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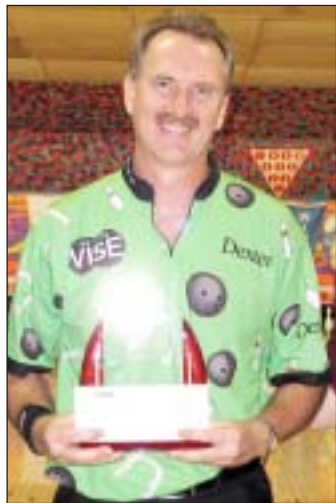
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by Jim Goodwin

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The U.S. Open - Pinnacle of Sport

As we approach an historic 2011 Women's United States Open Bowling Tournament in Texas, we want to take a look back at the rich history of this event, with a few added comments:

It all started in 1949 when the Bowling Proprietors Association of America produced the first BPAA Women's All Star Tournament held in conjunction with the Men's All Star. A new bowling star was born in that first event when Marion Ladewig served notice that she was to become a force not only in bowling; but in all of women's sports.

Ladewig became to bowling what Babe Didrikson Zaharias had been to women's golf; a dominant player that was the instant favorite in all events she entered; and she owned the All Star for its first six years. When she finally finished second to Sylvia Wene Martin in 1955, the headline was not "Wene Wins"; it was "Ladewig Loses."

Marion redeemed her slight misstep in 1956 by winning her 7th All Star; she won it again in '59, and retired in 1963 at age 50 with nine All Star titles in her pocket. Add in a PWBA Championship in the first year of women's professional bowling in 1960, and Ladewig is credited with 10 major titles; and was named Bowler of the Year 10 times by the Bowling Writers Association of America.

By 1971, bowling was losing a little of its luster in the world of sports as television had evolved to replace newspapers as the media of choice for most Americans. Bowling officials decided to follow the lead of tennis and golf by dropping the popular All Star events, and replacing them with Men's and Women's United States Opens. At first, it was essentially a name change, but over the years, the formats became less grueling, and the events took on their own unique identity.

And the formats have evolved over the years. From 1949 - 62, the All Star employed the Peterson Point scoring system awarding a point for winning a game, and another point for every 50 pins in score. From '63-'67, winners were determined by a three game Championship Series. After that, as television took over, the stepladder finals with five players became the norm; but a couple of years six players made the show.

One thing that has not changed much over the years is challenging lane conditions. The men's U.S. Open has steadfastly maintained very difficult conditions producing great champions; and

aside from a few odd years, the women's event has done the same.

The result of making the U. S. Opens the epitome of tough conditions is that it has earned the respect of the players. They expect it to be hard; they prepare for a challenge; and those who are fortunate enough to become champions earn tremendous respect. It is the major of majors on anyone's resume.

1971, the first year of the Women's U.S. Open, was a year similar to 1949 in that a new star was born. A 20-year-old college student from Miami, Paula Sperber, turned pro just before the event, and made national news with her talent and striking good looks. That first event drew a field of 57 professionals and 71 amateurs. In a match game format, Sperber defeated veteran pro June Llewellyn by only 10 pins to win 5660-5650. The event was staged at NKC Pro Bowl in Kansas City, Missouri. Sperber earned \$4000 for the victory.

A year later, at Colorado Bowl in Denver, the winner decided not to give up her amateur status. Lorrie Koch, a good league bowler in her hometown of Carpentersville, Illinois, defeated 1970 All Star Champion Mary Baker for the \$4000 title. The total prize fund was just under \$23,000. Koch would later become Nichols and would enjoy a Hall of Fame career.

The event moved to Jeanie Hulsey's Golden Triangle Bowl in Texas in '74. Californians Pat Costello and Betty Morris battled for the \$6000 top prize. The first stepladder finals were held, with Costello defeating Morris 219-213 in the title match. A big party was held to celebrate the victory, during which Hulsey got a phone call telling her that friend and bowling great Billy Welu had died. She didn't want to spoil Costello's moment, so she withheld the news until the end of the party.

1975 turned into a battle between the first two U.S. Open Champions, with Paula Sperber defeating Lorrie Koch for the title in Toledo; making her the first two-time champ.

In '76, Betty Morris rolled two 300 games in the match game finals, but couldn't get past champion Patty Costello at River Lanes in Tulsa. Morris avenged her loss the following year at Red Carpet Lanes in Milwaukee, defeating Virginia Norton by 153 pins for the title, 10,511-10,358.

In 1978, the "Mighty Mite" Donna Adamek qualified fifth for the TV show, and mowed down the finalists one-by-one, defeating Vesma Grinfelds for the title and \$7000 top prize 236-202. That big win in Miami propelled her to four

consecutive BWAA Bowler of the Year titles.

Illinois proprietor John Sommer stepped up in '80 and '81, and became the first proprietor to host back-to-back U.S. Opens. In 1980, Pat Costello won; and in '81, with the LPBT in full swing, Donna Adamek capped her Bowler of the Year run as it had begun, with an Open victory. She defeated rising star Nikki Gianulias 201-190 for the \$10,000 title.

1982 saw the first international U.S. Open winner, and it was the player who had made the finals twice before, Shinobu Saitoh of Japan. In Hendersonville, Tennessee Saitoh dominated the event, leading wire-to-wire, winning with a total of 12,184. Robin Romeo finished second with 12,028.

Dana Miller won the 1983 event in Chesterfield, Missouri. She defeated another young lefthander, Aleta Rzepecki 247-200 in the televised finals. She would win it again in 1990, with a dramatic 1 pin victory over Tish Johnson.

In '85, 35-year-old tour veteran Pat Mercatanti scores her first tour victory. Before the finals, she said "I never bowl well against Nikki" and then proceeded to defeat Gianulias for the title 214-178. By contrast, 18-year-old Wendy Macpherson won one of the most memorable finals ever when the Open returned to Topeka for the '86 edition. Seeded sixth in a 6-player TV finals, she ran the table and saved the best for last, defeating Lisa Wagner 265-179 for the \$12,000 top prize. She went on to earn LPBT Rookie of the Year honors that year.

In 1987, Seagram's stepped up sponsor both the men's and women's Seagram's Coolers U.S. Opens. It made the Mentor, Ohio event the richest in women's bowling history, with \$200,000 in prize money, and \$40,000 to win. It also kept Oklahoma's Carol Norman on tour for several more years. She admitted that she was ready to go home and back to college if she had not done well in the event. She defeated Cindy Coburn 206-179 for the title.

The 1989 U.S. Open finals was low scoring at Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois. Michelle Mullen won the first three matches, but fell to champion Robin Romeo in the title match 187-163. Romeo earned \$40,000 in the last year of Seagram's sponsorship, and went on to be named Bowler of the Year.

Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley, California hosted the 1991 U.S. Open, and Anne Marie Duggan returned to her California roots to win the \$16,000 top prize. The title match was Southern versus Northern California - Duggan, who grew up in Southern California, climbed the ladder from 5th

seed to defeat leader and northern rival Leanne Barrette 196-185 for the title. Duggan and Barrette both made the top five finals a year later at Fountain Bowl, but Tish Johnson walked away with the \$18,000 crown by defeating Aleta Sill 216-213.

In more recent years, the Women's U.S. Open seemed like it lost a little of its fabled luster, but it still produced some memorable champions:

- Team USA star Liz Johnson won the Open in her rookie year on the pro tour, and it made her a unanimous choice for Rookie of the Year in 1996.

- A couple of times, the Men's and Women's U.S. Opens were held together. '98 was one of those years, with Aleta Sill and Walter Ray Williams winning arena finals staged at Sacred Heart University, produced by Gary Beck; with Jan Schmidt and Bo Burton calling the show.

- In 2007, Liz Johnson had to wait two months after the event was over to claim her second Open title. The event finished in August, but the USBC produced TV finals didn't happen until October.

- Kim Terrell set aside boycott talk and controversy to win it in 2001 in Laughlin, Nevada. She came back to win it again as Kim Terrell-Kearney in 2008.

- In 2009, the whole bowling world was thrilled to see Tammy Boomershin win the Open. The former Ms. Tammy Turner won four titles on tour before being sidelined by a devastating back injury; and she never really got the chance to come back because the tour ended in 2003.

- And finally, we will always remember 2010 as the Year of Kelly Kulick. After winning the PBA Tournament of Champions and the USBC Queens, Kulick took home her second U.S. Open trophy in finals staged at the new International Training and Research center in Arlington. Only two other women have had a year like Kulick's 2010 - Carolyn Dorin Ballard in 2001, and Patty Costello in 1976.

What drama lies ahead? Thanks to BPAA and the brands of Ebonite International, the Women's U.S. Open has been returned to the bright spotlight where it belongs. And they stepped up big time with arena finals being held at the most magnificent venue in the world, Dallas Cowboys Stadium on June 30. What a show it will be; and we can hardly wait to see where it will lead in future years.

The only thing better than reading and knowing history, is making history.

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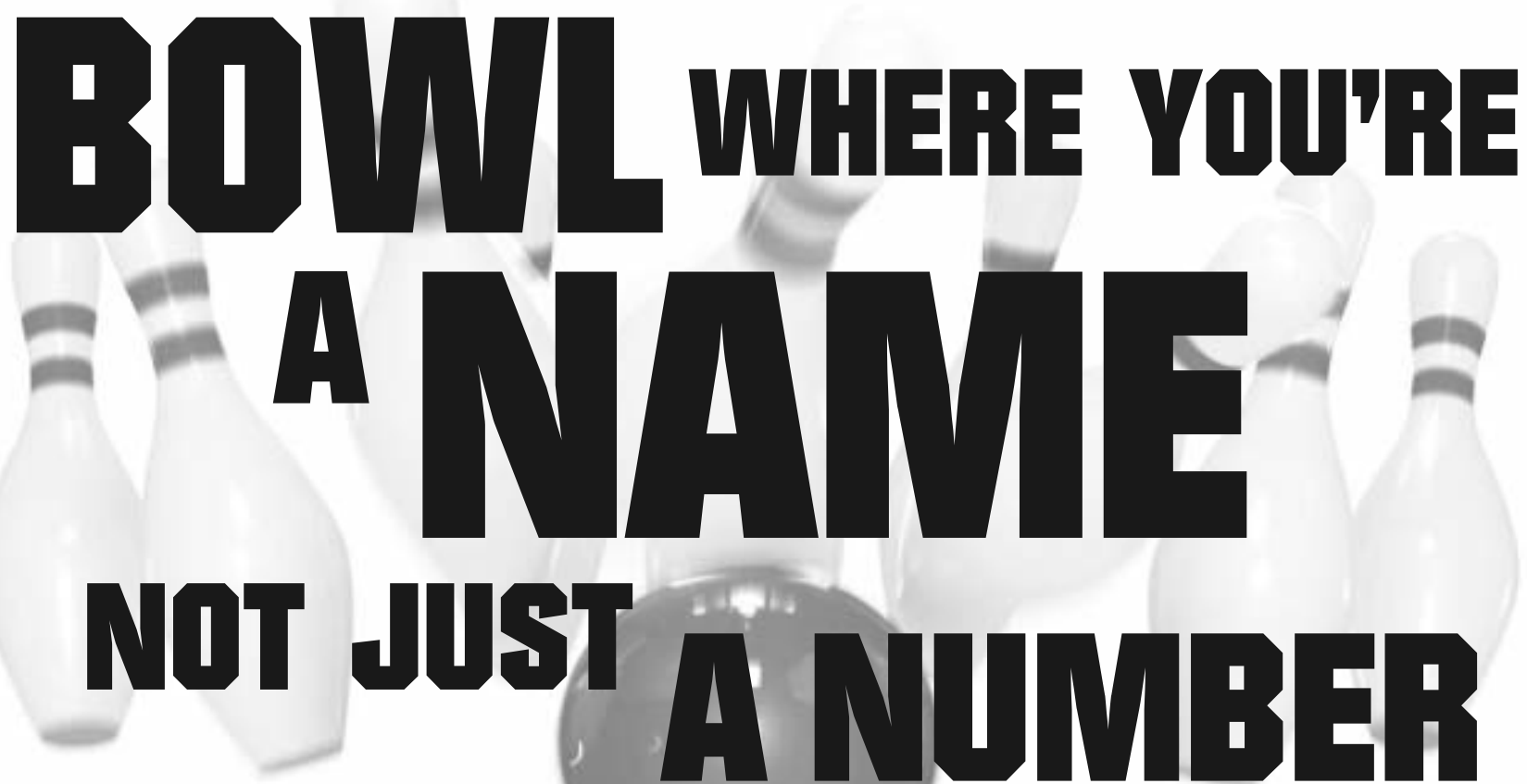
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Look Beyond the Stats

Statistics show plenty, and can be deceiving too.

