, I'd pick that pair."

Scroggins, the reigning U.S. Open champion, said a silent "yeah" to himself when Garber announced his choice. No left-handers had bowled on the right pair other than a few practice balls, so Scroggins had fresh conditions which meant better odds his ball would finish hard and carry strikes.

"I was glad to get off the pair I was on," Scroggins said. "The back ends got so tight, we had no carry at all. Then we got a little practice on the right pair and I never missed

the pocket, so I felt pretty good. And I got some lucky strikes along the way."

Despite his runner-up finish, Garber had the tournament of his life. "I've bowled for local



Mike Scroggins

titles, but this was a lot different," he confessed. "I'm ecstatic. If there are nine clouds, I'm on cloud 15."

In the other first-round match, Williams eliminated Michael Machuga of Erie, Pa., 257-244, in his PBA-record 171st television appearance.

The Pepsi Red, White and Blue Open presented by the USBC was conducted on three different lane conditioning patterns the USBC plans to introduce on an optional basis to American league bowlers in cooperation with the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America for the 2010-11 winter league season. Similar in concept to golf's tee system, the USBC Red condition was the most forgiving pattern, the White condition was a medium challenge and the Blue pattern – which was used for the ESPN finals – was the most challenging.

**PBA PESPI RED, WHITE AND BLUE OPEN**  
Northrock Lanes, Wichita, Kansas  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas (\$25,000) def. Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif. (\$13,000), 278-229.  
**ROUND TWO:**  
Match Three – Garber def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla. (\$8,000), 237-237, 10-10, 10-8 in one-ball sudden-death roll-off  
Match Four – Scroggins def. Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla. (\$8,000), 227-215  
**ROUND ONE:**  
Match One – Williams def. Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., (\$5,500), 257-244  
Match Two – Scroggins def. Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., (\$5,500), 218-197

## TERRELL-KEARNEY NAMED TO TEAM USA COACHING STAFF

Three-time Team USA member Kim Terrell-Kearney of Grand Prairie, Texas, has been named assistant head coach of the Team USA program.

Terrell-Kearney, who will be inducted into the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in May (page 11), will work alongside Team USA head coach Rod Ross. Both coaches will also oversee the Junior Team USA program.

"Kim has tremendous credentials not only as an athlete but also as a coach," said David Garber, USBC High Performance Director for Team USA and Coaching. "We will utilize the full resources of our USBC Coaching staff to assist Rod and Kim in coaching Team USA and Junior Team USA."

A 10-time professional champion, Terrell-Kearney's most recent victory came at the 2008 U.S. Women's Open. Her other major victories came in the 2002 USBC Queens and the 2001 U.S. Women's Open.

Terrell-Kearney also serves as assistant head coach of the International Training and Research Center, working with Ross, who is the head coach. Before taking that position, she was the head coach at Delaware State University and an assistant coach for Junior Team USA.

"I'm honored and excited by the chance to work with our country's elite bowlers," Terrell-Kearney said. "With the completion of the training center, I look forward to using our new tools to help coach the players in our state-of-the-art facility."

Team USA and Junior Team USA will compete in several events in 2010, including the World Tenpin Bowling Association World Men's Championships, the WTBA World Youth Championships, the Pan American Bowling Confederation Women's Championships and the QubicaAMF World Cup.

## USBC Announces Standard High Series, Average Awards

Bowlers from eight states have earned United States Bowling Congress national awards for high three-game series and averages bowled in standard competition during the 2008-09 season.

Rich Jerome Jr. led the way in high series by rolling the 13th approved 900 series Dec. 22, 2008 in the Monday Night 7:00 Mixed League at Brunswick Perry Hall Lanes in Baltimore. Jennifer Elicker took the high series for women with an 868 on March 18, 2009 in the Ladies Apollo League at Lincolnway Bowling in York, Pa. Elicker tied for the fifth-best adult female series in history.

