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# BOWL • • PINION

by Jim Goodwin

The editorial opinions expressed here are offered to provoke thought on important and sometimes controversial or provocative issues.

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## Turbo is on Top of the World in Bowling

You don't have to be a "big guy" to make a difference in our wonderful world of bowling – you just have to love the game and business; and have a passion for the sport.

Two people that fit that description to a tee are our friends Dave Bernhardt, founder of Turbo 2-N-1 Grips, and his lovely daughter Lori Tessmar, who now runs the day-to-day operations of the company Dave started back in 1989.

The small Chesterfield, Michigan based company has now made its mark not just on the national stage, but world wide. It has substantially expanded its line of products beyond just finger grips and thumb inserts; and in its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year in 2010 a new name reflecting that success and expansion was announced – Turbo Bowling Accessories.

Dave fell in love with the sport while bowling in the famous Detroit Classic leagues with such greats as Bob Strampe, Ed Lubanski, Dave Soutar, Joe Norris, and many other legends. In the later years, he teamed with Gene Stus, and became his first PBA Senior Tour sponsor; a career that lead Stus to the USBC Hall of Fame. In our view, Bernhardt also deserves that honor.

The creation of Turbo was made possible because Dave lived the American dream in building another relatively

small company called Davalor Mold Corporation, a supplier of injection molded plastic products to the automobile industry. He has stuck it out through very tough times. A few years ago, he shared with us how much he agonized over having to layoff a few of his 200 employees; but somehow, he has kept it going and many workers have jobs because of his effort and sacrifice.

Dave continues to bowl on the PBA Senior tour; and Lori continues to serve as President of Turbo, promoting the products and supporting the industry in every way possible. And she is no shrinking violet. Lori has the same drive as her father in business. That might explain the recent change in the company slogan from "Grip it and Rip it" to "Driven to Bowl."

Tessmar is extremely active in the industry; attending trade shows, seminars, visiting distributors and pro shops. She never stops singing the praises of her products, her staff, and the industry she is so proud to be a part of. She goes all out to have a special exhibit every year at BPAA's International Bowl Expo; she sponsors local, regional and national events. She is an associate member of the International Bowling Pro Shops and Instructors Association, (IBPSIA) and in 2007-08, she served as president of the Billiard and Bowling Institute of America. (BBIA)

Under Lori's leadership,

Turbo has sponsored bowlers and bowling events around the world. It has established one of the most respected staffs of any bowling company, including recent PBA Tournament of Champions winner Mika Koivuniemi and recently hired USBC Director of Coaching Carolyn Dorin – Ballard. It has sponsored and supported professional and amateur events; and a few years ago, the lanes Dave installed in the factory offices in Michigan were turned into the Turbo Tech Training Center.

A side note on Mika – it was Bernhardt who sponsored his first venture on the PBA Tour and made it possible for him to bring his family to live in the USA . . .and the rest is history. Among the first people Mika thanked after winning the \$250,000 T of C top prize was Dave Bernhardt.

USBC Gold Coach Lou Marquez was hired to run the new training center. Last year, PBA Great Bob Learn Jr. returned to his roots and became a training center coach and Eastern Region Sales Director. In the early years, Bob was one of the first product testers, along with Stus, and one of the first members of the pro staff.

This summer, Marquez and Learn will team up with Lori, Dave, and Michigan proprietor extraordinaire Mark Voight to present the first Turbo Collegiate Expo; a fantastic idea and long overdue.

June 16-19, at Voight's Super Bowl in Canton, Michigan

Turbo will bring together high school bowlers, college coaches, and industry product companies for the most comprehensive event ever staged for High School bowlers interested in becoming college bowlers.

Not only will Turbo present and sponsor the event along with other industry companies, they will bring in their pro staff players to give the high school kids a taste of what it is like to bowl in college, and for a few, on a professional tour. Among the staffers joining Dorin-Ballard, Learn and Koivuniemi at the event will be Bill O'Neill, Jason Couch, and several others like international stars Clara Guerrero, Stephan Padillo, and Team USA great Diandra Asbaty.

The Turbo Collegiate Expo will also include training in the all important mental game, provided by Team USA Sports Psychologist Dr. Dean Hinitz.

"We are so proud to be able to offer this event to high school bowlers" Tessmar said in a recent interview. The truth is, it is the bowling industry that owes a debt of gratitude to Tessmar and her dad Dave Bernhardt. It is people like them, and companies like Turbo, that make us all realize what a great industry we have to work in, and what a great country we have to live in. (for more info on the Turbo Collegiate Expo, see page 12)

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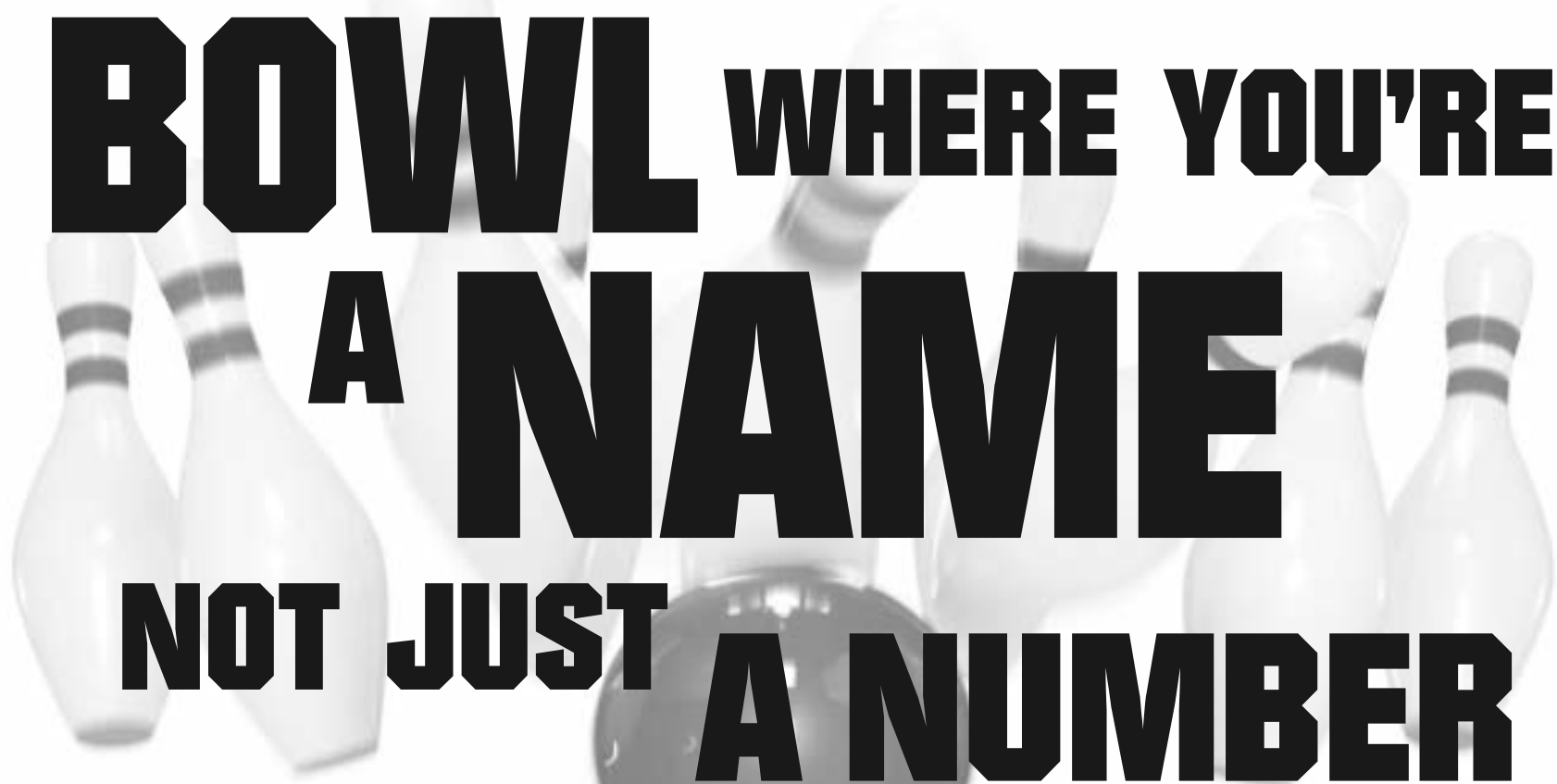
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# PEZZANO

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.

## Lubanski Book A Good Read

For decades Detroit was known as the bowling capital of the world, where the number of bowlers led and the best bowlers rolled in the best leagues under the banners of the best sponsors.

It was often the destination of bowling greats from around the country because there they could make a living because bowling received the attention of a major event.

And over the years individuals gained fame and even fortune as bowling stars in Detroit, one of them a native son named Eddie Lubanski.

The newest book in bowling is "King of the Pins!" the story of Eddie "Double 300" Lubanski. It chronicles the life of Lubanski and in doing so reveals many of the inside stories of bowlers such as Lubanski and of the sport itself.

Each year usually less than a dozen books on bowling are published, and the great majority, some years all, are bowling instructions efforts. Authors Kevin Allen and Del Reddy have provided an interesting and informative work that took nearly eight years, including interviews with hall of fame bowlers, teammates, and opponents of Lubanski as well as in-depth thoughts of the main subject, one of a few times in bowling history that a biography has been published.

Lubanski had two early loves in sports, baseball and bowling. His father was a baseball coach and spent hour upon hour working with Eddie, a gifted athlete with a high work ethic and the highest career goals.

At 19, with a 39-10 record in his last 49 pitching decisions he was disappointed that he had not been promoted and he wasn't given a raise from the \$278 a month he was making. So he met with his Western Association team officials and quit event though he was told that he would probably be moved up the following year and then be only a step away from the majors. But he wanted to move closer to his dream and away from the rigors of minor league play hardships and \$3 per day meal money.

In bowling Lubanski had made his mark as a youngster. He had earned spending money by setting up pins for pennies a game. His bosses, John and Joe Paulus, allowed him to

bowl free providing he performed his chores properly and paid those who had to set pins for him.

As to his style Lubanski is still remembered for being a top star despite being one of the few, and without a double the finest bowler using a two fingered grip, inserting only the thumb and the middle finger into two holes.

In bowling's beginnings, palm balls, no holes, were used, as were balls made of hard wood. Rubber balls came in right after 1900, followed by composition balls, various combinations but no metal, and then later all kinds and combinations of plastics and other non metals.

"Up until the early 1940s, the two fingered grip as common, but by the end of the decade, nearly everyone had switched to the three hole method because it was supposed to be more comfortable and effective. But my fingers are short and thick and the primitive position gave me better control, slowed my roll and grabbed the lane sooner, giving me greater pin action," said Lubanski.

Though Lubanski is most noted for his consecutive 300 games on live TV in 1959, his record includes championships in every phase of bowling.

The one that impressed me most is the 1950 National Doubles Championship, sponsored by the Bowling Proprietors Association of America when Ebber Darnell "Sarge" Easter, 67, lost his partner, John Crimmons, due to injury, and surprised the bowling world by asking the 20-year-old Lubanski to be his partner. They formed the widest age difference duo to win any national championship in bowling, and maybe any sport.

His is now past 80 and thought the book brings forth many a fond memory, it doesn't skip some of the bad ones, including Lubanski's battle against alcohol, one he thanks his wife of some 60 years, Betty, to help him win for the past 35 years.

For more information on the fine book, call Del Reddy at (800) 497-1035.

*(ed note: Sadly, the day the column above and versions of it were first published, creating discussions about Lubanski, is the day he passed away. He had worked hard with the authors and the book will remain a tribute and legacy of one of bowling's all-time greats.)*

### Idle bowling thoughts . . .

- It is difficult to realize how difficult it was to convert bowling to an all person of all colors sport. It stated in the rules of almost all of bowling organizations that bowling was for the white race alone and though bowling was one of the first sports to breakdown race barriers, it was still too long. Dedicated bowling pioneers worked long and hard to erase the early injustices and though the Professional Bowlers Association was founded just eight years after the rules were changed, it was from the start a group that welcomed bowlers on how well they could knock pins down and applications for PBA membership offered no clues to color or origin.

- No matter how far back you go, they motto of "bring a friend" still stands as the best way to increase the number of competitive bowlers.

