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by Jim Goodwin

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## A Significant Decade

Remember the great Y 2 K scare of the late '90's? Predictions of doom and gloom were flying like there was no tomorrow. Computer systems would crash, airplanes would fall from the sky, banks would collapse, and the world as we knew it would turn upside down.

The part about the computers was wrong, but the naysayers pretty much got it right about the airplanes and banks. To say the least, the world, and our bowling industry, is a very different place than the one we left in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Pessimists might say it's not as good as it was, but there are a few things to be happy about. We will leave the political and societal world comments to others and stick to recapping the bowling scene.

It didn't take long for a big story to hit bowling in the new decade.

In early 2000, then PBA commissioner Mark Gerberich met with a young man who made a small fortune with Microsoft. Chris Peters was also a big bowling fan, and he tapped two of his Microsoft buddies, Mike Slade and Rob Glaser, to join him in purchasing the Professional Bowlers Association, which was on the cusp of bankruptcy.

The group then hired two former Nike marketing guys, Steve Miller and Ian Hamilton, as President and Commissioner, and the PBA began what many may describe as its most interesting era as a privately owned company.

Just before the PBA purchase, the American Bowling Congress, and WIBC, announced a huge dues increase, and in February, we strongly objected in this column. Our use of the word 'corrupt' got us in a little hot water – ABC Executive Director Roger Dalkin threatened us with a libel lawsuit. We didn't call Roger or any other individual corrupt, we simply said the organization was broken and didn't deserve more money for less service.

What we love about history is that it usually proves right and wrong, and in this case, we were proven to be fairly accurate in our observations.

In the summer of 2000, the ABC revealed its first Gold Coaches, and the coaching program started in the late 80's came full circle.

In February of 2001, bowling lost an icon when Joe Norris passed away in California, at 93. We thought he would live forever, and we wish he were still with us.

The PBA Senior Tour saw Mark Roth win his first senior title and go on to Rookie of the Year Honors. In June of '01, Sandy Curtis resigned her tournament director position, saying she didn't like the direction the new owners were taking for the seniors.

In May of that year, a bizarre thing happened at the WIBC Senior Queens – they had a "do-

over." After Michigan's Marilyn Kreg won the title, WIBC officials arrived on the scene and declared that the wrong format had been used and made them start over. The result was a new champion – Fran Minton from Texas.

Not long after that controversy, the PWBA players made a decision to boycott the Women's US Open, asking for a television deal similar to the men's event, which was now controlled by the new PBA owners. They didn't get it, and ended up losing the lucrative BPAA sponsorship they had enjoyed for years. Some might also think it was the beginning of the end for John Sommer's PWBA.

In August, the greatest bowler of all time died unexpectedly. Earl Anthony, while visiting his friend Eddie Bauer in Milwaukee, fell down a flight of stairs in Bauer's home. He was 63.

On September 11, 2001 the whole world woke up to the terror attacks in New York and Washington. Sports events everywhere were cancelled, but oddly, the PWBA continued its event, the Paula Carter Classic in Florida. The players were numb, and understandably anxious to get home. In spite of the sadness surrounding the event, Liz Johnson rolled a 300 game to win the title.

The women's bowling story of 2001, however, was Carolyn Dorin-Ballard's dominance – she won seven PWBA titles, tying Patty Costello's all-time record, and easily captured Player of the Year honors.

In the bowling business, the big story of 2001 was AMF's chapter 11-bankruptcy filing. They emerged a much different company than the one that had been aggressively buying centers only a few years before.

In early 2002, the PBA cancelled its historic Tournament of Champions, and in Reno, the city council voted to close the National Bowling Stadium after only seven years of operation. The good news was that the T of C made a comeback, and Reno came to its senses to keep the NBS open.

In May, Sylvia Broyles was elected the last president of WIBC, in a race with Elaine Hagin. Although some deny it, many say a 'gentlemen's agreement' was made that implied that if a man were put in charge of the new USBC, a woman would follow. When that didn't happen a few years later, Broyles resigned from the USBC board.

In the Fall, Steve Sanders' Pinnacle Events staged the first Brunswick Senior World Open in Las Vegas. The annual major event lasted only two years, and Bob Glass won both of them.

2003 rolled around with the Bowlers Journal celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup>, and the biggest story of the year was the end of the PWBA. After 22 years, John Sommer decided that the help from the industry that had been promised for years would never arrive, and he made one of the

toughest decisions of his life, canceling the Fall tour. The last event was in Dallas in June.

In March of '03, the ABC delegates rejected the Single Membership Organization proposal, delaying the merger of ABC and WIBC for a year. The headline on this column was "Should the Delegates be Fired?" WIBC followed suit, but it was only a delay of the inevitable.

Also in March, Ian Hamilton apparently decided he liked Tennis much more than Bowling. He left the PBA Commissioner position, and Fred Schreyer stepped in to take his place. It would now be Fred's job to reign in the flamboyant Steve Miller.

In September, John Sommer announced his intention to sell the PWBA to Pinnacle Events owner Steve Sanders. Sanders' Vegas based Mini Eliminator was going well, drawing 4,500 entries at its best.

Late in the year, John Davis of Kegel announced a partnership with Pinnacle Events to stage the "Kegel Million Team Tournament" in Florida. The hook was that any team that could roll a 4000 series on optimum conditions would win a million dollars. When entries didn't materialize, it was cancelled.

BPAA made headlines in February of '04 by announcing the CBA. The new Contemporary Bowling Association was poised to take over if the merger failed again in '04.

In March, The Castaways Hotel, Casino and Bowling Center closed in Las Vegas . . . but it will always be remembered as the incredible Showboat in this corner.

In April, Steve Sanders dropped his bid for the PWBA, saying he was unable to make a reasonable deal with ESPN to televise women's events, and the PWBA was officially dead.

Following Sanders' announcement, Jim and CJ Goodwin announced the start of the Ladies Classic Tour. The idea was to keep top-level women's bowling in the spotlight until a new television deal could be made for a new national tour. But when WIBC acquired the rights to PWBA's assets and declared they would revive the PWBA, LCT's sponsors pulled out, and after staging 14 events, LCT stepped aside to support WIBC's efforts.

In May, the first NCAA Women's National Championship was staged at Don Ellis' Emerald Bowl in Houston. The University of Nebraska won.

May 5, 2004 Wichita, Kansas – the USBC was born. Delegates finally came to their senses, and officials from ABC, WIBC and YABA held a press conference to announce the historic moment in bowling history. Actually, YABA was still a holdout, but they came around a few weeks later.

In November, Roger Dalkin was hired as USBC's first CEO. The headline on this column was "Score One for the Status Quo." Many others

were also in agreement that putting one of the 'ol boys' in charge was not exactly sending the message that positive changes were on the horizon.

In the meeting where Dalkin was elected, USBC board member David Garber was so upset with the pick, he resigned on the spot and walked out. Score one for sticking to principles.

2005 got going with a very sad Valentines Day. After attending the opening ceremonies of the first USBC Open Championship Tournament in Baton Rouge the day before, legend Dick Weber went home to St. Louis, and didn't wake up the following morning. He was 75, and seemed perfectly healthy to many who spent the day with him on February 13. He often joked "I'm going to retire when I'm 98" – we all thought that would happen, except for the retirement part.