The top youth series was the 869 rolled by 14-year-old Dwight Adams on April 13, 2009 in the Bowl Ex League at AMF All-Star Lanes in Greensboro, N.C. Kimberly Brown, 20, shot 842 on Dec. 20, 2008 in the Spares & Strike Force League at Bowl America Woodbridge in Woodbridge, Va. Brown's score was the sixth-highest for youth females.

Ryan Oldham of Portland, Ore., turned in the highest standard season average at 253.7 for

87 games in the Guys and Dolls League at Rose Bowl. It was the fifth-highest overall league average and No. 1 for teams with four players. Teri Haefke had the best women's average with 239.1 for 103 games in the Wedgewood Lanes Ladies Trio League in Youngstown, Ohio, the fifth-highest overall average and second-best for three-player women's teams.

For youth, Jeremiah Keltner was best with 243 for 75 games in the Coca-Cola Scholarship League at Plaza Lanes in Des Moines, Iowa. The No. 1 girl was Lizabeth Kuhlkin with 225 for 69 games in the JSCDPSL League at Uncle Sam Lanes in Schenectady, N.Y.

USBC earlier announced Skip Pavone of San Jose, Calif. (229), Shannon Pluhowsky of Kettering, Ohio (215), Adam Jablonski of Sterling Heights, Mich. (218), and Ashly Galante of Palm Harbor, Fla. (216) as the 2008-09 USBC Sport Bowling National High Average Award winners. USBC Sport Bowling oil patterns represent the most challenging playing conditions the sport of bowling has to offer.

## PBA Renews Bayer® Aspirin and New One A Day® Association

*One A Day Men's 50+ Advantage Named Official Multivitamin of the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour for 2010*

The Professional Bowlers Association and Morristown, N.J.-based Bayer Consumer Care have agreed to a renewed and expanded association. One A Day® Men's 50+ has become the official multivitamin of the 2010 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour in addition to the already established partnership with Bayer Aspirin as the official pain reliever of the Tour.

The agreement includes title sponsorship of the One A Day Dick Weber Open January 26-31 in Fountain Valley, Calif., plus a package of commercial spots, signage, banner advertising on PBA.com, ESPN Classic re-air and other promotional opportunities throughout 2010.

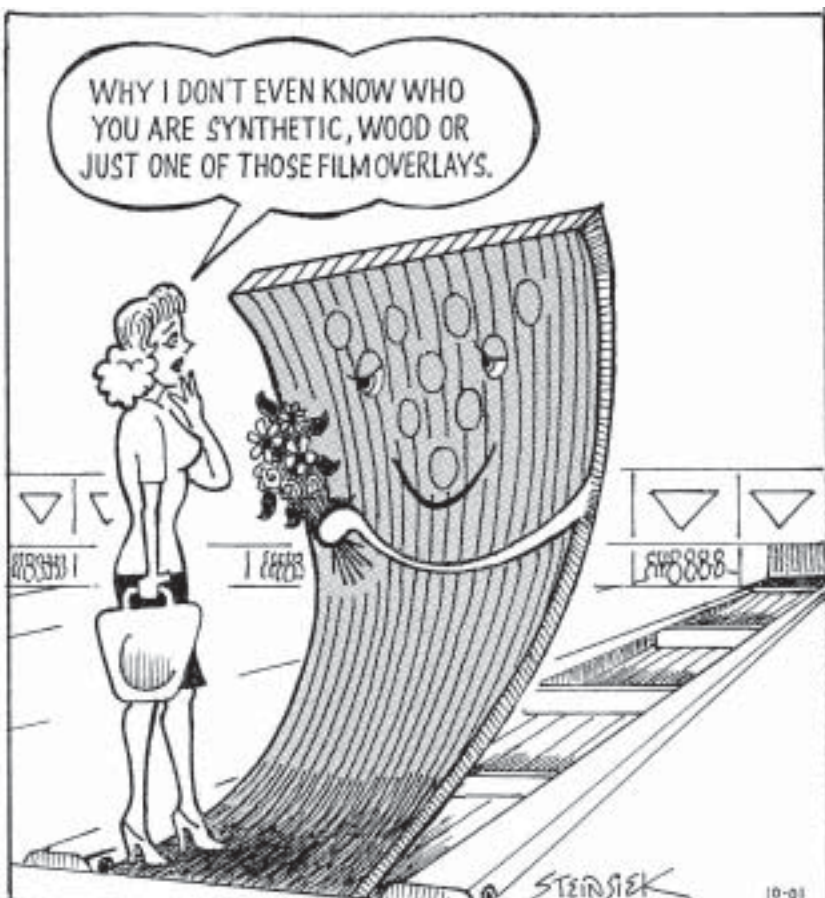
The agreement also includes sponsorship of the on-air fan player question feature during ESPN telecasts which will be called "More of What Matters to You" presented by One A Day.