How do league bowlers shape up against the pros?

If you study the cold stats of the televised 2010-2011 PBA 12 tourney PBA Tour there are some surprises and much to create discussions, nee tepid to boiling arguments.

Mika Koivuniemi won the individual average crown, posting a 222 plus for 292 games. That is excellent bowling, but there are thousands of top league bowlers who have higher averages.

There is a difference though, a big one. Koivuniemi registered his performances in different centers in different cities, and mostly shifting lanes after every game, all with ever varying lane conditions that necessitated quick adjustments or quick drops in scores.

The league bowler rolls in the same center on a single pair of lanes that basically retain similar conditions week after week, so he has stored a good knowledge of what to expect and rarely needs to make major changes.

The pro is a businessman - and if he doesn't roll well, he doesn't eat well. He pays for this opportunity in the form of entry fees and the travel and living costs of a have bowling ball, will travel road warrior life style.

The rewards can be great as Koivuniemi proved by his leading money winner status with \$333,040 in tournament earnings, plus bonus money from sponsors and fees for endorsements and appearances as well as off tour competition tourneys. Following Mika on the money list are Chris Barnes \$133,260, Tom Smallwood \$128,200 and Norm Duke \$114,900. Not bad pin money - with plenty more to come.

Following Koivuniemi in scoring are Osku Palermaa 221, trailed by Dick Allen, Bill O'Neill and Smallwood, all with 220 plus. O'Neill was the only bowler to cash

12 times in 12 starts. Bowlers are awarded points for position finishes and Barnes was the most consistent in that department.

Tam Wasson of Murphy, Texas, recently shot his 100th career three game series of 800 or better. An 800 is one of the most coveted feats in the sport, no matter where or when it is recorded.

Jim Hosier of Wayne, N.J. not too long ago came up with his 121st 300 game. By the time this appears both of them might well have added additional honor scores.

They are solidly recognized in their home area but not that well known across the land. They must have a special ability to rack up such numbers. They did not dictate conditions, but performed on what was set up to challenge them.

The same can be said about many outstanding regional pros, who, because of family, job or other personal or business situations, make no real effort to join the national tour but are content to compete in the many competitive regional pro events staged nationwide.

When judging bowlers the numbers only scratch the surface.

The best known pro bowlers are those who make the national telecasts and gain the great exposure to millions. Some of the best bowlers in the world, are in foreign nations that have no pro groups so they are classified as amateurs.

Judge a bowler by his talent, not his classification.

Judge his talents by what he does in varied competition, not just home alley heroics.

Scores have zoomed over the years. Bowlers start early with the best equipment and coaching and you will find teenagers with better stats than fabled Hall of Famers.

Dig beyond the numbers before making any judgements, but be generous; all are outstanding records.

Idle bowling thoughts . . .

There are many ways to lose bowling friends and teammates, or at least, annoy them greatly. Here's a few:

Use a person's personal ball or stick your fingers in it without asking permission first.

Spill your drink on their bowling shoes. Shake hands with them after eating chocolate or potato chips, or after you run your fingers through your hair.

Always tell them how good the person whose place on the team they took was.

Yell at them.

Give them the silent treatment.

Never go to a league meeting.

Go to every league meeting and question everything that comes up.

Never read the rule book.

Memorize every rule and make sure everyone knows that you know every word of the book.

Tell the proud owner of a new, very expensive bowling ball that you could have got it for them wholesale.

Always keep score.

Never keep score.

Don't bother to learn how to keep score.

Whenever you roll badly tell everyone how good you used to bowl.

Use the bowling center as your market place to sell raffle tickets, cookies, candy and everything else.

Rush to the line without ever taking a look to see if anyone is ready to bowl on either side.

Don't bowl unless there are six lanes open on each side.

Be the last one to arrive and the first one to leave, so much so that you don't know how your team stands before the night starts, and you're gone before the night's results are known.

Never be ready when it is your turn to bowl.

Tell everyone, every time, when it is your turn to bowl.

Make excuses for every shot.

Never have a reasonable excuse.

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Purdue's Schmidt, Wichita State's Tan Named Collegiate MVP's

COLUMBUS, Ga. - Purdue senior TJ Schmidt and Wichita State sophomore Jazreel Tan were named Most Valuable Players for the 2010-11 college bowling season by the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association.

Schmidt and Tan were honored with the rest of the All-Americans at the Night of Champions banquet held Wednesday in conjunction with the 2011 United

States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Team Championships, which open Thursday AMF Peach Lanes.

Schmidt averaged 215.33 this season and won individual titles at the Backhaul Direct Hoosier Classic, where he was the only player to shoot 300, the Brickyard Classic and the Team Match Games.

He is joined as a first team All-American by Greg Geering of Fresno State, Marcus Berndt of Wichita State, Marcelo Suartz of Webber International and Toledo's Charles Easton.

"It's an amazing feeling," Schmidt said. "It just shows how the hard work and dedication

is starting to payoff."

A first-team All-American last season, Tan also is a member of Singapore's national team.

She won three individual titles year, including the Hoosier Classic, and averaged 204.79.

Tan is joined on the women's first team by Amanda Green of Lindenwood, Jenn Boisselle of Central Florida, Kim Yioulos of Pikeville and Brandi Branka of McKendree.

"I missed the first part of the season to

compete in the Asian Games and a lot of the credit goes to my team for helping me settle in," Tan said. "It's always nice to be recognized, and I'm hopeful we will have a good week ahead."

Easton and Diana Zavjalova of Webber International were named Rookie of the Year in their respective divisions. Morehead State's Bobby Brown and Midland's J.J. Mastny were named the Kern Helmer Coaches of the Year.

Also on Wednesday, the Bowling Writers Association of America announced its players of the year. Schmidt and Tan received those honors as well.



TJ Schmidt and Jazreel Tan

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USBC Junior Gold Program Achieves Record Participation

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress has seen a steady growth in the number of bowlers at the high school and collegiate level during the past few seasons, and the participation in another youth program has reached an all-time high.

The USBC Junior Gold program recently set a record for most memberships sold in a season. At the end of April, Junior Gold membership stood at 3,407 and more youth bowlers are expected to join before the membership year ends July 31.

"It's encouraging for the bowling industry to see growth in this highly-engaged teenage segment that is likely to be lifelong bowlers," said Chad Murphy, International Bowling Campus Director of Youth Development. "We are working to enhance programs targeted toward younger kids with one of the goals to keep moving youth bowlers toward Junior Gold."

More than 1,700 participants already have qualified for the 2011 Junior Gold Championships presented by Brunswick, scheduled for July 9-15 in Las Vegas, and Murphy projects the tournament will be one

of the largest in the event's history. The largest field for a Junior Gold Championships was in 2009, when nearly 2,000 members participated in the event in Indianapolis.

"Our partners at Brunswick have helped develop this event into a great competition and an opportunity to earn scholarship money. These are some of the reasons we continue to see more youth bowlers become involved in Junior Gold," Murphy said. "The event is a destination for college coaches and bowling's top brands because the USBC Junior Gold Championships is the place to connect with sport's future leaders."

The Junior Gold Program was launched in the 1997-98 season for high-average USBC Youth bowlers. Each year at the Junior Gold Championships, athletes compete for more than \$125,000 in scholarships and try to earn a spot on Junior Team USA.

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Rick Romero Wins \$7,777 May Madness Top Prize

Elaina Dominguez wins \$3,333 at Sunset Sttion Strike Zone

Las Vegas, NV: The initial "Madness Tournament" has crowned its first champion



Elaina Dominguez and Rick Romero

and it was Rick Romero of Henderson, NV who won \$7,777. Finishing second and earning \$3,333 was Elaina Dominguez of Las Vegas, NV. More than 300 bowlers competed over Mother's Day Weekend with the tournament paying out in excess of \$18,000.

The final match was a close one as only 6 pins separated the two very nervous bowlers through seven frames. Both competitors struck in the eighth frame and Elaina threw a second

strike in the ninth and made a one pin spare in the tenth to force Rick to throw two strikes to win. Incredibly, Rick doubled in the tenth to win the tournament and the \$7,777. The final handicap score was 237 to 231.

A total of 38 bowlers, which was 1 in every 3.5 entrants, advanced to the finals where the minimum prize was \$125. The May Madness tournament was sponsored by RotoGrip, which is a division of Storm Bowling, and Station Casinos. Thirteen lucky winners won the latest RotoGrip ball. For complete results of the May Madness Tournament please visit www.pinnaclevents.com. The next big event at Sunset Station Strike Zone is the 2011 Summer Mini-Eliminator, which runs June 26 through July 3 and features two handicap and scratch divisions. Details of the next May Madness Tournament will be announced shortly by Station Casinos.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 4-July 2	USBC Open Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
April 7 - July 3	USBC Women's Championships, OnCenter Complex, Syracuse, NY
June 11-12	SASBA Over50/Over60/Over70/Guest, Cityview, Fort Worth, TX
June 12-17	PBA Senior U.S. Open, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
June 18-19	SASBA South Central, Galaxy Lanes, Columbia, TN
June 19-22	PBA Senior Northern California Classic, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, CA
June 26-July 1	USBC Convention and BPAA Int'l Bowl Expo, Gaylord Texan, Grapevine, TX
June 26-July 2	Mini Eliminator, Strike Zone Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
June 28-July 3	TAT, The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
June 29-July 4	High Roller, Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
July 2-4	SASBA Firecracker, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
July 6-7	USBC Senior Championships, OnCenter Complex, Syracuse, NY
July 8-23	USBC Youth Open, South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
July 9-10	SASBA 50/60/Guest Trio, Diamond Lanes, Odessa, TX
July 9-15	USBC Junior Gold Championships, Sunset Station's Strike Zone, South Point Bowling Center and The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
July 23-24	SASBA South Central M/G Doubles, Winchester Bowl, Memphis, TN
July 23-24	SASBA SS Singles, USA Bowl, Dallas, TX
July 30-31	SASBA, Copperfield, Houston, TX
July 31-Aug 6	USBC Senior Masters, Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, OH
Aug 8-11	PBA Senior Lake Country Open, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, IN
Aug 13-14	SASBA South Central M/G Doubles, Savannah Bowling Center, Savannah, TN
Aug 13-14	SASBA, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
Aug 13-16	PBA Senior Decatur Open, Sparetime Lanes, Decatur, IL
Aug 20-21	SASBA, Mel's Lone Star Lanes, Georgetown, TX
Aug 20-23	PBA Senior Jackson Open, Airport Lanes, Jackson, MI
Aug 27-28	SASBA South Central, Thunder Alley, Dickinson, TN
Aug 27-30	PBA Senior Dayton Classic, Capri Lanes, Kettering, OH
Sept 3-4	SASBA SS Singles, University Lanes Denton, TX
Sept 10-11	SASBA Non-Champ, Cityview Ft Worth, TX
Sept 24-25	SASBA Over 60-70 Dbls, Cowtown Palace Ft Worth, TX
Oct 15-16	SASBA Mem/Guest Doubles, All Star Lanes Shreveport, LA
Oct 22-23	SASBA Annual Championship, AMF Euleless Euleless, TX
Oct 22-23	SASBA South Central, Paris Family Fun Center, Paris, TN
Oct 29-30	SASBA, Metro Bowl Baton Rouge, LA
Nov 5-6	SASBA, Delmar Lanes Houston, TX
Nov 12-13	SASBA Foursome, Plano Super Bowl Plano, TX
Nov 19-20	SASBA South Central Annual Cham., Pinnacle Family Ent Ctr, Clarksville, TN
Dec 3-4	SASBA Age Bracket, Cityview Ft Worth, TX
Dec 17-18	SASBA Annual Team, Cowtown Palace Ft Worth, TX