In other significant '05 news, Steve Miller left the PBA after his starring role in the movie "League of Ordinary Gentlemen." Gee, we really miss all those F bombs he loved to drop.

The headline in the July Bowl O Pinion was "The BPAA Must Step Up to Lead this Industry" and the sub-head was "Will USBC be a Cooperative Partner, or a Competitor?"

Little did we know how cooperative the two organizations would become before the end of the decade. Not in our wildest dreams could we have predicted the extent of the changes that were in store in the second half of the decade.

2006 was a relatively quiet year – perhaps a rest stop along the way after the tremendous milestones of late, or perhaps the calm before the storm that was still to follow.

In April, the bowling scribes made a little history by merging the Bowling Writers Association of America, founded in 1934, and the National Women's Bowling Writers, which began in 1948. We admit we thought it was a bad idea at the time, but it has worked out nicely so far.

In July, the shenanigans of the former ABC reared an ugly trait when the new (old) leaders of the USBC decided to approve two 900 series supposedly shot by a young man in New York while bowling by himself. We won't mention his name, because we will never believe that it actually happened, and we will also never acknowledge that he deserves a place in bowling history when all the chapters are written.

The Fall of '06 was all about the launch of the new Generations Pro Bowling Tour. Finally, after years of planning, and his failed bid to buy the PWBA, Steve Sanders launched the GBT. Early in the year, he announced a new senior tour

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with "20 events and \$3 million in prize money." By the time Bowl Expo rolled around in the summer, he upped his ante; and in a well-attended press conference in Las Vegas said the new tour would visit "34 cities" and pay an amazing "\$5 million in prize money."

Sanders enthusiasm was contagious, and we forgave his exaggerations because we all hoped the GBT would give the legends of the sport a better future, and it would be great for bowling.

And it was a legitimate pro tour. The '06-'07 GBT ended up staging 17 events, paid over \$900,000 in prize money, and gave several senior stars the best year they ever had on tour. David Ozio won \$86,500 and Dale Eagle took home \$73,000. It also brought the great Mark Roth out of retirement. Mark won the first GBT event in Michigan in October '06 in Bay City.

In March of 2007, while the GBT was winding down, Pete Weber won his 4<sup>th</sup> US Open title, and no one questioned that he had joined his dad as one of the greatest players ever.

In May, USBC shocked the world when it elected a proprietor as its president. Jeff Boje was chosen over Sylvia Broyles to lead the USBC, and many of those who were unhappy about the hiring of Roger Dalkin were now jumping for joy. It was a popular choice, but disappointing to many women, who felt a little betrayed when they thought the promise of a woman being put in charge had been broken.

On May 23, Gary D'Amato of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel interviewed Dalkin. In the article, he told the paper he thought USBC membership would drop from its present level of 2.7 million to "under one million." He justified the remarks by saying that it was okay to "thin the herd" if the result was that the remaining members were loyal to the USBC mission.

Needless to say, Dalkin's comments didn't go over well in the industry. New USBC President Jeff Boje said "We will thin the herd over my dead body." Not too long after, Dalkin resigned from USBC, and was elected to its Hall of Fame.

In bowling circles, Dalkin's famous "Thin the herd" quote might be remembered right alongside other famous political quotes, like "Read my lips - no new taxes," "I am not a crook," and "I didn't have sex with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

At the end of 2007, BPAA's John Berglund worked with bowling newspaper publishers across the nation to start the Bowling News Network, a group formed to unite America's small businesses dedicated to printing bowling newspapers.

Perhaps the biggest story of the decade began to develop in early 2008. In February, USBC announced that it intended to close its Milwaukee headquarters and set up a joint HQ with BPAA in Arlington, Texas. Panic ensued in Milwaukee, desperate pleas were made by city officials to stay, but in the following months, the deal was struck, a building was purchased, and USBC moved to Texas in November.

In an industry known for making major decisions very slowly, it was remarkable that such a move could ever happen . . . and for it to take place in a matter of months made it all the more unbelievable. Hopefully, looking back years from now, we can thank industry leaders for their bold decisions, and we will realize it was better to remove the bandage quickly rather than slowly.

Only one year to go - 2009. Time to slow down? Hardly.

In January, the PBA staged one of the most special events in bowling history when it honored the 50 greatest players of all time during the PBA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala at the

Red Rock Resort in Las Vegas. It was truly a special week held in conjunction with the PBA Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes. Frankly, we didn't think the new PBA owners cared enough about bowling history to stage such an event, so we were thrilled that they did, and amazed that they did it with such style and class.

Three more major stories were played out in '09. Mark Roth suffered a stroke in May, New leaders were hired for USBC and BPAA in the Summer, and the first PBA World Series of Bowling was held in August in Detroit.

We saw our friends Mark and Denise Roth in Vegas in January, and Mark again in April when he was finally inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame. They were happy, and looking forward to the future, but on Memorial Day, Mark suffered a severe stroke that shut down the entire left side of his body.

The whole world reached out to help. A Mark Roth Support Fund was started through the Bowling Foundation. The re-hab is ongoing, and here's hoping we can see Mark return to something close to a normal life in years to come. If you believe in the power of prayer, as we do, please keep them coming for Mark and Denise.

In an attempt to save television production cost, the PBA decided to forgo its entire Fall Tour to stage The World Series of Bowling in Detroit. Seven events, all in the same bowling center in the same city, concluding with the taping of all shows on the final weekend, except for the World Championship, which only cut to the four finalists in August to be bowled in Wichita in December.

The result? The PBA saved a lot of money; we are told that the TV rating for the taped shows were good. But, from our perspective as purveyors of bowling news, a very confusing decision. Forcing fans to choose between trying to find news on the internet and

avoiding it is not good. Will they do it again in 2010? We hear rumors it may be in Arlington. And if it is, we will try to make the best of it.

Finally, a strong way to end the decade with a message of forward thinking - USBC and BPAA hired two new executives from outside the industry to lead the industry into the next decade. Stu Upson was hired to lead USBC, and Steve Johnson to head up BPAA. Both seem very intelligent and capable, and our wish for them is that they are able to get as much knowledge and information from outside the new bowling headquarters as they do from inside.

"That's the way it was" Walter Cronkite often said. He was one American we lost in this historic decade. Others we will miss in the bowling industry are Chris Schenkel, Don Johnson, Norm Edelman, Dick Stoeffler, Joe Lyou, Keith Little, Bruce Pluckhahn, Bill Taylor, Wyatt Slaughter, Dan Glus, Patty Costello, Chief Wapensky, and the aforementioned Earl Anthony, Dick Weber and Joe Norris, to name only a few.

No doubt we have omitted many big stories from the past 3,650 days; such as the impact several key people like John Berglund, Jeff Boje, Joe Schumacher, Jim Dressel, the heads of major companies, and many more had on the industry. The effect of events like International Bowl Expo, with countless educational seminars and appearances by people like Jay Leno, Larry King, President Bush, Rudy Giuliani, Fred Thompson, Mary Matalin and James Carville, Ed McMahan, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jerome Bettis, Jim Bouton etc, etc. . . . But we tried to include not only big stories, but a few we found different or unusual.

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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.

## Bowling in this Economy

Pardon me if economic problems might hit some of the major sports in their attempts to sellout luxury boxes and every overpriced seat in their stadiums, and I remain more concerned what the situation might do to bowling.

