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by Jim Goodwin

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Growing Pains?

USBC DOWNSIZING

In late 2009, everyone in the bowling industry was excited about the grand opening of the new International Bowling Campus in Arlington, and about how well things seemed to be going for the newly married USBC and BPAA. But one voice of reason, USBC President Jeff Boje, told us then that more changes were coming, and that it might be mid-2010 when we might start to see some progress from the new bowling headquarters.

When we interviewed new USBC and BPAA Executive Directors Stu Upson and Steve Johnson in late September, we were impressed by their enthusiasm and intelligence. We told them about Boje's outlook, and both said they hoped to see significant progress much sooner than mid-year. Give them credit for being optimistic.

So, here we are in late February, and we are hit with the news that USBC has reduced its staff by letting some people go, and eliminating some positions. The 13 or 14 folks (depending on the source) shown the door represent about a 10% reduction of the workforce. Shocking to some, especially those personally affected, but predictable for anyone really paying attention.

And this was not the first time for staff reductions. Going back to the days when Bowling Inc. was started in Milwaukee, USBC realized they could not continue operating with the same size workforce they had when membership numbers were over nine million. They had as many as 270 then. Today? About 140.

The reason? They are finding ways to work together with the BPAA staff, and they are finding ways to be more efficient in a tough economy; and finally, they are making sound business decisions much like any other business.

There are many reasons for the money crunch at USBC; one of

them is that they have not been able to sell the abandoned Greendale building because the bottom fell out of the Milwaukee real estate market not long after the relocation decision was made. Hopes are it will rebound so they can get a reasonable profit before too long.

Other reasons are moving, hiring and training costs; failure to get the membership dues increase in 2009; and almost all tournament entries are significantly down. It has been confirmed that they have cancelled the third edition of the USBC Clash, and the rumor mill is buzzing that the PBA Women's Series, funded by USBC, may also bite the dust.

And tucked neatly within a recent press release about 2010 convention legislation was the statement that USBC will not seek a dues increase in 2010. Why? Boje explained to us that they do not want to ask for more money until they can prove more value for members – how refreshing is that?!

WHY CHOOSE BOOZE?

In looking for new sources of revenue for USBC, someone thought it would be a good idea to sell "beverages" to tournament contestants for consumption during USBC Open Championship competition at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. "Beverages" translation – beer, wine and other alcoholic drinks.

Wow – from the reaction of bloggers on all of the sport's forums, you would think they are selling the souls of Joe Norris and Dick Weber.

We asked the reason for the decision, and received this answer from USBC National Tournament Director Brian Lewis:

"The decision to allow consumption of beverages, including alcohol, was made by USBC staff, with full support of the Board. We believe offering this service will be well received by many of our bowlers while also helping provide some additional revenue for the

tournament.

Our goal is to provide the best experience for participants at our championships. As you well know, some bowlers come to the tournament for camaraderie and would like to enjoy a beverage with their teammates. If there is an indication this change affects the integrity of the event or negatively impacts the bowlers' experience, USBC will re-evaluate the decision."

We also expressed our dismay to hear this news to Jeff Boje, and he understood that "sport" bowlers were going to have a problem with it. He even admitted that it might prove to be a mistake. But his job, and Stu Upson's job, and Steve Johnson's job, is to grow membership and grow revenues for USBC and BPAA.

Our question to Jeff was "At what cost?" We have tried to find any other sport that allows the consumption of alcoholic beverages during professional or amateur competition, and the only one suggested was darts – but we have not been able to confirm that it is allowed in a serious dart tournament.

It does seem a little sad, however, that the national championship tournament has been reduced to the same status as a mixed league bowling on a house shot. And it sort of reinforces our decision to leave this event after bowling in more than 20 of them several years ago.

Jeff asked us to keep an open mind about this – and we will – but we will also respectfully disagree with the decision and predict that this will be a one year deal; so all you good 'ol boy bowlers out there who crave to have an expensive brewski while bowling this event . . . drink up, and enjoy it while it lasts. And we hope the profit avails some of USBC's money woes so they won't need to continue this in the future.

SMART – or DUMB?

Boy, it has been a busy month for USBC.

During the BPAA Winter Summit and International Bowling Campus Grand Opening in January, some of the journalists there had the opportunity to visit with fellow BWAA member Gary Beck. Beck is a writer, and the owner of Killer B Promotions, operators of the very successful Teen Masters Tournament.

We have also worked with Gary on other projects, like the PBA Battle at Little Creek, and we served as media directors for a couple of years for the Teen Masters National Finals.

All of our business with Beck has been pleasant and positive, and we are certain he shares our passion for the sport and industry . . . which is why we are so puzzled about a statement issued by the USBC recently which seems to imply that Beck is not handling the Teen Masters scholarship money properly.

We have spoken with Gary, and he insists he has done nothing wrong. He says all he has done is ask USBC for a detailed accounting of how they are investing SMART money. And we are not talking about chicken feed; the USBC SMART account contains over \$30 million in scholarship money, and Beck's Teen Masters bowlers have close to \$300,000 in it. We have not had a chance to speak with USBC officials about this, but we read the statement on Bowl.com, and it seems incredulous that they would single out one person for questioning their accounting and investment methods and practices, and throw him under the bus to the public on their website.

On the surface, this doesn't make much sense. We think we may hear much more about this, and it looks to us like this one might be headed to the court system.

Just what USBC needs in these tough times – the expense of defending a lawsuit.

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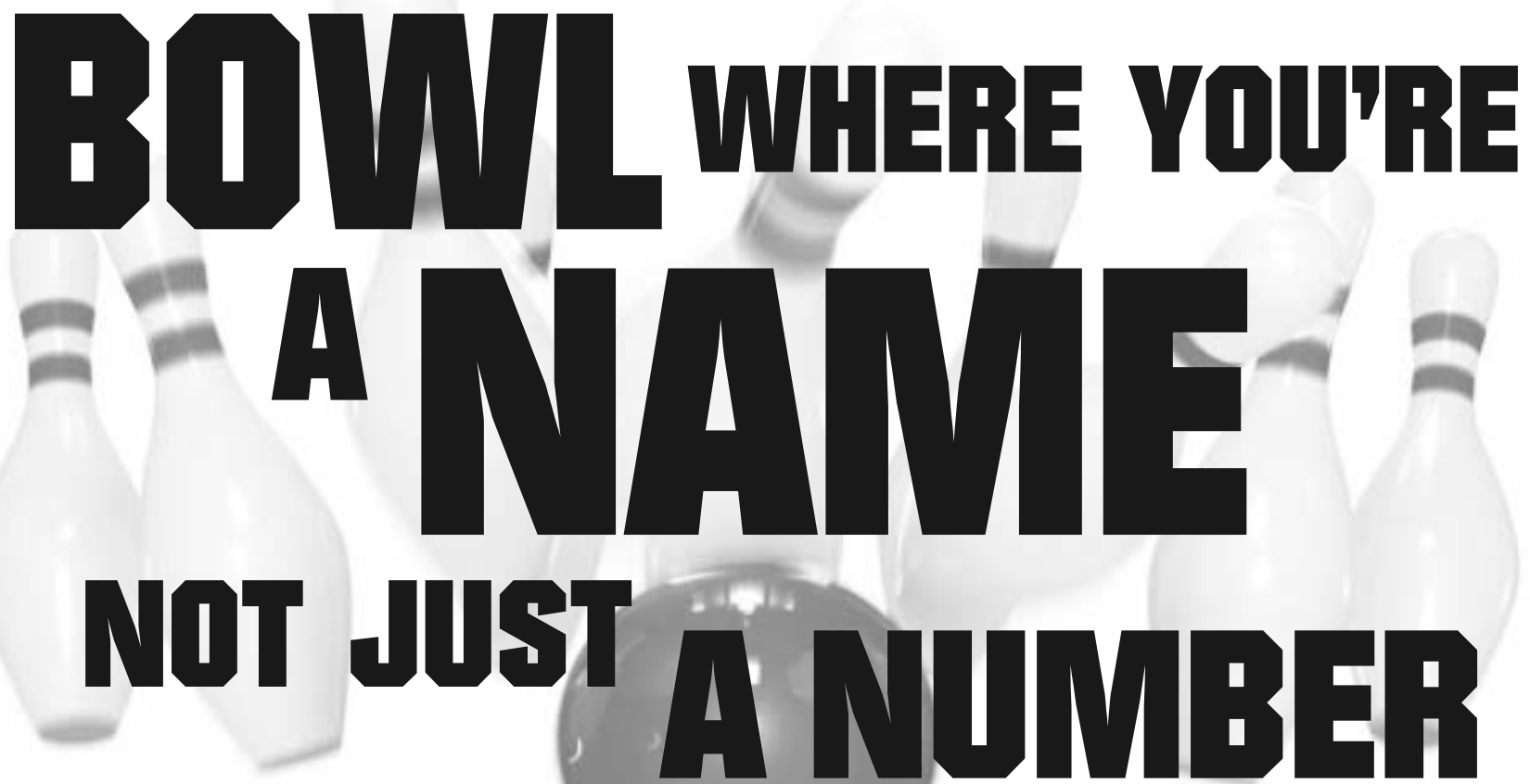
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PEZZANO

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.

Halls of Fame

The American Bowling Congress Hall of Fame was founded in 1941, becoming the third oldest sports shrine, following baseball in 1936 and golf in 1940.

Halls of Fame in all sports create plenty of interest and controversy based on who gets in and who doesn't and almost every sport boasts a hall.

It's a good bet that bowling has more Halls of Fame than any other or sport. No exact count exists but there probably are 800 or more bowling Halls at different levels around the world. Don't be too amazed by so many. At its peak bowling had 3,009 men and 2,910 women's local bowling associations. Once the ABC Hall was established many of these groups liked the concept and started local, state and regional Halls.

Hall of Fame committees number from three people to dozens and induction ceremonies range from lavish dinners to brief presentations during meetings or prior to tournaments. Those honored are remembered proudly with plaques or displays in bowling centers or at local association offices.

After years of planning, searching for the proper site and fund raising, the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame was opened in 1984 in St. Louis. There, ABC Hall of Famers were represented by bronze busts, Women's International Bowling Congress members featured in painted 'portraits and Professional Bowlers Association Hall members depicted in drawings by some of the nation's leading artists, including the Record's Charlie McGill.

The Hall and Museum, now a part of the bowling campus in Arlington, Texas,

recently opened to the public. Visit if you ever have the opportunity.

Some sports Halls add more than a dozen new members each year while others go years without adding any. The same is true in bowling because there are no set rules and they vary greatly in how they choose new members.

There was one association years ago that staged an annual picnic. To boost ticket sales they gave each ticket buyer a vote in the annual Hall of fame election. That kind of gimmick is long gone and most Halls have solid procedures. The USBC has one of the best.

The USBC Hall of Fame Board has 18 members, six Hall of Famers, six members of the media, the Bowling Writers Association of America, and six USBC officials. Terms are staggered, guaranteeing new members and some new thinking each year.

The board elects the new Hall of Famers in the meritorious and veteran categories. It also comes up with the candidates for the performance classification. Those candidates are then voted on by a panel of more than 100 experts from every area of bowling.

The system works well and many local groups have copied this type of committee.

Bowling competitors start very young and retire real old. Therefore there are many young bowlers in the PBA Hall of Fame. Many in their 30s have 20 years of competition, and few ever really retire.

Threats to win on the pro tour any week include dozens of young, and old members of various national halls.

Idle bowling thoughts . . .