12 USBC Youth Bowlers To Receive Gift for Life Scholarship

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress has awarded \$1,000 college scholarships to 12 USBC Youth members through the USBC Gift For Life Scholarships program.

Each year, Gift For Life Scholarships are given to USBC Youth members who need financial assistance to obtain a college education. High school students with a GPA of 2.5 or better (on a 4.0 scale) who could demonstrate financial need were encouraged to apply. Recipients were selected by a committee of USBC staff members.

"This is a way the sport of bowling can help families facing the rising cost of college," USBC Executive Director Stu Upson said. "These young people want to go to college, and USBC is proud the Gift For Life Scholarship will help them to pursue their dreams."

The USBC Gift For Life scholarship recipients for 2011:

Brandon Bayer, Dodge, Neb.
Travis Brinkley, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Katrjn Comeau, Vancouver, Wash.
Briana Cubito, Green Bay, Wis.
Ellery Gainza, Winter Park, Fla.
Evan Graveel, South Bend, Ind.
Eric Hayes, LeRoy, N.Y.
Alyssa Hesse, Hicksville, N.Y.
Jessica Janczewski, Crabtree, Pa.
Nathaniel Reid, Greenville, N.C.
Amanda Szczerba, Chicago
Marissa Spencer, Yorktown, Va.

In honor of the 9/11 heroes, each year two of the Gift For Life Scholarships are reserved for children of fire department, emergency rescue or police personnel. Bayer's father is assistant fire chief for the Dodge Volunteer Fire Department and Gainza's father is battalion chief for Orange County Fire Rescue.

Ohio School to Receive Grant Through YES Fund Program

ARLINGTON, Texas – Bryan High School in Bryan, Ohio, which started a bowling program for the 2010-11 season, has been selected to receive a \$2,500 grant through the Youth Education Services (YES) Fund High School Grant Program.

The High School Grant Program provides assistance to bowling programs that have a financial need because of budget cuts or other changes, and to schools that request funding to start a new program. The program, administered by the International Bowling Campus High School department, can award up to four \$2,500 grants a year.

Doug Miller, who coached the team this season, said team moms Sue Schulenberg and Robin Kemp handled the grant application. Schulenberg's son, Dalton, and Kemp's daughters, Michaela and Allison, were on this year's team.

Schulenberg said she read about the grant in US Youth Bowler magazine then went online to BOWL.com to find out more. She said the grant will take some of the stress off the program because the funds will help the team through next year and will allow them more time for fundraisers to keep the program growing.

Bryan High School was approved as a club sport in August 2010. But like many schools throughout the country, school superintendent Diana L. Savage said Bryan schools are facing continuous cuts in funding and "unfortunately the school is unable to assist with the expenses of the bowling club." Funding assistance from

local businesses has been difficult to find as the Bryan area has seen several businesses close in the last year. Williams County has an 11.4 percent unemployment rate, one of the highest in Ohio.

"A program such as Bryan High School is the reason the YES Fund High School Grant Program was created," said International Bowling Campus Director of Youth Development Chad Murphy. "There is the desire for a bowling program at Bryan and obviously it has the support of the school, the parents and the kids. Hopefully, the grant will help make the program successful now and in the future."

Miller and assistant coach Tony Przepiora, each a USBC Silver coach, led the girls' team to an 11-1 record this season while the boys went 8-4. Miller said the girls just missed going to the state tournament by 57 pins.

Middlesex High School in Middlesex, N.J., was the first recipient of a grant in November 2010. The 19-year-old bowling program at Middlesex was able to continue in 2010-11 with the help of a grant after the team learned the program was going to be cut because of economic constraints.

The YES Fund is a joint initiative of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America and USBC. Brunswick, Columbia 300, Ebonite, 900 Global, Hammer, QubicaAMF, Roto Grip, Storm and Track are founding partners and provided key support to start the YES Fund.

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Walter Ray Williams Jr. Back on Winning Track with PBA Senior Mark Roth Allentown Open Victory

Hall of Famer defeats Ron Mohr 268-168 for first win of the season

ALLENTOWN, Pennsylvania – Professional Bowlers Association legend Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla., won the PBA Senior Mark Roth Allentown Open for his first tour win in more than a year.

Williams defeated 2009 Senior Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Eagle River, Alaska, 268-168, in the championship match at Playdrome Rose Bowl for his first senior title of the season and second of his Senior Tour career.

Williams left little doubt of the outcome by opening the championship match with eight consecutive strikes before leaving a 10 pin in the ninth frame. Mohr, trying for his second consecutive win this season having won the Senior Miller High Life Classic in Mooresville, N.C., three weeks ago, could never get anything going.

"I got off to a good start and Ron just couldn't get lined up, especially on the right lane," said the 51-year-old Williams. "I was able to play between the first and second arrow and just had a nice angle to the pocket and great ball reaction from there."

In his Senior Tour debut, Williams won his first Senior Tour title in the Senior Miller High Life Classic in early May of 2010, shortly after

earning a record seventh PBA Player of the Year crown at the conclusion of the 2009-10 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season.

After also going on to earn PBA Senior Rookie of the Year honors last

forward from here."

Williams' previous best Senior Tour finishes this season were second in the Sun Bowl In the Villages and third in the Senior Don Carter Open.



Rose Bowl GM, Michael Sickonic, Walter Ray Williams Jr, and Mark Roth

year, it has been quite a dry spell for Williams, however. He experienced the worst PBA Tour season of his 28-year career in 2010-11 where his best finish was sixth. It ended a record streak of 17 seasons with at least one Tour win.

"I think the hard work I've put in the past couple of months has really paid off," said the all-time leader in PBA Tour wins with 47. "I'm feeling very comfortable being able to make the adjustments I need to make and just bowling very well in general. You're going to have your good times and bad times but I'm very encouraged and confident going

In the semifinals, Mohr defeated Hall of Famer and four-time Senior Player of the Year Tom Baker of King, N.C., 206-174, to advance to the championship match and Williams defeated Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Township, Mich., 238-192.

Williams is looking forward to the next stop, the PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by the Suncoast June 12-17 at the Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

"I wish it was next week," Williams said of the U.S. Open. "But, it gives me a couple weeks to get back to work on my game and relax a little bit."

PBA SENIOR MARK ROTH ALLENTOWN OPEN Playdrome Rose Bowl, Allentown, Pa.

Championship Match

Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla. (\$7,500) def. Ron Mohr, Eagle River, Alaska, (\$4,000), 268-168.

Semifinal Round (losers earn \$2,500)

Mohr def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 206-174; W.R. Williams def. Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Township, Mich., 238-192.

Round of 8 (losers earn \$1,700 each)

Mohr def. Mike Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 2-1; Baker def. Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 2-1; W.R. Williams def. John Chapman, Canada, 2-0; Sullins def. George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 2-0

Round of 16 (losers earn \$1,300 each)

Henry def. Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 3-1; Mohr def. Wilbert Moorer, Dover, Del., 3-1; Baker def. Ricky Beck, Box Elder, S.D., 3-1; Csuhta def. Dennis Welshans, Watsonstown, Pa., 3-0; W.R. Williams def. Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3-0; Chapman def. Kent Wagner, Palmetto, Fla., 3-1; Lord def. Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3-1; Sullins def. Patric Donaghue, Honeoye Falls, N.Y., 3-1

Round of 24 (losers earn \$1,100 each)

Moorer def. Sam Maccarone, Glassboro, N.J., 3-0; Lineberry def. Bob Brady, Santa Monica, Calif., 3-0; Beck def. Gale Voshell, Dover, Del., 3-2; Welshans def. Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 3-2; M. Williams def. Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3-1; Chapman def. David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 3-1; Lord def. Darryl Bower, Mechanicsburg, Pa., 3-0; Donaghue def. Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 3-0

Round of 32 (losers earn \$1,000 each)

Moore def. Tim Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 3-2; Lineberry def. Tom Lazaro, Allentown, Pa., 3-0; Voshell def. Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 3-0; Welshans def. Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 3-2; Hensen def. Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 3-0; Kneas def. Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3-0; Lord def. Don Hicks, West Babylon, N.Y., 3-0; Donaghue def. Emilio Mora, Defiance, Ohio, 3-2

Other Cashers (\$900 each)

Tom Carter, Rockford, Ill., 3,258; Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 3,256; William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 3,247; David Zelger, Red Lion, Pa., 3,215; (tie), Daniel Miner, East Moline, Ill., and Michael Tryniski, Fulton, N.Y., 3,196; Darryl Roberson, Oakton, Va., 3,195; Tom Yadanza, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., 3,194; Brent Hunter, Glenville, Pa., 3,185; (tie), Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., David Goldenberg, Lake Grove, N.Y., and Perry Keplinger, Amherst, Ohio, 3,183; Russell Michaud, Hudson, N.H., 3,181; 3,185; (tie), Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., David Goldenberg, Lake Grove, N.Y., and Perry Keplinger, Amherst, Ohio, 3,183; Russell Michaud, Hudson, N.H., 3,181

Super Seniors (\$700 each)

Guppy Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,164; Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 3,158; Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 3,138; John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,135; Greg Rottengen, Washington, N.J., 3,132; Teata Semiz, North Brunswick, N.J., 3,121; Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,119

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Finland's Mika Koivuniemi Wins PBA Player of the Year Award

Californian Scott Norton is Rookie of the Year,
New York's Jack Jurek wins Nagy Sportsmanship Award

Finland's Mika Koivuniemi, who won the richest first prize in Professional Bowlers Association history and became the first player ever to reach the television finals in all four PBA major championships in a single season, has been selected as 2010-11 PBA Player of the Year.

Koivuniemi, who won the \$250,000 first prize in the \$1 million PBA Tournament of Champions, also finished second in the U.S. Open, third in the Bayer USBC Masters and sixth in the PBA World Championship on his way to winning the PBA Tour earnings title with \$330,040 – the third-highest total in PBA Tour history. The 44-year-old right-hander, who also won Player of the Year honors for 2003-04, was the Tour's average leader with a 222.50 average for 292 games bowled.