In past downturns bowling has not only survived, but actually done well, simply because bowling has always been an amusement bargain. Bowling costs, for actual participation, and costs of personal equipment, are not inexpensive these days but they do stand up well against the pocket book hit of other sports, and even a cup of coffee.

You can minimize the costs by looking for the specials offered by almost all bowling centers. Bowl with more people on the lanes so each game costs less as rated against the time of competition or entertainment obtained.

The area that must be watched is actions of corporate and individual sponsorships, recreational programs, and most important, elementary, high school and collegiate programs.

The many integers of bowling have worked long and hard to achieve the progress in high school and college bowling, and are more aware of the impact it has on bowling as a sport and on the individuals as doers and competitors in forming lifetime interest and influence.

We all know school budgets will receive less additional help than in the past and when it comes to financing sports programs it seems that bowling, golf, tennis and the lesser headline grabbing sports bear the brunt of the money cuts - even though their cost is probably less for

a team than it is for an individual football player.

Let's be fair, bowling is not an income producer for high schools and colleges such as football, basketball and in some cases even baseball and wrestling.

But it has deeper values money can't buy. I have never forgotten the time a judge, many decades ago, told me that in his juvenile cases, he never had a young bowler before him on criminal charges.

Teachers who get involved with bowling clubs are universally impressed and quickly relate how bowling enforces social needs because both sexes and youngsters of all sizes, shapes and physical ability have the opportunity to become involved and most important, all get to play.

What can be done to protect bowling's youth involvement, and insure its future?

First, parents and interested parties must be involved. Attend school board meetings and PTA gatherings. In New Jersey, with one of the largest programs in the country, programs slated for the trash heap were saved by parents and proprietors who gladly testified to the worth and need of such programs. Star bowlers, and writers too, as well as professionals from all walks of life, added their voices, and the voices were heard.

If bowling is worth doing, then it is worth fighting for at the lower root and all school levels.

If such problems are attacked with calm, facts, and cooperation, common sense will prevail - and youth and school bowling is the epitome of true common sense.

### Pins and Puns . . .

- Some people bowl because they like to talk. Other people bowl to learn how to listen.

- Science fiction is the story of a head to head bowling match - as told two weeks later by the participants.

- Bowlers praise the good old days, not because the times were better, but because *they* were better.

- It is a fact of bowling life that bowling shirts and colorful uniforms have almost become a fond memory. In leagues today, more bowlers wear hats than formal bowling shirts.

- Paying close attention to a story you have heard too many times to count requires a special type of personality, kindness, patience and the talent of an actor; but it is important when you're a bowler on a team, and the story teller is your team sponsor or captain.

- Everyone likes a good loser. You can't help but like a good loser, unless it's your doubles partner.

- A woman bowler told me she can tell all about someone's character the minute she meets the person, and went on to tell me about guy she had met the night before in the bowling center. "The minute I met him I knew he was a troublemaker. He started to use bad language and insulting

words." I asked how she met this guy and she said, "I dropped my bowling ball on his foot."

- There is no such thing as an easy spare, unless it's the one you don't have to shoot because you got a strike.

- Bowling pins probably have more strange remarks directed to them than any other inanimate object in the world.

- You can't judge a bowler's ability by his looks. Many of today's top pros look too young or too weak to be so good, and if they were not well known for their many appearances on TV would have trouble getting into a bowling center tournament site unless they showed positive identification.

- In 1914 this advice was offered to female bowlers. "A woman should dress properly. A short walking skirt, shirt waist and low heeled shoes make an excellent combination. Every garment should fit loosely, and allow freedom of action to all the muscles."

- Almost all bowlers are versatile. They never run out of new mistakes to make in their game.

- Girls, if your boy friend is a bowler and tells you he has something for your finger, odds are it's a bowling ball, not a ring.

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# California's Norton Wins PBA Regional Players Invitational

RENO, Nev. – Scott Norton of San Francisco overtook Bobby Hall II of Landover, Md., in the final round to win the Sands Regency PBA Regional Players Invitational at the National



The top seven finishers from left: Chris Warren, Lennie Boesch Jr., Bobby Hall II, Dave Beres (seated), winner Scott Norton, Jeff Zaffino and Ryan Ciminelli (kneeling)

## Bowling Stadium.

Norton, a 27-year-old former Team USA member and the son of United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Virginia Norton, averaged 216 over 30 games – six games on each on the Professional Bowlers Association's Cheetah, Chameleon, Viper, Scorpion and Shark lane conditioning patterns – for a total of 6,482 pins and a 65-pin cushion over Hall, who had led the previous three rounds.

"I grew up watching my mother bowl on the women's tour," said Norton, who recently passed his California bar exam, but may now combine a new career as a lawyer with an opportunity to bowl full-time on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," he said.

As Sands Regency PBA Regional Players Invitational champion, Norton earned a \$7,500 prize and a berth in the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas in addition to an exemption to bowl on tour during the 2010-11

season. Also earning PBA Tour exemptions for 2010-11 were Hall; Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Dave Beres, Waukesha, Wis.; Lennie Boesch Jr., Kenosha, Wis.; Chris

Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., and Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa. Hall, a long-time PBA East Regional competitor, will realize his dream of becoming a full-time member of the PBA Tour next season, but he realizes it's a big leap from regional competition to the national tour. "This is bowling," Hall said. "You're pretty much competing against yourself. What I've learned from bowling at the regional level is I have to post my score and hope it is higher than anyone else's. The same principle is going to apply when I bowl on the national tour against those guys. "I've been part-time on and off the tour for the past several years," he added, "and I've found my enemy is myself. When I've stepped out of my own way, things have been good for me."

Hall is the second African-American bowler to earn a PBA Tour exemption, following in the footsteps of Chicago native Billy Oatman, who went on to earn PBA Rookie of the Year

honor during the 2006-07 season.

Ciminelli, 23, is the youngest of the newly-exempt group and has been knocking on the door for the past two seasons. He advanced from Tour Qualifying Rounds to make two television appearances during the PBA World Series of Bowling in Detroit in August. "My career is set," Ciminelli beamed after his third-place finish.

Beres, a 31-year-old office manager, will make his PBA Tour debut next season. "I finally came through after a lot of hard work and close calls," he said.

Boesch, a 47-year-old pro shop operator, will test the tour again after a lengthy absence.

"I did (the Tour) 25 years ago," he said. "This is my second chance at it."

Warren, a 46-year-old pro shop operator, is a five-time PBA Tour titlist who has bowled on Tour on-and-off over the past two decades. "It's another opportunity," he said.

Zaffino, the oldest qualifier at age 50, also has bowled on Tour in years past, but is still looking for his first national title. "Now my decision is whether or not to quit my job (as a garage door installer)," he said.

The PBA Regional Players Invitational was open only to players who finished among the top 25 in competition points in their respective regions.

