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by Jim Goodwin

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## All Hail California

When it comes to raising money for active duty and veteran Service men and women, California is the gold standard.

The beautiful State on our left coast too often gets a bad rap from the media and others about their politics and economic woes; but in raising money for the Bowlers to Veterans Link, California stands head and shoulders above the rest of the country.

We recently received an email for BVL Executive Director Elizabeth Montanya reporting that national contributions are up for the third consecutive year; pretty amazing when you consider the decline in league bowling, the weak economy, and the pathetic jobs forecast.

Helping BVL surpass the \$761,660 raised last season were more than 700 USBC associations, hundreds of bowling centers, and corporate partners. The top five states raised about \$215,000, with \$117,000 of it coming from California alone. Virginia is number two with about \$46,000. My home State of Texas is #3.

So what does California do that does not happen in other States? First, they have never abandoned the practice of talking to league bowlers one-on-one. They also hold tournaments,

have bake sales, BBQ's and picnics, and they even put on a rodeo.

But the centerpiece of California's effort is the State BVL Tournament, with multiple divisions for men, women, boys and girls. The annual event was recently renamed "The Helen Duval Veterans Tournament." Duval passed away in 2010, but during her Hall of Fame bowling career, her passion and charity of choice was BVL; and she sang its praises as a national spokesperson everywhere she traveled for decades.

The current chairman of California BVL is Rosie Parker. She cites one of the keys to success is recognizing all who donate; even the small \$2 donations are listed. Every State Association gets a certificate with the BVL logo and the contribution total. The top three get special awards.

And the personal touch is not forgotten. They work closely with the VA Hospitals, homes and centers, making personal visits as often as possible. "Our debt to our veterans is profound," says Parker. "It is important for us to help and support those who give so much so that we may continue to enjoy our freedom and be safe here at home."

This strong commitment to BVL started in 1950 in California, when the bowlers

declared "We won't forget you," to the veterans who bravely fought in World War II and Korea; and they have kept that solemn promise, raising more than \$8.6 million since then, far more than any other state.

Historically, in good times and bad, bowlers are a generous lot. It all started during World War II when bowlers, mostly women, raised hundreds of thousands for the BVL and the "Wings of Mercy" programs to support the war effort.

At that time, The Women's International Bowling Congress led the charge, donating more than any other sports organization; an incredible \$341,543, enough to buy a bomber and three air evacuation planes in 1940 era dollars.

That national spirit carried over to California. The WIBC War Service Committee was chaired by Violet Jean McClatchey, from New Jersey, who became the driving force behind the incredible effort. Violet would have fit right in in California.

Several very capable women are primarily responsible for the success in California. Aside from Duval and Parker are Elaine Hagin, Agnes Duffey, Joan Feinblum, Mary Lynly, and Joan Romeo; a formidable team by anyone's measure, and all have been active not just in California, but on the

national stage as well. And there are others; too many to name them all.

Of course we realize that a few men were also involved, but in California and many other States, the women have been the driving force. Hagin was the chief architect of the success in California and nationally for BVL. She served as California Chairman for 12 years and as National BVL Chairman for 20 years from 1988-2008.

These women and others they have mentored have been tireless and selfless in their efforts for BVL and bowling in general. They are constantly starting project after project, and failure never seems to be an option.

And they did not stop at simply sending money to BVL. Other projects, like their program to send thousands of pre-paid phone cards to active duty troops, has been great. They also sent dozens of Carpet Bowling Sets to provide a little fun for those in war zones, among other projects.

When it comes to raising big money for soldiers, we would like to see all of the States follow the lead of California . . . To lead the charge, the theme song could be borrowed from a famous West Coast band - "We Wish They All Could Be California Girls."

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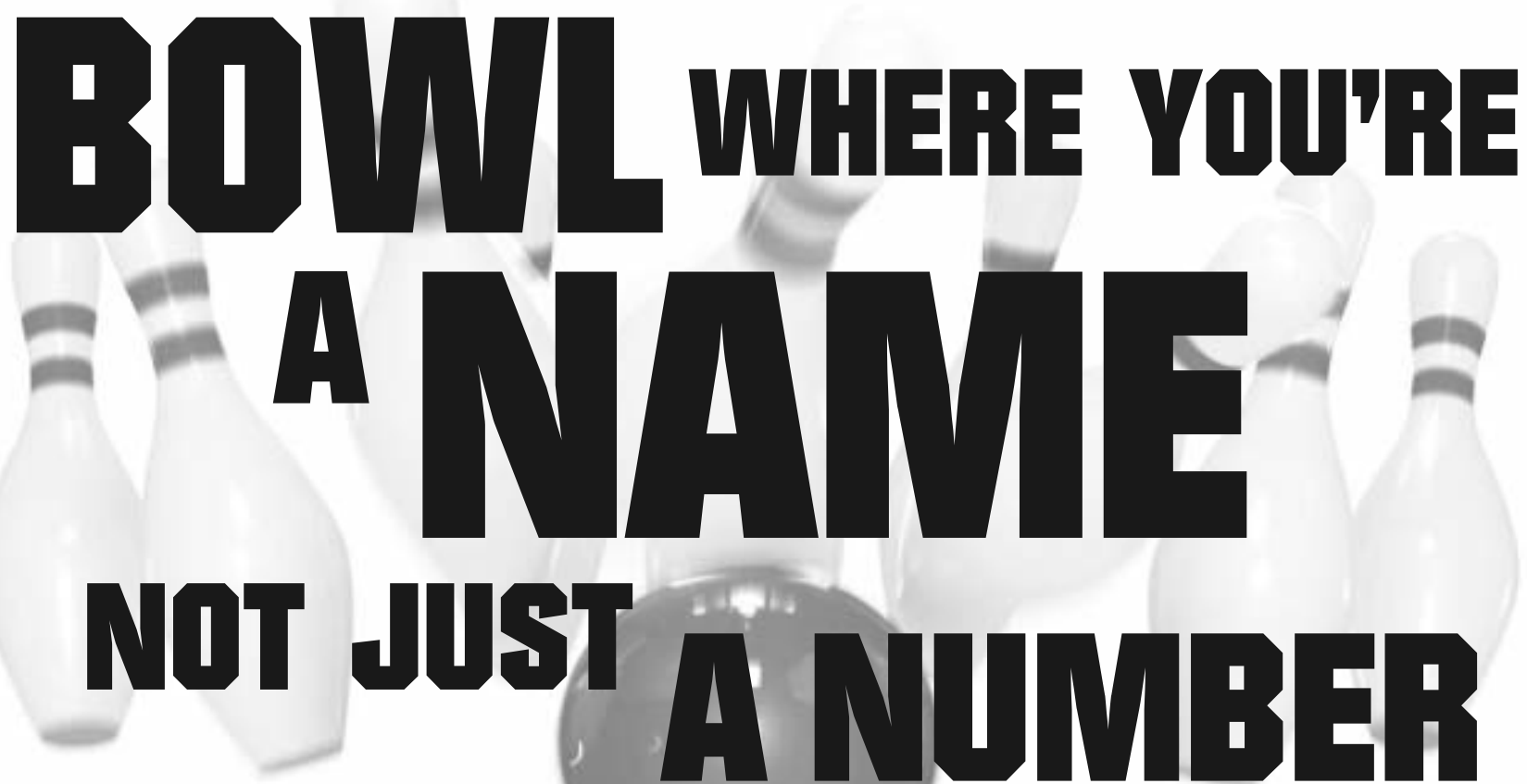
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# PEZZANO

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.

## Young bowlers should hit the books as hard as the pins

You can't be more amazed than when you spend some time with today's younger generations.

Whether it is them displaying their flying fingers on computers, their flying feet in gymnastics or their rolling the ball and making parents and grandparents take a good second look at their talent, mentally and physically.

All sports and all fields have their child prodigies. There have been teenagers in every major sport, and many in their early teens, particularly in swimming and tennis.

Many of them have been great or gone on to greatness, at great sacrifice, being forced to grow up too quickly, being forced to choose between fame and fortune early, or after a suitable stretch of education.

In the dream world it would be wonderful if every young athlete in every sport was forced to obtain a high school education at a minimum, and college or other advanced training as a recommended path

But the real world doesn't work out so neatly.

Some really young baseball, basketball, tennis and hockey phenoms can and do make millions of dollars before they can legally drink or vote. How and when do you tell them they are too young or too unprepared? At 17 they can be accepted into the armed services and put their lives on the line.

So how can you realistically ask any youngster talented way beyond their years to put a hold on opportunities and riches that may not be there later.

### Pins and puns . . .

- Bowling has been fortunately immune from many natural disasters, but recently the Eastern United States had to alter league and tournament activities because of earthquakes and a hurricane - all in the same week.

There's an oft told tale about a bowler in Japan who had a string of strikes and when the final ball was rolled an earthquake hit. All the pins went down, but the question remained whether the bowler or the quake caused the final pinfall. Every possible witness had left the building

- Slow bowling is still a problem in bowling and the pro and high average bowlers take the most time. In most cases they just wait for too many lanes to clear before they bowl. There have been six game blocks of bowling that took longer than it takes to fly across the country. But don't just blame the higher averagers. Many of the lower averagers are busy chatting or watching TV and must be reminded when it is their turn.

Remember, most of the greatest bowlers took little time once they set themselves for trips to the foul line.

- There once was a bowler who was annoyed because every time he was ready to roll his opponent would suddenly cough loudly.

"You cough one more time when I'm about to bowl and I'll punch you out." said the bothered one. There were no more coughs.

At the end of the match the would-be puncher presented his foe with a bill for \$50. "What's that for?" said the startled loser.

The winner smiled as he noted, "I cured your cough, didn't I."

- Bowling Halls of Fame, on all levels, are

In many cases it is boys against men, and girls against women. But boys grow up fast these days and women aren't nearly as mere as they used to be.

Bowlers are amazingly adept at early ages. You can visit any junior program and see obvious talent. But, at 15 many bowlers have been bowling for a decade, and bowling at pro class caliber for years. By the time they are ready for college, many are ready for a shot at the pro tours or the big money tournament.

Look at the Mark Roths, Johnny Petraglias and Pete Webers and a list of thousands and you could see super stars in the making at ages of 17 or younger.

Junior bowlers can't be reminded too often that a 200 game is fine, but an "A" in any subject is better. A tournament win is terrific, but the Honor Roll is more terrific. A 300 game or even a 900 series is great, but a diploma is the greatest.