The PBA also announced Scott Norton of Costa Mesa, Calif., is 2011 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year and Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y., has won the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award for the second time.

Koivuniemi, who lives in Hartland, Mich., and Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli (1989 and 1990) are the only international players who have won PBA Player of the Year honors. Koivuniemi received 334 votes from his peers, easily out-distancing runner-up Chris Barnes

of Double Oak, Texas (63) and Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa. (61).

"It's really a great honor," Koivuniemi said. "There are only 10 players who had won Player of the Year more than once, and to be the 11th member of that group is really special.

"It was an almost perfect season for me," he added. "Qualifying for TV for all four majors is a huge deal. No one had ever done that before, and to win the Tournament of Champions? That's the one everyone wanted."

Norton, a practicing California attorney, won his first PBA Tour title in the Pepsi Chameleon Championship. He was the only rookie to win a title during the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season. Norton received 445 votes; no other player received more than 15.

Jurek, who also won the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award in 2006, also was an overwhelming choice. His most visible act of sportsmanship came during the title match of the Bayer USBC Masters where he was top qualifier, and was on the verge of losing to first-time champion Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa. Jurek approached Hess, who had broken down in tears under the emotion of his victory, and helped him calm down enough to finish the match.



Mika Koivuniemi



Scott Norton



Jack Jurek

Storm Europe To Sponsor San Marino European Tour Event

Made, Netherlands - Storm Bowling Products BV is proud to announce the sponsorship of the 7th Storm San Marino Open at Rose'n Bowl in Serravalle, San Marino. The European Tour event will be held July 2 through 10.

"We are very pleased to have Storm Europe sponsor the San Marino Open", stated Adriano Santi, the host of the event and General Manager of Rose'n Bowl. "This year we will have a special separate prize fund for our

Italian entries along with the featured 60,000 euro prize fund."

This new feature is being co-sponsored by Active Bowling, Storm's Authorized Distributor in Italy. "By having this exclusive prize fund for the Italian bowlers, we are working to build and encourage the competitive bowlers in

Italy to come out and compete against some of the best bowlers in the world", noted Gianluca Badiali, owner of Active Bowling.

Added Dave Symes, President Storm Products, Inc., "The San Marino Open is a great

event. Our team at Storm Europe is looking forward to again working with Adriano and Luca on making it even better this year."

Part of Storm's plans for the event is to have members of their pro staff and their team from the Storm Europe warehouse in the Netherlands on hand during the event to interact with everyone present.

"The San Marino is be a great venue and a terrific opportunity to introduce our new products to the pro shops and bowlers attending", said Wes Pye, Storm International Sales Consultant. "We are working diligently to educate the bowlers and improve the availability of our products across the continent."

Active Bowling and Storm will be assisting in the pro shop during the event. Specials on Storm and Roto Grip products will be available along with the introduction of the limited edition International exclusive, Storm "Domination NANO" high performance bowling ball.

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Ron Mohr Wins PBA Senior Miller High Life Classic for Fourth Senior Tour Title

MOORESVILLE, N.C.— Ron Mohr of Eagle River, Alaska, won the Professional Bowlers Association Senior Miller High Life Classic Wednesday at George Pappas' Victory Lanes for his fourth career Senior Tour title.

Mohr, the 2009 PBA Senior Player of the Year, defeated Tim Kauble of Marion, Ohio, 248-236, in the title match for his first win of the season after a third-place finish in last week's Sun Bowl In the Villages and fourth place in the season-opening Don Carter Senior Open.

It was an especially emotional win for Mohr, whose wife Linda passed away in January as the result of treatment complications from surgery last September. He had to miss most of the second half of the 2010 Senior Tour season to return home to be with his wife and family.

"My plan was to approach this season like I did when I first came out on Tour in 2008," said the 55-year-old Mohr. "I'd bowl the first three tournaments or so and see how it goes and then make a decision on if I should continue.

"It's a big relief, he continued. "Prior to the start of this season I hadn't bowled competitively for seven months so I wasn't sure what the future was going to hold. I'll be honest, winning in the third tournament of the season was more than I could expect."

With Mohr down by 20 pins in the fifth frame, Kauble missed a 10 pin in the sixth frame which turned out to be a turning point in the match.

PBA SENIOR MILLER HIGH LIFE CLASSIC
George Pappas' Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C.

Championship Match

Ron Mohr, Eagle River, Alaska (\$8,000) def. Tim Kauble, Marion, Ohio (\$4,500), 248-236.

Semifinal Round (one-game matches, losers earn \$2,500)

Kauble, def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 268-238; Mohr def. Keith Sharp, Orlando, Fla., 268-249

Round of 8 (losers earn \$1,700 each)

Kauble def. Steve Licklitter, Beckley, W. Va., 2-1; Baker def. Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 2-0; Sharp def. Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 2-0; Mohr def. Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 2-0

Round of 16 (losers earn \$1,300 each)

Licklitter def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 3-2; Kauble def. William Keene, Orlando, Fla., 3-1; Baker def. Warren Blankenship, Ardmore, Okla., 3-0; Parks def. Brian Brazeau, Ocala, Fla., 3-1; Mohr def. Henry Gonzalez, Colorado Springs, Colo., 3-0; Kossert def. Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 3-1; Berke def. Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 3-2; Sharp def. David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 3-2

Round of 24 (losers earn \$1,150 each)

Licklitter def. Dave Patchen, Oregon, Ohio, 3-2; Kauble def. Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Township, Mich., 3-0; Blankenship def. Dave Goldenberg, Selden, N.Y., 3-0; Parks def. Hugh Miller, Seattle, 3-0; Kneas def. Larry Popp, Marion, Ohio, 3-1; McCorkle def. Russ Freeman, Antioch, Ill., 3-2; Gonzalez def. Dale Eagle, Tavares, Fla., 3-0; Kossert def. Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3-0

Round of 32 (losers earn \$1,050 each)

Patchen def. George Pappas, Charlotte, 3-2; Sullins def. Jeff Bellingier, Columbia, S.C., 3-1; Goldenberg def. Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 3-1; Parks def. Guppy Troup, Taylorsville, S.C., 3-1; Kneas def. Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 3-1; McCorkle def. Darryl Bower, Mechanicsburg, Pa., 3-1; Eagle def. Bob Brady, Santa Monica, Calif., 3-0; Kossert def. Vince Honeycutt, Buford, Ga., 3-1

Other Cashers (\$900 each)

Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 3,563; Gale Voshell, Dover, Del., 3,562; Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 3,560; Gary Morgan, Marietta, Ga., 3,556; Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,554; Mark Glover, Woodbridge, Va, 3,542; Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 3,532; Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,524; Bob Handley, Winter Park, Fla., 3,522; (tie), Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., and Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 3,512; Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 3,511; Brent Hunter, Glenville, Pa., 3,506; Steve Neff, Homosassa Springs, Fla., 3,496; (tie), Ron Garr, Ridgedale, Mo., and Phil Taylor, Tifton, Ga., 3,488; Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla, 3,478

Super Seniors (\$700 each)

Gary Hiday, Indianapolis, 3,397; Michael Truitt, Orland Park, Ill., 3,362; Mike O'Barr, Anderson, S.C., 3,357; Bob Andersen, Forest City, N.C., 3,350; Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3,343; Dowell Milliken, Lake Grove, N.Y., 3,318; Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 3,300

"He started with the first five (strikes) but when he missed that spare it put me back in the match," Mohr said. "Then, I had four strikes in a row from the sixth to the ninth



Ron Mohr

frame and all I needed to do was mark in the 10th frame to shut him out."

Mohr defeated Keith Sharp of Orlando, Fla., 268-249, in the semifinal to advance to the championship match. Kauble defeated PBA Hall of Famer and four-time Senior Player of the Year Tom Baker of King, N.C., in the other semifinal match, 268-238.

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Check out the IAB Website at www.internationalartofbowling.com for the most current information regarding past and future bootcamps and other pertinent information. The next IAB camp is scheduled July 9-12 at Cowtown Bowling Palace in Fort Worth, Texas.

Photos and information by Randy Gulley



Special Guest Madden Asbaty with Diandra's sister & IAB Program Coordinator Kassy Golden

Pennsylvania Youth Bowler to Receive USBC Annual Zeb Scholarship

Katherine Welsh of McMurray, Pa., has been selected to receive the 2011 United States Bowling Congress Annual Zeb Scholarship.

The \$2,500 scholarship is awarded annually to a USBC Youth member who achieves academic success and gives back to the community through service. Named for Jim Zebehazi, who served as executive director of the Young American Bowling Alliance from 1996-2004, the award first was presented in 2005. Zebehazi currently is a Regional Manager for USBC.

"I was very excited," Welsh said upon hearing she had been selected to receive the Zeb Scholarship. "I have enjoyed competing with my bowling team, so it is cool that I received a scholarship because of it."

A senior at Seton-La Salle Catholic High School, Welsh took all available honors courses and Advanced Placement classes in chemistry, calculus, literature and European history. She has a 4.72 weighted grade-point average (4.0 scale) and is valedictorian for her class.



Katherine Welsh

She has been a four-year member of the bowling and golf teams, is president of the National Honor Society and editor of the yearbook. She also is involved in Campus Ministry, Environmental Club and International Club.

"Katie is mature beyond her years and possesses a clearly defined value system," Timothy Zugates, Director of Guidance for Seton-La Salle, said in his recommendation letter. "She has brought distinction to herself and will continue to do so in her future."

Away from school, Welsh has worked with Meals on Wheels and organized a student event for Global Links, a medical relief and development organization. She has been active for the last three years with the Diocesan Youth Council.

She will attend the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, in the fall and will major in engineering.

Welsh will receive the \$2,500 scholarship at the USBC Junior Gold Championships award presentation in Las Vegas on July 15.

BOWLING TOUGH TIPS

Installment #5 - Consciously Choose to Be a Success!

We frequently do not think about how we will react in many situations, even when our reactions may be important to our personal success potential! Rather, we develop non-conscious habits, reacting to whatever happens without thinking about it.

Because we react without thinking about the circumstances, many of our decisions are non-conscious. With non-conscious decisions, the potential to make errors - to react inappropriately in any given situation - is very high. Many non-conscious decisions that keep bowlers and other athletes from performing at their full potential. Potentially good bowlers who perform poorly in competition have made one or more non-conscious decisions to get anxious or stressed out, to fear failure, or to fear success. To avoid the destructive effect that such non-conscious decisions have on your game, you need to understand what these decisions mean and what tough bowlers do to overcome them.

If you are mentally anxious or stressed-out during competition, you will be physically up-tight and unable to perform with the smoothness and consistency that you have in practice. Tough bowlers are not immune to stress. They just deal with it effectively. They have a plan that involves using the methods explained in Bowling Tough. They use mental skills to overcome stress.

Some people fear failure, but no one can reasonably expect to be successful all of the time. It's that simple. Although difficult to believe, some people actually decide to fear being successful! So, in a backwards sort of way, the fear of ultimate failure produces a fear of immediate success that produces the anxiety that guarantees the body will not perform well in clutch situations.

Tough bowlers know that no one expects them to be successful all of the time. They do not expect the same of themselves either! They know that, if they set their sights on goals that they can achieve, bigger successes will follow. They do not fear success because they are successful in reaching realistic goals all of the time.



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Brittni Hamilton, Kyle Barnes Capture Intercollegiate Singles Championships

EULESS, Texas – Brittni Hamilton of Vanderbilt and Kyle Barnes of Middle Tennessee claimed the titles at the 2011 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Singles Championships on Tuesday at AMF Eules Lanes.