"Not only are we excited to continue Bayer Aspirin's relationship with the Professional Bowlers Association as the official pain

reliever but also the opportunity to add One A Day Men's 50+ as PBA's official multivitamin," said Bayer HealthCare Vice President of Marketing and New Business Barton Warner. "We want to take advantage of this opportunity to expand our relationship with the PBA given the value of how effective the organization has been in connecting with its fan base over the years."

One A Day Men's will sponsor three bowlers - reigning PBA Player of the Year Wes Malott, two-handed star Jason Belmonte and reigning U.S. Open champion and recent Pepsi Red, White and Blue Open winner Mike Scroggins. The competitors will wear the One A Day logo on their shirt backs and right sleeves and throw specially-made spare balls emblazoned with the One A Day logo.

"We are very excited to join with Bayer in expanding our partnership to include the One A Day brand," said PBA Commissioner and CEO Fred Schreyer. "This is an example of how PBA strives to bring the best possible marketing value to its sponsors."



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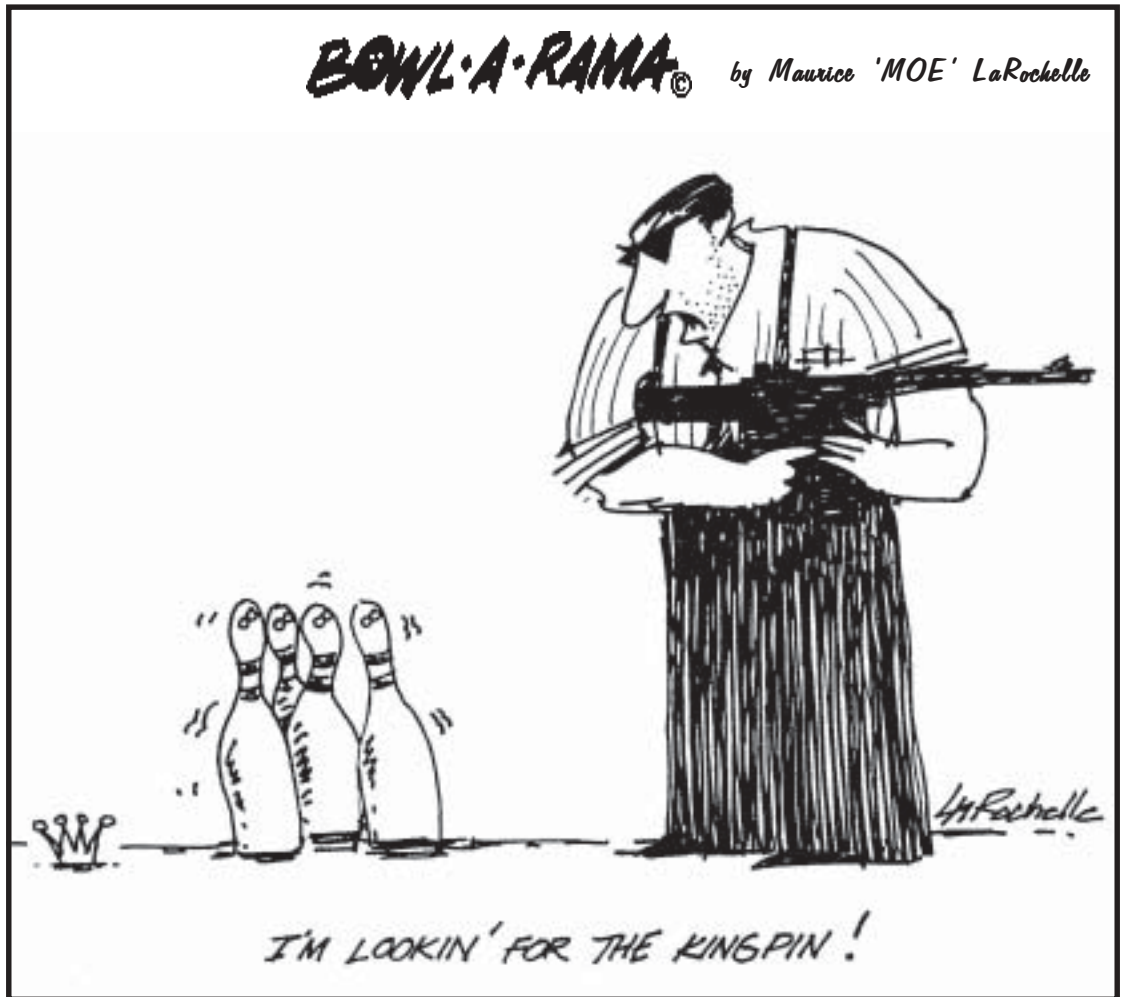
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People who cough never seem to go to a doctor - they go to banquets, concerts, church, and sit close to you at a major bowling tournament.  
-- Chuck Pezzano