- That next year you're always talking about? Don't look, but it's here.
- Golf, can be an aggravating sport, but most pro bowlers play golf to relax from bowling, which also can be an aggravating game.
- Do Bahrain, Brunei, Cyprus, Jersey, Kuwait, Malta, Mauritius, Myanmar, Yemen and Wales ring a bell? They are among the more than 120 country bowling federations that regularly bowl in FIQ and other international bowling competitions.
- Never thought I'd see the day where bowling balls came in more different colors than Easter eggs.
- The charter members of the ABC Hall of Fame were Joe Bodis, Adolph Carlson, Charley Daw, Peter Howley, John Koster, Herb Lange, Mort Lindsey, Hank Marino, Jimmy Smith, Harry Steers and Gil Zunker.
- Missing from the bowling scene in regular league play is the once large number of artistic and zany bowling shirts. These days many leagues have more teams without bowling shirts than with, and sadly, some leagues have more bowlers wearing hats than wearing bowling shirts.
- In too many cases the instructor is the person who had bowled once or twice before.
- We should always heed the long ago words of former American Junior Bowling Congress manager Chuck Hall, who said, "We need to renew our enthusiasm for introducing youngsters to bowling and project the attitude that bowling is the greatest game in the

world."

- Want to learn some interesting and revealing facts? Just read the rule book - or the fine print on a bowling tournament entry blank.

The average American has a vocabulary of about 10,000 words. Doctors, lawyers and journalists range from 15,000 to 20,000 words. Bowlers, in their careers, use 25,000 words just to describe how they missed an easy spare.

- If you see a bowler still cleaning his bowling ball after every shot, don't ask why, just ask what else he got for Christmas.

If another bowler does it, you call it a mistake or an error. If you do it, it is called practical experimentation that failed.

My nomination for the best communicator in the world is the bowling instructor who can give bowling advice and lessons without taking his hands out of his pocket.

Youngsters in a junior bowling league held an election and the adults were amazed when a four-year-old was elected president. An older member of the group explained, "He couldn't be secretary because he can't write, or treasurer because he can't count that well, and he would never do as sergeant-at-arms because he's too little. But if we didn't pick him for something, he'd feel bad and cry, so we made him president."

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Miller Earns \$30,000

Battle of the Titans - High Roller Style

Miller, Hoffman Now Have 6 High Roller Titles

What a difference a pair can make! Experienced tournament players know that sections of a center can generally play differently as they move across the house but does that run true for the very next pair?

Apparently so.

The overall match play scores were low all week, with 190 to 210 winning a ton of matches! And starting in Round 5 on the day of the finals, there were only 6 games better than 250 shot all day - none from the left side until Round 9.

Rick Miller

made a name for himself nationally when he won both the 2007 July "A Game" and the July Las Vegas Red Hot in the same week earning \$22,000 for his efforts. The 40 year old left-hander from Lincoln, Nebraska was again starting to catch fire, sending home his opponents at a 234 pace as he advanced to the semi-final match.

Now also in the semi-finals was 3-time champ Larry Hoffman. It was 10 years earlier, 1997, than Miller's titles when Hoffman won the "40 & Over" Classic at Showboat. And now at age 72, the lefty from Fountain Hills, Arizona, had his sights on title #4. He was bowling in his 91st High Roller event and had already piled up over \$275,000 in career earnings.

It was announced earlier that the Title Match would take place on lanes 11 & 12. Now in the Semis, Miller's match on 9 & 10 and Hoffman

on 13 & 14, they could both see the trophy already stationed in the pair directly between them, ready for the Title Match - and a \$30,000 prize.

The crowd buzzed with each strike

High Roller rookie Kenny Calkins were the unfortunate recipients from those big semi final games but took home \$6,000 each.

High Roller week started with the "A Game" as Jim Wolcott defeated former champ Darwin Wimer for the honors and his induction into the famed High Roller \$10,000 Club.

Other highlights of the week included Chad Nelson winning 2 of the 3 Sweepers, but not a match play prize! Scott Puhl, from Minnesota, led the scoring with the tournament's only 300 game and was the recipient of Storm's \$500 Bonus as he used a Second Dimension and had a Storm patch on his shirt.

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as Miller put his opponent away 268 - 181 with Hoffman doing the same 254 - 171, both matches over early.

So both players moved 1 pair for the Title Match. Anyone trying to guess the scores for the Title Match would have been wrong by a lot. Miller actually shot 100 pins lower - and won! The 168 - 162 match was one of the lowest in High Roller history and certainly the largest scoring change from the semis match ever.

During the Storm Picture Taking Ceremony, both players were reliving that match in their minds, especially Hoffman, who could certainly come up with 7 more pins easily as he accepted the \$15,000 runner-up prize. Miller wasn't finished as he crossed town the next day to win the Mini.

Mexico's Enrique Gutierrez and

A View from the President of USBC

When USBC has issues that affect bowlers, they sometimes have to make tough decisions, and as USBC President, Jeff Boje is involved in that process. He also knows that every decision will not be popular, but regardless, tries to make the best calls to benefit the greatest number of members. Here is what he has to say regarding some of the latest challenges facing USBC management:

The USBC is now facing the same financial situation as a majority of citizens of the United States. We are victims of one of the most severe economic recessions since the great depression. We have real estate (the former headquarters in Greendale) that we are not able to sell at the value that we had counted on. Additionally, revenues have dropped dramatically in membership, sponsorship, advertising and participation in our Championships tournaments.

I want to be perfectly clear. The USBC is, without question, solvent. Core operations are fully funded and we are more than capable of meeting our fiscal obligations. However, we must do the responsible thing. USBC must increase liquidity, find new ways to increase revenues and be diligent in cutting expenses to become as efficient as we possibly can.

I reject the opinion that allowing alcohol to be consumed at the Championships tournaments destroys the integrity of our sport. I support the staff's decision and believe that the arguments that I have heard in opposition to this "trial" policy change are exaggerated and based primarily on preconceptions, emotional reasoning and personal bias.

Taking chances and daring to make changes that increase revenues during tough economic times is not a travesty to our sport. Digging in our heels and refusing to try new things that allow us to grow as the Governing Body of an ever changing sport, in an ever changing world would be a far bigger mistake. One has only to watch the Olympic Games this year to find glaring examples of change. Some that have made heroes out of

athletes in sports that did not even exist a few decades ago.

We must be careful when comparing ourselves to other sports. Being different is not a reason to do or not to do something. I know of no other sport that draws 70-80,000 competitors to its amateur championship competition year after year. Many sports have only a fraction of the active weekly participants that we have. I could go on and on. Don't compare bowling to other sports and use that as the dominant rationale in a debate for our sport. It is a slippery slope and proves nothing.

I believe that this debate is lacking in substance and is being driven by a minority of competitors in our championship tournament. The majority of participants in the early going of this year's tournament has found this a welcome change. It has even been met with applause in several of the opening squads. There have been no instances of intoxication, slowing down of the pace of competition or interrupting those that choose not to consume alcohol.

The most commonly expressed objection is that it reinforces the perception of the "beer-guzzling, fat, out-of-shape bowler". Allowing alcohol to be served while bowling at the championship tournaments does not create or reinforce this perception. If I were to point out the most damaging perception issue in bowling today it is not that of a "beer-guzzling, fat, out-of-shape bowler," it would be a dumpy, run down, mismanaged bowling facility. This, unfortunately, in all too many instances, is very much rooted in fact.

Let's be proud of who and what we are. I know of no other sport that so chronically tries to compare itself to other sports and then becomes so critical about being different. We are different. When all is said and done, we are better. Let's wait and see what the results actually are of this policy change and then we can evaluate the pros and cons. In other words, let's wait until the fat golfer sings before we judge.

-- Jeff Boje



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Rick Miller Wins \$20,000 at The Mini-Eliminator

Tony Maring Takes Inaugural Classic Title

South Point Casino, Las Vegas: Rick Miller of Lincoln, Nebraska won the 2010 Winter Mini-Eliminator

Rick's Mini-Eliminator victory was historic as it was his second megabuck victory of the week. A day ear-

lier, Rick won the High Roller and its \$30,000 top prize. Rick, a 40-year old left hand bowler from Nebraska earned over \$50,000 for the week.

Earlier in the week The Mini-Eliminator crowned its Early Bird Champion, Rick Moussouleas of Allen Park, MI. Rick bowls out of the 205 & under division and earned \$2,000

for his victory. A total of 340 entrants bowled the early bird tournament which paid out \$10,000.

The Mini-Eliminator tournament ran its 23rd event in Las Vegas and saw a major increase in entries. Over 450 bowlers from around the world competed for more than \$250,000 in cash and prizes. A total of 84 bowlers advanced to the finals and half earned \$1,000 or more.

Anthony Marine, a senior bowler from Long Island, NY won the first ever handicap Mini-Eliminator sponsored by Columbia 300. Tony won \$5,000 by bowling a 233 scratch game (251 with handicap) in the final shootout. Finishing second was another Long Islander, Damon Gizzi of St. James, who shot a 195 scratch (226 with handicap) and earned \$2,500 and third was an expecting dad, Landon Young of Las Vegas who earned \$1,250 with a 164 (197 handicap).

The initial Classified Mini attracted a great crowd for its first event. A total of 33 bowlers, almost

one-third of the entrants, advanced to the finals and earned a minimum of \$200. To everyone's surprise, Columbia Brand Manager Chad

low average league bowlers the chance to experience a big money tournament in Las Vegas. With over 330 recorded entries the event con-



Lonnie Waliczek (lft) & Chad Murphy of Columbia 300 congratulate Mini-Eliminator Champion Rick Miller

sponsored by Columbia 300. Rick won \$20,000 by bowling a 236 in the final shootout, 20 pins greater than second place finisher Sam Carter, a senior bowler from Ben Lomond, CA who earned \$10,000. Finishing third was the 205 & under champion Darnell Pearson of Baltimore, MD who shot a 193 and earned \$7,500.

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Damon Gizzi, Chad Murphy of Columbia 300, Anthony Marine, Lonnie Waliczek of Columbia 300, and Landon Young

Murphy announced all finalists would receive a brand new Full Swing High Performance Ball. The event paid over \$30,000 in cash and prizes even though entry fees were as low as \$75.

The Mini-Eliminator has been running in Las Vegas since 1993 and has paid out over \$20 million in prizes. The expansion into the handicap event was created to al-

sidered a huge success and will return in July.

The Mini-Eliminator at South Point was presented by Columbia 300 and sponsored by Kegel, Etonic Shoes, and Virtualtournaments.com. The dates for The Summer Mini-Eliminator will be finalized soon. Please visit www.minieliminator.com for updates and a complete listing of results.

Young Guns Take Texas Titles

Shawn Maldonado, Houston, and Anita Manns, Austin, were victorious in their quest to win the 2010 Texas State Masters and Bluebonnet Queens Tournaments held February 20-21 at Wonder Lanes in San Antonio. Like the senior tournaments, both events are held the same weekend with separate qualifying squads. The semi-finals and finals are bowled simultaneously, and spectators have the advantage of watching the best of the best compete at the same time.

Bluebonnet Queens Tournament

Anita Manns, qualifying second after Saturday's competition, moved into the top spot after winning her first game of match play Sunday morning 209-179. Manns remained in the top spot winning seven of her nine games of match play, totaling 2013 pins, plus 240 bonus points, for a grand total and winning score of 2253. In addition to the first place prize money of \$1300, Mann will have a paid entry to compete in the national USBC Queens tournament held in conjunction with the USBC Women's Championship Tournament in El Paso, Texas.

Manns has had a successful bowling career to date for her young age. She has received the Alberta E. Crowe Award, was a former member of Team USA (02-03), as well as Jr. Team USA (03-04), and was a member of the National IBC Championship Wichita State Shockers team in 2005. In addition, the smiling all star was Academic All American the four years she attended college, and was selected '05 BWAA Collegiate Player of the Year.