- At 6-4 Mika Koivuniemi is one of the tallest pros in action these days. All-time tallest? I'd have to go with PBA hall of famer Steve Cook who is 6-7 or higher -- and made a bowling ball look small in his hands.

- Bowlers who scold their children for carrying useless things in their school bags should take a good long look at the contents of their bowling bags. One reason why two-ball bowling bags are so popular is that when

all the clutter is in place, the bowlers still has enough room for one bowling ball.

- As Carmen Salvino once noted, "When you want to forget all your other troubles, wear a tight pair of bowling shoes."

- High school bowling rules, which vary in almost every state, need plenty of research. Working with the school and working out conflicts can add still more varsity teams to the rapidly growing high school list.

- When Johnny Petraglia rolled a 300 game on TV nearly two decades ago, he received phone calls from around the world. Even though he didn't win the tournament, he earned a perfect game bonus of \$100,000. The first call was from actor Michael J. Fox, who had received special bowling instruction for movie scenes from Petraglia. While answering one call Petraglia was told the White House was on the other line. "I took that call real quick," said Petraglia. "And it was the White House Tavern somewhere."

- Did you ever notice that the bowlers who keeps reminding other bowlers that it is only a game is always the bowler who is winning.

- Some bowlers should stop using body English. It really doesn't do any good, and few bowlers have the body for it.

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## Sectional Field Announced for 2011 USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships

The path to crowning collegiate national champions for the 2010-11 season became a little clearer Tuesday as the United States Bowling Congress announced sectional-qualifying assignments for the 2011 USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships.

The four sectional qualifiers will be held March 12-13 at AMF Parkway Lanes in Allentown, Pa.; Holiday Bowl-Brainerd in Chattanooga, Tenn.; Landmark Lanes in Peoria, Ill.; and AMF Eules Lanes in Eules, Texas.

The top four teams in each division at each sectional will advance to the 2011 USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships, which will be held April 20-23 at AMF Peach Lanes in Columbus, Ga.

On the men's side, Webber International, the No. 1 program in Team Ranking System points, will compete in the Chattanooga sectional along with No. 5 Lindenwood. No. 2 Robert Morris-Illinois will headline the field at the Peoria sectional, while No. 3 Wichita State, the reigning men's national champions, will head to the Eules sectional. No. 4 Purdue will be the top-ranked team in Allentown.

In women's competition, No. 1 Wichita State will be the featured team at the Eules sectional. No. 2 McKendree and No. 4 Robert Morris-Illinois will head to the Peoria sectional, while No. 3 Lindenwood will compete in the Chattanooga sectional. No. 5 Central Florida will participate in the Allentown sectional.

The complete men's and women's 2011 USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships Sectional Qualifier field (teams listed in alphabetical order):

### MEN

Allentown Sectional  
Briarcliffe, Central Florida, Corning Community College, Erie Community College, Hudson Valley, Penn State, Penn State-Berks, Pikeville, Purdue, Robert Morris-Pennsylvania, Rochester Institute of Technology, Sacred Heart, Saginaw Valley State, Schenectady, St. John's, Stony Brook, SUNY-IT, William Paterson

### Chattanooga Sectional

Bellarmino, Cumberland, Florida International, Florida State, Lindenwood, Louisville, Marian, Martin Methodist, Morehead State, Northwestern Ohio, Urbana, Vincennes, Webber International, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Wright State

### Peoria Sectional

Calumet College of St. Joseph, Davenport, Grand Valley, Illinois-Urbana, Indiana, McKendree, Michigan State, Midland, Minnesota State-Mankato, Notre Dame-Ohio, Robert Morris-Illinois, St. Ambrose, Toledo, Western Illinois, Winona State, Wisconsin-Whitewater

### Eules Sectional

Arizona State, Fresno State, Kansas,

Nebraska-Lincoln, Nevada-Las Vegas, Newman, North Dakota State, North Texas, Texas A&M, UC-Davis, Weber State, West Texas A&M, Wichita State, William Penn

### WOMEN

#### Allentown Sectional

Adelphi, Adrian, Briarcliffe, Central Florida, Erie Community College, Hudson Valley, Kutztown, Long Island, Mohawk Valley, Penn State-Berks, Pikeville, Purdue, Saginaw Valley State, Stevens Institute, SUNY-IT, Ursuline, Westchester

#### Chattanooga Sectional

Ball State, Bellarmine, Campbellsville, Cumberland, Florida, Florida State, Lindenwood, Louisville, Marian, Martin Methodist, Morehead State, Northwestern Ohio, Urbana, Webber International, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Wright State

#### Peoria Sectional

Calumet College of St. Joseph, Davenport, Elmhurst, Grand Valley, Illinois State, Illinois-Urbana, Indiana, McKendree, Midland, Notre Dame-Ohio, Robert Morris-Illinois, Rock Valley, St. Ambrose, Viterbo, Western Illinois, Winona State, Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Wisconsin-Whitewater

#### Eules Sectional

Baker, Bethel, Fresno State, Louisiana State, Maryland Eastern Shore, Newman, Our Lady of the Lake, Robert Morris-Peoria, Texas A&M, UC-Davis, West Texas A&M, Wichita State, William Penn

Sectional assignments are based on the Team Ranking System points earned in USBC Collegiate-certified competition throughout the season. USBC Collegiate attempts to place no more than two of the top eight schools and no more than four of the top 16 schools in a sectional based on final TRS totals. Sectional qualifier fields are determined by taking geographic distance, economics and field size into consideration.

The sectionals will consist of 32 Baker games each day for a total of 64 Baker games. The top four teams based on total pinfall in each division following the completion of competition at each sectional will advance to the 2011 USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships.

In addition, these four locations will host qualifying for the 2010 USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships on March 11. Competitors at each of the four sectional events will bowl six games with 24 men and 16 women - the top four men and top four women at each sectional plus eight additional selections from the men's field based on size of field at each location - advancing to the national singles tournament on May 23-24 at AMF Eules in Eules, Texas.

## New Program to Help Equip High School Bowlers

ARLINGTON, Texas – High school teams now have access to top bowling equipment through a new grant program administered by the Youth Education Services (YES) Fund. The program allows entire high school teams to apply for new bowling gear.

In order to qualify for the Students Equipped to Strike (S.E.T.S.) grant program, at least one member of the team must demonstrate an economic need for assistance.

"High school coaches really need to take a look at this grant program," Chad Murphy International Bowling Campus Director of Youth Development said. "Kids are sometimes shy about applying for need-based grants. This program is designed to help the child in need but also promote the team concept so the whole roster receives new equipment in the process."

The S.E.T.S. grants are made possible with assistance from the Bowling Foundation, The YES Fund, Classic Products and The National

Bowling Association.

"Athletic directors and coaches now have the opportunity to get new equipment for their teams at no cost to the school or the student-athlete," Cathy DeSocio, Bowling Foundation Board Chair said. "Custom-fitted equipment can improve not only the scores of the bowler, but the self-confidence of the athlete. These young athletes are working hard to be competitive and this program can help them succeed."

The YES Fund is a joint initiative of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America and the United States Bowling Congress. The YES Fund also is supported by its founding partners Brunswick, Columbia 300, Ebonite, 900 Global, Hammer, QubicaAMF, Roto Grip, Storm and Track.

Applications for the S.E.T.S. grant can be found online at [BOWL.com/highschool](http://BOWL.com/highschool) or [bpaa.com/youth](http://bpaa.com/youth).

## Summer Mini-Eliminator Has a New Vegas Home

Pinacle Events, Inc., owners of the world famous Mini-Eliminators announced it was moving the summer megabuck tournament to the Strike Zone Bowling Center located inside Sunset Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. Dates for the Summer Mini-Eliminator are Sunday, June 26th through Saturday, July 2nd.

We are very excited to be bringing the Summer Mini-Eliminator to Strike Zone. With 72 lanes we now are able to offer lower entry fees since we can now handle more bowlers. Jim Welch, Director of Bowling at Strike Zone, is thrilled to be hosting the Mini-Eliminator. "We are going to do everything we can to make all of the participants enjoy their time at Sunset Station."

Strike Zone will be hosting Mini-Eliminator squads day and night including several sweepers. In addition, the hotel is going to offer special room rates and the casino will be running special events. Even the pro shop is getting involved in the festivities as drilling specials and ball discounts will be offered.

The Summer Mini-Eliminator brochure will be released shortly and will detail a revised format for the tournament. There will be 4 divisions, including two handicap divisions, and bowlers will now be able to cash for big money every day. To receive Mini-Eliminator monthly updates please visit [www.minieliminator.com](http://www.minieliminator.com) or call 1.877.900.MINI.

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## Indianapolis Will Host USBC Junior Gold, Youth Open in 2012

The biggest youth bowling tournaments in the nation, the USBC Junior Gold Championships and the USBC Youth Open, will return to Indianapolis in 2012.

Woodland Bowl, Western Bowl and Expo Bowl will be the host centers for Junior Gold with the semifinals and finals to be contested at Woodland Bowl. Expo Bowl will be the site of the Youth Open.

The three centers played host to the events in 2009 and 2010.

"Indianapolis has been a popular destination for our youth bowlers," International Bowling Campus Director of Youth Development Chad Murphy said. "The staff at Royal Pin, which operates the centers, has done a tremendous job with our events and we look forward to again working with the centers on these outstanding events."

The Junior Gold Championships will run July 14-20, 2012. The Youth Open is

scheduled for July 13-29, 2012.

The Western Bowl also will host the Survivor Tournament, a side event open to any USBC Youth bowler, in addition to Junior Gold qualifying.

The USBC Junior Gold Championships features the elite youth bowlers in the nation competing for national titles and spots on Junior Team USA. The tournament awarded \$125,000 in scholarships to participants last year.

The USBC Youth Open, which awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships last year, is the national championship for youth bowlers. The tournament is open to all USBC Youth members and there is no qualifying. It has four average-based divisions and bowlers are placed into a division based on skill, not age or gender. Each participant bowls nine games – three games each of singles, doubles and four-player team.

## Ed Roberts Wins his Second High Roller Title

Seniors, seniors, seniors! There is no stopping them, the older they get, it seems the better they get!

Ed Roberts, the 67 year-old from Braintree, Mass, picked up his 2nd High Roller title becoming only the 3rd player to have won both the February and July High Roller. Roberts won previously in July, 2008. He represented

when Chris Hester and Vinnie Atria checked in together for the early morning VIP, Atria told Hester to draw a lane for him. Hester drew lane #1A and everyone around the check-in desk roared as Atria put his hands around Hester's neck. Needless to say, Atria fired 258 on the pair he didn't want to win the 1-game VIP and \$1,000!



l to r: runner-up Greg Shields, 4th place Dennis Beagle, 3rd place Vernon Peterson, Champ Ed Roberts, Storm's Hank Boomershine and Sam's Town's Whit Jones. Roberts

the age 60 & Over division in the Championship Round and, although relieved and happy, didn't think he would win as he took a seat after completing his 10th frame.

Roberts finished first in the 10th frame, spare/strike for 208 but there were still 2 players who could pass him. Vernon Peterson, the last undefeated player in the Age 45 & Under division was no stranger to Championship Rounds, but had started his 1-gamer with 2 opens and had to play catch-up. As he looked up in the 10th, he was just a double away from overtaking Roberts.

Also in the hunt was High Roller veteran Greg Shields, the 54 year-old from Independence, MO, and although in his first finals, is always feared on the lanes. Roberts thought he might sidestep one of those 2 players but didn't dream that neither one would pass him, Roberts topping the Championship Round 208-203-200-171.

For Roberts, the \$25,000 prize and his 2nd title. Although scheduled for knee surgery in the coming weeks, Roberts vowed to be back for the Senior Easter Classic, bad news for the rest of the field!

Shields ended up 2nd for \$12,500, just another senior taking home a 5-figure prize! Peterson, the 38 year old from Lake Wales, FL earned \$11,000 for his 3rd place finish. Peterson fired a 300 game earlier in the day in match play.

From the 215 Average & Under division, Dennis Beagle, from Lehigh Acres, FL took home \$10,000 in his best High Roller performance. Earlier he had fired the only 700 series in his division and now becomes the newest member of High Roller's \$10,000 Club!