Hamilton, the top seed after Monday's qualifying, swept Kara Bunting of Central Florida in the women's title match. Hamilton earned a bye into the third round and

lost only one game in the best-of-five match-play format, going 9-1 en route to the title.

"I was just really lined up both days," said Hamilton, a Team USA and Junior Team USA member. "I was playing a different part of the lane than pretty much everybody else. It just really worked for me. I felt comfortable in there."

Hamilton won the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships and helped her team to a runner-up finish at the NCAA Women's Bowling Championships this season.

"It means a lot, representing Vanderbilt, and I know it will mean a lot to them, too," Hamilton said of winning the ISC title. "To start off my summer like this is pretty awesome."



Brittni Hamilton and Kyle Barnes

Barnes, the No. 7 qualifier, had a bye into the second round and also went 9-1 in his first three matches to reach the title match against

Jacob Kent of Robert Morris-Illinois. Barnes needed a strike on his first ball in the final frame of the deciding game and got it for the 3-2 victory.

"When I left the 10 pin and that messenger came rolling across, the only thing I was hoping was that the pin in front of it didn't stop it,"

Barnes said. "But it hit it and knocked it right over and that was quite possibly the greatest feeling in the world."

Barnes, who will graduate in December, did not bowl collegiately this season. A first-team All-American at Pikeville in 2008, he had tried to qualify for the ISC in the past. So when friends from Vanderbilt said they were going to sectional qualifying, he decided to take a shot.

"I had one year left to do it and thought I might as well use it," Barnes said. "The next thing you know, I qualify third, I'm here ... man, this is such a great feeling."

The 24 men and 16 women earned their way into the national tournament through four sectional qualifying events held in March.

USBC INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS AMF Eules Lanes, Eules, Texas

MEN'S RESULTS

Semifinals

Kent def. Pope, 3-1 (203-190, 190-202, 192-191, 213-204); Barnes def. Calcote, 3-1 (149-198, 233-227, 200-198, 220-192).

Championship

Barnes def. Kent, 3-2 (186-222, 191-181, 207-213, 213-150, 220-217).

WOMEN'S RESULTS

Semifinals

Hamilton def. Petzoldt, 3-1 (179-176, 190-213, 221-215, 256-172); Bunting def. Veenstra, 3-1 (236-204, 202-203, 214-174, 180-141).

Championship

Hamilton def. Bunting, 3-0 (218-176, 249-187, 225-192)

TEAM USA Men's Roster For International Events Finalized

The biggest names in bowling will travel the world to represent the United States in international competition this year as the roster for four events was finalized Thursday.

The Team USA coaching staff has selected Patrick Allen of Wesley Chapel, Fla., Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., Michael Fagan of Patchogue, N.Y., and Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla., to compete in the Pan American Bowling Confederation Men's Championships from May 8-13 in Guadalajara, Mexico.

The event will feature the best men's teams in the American Zone competing in five-player team, trios, doubles, singles, all-events and match-play Masters. The United States has dominated the event in the past and since 1997 has won 25 of a possible 30 gold medals at the PABCON Championships.

Two other American Zone events are on the schedule with Barnes and O'Neill heading to

the Pan American Games from Oct. 24-27 after earning spots via a qualifying process, while Jarret Mizo of Honolulu and Steven Smith of San Diego will represent Team USA at the Lee Evans Tournament of the Americas from July 31-Aug. 6.

The only worldwide event on the calendar for the Team USA men in 2011 is the QubicaAMF World Cup, which is scheduled to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from Nov. 30-Dec. 7. Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., has been selected to represent the United States in that event.

The Team USA men recently wrapped up a one-week training camp at the International Training and Research Center. The Team USA women will hold their camp the first week in May, while Junior Team USA is scheduled to train the third week in May.

Rosters for the women and juniors competing in international events will be announced at a later date.

BRUNSWICK SIGNS WITH MINI-ELIMINATOR

Las Vegas, NV: Pinnacle Events is pleased to announce Brunswick Bowling has agreed to become the official ball sponsor of the next two Mini-Eliminators. At the Summer 2011 Mini-Eliminator, which is being hosted by Sunset Station in Las Vegas, Brunswick Product Specialists will be giving out the brand new, soon to be released, C. System High Performance Ball. Brunswick will have their full product line on displayed throughout the tournament which runs June 26 through July 3.

Brian Graham, Director of Marketing for Consumer Products, was thrilled to partner with The Mini. "I use to bowl the Mini and thought it was the best megabuck event in Las Vegas. I believe Brunswick can offer all entrants the best possible experience while at Sunset Station. We look forward to working with the Mini-Eliminator staff and meeting all of the bowlers."

Brunswick will be running practice lanes all week where bowlers can try out the latest

Brunswick equipment. This includes the latest, soon to be released, C. System which has gotten rave reviews even before it is available to the public. Brunswick will also be hosting a free "bowler appreciation" party to celebrate the new ball release and the Mini-Eliminator sponsorship.

The Mini-Eliminator is a 3-game qualifying tournament by division. There are two scratch divisions, 49 & under/50+, and two handicap divisions; 190 to 215/189 & under. Top prizes are guaranteed to pay \$20,000-1st/\$12,500-2nd/\$11,000-3rd/\$10,000-4th. Entry fees are as low as \$200 with re-entries as low as \$99. There is a cut to the daily finals each squad with ratios as low as 1 in 5 per division advancing to the finals.

Please call or visit www.minieliminator.com or call 1.877.900.MINI for more info. Prepaid entries are being accepted by mail or on-line through June 13th and walk-in entries are welcomed during the tournament

TEAM USA WINS TEAM AND ALL-EVENTS GOLDS AT PABCON MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

GUADALAJARA, Mexico - The Team USA men overcame a close battle with Puerto Rico to claim the gold medal in the coveted five-player team event Thursday at the 2011 Pan American Bowling Confederation Men's Championships.

The United States won the gold medal with a six-game total of 6,772, an average of 224.07, to top Puerto Rico's 6,642 at Bolerama Tapatio. Canada took the bronze with 6,584.

Team USA's Bill O'Neill, who won the all-events gold medal, struck on his first two shots in the final frame of the final game to shut out Puerto Rico, which still had hope with a couple players left to finish.

"The team put me in the anchor position and expected me to come up with big shots when we needed it," said O'Neill, who won the all-events gold with a 24-game total of 5,596, an average of 233.17. "For me, throwing shots when I've needed them over the past year has been a bit of a struggle. So it felt really good to make some shots at the end to lock it up."

O'Neill led the team effort with 1,398 and was followed by Mike Fagan (1,377), Patrick

Allen (1,351), Chris Barnes (1,304), Walter Ray Williams Jr. (647) and Wes Malott (645).

"There's no doubt that the talent in the



Bill O'Neill, Chris Barnes, Wes Mallot, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Mike Fagan, Patrick Allen

American Zone has gotten stronger and that showed today," Barnes said. "It's always a good feeling when you get in a close situation

and win. The bottom line is when it came down to the last game, we bowled well enough to pull it out while everyone was scrambling."

Entering the final game, Canada trailed the United States by 40 pins, while Puerto Rico was 43 pins off the lead. The Canadians faded in the final game, but the Puerto Ricans held strong down the stretch and nearly pulled off the upset.

Francisco Colon led Puerto Rico with 1,376 and was followed by Andro Simounet (1,345), Israel Hernandez (1,334), Bruno Diaz (1,327) and Francisco Valient (1,260).

In the all-events race, O'Neill entered the final game down 29 pins to Canada's Dan MacLelland, but O'Neill outscored him 249-184 in the final game. MacLelland took the silver medal with 5,560, while Colombia's Manuel Otalora earned bronze with 5,534.

The top 16 players in the final all-events standings advanced to Friday's match-play Masters, the final event of the PABCON Men's Championships. All six Team USA players advanced along with four Canadians and three Puerto Ricans to make up 13 of the 16 spots.

TEAM USA'S WILLIAMS, ALLEN SHATTER PABCON DOUBLES RECORD

Team USA's Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Patrick Allen didn't just break the all-time Pan American Bowling Confederation Men's Championships record in doubles, they blew past it with ease.

Williams and Allen combined to shoot a six-game total of 2,917, an average of 243.08, at Bolerama Tapatio, eclipsing the previous record of 2,788 set in 2009 by their teammates Chris Barnes and Tommy Jones.

Allen led the pair with 1,461, while Williams contributed 1,456 in the winning effort. Canada's Dan MacLelland and Michael Schmidt took the silver medal with 2,742, while Puerto Rico's Bruno Diaz and Andro Simounet earned the bronze with 2,720.

The Americans entered the final doubles block knowing they needed a big performance after their teammates were out of medal contention from the morning session.

"After the performance this morning, we knew it was either us or nobody for a medal," Allen said. "It was just time for us to rise to the occasion so the team didn't get shut out."

The gold medalists got out of the gate fast with Williams starting with games of 298 and 278, while Allen opened with 247 and 233. They eventually pulled away from the Canadians in the final two games.

"I was surprised the scores weren't higher

on the first block, but I knew there were still some pretty good bowlers on our squad," said Williams, who opened the block with 11 straight strikes before leaving the 2-8. "Fortunately, I had a real good look early on and Patrick bowled well, too."

Team USA's Mike Fagan, who also opened the day with a 298 game, and Wes Malott finished doubles in 10th place with 2,578. Barnes and Bill O'Neill were 11th with 2,576.

TEAM USA TAKES TWO BRONZE MEDALS IN MASTERS AT PABCON MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team USA earned two bronze medals Friday in the match-play Masters, the final event of the 2011 Pan American Bowling Confederation Men's Championships.

Bill O'Neill and Chris Barnes both lost in the best-of-three games semifinals at Bolerama Tapatio. Mexico's Alejandro Cruz took down O'Neill, 2-0, while Barnes lost 2-0 to eventual gold medalist Dan MacLelland of Canada.

"We had a good run this week, and it's hard to be too disappointed," said O'Neill, who won

the all-events gold medal. "This format is a total crapshoot and for us to get a couple medals is OK. We're always disappointed when we don't win, but we brought home the gold in the important events."

Cruz, who earned Mexico its first medal of the Championships, struck out in the first game to beat O'Neill, 225-223, and then rolled to a 268-227 win for the sweep.

"I always like bowling against the crowd favorite," O'Neill said. "It's fun when you win that match as an underdog, but unfortunately

I wasn't able to come out on top this time."

In the other semifinal, MacLelland, who earned the all-events silver medal, took the opening game, 257-223, and then claimed the second game, 255-212.

All six Team USA members were among the 16 players who advanced to the Masters competition based on their finish in the all-events standings. Wes Malott and Mike Fagan lost in the quarterfinals, while Patrick Allen and Walter Ray Williams Jr. were knocked out in the first round.

In the gold-medal match, MacLelland swept Cruz, 2-0, to win the title. The Canadian, who competes on the Lumber Liquidators Professional Bowlers Association Tour, won 269-203 and 224-175.

The two bronze medals in the Masters competition finished off a week where Team USA won gold medals in four of the six events. The Americans finished first in five-player team, trios, doubles and all-events, while also taking the silver medal in trios and a bronze medal in singles.

COLOMBIA TAKES SINGLES GOLD AT PABCON MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Colombia's Manuel Otalora ended a string of domination by the United States and earned his country's first Pan American Bowling Confederation Men's Championships gold medal.