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You know you're a redneck when . . .

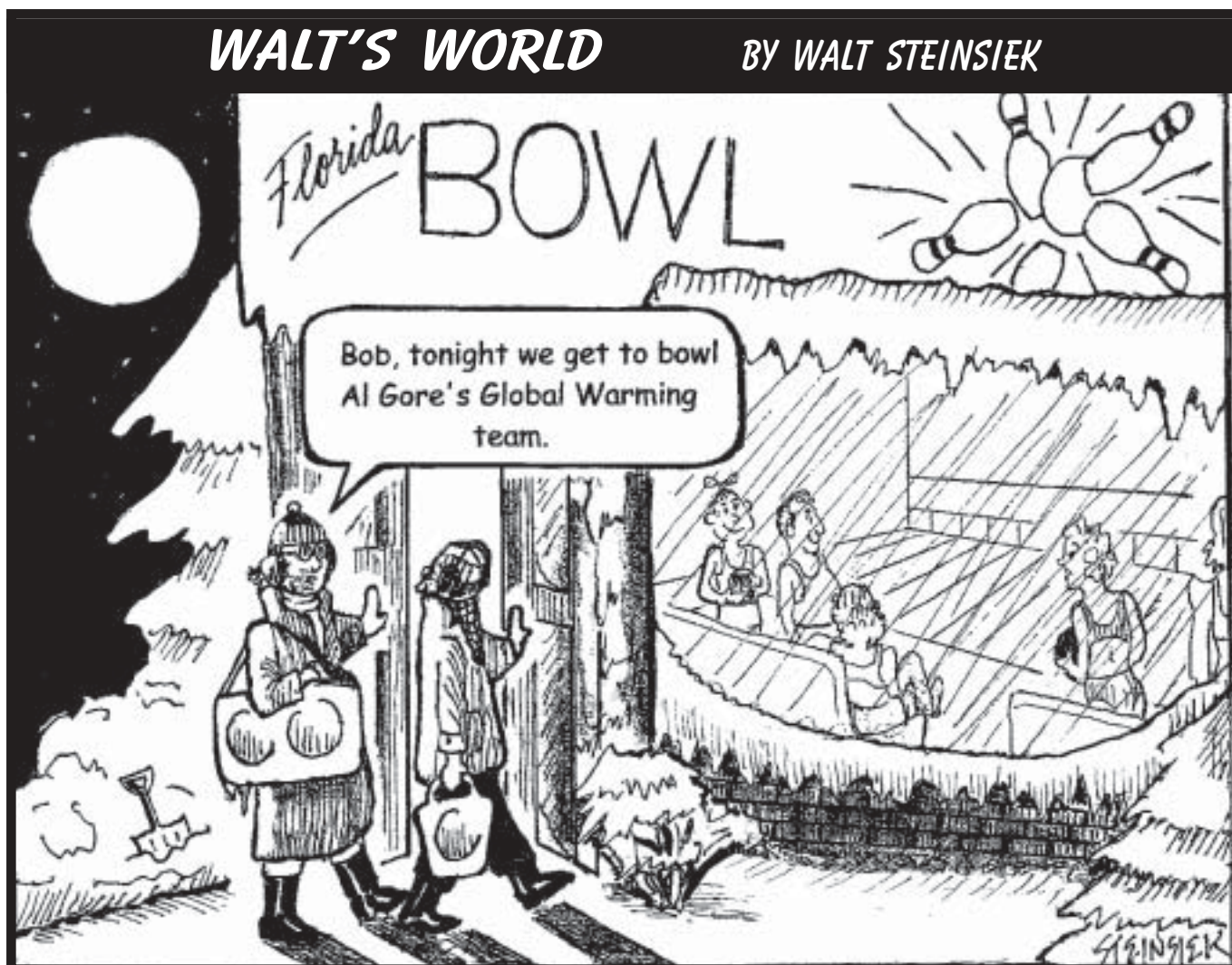
- You take your dog for a walk and you both use the same tree.
- You can entertain yourself for more than 15 minutes with a fly swatter.
- Your boat has not left the driveway in 15 years.
- You burn your yard rather than mow it.
- You think 'The Nutcracker' is a vice on the work bench.
- The Salvation Army declines your furniture.
- You offer to give someone the shirt off your back and they don't want it.
- You have the local taxidermist on speed dial.
- You come back from the dump with more than you took.
- You keep a can of Raid on the kitchen table.
- Your wife can climb a tree faster than your cat.
- Your grandmother has 'ammo' on her Christmas list.
- You keep flea and tick soap in the shower.
- You've been involved in a custody fight over a hunting dog.
- You go to the stock car races and don't need a program.
- You know how many bales of hay your car will hold.
- You have a rag for a gas cap.
- Your house doesn't have curtains, but your truck does.
- You wonder how service stations keep their restrooms so clean?
- You can spit without opening your mouth.
- You consider your license plate personalized because your father made it.
- Your lifetime goal is to own a fireworks stand.
- You have a complete set of salad bowls and they all say 'Cool Whip' on the side.
- The biggest city you've ever been to is WalMart.
- Your working TV sits on top of your non-working TV.
- You've used your ironing board as a buffet table.
- A tornado hits your neighborhood and does \$100,000 worth of improvements.
- You've used a toilet brush to scratch your back.
- You missed your 5th grade graduation because you were on jury duty.



A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter, and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer... \$15. [If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, is a crime committed?]

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A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his bike when the mechanic shouted across the garage, 'Hey Doc, can I ask you a question?' The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, 'So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?' The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic... 'Try doing it with the engine running!'



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Birds of a feather flock together, and then drop

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The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

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Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

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Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf.

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The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

Interview with "Joe Bowler"

The time to worry about the direction your sport is going in is when you hear neither "Yea" or "Nay" about the game.

We don't have to worry if I can use the Orleans centers in Las Vegas where I spend a good deal of my time on and off the lanes. Researching the current position of the day to day warriors about what they would ask of someone in the industry that would satisfy their feelings about the direction our game is traveling and what to expect in the year ahead. I singled out someone who I would call 'Joe Bowler' to answer some of these questions.