## SANDS REGENCY PBA REGIONAL PLAYERS INVITATIONAL National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nevada, December 17, 2009

### FINAL STANDINGS (after 30 games)

1. e-Scott Norton, San Francisco, California	6,482	\$7,500	The top seven finishers earned
2. e-Bobby Hall II, Landover, Maryland	6,417	\$4,000	Lumber
3. e-Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, New York	6,324	\$3,000	Liquidators PBA
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5. e-Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Oregon	6,289	\$2,000	for 2010
6. e-Dave Beres, Greenfield, Wisconsin	6,277	\$1,700	
7. e-Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pennsylvania	6,263	\$1,500	

### Other Cashers

Roger Kossert, Riverview, Fla., 6,228, \$1,300; (tie) Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., and Thomas Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 6,212, \$1,325; Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 6,208, \$1,250; Chad Kloss, Greenfield, Wis., 6,204, \$1,200; David O'Sullivan, Clearwater, Fla., 6,183, \$1,150; Shawn McKee, Concord, N.C., 6,149, \$1,100; David Anthony, Austin, Texas, 6,137, \$1,050; Brian Thompson, Flat Rock, Mich., 6,136, \$1,000; Riga Kalfas, Florence, Ky., 6,135, \$950; Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 6,130, \$900; Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 6,128, \$850; Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 6,115, \$800; Chris Hibbitts II, Fort Worth, Texas, 6,108, \$775; Ed Carter, Akron, Ohio, 6,081, \$750; Dan Higgins Jr., Westerville, Ohio, 6,080, \$725; Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 6,076, \$700; Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 6,068, \$675; Scot Archabal, Boise, Idaho, 6,047, \$650; Jon Brandon, Santa Clarita, Calif., 6,040, \$625; Kurt Gengelbach, Carrollton, Texas, 6,026, \$600; Ryan Boroff, Fort Worth, Texas, 6,017, \$575.

(tie) Rob Edwards, Vancouver, Wash., and Pat Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 6,000, \$537.50.

(\$525 each) Chris Collins, Savannah, Ga., 5,998; Ben Laughlin, Maricopa, Ariz., 5,979; Brett Spangler, New Castle, Ind., 5,971.

35. (tie) Tom Sorce, Bladell, N.Y., and Terry Wiley, Vienna, Va., 5,958, \$512.50.

(\$500 each) David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 5,949; Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 5,942; William Wilson, Yorba Linda, Calif., 5,931; Andrew Loose, Chicago, 5,923.

(\$475 each) Bo Goergen, Midland, Mich., 5,914; Ernie Schlegel, Vancouver, Wash., 5,909; Joe Goldstein Sr., Hayward, Calif., 5,903; Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 5,899; Jeff Roche, Dearborn, Mich., 5,877.

(\$450 each) Kevin Henderson, Albany, Ore., 5,871; Tim Porritt, Rancho Santa Maria, Calif., 5,870; Thomas Wall III, Fayetteville, N.C., 5,865; Dan Patterson, Buffalo, N.Y., 5,859; John Oliva, Simi Valley, Calif., 5,847.

(\$440 each) Gregory Thompson Jr., Dayton, Ohio, 5,844; Don Allen III, Vancouver, Wash., 5,842; Jonathan Nask, Jupiter, Fla., 5,835; John Kay, Derby, Kan., 5,824; Dean Jones, Austin, Texas, 5,787.

(\$430 each) Qazi Ahmad, Shoreline, Wash., 5,784; Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 5,782; Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 5,782; Christopher Blackmore, Alexandria, Va., 5,774.

60. (tie) Joe Goldstein Jr., San Bruno, Calif., and Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 5,772, \$427.50.

(\$425 each) Rick Lawrence, Waxahachie, Texas, 5,765; Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 5,761; Tim Dooley, Van Buren, Ark., 5,760; Gary Duran, Commerce, Calif., 5,745.

(\$420 each) Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 5,712; Mike Moore, Orlando, Fla., 5,688; Will Smith, Albany, Ore., 5,687; Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 5,673; Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 5,672.

(\$415 each) Michael Markis, Hawley, Pa., 5,649; Andy Patterson, Tyler, Texas, 5,643; Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, 5,631; Trey Field, Metairie, La., 5,609; Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 5,596, \$415.

(\$410 each) Brandon Baisis, Tinley Park, Ill., 5,585; Brian Burkhardt, Wildwood, Mo., 5,558; Aaron Pawloski, Volcano, Calif., 5,557; Cole Copeland, Austin, Texas, 5,555; Bob Aleksinski, Hillsboro, Ore., 5,537.

(\$405 each) Chris Wimpey, Aurora, Colo., 5,526; Eddie Kunkle, Daly City, Calif., 5,506; John Arnell, Everett, Wash., 5,442; Norm Wolff Jr., Modesto, Calif., 5,421; Michael Wall, Fayetteville, N.C., 5,411.

(\$400 each) Richard Brown, S. Lake Tahoe, Calif., 5,312; Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 4,715; Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 4,579; Kelly O'Driscoll, Herriman, Utah, 4,143; Kevin Mitchell, Tulsa, Okla., withdrew; Jeff Frankos, Daly City, Calif., withdrew; Marc Heringer, Tonganoxie, Kan., withdrew; Billy Oatman, Cleveland, Ohio, withdrew.



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## Zebehazy Selected To Receive USBC Kerm Helmer Horizon Award

ARLINGTON, Texas – Jim Zebehazy, the former Executive Director of the Young American Bowling Alliance who has worked in the bowling industry for more than 26 years, has been selected by the United States Bowling Congress Youth Committee to receive the 2010 USBC Kerm Helmer Horizon Award.

"I had the good fortune to get to know and work with Kerm Helmer," said Zebehazy, 56, of Leesburg, Fla. "He was someone who dedicated his life to the betterment of youth bowling. He became a good friend and mentor who helped me fully understand the meaning of the phrase, 'The youth are our future.' To win an award named in his honor is something that I never dreamed of, but humbly accept."

Named for the team founder and longtime bowling coach at Erie Community College, the Kerm Helmer Horizon Award recognizes leaders in the youth bowling community who have displayed the courage, determination and ability to develop far-reaching programs of national scope that provide fun and exciting opportunities. Helmer was selected posthumously for the inaugural award in 2003.

Zebehazy started his career in the bowling industry in the early 1980s as a field representative for the American

Bowling Congress before taking over as ABC's Group Executive for Field Service in 1990.

In 1998, he was named Executive Director of YABA, a position he held until the merger of the sport's major organizations to form USBC in 2005.

During his tenure with YABA, several new programs, including what is known today as the USBC Junior Gold program, were developed to provide more competitive and scholarship opportunities for youth bowlers. He currently works as a field representative for USBC.