Manns was captain of the Wichita State Shockers team for her final three years in college - '02 to '05.

In the final position match, Manns defeated Catie Jensen, Ft.



Shawn Maldonado & Anita Manns

Worth, 217-168, and opened the door for April Ellis, Ft. Worth, to take second place honors by winning her match against Lisa Lea, Ft. Worth, 216 - 179 and 30 bonus pins. Other finalists were Marcia Kloempken, Ft. Worth, Jessica Hirschmann, San Antonio, Jennifer Chewens, Wichita Falls, Laura Godfrey, San Antonio, Heather Jones, Ft. Worth, and Crystal Boutotte, Montgomery County. Boutotte was high qualifier.

There were 57 contestants competing for a portion of the \$7,846 prize fund in the qualifying round of eight games, with 24 high qualifiers advancing to the 4 games of semi-finals and 10 high qualifiers advancing to the finals.

Special non-qualifiers prize of \$50 each was won by Megan Simon for High 8 game Series, and Christina Atkins for High Game.

Texas State Masters

Two handed bowler Shawn Maldonado, Houston, started his qualifying round with a 260 game, ended with 1883 total to advance to semi's and finished the day with 2739 total pins and high qualifier to start Sunday's match play competition. Sunday's match play continued with Maldonado winning eight of ten matches for 240 bonus pins and a grand total of 2349 and the title. In addition to first place prize money of \$2,000, Maldonado has qualified for a paid entry for the USBC Masters in 2011.

"I have been bowling with two hands since I first started bowling at the age of 3. My father helped me through the years, I do not have a coach, most of what I have learned has come from reading all the information I can and watching all the bowlers I can. I work in a pro shop and I have opportunities to talk with a lot of bowlers. I make my living bowling," commented Maldonado. "I came out of the youth program about five years ago, did not go to college but I bowl in a lot of tournaments and get a great deal of experience bowling three times a week".

In the final position round, Maldonado defeated William Alexander, San Angelo, 226-209, while bowling on the next pair of lanes in third place, Ron Boroff, Ft. Worth, won his match with a 280 game, plus 30 bonus pins for second place. Other finalists include Andy Patterson, Longview; Adam Martinez, San Antonio;

Xeno Garcia, Ft. Worth, Michael Phillips, San Antonio, Chris Watson, San Antonio, Everett Bubak, Houston and David Eubanks, Austin.

There were 94 entries competing for a portion of the \$12,400 prize money. The tournament has the same format as the ladies - eight game qualifying round, with 24 advancing to the semi-finals and ten high qualifiers advancing to the finals. Special non-qualifier prize for high series and high game of \$50 each was won by Matt Cabanski - High Series - \$50, and Clint Dacy - High Game.

The tournaments are sponsored by Ebonite who provides equipment for squad prizes, plus additional equipment to be used to raise

additional prize fund. In addition, Carol "Stormin" Norman's Pro Shop supports the tournaments as a sponsor with a donation of \$250 added prize money for each event. In addition, Donna Conners, Houston and a partner in the pro shop, donated a TV to be used as a fund raiser for the tournaments.

The Texas State USBC conducts four annual scratch events. In addition to the Bluebonnet and Masters events, the state conducts the Texas State Senior Masters and Senior Queens Classic. All four 2011 tournaments will be held in Houston - Senior events scheduled for January 29-30 and Bluebonnet And Masters scheduled for February 26-27. Lanes have not been selected.



Duke Again Leads US Bowler All-America Team

For the ninth time in his legendary career, United States Congress and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., has earned a place on the US Bowler All-America team. Duke won three titles on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour in 2009 and was the leading vote-getter for the second consecutive year. Voters for the All-America teams used statistics from 2009 to make their decisions.



Duke

After starting the year with a victory in the Don and Paula Carter Mixed Doubles Championship with Liz Johnson, Duke went on to win the Denny's Dick Weber Open and the PBA Cheetah Championship. He also finished second at the U.S. Open and ended 2009 with \$174,285 in earnings.



Dorin-Ballard

Joining Duke on the men's All-America team are four players who all won two PBA Tour titles in 2009: Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, Wes Malott of Argyle, Texas, Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, and Patrick Allen of Wesley Chapel, Fla. For Barnes, it is the 10th time he has received the honor.



Mohr

US Bowler, also recognizes five women and five senior All-Americans. Like Duke, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard of Keller, Texas, led the women's voting for the second consecutive year, earning a record 12th spot on the All-America team.

Dorin-Ballard won the PBA Bowling Women's Series Showdown, helped Team USA to the team gold medal at the Pan American Bowling Confederation Championships and also helped her team win the USBC Women's Championships Classic Team title.

The USBC Hall of Famer also had two second-place finishes in the PBA Women's Series and earned more than \$70,000.

Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., finished just behind Dorin-Ballard in the voting to become an All-American for the 10th time. Rounding out the women's team is Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., Shannon Pluhowsky of Phoenix and Tammy Boomershine of North Ogden, Utah.

For the seniors, Ron Mohr of Eagle River, Alaska, was the leading vote-getter after winning three titles in 2009. Mohr won the Jackson Open, the Dayton Classic and the Senior Dick Weber Open as he earned more than \$41,000.

Joining Mohr on the senior All-America team is Wayne Webb of Sacramento, Calif., Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas, Dale Traber of Cedarburg, Wis., and Tom Baker of King, N.C.

The US Bowler All-America teams are selected in voting by a national panel of bowling journalists, USBC Hall of Famers and USBC association leaders.

Ricky Henderson Takes TAT Title

Las Vegas, NV- It was another exhilarating week at The Orleans this year for the 2010 TAT Amateur Nationals. The economy had no effect on our entries as we had 4968 entries in this one week event and over 1000 TAT room nights at The Orleans. This year's winner was Ricky Henderson from Baltimore, Maryland who took home \$25,000. After winning the tournament Ricky said "I drilled up the Ebonite Mission and I knew it was going to win the tournament for me." Finishing 2nd was Senior division bowler John Young earning \$15,000 for his efforts. 3rd Place went to Joseph Guerrero cashing for \$12,500, 4th Place was Fabio Andrade from the 205 division for \$10,000, and 5th Place was our 189 & Under Handicap bowler Erik Glenn who cashed for \$6,000. All together our Top 5 paid out \$68,000 with our Top 10 receiving \$83,500.

All TAT entrants received a new Ebonite High Performance Bowling Ball with the first 600 bowlers receiving a second Ebonite bowling ball all without any increase in entry fees. The Ebonite crew gave out 1404 bowling balls and 168 double tote bags during the week and as always did a terrific job helping out TAT bowlers with their equipment. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication during this long, but exciting week of competition.

Our Ebonite Challenge set a new record this year going 29 rounds and almost 3 hours of no-tap elimination bowling. With only Ebonite balls allowed in this event, the Ebonite Challenge definitely lived up to its name as every ball looked terrific. When the pins settled, Curtis Dornath came out the 2010 Ebonite Challenge winner. Curtis is taking home \$5,000 with his Ebonite Playmaker that seemed to read the lanes just right. There were 30 cashers in this event with a 1:6 cashing ratio. As always, all Ebonite Challenge competitors received a new

Ebonite Lane Breaker just for entering with over 75% the bowlers getting in for free.

The TAT grew in size this year by 40% mostly due to the added

TAT Sweepers this year with all over-all winners receiving \$1,000. Brian Wallace won our first Sweeper and all TAT bowlers got to bowl in it for free at 1:00 on Monday. Our sec-



Shawn Morris of Ebonite, Ricky Henderson, Jamie McWilliams of TAT

\$100,000 investment by TAT and the amazing value that came with the bowler's entry. Bowlers received free squads, Ebonite balls & double tote bags, free casino cash, half price entries, Ebonite challenge finals entries, and even a free room night if you reserved your room by January 10th. All of this came at no extra cost to the bowlers and without increasing any entry fees. We had over 150 amateur bowlers in our main finals and 185 in the Ebonite finals with over 50% of them receiving at least \$1,000 just for making our main finals in one of the six divisions.

We had over 300 new bowlers in this year's TAT and paid out over \$500,000 in cash and prizes to amateur bowlers. Our 4 free Chance tournaments paid out a total of \$20,000 and bowlers received up to 5 free squad entries just for signing up early along with a free room night at The Orleans at no cost. We had 3

ond Sweeper on Wednesday was won by Mike Albert with Daniel Skrimager winning our Thursday sweeper. We also added a new Handicap division to this year's TAT Amateur Nationals which had over 160 bowlers that averaged under 189. One of them was guaranteed to our Top 5 and received a check for \$6,000. All other handicap finalists received checks ranging from \$400 to \$2500 each.

On behalf of the entire TAT staff, we would like to thank all our TAT bowlers and sponsors for making this year's Amateur Nationals the best tournament in years! We would also like to thank The Orleans for their outstanding customer service and hospitality during this exciting week of megabuck bowling. You can find results from this year's 2010 TAT Amateur Nationals on or website at www.tatbowl.com.

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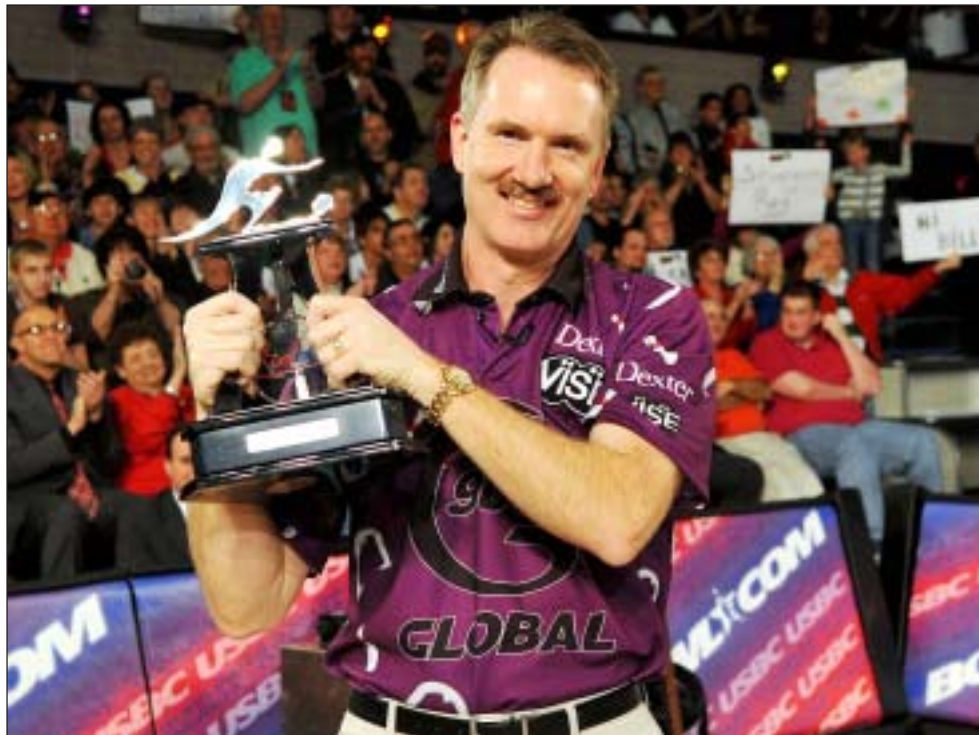
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8th Major

Williams Wins USBC Masters for Record 47th Career PBA Tour Title



Walter Ray Williams Jr.

RENO, Nevada - Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla., won his second United States Bowling Congress Masters title Sunday, defeating top seed Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 290-217, at the National Bowling Stadium.