In bowling there is no reason why both areas cannot be encouraged. A high school or college student can utilize his time so much can be spent on bowling and much can be spent on study. And students can map out a schedule that covers both sides, and gives them the best of both worlds.

Parents, bowling coaches and bowling officials have a duty to counsel young bowlers and not to put too much pressure on them in either way, except to use common sense.

Education should always come first, but bowling is an education too, if used wisely, whether you're a shooting star or a struggler. But always hit the books as hard as you hit the pins.

usually criticized of not electing enough persons to their Halls - or too many. What are the extremes in other sports? In women's pro golf in some cases you need 30 titles, while on the flip side the boxing Hall often honors 20 new inductees in a single year. That's what makes Hall of Fame committees so important, figuring out what is best for your particular Hall. The main attribute should be domination in any sport in the years in which you competed. A talent in one era likely would have been a talent in any era.

- A bad tournament bowler is a person who now carries copies of scoresheets where his money used to be.

- Somewhere along the line every great was an unknown. A win or steady stellar performances make an unknown a known. Future success and recognition depends on future wins. Seldom is there more than a few luck wins. It is too hard to practice luck.

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

- A 1914 edition of Spalding's "How To Bowl!" advised women bowlers, "A woman should dress properly. A short walking skirt, shirt waist and low heeled shoes make an excellent combination. Every garment should fit loosely, and allow freedom of action to the muscles."

That was good advice nearly 100 years ago - and still is.

- I repeat, how many bowlers who kick the rack would kick the rack if the rack could kick back? And I wonder what the bowler who kicks the ball return rack would do if the bowling center owner kicked the bowler's car?

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## PBA Star Tommy Jones Dedicates Korea Cup Victory to His Late Father

Busan, Korea: Fourth seed and PBA pro, Tommy Jones took a narrow 228-225 victory over top seed, Parker Bohn III in an all-American title match to win the 13th DSD Samho Korea Cup International Open title.

Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, SC. and 2005-06 PBA Player of the Year, set off with three strikes-in-a-row in the championship match against Parker Bohn III of Jackson, NJ. as Bohn struck in the first but could not get the stubborn pin 7 to fall in his next two frames.

The fourth seed had another turkey from frame 5 to open up a 30 pin lead over Bohn after the latter failed to make any headway and having to spare a difficult 6-7 split in the sixth frame.

A change of bowling ball did see Bohn firing four strikes-in-a-row but managed only 7 pins and a spare in his 11th frame forcing Jones having to mark his tenth frame. Jones delivered a good pocket shot and nearly had a 7-10 split but fortunately the 7 pin fell in the last minute.

Tommy Jones with the champion's cheque and trophy

Jones went on to spare and shot 9 pins to take the narrow victory and the title. The champion was too emotional after the victory but was congratulated by his opponent and the defiant, Bohn.

"My dad had just passed away this week and I dedicate this victory to him," said the 32-year-old winner of nine JPBA titles, Jones. After the prize presentation, the 2005-06 US Open champion was able to be approached for further comments.

"I was very fortunate to win and I had a lucky break in the sixth frame when a messenger came by to take out the 7 pin to give me another

much needed double. Bohn has been bowling great all week and to be able to make this much progress is fantastic."

Jones won the first match against fifth seed and 5 JPBA titles winner, Teruyuki Obara and

sixth seed and 2007 USBC Masters champion, Sean Rash, 258-203-224 to face third seed, Park Kyung Sin.

The American sailed past the Korean pro with another sizzling, 237-179 in the second match before dispatching a second KPBA pro and winner of 2 KPBA and 1

JPBA title, Kang Sung Yu, 258-224 in the third match.

"I had difficulty getting the carry to put away the 7 pin and I had to make a ball change," said the 46-year-old first runnerup, Parker Bohn III. "I could have forced Jones to strike out if I had struck in the 11th frame but this is bowling and I still take this second as a good run for me."

Jones took home the top prize of 30 million Korean won (approx. US\$27,000) and Bohn settled for 15 million won. Kang, who slipped to third took home 9 million, Park 7 million, Rash 5 million and Obara 3.5 million.

204 bowlers comprising of 100 KPBA pros, 24 women KPBA pros, 11 American PBA pros, 42 JPBA pros, and the remaining Korean provincial and international amateurs contested three blocks of 6 games qualifying rounds in three shifts over three days. Women participants received a 7 pin handicap.

The top 36 after 18 games advanced to the Round of 36 semi-finals for another 6 games before the field was cut for the top 12 Round-Robin matchplay finals. The top 6 at the end of the semi-finals proceeded to the TV finals.



Tommy Jones

## RED ROCK HOSTING OCTOBER MADNESS

Station Casinos announced it will be running its third Madness tournament at Red Rock Lanes inside Red Rock Hotel & Casino October 27th through 30th. This four day tournament, called October Madness, features 14 qualifying squads and guaranteed top prizes of \$7,777-1st and \$3,333-2nd. Entry fee is only \$149 and you get two room nights if you are one of the first 100 entrants to prepay by October 13th.

Station Casino's first two Madness Tournaments were huge as more than 600 entrants participated and over \$35,000 paid out. The May Madness Champion was Rick Romero of Henderson, NV and the August Madness Champion was Roy Villafor, Ft. Bragg, NC. Both bowlers won \$7,777.

The October Madness tournament is a 3-game handicap tournament (90% of 220) that advances 1 in 8 bowlers each day to the finals. All finalists are guaranteed to earn a minimum of \$150. Re-entries are allowed and cost only \$59. The finals use a beat half-the-field elimination format which gives everyone a chance at the \$7,777 top prize.

At the August Madness event Stations introduced a special "Cosmic Bowling" squad which featured 3-games of glow-in-the-dark cosmic qualifying with 1 in 8 advancing to the finals. The cosmic bowling squad was the largest squad of the tournament and it is

returning at the October Madness event. All bowlers in this special squad receive raffle tickets for great prizes. The top bowler in the cosmic squad receives 1 bye in the finals and is guaranteed \$200. One of the raffle prizes will put one lucky bowler directly into the Sunday finals. There is no additional cost to bowl the glow-in-the dark squad.

Station Casinos started the Madness Tournaments because it wanted to create events that promoted fun filled competition. Even though there is big prize money this event is all about bowling with your friends and family and having a good time. Storm Bowling, who is the sponsor of all Madness tournaments, raffles off a ball every squad! These Madness tournaments are for anyone with a league average of 140 to 220.

It is easy to sign up for October Madness at Red Rock. Call the tournament office at 1.877.900.6464 and you can register by phone. You can also enter on-line at [www.pinaclevents.com](http://www.pinaclevents.com) and click on the October Madness button. Brochures are available in bowling centers and can be downloaded on the website. Walk-in entries are welcomed but to get the two room nights with your entry you must be one of the first 100 prepaid entries and register by October 13th. We hope to see you in Las Vegas October 27-30. We guarantee you will have a great time!

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3. Kang Sung Yu, Korea, 224 (1 game), KRW 9.000.000
4. Park Kyung Sin, Korea, 179 (1 game), KRW 7.000.000
5. Sean Rash, United States, 224 (1 game), KRW 5.000.000
6. Teruyuki Obara, Japan, 203 (1 game), KRW 3.500.000

#### Playoff Results:

First Match: #4 Jones (258) def. #5 Obara (203) and #6 Rash (224)

Second Match: Jones def. #3 Park, 237-179

Third Match: Jones def. #2 Kang, 258-224

Championship: Jones def. #1 Bohn, 237-225.

## Kelly Kulick to Bare Almost all in Oct. 7 Issue of ESPN The Magazine

Kelly Kulick, the only woman ever to win a PBA Tour title and a three-time PBA Tour exempt player, will be among a select group of athletes who will bare almost all in a "Body We Want" section of the Oct. 7 issue of ESPN the Magazine.

Kulick, the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions winner, will appear along with gymnast Alicia Sacramone, snowboarder Gretchen Bleiler, soccer goalie Hope Solo, NBA star Blake Griffin, New York Mets shortstop Jose Reyes, St. Louis Rams running back Steven Jackson and several other athletes who posed nude - discreetly - for ESPN The Magazine's third annual "Body Issue."

All of the athletes will appear naked or barely-clothed (with private parts strategically covered), ESPN The Magazine editor-in-chief Chad Millman told USA Today. It will be the

magazine's third "exploration and celebration of the athletic form," he noted.

Other female athletes baring their physiques will be WNBA competitor Sylvia Fowles, LPGA rookie Belen Mozo, track and field star Natasha Hastings, hockey player Julie Chu, tennis player Vera Zvonareva, surfer Steph Gilmore and tattooed roller derby player Suzy Hotrod. The other male athletes will be speedskater Apolo Ohno, NHL player Ryan Kesler, UFC light heavyweight champion Jon Jones, IndyCar racer Helio Castroneves, boxer Sergio Martinez, marathoner Ryan Hall and paralympian Jeremy Campbell.

"In the short time we've been doing it, this is an issue that has become pretty anticipated," says Millman. "In terms of the athletes we've attracted, we feel like the group is really strong."

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# UNITED STATES WINS FIRST TEAM GOLD SINCE 1987 AT WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS PLUHOWSKY MAKES HISTORY WITH MASTERS WIN

HONG KONG - For the first time in nearly a quarter century, Team USA claimed the five-player team gold medal at the 2011 World Tenpin Bowling Association World Women's Championships.

Team USA's Kelly Kulick, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Shannon O'Keefe, Shannon Pluhowsky and Liz Johnson came out on top in the gold-medal match by defeating Singapore, 1,210-1,140, in the one-game match broadcast live on BOWL.com from Hong Kong Bowling City.

Johnson led the effort by starting with nine consecutive strikes and shooting a 279 game. She was followed by Pluhowsky (256), Kulick (244), O'Keefe (226) and Dorin-Ballard (205). Stefanie Nation did not compete in the championship match, but was a part of the semifinal win for the Americans, who last won the team event in 1987 and took the silver medal in 2005, 2007 and 2009.

The Singaporeans were led by Jazreel Tan's 269 game and she was joined by Shayna Ng (240), Cherie Tan (224), New Hui Fen (214) and

Daphne Tan (193).

"We have all worked so hard for

program over the past 24 years,"

Johnson said. "We have had success

for and we did it."

Team USA trailed early in the

got off to a hot start, but the Americans slowly chipped away at the lead. The match turned in the seventh frame when the United States began a string of 15 consecutive strikes as a team.