Otalora earned the singles gold by shooting a six-game total of 1,463, an average of 243.8 at Bolerama Tapatio. Canada's Dan MacLelland took the silver with 1,431, and

Team USA's Mike Fagan earned the bronze with 1,379.

The United States had previously swept every gold medal at the past two PABCON Men's Championships and had won 25 of a possible 30 gold medals since 1997.

"This feels great, and it's a great win for our team to end the string of wins by the United States," said Otalora, who had games of 248,

223, 245, 253, 237 and 257 on the 44-foot London pattern. "This win is important for our team and our country because it is the first time we have won a gold medal in a men's PABCON event."

Fagan earned his first medal as a member of Team USA and five of the six Americans finished in the top eight. Bill O'Neill was fifth, Wes Malott was sixth, Chris Barnes was

seventh and Patrick Allen finished eighth. Walter Ray Williams Jr. ended up 20th.

"I'm happy to come out of the first event with a medal," said Fagan, who had to strike on his first shot in the final frame to jump ahead of Puerto Rico's Israel Hernandez. "If you look at the standings, our team performed pretty well today, and we're looking forward to the rest of the week."

USBC TO AWARD NEW LAPEL PINS FOR TWO ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2011-12

ARLINGTON, Texas - For the 2011-12 season, the United States Bowling Congress has created two special lapel pins to recognize adult members who shoot a specified number of Pins Over Average in a game or series.

For the game award, bowlers must roll a game that is 75 or more pins over their average. To receive the series lapel pin, bowlers must bowl at least 140 pins over their average.

"We always are looking for unique ways to recognize our members for outstanding achievements on the lanes," said Kevin Terry, USBC Managing Director of Marketing and Membership. "We talk with association leaders and bowlers about our awards and this is an example of something they have said they would like to see. We expect these lapel pins to be very popular award items."

The new lapel pins are not the only changes for the 2011-12 season. The ring awarded to USBC members who roll a 300 game, 800 series and 900

series will have a new look. USBC also has revised the requirements for Adult Awards earned under USBC Playing Rules 51a(2) and 51b(2).

Effective Aug. 1, 2011, USBC will recognize the following achievements bowled by USBC members in USBC standard leagues and tournaments:

Single game	Eligibility
275-299 Game	All averages
250-274 Game	215 average or below
225-249 Game	190 average or below
200-224 Game	165 average or below
175-199 Game	140 average or below
150-174 Game	120 average or below
125-149 Game	100 average or below

Series	Eligibility
700 to 799 Series	All averages
600 to 699 Series	175 average or below
500 to 599 Series	145 average or below
400 to 499 Series	120 average or below
300 to 399 Series	90 average or below

Koivuniemi Wins 2010-11 PBA Tour Earnings, George Young High Average Honors

Barnes earns third Harry Smith Point Leader Award; O'Neill leads in cashes, match play finals

Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., has officially won the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour earnings title and George Young High Average award, while Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, and Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., topped the other key PBA statistical charts.

Thanks to his PBA-record \$250,000 first prize in the PBA Tournament of Champions, Koivuniemi dominated the Tour in earnings with \$333,040, the third-highest single-season total on record behind Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s \$419,700 during the 2002-03 season and Patrick Allen's \$350,740 in 2004-05. Koivuniemi also led the PBA Tour in earnings during the 2003-04 season when he won PBA Player of the Year honors.

Koivuniemi also won his second George Young High Average Award, bowling at a 222.50 pace for 292 games. He won his previous high average award during his Player of the Year season,

averaging 222.73.

Despite the fact that Koivuniemi became the first player in PBA history to reach the nationally-televised finals in all four PBA majors (PBA World Championship, Tournament of Champions, Bayer USBC Masters and U.S. Open), Barnes was nearly as dominant. His PBA World Championship title along with his consistency throughout the season was the key factor in topping both O'Neill and Koivuniemi to win his third career Harry Smith Point Leader Award.

O'Neill also had an excellent season, topping the Tour with 12 cashes and 10 match play finals in 12 events. He also tied Koivuniemi for the most championship round appearances with five.

For complete listings of all statistics for the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season, click on the "statistics" tab on the pba.com home page.

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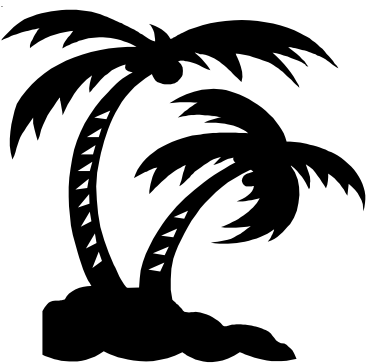
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What did the traffic light said to the driver?
Don't look at me, I'm changing.

XXX

If men had PMS/PMT, what would happen?

- The federal government would allocate funds to study it.
- Cramps would become an acceptable reason to apply for permanent disability.
- There would be a federal holiday every 28 days.

XXX

Why was Cinderella so lousy at baseball?

She ran away from the ball, and she had a pumpkin for a coach.

XXX

CHURCH SIGNS:

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Where will you be sitting in Eternity? Smoking or non-smoking

XXX

How many mystery writers does it take to screw in a lightbulb?

Two. One to screw it almost all the way in and the other to give it a surprise twist at the end.

XXX

She was Soooooooooooooooooooooo Blonde...

- She studied for a blood test.
- She sold the car for gas money.
- When she missed bus #44 she took bus #22 twice instead.
- When she went to the airport and saw a sign that said, "Airport Left," she turned around and went home.

XXX

A man walks into the psychiatrist's office with a cucumber up his nose, a carrot in his left ear, and a banana in his right ear. He says, "What's the matter with me?"

The psychiatrist says, "You're not eating properly."

Walt's World by Walt Steinsiek



"THAT REMINDS ME, WE BOWL TONIGHT."

BOWL-A-RAMA

by Maurice 'MOE' LaRochelle



DID YOU KNOW:

You grow by about 8mm (0.3in) every night when you are asleep, but shrink to your former height the following day

- 315 entries in Webster's 1996 Dictionary were misspelled
- Bone is five times stronger than steel
- Sharks can live up to 100 years
- "Bookkeeper" is the only word in English language with three consecutive double letters

XXX

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, 'Now don't get mad at me ... I know we've been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is.'

Her friend glared at her for at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, 'How soon do you need to know?'

XXX

I should have figured it out sooner . . .

It's the shampoo I use in the shower. When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body. Printed very clearly on the shampoo label it reads, "FOR EXTRA VOLUME AND BODY."

I have gotten rid of the shampoo and I am going to start using Dawn dish detergent. Its label reads, "DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE."

Geeze! It sure pays to read the label!

XXX

SENIOR DRIVING

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, 'Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful! 'Heck,' said Herman, 'It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!'

XXX

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger, and then it hit me.

XXX

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car - both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself 'I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light.'

After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous.

At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, She turned to the other woman and said, 'Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!'

Mildred turned to her and said, 'Oh, crap, am I driving?'

2011 USBC Women's Championships reaches halfway point

The 2011 USBC Women's Championships reached the halfway point of its 88-day run this week, but there is no hint of a slowdown as the excitement continues and new leaders continue to emerge.

In addition to enlivening the Oncenter Convention Center each day, the bowlers bring their own unique blend of sightseeing and spending, estimated to have



The Sunshine Gals (Mini Tvaska center)

a \$40 million impact on the local community as they shop, eat and travel. The tournament began April 7 and will stretch until July 3.

So far this year, more than 1 million frames have been bowled on the 48 Brunswick Anvilane lanes, operated with the Brunswick GS-X pinsetters, by the 14,000 women who have traveled to Syracuse to compete. That equates to 2,800 five-player teams pouring in from across the country. There are 5,822 teams registered to compete in 2011.

In the 126,000 games bowled so far, there were 2,494,000 balls thrown and 17,640,000 Brunswick Max pins knocked down (score). This year, 2,120 pins will make their way into play. The ongoing action from 7 a.m. until 1 a.m. each day has resulted in the need for 41.25 gallons of Kegel lane oil and 435 gallons of lane-cleaning solution.

Both matriarchs of the Women's Championships already have bowled and broken their own

2011 USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS Oncenter Convention Center, Syracuse, N.Y. DIAMOND DIVISION

Team (Combined average of 900 and above; Handicap is 100 percent of 1,100)

1, Eagles Edge Pro Shop (Joyce Biondo, Tracy Luncsford, Keri Caduto, Tina Becke, Jonquay Armon), Des Plaines, Ill., 3,416. 2, Shootin Nines, Indianapolis, 3,347. 3, Sugar N Strike, Grand Prairie, Texas, 3,317. 4, Brunswick Zone Hawthorn, Waukegan, Ill., 3,305. 5, WOW, Davenport, N.D., 3,302. 6, Miller Time Girls, Aberdeen, Md., 3,290. 7, Team EFX, Sun City, Calif., 3,275. 8, Total Sports Complex, Clinton Township, Mich., 3,269. 9, Ninjas, Odenton, Md., 3,268. 10, Del Rosa Bowl, Chatsworth, Calif., 3,256.

Doubles (Combined average of 360 and above; Handicap is 100 percent of 440)

1, Irish Manna/Suzi Minino, Omaha, Neb., 1,532. 2, Tracey Magnuson, Faribault, Minn./Diane Marget, Champlin, Minn., 1,500. 3, Aleta Sill, Livonia, Mich./Michelle Feldman, Auburn, N.Y., 1,462. 4, Elizabeth HublerRike, Grand Rapids, Mich./Sharyl Jahn, Rockford, Mich., 1,461. 5, Susan Jeziorski/Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,459. 6, Amanda Stone, Greensboro, N.C./Leslie Rapach, Charlotte, N.C., 1,456. 7, Jamie Nelson/Paula Siebert, Muskegon, Mich., 1,450. 8, Davie Mae Leskoske, Clinton, Utah/Tanya Leonard, Baldwinville, N.Y., 1,433. 9, Sarah Germano, Rochester, N.Y./Ashly Galante, Lake Wales, Fla., 1,429. 10, Jamie Martin, Omaha, Neb./Nicole Ellison, Chatsworth, Calif., 1,428.

Singles (Bowlers with averages of 180 and above; Handicap is 100 percent of 220)

1, Brittany Signor, Watertown, N.Y., 806. 2, Brenda Pugh, La Mesa, Calif., 796. 3, Joyce Biondo, Carpentersville, Ill., 775. 4, Julie Ryan, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, 772. 5, Katie Mae Pritchard, Coon Rapids, Minn., 771. 6, Amanda Stone, Greensboro, N.C., 768. 7, Shannon Pluhowsky, Kettering, Ohio, 763. 8, Kip Olivas, Lenoir, N.C., 762. 9, Tracy Lawrence, Maplewood, Minn., 759. 10 (tie), Linda Kogut, Jacksonville, Fla., and Stacie Watson, San Diego, 755.

All-Events (Bowlers with averages of 180 and above; Handicap is 100 percent of 220)

1, Elizabeth Hubler-Rike, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,270. 2, Dede Davidson, Buellton, Calif., 2,199. 3, Joyce Biondo, Carpentersville, Ill., 2,189. 4, Salena Barone, Cary, N.C., 2,188. 5, Bonnie Smith, Lakewood, N.Y., 2,181. 6, Shannon Pluhowsky, Kettering, Ohio, 2,177. 7, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2,151. 8, Susan Brede, Alexandria, Minn., 2,143. 9, Shauna Shannon, Albuquerque, N.M., 2,134. 10, Sara Gallandez, Bel Aire, Kan., 2,127.

