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## Start the New Year Right - Phone a Friend

We lost a dear friend a few days before Christmas. Actually, we lost him four years ago.

CJ and I always think of Stan Clark around Christmas time. In the early years of our marriage, we often got together to share a meal or take in a movie. Stan was a devout bachelor, but never had a problem getting a date. He loved the ladies; and they loved him.

Our friendship continued throughout the years. Stan was there for the birth of all three of our children, and like us, he fell in love with them, especially our first born, Christa. He showered her with praise, and gifts on birthdays and special occasions, and she thought of him as 'Uncle Stan.' When she graduated from High School, he used his enormous talent to custom design her invitations and announcements.

Without a doubt, Stan Macklin Clark was one of the most interesting people we have ever known. He was originally from Nashville, but came to Dallas to attend SMU, graduating in 1965. He decided to make his home in Dallas, becoming an extremely good graphic artist and residential and commercial architect, respected for his incredible ability to focus on minute details and out of the ordinary designs.

We were business partners for a few months in the early 80's in a Design / Construction company. We built a fancy office in the Turtle Creek area of Dallas, but when one of our partners pulled out, we pulled the plug. But we remained close friends.

When we decided to get into the bowling business, Stan supported us with professionally designed logos, re-modeling plans; and designs that would have cost us a small fortune if not for our friendship. Word of his talent got around, and he became the chief architect for several bowling center projects; Red Bird Lanes, and the famous Forum Bowl to name only a couple.

For a while he became the go-to guy for anyone in bowling needing a great logo. He designed the mast-head and several covers for Stars & Strikes, along with many bowling center and corporate logos. And he did not do them on a computer; all were hand drawn, starting with dozens of sketches until he and the client were absolutely satisfied.

He also enjoyed the Sport of Bowling, especially the women's pro tour. He spent many hours

together at the old Expressway Lanes in Dallas when the old PWBA and the new LPBT visited there in the late 70's and early



Stan and PWBA Champ Leila Wagner share a friendly smooch

80's. Connie Cotton worked with Dick Leatherwood at Expressway, which was just down the street from SMU. They later hosted the tour at Bowl Dallas, formerly

shirts for the team that had a woman's figure embroidered on the back with tassels hanging from the appropriate places, if you know what I mean. A decade later, he gave me that shirt to donate to the new Bowling Hall of Fame in St. Louis. Curator Bruce Pluckhahn said it was one of the most interesting shirts among the collection.

In the 70's, Stan and I were pretty decent bowlers. We both had 300 games when they really meant something. But our main interest was in the business of bowling; he from the perspective of an architect and designer, and me from the view of a promoter/proprietor.

When Wyatt Slaughter and I worked with John Falzone and Bill Vint to start the LPBT Regional Program in 1984, Stan was a part of that too. He became to first ever Player Services Director in our Southwest Region, traveling

couple of early LPBT Yearbook covers and promotional posters. When Loa Boxberger started the Ladies Touring Players Association in 1987, he designed all of their graphics materials. He even traveled with us to a few events in Vegas and Laughlin.

Aside from all of his other talents, Stan was an incredible cartoonist. His caricatures were amazing, and he had a knack for dark and sometimes a little cynical humor . . . another reason people remembered him at Christmas was because of his 'Naughty Christmas Card' collection. He was cynical about the commercialism of Christmas, and found unique ways to express it with off the wall custom designed cards; delivered to his friends in colorful envelopes that also demonstrated his talent.

About 10 years ago, Stan left Dallas to return home to Nash-



One of Clark's 'Naughty' Christmas Cards

called Hart Bowl.

Connie and Stan were also good friends. I remember they bowled together on a team sponsored by a Gentlemen's Club . . . I think it was called Geno's. Stan designed

with CJ and I to several events in 84-85 to weigh all of the bowling balls and help the players with whatever they needed.