"All week we have struggled with our carry, so we just decided to be patient and thankfully the pin carry turned in our favor," Dorin-Ballard said. "We were able to start putting pressure on them and that changed the whole momentum of the match. It was huge."

In the semifinals, the fourth-seeded Americans took down top seed Germany, 1,080-970, while No. 2 seed Singapore defeated Colombia, 1,225-1,103. The semifinals losers shared the bronze medal.

The all-events competition also wrapped up Saturday as Denmark's Mai Ginge Jensen took the gold medal with a 24-game total of 5,744, an average of 239.33. Canada's Caroline Lagrange earned the silver with 5,687, while Pluhowsky took bronze with 5,607.



Shannon Pluhowsky, Stefanie Nation, Shannon O'Keefe, Liz Johnson, Kelly Kulick, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard

this and this win is for every person who has been a part of the Team USA

all week with us winning the doubles and trios but this is the one we came

championship match as Singapore

## Pluhowsky Makes History With Masters Win

Team USA's Shannon Pluhowsky of Kettering, Ohio, became the first woman in the history of the World Tenpin Bowling Association World Women's Championships to earn four gold medals in one tournament as she claimed the Masters match play title.

Powered by a 300 game and a 299 game, Pluhowsky defeated Singapore's Daphne Tan, 3-1, in the best-of-five championship match at Hong Kong Bowling City.

Pluhowsky, who also won gold medals in doubles, trios and team event, took the opening game of the match 300-226 on the Paris lane condition before losing 238-219 in Game 2 on the Seoul lane condition.

When she returned to the Paris pattern, she started with another string of strikes - this time getting 11 in a row before leaving a 10 pin on the final shot for a 299-234 victory. She then took the title with a 223-191 victory in Game 4.

"I didn't realize I was going to strike for days on the Paris pattern," Pluhowsky said. "I just broke that lane down the same way I had been and got really lucky that the carry was good on that lane. The coaches kept the mood light and that really helped, too."

The victory capped off a stellar week by Team USA as it brought home four gold medals and three bronze medals. The victories in the

doubles, trios and team events were the first since the 1987 World Championships in Helsinki, Finland.

"It has been a really long week and a lot of games, but I'm excited about what we've been able to accomplish," Pluhowsky said. "It's been a long time since the United States has been dominating at this event, and we wanted to get that feeling back."

Two other U.S. players took part in the Masters competition, which featured the top 16 players in the all-events standings. Kelly Kulick lost in the quarterfinals to Tan, 3-1, while Liz Johnson dropped out in the first round with a 3-2 loss to Indonesia's Tannya Roumimper.

## Team USA Wins Doubles Gold for First Time in 24 Years

Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., and Shannon Pluhowsky of Kettering, Ohio, gave the United States its first doubles gold medal in 24 years at the World Women's Championships.

Johnson and Pluhowsky defeated Singapore's New Hui Fen and Jazreel Tan, 453-392, at Hong Kong Bowling City to claim the world title. The last time the United States won the doubles gold was in 1987 in Helsinki, Finland, when Cora Fiebig and Kathy Wodka brought home the title.

In the gold-medal match, Johnson

carried the U.S. duo with a 247 game, while Pluhowsky totaled 206. Tan led Singapore with 215, while New shot 177.

"Toward the end of the match my game was a bit shaky but Liz stayed strong," Pluhowsky said. "We helped each other out and didn't focus on who we were bowling. It's just always more fun when you are bowling and winning with your friends than by yourself."

In the semifinals, Johnson and Pluhowsky took down their teammates Carolyn Dorin-Ballard of

Keller, Texas, and Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., 455-419, while Singapore defeated Denmark's Kamilla Kjeldsen and Mai Ginge Jensen, 454-391. The semifinals losers shared the bronze medal.

"It's always humbling and it makes you so proud to hear your national anthem play in a tournament like this," Johnson said. "Today it wasn't about Shannon and Liz winning the gold medal; it was about Team USA winning the gold medal. Whether its singles, doubles or any event, it's always about winning for the team."

## Malasia Takes Singles Gold

Malaysia's Jacqueline Sijore took the singles gold medal.

The 19-year-old Sijore defeated Korea's Son Yun-Hee, 266-217, in the one-game gold-medal match at Hong Kong Bowling City. Shannon O'Keefe of Arlington, Texas, was the high U.S. finisher, ending in a tie for seventh place.

"I'm speechless, happy and honored to win for my country," Sijore said. "This means a lot for me, my country and my team. It signifies

we have a good chance to win more medals in the coming days."

Sijore finished the six-game qualification process in fourth place, earning the final spot in the semifinals and had to take on top seed Shayna Ng of Singapore, who set a World Championships qualifying record with 1,601, an average of 266.83.

In the semifinals, Sijore took down Ng, 246-214, while Son knocked off Denmark's Mai Ginge Jensen, 279-

268. The semifinal losers shared the bronze medal.

O'Keefe was the high U.S. finisher with a six-game total of 1,441, which was good enough for a tie for seventh place. Shannon Pluhowsky of Kettering, Ohio, and Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., finished tied for 25th place with 1,376, while Liz Johnson was 27th with 1,372. Carolyn Dorin-Ballard of Keller, Texas, was 34th with 1,354, while Nation finished in a tie for 48th place with 1,327.

## Team USA Takes Trios Gold

Team USA claimed its second consecutive gold medal of the 2011 World Tenpin Bowling Association World Women's Championships on Thursday, claiming the trios gold for the first time since 1987.

The U.S. team of Shannon O'Keefe, Shannon Pluhowsky and Stefanie Nation defeated Japan's Haruka Matsuda, Kanako Ishimine and Natsuki Sasaki, 631-605, at Hong Kong Bowling City in the title match. The win, which was broadcast live on BOWL.com, came two days after Team USA's Pluhowsky and Liz Johnson won the doubles event.

O'Keefe led the trio in the championship match with a 226 game, while Nation had 224 and Pluhowsky shot 181. Japan was led by Ishimine's 213, while Sasaki had 204 and Matsuda shot 188.

"After we won, all I could think was 'did that just happen,'" O'Keefe said. "As soon as the national anthem started playing, it was nothing by tears. It feels unbelievable to share this with my teammates."

In the semifinals, Team USA advanced to the gold-medal match with a 750-663 victory over Korea. Japan knocked out the other U.S. threesome of Johnson, Kelly Kulick and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, 668-661.

The semifinals losers shared the bronze medal.

In reaching the semifinals as the No. 4 seed, O'Keefe, Pluhowsky and Nation fired a World Championships qualifying record 802 game in the fifth of six games. O'Keefe fired the tournament's third 300 game in helping Team USA to the record.

Action shifts to the five-player team event, which begins with the first three games of qualifying Friday morning. The final three games will be Saturday and followed by the semifinals and finals. All action will be broadcast live on BOWL.com.

"We have had a great week so far, but there's a lot of work to be done," Pluhowsky said. "We are really building some momentum and looking forward to starting the team event tomorrow."

In all-events, Denmark's Mai Ginge Jensen stayed on track to win the gold medal by leading with 18 of 24 games completed. She has totaled 4,432, an average of 246.22. Canada's Caroline Lagrange is second with 4,276.

Kulick sits in third with 4,216, while Pluhowsky is fourth with 4,206. Johnson is eighth at 4,167, Dorin-Ballard is 11th with 4,139 and O'Keefe is 16th at 4,089.

### 2011 WTBA WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS Hong Kong Bowling City, Hong Kong

**MASTERS SEMIFINALS** - (Losers share bronze medal)  
(4) Daphne Tan, Singapore def. Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark, 3-1; Shannon Pluhowsky, United States def. Nadine Geissler, Germany, 3-2  
**MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP** - (Winner earns gold, loser takes silver)  
Pluhowsky def. Tan, 3-1  
**TEAM SEMIFINALS** - (Losers share bronze medal)  
(4) United States def. (1) Germany, 1,080-970; (2) Singapore def. (3) Colombia, 1,225-1,103  
**TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP** - (Winner earns gold, loser takes silver)  
United States def. Singapore, 1,210-1,140  
**TRIOS SEMIFINALS** - (Losers share bronze medal)  
(4) Stefanie Nation/Shannon Pluhowsky/Shannon O'Keefe, United States def. (1) Hwang Sun-Ok/Jeon Eun-Hee/Son Yun-Hee, Korea, 750-663; (2) Natsuki Sasaki/Haruka Matsuda/Kanako Ishimine, Japan def. (3) Carolyn Dorin-Ballard/Liz Johnson/Kelly Kulick, United States, 668-661  
**TRIOS CHAMPIONSHIP** - (Winner earns gold, loser takes silver)  
Nation/Pluhowsky/O'Keefe def. Sasaki/Matsuda/Ishimine, 631-605  
**DOUBLES SEMIFINALS** - (Losers share bronze medal)  
(4) Shannon Pluhowsky/Liz Johnson, United States def. (1) Carolyn Dorin-Ballard/Kelly Kulick, United States, 455-419; (3) New Hui Fen/Jazreel Tan, Singapore def. Kamilla Kjeldsen/Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark, 454-391  
**DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP** - (Winner earns gold, loser takes silver)  
Pluhowsky/Johnson def. New/Tan, 453-392  
**SINGLES SEMIFINALS** - (Losers share bronze medal)  
(4) Jacqueline Sijore, Malaysia, def. Shayna Ng, Singapore, 246-214; (2) Son Yun-Hee, Korea, def. Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark, 279-268  
**SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP** - (Winner earns gold, loser takes silver)  
Sijore def. Son, 266-217

# Hugh Miller Wins PBA Senior Dayton Classic for Second Career Senior Tour Title

DAYTON, Ohio – Hugh Miller of Seattle, Wash., defeated Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Tom Baker, 234-227, in the title match to win the PBA Senior Dayton Classic back in June. “I’ve finished second several times since I last won on the Senior Tour,” said Miller,



Capri Lanes proprietor Mike Irvin congratulates Champion Hugh Miller

Dayton Classic at Capri Lanes.

Leading throughout the match, Miller gave Baker a chance to get back in it when he threw a 7-10 split in the ninth frame but Baker wasn't able to capitalize on the opportunity. Miller notched his second career Senior Tour title in the final event of the season with a spare in the 10th frame.