**Q: Was the USBC a 'plus or 'minus'.**

**JB:** An organization that 'governs' a sport should be a plus. However, the actual people within that organization should be people from that sport or industry as a whole, since the governing body went from the ABC to the USBC I would have to rate them a minus based on their performance and lack of drawing bowlers into centers. This body coupled with the BPAA has yet to prove that they can set a precedence then follow it. They both have allowed technology to overrun this sport, but have yet to put the necessary guidelines in place to restore integrity to the game.

**Q: How would you adjust from an oily to a dry lane using the same ball?**

**JB:** I will base this on a 40' gutter to gutter flat pattern. My reason is that this pattern needs to be the one and only true and fair house shot. Also, every center can put this out without any problems, from the independent 20 lane center to the corporate owned 70 lane center.

Back to the question. Starting off you can stay behind the ball and generate more roll and thus create an area for carrying strikes. As the lane breaks down, you would have to move left slightly (for a RH) to catch some oil on the front part of the lane to get the ball down lane. If you keep moving left and staying behind the ball, you might find yourself leaving a lot of single pin spares. My suggestion would be to start coming around the side of the ball and playing the drier part of the lane. Coming around the ball will allow you to get it down the lanes with less oil and still be able to get a reaction with it on the backend without leaving too much hitting power.

**Q: What's the best layout to have for a regular house shot?**

**JB:** On a 'THS' during league, for the bowler that has a standard rev rate, the pin above your ring finger and the CG slightly kicked out (ask your local pro shop operator, if you don't understand the terminology) to work the best. Starting off you can stay behind the ball and get a very good reaction and make slight adjustments as in the above answer is layout will still

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**Q: What's the difference between someone who 'suitcases' the ball and full roller?**

**JB:** The difference is that timing of the thumb release and position of the wrist at release. A full roller will be a little late with the thumb release as well as having a slightly broken (bent back) wrist. Someone who suitcases the ball can get it to hook quite a bit if they maintain a firm wrist and can get a fast thumb release.

**Q: Why has organized bowling declined?**

**JB:** I could spend an entire day discussing this subject, but simply put;

- a) World technology – there are far more things to do in this world today other than make a 32-36 week commitment.
- b) Sport technology – the advancement of equipment with the constant rising costs have left the most diehard of bowlers wondering how they can continue enjoying a weekly gathering. See answer #1 for the lack of guidelines to this technology.
- c) And not least, the lack of marketing by all the associated bodies of this sport.

**Q: Your most versatile bowlers list Pro or other – list top three.**

**JB:** This is a tough one. I would have to split this into 2 eras pre and post resin bowling ball. While the post guys are recent, I'm not taking anything away from them due to the equipment. I'm sure they would've been able to hold their own in the other era and vice versa regarding the pre era. In no particular order . . . PRE – A) Earl Anthony, B) Dick Weber, C) Mark Roth. Post – A) Norm Duke, B) Walter Ray Williams, C) Chris Barnes.

All have perfected their games in some way to be professionals.

**Q: If you ran the Bowling World for a day; What would happen and why?**

**JB:** Consolidate all the major governing bodies, the PBA, USBC and the PBAA to create a power organization and set a standard of technology and play. By play I mean lane conditions. Each organization could bring the beset it offers to the table and bring credibility and integrity back to the most popular indoor sport in the world. That's why!!

Our Joe Bowler wanted to remain anonymous, but I can share this – he is in his 40's, bowls right-handed and averages between 208 and 220, and rolls between ten and twenty games a week. He has been bowling 25 plus years. I hope you enjoyed these candid comments from someone who enjoys the game.