He helped the national tours as well, beautifully designing a

ville, where he could spend more time with his dad and brother. We kept in touch the first few years he was gone, but in the past few years, we didn't hear

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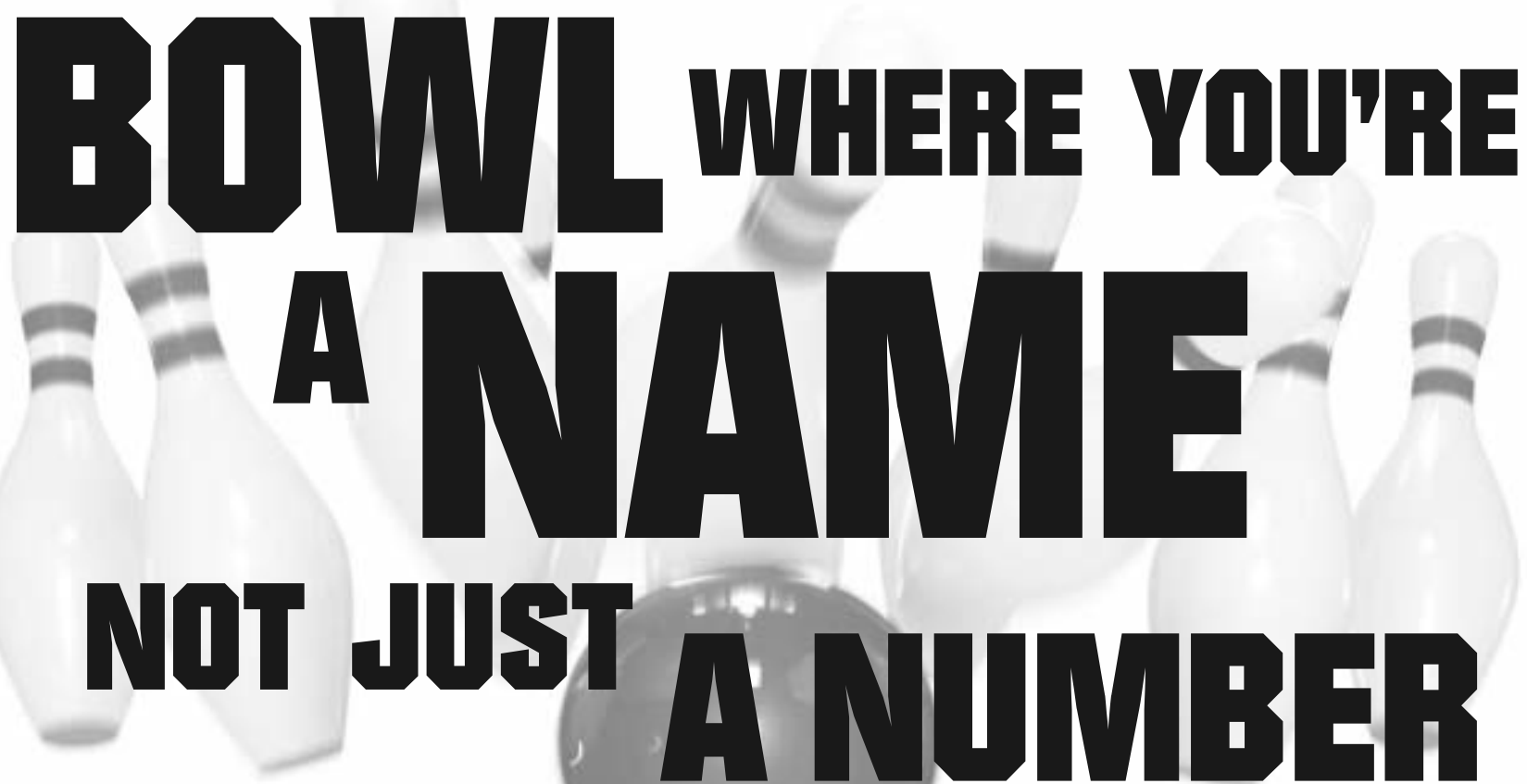
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# PEZZANO

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.