“I had a good look the whole match but I just didn't throw a good shot in that frame,” said Miller, who also owns seven career PBA Tour titles. “That's just something you really don't like to do, especially in the title match.

“I used one ball all day which enabled me to play straight down the lane which has been my game for 30 years.”

Miller's previous best finish this season

whose first Senior Tour title came in 2008. “It feels good to be back in the winner's circle.”

In the semifinal round, Baker defeated recently crowned 2011 Senior Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Eagle River, Alaska, 238-181, thwarting Mohr's effort to become the first to win five Senior Tour titles in a season.

Mohr clinched his second Senior Player of the Year honor by winning a record-tying fourth tournament of the season in the Senior Jackson (Mich.) Open last week. In addition to his four titles, Mohr also registered two seconds, two thirds, a fourth and a 13th-place finish during the season.

In the other semifinal, Miller defeated Paul Gerard of Cincinnati, 268-202 to advance to the title match.

## PBA SENIOR DAYTON CLASSIC Capri Lanes, Dayton, Ohio - August 30, 2011

### Championship Match

Hugh Miller, Seattle (\$8,000) def. Tom Baker, King, N.C. (\$4,500), 234-227

### Semifinal Round (losers earn \$3,000)

Baker def. Ron Mohr, Eagle River, Alaska, 238-181; Miller def. Paul Gerard, Cincinnati, 268-202

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

Mohr def. Dale Eagle, Tavares, Fla., 2-0; Baker def. Ricky Beck, Box Elder, S.D., 2-0; Gerard def. Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 2-0; Miller def. Keith Sharp, Orlando, Fla., 2-1

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

Baker def. Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3-0; Beck def. Mike Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 3-1; Mohr def. Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3-1; Eagle def. Ron Proffitt, Brookville, Ohio, 3-0; Williams def. Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 3-1; Gerard def. Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3-0; Miller def. Bill Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 3-0; Sharp def. Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 3-1

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

Kjell def. Guppy Troup, Taylorsville, S.C., 3-1; Henry def. Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 3-1; Dias def. Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 3-1; Eagle def. Vince Mazzanti Jr., Levittown, Pa., 3-2; Williams def. Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Township, Mich., 3-2; Gerard def. Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 3-1; Peters def. Don Sylvia, Reno, Nev., 3-1; Sharp def. Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 3-1

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

Troup def. Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3-1; Henry def. Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3-0; Dias def. Bill Idzior, Crown Point, Ind., 3-0; Sullins def. Ernie Segura, Taylor, Mich., 3-2; Eagle def. Peter Knopp, Germany, 3-0; Tapp def. David Goldenberg, Lake Grove, N.Y., 3-0; Peters def. Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 3-2; Sharp def. Darryl Traber, Waterford, Wis., 3-0

### Other Cashers (\$900 each)

Michael Truitt, Orland Park, Ill., 3,621; Russ Freeman, Antioch, Ill., 3,620; Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 3,619; Roy Buckley, New Albany, Ohio, 3,617; Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,613; Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3,608; Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 3,604; Dave Sill, Rockledge, Fla., 3,596; (tie) Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., and Bobby Johnson, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,578, \$450.

### Super Seniors (\$700 each)

46, s-Dennis Psaropoulos, Lake Worth, Fla., 3,571; Barry Gurney, West Hills, Calif., 3,559; Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 3,549; Henry Gonzalez, Colorado Springs, Colo., 3,536; Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 3,529; -Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,505; -Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 3,485

## ESPN's 2011-12 PBA Tour Coverage Begins on December 4

For the 32nd consecutive year, ESPN will provide millions of American bowling fans with nationally-televised coverage of the Professional Bowlers Association during the 2011-12 season.

The PBA Tour's new television season, which includes 18 Sunday telecasts, will begin with a “doubleheader” on Sunday, Dec. 4 with the men's and women's World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA airing in back-to-back one-hour segments. The PBA-ESPN season will conclude with the live finals of the PBA Tournament of Champions from Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas on Sunday, April 15.

Supplementing the ESPN telecasts, pba.com's exclusive Xtra Frame video streaming service will provide more than 250 hours of live, online coverage of PBA Tour preliminary rounds as well as start-to-finish coverage of four new Xtra Frame Tour events during the season.

### 2011-12 ESPN-PBA TOUR SCHEDULE (all times Eastern)

Dec. 4, 1 p.m. – World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA (men), Las Vegas.  
Dec. 4, 2 p.m. – World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA (women), Las Vegas.  
Dec. 11, 1 p.m. – WSOB PBA World Championship, Carter Division, Las Vegas.  
Dec. 18, 1 p.m. – WSOB PBA World Championship, Hardwick Division, Las Vegas.  
Jan. 1, 1 p.m. – WSOB PBA World Championship, Petraglia Division, Las Vegas.  
Jan. 8, 1 p.m. – WSOB PBA World Championship, Aulby Division, Las Vegas.  
Jan. 15, 1 p.m. – WSOB PBA World Championship finals, Las Vegas.  
Jan. 22, 3 p.m. – WSOB Bayer Viper Open, Las Vegas.  
Jan. 29, 12:30 p.m. – USBC Masters, Las Vegas.  
Feb. 5, 4 p.m. – Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational, New Orleans.  
Feb. 12, 3 p.m. – WSOB Chameleon Open, Las Vegas.  
Feb. 19, 3 p.m. – WSOB Scorpion Open, Las Vegas.  
Feb. 26, 3 p.m. – 69th U.S. Open, North Brunswick, N.J.  
March 4, 3 p.m. – WSOB Shark Open, Las Vegas.  
March 25, 2:30 p.m. – WSOB Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, Las Vegas.  
April 1, 1 p.m. – WSOB Carmen Salvino Classic, Las Vegas.  
April 8, 1 p.m. – WSOB PBA Exempt Players Championship, Las Vegas.  
April 15, 1 p.m. – PBA Tournament of Champions, Las Vegas.

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## International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame Raised More Than \$61,000 During Bowl Expo

ARLINGTON, Texas – The week-long events held during International Bowl Expo in Grapevine and Arlington, Texas, raised more than \$61,000 for the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame.

Daily silent auctions at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine started the week while two benefits that were part of the June 29 Night at the Campus in Arlington helped cap things off in grand style.

"The amount we raised was great considering we did not have our big Salute to Bowling event this year," said IBM/HF President and Chairman of the Board Keith Hamilton. "We want to give special thanks to Kegel for the Pink Lane Machine."

The Kegel Pink Lane Machine, autographed by the U.S. Women's Open finalists, was this year's grand item. It sold for \$29,500 to Wes Becker with the proceeds shared with The Bowling Foundation. The top item in the silent auction was the autographed LeRoy Neiman

"Million Dollar Strike" serigraph that sold for \$3,000 to Jerry Ray.

There were many other sponsors that significantly contributed to the success of the fundraising effort.

"We could not have had the success we had without Brunswick, Ebonite, Storm and QubicaAMF sponsorships of our Wednesday Night at the Campus events," said Salute Committee Chair and Hall of Famer Mike Aulby, who spent much of the week utilizing his auctioneering abilities.

All money for people rolling shots on the IBM/HF's 1930s-era lanes went to the Museum as did proceeds from a pro-am at the adjacent International Training and Research Center. Entrants in the latter event bowled and mingled with Hall of Famers and current stars.

Plans are underway for a new fundraising event next year in Reno, Nev. Details will be announced in the coming months.

## FIQ Congress Votes To Approve Major Reorganization

HONG KONG -The Federation Internationale des Quilleurs Congress approved a major reorganization Tuesday, paving the way for the World Tenpin Bowling Association and World Ninepin Bowling Association to have complete control over every aspect of their respective sports.

The reorganization streamlines the governance of international bowling by FIQ, which is recognized by the International Olympic Committee as the sport's world governing body.

Under the reorganization, the FIQ Executive Board shrinks from 11 members to seven, five of whom will be elected by the WTBA and two by the WNBA. The president of FIQ must also now be either the president of WTBA or WNBA, and as a result, WTBA President Kevin Dornberger was elected Tuesday as the new president of FIQ for a four-year term.

"Today is a remarkable and almost unprecedented day for the sport of bowling," said Dornberger, who was re-elected to a second four-year term as president of WTBA on Monday. "This reorganization allows tenpin bowling to decide its matters, while ninepin bowling can make its own decisions instead of outsiders having influence."

The reorganization proposal, which passed nearly unanimously, was a joint effort by the WTBA and WNBA. The president of WNBA, Ludwig Kocsis of Austria, said the decision will help both organizations.

"I am pleased by the decision today because it allows our organizations to be more integrated, which will help us get more international recognition," said Kocsis, who also is now vice president of FIQ. "There are advantages for both parties by working together to make things better."

## EL PASO TO HOST USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2015

The 2015 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships is headed to El Paso, Texas, marking the first time in a decade the tournament will travel to a brand new host city.

The 2015 event will be the 112th edition of the USBC Open Championships, which has been held in 48 cities in 26 states since its inception in 1901. The last time the tournament ventured to a new city was 2005, when it was held in Baton Rouge, La., also its first visit to Louisiana.

Surveys show that many Open Championships bowlers like to see new cities, and the 2005 event featured a sellout field of 13,222 five-player teams.

"The city of El Paso really rolled out the red carpet for the bowlers and staff during the Women's Championships in 2010, and we're excited about being able to return with the Open Championships in 2015," said USBC Executive Director Stu Upson. "The event has been to many different places over the years, and it will be great to add another amazing city to the list."

After a successful 2010 USBC Women's Championships at the El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center, the city of El Paso made a strong proposal to hold the 2015 Open Championships in the same venue. The offer was accepted with the full support of the USBC

Board of Directors.

"The venue in El Paso played a huge role in the history of the Women's Championships as the event's first convention-center build," said Brian Lewis, USBC's Managing Director of Tournaments. "Along with the Intercollegiate Team Championships, Queens and other events, our previous stay in El Paso couldn't have been any smoother, and we know our return to El Paso will be another success."

Known as "The Sun City" because of more than 300 days of sunshine each year, El Paso treated the bowlers and their families to a fantastic experience during the 2010 Women's Championships, and officials are confident that Open Championships bowlers will have the same great stay in west Texas.

"Hosting the 2010 Women's Championships was a very special and rewarding opportunity for El Paso, and we look forward to showing the Open Championships competitors what The Sun City has to offer," said Bill Blaziek, general manager of the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau. "We learned a lot last year, and we hope to make USBC's next visit even more memorable."