### TOURNAMENT NOTES:

- In the "Luck of the Draw" Department,

- Traveling can be tough and when Jon Rakoski arrived in Vegas from Florida he got violently ill. He spent the night in his hotel room but in the morning, traveling buddy Steve Calyore literally dragged him down for the early morning VIP squad. All Rakoski did was fire 255 to win the \$1,000 and 2 hours later lead the 45 & Under division in qualifying and another \$1,000 in the Money Round!

- In the scoring department, despite the lower than usual scoring this week, former High Roller champ Vernon Peterson fired 800 even for 3 consecutive match play games during the finals: 237-263-300!

- Local Las Vegas high school up-and-comer Chase Nadeau padded his scholarship fund this week, adding \$1,500 from High Roller competition to his USBC Smart Fund. His plans are undoubtedly to follow in his dad's High Roller footsteps. Dan won the 1991 July High Roller with a \$200,000 top prize and is still competing 20 years later!

Earlier in the week, Steven J. Smith picked up High Roller title #2 with his "A Game" victory and \$10,000 prize. He bested Craig Auerbach and Darwin Wimer for the honors.

Sweeper winners were Ron Nelson, \$4,000 & Scott Pohl \$2,000.

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Next up is the Senior Easter Classic, hosted by Sam's Town from April 17 to 24. There are 3 separate Classics for players aged 50 & over and 60 & over. There is also bonus qualifying for 70 & Over!

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## Bob Belmont's TAT Win Proves Doctors Wrong – Again

Another exciting week of megabuck bowling competition at The Orleans in Las Vegas has concluded! The 2011 TAT Amateur Nationals Champion is 50-year-old Bob Belmont, a Vegas local with undoubtedly the best story in TAT history!

According to the opinions of 2 specialists, Belmont shouldn't have lived longer than a

Although the entries were slightly lower than last year, the TAT still paid out all of its prize funds in full as we always do.

This year's TAT Amateur Nationals featured 3 Free Chance Tournaments which each paid out \$5,000 in Cash & Prizes and TAT competitors got up to 4 free squads just for entering along with up to 3 Brunswick Balls



l to r: Ron Bragg from Brunswick, Bob Belmont, and Tat Mgr Jamie McWilliams

year after his 1997 diagnosis of inoperable brain cancer. But all of a sudden it was January of 2003 and there he was in the Winner's Circle of a High Roller holding the champ's trophy and a very large prize check!

One week later, he collapsed in the Showboat Pro Shop.

His friend was a physician at John Hopkins and offered to see him so he made the trip to Maryland. It was this 3rd opinion that told him to have the operation. They did in a South Florida hospital. Bob had brought clothes for a 2-week stay and ended up with 52 weeks of post-op care and radiation before he could come home to Las Vegas.

Flash forward to 2011 and anyone who watched the finals knows that Bob Belmont is alive and well – and now richer!

He took home \$25,000 for 1st Place! Tied for 2nd Place were Russ Davies and Brett Sheperd who each cashed for \$11,250. 4th Place was Bryant Brandt for \$7,500, while Steve Brown from Anchorage, Alaska finished 5th for \$5,000.

This year's 2011 TAT Amateur Nationals was just short of 3,000 entries with almost 500 bowlers from all over the globe. The knowledgeable Brunswick staff was again on hand all week and gave out over 1,000 Brunswick bowling balls! All TAT competitors received at least 2 Brunswick Balls just for entering the tournament with over 50% of TAT competitors taking home 3 Balls or more, including 2 High Performance Balls.

Each Chance tournament paid \$500 for 1st and all Orleans guests received another free squad just for staying at The Orleans. We also gave out 15 KR Strikeforce Double Tote Bags and 8 KR Strikeforce Triple Ball Rollers non-cashers by random drawings. All together the Brunswick staff gave out over 100 KR Strikeforce bags and 44 Triple Ball Rollers.

The always-exciting Brunswick Challenge had 140 competitors, which paid 23 cash spots. All entrants received a brand new Brunswick C System Alpha Max. All TAT Marathon entrants were automatically in the Brunswick Finals and received the Alpha Max for free with their package. In the end Bryson Rogers from North Carolina was the only bowler to get 3 strikes and took home the trophy and \$5,000 for his efforts. The Top 4 all received at least \$1,000 in the Brunswick No tap Event.

We would like to thank all of our amazing sponsors: Brunswick, The Orleans, The High Roller, KR Strikeforce, and OnTheBallBowling.com for making the TAT Amateur bowling events possible. Our TAT bowlers were more than pleased with the guidance and expertise that were given by the Brunswick staff and even PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia helped out TAT bowlers on the Brunswick Practice Range!

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## ERRATA? Parker Bohn III Sets Us Straight

*Stars & Strikes publisher Jim Goodwin got an out-of-the-ordinary phone call this month from PBA legend Parker Bohn III.*

Parker was reading his E-edition of Stars & Strikes on his computer when he ran across the story on page 12 of the February issue with the headline "Webber Students Break Guinness World Record at Kegel Training Center."

The story was about Webber International University students breaking the world record for "Most strikes in one minute by an individual."

According to the story, the record was broken three times in one session by three different students. Two students, Kristis Sergejevas and Marcelo Suartz, rolled 7 strikes in a minute to break the record of 6 held since 2001 by Sweden's Tomas Leandersson.

Finally, the new record was set by Floridian Colin Chapman with 8 strikes.

"Not so fast," says Parker Bohn! The story stirred a memory of a televised exhibition he was a part of in Japan a few years ago – and he has a tape of the show for proof.

On the tape, Parker is seen getting 5 strikes in one attempt, and 6 in another; but the winner was Japanese bowler Subaru Nagano of Shaidama, Japan.

Mr. Nagano tossed 11 shots that day on the show – and 9 of them resulted in strikes.

The only thing Parker was not sure of was that the record was certified as an official world record.

But regardless – a very impressive feat!

And we are also impressed and honored that one of the pros we admire most is reading Stars & Strikes from cover-to-cover.

Thanks, Parker!



# Sam Carter & Vic Meyerhoff Win Mini-Eliminator Titles

Las Vegas, NV: The 2011 Winter Mini-Eliminator finished its five days of competition and crowned two major champions. The

The final match in the scratch event was a rematch of last year's tournament but this time the results were reversed. Sam Carter, who

the early lead with a spare and 5 consecutive strikes. Sam started with an open in the first frame (2-10 split) but then rolled 8 consecutive strikes. The tenth frame was tense as Sam needed a mark to clinch the title. He easily converted a 7-pin to win the match 258-247. Rick, who earned \$20,000 at last winter's Mini-Eliminator earned \$10,000 for second place.

The Handicap Mini-Eliminator finals featured two West Coast bowlers; Vic Meyerhoff, who qualified for the finals in the 220 & under division with a 693 in the Thursday 2pm squad, and local Las Vegas bowler Robert Yadao, from the 199 & under division, who qualified for the finals in the Wednesday 2pm squad with a 708 series.

The final match started with Robert getting 5 extra pins in handicap. The match was close through the first seven frames until Vic, who was using Lane #1's latest ball the BoomR-ang, through 3 consecutive strikes to secure the victory. The final score was 235 to 217. Robert earned \$5,000 for his second place finish.

Several special events were held during Mini-Eliminator week. The Lane #1 Shootout crowned two champions both earning \$2,500. The scratch shootout winner was J.C. Zuniga of Tulsa, OK. J.C. earned his title by defeating Steve Warren, San Diego, CA, 255-234. Steve earned \$1,500 for his runner-up position. The

handicap champion shootout finals was incredibly close as Robert Rozycki, Allen Park, MI defeated Darrin Remiticado, Stockton, CA 252-251. Darrin earned \$1,500 for his second place finish.

The 2011 Winter Mini-Eliminator was sponsored by Lane #1 bowling balls, Kegel, Virtualtournaments.com, Knockout Ball Cleaner, and South Point Hotel & Casino. The Summer Mini-Eliminator will be moving to a new location; the 72 lane Strike Zone located inside Sunset Station Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. Preliminary dates for the summer event will be June 27 - July 2nd. For complete results of the 2011 Mini-Eliminator please visit [www.minieliminator.com](http://www.minieliminator.com).



Sam Carter being congratulated by Lane 1's Richie Sposada

winner of the scratch Mini, and its \$20,000 top prize, was senior bowler Sam Carter of Ben Lomond, CA. The handicap Mini champion, and winner of the \$10,000 top prize, was Vic Meyerhoff of San Francisco, CA. A great crowd of over 1,200 entries, the highest entry count the past 4 years, competed for more than \$250,000 in prizes.

came from the senior division and finished second at the 2010 Winter Mini, qualified for the finals with a 706 series in the Saturday noon squad. His opponent, last winter's Mini-Eliminator champion, Rick Miller, Lincoln, Nebraska, qualified for the finals in the Saturday 8pm squad with a 729 series.

The final match was a classic as Rick took



Victor Meyerhoff

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## BOWLING'S MAJOR WOMEN'S EVENTS TO AIR IN HIGH DEFINITION ON ESPN2

ARLINGTON, Texas - Women's bowling will be featured in high definition for the first time when the United States Bowling Congress Queens and Bowling's U.S. Women's Open take place later this year.

Both events will be held in arena settings and air on ESPN2, with the Queens taking place April 27 and the U.S. Women's Open airing July 2. The Queens will be shown live from the Oncenter Complex in Syracuse, N.Y., while the U.S. Women's Open finals will be taped at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

"Women's bowling will be showcased in grand style this year," said Bowling Proprietors' Association of America Executive Director Steve Johnson, whose organization is spearheading the U.S. Women's Open. "We're excited to elevate the event even further by providing it to fans in high definition."

For the second consecutive year, Dave LaMont will handle play-by-play duties, while Team USA member and 13-time Professional Bowlers Association winner Chris Barnes will do color commentary.

"We are very pleased to have Dave and Chris back again this year to bring these major events to a national audience," USBC Executive Director Stu Upson said. "They worked very well together last year and bring tremendous credentials and experience to the broadcasts."

The Queens will take place April 22-27 with the televised finals beginning at 7 p.m. Eastern on April 27. For more information on the Queens, including online registration, visit [BOWL.com/queens](http://BOWL.com/queens).

The U.S. Women's Open, sponsored by the Brands of Ebonite International, is June 24-29 at AMF Showplace Lanes in Euless, Texas. Action will shift to Cowboys Stadium for the finals on June 30, which will be taped for broadcast on July 2 at a time to be determined. For more information on the U.S. Women's Open, including online registration, visit [BowlingsUSWomensOpen.com](http://BowlingsUSWomensOpen.com).

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# Hess Wins First Career Title at USBC Masters

**RENO, Nev.** - Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa, thrust his hands to the sky, jumped into the air and relished his place in bowling history as he claimed the title at the 2011 Bayer United States Bowling Congress Masters at the National Bowling Stadium.

Hess defeated top seed Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y., 225-214, to win his first career Lumber Liquidators Professional Bowlers Association Tour title.

"I can't put into words right now what this means, this is just a lifelong dream realized," said Hess, who defeated Mika Koivuniemi of Finland, 254-219, for the right to bowl Jurek. "I am a PBA champion now. It's something I've wanted to do since I was very little."

Jurek opened up the championship match in strong fashion, striking on six of his first seven shots and taking a 22-pin lead after seven frames, but disaster struck for the top seed. Jurek left back-to-back splits for open frames in the eighth and ninth.

"All I was thinking was to keep the pressure on him," said Hess, whose only open in the title match came in the first frame when he failed to convert a 4-9 split. "That's why we bowl 10 frames. I caught my bad break early in the game and was able to come back from it."

After Hess struck on his first shot in the 10th frame, he needed just a handful of pins on his final two shots to win, when Jurek approached him and gave Hess some words of advice.

"He actually came up to me and said congratulations, get your emotions together and make a good shot," Hess said. "He's a true



gentleman. I almost feel bad that I took his title away from him, but I earned it."

Jurek finished second at the 2006 Masters to Doug Kent, losing as the top seed in that event as well. He said he felt comfortable and was content

knowing he made good shots.

"I wasn't the most relaxed that I've been on television, but I wasn't bad," said Jurek, a two-time winner on the PBA Tour. "I felt like I made a lot of quality shots. The two open frames I had in the eighth and ninth, that's part of bowling. Those were two shots where I didn't feel nervous or anxiety."

When Jurek stepped up in the final frame of the championship match, he trailed by one pin. He delivered a clutch strike on his first shot, but left a pocket 7-10 split on his second shot and got one pin.