*My New Years resolution is to take time to thank all of the wonderful people in our sport who touch my life on a daily basis.*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Feb 9-14 USBC Masters, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- Feb 13-14 SASBA South Central, Timber Lodge Lanes, Monticello, AR
- Feb 16-21 Omaha Classic, Thunder Alley, Omaha, NE
- Feb 20-21 SASBA, Megaplay USA, Port Arthur, TX
- Feb 20-July 17 USBC Open Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- Feb 22-28 67th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open, Woodland Bowl, IN
- Mar 2-7 PBA Don Johnson Eliminator, Sequoia Lanes, Columbus, OH
- Mar 6-7 SASBA SS, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
- Mar 8-11 20th Annual National Golden Ladies Classic, The Orleans, Las Vegas, NV
- Mar 13-14 SASBA, Metro Bowl, Baton Rouge, LA
- Mar 27-July 9 USBC Women's Championships, El Paso Convention & Performing Arts Center, El Paso, TX
- Mar 8-11 20th Annual Golden Ladies Classic, The Orleans Bowl, Las Vegas, NV
- Mar 16-21 PBA Match Play Championship, Norwich Bowling Center, Norwich, CN
- Mar 20-21 SASBA South Central, Funquest, Collinville, TN
- Mar 23-28 Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship, AMF Babylon Lanes, W. Babylon, NY
- Mar 29-Apr 4 PBA Marathon Open, AMF Country Club Lanes, Baltimore, MD
- April 6-8 PBA Experience Showdown presented by BOWL.COM (Special Event), USBC Women's Series Showdown presented by BOWL.COM (Special Event), USBC International Training Center, Arlington, TX
- April 16-18 MAMBO Tournament, Astro Bowl Sports Center, San Antonio, TX
- April 17-18 SASBA Member/Member Doubles, Cowtown, Fort Worth, TX
- April 17-20 PBA Senior Dayton Classic, Capri Lanes, Dayton, OH
- April 24-27 PBA Senior Columbus Open, HPL Lanes, Columbus, OH
- May 1-2 SASBA South Central, Lightning Strikes, Trussville, AL
- May 2-5 PBA Senior Mooresville Miller High Life Classic, George Pappas Victory Lanes, Mooresville, NC
- May 8-9 SASBA, Mel's Lone Star Lanes, Georgetown, TX
- May 15-16 SASBA Annual Trio, AMF Eules, Eules, TX
- May 22-23 SASBA South Central M/G Dbls, Millennium Bowl, Maumelle, AR
- May 29-30 SASBA Member/Guest Doubles, Armadilla I, Pasadena, TX
- May 30-June 2 PBA Senior Northern California Classic, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, CA
- June 5-6 SASBA 4-Man Team, Bandera Super Bowl, San Antonio, TX
- June 6-11 PBA Senior U.S. Open, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- June 12-13 SASBA South Central, Galaxy Lanes, Columbia, TN
- June 13-18 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters, South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas
- June 27-July 1 International Bowl Expo, Las Vegas Hilton Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV
- July 3-5 SASBA Firecracker, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
- July 10-11 SASBA Over 67/Over60/Over 50 Trio, Holiday Lanes, Oklahoma City, OK
- July 16-18 MAMBO Tournament, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- July 31-Aug 1 SASBA, Copperfield, Houston, TX
- Aug 7-8 SASBA Over 60/Over50/Guest Trio, Diamond Lanes, Odessa, TX
- Aug 9-12 PBA Senior Lake County Indiana Open, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, IN
- Aug 14-17 PBA Senior Decatur Open, Spare Time Lanes, Decatur, IL
- Aug 21-24 PBA Senior Jackson Open, Airport Lanes, Jackson, MI
- Aug 28-29 SASBA, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
- Sept 4-5 SASBA Labor Day Blowout, Holiday Lanes, Oklahoma City, OK
- Sept 18-19 SASBA Member/Guest Doubles, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
- Sept 25-26 SASBA Over70/Over 60 Doubles, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
- Oct 16-17 SASBA Member/Guest Doubles, Oil Bowl, Longview, TX
- Oct 23-24 SASBA South Central, Paris Family Entertainment Center, Paris, TN