**USBC Open Championships Future Sites:**  
2012 - Baton Rouge, La.  
2013 - Reno, Nev.  
2014 - Reno, Nev.  
2015 - El Paso, Texas  
2016 - Reno, Nev.

## In Memoriam

GEORGE FRANKLIN RAY, JR.



You just recently published George's story in the Stars and Strikes and I thought I would let you know that he did pass on a few days ago (September 14, 2011). I know he enjoyed reading and showing his friends the article on him in your paper. Thanks so much for making his life more fulfilled this last year.

I was lucky enough to get to know George a lot this year since I was able to do several articles on him and was with him while Channel 5 was taping his story. I really am going to miss George, as I know so many other bowlers and friends will. George called me about three weeks ago just to see how I was doing. George you will be missed.

Randy Gulley

George was born in rural Coryell County, Texas near Gatesville on March 16, 1915 to George Franklin Ray and Margaret Cathryn LeCroy. He was one of 11 children born to this union and all have preceded him in death. George was 96 at the time of his death on September 14, 2011 at Central Wyoming Hospice in Casper, WY, the home of his niece, Louise (Jim) Kaup. George grew up in the Gatesville, TX area and lived there until he enlisted in the U.S. Army on January 21, 1941. He was assigned to the 131st Field Artillery Battalion. This unit was sent to Java right after the bombing of Pearl Harbor as a decoy to delay a feared Japanese attack on Australia. Overrun when the decoy was successful, the unit became Japanese POW's in March of 1942. He survived brutal treatment, starvation, and illness for over 3½ years as the POW's were forced to build and repair railroads in the jungles of Burma and near the Kwai River. After his discharge from the U.S. Army in April of 1946, he returned to Texas where he met his future wife Maxine Hunter. George traveled to Colorado to visit his brother, Elma D. and liked the area so much that he sent for and married Maxine on June 20, 1946. They were married for 58 years until Maxine's death in November of 2004. They had two children, Myra and Jim, who preceded them in death. George worked in the accounting department at Ft. Carson until his retirement. He was an avid mall walker and bowler up until his death. In April, he was honored as the oldest active bowler in Colorado Springs as he bowled a whopping 187 at that time and held a league average of 118. George loved playing games, especially bridge and poker. He was a member of the Manitou Masonic Lodge, Al Kaly Shrine Club, The American Legion and The Rocky Mountain Chapter American EX-Prisoners of War. Yearly, George attended his Lost Battalion EX-POW reunion in Dallas, TX. He was 1 of 5 of these great veterans still living when he attended in August. George was known for his sense of humor and his honorable service to our Nation during WWII. He will be greatly missed by his nieces and their families and his many friends whose lives he touched.

## REMO PICCHIETTI



Remo Picchetti, a United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer, died September 26. He was 81.

Picchetti, of Bannockburn, Ill., gained notoriety as one of the sport's leading authorities on lane maintenance and procedures. He was elected to the USBC Hall of Fame for meritorious service in 1993.

Formerly the chairman of the board and president of DBA Products Co., Inc., Picchetti traveled the world conducting seminars on the intricacies of lane maintenance. He also shared his bowling knowledge as an author and endorsed the efforts of other experts and coaches trying to educate people about the game.

During his many decades in the sport, Picchetti served as president of the National Bowling Council, Billiard & Bowling Institute of America, National Association of Independent Resurfacers, Tech-Ed Publishing Company and the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame.

Picchetti never intended to play such a prominent part in the sport of bowling, however. As a law school graduate, he planned for a future in law and politics. Although he grew up around bowling, he actually had very little knowledge about the bowling business.

When his father died suddenly in 1959, Picchetti ventured down a new career path at the helm of the family business and never looked back. The company, started as Deerfield Bowling Academy in the early 1940s, researched, developed and sold lane conditioners, cleaners, lane machines, coatings and other products related to lane maintenance.

Because of his expertise in bowling and the law, Picchetti often served as an expert witness in bowling-related cases, as a guest lecturer at a variety of bowling courses and institutes or as a consultant for tournaments and bowling centers around the globe.

Even with traveling thousands and thousands of miles each year, Picchetti still found time to remain involved in politics. He served as a city judge, city councilman and then mayor of Bannockburn from 1975 until 1991. He also served a stint in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

## Let's Go Bowling





by Mark Miller For BNN

## 50 Years of Women's Pro Bowling Exhibit Completes International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame

As they walked through the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame during its grand opening in Arlington, Texas, in early 2010, Jim Goodwin, John Sommer, and a few others immediately



noticed that something important was missing.

It didn't take long to figure it out. As modern and interactive as the new facility was, as much past and present information as it contained, there was nothing there to honor the long legacy of professional women bowlers.



A few weeks later, after many emails and conversations, IBM/HF vice-chairman Keith Hamilton asked Goodwin, who worked with Sommer on the two major women's pro tours for more almost two decades, if he would chair a committee to change that. They spotted a meeting room in the middle of the 18,000-square-foot complex that could become new exhibit space, and the seeds for the IBM/HF's newest exhibit were planted.

On June 29, 2011 as part of The Night at the Campus event during International Bowl Expo, 50 Years of Women's Pro Bowling was unveiled to the world. Over 2,000 people, including a good number of the women being honored, went through the exhibit.

All seemed very impressed with what they saw. And all were overjoyed an exhibit of such magnitude finally was a part of the new museum.

"There were several setbacks along the way, one of them being an initial denial of our building

permit late in the game; but we resolved that problem and many more that always occur in a project this size," Goodwin said. "We got the job done on budget and on schedule."

As much as Goodwin knew about the history of professional women's bowling, he knew he couldn't do such an exhibit alone. So he asked his passion to join him on the committee.

"We had an incredible committee working together," Goodwin said.

"John Sommer, Fran Deken, Joan Romeo and myself all brought individual strengths, passion, and common respect for history to the project, and we could not be any prouder of the result."

"IBM/HF Chairman Pat Ciniello and Vice Chairman Keith Hamilton gave us everything we needed to get the job done; and every aspect that we envisioned in the planning stages became a reality."

Goodwin, who lives nearby in Rockwall, Texas, and Deken, the former women's pro tour director and historian who resides about three hours away in Coweta, Okla., spent numerous hours pouring over documents, photos, films and videos at the International Bowling Campus. Sommer, a IBM/HF trustee and PWBA's owner until it folded in 2003 lent his tour memories and business sense; and Romeo, a longtime marketing expert and mother of two pros herself, served admirably as the fund raising manager on the project.

Working with Dallas-based Museum Arts, the company that designed most of the other exhibits, the committee put together an impressive visual and audio display that should make anyone who visits quite proud.

One such group was Station Casinos in Las Vegas which agreed to become the presenting sponsor the exhibit once they saw its size and scope.

"We are also proud of the many new contributors to the museum we attracted because of this exhibit," Goodwin said. "Dozens of new donors were generated, and they will likely continue to give on an annual basis for the foreseeable future."

"Besides all of the individual donations, we have to thank David Garber and Station Casinos Lanes



for stepping up to be the presenting sponsor; and their involvement is a 10-year commitment that will also bring a new tournament to the industry that will be announced soon."

Visitors reaching the exhibit are greeted with a large photo mural of Bowlers of the Decades Marion Ladewig, Betty Morris, Lisa Wagner, Wendy Macpherson and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard.

Once inside, they learn that the first meeting to discuss forming a women's pro league similar to the fledgling Professional Bowlers Association for men took place in December 1959, organized by the Chicago Women's 700 Bowling Club. The meeting was chaired by club President Mary Bundrick, whose idea it was to start a women's pro group, called the

Professional Woman Bowlers Association. The 23 charter members chose Georgia Veatch as the first executive secretary.

Next are the first of six panels highlighting the best players of each decade. Trailblazers Floretta McCutcheon, Marion Ladewig, Sylvia Wene Martin, LaVerne Carter, Shirley Garms, Helen Duval and Louise Fulton are honored in words and photos on the initial panel. Ladewig is specially noted for winning the first event in 1960.

The next two panels cover The Early Years: 1960s and '70's. They include Joy Abel, Bev Ortner, Millie Ignizio, Dotty Fothergill, Jean Havlish and Gloria Bouvia Simon. The

1970s panel features Betty Morris, Judy Soutar, Pat Costello, Virginia Norton, Pam Buckner, Patty Costello, Donna Adamek, Lorrie Nichols and Vesma Grinfelds.

The Modern Era, 1980s through 2000s is shown in three colorful panels. Lisa Wagner, Nikki Gianulias, Aleta Sill, Robin Romeo, Cindy Coburn-Carroll and Jeanne Naccarato are the featured players from the '80s.

The 1990s continues with Wendy Macpherson, Tish Johnson, Leanne Barrette, Dede Davidson, Kim Adler, Kim Terrell-Kearney, Anne Marie Duggan, Marianne DiRupo, Carol Gianotti, Dana Miller-Mackie and Cheryl Daniels.

The last of the decade panels are the stars of the 2000s. Included here are current stars like Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Liz Johnson, Cara Honeychurch, Kelly Kulick and Michelle Feldman.



All that reading might make a visitor ready for a video; and the exhibit obliges with a comprehensive 15-minute looping piece that captures women's pro bowling from its beginnings to today, shown on a giant 6 x 8 foot screen. The film is produced by J.T. Townsend, a former director of women's pro telecasts. The script was written by Fran Deken with input from the committee; and Matt Lawson of USBC worked with Townsend on the voiceover.

The next two spotlighted panels display the winners of the major events in women's pro bowling from 1960-2010. They include the six women who won the Triple Crown (Queens, All-Star/U.S. Open and Tournament of Champions/Sam's Town National Invitational) –

Fothergill, Adamek, Sill (twice), Wagner, Macpherson and Dede Davidson.

Next is a glass-enclosed display case of artifacts that includes an Ortner shirt, Norton book,



Strike Force playing cards, Professional Women's Bowling Association and Ladies Professional Bowlers Tour autographed pins, and a PWBA cookbook.

Another glass display in the middle of the room contains the 1964 PWBA Championship trophy won by Betty Kuczynski, a colorful Sylvia Wene ball, bag and green shoes; and the award for Helen Duval's first 300 game. Comfortable benches provide visitors a place to sit while watching the video or soaking up the history.

Visitors are then greeted by a large Timeline panel with year-by-year milestones of the 50 Years of Women's Pro Bowling. Following that is a panel recognizing the 23 charter members plus Veatch and PBA founder Eddie Elias as the group's legal advisor.