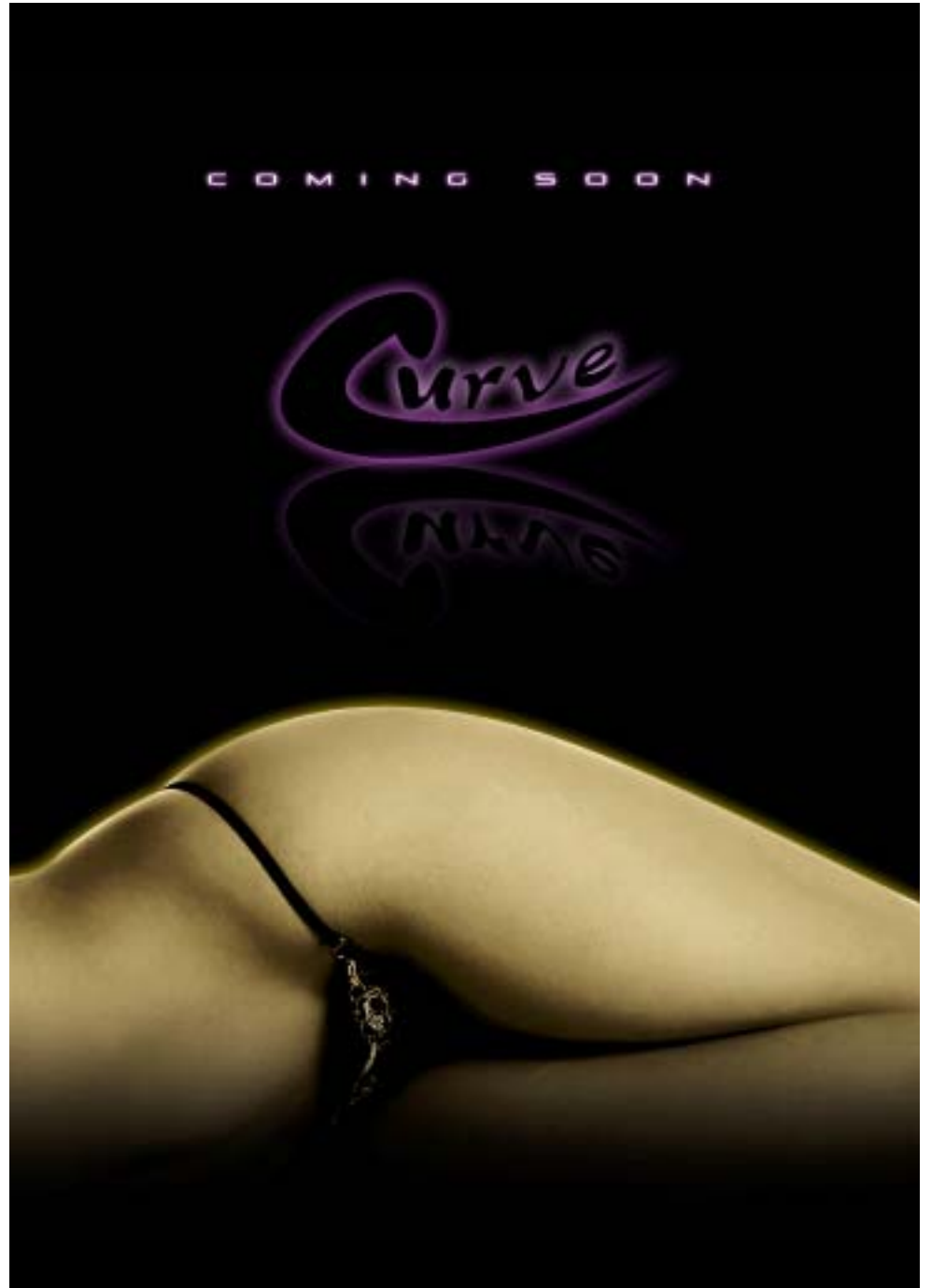


Jim Zebehazy

"Jim Zebehazy has dedicated his life to the sport of bowling, and in doing so, Jim has helped countless people, especially kids," Michael Nyitray, a USBC Gold coach and the 2009 USBC Kerm Helmer Horizon Award winner, said in nominating Zebehazy.

Zebehazy will be presented the 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.

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# Underdog Smallwood Wins PBA World Championship

*Unemployed General Motors employee wins \$50,000 prize, two-year exemption, first major title*

WICHITA, Kan. — Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., hit a home run for America's unemployed workers, upsetting reigning Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, 244-228, to win the PBA World Championship at Northrock Lanes.

Smallwood, a 32-year-old former assembly line worker who was laid off from his job with General Motors nearly a year ago, won his first PBA Tour title, his first "major" title, a \$50,000 first prize, a two-year exemption to continue his PBA Tour career and his first chance to bowl in January's PBA Tournament of Champions.

The title match was a nail-biter until the 10th frame. Malott started with four strikes, but then ran into carry problems on the right lane. Smallwood stayed close, striking on five of his first six shots, but then left a 4-6-7 split in the seventh frame and the tide turned to Malott's favor. Malott wasn't able to put two strikes together in the final frames, however, and Smallwood answered with another four strikes in a row — including two in the tense-filled 10th frame — to seal the victory.

"It's surreal," Smallwood said. "It has been a wild ride."

"I was already so nervous in the 10th frame, I told myself I couldn't possibly get any more nervous," he added. "The right lane was my good lane anyway, so I figured if I threw a decent shot, I'd be OK."

Smallwood said he always felt he could compete on the PBA Tour, but

with a wife and two-year-old daughter, he had no desire to go on the road until he got the bad news from General Motors. He then decided to enter the PBA Tour Trials in suburban Detroit, where a finish in the top eight meant a full year's exemption to bowl. Finishing third meant a new career option.

"I wouldn't be here otherwise," he said. "Getting an exemption is so hard to do."

Ironically, Smallwood recently got a call from the General Motors jobs bank, offering him a chance to go back to work.

"The lady who called asked me if I wanted to come back to work, but I told her no," he said. "She asked what I was doing, I told her I'm now a professional bowler and that I'd be on ESPN this weekend. At first she didn't believe me, but the lady sitting next to her was a bowler, so I wound up talking to her for a while. Now I think the people at GM are fans."

Malott defeated Rhino Page of Wesley Chapel, Fla., in the first semifinal round match, 203-191. Malott started the match with four strikes, but gave Page a chance when he left the 2-4-8-10 split in the fifth frame and opened, followed by missing a 10 pin. But Page made a fatal error, leaving the 4-6-10 split in his ninth frame, and Malott closed the door with a spare/strike in his 10th frame.

Smallwood, who had lost resoundingly in his first TV appearance earlier in the season,



Tom Smallwood

threw a pair of turkeys at Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., en route to a 211-159 win in the second semifinal match. A pair of splits and open frames in the second and third, and the absence of a double the rest of the way, ended O'Neill's title hopes.

His inspirational story has attracted extensive media attention from a variety of prominent national and Detroit area media outlets.

His story received extensive coverage from his home area newspapers and television stations,

which included the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News, Saginaw News, Flint Journal, WDIV-TV and WJRT-TV in Detroit as well as WKOW-TV in Madison, Wis. He also gained nationwide attention through USA Today and Associated Press coverage that resulted in numerous papers across the country picking up the story.

In addition, AOL.com's financial website dailyfinance.com put the Smallwood story online. He has been featured on CNN Headline News, the TV news magazine Inside Edition, ESPN2's First Take and he visited with Detroit Free Press columnist Mitch Albom on WJR radio, Detroit. Other radio interviews have included Keglers Corner on KFNS sports radio in St. Louis, Let's Go Bowling out of Clearwater, Fla., and WWPV radio in Burlington, Vt.

The automotive industry also got wind of his story. Autoglobe.com, autoblog.com and cars.com ran items on the Smallwood saga. The PBA has learned features with the Sun News Syndicate and ABC News are being considered.

"It's been a crazy past few days," he said. "I feel like I have a phone growing out of my ear, but it's the best possible chaos you can have."

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## Amy Polley Named International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame Curator

ARLINGTON, Texas - Amy Polley has been named curator of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame by IBMHOF Executive



Amy Polley

Director Bill Supper. Polley will be responsible for managing the collection, programs and exhibits at the new museum located in the International Bowling Campus in Arlington.