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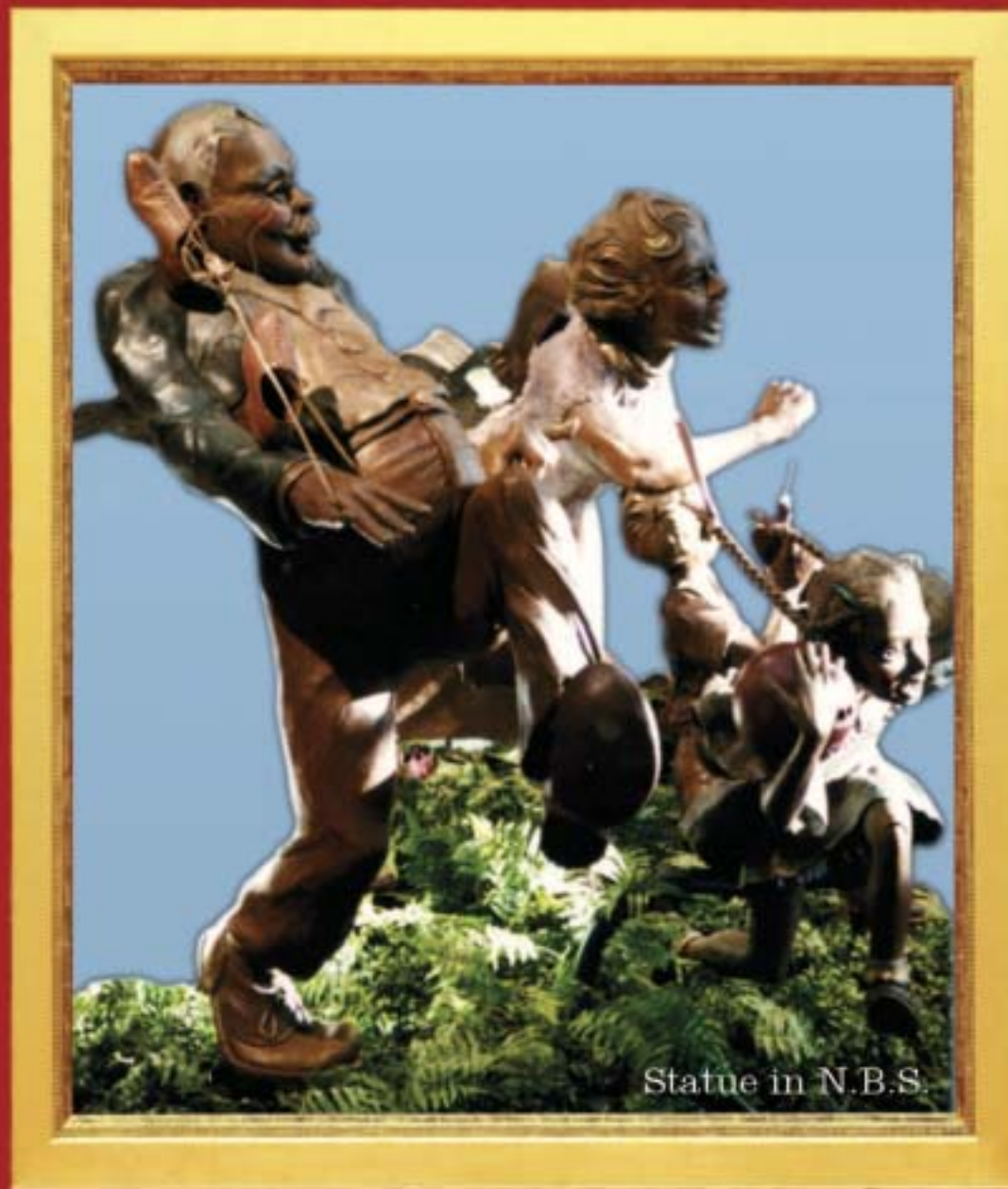
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