Under the Founders panel is an interactive touch screen monitor where fans can find all sorts of information including tournament histories, performance records, "tourbits", and other fun facts about the greatest women bowlers in the world.

Next is a large photo montage called *Life Off the Lanes* with another HDTV Slide Show of the display photos and memories of players. That leads to the final display that features a 2000 U.S. Open record scoresheet, a 1993 Davidson glove and the ball Feldman used in the first televised women's 300 game in 1997.

With the women's pro exhibit now in place, the IBM/HF truly is complete and truly ready for anyone interested in the entire history of America's oldest sport.

### A New Discovery

Whenever anyone takes on the task of uncovering 50 years of history, a few new facts are bound to emerge; and one very significant new fact was discovered by the committee building the new 50 Years of Women's Pro Bowling Exhibit inside the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in Arlington, Texas.

For many years, bowling aficionados and fans have been told that Georgia Veatch was the "Founder of PWBA," and in fact she was included as such in the charter PWBA Hall of Fame Class in 1995; but when evidence was uncovered to say otherwise, committee members Fran Deken and Jim Goodwin set out to find the truth.

And the truth they found was that indeed Veatch was involved in the beginning of women's pro bowling; but it was Chicago's Mary Bundrick whose idea it was to form the new group, and she was the one who asked Veatch to call the meeting together in Chicago's Congress Hotel on December 2, 1959.

Bundrick was president of the Chicago 700 Club, and she recruited Veatch, the publicity manager for the Women's International Bowling Congress, to invite the 23 women who were coming to Chicago for the Chicago Matchgame Tournament.

These facts were verified by three very reliable sources, two of whom attended that first meeting. Hall of Famer Mae Bolt told Deken "Yes, it was definitely Bundrick's idea. Bolt also shared that at the end of the historic meeting 'We all followed Mary's wishes and elected Veatch as the first Executive Secretary.'"

Chicago's Shirley Garms also confirmed Bolt's memory, and it was Garms who had the unpleasant task of joining new PWBA president Jeanette Robinson in dismissing Veatch from the job in 1965. The players had a difference of opinion with Veatch over how many events should be staged each season, so they replaced her with new PWBA Commissioner Bucky Woy.

"When Shirley and I went to her home, she was not happy," said Robinson. "But she knew why we were there. That was a tough day for all of us."

So, the next time elections are held in the Women's Pro Hall of Fame, there might be a new nominee – Mary Bundrick.



## South Dakota's Ricky Beck Elected PBA Senior Rookie of the Year

*Ray Randall of Dearborn, Mich., earns Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award*

With the help of three top-10 finishes, Ricky Beck of Box Elder, S.D., was elected as the 2011 Professional Bowlers Association Senior Rookie of the Year.

Beck, who is retired from the Air Force, finished sixth in the Senior Dayton Classic, eighth in the Senior Northern California Classic and 10th in the PBA Senior Decatur Open.

"It was always a dream of mine to compete on the PBA Tour but because of my Air Force commitments it wasn't possible," said the 50-year-old Beck. "Since I retired, competing on the Senior Tour was a golden opportunity.

"Winning Rookie of the Year is a huge boost in confidence. Generally I'm pretty comfortable with my game and will continue to work hard for better seasons in the future."

Beck, who owns one Senior Regional title, was also the 2010-11 PBA Midwest Region Senior Rookie of the Year. He has won several armed forces titles while in the Air Force and was a member of the All-Air Force bowling



Ricky Beck

team. He was also a TEAM USA alternate in 1992.

Other players receiving votes for Senior Rookie of the Year were Randy Petersen, Carrington, N.D.; Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa.;

Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich.; Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y.; Mike Tryniski, Fulton, N.Y.; Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich.; Don Hicks, W. Babylon, N.Y.; David Goldenberg, Lake Grove, N.Y.; Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, and Tom Ream, Tampa, Fla.

Ray Randall of Dearborn, Mich. won the Senior Tour's Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award. The 68-year-old former Air Force veteran and retired design engineer for Ford Motor Co. has been competing regularly on the Senior Tour since 1996.

"This is a great honor and especially meaningful for me because Dick was a friend of mine," Randall said. "I'm not bowling as well as I used to but I still enjoy bowling against the best. I enjoy competing even when I'm not bowling well."

## 2011 Storm National Mixed Championships Tournament Runs September 29 - November 6

A new season of bowling is beginning and the 2011 edition of the Storm National Mixed Championships tournament is also about to kick off. What better way to start off your league season with your first National Tournament of the year by coming to Reno and entering in "Bowling's Most Complete Tournament"

The 2011 tournament being conducted Thursdays through Sundays, September 29 through November 6 at Reno's National Bowling Stadium has added a 6-Game Scratch Singles event and a Youth Singles event. Entry forms for 9th Annual Storm National Mixed Championships featuring the Festival of Bowling are now available and two new events have been added to the championships known as "Bowling's Most Complete Tournament".

The 6-Game Scratch Singles event was added to give the higher average bowler a separate event from the other events which feature a handicap prize fund. Bowlers will be able to bowl 6 games across 6 lanes when lanes are available and compete for only a scratch division prize fund. Entry fee will be \$60 with \$45 going towards the prize fund. With a payout ratio of 1 place for each 6 entries, \$1,200 will be paid out for first place with 100 entries bowling in the event.

"We are trying to add some scratch events for the higher average bowler and giving them an opportunity to bowl in an event they do not have to enter a handicap event", stated Bob Thomas, Tournament Manager. "We have added this event to see if we can increase the higher average bowler's participation in the Mixed Championships", he added.

In addition to the 6-Game Scratch Singles, a Youth Singles event has been added to allow the youth bowlers to enter more than just the Adult/Youth Doubles event. Youth bowlers ages 20 and under will be able to compete for additional scholarship money in both handicap and scratch division prize funds. Entry fee for the Handicap Division will be \$20 of which \$12.50 will go towards the prize fund.

For an additional \$15 the youth will be able use the score bowled in the handicap division for an additional scratch division prize fund. The entire \$15 will go toward prize money in the scratch division event.

Bowlers will be able to reenter the 6-Game Scratch Singles and Youth Singles events an additional 2 times but may place for prize money only once.

The Storm National Mixed Championships, in its 9th year at the National Bowling Stadium, is comprised of two tournaments in one, the National Mixed Tournament and the Festival of Bowling Tournament. The National Mixed Tournament is comprised of the traditional Mixed Team (2 men- 2 women), Mixed Doubles (1 man / 1 woman), Mixed Singles and All-Events (separate prize fund for men and women in the Mixed Singles and All- Events).

The Festival of Bowling events include Open Doubles (any combination), Open Singles, Senior Doubles (50 and over - any combination), Senior Doubles (50 and over - separate prize fund men and women), 6-Game Scratch Singles, Adult / Youth Doubles (1 USBC Adult / 1 USBC Youth) and Youth Singles with scholarship prizes for the youth bowler.

In the past eight years, the Storm National Mixed Championships featuring the Festival of Bowling has awarded over \$1 million in prize money, with \$35,000 in scholarship money going to youth bowlers.

Presenting sponsors of the Storm National Mixed Championships featuring the Festival of Bowling include Circus Circus Hotel and Casino and the Silver Legacy Resort Casino. Special room rates are available through the sponsoring Hotels.

Complete rules for the National Mixed Championships featuring the Festival of Bowling, as well as an entry forms and Hotel information can be found at [www.nationalmixed.com](http://www.nationalmixed.com).

For further information, contact the National Bowling Stadium at (800) 304-2695 extension 0, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 29-Nov 6	Storm National Mixed Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
Oct 15-16	SASBA Mem/Guest Doubles, All Star Lanes Shreveport, LA
Oct 22-23	SASBA Annual Championship, AMF Euleless Euleless, TX
	SASBA South Central, Paris Family Fun Center, Paris, TN
	SASBA, Metro Bowl Baton Rouge, LA
Oct 29-30	Third Annual PBA World Series of Bowling (World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA, Viper Open, Scorpion Open, Chameleon Open, Shark Open, Carmen Salvino Classic, Exempt Players Championship, Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Exempt Players Doubles Championship and PBA World Championship), South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas
Nov. 4-20	SASBA, Delmar Lanes Houston, TX
	SASBA Foursome, Plano Super Bowl Plano, TX
	SASBA South Central Annual Cham., Pinnacle Family Ent Ctr, Clarksville, TN
	SASBA Age Bracket, Cityview Ft Worth, TX
	SASBA Annual Team, Cowtown Palace Ft Worth, TX
Nov 5-6	
Nov 12-13	USBC Team USA Trials, Texas Station, Las Vegas, NV
Nov 19-20	SASBA Member/Guest, Crossroads Bowling Center, Beaumont, TX
Dec 3-4	SASBA, USA Bowl, Dallas, TX
Dec 17-18	PBA Xtra Frame Cheetah Open, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, CA
2012	USBC Masters, Sunset Station's Strike Zone Bowling Center, Henderson, NV
Jan. 2-6	SASBA, 300 Bowl, Conroe, TX
Jan. 7-8	Mini Eliminator, Sunset Station, Las Vegas, NV
Jan. 14-15	SASBA, Sunny Lanes, Oklahoma City, OK
Jan. 20-22	High Roller, The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
Jan. 23-29	True Amateur Tournament, Gold Coast, Las Vegas, NV
Jan. 28-29	PBA Regional Players Doubles Championship, The Orleans Bowl, Las Vegas
Jan 28-Feb 5	USBC Open Championships, Baton Rouge River Center, Baton Rouge, LA
Feb 4-5	PBA Xtra Frame Don Johnson Memorial Open, Sequoia Lanes, Columbus, OH
Feb 5-10	SASBA SS Singles, University Lanes, Denton, TX
Feb 5-11	U.S. Open, Brunswick Zone Carolier, North Brunswick, NJ
Feb 11-12	PBA Xtra Frame Detroit Open, Allen Park, MI
Feb. 11-July 9	National Golden Ladies Classic, The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
Feb. 17-19	Xtra Frame Dick Weber PBA Playoffs, Woodland Bowl, IN
Feb 18-19	Senior Easter Classic, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
Feb. 20-26	PBA Tournament of Champions, Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, NV
Mar 9-11	USBC Women's Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
Mar 19-22	USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships, Sun Valley Lanes, Lincoln, NE
Mar 30-Apr 1	USBC Queens, AMF Euleless Lanes, Euleless, Texas; finals at International Training and Research Center, Arlington, TX
April 2-6	USBC Convention, Arlington Sheraton Hotel, Arlington, TX
Apr 8-15	"Law Enforcement & Firefighters on the Lanes" Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
Apr 14-July 8	USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships, AMF Euleless Lanes, Euleless, TX
Apr 18-21	International Bowl Expo, Natoinal Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
Apr 20-25	Bowling U.S. Women's Open (in conjunction with Bowl Expo), National Bowling Stadium, Reno
Apr 25-28	USBC Senior Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno
May 14-17	USBC Senior Queens, National Bowling Stadium, Reno
	USBC Youth Open Championships, Expo Bowl, Indianapolis
	North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, Western Bowl, Indianapolis

## WTBA Congress Re-Elects Kevin Dornberger President

HONG KONG - Kevin Dornberger of the United States was re-elected president of the World Tenpin Bowling Association Monday for a second four-year term by the WTBA Congress.