"Even a spare there forces him to go spare, strike to win and for your first title and a major title, that's not the easiest thing to do," Jurek said. "Throwing the second strike in the 10th and forcing him to double to win would have put a whole new emphasis on things. It was a huge shot."

In the semifinal, Hess and Koivuniemi both started with five consecutive strikes before Koivuniemi opened in the sixth frame. Hess went on to throw two more strikes to run his string to seven in a row before leaving the 3-6 in the eighth frame. Hess converted spares in the final three frames to advance.

In the opening match of the day, Koivuniemi jumped out to a big lead against Mike DeVaney of Murrieta, Calif., and took a 230-206 victory.

The 2011 USBC Masters featured a field of 256 of the top professional and amateur players in the world competing for an overall prize fund of \$235,000.

## 2011 BAYER USBC MASTERS At National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nevada

### Final standings

1. Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa	479 (two games)	\$50,000
2. Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, New York	214 (one game)	\$25,000
3. Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Michigan	449 (two games)	\$15,000
4. Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, California	206 (one game)	\$10,000

### Stepladder results

Match One - Koivuniemi def. DeVaney, 230-206

Match Two - Hess def. Koivuniemi, 254-219

Championship Match - Hess def. Jurek, 225-214

### ROLL-OFF FOR TOP SEED - (Winner takes top seed, loser takes second seed)

Jurek def. Hess, 668-583

### ROUND 8 - (Winners advance to TV show; Losers earn \$6,500)

Koivuniemi def. Warren, 695-646; DeVaney def. Steelsmith, 594-591

### ROUND 7 - (Losers earn \$4,700)

Koivuniemi def. Paluszek, 669-651; Steelsmith def. Legnani, 676-608

### ROUND 6 - (Losers earn \$3,600)

Koivuniemi def. Barnes, 804-698; Paluszek def. Himmler, 616-609; Steelsmith def. Couch, 692-631; Legnani def. Jones, 684-631

### ROUND 5 - (Losers earn \$3,000)

Barnes def. Gomez, 712-660; Himmler def. Castillo, 569-558; Couch def. Ciccone, 647-635; Legnani def. Smallwood, 727-627

### ROUND 4 - (Losers earn \$2,500)

Gomez def. Rash, 657-653; Barnes def. Vermilyea, 754-712; Castillo def. Allen, 736-590; Himmler def. Bohr, 639-603; Ciccone def. Haugen, 656-652; Couch def. Fagan, 805-690; Legnani def. Russell, 619-583; Smallwood def. Russell, 693-510

### ROUND 3 - (Losers earn \$2,000)

Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., def. Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 640-624; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 646-606; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, def. David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 688-656; Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 631-572; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., def. Stuart Williams, England, 593-540; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., def. PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 690-517; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., def. Mathew Jones, Avondale, Ariz., 613-573; Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., def. Martin Larsen, Sweden, 648-560

### ROUND 2 - (Losers earn \$1,600)

Smith def. Boesch, 691-576; Rash def. Steil, 644-635; Barnes def. Kretzer, 680-627; Kulick def. Bright, 635-578; Beres def. Lehtonen, 620-617; Castillo def. Belmonte, 665-623; Angelo def. Weber, 618-574; Himmler def. Kierpiec, 653-536; S. Williams def. Solan, 669-619; Ciccone def. Waliczek, 677-582; Haggerty def. W.R. Williams, 710-687; Couch def. MacLelland, 667-592; Russell def. Badovinac, 592-555; M. Jones def. Lambert, 612-591; Larsen def. Clark, 590-584; Smallwood def. Johnson, 721-573

### ROUND 1 - (Losers earn \$1,350)

Boesch def. O'Neill, 686-605; Rash def. Machuga, 657-615; Kretzer def. Scuderi, 660-553; Bright def. Ciminelli, 628-579; Lehtonen def. Garber, 685-684; Belmonte def. LaCaze, 637-559; Weber def. Ishman, 567-493; Kierpiec def. Krave, 631-555; S. Williams def. Malott, 641-598; Waliczek def. VanDaniker, 776-621; Haggerty def. Edwards, 691-594; MacLelland def. Carter, 612-593; Russell def. Munkberg, 697-672; Lambert def. Duke, 693-605; Clark def. Thompson, 660-533; Smallwood def. Kloempken, 661-607

## U.S. Open Notebook - for BNN

• **Who is Jackie Bowling?** She's the blond young lady who does some interviews during qualifying and match play rounds as part of the PBA's Xtra Frame program. This 26-year-old was born Jackie Marinkozich, in Redford Michigan. After she attended several PBA tournaments as a fan (she also bowls) she was approached by the PBA's Cross Marketing and Multimedia Specialist, Mike Jakubowski (Mike J. Laneside) to do some sidebar work for Xtra Frame. "I had never done interviews," she said, "but I'm a huge fan." She started in October of 2010 at the World Series of Bowling and found her niche. "I love to travel; I would go to tour stops every week if they had them. I enjoy the bowlers and the fans." She even got to practice her game at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas at the Tournament of Champions during the practice session. "I fell in front of the ESPN crew and was so embarrassed," she said. Having admitted to some "interview bombs," she would like to go to broadcasting school during the long break from the PBA schedule "to learn about doing this job better." After that, she "can't wait to get back on the road again."

• On August 26th Sean Rash and Sara Gallandez will be married. They bought a house last November in Montgomery Illinois, as it's close to her family. The pair met in April, 2006 at a national collegiate tournament. Rash wanted to surprise Sara with a diamond ring and proposal in a very unique setting: the top of the tower at the Basilica in Rome. Sara said, "Airport security almost ruined the surprise when they wanted Sean to empty his pockets. When he whispered that he had an engagement ring there, the security guard let him through."

• Bill O'Neill's father William Joseph, had a kidney transplant in May of 2008. He was on dialysis for about 2-1/2 years, waiting for a donor.

• Mike Roth, ESPN director for all the televised rounds, says "Our job is to entertain and educate." He is passionate about bowling and about the players. He tells them, "When you are on TV, be yourself. So if you're a quiet person, be quiet. If you're emotional, let it happen. If you like to wear crazy clothes, do it. Just be yourself."

• Marcus Berndt was the highest-finishing non-PBA member at the 68th US Open. He is from Sweden, attends Wichita State, and speaks flawless English. "In Sweden we learn English starting in the second grade." He is also in optimum physical shape, which comes with being on the Wichita State tournament team. The team has a personal trainer and thrice weekly workout routines.

• Tracy (Mrs. Pete) Weber hasn't been on tour since early January of this year. She got a job as an assistant to an attorney back home in St. Ann, Missouri.

• Both Johnny Petraglia and his son John (but not "Jr.") bowled in the US Open. Dad finished 77th, averaging slightly over 200 for 26 games and made the cut to 95 cashers. Young John finished 282nd out of 375. Both are employed by Brunswick.

• Of the original 383 entrants, 15 withdrew along the way.

• Jeff Carter is at a crossroads with his career. "I'm 41 and would like to stay home and be with my kids more (Kaitlyn, 13 and Trey, 6). I am studying to be a personal trainer and I'd like to coach Little League. I've been on tour for 11 years. Kaitlyn is in her ninth year of dance and she is a track and field athlete. Trey is into baseball."

• Ryan Shafer wears the name "Storm" on the front of his bowling jersey, and "Animas" on the back. Animas is the manufacturer of his glucose monitoring system which includes an insulin pump he wears. Animas' parent company is Johnson and Johnson headquartered in New Brunswick, NJ, near Brunswick Zone Caroler Lanes, home of the 68th Annual US Open. Their support goes beyond Shafer, as the company has a huge banner flying over about six lanes as a sponsor of the Open at the lanes.

• Norm Duke on working out: "Of course I exercise on tour and at home. I weigh 130 and I'm 46 years old. I have to do something to keep the younger players from rolling over me."

• There was plenty of drama throughout the grueling long-format tournament. But the one outstanding moment came Saturday night when four TV spots, and the championship were up for grabs. Ryan Shafer and local favorite Billy O'Neill battled it out. Shafer struck out to put some pressure on O'Neill, who needed 15 pins over 2 shots to win the fourth spot. O'Neill's ball went right for the headpin, leaving the "big four" (4-6-7-10) and the ten pin fell down behind the six. Had it fallen forward, there's a good chance O'Neill would have been a Sunday contender for the title.

-- Joan Taylor

# Norm Duke Wins U.S. Open

## 7th Major Title; Second U.S. Open: 34th title to tie Roth

**NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J.** – Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., won his 34th Professional Bowlers Tour title and seventh career major in the 68th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone-Carolier with a stunning 225-216 victory over Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., when Koivuniemi missed a 10 pin spare in the 10th frame.

Duke, the tournament's top qualifier, closed his game with four consecutive strikes, to force Koivuniemi to mark in the 10th, but the Finnish native, one of the best spare-shooters in professional bowling, uncharacteristically missed the single-pin spare attempt.

With his victory, Duke earned \$80,000 and moved into a tie for fourth place on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour's list of all-time title-winners with fellow PBA Hall of Famer Mark Roth.

"You'd like to say to yourself I just won the U.S. Open, and maybe I'll grow into that, but right this minute, I feel like Mika lost the U.S. Open," Duke said. "But I'm sitting here, holding the trophy. I had conceded the match. I knew the last four strikes were important, because you never know what'll happen. But missing the 10 pin is like having your ace pitcher on the mound and he throws four straight balls, and you lose."

Duke knew exactly how Koivuniemi felt on his spare attempt because in 2008, when Duke won his first U.S. Open title to complete the PBA Triple Crown and Grand Slam, he had to convert the 2-4-5-8 "bucket" in the 10th frame to win.

"I couldn't feel my legs on the approach on that shot," Duke said.

"That's what happens under pressure. That's why guys miss three-foot putts. And it's fatigue. I'm exhausted. If I had to make a 10 pin

eliminated Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 236-222, in Sunday's first match. The key shot in that match was a pocket 7-10 split



to win, it would be suspect at best. "It's not like I didn't deserve to win," Duke added. "I was the top qualifier. I did throw four strikes in a row, after leaving a solid 8 pin in the eighth frame. I did what I needed to do"

Koivuniemi, the No. 3 qualifier for the U.S. Open stepladder finals,

by Shafer in the eighth frame, following a double that ended his hopes for his first major title in a record 12 appearances in major championship television finals.

Koivuniemi, the only player in PBA history to reach the television finals in all four PBA major championships in a single year, eliminated Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., in the semifinal match, 241-158. Jones left splits and failed to convert in the fourth, sixth and eighth frames.

"Duke is one of the greatest players ever. I knew it was going to be a tough match," Koivuniemi said. "I took the biggest shot of my life in the 10th frame and left the 10 pin, but unfortunately I didn't make my spare. It was my nerves, I guess.

I was thinking about the wrong things. This is the first time in my life I've lost a title like that."

"I sat there stunned, shocked," Duke said. "I can't remember ever winning a PBA title sitting on the bench. I knew I had just won the U.S. Open, but at that moment, my only thought was Mika had lost. I was just like a fan watching in the living

room. How could you not feel badly for him?"

"Mika will be fine, he'll bounce back. He's going to be our Player of the Year," Duke said. "But he'll never forget that one."

Over the past five years, PBA Tour players have a 95.9% success rate in converting the 10 pin on 710 attempts on national television.