The victory was Williams' 47th on the Lumber Liquidators Professional Bowlers Association Tour, extending his record for the most in PBA Tour history, while also moving him up to a tie for second with eight career major titles.

"This is just another little feather, it's just awesome," said Williams, who defeated Barnes, 268-239, to win the January 2004 USBC Masters also at the National Bowling Stadium. "It's hard to explain it better than that. To win any tournament is awesome, and the bigger ones are even better."

Williams is now tied with Pete Weber and Mike Aulby with eight career major titles, but all three players trail USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Earl Anthony, who won 10 majors and 43 total titles.

"I really don't envision that I can get to 10,

but I'm not giving up yet," said Williams, who turned 50 in 2009. "I'm going to go out there and plug along as good as I can, and the year that I'm no longer exempt out here, that's when I will have had enough."

In the title match against Barnes, Williams got off to a shaky start, going high on his first shot, breaking up a split and leaving a 7 pin. From there, he was perfect, finishing with 11 consecutive strikes to take home the \$50,000 prize and two-year PBA Tour exemption.

Williams said the turning point in the match was when Barnes left a 10 pin in the fourth frame, but he managed to carry a similar shot in the fifth frame.

"Chris left that weak 10 pin after a scout came over and touched it but didn't knock it over, and then I step up and leave a 10 pin but the scout comes over and gets it," Williams said. "That helped me get a little more comfortable, and from that point, every one of my strikes was high flush."

Looking back on the loss, Barnes said he thought he threw the ball well, but it was the

way the lanes broke down in practice that had a major impact.

"I lost this one in the practice session," said Barnes, who finished second in the season's second major, losing to Kelly Kulick, 265-195, in the PBA Tournament of Champions three weeks ago. "He played further right than I anticipated. When I broke them down, it made the lanes pretty good for me, but it had no affect on him."

When Williams and Barnes met for the Masters title in 2004, the scenario set up the same way. Barnes was the top seed, while Williams was No. 2.

"The last two Masters here in Reno, I've gone undefeated in match play, I haven't lost a three-

game match, yet I haven't won either tournament," said Barnes, who made it through the double-elimination bracket unscathed in both events. "TV is one of the best things the sport has going for it, but it is probably the worst thing I have going for me personally."

To reach the championship match, Williams defeated No. 3 seed Ryan Ciminelli of Buffalo, N.Y., 258-224. Ciminelli advanced with a 246-229 victory over fourth seed Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, in the opening match.

The 2010 USBC Masters featured a field of 267 of the top professional and amateur bowlers in the world, competing for an overall prize fund of \$255,000.

2010 USBC MASTERS

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nevada, February 14, 2010

Final standings

1. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Florida	548 (two games)	\$50,000
2. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas	217 (one game)	\$25,000
3. Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, New York	470 (two games)	\$15,000
4. Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas	229 (one game)	\$10,000

Stepladder results

Match One - Ciminelli def. Scroggins, 246-229

Match Two - Williams def. Ciminelli, 258-224

Championship - Williams def. Barnes, 290-217

TELEVISION FINALS

Match 1: No. 3 Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., vs. No. 4 Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas

Match 2: No. 2 Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., vs. Match 1 winner

Championship match: No. 1 Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, vs. Match 2 winner

MATCH PLAY

ROUND 3 - (Losers earn \$2,300)

Dan Bock, Albert Lea, Minn., def. (29) Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 642-592; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., def. (17) Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 740-628; Jonathan Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., def. (33) Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 634-600; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., def. (5) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 678-640; Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., def. (28) Dave Wodka, Chatsworth, Calif., 599-574; Andres Gomez, Colombia, def. (51) John May, Lincolnton, N.C., 731-594; Erik Vermilyea, Mansfield, Texas, def. (50) PJ Haggerty, Clovis, Calif., 622-549; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., def. (18) Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 617-593

ROUND 4 LOSERS BRACKET - (Losers earn \$2,800)

Kent def. Bock, 618-609; Belmonte def. P.Allen, 695-601; Smallwood def. Van Hees, 611-590; Loschetter def. Angelo, 702-686; Weber def. Newell, 712-687; Gomez def. Carter, 663-627; Vermilyea def. Boresch Jr., 659-590; Edwards def. Bohn III, 707-646

ROUND 5 LOSERS BRACKET - (Losers earn \$3,300)

Belmonte def. Kent, 643-609; Smallwood def. Loschetter, 681-593; Weber def. Gomez, 675-592; Edwards def. Vermilyea, 672-657

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

Belmonte def. Malott, 610-574; Scroggins def. Smallwood, 607-544; Weber def. Ciccone, 692-601; Edwards def. Steelsmith, 704-654

ROUND 7 LOSERS BRACKET - (Losers earn \$5,000)

Scroggins def. Belmonte, 662-615; Edwards def. Weber, 699-695

ROUND 8 LOSERS BRACKET - (Winners advance to TV show; Losers earn \$7,000)

Scroggins def. O'Neill, 716-649; Ciminelli def. Edwards, 685-636

ROLL-OFF FOR TOP SEED

Barnes def. Williams Jr., 712-612

Booze at USBC Open Championship Tournament?

Tell us it ain't so!

by Jim Salisbury

Jim Salisbury is a bowler and bowling proprietor who is very concerned about the integrity of the sport. The following is, in our view, an honest, and emotional response to the recent decision to sell beer at the USBC Open Championships.

Salisbury's words reflect the emotions being felt by many bowlers who may not have all of the information they need to fully understand the issues facing our sport and industry. And there are always two sides to every issue; sometimes more.

For more on this, see Bowl O'Pinion on page 2, and Jeff Boje's view on page 5.

Beer and bowling go way back. It is most enjoyable to toss a few back with friends after a friendly session on the maple and pine. Many a round has been bought upon failing to produce a strike when all your mates have hung you in the beer frame. The revenues produced in a typical bowling center bar during league night can be impressive. In Milwaukee, "Beer, brats and bowling" has been the mantra. One only has to look back at the golden age of bowling to find such classic teams as the Strohs, Hamm's and Monarchs who have all won team titles at the Open Championships. Who can forget the exploits of the famous Budweisers? As a young man, I confess that I demurred to the allure of the

Rhinegold girl.

But if you were able to ask the Webers, the Welus or the Norris' what part beer played in their outstanding performances, the answer to a high degree of certainty would be none. The drinking of alcohol before and after competition was not unusual. The consumption of such during, unthinkable. To do so would degrade the competition, venue and the sport.

But now the big news out of Reno, suggestively and quietly buried in the fine print of a spinned release, is that the consumption of alcoholic beverages at Nationals will be allowed during the competition.

What have they done?

In one dumbfounding, unbelievable edict, the "leaders" of the USBC, the very institution we entrusted the sport to, hath proclaimed in no uncertain terms that amateur bowling to its highest level is no longer a sport, being reduced to a recreational activity. The National Governing Body, their very mission statement reads "Grow the sport", has fired the final salvo reporting the demise of the sport of tenpin bowling. They have placed the Open Championships on a par with the Tuesday night mixed.

What right do the people who made this unilateral decision have to single handedly destroy the reputation, rich history and

unmatched tradition of the most prestigious amateur national tournament bowling has to offer? What a selfish act!

Forget Olympic status. It is hard enough to do drug testing before and after the event. To test during - impossible. One can see the post game interview, "It was the ball change in the fourth, the inside move in the seventh and the lager in the ninth that saved the day for me!"

And with that comes the end of the USBC as a National Governing Body. The evaporation of team USA and the end of Title IX funding follows.

To all of the bowling journalists throughout the land who have covered the sport of bowling so wonderfully I suggest that you go to the mirror and take a good look. Throw all your copy in the toilet for you will be reporting a big lie. The BWAA would be doing a disservice to this industry if it does not vigorously condemn this action in the most forceful language possible.

The Professional Bowlers Association must also come down hard on this subject. The reason is that its fine code of conduct faces an erosion from a governing body which has a weaker stance with regards to ethics. Drugs and alcohol have tarnished the careers of more than a few professionals. Placing an excuse for a return engagement with alcohol fosters nothing but tragedy. The

commissioner needs to remind the membership that this should and will not be tolerated.

What a sorry position this puts our fine coaches in? How do you explain to young people that the USBC allows consumption of alcohol during the highest levels of competition? That its OK to drink during competition? What do you say to the parents? All coaches must condemn this, now!

All of the time, money and effort spent by the USBC in their disingenuous attempts to portray bowling as a sport has now in one swoop been wasted. This includes the money spent on training of coaches, research into equipment and lane specifications, the training facility itself - all wasted now that bowling as a sport has been declared by idiots as a purely recreational activity.

And finally to the delegates and the local association volunteers who form the backbone of the congress I say you have been betrayed on a level that is stupefying. No longer can you afford to consider the convention a vacation. Take back your congress! Take back your sport! Vote to suspend the rules and vote "no confidence" in your current leadership and show them the door! Throw the bums out!

O'Neill Wins First Major Title in 67th PBA U.S. Open

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., who earned a "can't miss" tag after his 2005-06 PBA Rookie of the Year season, cruised past defending champion Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, 267-207, to win his first major title in the 67th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open at Woodland Bowl.

O'Neill, who won his first Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour title earlier in the season in Detroit, had a spare in the first frame, failed to convert the 2-10 split in the second, and then threw 10 strikes in a row to race away to victory. Along with his title, he earned \$60,000 and a three-year PBA Tour exemption.

"This title means everything to me. I can't begin to explain it," he said. "It's the most difficult title on tour to win. To have my name up there will the guys who have won it is amazing.

"I can't believe I bowled a game like that on this lane condition," the 28-year-old O'Neill said. "I found a little hold area and that's all I needed. It was just a matter of bearing down and making good shots.

"It was the most relaxed I've ever been on TV," he continued. "I don't know why, but from the time I got up this morning and came into the center, everything felt great. Even after throwing that split in the second frame, I knew I was going to throw the ball great.

"Scroggins has beaten me, like, the last 34 times I've bowled him, so it was nice to get some payback."

Scroggins never found a solid line to the pocket, failing to put two strikes together until the 10th frame. But it was a pocket 7-10 split in the eighth frame that clinched the win for

O'Neill. "At start of the match, my thumb shrunk just a bit and I was afraid to add a piece of tape



Bill O'Neill

because I didn't want to hang up in the ball," Scroggins said. "I was losing it just enough, so when I put the tape in the ball in the seventh frame, I got back to the pocket.

"But Bill bowled well. All of the strikes

looked the same, so you know he was throwing the ball well," Scroggins added. "It's hard to beat 267 on an easy condition, let alone the U.S. Open oil pattern."

With his victory, O'Neill also jumped into the thick of the PBA Player of the Year race with only four tournaments remaining in the season.

"I picked up a couple of points on Walter Ray (Williams Jr.), but you know he'll make a couple of more TV shows before the season is

over," O'Neill said. "I'll just have to try to win another one."

O'Neill earned his berth in the title match by defeating Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., 203-152, after Jones romped past Jason Couch of Clermont, Fla., 245-192, in the opening match. In the first game, Jones threw seven strikes in the first eight frames to win easily, but when the oil began to move, he got lost against O'Neill, leaving and failing to convert four splits.