The election was one of several major announcements and decisions made by representatives of 90 bowling federations from around the world at the Kowloon Bay International Trade and Exhibition Center.

"I sincerely appreciate the faith the delegates have shown in me by re-electing me to another term," said Dornberger, who defeated Catalonia's Joan Ricart. "We have made a lot of progress in the past four years, and I look forward to continuing that progress in the next four years."

In addition to the presidential election, it was announced Monday that Brunswick would offer \$50,000 in matching funds to the WTBA for worldwide youth development. The funds will be jointly administered by WTBA and Brunswick.

"We are pleased to do this to show our support of competitive bowling around the world," President of Brunswick Bowling Products Brent Perrier said. "These funds will be used to help build the next generation of youth bowlers."

The WTBA Congress also made several important legislative decisions, including the creation of a new event - the WTBA World Singles Championships. The event will be held every four years beginning in 2012 when it is hosted in Cyprus.

The new event gives WTBA a world championship event every year, filling a void created under the previous calendar. The joint men's and women's World Championships will take place in 2013, the Men's World Championships will take place in 2014 and World Women's Championships in 2015. Each of those events are also held every four years.

"It's important for WTBA to conduct a world championship event on an annual basis and this new event accomplishes that goal," Dornberger said. "The World Singles Championships also gives us an additional event to garner sponsor support and potential international media involvement."

Other major decisions made by the WTBA Congress:

- The match-play Masters at future World Championships was changed from its current best-of-five format to a round-robin format with the top four players advancing to the medal round.

- Practice times for future World Championships were altered slightly. Instead of 15 minutes of practice before the trios event there will now be 10 minutes, and the five-player team event will change from 25 minutes to 15 minutes. Practice times for the other disciplines remains at 10 minutes.

- Finland's Pekka Korpi was elected first vice president of WTBA, defeating Michael Seymour of Australia in the final round of voting by one vote. Seymour was then elected second vice president.

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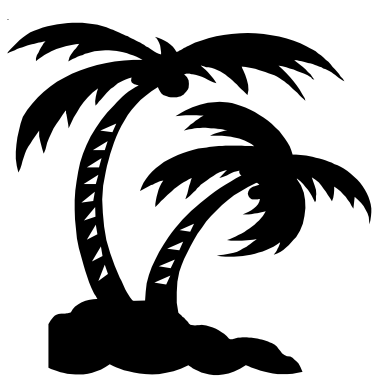
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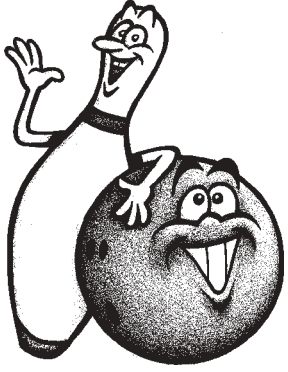


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# THE FUNNY PAGE

One morning, a grandmother was surprised to find that her 7 yr old grandson had made her coffee. Smiling, she choked down the worst cup of her life. When she was finished she found three little green Army men at the bottom. Puzzled, she asked "Honey, what are these Army men doing in my coffee?" Her Grandson answered, "Like it says on T.V., Grandma: "The best part of waking up is SOLDIERS in your cup!"

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## AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE

A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and said that her body hurt wherever she touched it.

'Impossible!' says the doctor. 'Show me.'

The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left shoulder and screamed, then she pushed her elbow and screamed even more. She pushed her knee and screamed; likewise she pushed her ankle and screamed.

Everywhere she touched made her scream.

The doctor said, 'You're not really a redhead, are you?'

'Well, no' she said, 'I'm actually a blonde.'

'I thought so,' the doctor said, 'Your finger is broken.'

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**Law of Mechanical Repair** - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch & you'll have to pee.

**Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

**Law of Probability** - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

**Law of Random Numbers** - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal & someone always answers.

**Law of the Alibi** - If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

**Variation Law** - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

**Law of the Bath** - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

**Law of Close Encounters** - The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

**Law of the Result** - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

**Law of Biomechanics** - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

**Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena** - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet & who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies & stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

**The Coffee Law** - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

**Law of Physical Surfaces** - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness & cost of the carpet or rug.

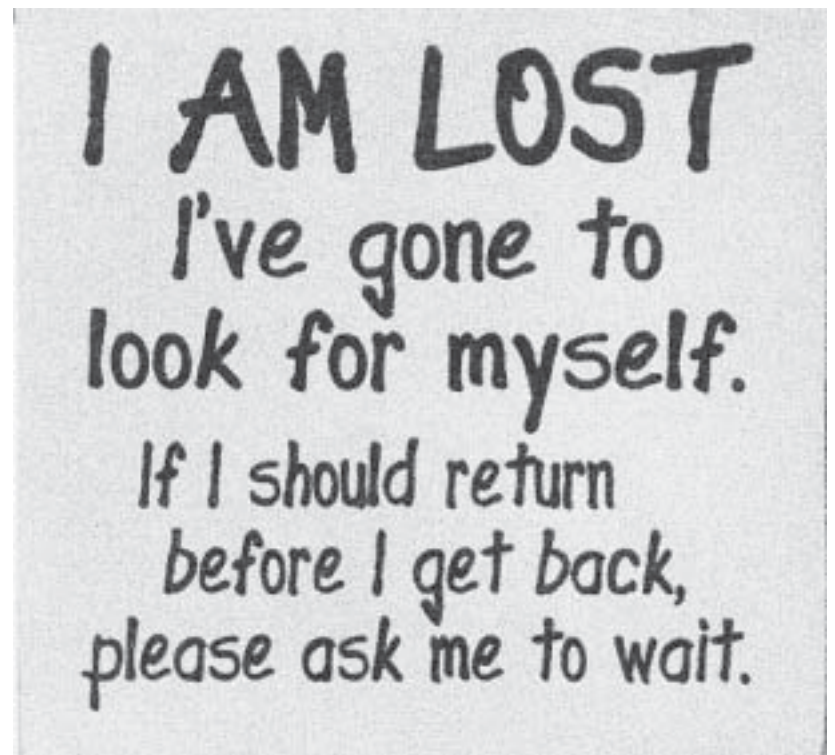
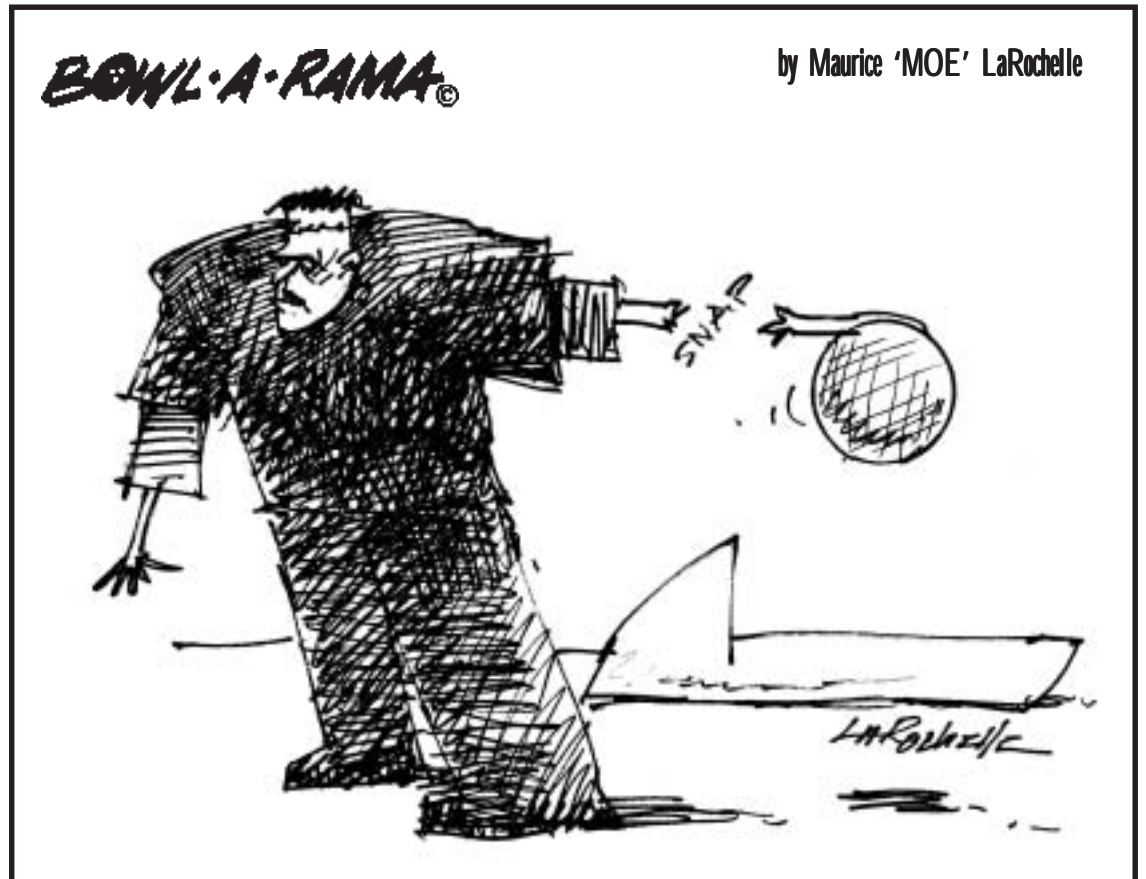
**Law of Logical Argument** - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

**Brown's Law of Physical Appearance** - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

**Oliver's Law of Public Speaking** - A closed mouth gathers no feet.

**Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy** - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

**Doctors' Law** - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. But if you don't make an appointment, you'll stay sick.