### 68TH LUMBER LIQUIDATORS U.S. OPEN

Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., February 27, 2011

#### FINAL STANDINGS

1. Norm Duke, Clermont, Florida	one game, 225 pins	\$80,000
2. Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Michigan	three games, 693 pins	\$40,000
3. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, South Carolina	one game, 158 pins	\$20,000
4. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, New York	two games, 415 pin	\$13,000
5. Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pennsylvania	two games, 387 pins	\$11,000
6. Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Michigan	one game, 150 pins	\$10,000

#### PLAYOFF RESULTS

Match One (Saturday night): O'Neill def. MacLelland, 204-150

Match Two (Saturday night): Shafer def. O'Neill, 193-183

Match Three: Koivuniemi def. Shafer, 236-222

Semifinal Match: Koivuniemi def. Jones, 241-158

Championship: Duke def. Koivuniemi, 225-216

#### MATCH PLAY CASHERS

Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 13-10-1, 10,844, \$7,000; Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 16-8, 10,823, \$6,000; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 11-12-1, 10,799, \$5,500; Jason Belmonte, Australia, 14-10, 10,783, \$5,000; Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 13-10-1, 10,750, \$4,500; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 12-12, 10,739, \$4,300; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 10-12-2, 10,734, \$4,100; Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 13-11, 10,668, \$4,000; a-Marcus Berndt, Sweden, 13-11, 10,658, \$3,900; a-Mark Clark, Naperville, Ill., 15-9, 10,572, \$3,800; John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 11-13, 10,570, \$3,800; Martin Larsen, Sweden, 11-12-1, 10,565, \$3,600; Andres Gomez, Colombia, 11-13, 10,561, \$3,500; a-E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 7-16-1, 10,422, \$3,400; John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 8-15-1, 10,408, \$3,300; a-Fero Williams, Fairfield, Ohio, 9-15, 10,334, \$3,200; a-Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 9-15, 10,319, \$3,100; Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 8-15-1, 10,298, \$3,000

#### Other Cashers

David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 5,440, \$2,500; x-Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 5,434, \$2,640; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 5,433, \$2,300; Manuel Otarora, Colombia, 5,413, \$2,200; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 5,401, \$2,100; Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,398, \$2,000; Juhani Tonteri, Finland, 5,392, \$1,900; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 5,390, \$1,850; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 5,389, \$1,800; Blaine Wening, Grapevine, Texas, 5,375, \$1,750; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5,373, \$1,700; Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, 5,372, \$1,650; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 5,371, \$1,600; Patrick Girard, Canada, 5,369, \$1,580; (tie) Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., and Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 5,364, \$1,555; Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 5,358, \$1,540; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 5,357, \$1,530; Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 5,349, \$1,520; Alex Aguiar, Dartmouth, Mass., 5,348, \$1,510; Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 5,345, \$1,500; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5,342, \$1,490; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 5,335, \$1,480; Robert Klann, San Antonio, Texas, 5,330, \$1,470; Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,329, \$1,460; Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 5,326, \$1,450; Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 5,325, \$1,440; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 5,313, \$1,430; (tie) Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5,306, \$1,415; Joshua McBride, Wichita, Kan., 5,297, \$1,395; Dave Arnold, Dublin, Calif., 5,297, \$1,395; Stuart Williams, England, 5,294, \$1,380; Raymond Eddy III, Saginaw, Mich., 5,291, \$1,370; Santiago Mejia, Colombia, 5,288, \$1,360; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 5,286, \$1,350; Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., 5,284, \$1,340; Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 5,281, \$1,330; Mason Brantley, Detroit, 5,278, \$1,320; Kevin Maurice, Canada, 5,269, \$1,310; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,262, \$1,300; Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 5,255, \$1,290; Joseph Hostetler, Minerva, Ohio, 5,249, \$1,280; Josh Blanchard, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 5,247, \$1,270; Ryan Abel, Bel Aire, Kan., 5,245, \$1,260; Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 5,237, \$1,250; Jacob Peters, Decatur, Ill., 5,236, \$1,240; P.J. Sondag, Luzerne, Pa., 5,233, \$1,230; Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 5,225, \$1,220; Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, 5,224, \$1,210; Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 5,223, \$1,200; Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, 5,220, \$1,190; John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 5,219, \$1,180; Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 5,218, \$1,170; Michael Stell, Wheeling, Ill., 5,215, \$1,160; Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 5,213, \$1,150; Quinton Bohlen, Decatur, Iowa, 5,201, \$1,140; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 5,200, \$1,130; Joe Paluszak, Bensalem, Pa., 5,199, \$1,120; Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 5,198, \$1,110; Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 5,191, \$1,100; James Roberts, Richmond, Va., 5,175, \$1,090; Bryson Rogers, Durham, N.C., 5,174, \$1,080; Charles Anderson, Sloatsburg, N.Y., 5,167, \$1,070; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 5,160, \$1,060; Jeremy Boyer, Desloge, Mo., 5,142, \$1,050; Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore., 5,111, \$1,040; Joe Green, Maplewood, Ohio, 5,103, \$1,030; Greg Stahora, West Hazelton, Pa., 5,096, \$1,020; Tom Carter, Rockford, Ill., 4,986, \$1,010; Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 4,352, \$1,000



## View from the Truck

by Joan Taylor for BNN

When Mike Roth, Director for ESPN's telecasts of the Professional Bowlers Tour, invited me to watch the telecast of the 68th US Open from the production truck, I jumped at the chance. It's difficult to verify, but I may be the only bowling writer to have sat in the ABC Wide World of Sports Truck (Cleveland, mid-1970s) and now the ESPN truck for bowling tournaments.

The ABC truck's main production area housed the director and maybe two or three production crew members with about 10 screens (monitors) in front of them. There was barely room for them, let alone me.

The ESPN truck housed 8 people in the "main" area, including director Mike Roth and producer Dave Bruner. Additionally, other areas included the audio man and four more people, each one a specialist

(graphics, camera positions, proper coloring). There were approximately 42 screens in the main room, most of which were in use.

There was a rehearsal, staged while the four finalists practiced on the television pair of lanes (getting precise camera angles, addressing issues such as the best angle to capture the bowling center manager, Warren Fiedler, on camera, locating Mika Koivuniemi's wife and daughters for potential close-ups, doing sound checks, and a host of other details that went into a live telecast of a 90-minute show).

One person in the big control area was key...he was the timer. Was there enough time for Randy to discuss the lane condition? Could they break from the bowling if the match was already decided before the tenth frame? Pro bowler Joe

Ciccone handled the PBA details for them.

Then it was showtime. The production vernacular was foreign to me, but normal to them: "red blue red; full board; big 3; big board; roll red." The language as well as equipment was so far more technically advanced than ABC had in the 70s. But then what isn't? Back then it was more like "Camera 3, did you get that? Why the F\*\*\* not? No, it's too late." I thought the ABC director (Lou Volipcelli that week) was literally going to have a heart attack or stroke. Mike Roth said, "I probably will, too, when you see me" but he seemed calmer and to actually have fun directing. Despite a constant flow of several voices shouting directives over each other, it came together like a well-orchestrated symphony.

The atmosphere was reminiscent of the NASA control room that we see in the movies. People under stress, barking orders, screens flashing ("show score; get rid of score; show his/her ID; wipe it out!")

As fate or luck would have it, the final match was close. Norm Duke struck out to force Mika to get a mark, or a total of 15 pins in the tenth frame. Mike buried the ball and left a ten pin. (Announcer) Randy Pedersen said he would head down toward the settee to interview Mika who would be the winner. The director told him to wait. Ciccone said, "He'll make it (the ten pin)."

In that nanosecond Mika's ball that had been heading for the pin decided that the right gutter was a more attractive target. After the gutter ball, Ciccone then said, "He'll

miss it." The crew went wild, and Mika was flat on the floor in disbelief. Great visuals, great finish, and so many reaction shots available from Mika, Norm Duke, Mika's family, and the crowd. Cut to commercial, Randy descends from the broadcast booth, and the rest was history. The ESPN crew couldn't have asked for more drama, although Mika probably wished for much less.

Within 30 minutes, the set was being torn down, the crew went their way until their next show (they were all from different parts of the country), and the production equipment was secured.

Adrenaline levels subsided, except for Koivuniemi and Duke.

To borrow from the late great Walter Cronkite, "And that's the way it was."

## Competitors find bowling events to be among best deals, causes at Super Bowl XLV

by Mark Miller for BNN

With many Super Bowl XLV festivities in North Texas requiring a mortgage payment, the sixth annual National Football League Charities Super Bowl Celebrity Bowling



Former American Idol contestant Ayla Brown Classic was a relative bargain.

And with two chances to help local charities, it's no wonder more than 200 area and out-of-town people paid for the privilege. To do so, they had to brave a major ice storm that closed schools for four days and made commuting to Addison's 300 Bowl on Feb. 2 and southwest Fort Worth's Main Event the next night challenging.

That didn't deter Brian and Kelly Pinter from Colgate, Wis., from keeping their commitment.

"We originally were coming Wednesday but when we saw that storm coming to Texas we said we've got to get out early or we'd be stranded," Kelly said. "So we were able to arrange an flight on Monday."

Like so many others, once their Green Bay Packers made the Super Bowl, the Pinters were on the event's website to learn about the week's various festivities. That's how they found the charity bowling event at 300 Bowl. It didn't hurt that both are avid bowlers.

Brian, who has bowled for 38 years, averages 205 in a league in nearby Menomonee Falls while his wife is at 175 in Wauwatosa.

The early arrival allowed the Pinters to sample a variety of Super Bowl events including a tour of Cowboys Stadium, a concert featuring Kid Rock and Duran Duran, the ESPN set in downtown Fort Worth and the NFL Experience in downtown Dallas.

"We loved it," Brian said of the Super Bowl venue. "It was impressive. We had a tour guide who took us everywhere. And the Packers were doing their punting and placekicking on the field. That was cool."

They also spent time at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in Arlington.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime vacation," Kelly said.

"And we've got great seats," Brian added.

The Super Bowl Celebrity Classic gives fans the opportunity to mingle with their football heroes. Most players are recognizable names and many are members of the pro football hall of fame. Several current players, including Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Roy Williams, and 2010 NFL rushing leader Jamaal Charles of the Kansas City Chiefs, were among the celebrity bowlers.

Pittsburgh native Dan Kupas competed in the charity bowling event when the Steelers played in the Super Bowl in Tampa, Fla., in 2009 so when he knew the team was back this year, he quickly signed up again for the Fort Worth event.

"I've really enjoyed it," Kupas said. "It goes to a great cause and you get to bowl with the old players."

It wasn't unusual that Kupas' friend Dave Klanica, a Pittsburgh native now living in New Orleans, would join him. What seemed strange

is their other teammates were Marv and Kathleen Stoddard, Packer fans from Salt Lake City.

"She married into the Packers but we won't hold that against her," said Klanica, who attended the University of Utah with Kathleen.

Even though he has no ties to Wisconsin, Salt City resident Marv Stoddard has been a long-time Packer fan.

One of the first games I remember watching was the Ice Bowl," he said. "I've been a Packer fan ever since."

"I like the fact they are owned by the fans," Kathleen added.

In addition to meeting more than 40 current and former football greats, Celebrity Classic entrants also received commemorative Super Bowl XLV bowling balls and pins and a gift bag of official Super Bowl merchandise from event sponsors. They also ate from an



Brian and Kelly Pinter, Colgate, Wisc.

impressive buffet.

The Stoddards could talk to former Packers like Marv Fleming and Ted Hendricks while Klanica and Kupas could visit with former Steelers including Lynn Swann and Mike Meriweather.

Robert Lubrain of Banning, Calif., had no direct ties to Pittsburgh but liked Swann and the team anyway.

"I grew up in Iowa and Lynn Swann was my favorite player as a kid," he said. "It also may be because their colors are similar to (the University of) Iowa's."

While the Stoddards, Kupas and Lubrain admittedly aren't bowlers, one of the great things about the Celebrity Bowling Classic is it doesn't matter. That goes for the players and the entrants.

Former Packer linebacker Dave Robinson, who recently retired after selling his beer distribution company, professed to being a better golfer than bowler, competing in 15-20 charity links events each year.

"I don't know why I volunteered for this," he said. "My knee is shot but I'll give it a try. I haven't bowled in 10 years."

Swann also has been battling some injuries that he said has affected his bowling game. But unlike Robinson, the Celebrity Bowling Hall of Fame member still bowls with his teenage children when time permits.

"I've done this a number of years and the Steelers being in the Super Bowl makes it even more special," Swann said.

This was Swann's fifth consecutive event he was directly involved with, this time as official host. Part of his duties was to talk to as many media outlets as possible to draw coverage and participation. Judging by the number of television cameras present in Addison and many entrants at both events, he was successful.

"People get the chance to relax and meet the players," said Swann between signing the special pins for his Steeler admirers. "They can talk football and talk about the Super Bowl."

"What's nice is that in football you are away from everyone. In bowling, you are up close."

## Ryan Ciminelli Wins PBA One-A-Day Earl Anthony Memorial for First PBA Tour Title

**DUBLIN, Calif.** – In his fourth season competing on the Lumber Liquidators Professional Bowlers Association Tour, Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., broke through to win his first title in the PBA One A Day Earl Anthony Memorial at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl.