## Thinking About The Hall of Fame

It should come as no surprise that museums and Hall of Fame are having a difficult time, maintaining and upgrading exhibits and displays and just meeting operating costs.

There are more than 3,000 nationwide, ranging from little more than a room or two to caste-like mansions, combinations of buildings, permanent and complicated connections to the main subject with enough related materials to keep going for decade upon decade of astute maneuvering of history in storage.

History is great, but you can't eat it, and priorities are usually to the preservation of religious and other deep felt feelings to do all possible to cure or at least alleviate the ills and damage of medical mysteries.

And with all the ups and downs, too many downs lately, of an economy akin to a bouncing ball going wild, there are few black or white answers to so many gray questions.

Over the years, bowling, meaning bowlers, organizations of every description, manufacturers, sponsors and the media has been great when it has come time to honor persons with their own little piece of forever with a special bit of notice in a bowling hall or museum.

No effort should be shunted aside when it comes to keep bowling's shrine not only surviving - but thriving. Thousands of people have given their time and treasure over a half century to keep the history of the sport a proud and ever growing message that bowling is truly a people's sport.

### Idle bowling thoughts . . .

- A team's lineup positions can be very important. All-time great Parker Bohn III feels that your leadoff individual should be a deadly spare shooter, one that can mark when it counts most and one that can spark the spirit of a team. The anchor, or final bowler in the lineup, should be your best all-around bowler, but not necessarily the one with the highest average. A top anchor can hit the pocket when the pressure is on, is a good solid spare bowler, but one better known for coming up with that strike or two when needed in a tight game.

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

- Did you know that up until 1994, from 1958, pro bowlers had to follow strict limits on the length of hair, pony tails, braids and beards?

- In the more than 50 years that pro bowling has been on TV, the happening causing the most comment was not a big win, not a particular match, not a perfect game, but Mark Roth's first ever TV conversion of the 7-10 split.

- You hear about the 300 games rolled in bowling, but a real rarity in bowling is a 291 game, and the rarest of them all in the upper category is a 292 game.

- Bowling does have some power to make people much more attentive to dates. The same people who make medical and business matter appointments mere days in advance often enter bowling tournaments two years prior to the competition.

- The more you study bowling history, the more you realize that the negative of bowling has been expanded and repeated much more than the more prevalent positives of the sport - at every level.

- Many long years ago, John Petraglia was asked who he saw as the future stars. His selections were Parker Bohn III, Dave Ozio,

There are varying thoughts about how things can be done, about exhibit priorities and every other major or minor in thinking. If there aren't enough opinions in the thinking, then enough thinking isn't taking place.

My two pets about the Hall is that we have yet to find a way to display the beautiful painted portraits of women electees and the bronze bust plaques of the men.

I have seen life size figures hanging from the ceiling or a wall or adorning panels at airports or telephone poles or imbedded in walls, ceilings, floors or whatever genius minds can create. There must be a way to show them.

It may surprise many but the most feedback ever received about the Hall was an exhibit that simply showed unique bowling shirts hanging with their fantastic colors and themes brightening up any era. Those shirts reminded many visitors of the days when almost every bowling team wore shirts and to young visitors who have gone through days of almost no shirts.

Bowling has more than enough material to keep displays fresh and open for the day when more funds and more space will allow completely new subjects and new approaches to be used.

Some of bowling's great minds have been involved with various aspects of our Hall and Museum in Texas. You can help by cooperating with Hall activities. And if you can't donate a room or a building, just give a buck every now and then.

Amleto Monacelli, Pete Weber, Brian Voss and Del Ballard. That's what you call a super crystal ball. All became top stars and all have been elected to the PBA Hall of Fame.

- The good old days were when you were pretty sure you could bowl your weight.

- When you discuss smooth bowlers the name of the late Joe Joseph comes to mind most often. For a fairly big man, he moved to the line with all the grace and balance of dancing legend Fred Astaire. One big difference: Joseph carried a heavy bowling ball, not a light hat or cane.