Polley brings significant leadership experience in sports museum administration to the bowling industry. She comes to IBM/HF from the Texas Rangers baseball club where she was assistant vice president and director of Legends of the Game Baseball Museum at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. During her nine-year tenure with the Rangers, Polley served as lead curator as well as overseeing daily operations of the 24,000 square-foot interactive museum including administration, marketing and financial management.

"Landing Amy Polley as part of

our team is great news not only for the Hall of Fame, but the entire bowling industry," Supper said. "Amy brings the perfect skill set and

experience we need looking ahead to the grand opening on Jan. 25 and beyond."

Prior to her work with the Texas Rangers, Polley served as special projects coordinator for the Museum of Texas Tech University. Polley holds a bachelors degree in political science from the University of Houston and master's degree in museum science from Texas Tech University.

"I am honored to be a part of this exciting time for the Museum and Hall of Fame and join the dedicated, professional staff of the IBC," Polley said. "The overwhelming support for the Hall from the bowling industry is truly amazing and I know it will be a great addition to the Arlington entertainment district."

The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame opens to the public Jan. 25, 2010.

## STILL TIME TO ENTER THE MINI-ELIMINATORS

**Las Vegas, NV:** Although hundreds of bowlers have already pre-registered for the Scratch and Classified (handicap) Mini-Eliminators there is still time to be a part of the action at The South Point. The early bird deadline is January 18th which is the last day you can pay by check and get credit for recruiting bowlers. Walk-in entries are always welcomed at both events right up to the final squad.

Rooms are still available at the South Point where bowlers can stay at a discounted rate of \$50 midweek and \$80 weekend even though its Super Bowl week. Bowlers can reserve a room at The South Point by calling 1.866.796.7111 and mentioning the Mini-Eliminator.

The scratch Mini-Eliminator will run from Wednesday, February 3rd through Sunday February 7th. The top 10 prizes are guaranteed including \$20,000-1st. There are 3 qualifying divisions; 49 and under, seniors, and bowlers with an average of 205 and under. One in 10 bowlers each squad per division advances to the finals and will earn a minimum of \$500

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The Classified Mini-Eliminator will run from Thursday, February 4th through Sunday, February 7th. Despite the very low entry fees of \$100 (1st entry) and \$75 for re-entries, the top prizes are guaranteed to pay \$5,000-1st and \$2,500-2nd. One in 10 bowlers each squad will advance to the finals and earn a minimum of \$200 and 1 in 5 per squad will cash. Scoring will use a handicap of 90% of 210. All bowlers will receive an embroidered double tote bag on their first entry. If you bowl 4 times you receive a brand new Columbia 300 high-performance ball.

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## Armstead Named USBC David Dahms Coach Of The Year Award Recipient

ARLINGTON, Texas – Donald Armstead of Philadelphia, a USBC Silver coach who is co-founder and president of the Gehris Junior Bowling League, has been selected to receive the 2010 United States Bowling Congress David Dahms Coach of the Year Award by the USBC Youth Committee.

Named in honor of David Dahms, who was an instrumental leader in the creation of what is now known as the USBC Junior Gold program, the award annually recognizes a USBC-certified coach who has been actively involved in a USBC Youth program and has demonstrated outstanding commitment to coaching, sportsmanship and knowledge of USBC Youth rules for the last seven or more years.

"People frequently receive awards because they have great people around them. This is no exception," said Armstead, 53, a teacher in the Philadelphia school district. "During my travels, I have been fortunate to meet many inspirational people who give selflessly of their time and other resources. Winning this award after meeting and working with these people leads me to feel a

strange exaltation – a combination of pride, elation and humbleness for the personal recognition.

"I would like to publicly thank my former bowling students who took the time and effort required to



Donald Armstead

collaborate on writing a recommendation for me."

Armstead and his wife, Barbara, who also is a USBC Silver coach, started the Gehris League in 1995. The league, which has 16 coaches plus a group of parent volunteers, has been filled for the last 13 seasons – the league has a maximum of about 90 bowlers – and has a waiting list each year.

"What made coach Armstead

stand out as a great coach was not his bowling skills but his love for people," Austin Tidwell, who attends Indiana University of Pennsylvania, wrote in his recommendation. "His passion for helping someone made him stand out. He was always available if a student needed somebody to trust and to talk to."

In addition to his work with the Gehris League, Armstead is in his first year as program director for the Philadelphia Public High School Bowling League after serving as league secretary the past few years. There are 40 teams in the varsity high school program and the league is working on several programs to teach coaches and to help kids who cannot afford bowling equipment.

He also serves as the Southeast Pennsylvania USBC Association Director and is a Junior Gold tournament coordinator.

Armstead will be presented the David Dahms Coach of the Year Award during the USBC Convention, April 28-May 1 in Reno, Nevada. To learn more about USBC awards and this year's USBC Convention, visit [BOWL.com](http://BOWL.com).

## BLUMENSCHIED, RUSSELL NAMED USBC YOUTH AMBASSADORS OF THE YEAR

ARLINGTON, Texas – Blair Blumenscheid of Columbus, Ohio, and Kevin Russell of Markham, Illinois, have been selected as the USBC Youth Ambassadors of the Year by the USBC Youth Committee.

The award recognizes USBC Youth bowlers for exemplary contributions in the sport of bowling, academic accomplishments and community involvement. Awarded annually to one male and one female bowler, each winner receives a \$1,500 scholarship, and one of the winners might be selected to serve as a member of the USBC Youth Committee for a period of three years.

Blumenscheid graduated from St. Francis Desales High School in 2009 with a 3.75 grade-point average. She currently is a freshman at Ohio State University and is the anchor for the women's bowling team.

Jo Dimond, the Association Manager for the Central Ohio USBC, said Blumenscheid showed excellent organizational skills while working in the Youth Leaders program and Youth Committee. Dimond added that Blumenscheid "displayed maturity and patience during her tenure" and that working on the administrative side of bowling gave her new insight into the sport.

"This award is important to me because it recognizes me as a leader as well as a bowler," Blumenscheid said. "Bowling has given so much

to me between friends, outstanding coaches, scholarship money to pay for college and a sport that I can play my whole life. I always looked up to the coaches and bowling

leaders in my youth, and they encouraged me to get more involved. Through their advice and my own desire to help, I try to give back to the sport that has given me a better life.

"I want to pass the advice forward and encourage all other youth bowlers to get involved and do the same. We are the future of bowling, and it is up to us to keep it going."

Russell is a sophomore at Robert Morris University and a member of the Eagles bowling team, who started bowling when he was four years old. Sandra Hardy, director of the Dolton Bowl Full Throttle Junior League Program, said they have "been blessed to witness his transformation from a shy teenager to a disciplined and determined leader."

He remains active in the junior program, currently serving as chair of a committee of coaches, parents and junior bowlers to develop a lesson plan for bowlers 14 and older who are new to the sport. The idea is to teach the teenagers the basic skills in an accelerated time frame

so more teens can be introduced to the sport without feeling awkward around other teens for not having a higher average.

Russell also recently received his minister's license through The Church of the Living God in Chicago.