RUBY DIVISION

Team (Combined average of 750-899; Handicap is 100 percent of 900)

1, Strike Force II, (Barbara Rouzan, Bernetta Henri, Linda Nash, Christina Zackery, Mabel Binns) Anchorage, Alaska, 2,858. 2, Striking Ladies, East Kingston, N.H., 2,829. 3, Alley Oops, Carrizo Springs, Texas, 2,821. 4, California Dreamers II, Cypress, Calif., 2,819. 5, Wild Things, Conyers, Ga., 2,820. 6, New Girls On the Block, Stow, Ohio, 2,810. 7 (tie), Alabama Rollers, Phoenix City, Ala., and Lobstah Gals, Westbrook, Maine, 2,809. 9, B.L.T.'s, North Branch, Mich., 2,807. 10, Charmed, Grantville, Ga., 2,806.

Doubles (Combined average of 300-359; Handicap is 100 percent of 360)

1, Maria Maley, Reno, Nev./Nancy Ferretti, Sparks, Nev., 1,235. 2, Laura Hurlburt, Arcadia, Neb./Melisa Hurlburt, Gordon, Neb., 1,230. 3, Tina Ballas/Jeanette Moran, Santa Barbara, Calif., 1,225. 4, Cindy Boatman/Melissa Boughner, Eaton Rapids, Mich., 1,213. 5, Krystal Heuser, Elwood, N.J./Ann Earley, Ventura, Calif., 1,211. 6, Dianna Coykendall, Mount Vernon, Ohio/Susan Combs, Howard, Ohio, 1,209. 7, Kimberly Dauer, Mankato, Minn./Vicky Strassburg, Hanska, Minn., 1,202. 8, Darryln Hamilton, Tea, S.D./Ioni Crittenden, Sioux Falls, S.D., 1,194. 9, Karen Steward, McKinney, Texas/Nicole Platz, Iowa City, Iowa, 1,191. 10, Christina Nelson, Fargo, N.D./Pam BuschetteCottrell, Dilworth, Minn., 1,187.

Singles (Bowlers with averages of 150-179; Handicap is 100 percent of 180)

1, Renita Merritt, Conyers, Ga., 681. 2 (tie), Arlene Vilhauer, Highmore, S.D., Patti Kroll, Big Lake, Minn., and Cindi Blaison, Walden, N.Y., 674. 5, Kathy Meidlein, Newnan, Ga., 671. 6 (tie), Linda DeGandi, Westport, Ore., and Viola Bridges, San Antonio, 668. 8, Tammy Tate, Suitland, Md., 661. 9, Jodi Berke, Beatrice, Neb., 658. 10, Fran Beckjorden, Shoreview, Minn., 657.

All-Events (Bowlers with averages of 150-179; Handicap is 100 percent of 180)

1, Andrea Brown, Greensboro, N.C., 1,818. 2, Ana Fukuchi, Cerritos, Calif., 1,815. 3 (tie), Tina Arend, Pueblo West, Colo. and Lindsey Dieter, Lockport, Ill., 1,810. 5, Charlotte Musser, Akron, Ohio, 1,808. 6, Paula Thomas-Gereke, Wellington, Ohio, 1,805. 7, Renita Merritt, Conyers, Ga., 1,800. 8, Jodi Berke, Beatrice, Neb., 1,799. 9, Vicki Davis, Judsonia, Ark., 1,795. 10, Cynthia BlairMcManus, Lorton, Va., 1,791.

SAPPHIRE DIVISION

Team (Combined average 749 and below; Handicap is 100 percent of 750)

1, Dianne's Dreamers (Keelle Burgett, Debbie Scovel, Lindsey Dieter, Diane Gleason, Dianne Waldon), Wilmington, Ill., 2,558. 2, Bernies Alterations, Pleasant Lake, Ind., 2,455. 3, Lane Burners, Lexington, Tenn., 2,396. 4, NE Strike And Spare Bowl, Lexington, Neb., 2,393. 5, Bermuda Cedars, Devonshire, Bermuda, 2,386. 6, Sunbowl, Windom, Minn., 2,379. 7, Survivors, Austin, Texas, 2,378. 8, Annandale State Bank, Annandale, Minn., 2,377. 9, Exclusive Bowling Club 3, Chicago, 2,375. 10, La Margaritas 2, Fort Wayne, Ind., 2,373.

Doubles (Combined average of 299 and below; Handicap is 100 percent of 300)

1, Doris Marcinkus/Sheila Pfeifer, Waukegan, Ill., 1,092. 2, Amy Ellingson/Alyssa Koltwitz, Bozeman, Mont., 1,074. 3, Lynn Schott, Gordon, Neb./Andee Harris, Lincoln, Neb., 1,070. 4, Denise Everett/Kate Dyer, Decatur, Ind., 1,069. 5, Jennifer Durham, Tupel, Miss./Brenda Birdsong, Pontotoc, Miss., 1,054. 6, Tami Wilson, Bentonville, Ark./Peggy LaPointe, Bella Vista, Ark., 1,052. 7, Berline Alexander/Nakina Alexander, Norfolk, Va., 1,049. 8, Pam Rolf, Hutchinson, Minn./Joyce Teubert, Glencoe, Minn., 1,045. 9 (tie), Pamela Overturf, Sutton, Neb./Melissa Anderson, Clay Center, Neb., and Wanda Blain, Carlisle, Pa./Tammy Smith, Spring Run, Pa., 1,042.

Singles (Bowlers with averages of 149 and below; Handicap is 100 percent of 150)

1, Lucille Reinert, Thiensville, Wis., 633. 2, Karen Ritter, West Trenton, N.J., 619. 3, Nancy Pizler, Austin, Minn., 586. 4, Melissa Voss, Jackson, Minn., 584. 5, Jennifer Khubchandani, Gurnee, Ill., 582. 6 (tie), Carole Mills, Franklin, N.J., and Kathy Dow, Corinth, Maine, 580. 8, Cheryl Detmar, Denair, Calif., 576. 9, Veronica Jackson, Calumet City, Ill., 574. 10 (tie), Cindi Bates, Long Grove, Iowa and Stephanie Coulman, Gansevoort, N.Y., 573.

All-Events (Bowlers with averages of 149 and below; Handicap is 100 percent of 150)

1, Angel Johnson, Arden Hills, Minn., 1,721. 2, Debbie Kidwell, Mineral Wells, Texas, 1,704. 3, Karen Ritter, West Trenton, N.J., 1,691. 4, Tami Wilson, Bentonville, Ark., 1,660. 5, Marsha Schwanke, Virginia Beach, Va., 1,653. 6, Diane Slusher, Southington, Ohio, 1,629. 7, Stephanie Coulman, Gansevoort, N.Y., 1,607. 8, Mya Banaszynski, Racine, Wis., 1,602. 9 (tie), Valeda McDonald, Soudan, Minn., and Marie Heedlee, Flora, Ill., 1,596.

SCRATCH

Team

1, Shootin Nines (Keli Callahan, Amanda Beck, Jenifer Larson, Brenda Mack, and Shannon O'Keefe), Indianapolis, 3,305. 2, Team EFX, Sun City, Calif., 3,275. 3 (tie), Eagles Edge Pro Shop, Des Plaines, Ill., and Aleta Sill's Bowling World, Kettering, Ohio, 3,224. 5, Striking Is Fun!, Oregon, Ohio, 3,194. 6, Bowlers Choice Pro Shop, Tonawanda, N.Y., 3,192. 7, Team 23321, Grand Prairie, Texas,

participation records.

Emma Hendrickson of Morris Plains, N.J., a 102-year-old bowling sensation and the event's oldest participant, bowled with her team, The 5 Bowling Bags, on April 16.

Mini Tvaska, a 93-year-old from St. Petersburg, Fla., made her record 65th consecutive appearance on May 18. She competed with The Sunshine Gals and returned the following day for doubles and singles.

Tvaska, in anticipation of retirement from her favorite sport after celebrating 60 tournaments in 2007, donated her bowling-patched jacket and pin vest to the local bowling association in Charlotte, N.C., but the tournament is a habit she can't seem to give up.

There have been two perfect games at the 2011 tournament - the first by Dede Davidson of Buellton, Calif., who also tossed an 800 series a day

earlier and became the only woman in tournament history to achieve both feats on the championship lanes. Erin Lenahan of Lincoln, Calif., rolled the other 300, bringing the all-time total to 14.

Two 299 games also were thrown by Jackie Mitzkavich of Dubois, Pa., and Michelle Cultrera of Goleta, Calif., while Carol Norman of Houston added the year's only 298 game.

Seven women received recognition for 50 or more appearances at the Women's Championships, with another four celebrating 49-year anniversaries. Countries represented on the lanes this year include: Australia, Belgium, Bermuda, Canada, Colombia, the Dominican Republic and Japan - and Puerto Rico made its mark, too.

This is the third time in the 92-year history of the Women's Championships that Syracuse has hosted this event. It previously was held there in 1940 and 1954.

WOUNDED VETERAN MAKES INSPIRING DEBUT AT USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

RENO, Nev. - Derek Gagne of Menominee, Mich., lost most of one leg, half a foot, hearing in one ear and sight in one eye while serving in Iraq, but two things he hasn't lost are hope and determination.

Despite suffering such life-changing injuries three years ago, the 24-year-old veteran has a positive outlook on life and even has developed a new passion for bowling, which recently led him to the 2011 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships.

Gagne never was involved in organized bowling as a youth, but after returning from Iraq, he started bowling in a league with his stepfather and half brothers at Pla-Mor Lanes in Chilton, Wis.

"They thought it would be good therapy for me, and it's fun," Gagne said. "This year, they needed a bowler on their team for the Open Championships, and I told them I'd love to go. They've already asked me if I want to go again next year, and I immediately said yes."

Gagne has gone back to doing some of the other things he loves to do, too. He plays in a men's basketball league during the summer and races stock cars. He also is enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Marinette, where he is studying for a degree in business.

Originally, Gagne planned for a career in the FBI. "I joined the Army because I liked helping people," Gagne said. "I wanted to be a field agent for the FBI, and being an MP is one of the best ways to get into that area."

In the fall of 2006, Gagne was deployed to Baghdad with the National Guard 759th Military Police Battalion.

A couple of months later, he earned the first of two Purple Hearts when he was hit by a mortar, causing him to lose the hearing in one ear. Two

months after that, things unfortunately got worse.

"We were coming back from dropping off some Humvees to get new armor," Gagne said. "It was late at night, and someone set off an IED (Improvised Explosive Device), which most people know as a roadside bomb."



Derek Gagne

In a just a few short moments, Gagne's entire life was changed, but he did what he knew best and tried helping the people who were with him.

"It felt like something hit me in the chest," said Gagne, who also earned the Bronze Star for bravery. "I couldn't breathe or see anything. I didn't know I had been injured because all I could think about was trying to take the next breath. My driver

and my interpreter were both killed. Somehow, I was able to pull my team leader from the Humvee, but she also lost her leg."

While in the hospital in Iraq, Gagne's leg and part of his other foot were removed, and they began reconstructing what was left of his nose. Soon after, they transported him to a military hospital in Germany, where he was supposed to have additional surgeries.

Instead, upon his arrival in Germany, a spot opened up on a plane to the United States, and he was sent to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. He was told he'd be there for 22 months and wouldn't walk for six months to a year. Within two months, he was fitted for a prosthetic leg, and he was walking with a cane two weeks later. His stay lasted only nine months.