- The head pin of a bowling setup probably has more strange remarks directed to it than any other inanimate object in the world.

- Any league secretary or tournament director will tell you that the people who know all the bowling rules and let you know they do are not nearly as bad as the bowlers who think they know all the rules.

- Like many others, I miss Chris Schenkel, ABC-TV's voice of bowling for some 40 years. In his star studded broadcasting career, he was considered one of the best of the best, and figured he did every sport but hockey. He treasured his association with bowling.

"Bowling has been the most consistent friend I've had. There are very few snobs in bowling," said Schenkel.

- Sometimes a sore finger or thumb is a sign of bowling too much. More often, it's the result of ill fitting or misuse of proper equipment - or just not bowling enough.

- The fact that the USBC team tournaments, formerly ABC and WIBC, draw more than 10,000 five player teams each year, no matter where they are contested, speaks volumes about the sport, because no sport can match the long history of such dedicated participation. Try them if you haven't already, and you'll discover the lure of the tournament lanes.

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from him, and while we thought about it many times, we just didn't pick up the phone to call.

Emails started bouncing back too. A few years ago, while having dinner at a restaurant with Bob and Sue Strickland, Stan's name came up in conversation; and I called him, not expecting an answer, but he did. He told me then that he had been out of touch because he was working on a book about the JFK assassination. It happened while he was a student at SMU, and he was fascinated with the theories of what happened. He was the only person I know who read every word of the Warren Commission Report.

Aside from that, he told me he was doing fine; and we promised to stay in touch . . . but for whatever reasons, we didn't, and now I really regret it. A few days before this Christmas, I called his Nashville number again . . . disconnected. Determined to reach him, CJ called his brother David in Nashville and left a message on the answering machine.

David called back a few days later and told us that Stan had a heart attack in June 2007 and died. He also said he had not been very happy in his last years; that he let his health go bad; which is not good when you live alone. David found him in his home the day after he came home from the hospital from heart surgery.

David said Stan missed all of his Texas friends very much; but he did get to spend time with his Dad and David as they often had lunch together. His father was broken hearted when Stan died, and he passed away five months later at 92.

We knew Stan pretty well, and he was like a lot of creative and talented people . . . brilliant and witty most of the time, but subject to occasional bouts of depression. But we are happy that he was with his family at the end. When I told another friend this story, he said it was Stan that should have stayed in touch with us, but that doesn't make it any easier; nor does the fact that he died four years ago. Staying in touch should never be a contest.

Rest in Peace Stan; and we thank you for touching our lives. Your friendship was cherished by our entire family; and no doubt by many friends in Texas who may be reading this, and will also be sad; but grateful that they shared a friendship with a great and interesting person.

Do you have a friend you have not spoken to in a while? Pick up the phone today.

### We'll Miss Mel Too

We are also sad to learn that Mel Wolf passed away in Michigan. "Dr. Mel" as we called him, was a great guy that we got to know at the Brunswick Senior World Opens in 2005-06 and while working with Steve Sanders, Frank Ellenberg, Rick Hudson and many others on the Generations Pro Bowling Tour in 06-07.

Mel was "Mister Bowling" in his home town of Jackson, and he was not only a very good bowler and PBA champion, he was a good promoter. When Sanders started the GBT, Mel decided to move his Jackson Senior Open from the PBA to the GBT; not because he did not like the PBA, but because he wanted more for the senior bowlers. It was interesting and fun listening to Steve and Mel negotiate that deal at the little airport cafe across the road from Airport Lanes.

Mel was also a part of the "Golf Squad" on the senior tours, and a very good player in that sport as well. When we were there in 2006, Mel arranged a nice banquet for the players at his Jackson Country Club. Friends Dave Bernhardt, Dave and Judy Soutar, and many others will miss Mel on the lanes and on the links.

### GLC Now Part of Senior Women's Triple Crown

Finally, ending on a happy note, we are proud to announce that our dear friend Jeanette Robinson, whom we hope lives forever, is hosting her 22nd Annual National Golden Ladies Classic at the Orleans in Las Vegas March 19-22, 2012.