A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah.'

The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?'

The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him.'

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I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"

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A strong young man at a construction site was bragging that he could outdo anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of the older workmen.

After several minutes, the older worker had had enough. "Why don't you put your money where your mouth is," he said. "I will bet a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that outbuilding that you won't be able to wheel back."

You're on, old man," the braggart replied. "Let's see what you got."

The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then, nodding to the young man, he said, "All right, Get in."

## Walt's World by Walt Steinsiek



## Diverse Group of 49 Exempt Players Set for 2011-12 PBA Tour Season

*New Exempt Players Championship to provide "major" drama during World Series of Bowling*

Four first-time Professional Bowlers Association title winners, players representing six foreign countries, a returning PBA Hall of Famer and the oldest player ever to earn an exemption are among the 49 "exempt" players who will headline the 2011-12 PBA Tour when it gets underway during the PBA World Series of Bowling Nov. 4-20 at South Point Lanes in Las Vegas.

A focal point of the season for the elite group will be an exclusive new PBA Exempt Players Championship with a \$35,000 first prize and a \$191,000 prize fund during the World Series which also will give its winner an elite "Round of 32" berth in the season-ending PBA Tournament of Champions.

The four players who earned exemptions by winning their first PBA Tour titles during the 2010-11 season are Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa; Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Scott Norton of Costa Mesa, Calif., and Osku Palermaa of Finland. Hess, as winner of the United States Bowling Congress Masters, earned a two-year exemption through the 2012-13 season.

The strongest international presence ever will include representatives from six countries plus the United States: Australia (Jason Belmonte), Finland (Palermaa and reigning PBA Player of the Year Mika Koivuniemi), Canada (Dan MacLelland), Sweden (Martin Larsen), Colombia (Andres Gomez), and Venezuela (Amleto Monacelli).

PBA Hall of Famer Monacelli, a 19-time PBA Tour champion and two-time PBA Player of the Year, will return to full-time exempt player status for the first time in five years based upon his competition points performance as a non-exempt player last season.

And Kerry Painter of Henderson, Nev., at age 58, became the oldest player ever to earn a PBA Tour exemption when he finished eighth in the 2010 PBA Regional Players Invitational in Reno, Nev.

The 2011-12 exempt player roster also includes four additional PBA Hall of Famers (47-time titlist Walter Ray Williams Jr., 35-time winner Pete Weber, 34-time champion Norm Duke and 32-time titlist Parker Bohn III), the only woman ever to win a PBA Tour title (2010 PBA Tournament of Champions winner Kelly Kulick) and, for the first time ever, three two-handed players (Palermaa, Belmonte and former Junior Team USA member Brian Valenta).

There will be nine first-time exempt players next season: Hess; Larsen and MacLelland from the 2010-11 PBA Tour competition points list; Steven Black, Johnathan Bower, Paul Gibson, Tyler Jensen and Painter from the 2010 RPI, and Valenta (2010-11 Tour Qualifying Round points leader), but the race for PBA Rookie of the Year honors will be limited to non-exempt players because all eight of the first-timers have exceeded Rookie of the Year eligibility rules (appeared in more than three Tour events in one season and/or seven total Tour events).

And the PBA Player of the Year chase will have plenty of contenders among the exempt players. Past winners of that honor are Williams (seven times), Duke (twice), Koivuniemi (twice), Bohn (twice), Monacelli (twice), Chris Barnes, Tommy Jones, Patrick Allen and Wes Malott.

The oldest player in the group is Painter (who turns 59 on Dec. 23) and the youngest is Bower, who will celebrate his 23rd birthday on Dec. 14.

While the exempt players are automatically qualified for all PBA Tour events this season,

the three World Series events that will showcase the exclusive group are the Carmen Salvino Classic, the Exempt Players Championship and the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship.

The Salvino Classic will be open to the exempt players and a minimum of 15 non-exempt players who will qualify through a Tour Qualifying Round. Qualifying rounds in the Salvino Classic will be combined with EPC qualifying games to determine the top 32. Another six-game round will reduce the EPC field to 16 finalists and those standings also will determine the players who will be paired up for the PBA Doubles Championship. PBA.com's Xtra Frame online video streaming service will air more than 25 hours of live coverage of the Exempt Players preliminary rounds.

Combining the three events, exempt players will bowl for more than \$375,000 in prize money including the \$35,000 first prize in the Exempt Players Championship, \$15,000 to the Salvino Classic winner and a \$15,000 top prize for the PBA Doubles champions. Overall, the WSOB will pay an estimated \$1 million in prize money.

**The 2011-12 PBA Tour exempt players, and how they qualified, are:**

**Major Title Winners (8):** Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2011 PBA World Championship; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2011 U.S. Open; Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa; 2011 USBC Masters; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions; Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions; Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 2010 U.S. Open; Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2009 PBA World Championship; Walter Ray Jr. Williams, Ocala, Fla., 2010 USBC Masters.

**2010-11 PBA Tour Title Winners (5):** Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Earl Anthony Memorial; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla.; Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., Brunswick Pro Bowling Cheetah Championship; Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 2010 Chameleon Championship; Osku Palermaa, Finland, GEICO Shark Championship.

**2010-11 PBA Tour Competition Points List (28):** Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.; Patrick Allen, Baltimore; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y.; Jason Belmonte, Australia; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J.; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y.; Mike DeVaney, Murietta, Calif.; Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y.; Andres Gomez, Colombia; Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz.; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill.; Tommy Jones, Columbia, S.C.; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y.; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio; Martin Larsen, Sweden; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio; Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich.; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas; Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.; Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan.; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore.; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo.; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore.

**2010 PBA Regional Players Invitational (6):** Steven Black, Huntington Beach, Calif.; Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa.; Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif.; Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio; Tyler Jensen, Fort Worth, Texas; Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev.

**PBA Golden Parachute Exemption:** Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla.

**2010-11 PBA Tour Qualifying Round Points Leader:** Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill.

## BOWLING TOUGH TIPS

### Installment #9 - Mental Practice

As you learn how to control what your mind believes, your ability to perform at maximum potential increases dramatically! What we are talking about is the concept of visualization (mental practice or mental rehearsal). Another name for it is mental imagery, or just imagery. If you imagine yourself practicing a skill, it is called mental practice.

To practice your delivery, just close your eyes and imagine that you are setting up on the approach, executing your delivery perfectly, rolling the ball down the lane, and striking. If you are having trouble striking, imagine striking. If you are having trouble with a particular spare, set it up in your mind and "see" yourself executing well and picking it up.

You don't have to be at the bowling center to improve your game. If you set aside at least 15 minutes for visualization, or success imaging, and practice faithfully, each day, for eight days, you will see significant benefits in real situations.

When you know how to use mental practice, you can create clutch or otherwise disturbing bowling situations in your mind and visualize yourself bowling successfully during these situations — in other words, Bowling Tough. Such elements may be noise, other people bowling next to you, high-stress tournament competition, etc. You can put success imaging into real situations by combining mental practice with physical practice. By bowling at least 60 practice balls each day for eight consecutive days, you help to "lock in" the association between visualization of your form and execution of each strike and spare shot. You will soon find that the visualization process takes an extremely small amount of time. In fact, regular bowling partners may not even be aware of your new technique.

The success imaging process is useful right in the bowling center during competition. Again, no one will know what you are doing. It's easy when you know how. As you sit waiting for your turn, simply close your eyes for a few seconds and mentally visualize an absolutely correct and successful delivery, with perfect execution of your shot.

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## New PBA Regional Players Doubles Championship Set for The Orleans in February

**LAS VEGAS, Nev.** — The Professional Bowlers Association has announced its 2012 PBA Regional Players Doubles Championship will move to Las Vegas where it will be hosted by The Orleans Casino, Hotel and Bowling Center Feb. 11-12.

The RPC-Doubles, which replaces the PBA Regional Players Invitational which was held for several years in Reno, will immediately follow the February High Roller, a "megabucks" tournament that has revised its eligibility rules to allow many PBA Regional-level players an opportunity to bowl both events. The High Roller also will be held at The Orleans.

Because the RPC-Doubles also is the second PBA "major championship" for PBA Regional players, the winning partners both will earn spots in the "Elite Field" at the season-ending PBA Tournament of Champions. Scott Newell of Deland, Fla., earned his berth in the

TOC "Elite Field" in late May when he won the Regional Players Championship-East at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich.

The RPC-Doubles will be open to all non-exempt PBA members. Entry fee is \$295 per player/\$590 per team. Bowlers will compete for a \$10,000 first prize (based on 100 teams) and for enhanced competition points toward qualifying for the Xtra Frame Dick Weber PBA Playoffs presented by Hammer which will be held May 30-April 1 at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis. The top 16 points leaders in each of the PBA's seven regions as of Feb. 26 will qualify for the PBA Playoffs.

All RPC-Doubles teams will bowl eight qualifying games on Saturday, Feb. 11, with the top 25 percent of the field (maximum 32 teams) advancing to Sunday's 12-game, Baker format round-robin match play finals. The Baker format requires each player to alternate, bowling five frames per game.

## New Vegas Event to Debut May, 2011



We are putting the finishing touches on a new event that will make its debut in May of 2012. "Law Enforcement On The Lanes" will be hosted by Sam's Town in Las Vegas May 14 - 17. The event will feature 4-player teams along with singles & doubles competition.

Each team must contain at least 2 players with a law enforcement background, active or retired, from accepted agencies that serve our communities worldwide. The other 2 players can be guests. The event is handicap, 90% of 220. Entry fee is \$160 per player which includes team, singles & doubles entries.

More info will be available soon but if you would like to receive a brochure on the event,

reply to this email and let us know and we will be happy to add you to our growing database.

As law enforcement personnel from all over the world are expected to attend, camaraderie & competition for all skill levels will be featured, and, oh yes, did we mention \$30,000 in prizes? There will also be special prizes for mixed teams, scratch teams, senior teams and very special prizes for those teams made up of 4 players with a law enforcement background.

A full list of accepted agencies and eligibility will be available soon and in the brochure.

Visit us at [www.high-roller.com](http://www.high-roller.com) and [www.militarybowlingchampionships.com](http://www.militarybowlingchampionships.com) to see results of past events. Call 1-800-257-6179 for more info.

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