67TH LUMBER LIQUIDATORS U.S. OPEN Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Indiana, Feb. 28, 2010

FINAL STANDINGS

1. Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pennsylvania \$60,000
2. Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas \$30,000
3. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, South Carolina \$20,000
4. Jason Couch, Clermont, Florida \$15,000

STEPLADDER RESULTS

- Match One – Jones def. Couch, 245-192
- Semifinal Match – O'Neill def. Jones, 203-152
- Championship – O'Neill def. Scroggins, 267-207

FINAL MATCH PLAY STANDINGS (after 51 games)

Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 13-9-2, 11,280, \$10,000; Jason Belmonte, Australia, 11-12-1, 11,277, \$8,000; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 14-9-1, 11,264, \$6,500; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 13-11, 11,188, \$6,000; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 14-10, 11,117, \$5,500; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 11-13, 11,061, \$5,000; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 12-12, 11,058, \$4,500; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 12-11-1, 11,056, \$4,300; Andres Gomez, Colombia, 9-15, 10,992, \$4,100; Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 10-14, 10,971, \$4,000; Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 14-10, 10,955, \$3,900; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 11-13, 10,943, \$3,900; Ronnie Russell, Camby, Ind., 12-12, 10,933, \$3,700; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 12-12, 10,892, \$3,600; Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 11-13, 10,888, \$3,500; Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 11-13, 10,771, \$3,400; David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 9-14-1, 10,721, \$3,300; Anthony Jordan, Sycamore, Ill., 12-12, 10,691, \$3,200; Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 8-16, 10,678, \$3,100; x-PJ Haggerty, Clovis, Calif., 8-8, 10,653, \$2,920; Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 0-8, 7,266, \$2,920

x:Haggerty replaced Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela who withdrew at the end of the fifth round due to injury.

OTHER CASHERS (after 27 games)

P.J. Haggerty, Clovis, Calif., 5,637, \$2,840; Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 5,626, \$2,500; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5,623, \$2,400; Shannon Pluhowsky, Kettering, Ohio, 5,606, \$2,300; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 5,593, \$2,200; Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,575, \$2,100; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,568, \$2,000; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5,565, \$1,900; Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 5,562, \$1,850; (tie) J.R. Raymond, Belleville, Ill., 5,559, and Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 5,559, \$1,775; Bob Hale, Louisville, Ky., 5,556, \$1,700; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5,548, \$1,650; Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 5,546, \$1,600; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 5,541, \$1,550; Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, 5,536, \$1,500; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 5,509, \$1,480; Chad Kloss, West Allis, Wis., 5,505, \$1,460; Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 5,503, \$1,440; Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 5,497, \$1,420; (tie) Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,496, and Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 5,496, \$1,395; Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 5,486, \$1,380; Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 5,483, \$1,370; Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, 5,482, \$1,360; Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 5,477, \$1,350; Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 5,471, \$1,340; (tie) Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 5,470, and Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 5,470, \$1,325; Bo Goergen, Midland, Mich., 5,467, \$1,310; Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 5,464, \$1,300; Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 5,459, \$1,290; Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 5,449, \$1,280; Daniel Hannagan, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 5,438, \$1,270; Ken Jessee, Huber Heights, Ohio, 5,436, \$1,260; Rudy Kasimakis, Baldwin, Miss., 5,428, \$1,250; Rick Hara, Darien, Ill., 5,424, \$1,240; John Szczerbinski, Wichita, Kan., 5,420, \$1,230; Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 5,419, \$1,220; (tie) Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., and George Brooks, Loveland, Colo., 5,406, \$1,213; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 5,389, \$1,205; Patrick Girard, Canada, 5,385, \$1,200; Antonio Medina, Davenport, Iowa, 5,380, \$1,195; Matthew Zasowski, Buffalo, N.Y., 5,365, \$1,190; Tim Pfeifer, Cranberry Twp., Pa., 5,362, \$1,185; Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 5,361, \$1,180; John May, Lincolnton, N.C., 5,358, \$1,175; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 5,352, \$1,170; (tie) Josh Brown, Molalla, Ore., 5,347, and Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, 5,347, \$1,163; (tie) Ron Dixon, Boynton Beach, Fla., 5,342, and Scott Gilmore, Lafayette, Ind., 5,342, \$1,153; Andro Simounet, Babson Park, Fla., 5,334, \$1,145; Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 5,324, \$1,140; Chris Hansen, Chicago, 5,283, \$1,135; Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 5,279, \$1,130; Joe Green, Maplewood, Ohio, 5,254, \$1,125; Corey Young, Steeleville, Ill., 5,253, \$1,120; Craig Hanson, Orlando, Fla., 5,243, \$1,115; Terry Krawec, Canada, 5,205, \$1,110; Michael Christensen, Great Falls, Mont., 5,193, \$1,105; Jeffrey Roche, Dearborn, Mich., withdrew, \$1,100; Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., withdrew, \$1,100

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Voss and Asbaty Victorious in PBA Don and Paula Carter Mixed Doubles



Brian Voss and Diandra Asbaty

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. - Coming from the 5th qualifying position, Hall of Famers Brian Voss of Alpharetta, Ga., and Diandra Asbaty of Chicago, won the PBA Bayer Don and Paula Carter Mixed Doubles Sunday at Brunswick Zone Wheat Ridge.

Voss, a member of the PBA Hall of Fame, and Asbaty, a member of the World Bowling Writers Hall of Fame, defeated No. 1 qualifiers Jason Belmonte of Australia and Michelle Feldman of Auburn, N.Y., in the Baker format championship match 234-212.

For Voss it was his 25th career Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour title ranking him 10th on the all-time list and his first in four years. It was the second PBA Women's Series presented by BOWL.COM title for Asbaty.

"Diandra bowled so well it took a lot of pressure off of me," said the 51-year-old Voss. "Once we got to match play our strategy was

that she would start and I would finish and we stuck with that the whole tournament.

"This was special not just for myself but also because you have an opportunity to share it with someone."

The Baker format requires each member of the team to bowl alternate frames in a game to combine for one score.

"Believe me, I couldn't have done it without Brian," Asbaty said. "We had good chemistry right from the start. Even though we qualified fifth for the finals, we had a lot of confidence and the fact that we jumped out to big leads in the first two matches helped make us feel we were in control."

The Voss and Asbaty team had a scare in the championship match when Voss missed a 10 pin spare in the eighth frame.

"I hadn't thrown any shots on the right hand part of the lane all day and just threw a

bad shot," Voss said. "Fortunately it didn't cost us."

Voss and Asbaty shared in a \$50,000 first prize and Belmonte and Feldman split \$26,000 for second.

"I thought after bowling really well at the start it would eventually end for them but it didn't," said Belmonte. "That's the cruel part of bowling one game for the title, but if it's

your day it can be the beauty of it as well."

Voss and Asbaty began the finals by defeating 2009 PBA World Championship winner Tom Smallwood and Jodi Woessner 276-224. In the second match they defeated Rhino Page and Shannon Pluhowsky 276-227, and in the semi-final beat reigning PBA Player of the Year Wes Malott and Shannon O'Keefe 224-202 to get to the championship match.

PBA BAYER DON AND PAULA CARTER MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP
Brunswick Zone Wheat Ridge, Wheat Ridge, Colo., Feb. 21, 2010

Final Standings

1. Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Georgia/Diandra Asbaty, Chicago	\$50,000
2. Jason Belmonte, Australia/Michelle Feldman, Auburn, New York	\$26,000
3. Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas/Shannon O'Keefe, Arlington, Texas	\$16,000
4. Rhino Page, Dade City, Florida/Shannon Pluhowsky, Kettering, Ohio	\$12,000
5. Tom Smallwood, Flushing, Michigan/Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio	\$10,000

Stepladder Results (Baker Format)

Match One - Voss/Asbaty def. Smallwood/Woessner, 276-224.

Match Two - Voss/Asbaty def. Page/Pluhowsky, 276-227.

Semifinal - Voss/Asbaty def. Malott/O'Keefe, 224-202.

Championship - Voss/Asbaty def. Belmonte/Feldman, 234-212.

Round 4 - (After 30 games)

Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich./Wendy Macpherson, Henderson, Nev., 11-5, 6,811, \$4,500; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind./Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 8-8, 6,774, \$4,400; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C./Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 9-7, 6,718, \$4,100; Stuart Williams, England/Tammy Boomershine, North Ogden, Utah, 8-8, 6,715, \$3,900; Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash./Laura Hardeman, Chula Vista, Calif., 9-7, 6,654, \$3,650; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla./Lindsay Baker, Amherst, N.Y., 5-11, 6,654, \$3,650; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas/Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 6-10, 6,607, \$3,500; Steve Harman, Indianapolis/Missy Bellinger, Lake Forest, Calif., 5-11, 6,540, \$3,400; Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan./Elysia Current, Ephrata, Pa., 6-10, 6,478, \$3,300; Walter Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla./Stefanie Nation, Grand Prairie, Texas, 6-10, 6,462, \$3,200; Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y./Brenda Edwards, Mansfield, Texas, 4-12, 6,355, \$3,100

Round 2 - (after 14 games)

Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,120, \$2,900; Ronnie Russell, Camby, Ind., 3,118, \$2,800; Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,110, \$2,650; Cassidy Schaub, Ashland, Ohio, 3,110, \$2,650; John May, Lincolnton, N.C., 3,107, \$2,500; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,089, \$2,350; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,089, \$2,350; Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 3,066, \$2,200; Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, 3,060, \$2,150; Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 3,056, \$2,100; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,055, \$2,050; Jonathan Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 3,047, \$2,000; Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 3,039, \$1,950; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,037, \$1,875; Tyler Jensen, Fort Worth, 3,037, \$1,87; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,035, \$1,800; Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 3,029, \$1,750; Tom Hesse, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,026, \$1,700; Mike DeVaney, San Diego, 3,022, \$1,650; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,014, \$1,620; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 3,008, \$1,590; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,003, \$1,570; Derek Sapp, Keokuk, Iowa, 3,002, \$1,550; Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,993, \$1,530; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 2,989, \$1,520; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,984, \$1,510; Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,979, \$1,500; Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 2,971, \$1,490; Brian Waliczek, Birch Run, Mich., 2,969, \$1,480; Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 2,955, \$1,470; Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 2,950, \$1,460; Arnleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,946, \$1,450; George Lambert IV, Canada, 2,943, \$1,440; Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 2,941, \$1,430; PJ Haggerty, Clovis, Calif., 2,940, \$1,420; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,938, \$1,410; Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 2,930, \$1,400; Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 2,914, \$1,400; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 2,895, \$1,400; Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 2,867, \$1,400; Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 2,867, \$1,400; Steven Black, Phoenix, 2,858, \$1,400; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 2,857, \$1,400; Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 2,821, \$1,400; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 2,814, \$1,400; Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 2,783, \$1,400; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 2,728, \$1,400; Lawrence Marquez, Lakewood, Colo., 2,528, \$1,400

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Round 2 - (\$1400 each)

Christine Bator, Warren, Mich., 2,869; Aumi Guerra, Dominican Republic, 2,855; Kathy Tribbey, Dundee, Ore., 2,847; Jennifer Petrick, Canton, Ohio, 2,840; Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,826; Lynda Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,814; Amy Stolz, Castle Rock, Colo., 2,808; Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 2,807; Jacqui Reese, Roseto, Pa., 2,757; Trisha Reid, Columbus, Ohio, 2,746; Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas, 2,741; Adrienne Miller, Albuquerque, N.M., 2,740; Kayla Bandy, Pikeville, Ky., 2,721; Samantha Williams, Hunt Valley, Md., 2,660; Crystal Schoneman, Grand Prairie, Texas, 2,636; Amanda Beck, Patchogue, N.Y., 2,629

Mike Fagan Wins PBA Dick Weber Open

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. - In his eighth season on the Lumber Liquidators Professional Bowlers Association Tour, Mike Fagan of Patchogue, N.Y., finally won his first individual Tour title in the PBA One A Day Dick Weber Open at Fountain Bowl.

It was an especially memorable win for Fagan as he defeated PBA Hall of Famer and all-time win leader Walter Ray Williams Jr. 241-213 in the championship match to earn the \$25,000 first prize.