"First of all, I would like to thank God, without him nothing is possible. I would also like to thank my parents; if they weren't the type of parents that they are, this would not be possible," Russell said. "Since I was four, I have worked with some of the best coaches from youth league, through high school, and now in college as well as had some of the best competition. I would especially like to thank my current youth

coaches, Beverly Houston and Sandra Hardy, for teaching me and encouraging me to become the young man, athlete, mentor, and leader I am today."

Blumenscheid and Russell will receive their awards during the USBC Convention, April

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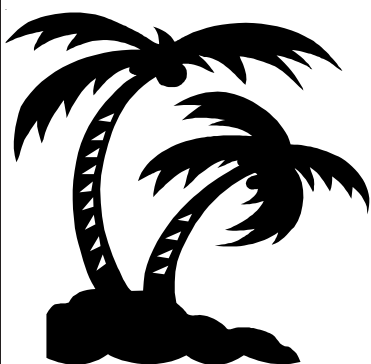
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# THE FUNNY PAGE

Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.

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An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

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A dwarf, who was a mystic, escaped from jail. The call went out that there was a small medium at large.

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I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't find any.

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Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

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Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Not surprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

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A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm, and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."

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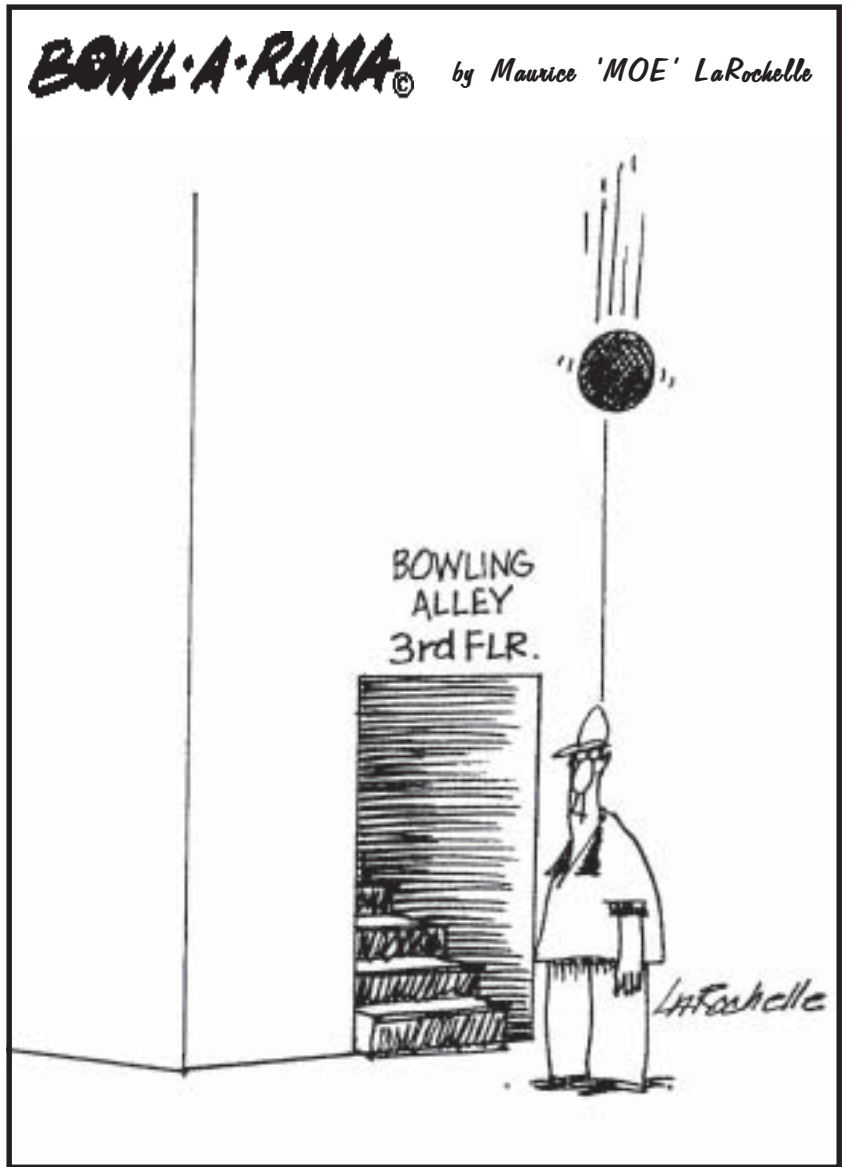
A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel, and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office, and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked. "Because," he said. "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

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Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him a super-calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

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Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.



I went to a seafood disco last week... and pulled a mussel.

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Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.

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What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fish.

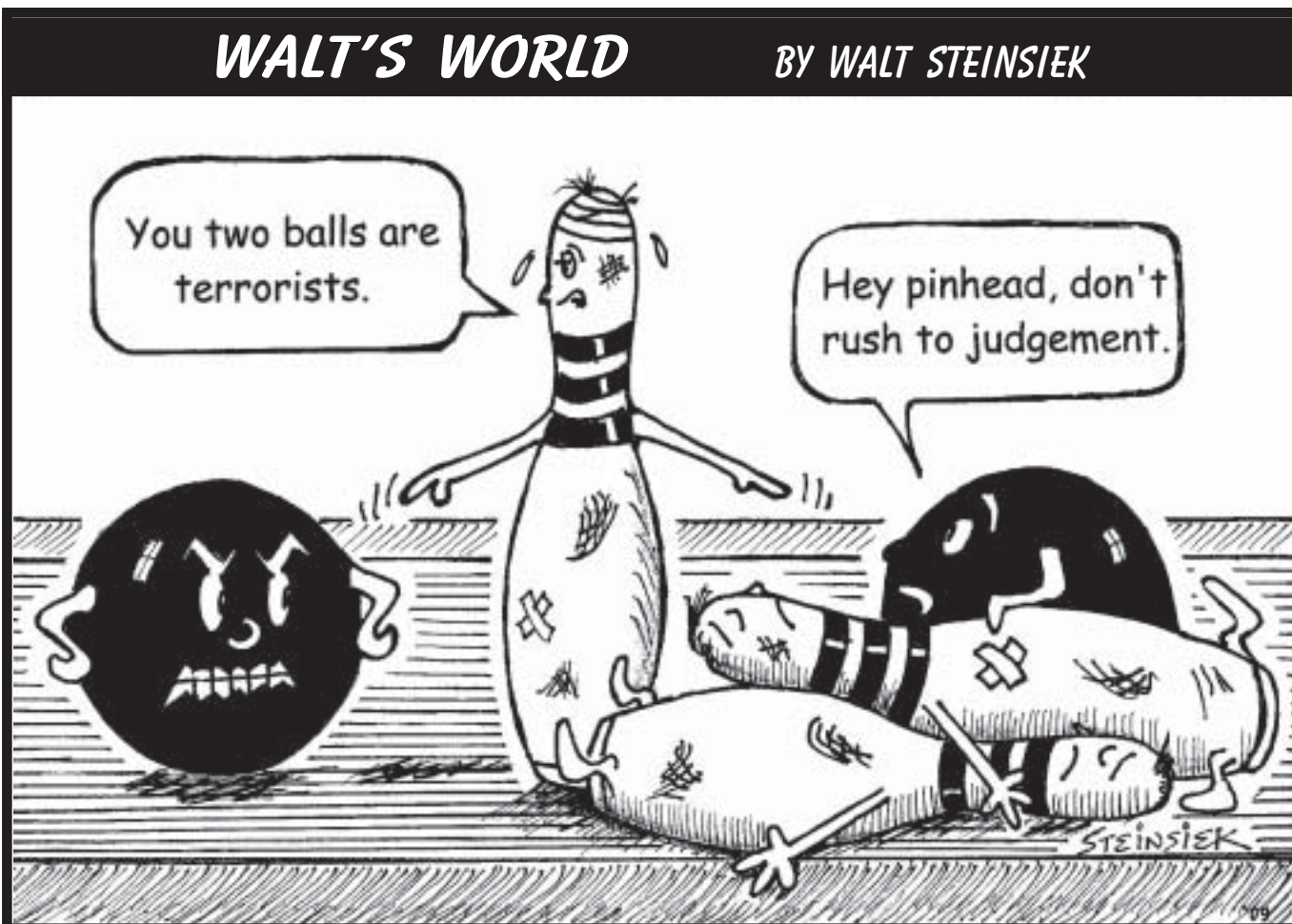
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"Doc, I can't stop singing The Green, Green Grass of Home."  
"That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome."  
"Is it common?"  
"Well, it's Not Unusual."