In a battle of lefthanders in the championship match, the 24-year-old Ciminelli defeated Tour veteran and 13-time Tour titlist Patrick Allen of Wesley Chapel, Fla., 237-215, to win the \$20,000 first prize.

Ciminelli's previous best Tour finishes were second in the 2009 PBA Cheetah and Viper Championships and third in the 2010 United States Bowling Congress Masters.

"Even though I didn't win last year I had a good year and just didn't want to go back into a slump," Ciminelli said. "Sometimes I think you have to go through the losing part first to prepare yourself to win."

As the top seed for the tournament, Ciminelli felt this was his best opportunity to win a title and as a result lost a lot of sleep the night before the finals.

"I probably only got four or five hours of sleep last night," Ciminelli said. "But every time I closed my eyes I visualized a lot of scenarios and hoped this would be the outcome so I'm extremely relieved."

"I was bowling against one of my heroes in a tournament named after one of the greatest bowlers of all-time so it was even more than I could ask for."

In the semifinal match Allen defeated PBA Hall of Famer and 35-time Tour titlist Pete Weber who finished third, 212-206, to advance

### PBA One A Day Earl Anthony Memorial Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, Dublin, Calif., January 30, 2011

#### FINAL STANDINGS

1. Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, New York	(one game) 237 pins	\$20,000
2. Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Florida	(three games), 653	\$10,000
3. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Missouri	(one game), 206	\$ 6,000
4. Tommy Jones, Greenville, South Carolina	one game), 223	\$ 5,000

#### PLAYOFF RESULTS

Match One: Allen def. Jones, 226-223.

Semifinal Match: Allen def. Weber, 212-206.

Championship Match: Ciminelli def. Allen, 237-215.

#### Round of 16 Cashers

Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 14-4, 7,533, \$4,000; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 10-8, 7,517, \$3,600; Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., 11-6-1, 7,436, \$3,400; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 12-6, 7,416, \$3,200; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 9-8-1, 7,356, \$3,100; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 12-6, 7,239, \$3,000; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 8-10, 7,221, \$2,900; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 9-9, 7,218, \$2,800; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 6-12, 7,209, \$2,700; Dave Wodka, Chatsworth, Calif., 10-8, 7,125, \$2,700; Stuart Williams, England, 7-11, 7,117, \$2,500; Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 8-10, 7,094, \$2,400.

#### Round of 32 Cashers

Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 4-5, 5,133, \$2,340; Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 5-4, 5,127, \$2,200; Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5-4, 5,086, \$2,150; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 3-6, 5,081, \$2,100; Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 4-5, 5,057, \$2,050; Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 3-6, 5,035, \$2,000; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 4-5, 5,016, \$1,950; Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 3-6, 4,990, \$1,900; Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 4-5, 4,981, \$1,850; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3-6, 4,956, \$1,800; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2-7, 4,949, \$1,750; David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 4-5, 4,930, \$1,700; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2-7, 4,910, \$1,650; Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 3-6, 4,864, \$1,600; Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., 2-7, 4,857, \$1,550; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1-8, 4,744, \$1,400; Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 0-0, 3,005, \$1,400, withdrew and was replaced by alternate Chris Warren.

In addition to getting close to the current and former players at the Fort Worth event, participants, their families and friends also heard Ayla Brown sing. Brown, who finished 13th in the 2005 American Idol competition, bowled with her musicians and members of their sponsor, National Rifle Association Country.

Brown said she had competed in some previous charity bowling events and with

to the final.

Even though Allen had to settle for second he was encouraged by his finish.

"Ryan got off to a strong start and I just couldn't catch him," Allen said. "He bowled great and I'm happy for him."

"I haven't bowled well since late last year so this was a confidence booster for me. I



Ryan Ciminelli

bowled well against Tommy (Jones) in the first match but was probably lucky to win against Pete but overall it was a good tournament for me."

In the opening match, Allen defeated another 13-time Tour winner, Tommy Jones of Greenville, S.C., who finished fourth, 226-223.

friends with a high game of 145. She showed her on-lanes prowess immediately with a spare and a strike.

Whether a singer, football player or someone willing to donate to the cause, everyone involved had fun and given another chance, would likely enter again. That's one of the big reasons the NFL Charities Super Bowl Celebrity Bowling Challenge has become a popular part of the Super Bowl festivities.

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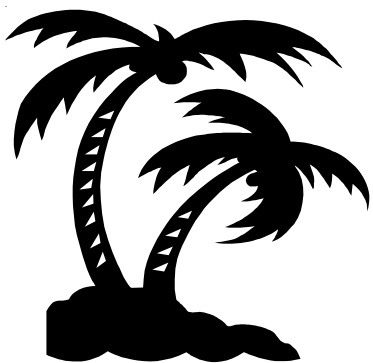
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## Belmonte, Paul Repeat as Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational Champs

*New Orleans Hornets star provides key shots in victory over Lil Wayne, Norm Duke*

**NEW ORLEANS, La.** – Australia's Jason Belmonte and NBA All-Star point guard Chris Paul successfully defended their Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational Doubles title at Riverboat Lanes at the Naval Airbase Station in Belle Chasse, La., thanks to a big-time assist from the New

second frame.

"There was a lot of excitement," Weber said. "Nelly got a couple Brooklyns in the Clash event, but after that, he had 10 in the pit. He uses two fingers, no thumb and shoots his spares the same way.

"I used to bowl in the same league with



Jason Belmonte and Chris Paul

Orleans Hornets' assist leader.

Belmonte, the two-handed power player from Down Under, and his tournament host/NBA superstar partner combined to win the "Baker format" doubles event, 155-128, over PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke and his partner, Grammy Award-winning rap artist Lil Wayne. After plenty of high-scoring fireworks in the earlier matches, the championship match wasn't pretty, but it came down to a strike and three spares by Paul that decided the outcome.

The special Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour event, conducted in December, aired on ESPN in advance of the Super Bowl. In Baker doubles competition, each player alternates frames to complete a full game.

"This one was not by the hand of Belmo; it was all Chris Paul," Belmonte said. "Last year I got three strikes in 10th to win. This time it was him. Next time hopefully we'll both get it together."

The third annual Chris Paul Invitational, conducted on behalf of the CP3 Foundation, featured Lil Wayne bowling with Duke, hip-hop superstar Nelly with PBA Hall of Fame partner Pete Weber, and New Orleans Saints running back Reggie Bush teamed up with Wes Malott. Rhino Page also joined his fellow Storm Products staff players by participating in a "Super Clash" preliminary event.

The stage for a wild day of bowling action was set early when Page took on the four celebrity stars in the "Super Clash" where each player bowled a frame and the lowest score was eliminated. Ironically, after all four celebrities struck in the first frame, Page was the first player eliminated when he left a 6-8 split on his first attempt. Eventually, Nelly won the contest by throwing five consecutive strikes to out-last Paul.

Nelly, a "thumbless" bowler, then teamed up with Weber for a stunning 280-169 romp over Bush and Malott in the first Baker doubles match. The only shot that prevented a perfect game was Weber's 10 pin in the

him (in St. Louis)," Weber added. "I knew if he had a good ball reaction he'd be all right. It was hard for us to miss the pocket."

For their next match against Lil Wayne and Duke, however, Duke decided to confuse Nelly.

"Lil Wayne and I were sitting there, hoping the scoring pace would be low," Duke said. "Then Nelly gets a five-bagger to knock out everyone out of the Clash, including Rhino, and he throws five more in the first match. He hadn't missed for 10 shots, so things were not looking good for Lil Wayne and me. Nelly not only can bowl, but he was on a severe roll."

"Norm made us switch lanes," Weber said. "Nelly had lane 2 figured out, so Norm made Nelly bowl on lane 1 and he didn't have a clue as to what to do."

"I figured 200 would be over-achieving for us," Duke added. "Lil Wayne needs some work. But right before we started, I had him move to the right and straighten his delivery. He threw five shots that looked like they're going to the gutter, but they all came back to strike and we've got 245. That was stratospheric."

The strategic move helped Lil Wayne and Duke eliminate Nelly and Weber, 245-205, and advance to the title match, where Lil Wayne's luck ran out, and Duke's five strikes weren't enough to save the team.

"You can only get lucky for so long," Duke said. "That first game was all we had. We had no more magic after that."

"Chris did a lot better than last year," Belmonte said of Paul. "He's not bowling as much as he'd like, but he's just a talented sports person. If he gets his hand on a ball, no matter what game, he'll be pretty good at it.

"If you watch him on the basketball court, you can see how competitive he is. He takes the same intensity to the lanes and so do I. It doesn't matter if it's hoops or skee ball or whatever. It's especially sweet when you

## USBC Coaching Launches Re-certification, Continuing Education Programs

ARLINGTON, Texas - The United States Bowling Congress launched a new program Tuesday to begin re-certifying coaches and introduced a continuing education program to help keep them informed about the latest technology and coaching techniques.

The program will require USBC Gold, Silver and Bronze coaches who were certified prior to Jan. 1, 2006 to take an online certification test to maintain their status. Level I and II coaches do not have to be re-certified.

Coaches also will be required to continue their education through a variety of ways such as seminars, online courses and other programs to maintain their certifications.

There is no cost for the USBC Gold, Silver and Bronze coaches to take the certification tests, which will consist of multiple choice, true/false, essay and some video aspects.

Coaches will have until July 31, 2011, to take the test. Once they've passed, they will be required to take continuing education classes during the next three years. The continuing education requirements, endorsed by the United States Olympic Committee, will be modeled after such organizations as the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

Through an assortment of classes, seminars, etc., coaches will earn credits toward their continuing education requirements. At the end of the three-year period, coaches will be randomly audited to ensure they are staying current with the latest trends and coaching methods.

With more than 42,000 USBC-certified coaches, it is important for USBC to identify those who are active in teaching the sport and also continuing to learn about lane play, ball motion, the physical game and other dynamics.

"Through this program, we can ensure that our membership is served by the most qualified and informed coaches possible," said Neil Stremmel, USBC Managing Director-National Governing Body. "It allows us to be more involved at the national level and gives us the chance to educate and update our coaches with new information more effectively."

Those planning to take the re-certification tests must contact USBC Coaching for links and access to the online test. Anyone interested in receiving study materials prior to taking the tests can do so by contacting USBC Coaching by phone at 800 514-BOWL or by e-mail at [coaching@bowl.com](mailto:coaching@bowl.com).

## YES Fund Pilot Program Looking for New Test Centers

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Youth Education Services (YES) Fund has developed a new concept for youth leagues and wants bowling centers around the country to help test this exciting program designed to get kids into the sport.

When the YES Fund was created last year, an initial project was the development of a new mainstream sports model for bowlers 12 years old and younger. This concept involved testing new team-based structures for competition along with the development of training and recruitment programs to attract volunteer coaches.

"Six months ago, the YES Fund team activated a small number of leagues to start the learning process," Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) Director of Youth Chad Murphy said. "We received a lot of quality feedback and now are ready for the next step with more test partners."

The YES Fund's pilot program leagues involve a format similar to other youth sports. Each team has four players along with a volunteer coach. The teams hold a practice once a week before competing in league play. Teams are paired according to ability and there is no handicap involved in scoring.

do this against friends. I know he likes to beat his friends."

For the PBA stars, the experience of bowling with the celebrity stars in front of a packed audience of invited guests from the military community was a thrill.

"We had fun last year, but this year was especially fun, and I think it was because of the diversity of athletes and musicians and pro bowlers," Duke said. "It just added another level. The reaction by the military people to Lil Wayne was just amazing. He has a huge, huge following."

"Reggie (Bush) and I had a 280 shot at us, but it was just a neat experience to be

"We saw some interesting results while participating in the first round of testing," said Debbie Haggerty, the youth coordinator at Fireside Lanes in Sacramento, Calif. "It was amazing how much the kids in the YES Fund leagues improved in such a short period of time compared to bowlers in standard leagues. We could see the volunteer coaches and the practice day during the week really made an impact."

A preliminary test league at West Acres Bowl in Wichita, Kan., saw similar results.

"What excites me more about this than anything is that the kids are actually practicing with their coaches away from the actual competition," Ray Baty, the West Acres Bowl Center manager, said. "This program has really opened my eyes to a whole new way of promoting the sport of bowling."

Any organizer involved in youth bowling may participate by starting a YES Fund pilot program league. For more information, contact Chad Murphy at [Chad@bpaa.com](mailto:Chad@bpaa.com) or 817-385-8469.