It was just a year ago that Fagan finished second in the Dick Weber Open after losing to another bowling great, Hall of Famer Norm Duke 278-168 in the championship match.

"I think I learned a lot from that experience last year," the 29-year-old Fagan said. "The key for me was just to bowl the way I know I can and the results will take care of themselves."

Fagan's only other Tour title was the PBA Exempt Doubles Classic with partner Danny Wiseman in the 2007-08 season.

"I've had a lot of experience bowling on TV so I knew it would be just a matter of time before I got another win," Fagan said. "If I have a weakness bowling on TV, it's probably not always selecting the right equipment, but I made the right decisions today."

For Williams, who was trying for his 47th title, it was a matter of pin carry. He earned \$13,000 for second.

"I just didn't have the carry and Mike did," said the 50-year-old Williams, "but he had a better angle to the pocket and he bowled a



Mike Fagan

great game - it would have been tough to beat that."

In the semifinal stepladder match, Williams defeated Hall of Famer Pete Weber 234-178 to advance to the championship match. Weber, who ranks in a tie with Mark Roth for third in all-time Tour wins with 34, finished third for the second consecutive year in the

tournament named after his legendary father.

In the second match Weber defeated fourth-place finisher Bill O'Neill 214-202, and in the opening match O'Neill, who won his first Tour title earlier this season, defeated four-time Tour tistlist Ryan Shafer 226-200 who finished fifth.

PBA One A Day Dick Weber Open
Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, Calif. - Jan. 31, 2010

Final Standings

1. Mike Fagan, Patchogue, New York	241 (one game)	\$25,000
2. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Florida	447 (two games)	\$13,000
3. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Missouri	392 (two games)	\$ 9,000
4. Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pennsylvania	428 (two games)	\$ 7,000
5. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, New York	200 (one game)	\$ 6,000

Stepladder Results

Match One - O'Neill def. Shafer, 226-200

Match Two - Weber def. O'Neill, 214-202

Semifinal Match - Williams Jr. def. Weber, 234-178

Championship - Fagan def., Williams, 241-213

Sixth Round (after 39 games)

Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 12-12, 8,789, \$5,000; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 14-10, 8,720, \$4,500; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 14-10, 8,640, \$4,000; Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 14-10, 8,597, \$3,800; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 10-14, 8,556, \$3,600; Arnleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 10-13-1, 8,514, \$3,400; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 10-14, 8,507, \$3,200; Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 12-12, 8,501, \$3,000; Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., 10-13-1, 8,484, \$2,800; Mike DeVaney, San Diego, 13-10-1, 8,466, \$2,700; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 7-14-3, 8,389, \$2,600; Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 12-12, 8,383, \$2,500; Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 14-10, 8,345, \$2,400; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 12-12, 8,330, \$2,350; Troy Wollenbecker, Miami, Fla., 9-15, 8,317, \$2,300; Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 8-15-1, 8,263, \$2,250; Ronnie Russell, Camby, Ind., 8-15-1, 8,225, \$2,200; Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 10-14, 8,200, \$2,150; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 10-14, 8,160, \$2,100

Other Cashers

Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,153, \$1,700; Vance Sisk, Sun City, Calif., 3,144, \$1,650; Dennis Horan Jr., Temecula, Calif., 3,142, \$1,600; Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,140, \$1,550; Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 3,137, \$1,500; Stuart Williams, England, 3,126, \$1,450; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,125, \$1,400; Sean Rash, Wichita, Kan., 3,117, \$1,350; Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,112, \$1,330; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,111, \$1,320; Dominic Barrett, England, 3,100, \$1,310; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 3,097, \$1,300; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,090, \$1,290; Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 3,087, \$1,380; Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 3,085, \$1,270; Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,083, \$1,260; Jon Brandon, Santa Clarita, Calif., 3,082, \$1,250; Missy Bellinger, Lake Forest, Calif., 3,076, \$1,240; Ben Laughlin, Phoenix, Ariz., 3,075, \$1,230; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 3,073, \$1,220; Tony Cowan, Twin Falls, Idaho, 3,069, \$1,210; Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 3,064, \$1,200; David O'Sullivan, Orlando, Fla., 3,061, \$1,190; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,059, \$1,180; PJ Haggerty, Clovis, Calif., 3,056, \$1,170; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,052, \$1,160; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 3,049, \$1,150.

BPAA ANNOUNCES 2010 INDUSTRY SERVICE AWARDS

Ted Hoffman Jr. to Receive Victor Lerner Memorial Medal and BPAA Hall of Fame Induction

The Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) announced the recipients of the 2010 Bowling Industry Service Awards, the most prestigious awards presented by the bowling industry, at its recent Town Hall Membership Meeting held in Arlington, Texas on Tuesday, January 26.

Ted Hoffman, Jr. (Dublin, CA) has been selected as the 2010 BPAA Hall of Fame Inductee and recipient of the Victor Lerner Memorial Medal. The Lerner Medal is the highest honor in the bowling business and is awarded for a lifetime of service to the bowling industry and represents the recipient's induction into BPAA's Hall of Fame located at the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum in St. Louis.

Mr. Hoffman is cited for his 30-plus years of bowling management and service to BPAA and the bowling industry on local, state and national levels. His contributions include several years on BPAA's Board, working as a PBA regional director for 30 years and a mainstay on BPAA's Tournament Committee since the late 80s.

Tom Martino, (Hopelawn, N.J.) will be recognized with the President's Medal for his many contributions to BPAA and years of service to the East Coast Bowling Centers Convention. The President's Medal is given to an individual (proprietor - manager) judged to have given exceptional support and/or made significant contributions to the association in the eyes of the current BPAA president and the Awards Committee.

Roger Dalkin, (Greendale, Wis.) will receive the coveted V. A. Wapensky Award, named after BPAA's long time Chief Executive Officer, "Chief" Wapensky. Mr. Dalkin is being recognized for his many contributions to the bowling industry through his service to bowling's governing organizations as well as

his role in the merger that yielded the birth of the United States Bowling Congress.

BPAA's 2007 Dick Weber Bowling Ambassador Award, named after the legendary bowling icon, will be presented to Johnny Petraglia (Jackson, N.J.) recognizing his contributions to the game and sport of bowling. The Dick Weber Bowling Ambassador Award is given to a professional or amateur bowling athlete who has demonstrated Mr. Weber's grace on and off the lanes.

The Ruben A. Dankoff Award for Public Policy and Legislative Service will be presented to Bob Stubler (Peru, Ill.) for his successful Illinois "Slip and Fall" legislation that other states are using as their model to pursue similar legislation. This award is presented to a proprietor or bowling industry leader who, or a proprietor organization which, provides outstanding voluntary service on the Federal, state or local governmental levels in the development of legislation, public policy initiatives, or other political efforts, which benefits BPAA members, the BPAA itself or the bowling industry as a whole.

Dan Labrecque, (Battle Creek, Mich.) will receive BPAA's 2010 Special Projects Award for his successful "Michigan Works" program for unemployed workers.

The awards will be presented during International Bowl Expo 2010 on Monday, June 28 (Wednesday morning, June 30 for the Lerner Memorial Medal presentation) at the Las Vegas Hilton in Las Vegas, Nev.

"This is a very distinguished group of 2010 award recipients," said Jim Sturm, BPAA president. "Every one of these deserving recipients exemplifies leadership, service and dedication. We congratulate all of them on their accomplishments and contributions to BPAA and the bowling industry."

Bowler Wins \$10 Million Jackpot While in Reno for 2010 USBC Open Championships

RENO, Nev. - Most bowlers at the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships are excited when they bowl well enough to claim a share of the tournament's prize fund, but John Johnson of Golden, Colo., managed to become a multimillionaire before he even stepped on the tournament lanes this week.

Shortly after exiting his flight to Reno on Sunday, Johnson put \$20 into an airport slot machine, and minutes later, he was the winner of the \$10,422,754.08 Megabucks MegaJackpot.

"When it hit, we all kind of looked at each other and wondered what happened," Johnson said. "I kept telling my wife that something was going to go well this week, whether it was bowling well or winning something, but I never could have imagined

winning \$10 million."

"The Biggest Little City in the World" has become a special destination for the 36-year-old Johnson and his teammates. Three of Johnson's six USBC Open Championships appearances have come at Reno's National Bowling Stadium, and while in town for the 2007 event, he and his wife, Stephanie were married.

"Three years ago, I married my wife, Stephanie, here in Reno," Johnson said. "All of us use the Open as a vacation every year, and we just come out to have a good time. Plus, bowling is a big part of my life. It's really the best of everything."

Johnson, a mechanical designer for BCER Engineering near Denver, tried not to let his big win and the flurry of media requests that followed distract him from helping Kamikaze Keglers on the tournament lanes Monday. The right-hander posted games of 222, 138 and 192 for a 552 series and helped his team to a 2,566 total. Pandorum of Buford, Ga., leads Regular Team with 3,063.

Johnson was joined on the lanes by Aaron Franks (534), Scott Maakestad (509), Clint Cator IV (492) and Jon Hanson (479).

"I don't think I shot really well, but all in all, I'm pretty happy with how we did," Johnson said. "I plan to keep coming to the Open wherever it may be, but for tomorrow, I plan on coming in and winning doubles and singles."

M.A.M.B.O. Organizers Recognized for Work in Bowling

Although they knew they were being considered for induction to the Sacramento Mexican-American Sports Hall of Fame, Pete and Pat Montalvo, founders of the Columbia 300 supported Mexican-American Bowling Organization, are still stunned by news of their upcoming induction.

Pete (Paco) Montalvo was raised in Kingsville, Tx and attended local schools thru the 11th grade at Henrietta King High School when he joined the U.S. Air Force. Pete continued his education while in the service and concentrated on Data Processing classes. After being honorably discharged he completed his data processing education in Sacramento, Ca. He started working as a computer operator for the Sacramento City Unified School District and retired in 2003 as the Web Master for the school district.

"It hasn't really hit yet," Montalvo said. "I mean, here I am, 71-years-old. I thought my time had passed and I would never be inducted. I won't be inducted until March 13, but I know it's coming."

The Sacramento Mexican-American Sports Hall of Fame was incorporated in 1973, but began in the 1930s as the Mexican Athletic Club and is the oldest Latino organization in Sacramento.

Montalvo said that inductees are selected by a committee and that there are two categories: sports and humanitarian.

"I knew ... we were being considered for all of the work we have done for the last 40-plus years to get the Mexican-Americans involved in bowling," he said. "So it feels great to be recognized for all of the work including the creation of the Mexican-American Bowling Organization."

Montalvo has been participating in bowling leagues since the early '70s and had a high average of 201 "back in the day," he said. He can also lay claim to a perfect game on April 11, 2003. Now, the Montalvos are bowling just one night a week in a Friday night league but never miss a MAMBO event, which are sponsored by Columbia 300.

"We attend all of the monthly Mexican-American bowling tournaments in California," he said. "Plus we host two local Mexican-American tournaments in addition to the annual national tournament that alternates be-

tween Reno and Las Vegas, Nev."

Last year, the Columbia 300 sponsored organization started a regional tournament in San Antonio, Texas and will begin another in Lakewood, Colo., Montalvo said.

Montalvo has had some great times during his 30 some odd years in bowling, he said.

The night Montalvo bowled his 300, his son Kanji also bowled a 300. In 1976, his wife, Pat, was rated one of the top bowlers in Sacramento with an average of 189. In those days, he said, the national average for men was around 170 and for women was 140.

None of his experiences, including the induction to the hall of fame, has equaled the establishment of the bowling organization, he said.

"Creating MAMBO has been the best bowling experience. I have met many bowlers from many states and tons of them from Mexico City and other Mexican cities," he said. "Also, having Chad Murphy and Clara Guerrero attend our national tournaments to demo Columbia 300 products has been a terrific boost for MAMBO."