"I was running within six months," Gagne said. "I truly believe that Walter Reed is the best hospital in the world. The care I received was amazing."

On the lanes at the USBC Open Championships, Gagne posted scores of 563 in singles, 447 in doubles and 433 in team for a 1,443 all-events total.

2011 USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. REGULAR DIVISION

Team

1, Turbo 2 N 1 Grips 1 (Marc McDowell, Steve Richter, Jeff Richgels, Gail Myers Jr., Mike Shady), Madison, Wis., 3,473. 2, Brian Brazeau Pro Shop, Ocala, Fla., 3,439. 3, Pollards Bowl, Versailles, Ind., 3,420. 4, Pepsi ONE, Rochester, Minn., 3,415. 5, Cambridge 1, Feeding Hills, Mass., 3,410. 6, Janz H I, Beaver Dam, Wis., 3,407. 7, Huikkos Wizards 2, Buffalo, Minn., 3,382. 8, 900 Global Indy, Indianapolis, 3,381. 9, Pam's Boys 1, Salem, Ore., 3,371. 10, Visionary Minnesota 1, Arden Hills, Minn., 3,365.

Doubles

1, Brandon Tarabek/Chad Reiffer, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,497. 2, George Rowan/Rod Singer, Columbus, Ohio, 1,494. 3, Erik Hohlbein, Renton, Wash./Shawn Copeland, Milwaukie, Ore., 1,466. 4, Pat McCarthy, West Haven, Conn./Tony DeLucia, East Haven, Conn., 1,463. 5, Dustin Baker/Matt Voeltz, West Jordan, Utah, 1,458. 6, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz./Adam Ishman, Las Vegas, 1,456. 7, Joe Reyburn, Pasco, Wash./Evan Nash, Kennewick, Wash., 1,455. 8, Charles Surina, Bolingbrook, Ill./Bill Guszczko, Orland Park, Ill., 1,447. 9, Paul Fleming, Keller, Texas/Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 1,442. 10, Carl Fietek, Eden Prairie, Minn./Jason Barnhouse, Castle Rock, Colo., 1,440.

Singles

1, Matt Weggen, Muscatine, Iowa, 826. 2 (tie), Chris LaSpina, Garnerville, N.Y. and Edward Rede, El Paso, Texas, 814. 4, Adam Cardwell, Woodbury, Minn., 807. 5, John Szczerbinski, Wichita, Kan., 805. 6, Jeff Piroozshad, Coral Springs, Fla., 794. 7, Taylor Coggins, Burleson, Tex., 793. 8, William Vincent Jr., Louisville, Ky., 792. 9 (tie), Robert Gotchall, Lincoln, Neb., and Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo., 790.

All-Events

1, Matt Weggen, Muscatine, Iowa, 2,268. 2, Raymond Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 2,258. 3, Matt McNiel, Chanhausen, Minn., 2,241. 4, T.J. Schmidt, Osceola, Ind., 2,232. 5, Mike Rose Jr., West Henrietta, N.Y., 2,206. 6, Kelly Bonta, Wichita, Kan., 2,177. 7, Steve Harms, West Valley City, Utah, 2,174. 8, John Szczerbinski, Wichita, Kan., 2,165. 9, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 2,164. 10 (tie), Edward Rede, El Paso, Texas, John Kreyer Jr., Fidelity, Minn., and Daron Williams, Brooklyn Center, Minn., 2,154.

Team All-Events

1, K & K Bowling Services 5 (Les Shirwindt, Kyle King, Chris Klerk, Adam Ishman, Andrew Cain), Las Vegas, 10,283. 2, Linds Lakers 1, Minneapolis, 10,076. 3, Turbo 2 N 1 Grips 1, Madison, Wis., 10,031. 4, Classic Lanes Menomonee Falls, Waukesha, Wis., 10,030. 5, Linds Cedarvale 2, Eagan, Minn., 10,027. 6, Cambridge 1, Feeding Hills, Mass., 10,023. 7, Ebonite HQ 1, Monroe, N.J., 9,933. 8, DAPP Embroidery, Grand Prairie, Texas, 9,911. 9, Trophy King Pro Shop, Bettendorf, Iowa, 9,889. 10, Pohl Position, West Henrietta, N.Y., 9,875.

CLASSIFIED DIVISION

Team

1, Paradise Lanes (Nick Cornelison, Glen Hurt, Toby Sanchez, Shane Hartman, Matt Landis), Walden, Colo., 2,910. 2, Shears Sports, Montpelier, Idaho, 2,898. 3, Chasers Pub LV 2, Las Vegas, 2,799. 4, Garden Center Lanes 3, Alexandria, Minn., 2,794. 5, Chasers Pub LV 3, Las Vegas, 2,786. 6, Kenna Pro Shop, Frankfort, Ill., 2,780. 7, Out Of Control 1, Stafford, Va., 2,739. 8, Pistol Pete, Hutchinson, Minn., 2,723. 9, Eagle Bowl 2, Eagle Grove, Iowa, 2,721. 10, Bill Henry Construction, Havre, Mont., 2,718.

Doubles

1, James D'Arcy, Van Nuys, Calif./David Bore, Canoga Park, Calif., 1,207. 2, Jeff Matesa, Graham, Wash./Tony Renggli, University Place, Wash., 1,202. 3, Paula Elsdon/Bob Elsdon, Tacoma, Wash., 1,188. 4 (tie), Richard Anderson, Julesburg, Colo./Dan Ford, Chappell, Neb., and Bill King, Vergas, Minn./Mark Kemper, Frazee, Minn., and Raymond Szutu, Lafayette, Calif./Nathan Szutu, Concord, Calif., 1,180. 7, Toby Maack, Billings, Mont./Archie Caraveau, Forsyth, Mont., 1,178. 8 (tie), Michael Anderson/Anthony Janis, Flagstaff, Ariz., and Larry Yadao, North Las Vegas, Nev./Ryan Yadao, Las Vegas 1,169. 10, Gary Buchanan, Las Vegas/Julie Jaques, Henderson, Nev., and Ricardo Dominguez/Matthew Kranz, Las Vegas, 1,166.

Singles

1, Glen Brown, Renton, Wash., 690. 2 (tie), Robert Petersen, Crystal Lake, Ill., and Scott Blaisdell, Malad, Idaho, 680. 4, Dennis Redmond, Hampton, Va., 665. 5, Jennifer Spotanski, Scheller, Ill., 656. 6, Mike Jessen, Gower, Mo., 650. 7, Dustin Scovill, Helper, Utah, 647. 8, Ken Howard, Aurora, Colo., 645. 9, Richard McGill, Chicago, 643. 10, Oscar Gomez, Salt Lake City, 640.

All-Events

1, Mark Bylander, Vergas, Minn., 1,842. 2, Ray Green, Strasburg, Colo., 1,832. 3, Scott Blaisdell, Malad, Idaho, 1,830. 4, Mike Jessen, Gower, Mo., 1,815. 5, William Larsen, Montpelier, Idaho, 1,802. 6, Glen Brown, Renton, Wash., 1,790. 7, Jeff Jones, San Mateo, Calif., 1,773. 8, Curt VanLaningham, Ogallala, Neb., 1,764. 9, Dan Palmer, Byers, Colo., 1,753. 10, George Reola, Rosemead, Calif., 1,751.

3,177. 8, Great Balls of Fire, Shelton, Conn., 3,163. 9, Brunswick Zone Hawthorn, Waukegan, Ill., 3,161. 10, Magic of the Southwest, Sildell, La., 3,124.

Doubles

1, Aleta Sill, Livonia, Mich./Michelle Feldman, Auburn, N.Y., 1,462. 2, Susan Jeziorski/Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,459. 3, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J./Lisa Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 1,427. 4, Amanda Stone, Greensboro, N.C./Leslie Rapach, Charlotte, N.C., 1,423. 5, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio/Tracey Distel, Lansing, Mich., 1,420. 6, Tracey Magnuson, Faribault, Minn./Diane Marget, Champlin, Minn., 1,419. 7, Suzy Minino/Irish Manna, Omaha, Neb., 1,418. 8, Jamie Martin, Omaha, Neb./Nicole Ellison, Chatsworth, Calif., 1,395. 9, Kristal Wilson, Lawrence, Kan./Shannon Pluhowsky, Kettering, Ohio, 1,384. 10, Karl Schwager, Rogers Park, Ill./Paola Gomez, Weston, Fla., 1,382.

Singles

1, Shannon Pluhowsky, Kettering, Ohio, 763. 2, Hollie Brannen, Marshfield, Mo., 750. 3 (tie), Amanda Stone, Greensboro, N.C., and Dora Nettleman, Eaton Rapids, Mich., 744. 5, Brenda Mack, Indianapolis, 741. 6, Nikki Lunsford, Plainfield, Ill., 738. 7, Wendy Macpherson, Henderson, Nev., 733. 8 (tie), Cathy Dorin-Lizzi, Sandusky, Ohio, and Shauna Shannon, Albuquerque, N.M., 727. 10, Joyce Biondo, Carpentersville, Ill., 721.

All-Events

1, Dede Davidson, Buellton, Calif., 2,199. 2, Shannon Pluhowsky, Kettering, Ohio, 2,177. 3, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2,151. 4, Shannon O'Keefe, Arlington, Texas, 2,126. 5, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,123. 6, Stefanie Nation, Grand Prairie, Texas, 2,110. 7, Michelle Feldman, Auburn, N.Y., 2,100. 8, Kristal Wilson, Lawrence, Kan., 2,085. 9, Michelle Sterner, Niagra Falls, N.Y., 2,084. 10, Tracey Stevens, Dunellen, N.J., 2,077.

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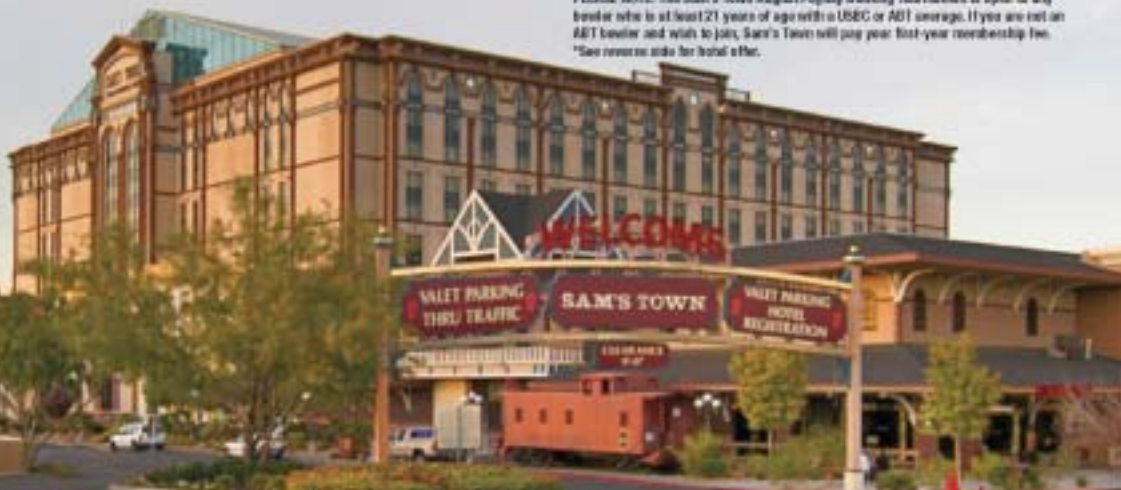
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