A video with more details about the YES Fund pilot program leagues can found at [BOWL.com](http://BOWL.com) or [BPAA.com](http://BPAA.com)

able to hang out with those guys," Malott said. "Every year the competition gets better, but I honestly don't know how (Paul) is going to top this one. It's a fun event and it's for a good cause."

The Invitational benefits Paul's CP3 Foundation which was founded in 2005 as a tribute to his late grandfather and the Winston-Salem, N.C., community where he grew up. The CP3 foundation has provided funding for activities ranging from a scholarship program to food drives to recreational support programs for underprivileged children in both Winston-Salem and New Orleans.

## Turbo Announces Summer Collegiate Expo

*Turbo Tech Collegiate Expo will bring high school students, products, and coaches together*

June 16-19 will be a very special week for high school bowlers and college bowling coaches. Turbo Bowling Accessories will stage the first Turbo Tech Collegiate Expo inside Mark Voight's 60-lane Super Bowl in Canton, Michigan.

Never in the history of the industry has there been such a comprehensive event designed to lead high school age bowlers toward the college of their choice while giving them the educational opportunities and knowledge to succeed as a collegiate bowler and beyond.

The Turbo Collegiate Expo will include classroom and on-lane seminars, personal instructions from some of the best coaches and bowlers in the world, demonstrations of top shelf equipment from bowling's best companies, and a chance to meet, ask questions, and get materials from college bowling coaches from across the nation.

Turbo Pro Staff players expected to attend the event are Mika Koivuniemi, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Jason Couch, Bill O'Neill, Diandra Asbaty, Joe Ciccione, Jeff Carter, Stephan Paddillo, Clara Guerrero, and Bob Learn Jr.

USBC Gold Coach Lou Marquez and Turbo Eastern Region Sales Manager and Coach Bob Learn will coordinate all phases of the event for Turbo; and they will be joined by Team USA Sports Psychologist Dr. Dean Hinitz, who will offer his expertise on the mental game to all attendees.

"This type of event has never been done to include everyone, and so all eyes will be on us to make this work to move the sport forward," said Marquez. "We are very excited about the potential of this."

"We are so proud to be able to offer this event to high school bowlers; and our hope is that it will not only give them some great information and education, but it will bridge the gap between the kids and college coaches," said Lori Tessmar, President of Turbo Bowling Accessories.

Bowling ball companies already committed to the event to date include Storm, Ebonite, Brunswick, Roto Grip, and 900 Global. Storm will provide "See Your Game" videos to all students, and Ebonite will sponsor a one-day tournament at the end of the week, awarding scholarships to top finishers.

Collegiate recruiting will be encouraged during the events; kids and parents will have the chance to talk to coaches about programs that will help with college tuition. A seminar for the coaches will also be included in the curriculum.

"Turbo is creating one of the most exciting projects ever for high school bowlers. We are excited to be involved with this project which we feel will benefit all of the participants and give them an opportunity to develop and show off their skills," said Voight, president of Community Bowling Centers, which includes 11 centers.

"The talent level of students currently graduating high school is so good, it is mind-boggling. The Turbo Tech staff is so impressive; it will be a great opportunity for the participants to improve their game and game knowledge substantially," he added. Community Bowling Centers Director of Operations Roger Philipi will also be involved in all aspects of the event.

The Turbo Tech Collegiate Expo is limited to 200 students. An all inclusive registration fee is \$329 for student bowlers, and \$279 for participating colleges. For more information and details, visit [www.turbogrips.com](http://www.turbogrips.com).

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## High Roller Senior Amateurs Coming To Vegas Easter Week

This 19th annual event is hosted by Sam's Town in Las Vegas and sponsored by Roto Grip high performance balls. 100 recently released balls will be awarded for recruiting and from luck-of-the draw all week.

After listening to many High Roller senior contestants who voiced their opinions, it's back to 3 separate Classics for Senior Easter Week. There were some format changes this past November that were met with "mixed reviews" so this Easter will once again feature 3 separate Classics.

The dates are April 17th to Easter Sunday, the 24th and the week will be jammed pack with Qualifying squads, Match Play and Sweeper competition. Amateur seniors are coming off of a great week in Vegas in which 3 events were won by seniors.

New this year is a special event for players aged 70 & Over.

Here is the rest of the schedule:

"Age 60 & Over Classic" - Sunday to Wednesday, April 17 - 20 Features Sweepers and a Tune-Up event. Slightly higher entry fees will create larger prizes and the ratio to advance to the match play Finals will be 1 in 6 instead of 1 in 8.

More players get to match play where the bottom prize is now guaranteed a minimum \$500 instead of \$400 with \$10,000 up top.

Qualifying and matches are in 2 age divisions: 60 to 66 or age 67 & over with bonus

qualifying for aged 70 & over.

"Age 50 & Over Classic" - Tuesday to Friday, April 19 - 22 Same format as the 60 & Over but qualifying and matches are in 3 age divisions: 50 - 59, 60 to 66 or age 67 & over. \$15,000 is the guaranteed top prize and 1 in 6 receive a minimum of \$500.

"50 & Over Norm's Match Games" is a 2-day event with match play from the get go! Best of 3 in the first round and then onto single elimination in age divisions. Saturday & Sunday, April 23 & 24.

"Age 50 & Over Classified Classic" - Friday to Sunday, April 22 - 24 Same format as the 60 & Over but qualifying and matches are in 3 age divisions: 50 - 59, 60 to 66 or age 67 & over. Champs and many of the top money earners are not eligible for this one! \$10,000 is the guaranteed top prize and 1 in 6 receive a minimum of \$500.

Other events include Quick Cash Sweepers, a Champs-Only event, the new Aged 70 & Over event and free practice sessions! And don't forget the Ladies Only Free Slot tournament!

Sam's Town has great room rates for the week so call them at 1-877-593-5993.

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## BOWLING TOUGH TIPS

### Installment #3 - How Does a Clutch Situation Develop?

At any time in any kind of competitive environment, you can become involved in a clutch situation. For example, a competitive bowling game may begin with very little pressure on you or your opponent. As the game progresses, pressure increases on both of you, especially if your scores are close and the winner's prize is valuable. The pressure may reach such a high level that a clutch situation develops for one or both of you. The bowler who "bowls tough" will win more frequently.

As we said before, a "clutch situation" develops when you experience an unusually strong emotional reaction related to needing to make a strike or spare to win. A clutch situation to one person may not produce stress or tension in another. You make your own!

Each person makes his/her own personal clutch situations! This is a result of two basic problems: (1) unreasonable personal expectations and (2) uncontrolled emotions. We call these "clutch problems", and we would like you to understand them.

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## Dorin-Ballard Named USBC Director Of Coaching

ARLINGTON, Texas - United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Carolyn Dorin-Ballard of Keller, Texas, enjoyed a long and successful career on the bowling lanes and now will bring her experience and knowledge to the organization as the USBC Director of Coaching.

A USBC Board member and four-time Team USA member, Dorin-Ballard will shift roles and start in her new position March 1.

The 46-year-old USBC Silver coach most recently served as a member of Brunswick's professional teaching staff, and her three decades of competitive bowling and coaching experience give her a well-rounded viewpoint at the helm of USBC's coaching initiatives.

"Carolyn has experience and success at all levels and aspects of the sport, so she's the perfect person to facilitate the growth of the USBC Coaching program," said Neil Stremmel, USBC Managing Director-National Governing Body. "She is a proven champion and well-respected within the industry, and we know she also will excel in

her new role." On the lanes, Dorin-Ballard has earned more than 20 professional titles, including three majors, nine international medals, five titles at the USBC Women's Championships and two collegiate national championships, along with countless other awards and honors.

As the Director of Coaching, Dorin-Ballard will oversee the USBC Coaching staff, be responsible for maintaining the recently-launched Coaching Re-certification

program, implementing the accompanying Continuing Education program and working with the Youth Education Services (YES) Fund program. She also will focus on establishing regional training sites and coaches as well as grass roots coaching clinics across the United States.

"Coaching is something I have been involved in my whole career," said Dorin-Ballard, who has been actively coaching for 15 years. "I'm very excited for the opportunity, and I plan to bring some new ideas to the USBC Coaching department."



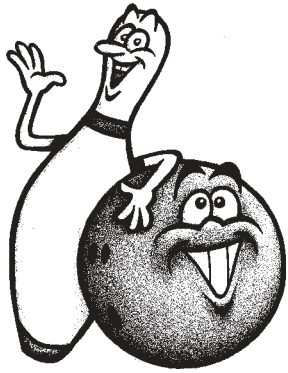
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# THE FUNNY PAGE

Did you hear about the guy who was in a bar about as drunk as it is possible to get?

A group of guys notice his condition and decide to be good Samaritans and take him home. First they stand him up to get to his wallet so they can find out where he lives, but he keeps falling down.

He fell down eight more times on the way to the car, each time with a real thud.

After they get to his house, he falls down another four times getting him to the door. His wife comes to the door, and one guy says, "We brought your husband home."

The wife asks, "Where's his wheelchair?"

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"If you put the federal government in charge of the Sahara Desert, in five years there'd be a shortage of sand."

~ Milton Friedman

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The room was full of pregnant women with their partners. The class was in full swing.

The instructor was teaching the women how to breathe properly and was telling the men how to give the necessary assurance to their partners at this stage of the pregnancy.

She said "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial.

It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier.

Just make several stops and stay on a soft surface like grass or a path."

She looked at the men in the room, "and Gentlemen, remember -- You're in this together -- It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her."

The room suddenly got very quiet as the men absorbed this information. Then a man at the back of the room slowly raised his hand.

"Yes", answered the Instructor.

"I was just wondering..."

Would it be all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

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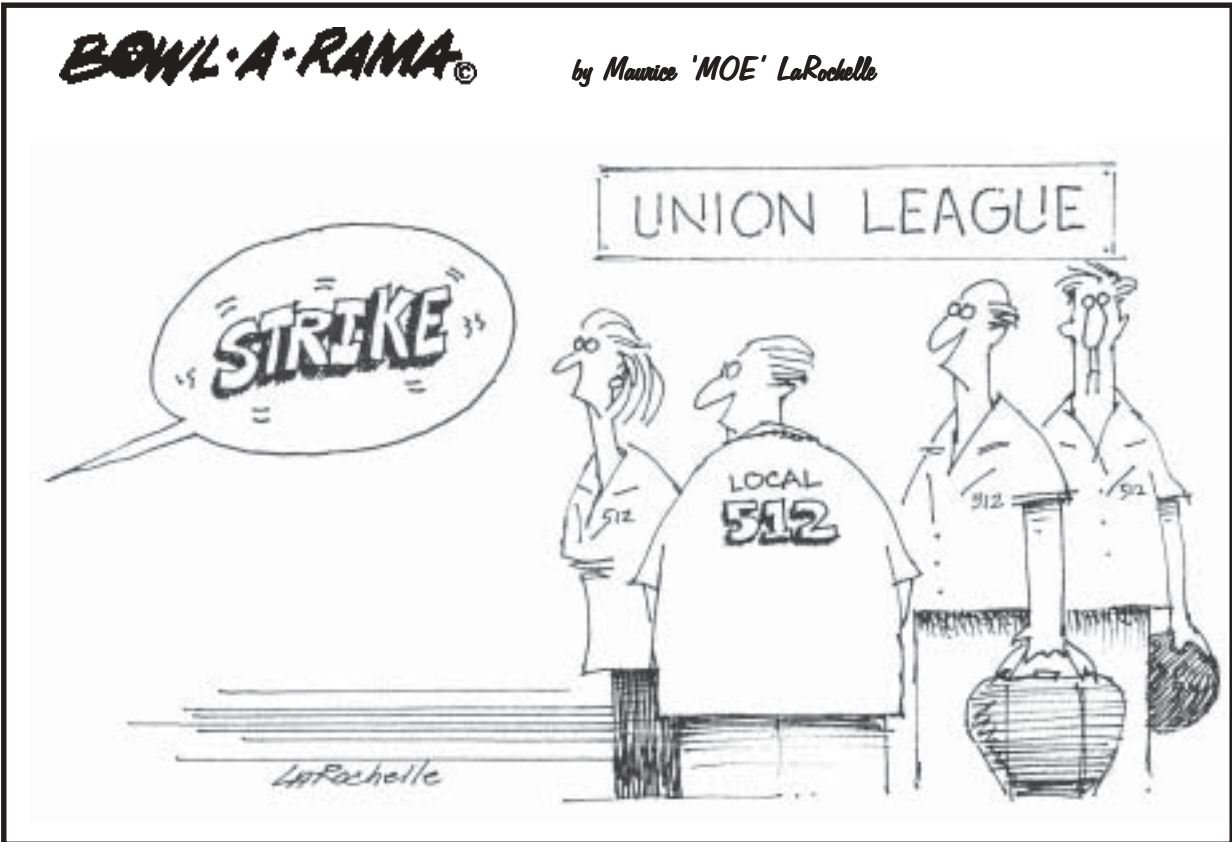
She Was Soooooooooooooooooooooo Blonde...