The privilege has been that of Columbia 300, according to brand manager Chad Murphy.

"Columbia 300 is so proud to be a part of an organization such as MAMBO. Anything that gets more people, more families involved in bowling is a worthwhile investment," Murphy said. "We are very proud of the Montalvos for their recognition; it couldn't have happened to better people."

Based in Hopkinsville, Ky., Columbia 300 is a long-time power brand servicing the bowling world with quality and professional products. Its parent company, Ebonite International, Inc., is a privately-owned company that services bowling centers, distributors and retail outlets both domestically and internationally. The company's other consumer product brands include Ebonite, Hammer, Robby's, Columbia 300 and Track. Its commercial product brands are Ebonite VanTech Capital Equipment, Ebonite Bowling Center Direct and Powerhouse™. For more information, please visit <http://www.columbia300.com>. You can also visit <http://www.mambo.org> for more information on the Mexican-American Bowling Organization.



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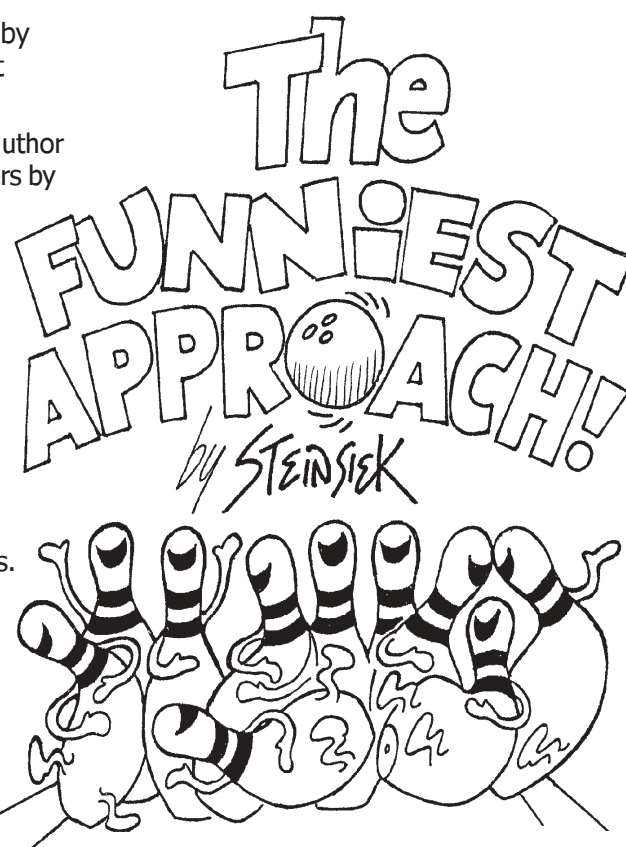
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NFL Legends Blitzed Bowling Pins for Charity at Fifth Annual NFL Super Bowl Celebrity Bowling Classic

MIAMI, FL – For the fifth year in a row, close to 40 NFL legends hit the lanes at the NFL Super Bowl Celebrity Bowling Classic, presented by NFL Charities and Strike Ten



Lynn Swann

Entertainment (STE), the marketing arm of the bowling industry. Super Bowl legend, MVP of Super Bowl X and "dual-sport" Hall of Famer (both football and bowling), Lynn Swann, returned for a third straight year to serve as event host. This year's event, which was open to the public, was held at 7pm on Thursday, February 4 at SpareZ Lanes, located in Davie, FL, just minutes from Dolphin Stadium, the site of Super Bowl XLIV.

Swann, who is the second NFL legend to be celebrity-inducted into the bowling Hall of Fame, set the stage high for 2011 when he challenged fellow bowling Hall of Famer, Jerome Bettis to a bowling throw-down at next year's Super Bowl in Arlington, TX. – The home of the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame. "I was thrilled to once again take part in this outstanding annual event that benefits such a worthy cause," said Swann. "I look forward to shaming Jerome Bettis in 2011!"

Proceeds from the tournament will help fund the NFL's Youth Education Town (YET) initiative in South Florida. NFL Youth Education Towns (YETs) are education and recreation centers constructed in Super Bowl host cities that serve as a lasting legacy of each game. With each Super Bowl, the NFL donates \$1 million towards YET development

in an underserved area of that city. Presently, there are 15 YETs in 12 cities across the United States. As its legacy to the cities that host Super Bowls, the NFL establishes these learning and recreational centers.

In addition to taking part in the celebrity bowling classic, February 3, the NFL greats teamed up with professional bowlers and led a private bowling clinic for local South Florida elementary school children, also held at SpareZ Lanes.

"We are pleased to have yet another successful year under our belt and to again leverage the tremendous fundraising power of bowling to assist in raising money for this wonderful cause," said Jim Sturm, president of STE and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA). "Everyone who participated had a great time and we look forward to another very successful event in 2011."

"NFL Charities is grateful to have once again partnered with Strike Ten Entertainment and Lynn Swann for this enjoyable and profitable annual event," said Tournament Director, Nick

Nicolosi. "We had a remarkable line-up of former NFL legends and as a result, were able to raise an impressive amount of money for YET development. The NFL Super Bowl Celebrity Bowling Classic is a success year after year and will continue to be an important fundraising tool for NFL Charities in the years to come."

Legendary NFL stars and Pro Football Hall of Fame members that participated in the Celebrity Bowling Classic included: OJ Anderson, Lem Barney, Hank Bauer, Jerry Blanton, Marlin Briscoe, Joey Browner, Jim Burt, Keith Byars, Mark Clayton, Parnell Dickinson, Al Dixon, Carl Eller, Marv Fleming, Chuck Foreman, Rodney Hampton, Reggie Haynes, Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson, Ted Hendricks, Ricky Hunley, Roy Jefferson, Brian Kelley, Ron Kramer, Sean Landeta, Randall McDaniel, Curtis McGriff, Michael Merriweather, Nat Moore, Lance Smith, Jessie Solomon, Darryl Talley, Charlie Taylor, Jimmy Taylor, Sandy Taylor, Stu Voight, Roger Wehrli and Fred Williamson.

The NFL Super Bowl Celebrity Bowling Classic was open to the public. Entry fees were a donation to NFL Charities of \$300 per individual, \$1,000 for teams (four bowlers).



MR. and MRS. MURTISHAW Bowl 811 and 778 as Teammates

by Frank Weiler

MURRIETA, CA - Jim and Anita Murtishaw, bowling as teammates at CAL OAKS BOWL, rolled 811 and 778 respectively, February 18.. Their combined scratch score was 1589! Pretty darn good for a mixed couple.

Their personal high scratch three game sets are 848 (by Anita) and 847 (by Jim).

All eyes were on wife Anita when she started her night with 18 consecutive strikes and a leadoff 300 game. She finished the night

with 242 and 236.

Husband Jim's bowling went unnoticed while everyone focused on his wife, to see how many strikes she could string together to start the night. Without notice or fanfare he bowled 265 - 274 - 268. His 811 series was his second 800 in the league this season. He bowled a 807 several weeks ago. Jim now has the high league average at 234.

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Paeng Visits New International Bowling Campus

One of the sport's most regarded international competitors and coaches, Paeng Nepomuceno, got a first-hand look at the International Bowling Campus.

Nepomuceno, a six-time world champion from the Philippines, has worked with the United States Bowling Congress Coaching program over the past three years to certify more than 300 coaches around the world. As part of his continuing education, he paid a visit to the new facilities in Arlington, Texas.

"This facility is the most modern in regards to the coaching and all the advances are really mind-boggling," Nepomuceno said after receiving a tour of the International Training and Research Center. "I salute USBC and the whole International Bowling Campus for putting up a complex like this."

Nepomuceno, who is featured prominently in the new International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame with a large display just inside the front entrance, is considered a national sports hero in the Philippines. He was the first athlete to be enshrined in the Philippine Sportswriters Association Hall of Fame after that group five times named him Athlete of the Year. He was also named Filipino Athlete of the Century in 1999.

The left-hander, who was named Federation Internationale des Quilleurs Bowling Athlete of the Millennium in 1999, has won 118 bowling titles worldwide, including a record four QubicaAMF World Cup championships in

three different decades.

Although he still competes on the lanes, Nepomuceno, 53, is committed to certifying coaches through USBC Coaching and has



Paeng Nepomuceno

scheduled certification courses in June in Jakarta, Indonesia, and in July in Hong Kong.

"I believe in USBC's goal to put bowling in the Olympics one day," said Nepomuceno, who teaches Level 1, Bronze and Silver level courses. "By helping train coaches around the world, this is one way I can help."

Nepomuceno is visiting the International Bowling Campus not only to see the new facilities but also to get updates on the USBC Coaching program by taking part in a USBC Silver certification course.

"It's great to get athletes such as Paeng, with all his history, knowledge and respect, here to visit our facilities," said Neil Stremmel, USBC Vice President of National Governing Body. "He's offering valuable input on the services we are providing here, and I hope he is the first of many international coaches and athletes who visit the International Bowling Campus."

2010 USBC Open Championships Underway at National Bowling Stadium

RENO, Nev. - For a record ninth time, the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships is underway in Reno.

The 2010 event marks the sixth time the tournament has been held at the 78-lane National Bowling Stadium, and 265 bowlers and their friends and families helped usher in the 107th USBC Open Championships.

Reno mayor Bob Cashell, Sparks mayor Geno Martini, USBC Hall of Famers Jim Schroeder and Bob Hart, dignitaries and sponsors took part in the opening festivities, which also included the traditional Mass Ball Shot, ribbon cutting and the crowning of Joe Bowler.

Ted Thomas, 53, of Lafayette, Colo., earned the distinction of Joe Bowler, a tradition that began in 1951, and rolled the ceremonial first ball (a nine count), signifying the official start of the 2010 event. The tournament will run from 7 a.m. until 2 a.m. daily until July 5.

"I actually enjoyed it a lot," said Thomas, who bowls at Coal Creek Sports Center and made his third appearance at the Open Championships. "I was a little nervous, but I felt very privileged. My mother was an officer in the national tournaments, so it was good to see hall of fame bowlers like Bob Hart and Jimmy Schroeder walk out with me. I will be here every year. I like the competitiveness, camaraderie and having a fun time away with the guys."

This year, more than 14,000 five-player teams (70,000 bowlers) will test their skills on the championship lanes. The Open Championships has been held at the Stadium every third year since 1995, and previously was held at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center in 1977, '84 and '90.

On the lanes, Pandorum of Buford, Ga.,

moved into the top spot in Regular Team with a 3,063 three-game effort. The group put together games of 1,028, 1,042 and 993 to pace the 53-team Opening-Day squad. Although all five bowlers bowl league at Brunswick Zone Lilburn (Ga.), Saturday marked the first time they bowled on a team together.

Mark McClung led the way for Pandorum with a 682 set and was followed by Justin Gibbons (666), Leigh Trostel (609), Settee Johnson (582) and Darin Belsito (524).

"We started off slowly, but talked to each other about the adjustments we could make, and it worked out pretty well," said McClung, who made his fourth Open Championships appearance. "We could've finished a little bit stronger, but it still feels good to be in the lead. It was also nice to be a part of the opening and see how everything comes together."

In the Classified Division, 3 Jokers and 2 Queens, also of Buford, Ga., grabbed the early lead with a 2,536 total. The team, which includes three USBC Board members- Mitch Mitchell, Kayla Chick and Tommy Gann-posted games of 809, 788 and 939.

Jason Reynolds led the way for 3 Jokers and 2 Queens with a 580 series and was followed by Gann, USBC's second vice-president, (538), Mitchell (532), Susan Pickford (453) and Chick (433).