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### ACTUAL HEADLINES

- Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says
- Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
- Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
- Miners Refuse to Work after Death
- Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
- War Dims Hope for Peace
- If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile
- Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
- Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide
- Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges
- Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge
- New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group
- Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft
- Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
- Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
- Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors
- Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead



Bowling - Texas Style!

I'm sure many of you – over the years – have heard the expression “Things are bigger and better in Texas.” Our wonderful sport is going to share that experience firsthand with the opening of the new International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame and International Training Center at the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas.

No disrespect to St. Louis that provided a wonderful home for the Hall of Fame for the past 25 years, but the brochure touting the wonderful features inside the new home moves bowling into the big-time like baseball's Cooperstown, NY and football's Canton, Ohio facilities. A movie theater will transport visitors on a historic walk through time from ancient Egypt to modern day. Saluting the '50's when bowling was starting to take off, there's a Diner exhibit using counter tops and wall graphics to feature bowling from that era. If you have a personal connection to our sport over a long period, you will surely enjoy an old-time newsstand that will tell the stories of the formation of ABC, and WIBC that made the news through the local media. Every aspect of bowling is covered, including an exhibit dedicated to charities that have received millions of dollars from the bowling community nationwide. We salute the people who had the vision and then the energy to push this project to completion.

It seems fitting that this years U.S.

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

Women's Open will be competing at the 64-lane Cityview Lanes in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. The competition will start May 6th and run through the 11th, capped off with the USBC Hall of Fame dinner in downtown Fort Worth, with the 2010 induction ceremony taking place May 12 on the grounds of the campus in Arlington. The Open finals will take place following the ceremony with a live telecast on ESPN2.

The International Bowling Complex is definitely going to benefit from being in close proximity to the new state-of-the-art stadium built by Jerry Jones for his Dallas Cowboys. If you have followed the storyline in the media or watched pre-game clips, it is above and beyond anything in the NFL.

If you live in Las Vegas or plan to visit during the period of January 19-24<sup>th</sup>, add the Red Rock Lanes to your agenda. The 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions will have a field featuring the first woman to compete in the prestigious PBA event. Kelly Kulick won the Women's World Championship in August to earn a full-season exemption to bowl on the PBA Tour and an entry in the classic.

If you are among those fortunate enough to visit our new showcase in Texas, I would enjoy some feedback in the year ahead.

Wishing you one and all good times on the lanes and high scoring in 2010.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Jan 9-10 SASBA, USA Bowl, Dallas, TX
- Jan 12-17 Earl Anthony Memorial & Women's Series Earl Anthony Memorial, Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, Dublin, CA
- Jan 17-22 Military Bowling Championships, Gold Coast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Jan 19-24 PBA Tournament of Champions, Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, NV
- Jan 23-24 SASBA SS, University Lanes, Denton, TX
- Jan 25-28 Military Veterans Scratch, The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Jan 26-31 Dick Weber Open, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, CA
- Jan 31-Feb 1 High Roller "A" Game, Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 1-7 TAT Amateur Nationals, The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 2-6 February High Roller, Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 3-7 Winter Mini Eliminator, South Point, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 6-7 SASBA, Holiday Lanes, Oklahoma City, OK
- 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), PBA 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 Euless, Euless, 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 USBC 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

**ARE YOU PRACTICING FOR THE TAT?**

We hope everyone has been practicing for the upcoming TAT Amateur Nationals in Las Vegas February 1st-7th held at The Orleans. There has never been a better time to try your luck at winning over \$500,000 in cash and prizes! Also, for the first time, the first 600 participants will receive at least 2 Ebonite balls just for entering our tournament along with a free room night at The Orleans. Last February, one out of four people that bowled the TAT made at least \$1,000 with 75% of our bowlers going home with a check, making our Amateur only tournament the easiest place in Vegas to cash because at the TAT, anyone can win!

**More Value** This tournament, our goal is to make it easy and affordable for as many people to come as possible in order to rejuvenate megabucks tournaments in the bowling world. We have already received many entries and everyone we have talked to is very enthusiastic about the great value that comes with each of our packages and re-entry bonuses. No matter what, everyone will go home with at least \$300 worth of bowling balls, will learn a lot about bowling balls and lane conditions, have some fun, and get a free room night paid for by the TAT.

**More Money** This tournament we have also increased our prize funds with our Top 5 Guaranteed \$68,000 and the Top 10 paying \$80,000. Participants in this year's TAT Amateur Nationals will earn \$500 to \$1,500 just for making the finals with daily bonuses for 17 bowlers including 2 byes in our main finals. TAT bowlers will once again have the option to go big with TAT Big Bucks where bowlers get \$1,000 just for making the finals and stay \$500 ahead in payment in each round of the finals. Last February 80% of our finalists made

at least \$1,000 just on finals day!

**TAT Events & Finals** The TAT event has 10 tournaments with 10 separate prize funds with 2 finals and every package get you into multiple events! The Ebonite Challenge has a \$10 entry fee with a top prize of \$5,000 guaranteed. Where else can you bowl in a No-tap event for a shot at \$5,000 for just \$10! Our main Finals will go off as scheduled on Sunday at 12:30 and will not interfere with the Hi-Roller finals.

**New Handicap Division** The New 189 & Under Handicap division has been a tremendous addition to the TAT. However, if you are a scratch bowler, do not be concerned as the handicap division can only make your prizes grow with increased entries even though you will not be competing against them. If you know anyone that averages below 189, now is the best time ever for them to bowl in the #1 amateur tournament in the country.

**Last Early Deadline** We would also like to remind everyone that our last early entry deadline is January 10th. Bowlers who don't get their entry postmarked by then will lose another Chance Squad and have one less way to cash. However, walk-ins are always welcome at the tournament! Bowlers who have not made their room reservations at the Orleans need to do so before January 9th or sooner as the TAT room block has already been increased once. If you are not in the TAT block you will not be eligible for the free room night or extra Orleans Casino money so please book your room early even if you are just thinking of coming!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to call us toll free at 1-888-828-2695 or 1-888-TAT-BOWL, or e-mail at tatbowl@hotmail.com.

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