When she heard that 90% of all crimes occur around the home, she moved.

She thought if she spoke her mind, she'd be speechless.

She thought that she could not use her AM radio in the evening.

She had a shirt that said "TGIF," which she thought stood for "This Goes In Front."



A woman was rushed into the hospital in an ambulance as she was just about to give birth to twins. At the hospital the lady was in such pain she had to be sedated.

A couple of hours after the babies had been delivered, she woke up and asked to see her children. "Doctor, could you bring my babies to me so I can name them?"

The doctor replied, "You don't need to worry about names, your brother has already named them.

"Why did you let him name them, he has no sense!

What did he call the little girl then?" "De-nise!" replied the doctor.

"Oh thats not too bad, I thought you were going to tell me he'd named her something awful!

So what did he call the little boy?" "De-nephew, of course!

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Somehow we always think we are aging at a slower rate than everyone else, this was true of this older woman who is seeing a doctor for the first time.

She was taken into a room and told to make herself comfortable. While reading the doctor's diploma on the wall, she realizes that she went to high school with him many years ago.

The doctor enters the room; he is very gray, and slightly bent over from old age, and says hello, how can I help you?

The woman asks; Did you attend Roosevelt High School?

Yes I did, the doctor answered.

She asks: Class of 49? Yes I was, was the answer.

The woman was delighted, and said: You were in my class!

The doctor responded: What did you teach?

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Early one morning, a mother went in to wake up her son. "Wake up, son. It's time to go to school!"

"But why, Mom? I don't want to go."

"Give me two reasons why you don't want to go."

"Well, the kids hate me for one, and the teachers hate me, too!"

"Oh, that's no reason not to go to school. Come on now and get ready."

"Give me two reasons why I should go to school."

"Well, for one, you're 52 years old. And for another, you're the Principal!"

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A man takes his hamster to the vet, and after a short look at the creature the vet pronounces it dead.

Not happy with the vet's diagnosis the man asks for a second opinion. The vet gives a whistle and in strolls a Labrador dog. The dog nudges the hamster around with its nose and sniffs it a couple of times before shaking his head.

"There" says the vet, Your hamster is dead". Still not happy the man asks for a third opinion. The vet opens the back door and in bounds a cat. The cat jumps onto the table and looks the hamster up and down for a few minutes before looking up and shaking it's head.

"It's definitely dead sir", says the vet. Convinced, the man enquires how much he owes.

"That will be \$1000, please".

"A \$1000 just to tell me my hamster is dead" fumes the man. "Well", says the vet, "There's my diagnosis, the lab report and the cat scan".

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A 6-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service,

"And forgive us our trash passes, as we forgive those who passed trash against us."

## WALT'S WORLD BY WALT STEINSIEK



## Shannon O'Keefe and Dustin Ochoa Claim Texas State USBC Bluebonnet Queens and Masters

**Webster, TX** - The match play finals of the TEXAS STATE USBC Masters and Bluebonnet Queens Tournaments, sponsored by Ebonite and Carol Norman's U Can Bowl 2 Pro Shop, played out as a "study of contrasts". Dustin Ochoa of Gr. Houston USBC and Shannon O'Keefe, Gr. Ft. Worth Metroplex USBC, each won 9 of 10 matches to claim the titles in the tournament held at

Dustin Ochoa, on the other hand, edged Adam Martinez, Gr. San Antonio USBC, by a mere 42 pins 2,580 to 2,538. Even though Ochoa had won 8 of 9 matches going into the final match, he had to strike on his fill ball in the tenth frame for a 248 - 247 victory to seal the Masters title, \$2,200.00 and a paid entry from the Texas State USBC into the 2012 USBC Masters Tournament (site to be



Sue Hunter congratulates Texas Masters Champion Dustin Ochoa and Texas Bluebonnet Queens Champion Shannon O'Keefe

AMF Alpha Bowl February 26-27, 2011.

O'Keefe, averaged a robust 252 for her 10 games of match play, ending with a 9-0-1 record and a score of 2,807. Each head-to-head match win included 30 bonus pins, enabling Shannon to enjoy a comfortable 225-point cushion over runner-up, April Ellis, Gr. Fort Worth Metroplex USBC (2008 Bluebonnet champion). O'Keefe garnered \$1,400.00 and a paid entry from the Texas State USBC into the 2011 USBC Queens Tournament in Syracuse, NY, April 22 - 27, 2011. As a Team USA member, Shannon O'Keefe is already entered into the USBC Queens Tournament. The Texas State USBC approved awarding the entry to runner up, April Ellis. We are proud to know these two delightful women, who also happen to be fantastic bowlers, are representing Texas in the USBC Queens tournament.

Additional finalists included, Brenda Padilla, Gr. Ft. Worth, Kiyoko McDonald, Killeen/ Ft. Hood, Genie Franklin, Dallas WBA, Anita Manns, Gr. Houston, Jamie Mitchell, Gr. Houston, Sandi Charles, Killeen/ Ft. Hood and Carol Norman, Gr. Houston.

determined). Additional finalists included, Joe Lecroy and Clint Dacy, Gr. Ft. Worth, Lee Lorts, Gr. Huntsville, Paul McCordic, Gr. Houston, Tyler Jensen and D.J. Archer, Gr. Ft. Worth and Frank Papandrea and Rick Minier from Gr. Houston.

Co-tournament Directors, Sylvia Broyles and Bob Martin, reported the following tournament statistics:

Bluebonnet Queens total entries - 80 Prize fund - \$ 9, 670.00, Masters total entries - 120 (Full field - tournament sold out) Prize fund - \$13,805.00. A total of \$2,250.00 was added to the tournament prize funds (split equally) as a result of sponsor's donations, including the "bling" t-shirt sale proceeds from the various State Tournaments.

Tournament highlights included 300 games by Paul McCordic (2), Dustin Ochoa, Heather D. Jones and Jamie Mitchell. Anita Manns, Joe Lecroy, Michael Krupp, Jr., Bryan Viator and Shawn Maldonado rolled 299 games. Shannon O'Keefe rolled the only 800 series (811 with a 296 game) for games 4 thru 6 during the finals.

## Steve Martin of San Antonio and Donna Conners, Houston Claim Texas State USBC Senior Masters & Senior Queens Classic Titles

**Webster, TX** - Eighty-three men and fifty-one women bowlers, aged 50 and older, de-



Texas Senior Queens Classic Champion Donna Conners

scended upon AMF Alpha Bowl in Webster, TX as the TEXAS STATE USBC hosted the Senior Masters and Senior Queens Classic Tournament, co-sponsored by Ebonite, Luci Bonneau Striking Against Breast Cancer, *Bowling This Month Magazine* and The Tour-

namment Club of San Antonio.

In the Masters division, after qualifying in seventh place, Steve Martin, from Greater San Antonio USBC, rode a 6-1-1 match play record to claim the top prize, \$2,100. and a paid entry into the 2011 USBC Senior Masters Tournament (Columbus, OH July 31 thru August 6).

Other finalists included: Joe Lecroy, Gr. Ft. Worth, Paul McCordic, Gr. Houston, Mark Williams, SE TX USBC, Jeff Clark (qualifying leader), Gr. Pasadena, Pete Seibel, South Brazoria Co. USBC, Dennis Dedmon, Gr. Houston USBC and Jack Bevelhmer, Gr. Houston USBC.

Donna Conners, Gr. Houston USBC, stormed through the Queens field of finalists, averaging an impressive 247 on her way to an undefeated 6-0 match play record, \$1,300 top prize and an entry into the 2011 USBC Senior Queens Tournament being contested in Syracuse, NY.

Additional finalists included, Pam Lawrence, Gr. Austin Area USBC, Barbara Shaw, Dallas USBC WBA, Karen Roberts, Gr.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 19-July 2 USBC Open Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- Mar 1-6 Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship, AMF Thruway Lanes, Cheektowaga, NY
- Mar 5-6 SASBA SS Singles, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
- Mar 8-13 Dick Weber PBA Playoffs, Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, IN
- Mar 19-20 SASBA, AMF Sheridan Lanes, Tulsa, OK
- Mar 21-24 National Golden Ladies, The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Mar 26-27 SASBA, AMF Sheridan Lanes, Tulsa, OK
- April 2-3 SASBA Annual Trio Tournament, AMF Euleess, Euleess, TX
- April 7 - July 3 USBC Women's Championships, OnCenter Complex, Syracuse, NY
- April 16-17 SASBA South Central, Marquee Lanes, Monticello, AR
- April 17-21 PBA Senior Don Carter Opnc, Carter Family Bowl, Winter Garden, FL
- April 17-24 High Roller Senior Easter Classic, Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- April 22-27 USBC Queens & Senior Queens, OnCenter Complex, Syracuse, NY
- April 23-26 PBA Senior Sun Bowl In The Villages, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, FL
- May 1-4 PBA Senior Miller High Life Classic, George Pappas Lanes, Mooresville, NC
- May 7-8 SASBA, Mel's, Georgetown, TX
- May 14-15 SASBA Member/Member Doubles, Cowtown Bowling Palace, Fort Worth, TX
- May 20-23 PBA Senior Allentown Open, Playdrome Rose Bowl, Allentown, PA
- May 21-22 SASBA South Central M/G Doubles, Millennium Bowl, Maumelle, AR
- May 28-29 SASBA Member/Guest, Armadilla I, Pasadena, 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
- June 4-5 SASBA Over 67/Over 60/Over 50 Trio, Holiday Lanes, Oklahoma City, OK
- July 6-7 USBC Senior Championships, OnCenter Complex, Syracuse, NY
- July 7-23 USBC Youth Open, South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Nev
- 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 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 13-16 PBA Senior Decatur Open, Sparetime Lanes, Decatur, IL
- 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
- Oct 22-23 SASBA South Central, Paris Family Fun Center, Paris, TN
- Nov 19-20 SASBA South Central Annual Cham., Pinnacle Family Ent Ctr, Clarksville, TN



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Houston, Louetta Keel, Mainland USBC and Regina Loveall, Gr. Houston USBC.



Texas Senior Masters Champion Steve Martin

Tournament highlights included 300 games by Jack Bevelhmer, Donna Conners, Pete Seibel and a 299 by Jeff Clark. The tournament was contested on the USBC White #2 Oil pattern. Tournament Directors, Sylvia Broyles and Bob Martin reported total

prize funds as: Sr. Masters - \$10, 220, Sr. Queens Classic- \$5,855. Sponsorships and added prize fund, in part due to the sale of "Bluebonnet Bling" T-shirts available at various state tournaments throughout the year, resulted in proceeds of \$3,505 contributed to the prize funds for these tournaments (split equally).

Raffle winners: New TSUSBC Association Manager, Kay Smith, conducted the raffle drawings to distribute the prizes donated by Ebonite. Bowling ball winners: Gary James, Clyde Fravel III, Oliver Jones, Norma Manns, Shah Tai and Tonya Young. Bowling bag winners: Karen Roberts and John Rodriguez.

The TEXAS STATE USBC will return to AMF Alpha on February 26-27, 2011 to host the Bluebonnet Queens and Texas State Masters tournament(s), co-sponsored by Ebonite and Carol "Stormin'" Norman's U Can Bowl 2 Pro Shop. Entry forms are available at [www.texasbowling.com](http://www.texasbowling.com), also find, full tournament results for Sr, Masters and Sr. Queens Classic, including qualifying scores for all entrants, at [texasbowling.com](http://texasbowling.com).

## Definition of a Perfect Storm

*noun:* pər'fekt stôrm — in bowling, enjoying time spent with family, and friends bowling in the Storm National Mixed Championships at Reno's National Bowling Stadium.





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