"I'm happy and excited, since it's the first time I've ever been a part of the lead in 31 years here," Mitchell said. "We'll cherish the moment while it lasts. Hopefully, it shows that our leadership team is not only made up of good businessmen and women, but some good bowlers as well."

To be eligible for the Classified Division, a team must have a combined average of 900 or less.

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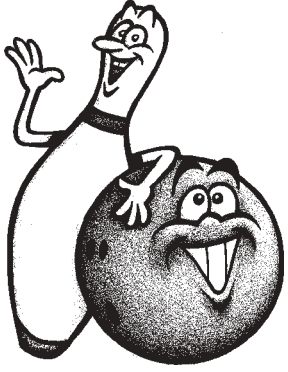
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THE FUNNY PAGE

A doctor's office in Rome :
Specialist in women and other diseases.

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On a menu of a Polish hotel:
Salad a firm's own make; limpid red beer soup with cheesy dumplings in the form of a finger; roasted duck let loose; beef rashers beaten up in the country people's fashion.

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Seems an Arkansas guy wanted some beer pretty badly.. He decided that he'd just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the window. The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. The liquor store window was made of Plexiglas. The whole event was caught on videotape.

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A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

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A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt , and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain ; they name him "Juan." Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."

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A Finnish hotel's instructions in case of fire:
If you are unable to leave your room, expose yourself in the window.

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A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patricia Whack.

'Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday.'

Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager.

Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral.

The frog says, 'Sure. I have this,' and produces a tiny porcelain elephant , about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectlyformed.

Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office.

She finds the manager and says, 'There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral.'

She holds up the tiny pink elephant. 'I mean, what in the world is this?'

The bank manager looks back at her and says...

'It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan, His old man's a Rolling Stone.'



As a female shopper exited a New York convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately, and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, "Yes, officer, that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."

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The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan at 5 A.M., flashed a gun, and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast... The man, frustrated, walked away.

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When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for.. Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline, but he plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

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The economy is so bad that:

I got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.

I ordered a burger at McDonald's and the kid behind the counter asked, "Can you afford fries with that?"

CEO's are now playing miniature golf.

If the bank returns your check marked "Insufficient Funds," you call them and ask if they meant you or them.

Hot Wheels and Matchbox stocks are trading higher than GM.

McDonald's is selling the 1/4 ounce.

Parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and learned their children's names.

A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico.

Dick Cheney took his stockbroker hunting.

Motel Six won't leave the light on anymore.

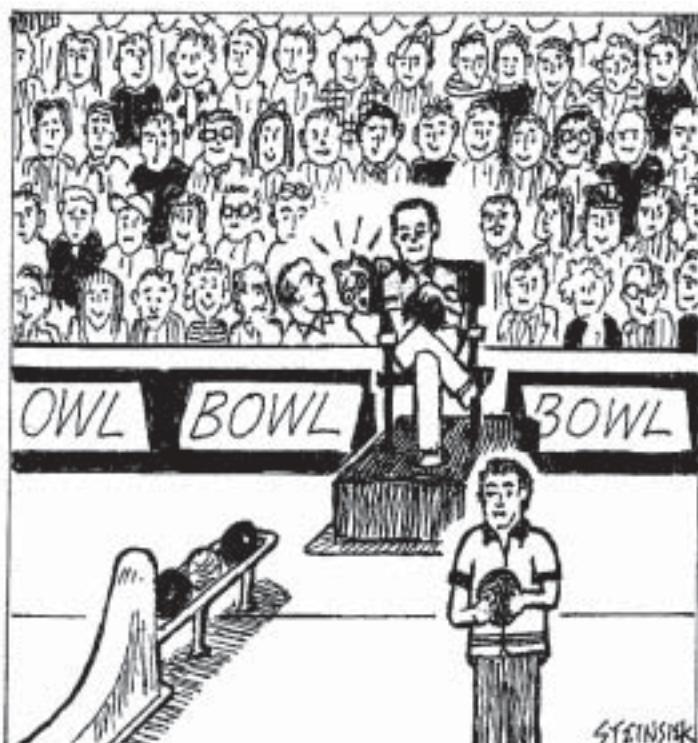
The Mafia is laying off judges.

Exxon-Mobil laid off 25 Congressmen.

Congress says they are looking into this Bernard Madoff scandal. Oh Great!! The guy who made \$50 Billion disappear is being investigated by the people who made \$1.5 Trillion disappear!

WALT'S WORLD

BY WALT STEINSIEK



Question? Why did the PBA put the opposing bowler's seat on a platform of about 18 inches from the floor and blocking the view of a VIP customer?

Queen for a Day

If you are old enough to have a little snow on the roof you will remember a nationally televised show that selected one woman to be treated as a queen for a day. On January 24th, at the Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas, 63 of the finest men bowlers in the world had to bow to Kelly Kulick who executed two wonderful games, under pressure we can only imagine, on her way to winning the Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions, and to become the first woman to win a tournament on the men's tour. When asked about her calm demeanor during the matches, she was quoted as saying "It may have looked easy, but my legs were like jelly – I couldn't feel them. Believe me, I was nervous and was just letting adrenaline take over." She said it was a dream of hers to win a PBA tour event, now it is one she can relive over and over for time to come.

The shock wave throughout the media was music to the ears of anyone who feels our sport should receive more coverage from the national and local level.

Las Vegas has always prided itself as the bowling capital of the world, but coverage of events taking place here depends on our wonderful local Ten Pin Alley. Kulick's victory happened on the same day the Saints and Colts advanced to the Super Bowl. Her victory was awarded with a trophy picture above the headline in Nevada's largest newspaper "The Review Journal". Inside was a wonderful story of the event by Jeff Wolf and two photos capturing the emotion of the new champion.

The PBA officials had to be smiling inside and out because they had the foresight to reach out and offer the top women bowlers an opportunity to share the spotlight and the monetary rewards that go

with it.

It goes without saying Kulick's win created a lot of conversation pro and con as to what effect it will have on the men's tour. I for one feel there is a strong positive side that young men who have a game but have been quietly sitting on the side lines because they feel the cream at the top is just too tough to spend hard earned money in chasing their dreams, look at Kelly's performance as anything is possible if you are willing to jump into the deep end of the pool. My son called me from Michigan and reminded me that I called and talked with him after crossing with Kulick during the Women's U.S. Open in Milford, Conn. The year before she won the "Rookie of the Year" honors. I was so impressed with her solid anchor and flow to the line and competitive attitude that sent a signal this young lady will be heard from for many years to come.

Back then, as now, her mother Carol was her greatest cheerleader. If you missed the telecast, the most touching moment was when she handed the trophy to her mother and said "It's yours".

Hall of Famer – Virginia Norton was in town to cheer on her son Scott who earned a birth in the T of C and missed the cut by 16 pins. With his inherited competitive drive, that has been his mother's hallmark for years – you can bet he will be a force on the PBA tour in years to come.

Like the historic Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs history making tennis match – Chris Barnes and Kelly Kulick will be remembered when talking about major moments in bowling. Both will go on to hopefully win many more titles, but Kulick's place in Ten Pin history will live on in history books, but more importantly, what a wonderful representative the ladies have to carry the banner.

LIVE FROM LAS VEGAS Jeanette Robinson



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

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- 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 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 Euleess, Euleess, 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/Over 60/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/Over 50/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 21-22 SASBA, 300 Bowl, Conroe, TX
 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 Over 70/Over 60 Doubles, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
 Oct 9-10 SASBA Annual Championship, AMF Euleess, Euleess, TX
 Oct 16-17 SASBA Member/Guest Doubles, Oil Bowl, Longview, TX
 Oct 23-24 SASBA South Central, Paris Family Entertainment Center, Paris, TN
 Nov 6-7 SASBA 4-man Team, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
 Nov 13-14 SASBA, Del Mar Lanes, Houston, TX
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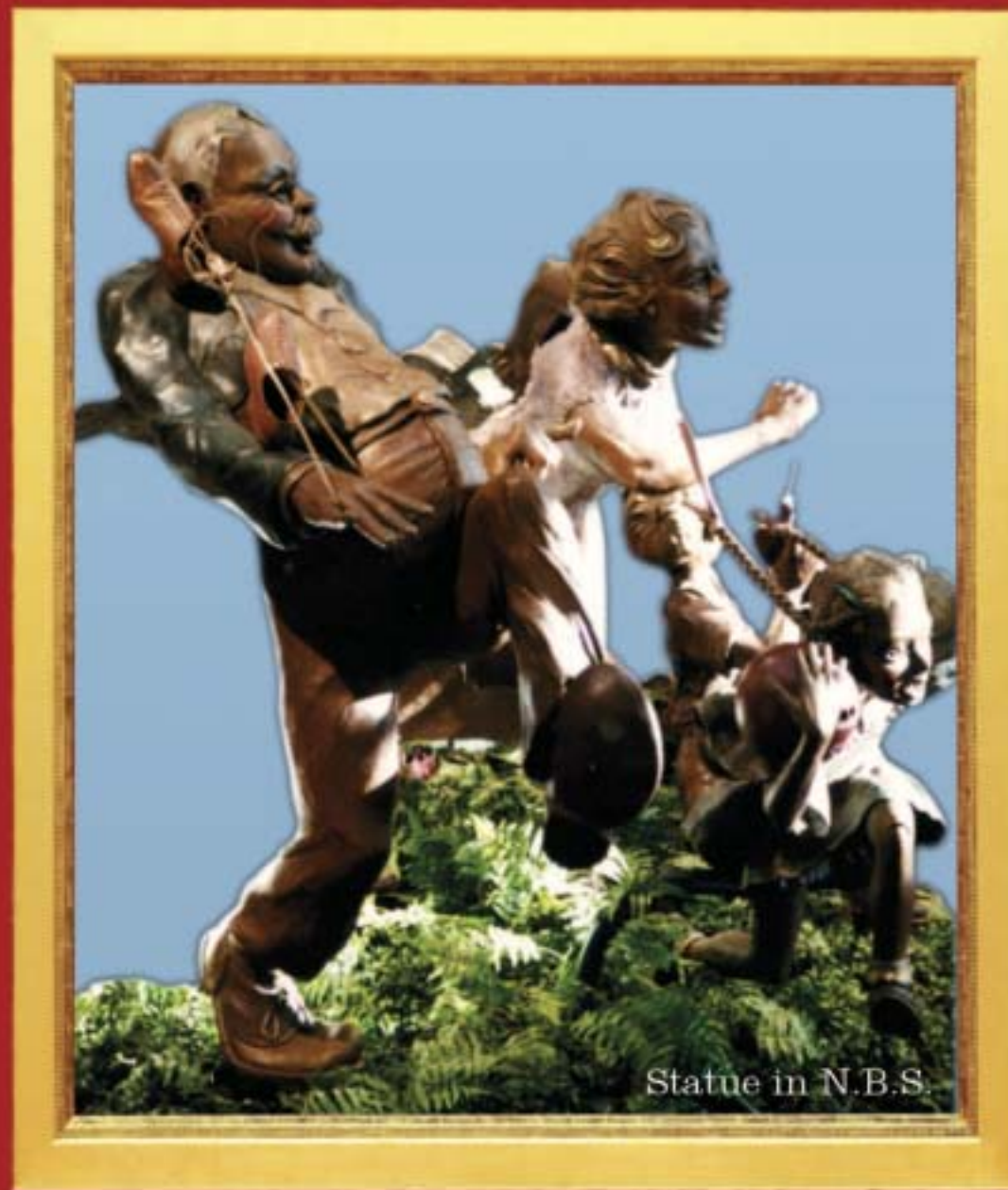
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