And this year, the GLC has joined forces with The USBC Senior Women's Open and the Senior Queens to provide the first ever Senior Women's Triple Crown.

Players who compete in all three events, sponsored by Pepsi and Storm, will accumulate points for special prizes, get a special gift, and become eligible for the prestigious title of Senior Triple Crown Champion.

"We are so proud to join with USBC in making this year's senior women's events even more special than they already are," said Robinson. "We can't wait to see the ladies in March, and we wish everyone all the best in the Triple Crown competition."

Women age 50 or better are eligible for all three events. For an entry form for the GLC or more information, call Jeanette at the Orleans (702) 365-7400. For info about the USBC events in June and October, contact the USBC, or visit [BowlingsUSWomensOpen.com](http://BowlingsUSWomensOpen.com) or [Bowl.com/seniorqueens](http://Bowl.com/seniorqueens).

## PBA Tour Returns to Action with Inaugural Xtra Frame Tour Event

The Professional Bowlers Association will break new ground Jan. 20-22 when it conducts its first Xtra Frame Tour event, a PBA Tour championship tournament that will be webcast exclusively live, online to an international audience of bowling fans.

The PBA Cheetah Open presented by Ebonite will be conducted at Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley, Calif., and will offer a \$10,000 first prize along with a guaranteed berth in the final field of 36 players for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas.

The tournament is the first of four Xtra Frame Tour events scheduled during the second half of the PBA's 2011-12 season. Additional Xtra Frame events, which also will be webcast in their entirety on the PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, include the Ricart Ford Open presented by Columbia 300 at Sequoia Lanes in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 18-19; the Detroit Open presented by Track at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., March 9-11; and

the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs presented by Hammer at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, March 31-April 1. PBA Tour titles, along with top 36 berths in the Tournament of Champions, will be awarded in all four events.

The Cheetah Open begins with a practice and pro-am program on Friday, along with a special \$5,000 "All In" winner-take-all showdown event. On Saturday, all tournament players will bowl nine qualifying games with the top 24 advancing to the match play finals on Sunday.

Xtra Frame will webcast all tournament action live to its international subscribers. For information on how to subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit [pba.com](http://pba.com) and look for the Xtra Frame logo.

Eugene McCune of Munster, Ind., is the defending Cheetah Open champion. McCune won his title during the 2010 PBA World Series of Bowling, nipping 2009 Cheetah Open champion Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., 238-237.

# BOWLING TOUGH TIPS

## Installment #12

### Make Mental Toughness Routine!

All bowlers unconsciously develop patterns of thinking that they use as they set up for each shot and between shots. Many develop thinking habits that are not very productive. To get you on your way, we encourage you to develop and use a Mental Toughness Routine, or MTR, that combines mental skills into an easily-learned sequence that you use before each shot. Use an effective routine to establish a strong, focused pattern of productive thinking. If you use this routine consistently, you will truly be Bowling Tough!

**Relief Time** - Begins just after your previous shot or frame. Sit down (unless you must shoot your spare), be calm, and plan your next shot.

**Mental Planning** - Begin a concentrated effort to focus your thoughts and apply your mental skills.

**Lane Clearance** - Prepare to step up onto the approach before your setup. Stand behind the approach and imagine yourself bowling a successful shot.

**Setup** - Line up your body for movement. Focus your eyes on your target and take a deep breath.

**Automatic Pilot** - Take your approach and deliver the ball without being overly conscious of your movements. To do this with confidence, you must be wellpracticed.

**Analysis** - The time immediately following your shot; realize what was correct or incorrect with your shot.

Use the MTR to Bowl Tough during practice, league, and tournament play. Carry a copy of your MTR in your pocket so you can refer to it quickly. Until a skill is "locked in", you will have to monitor your development in all competitive situations.



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## BPAA Announces Brunswick Bowling & Billiards as Official Lane Provider for 2012 Bowling's U.S. Women's Open

### Premier Industry Supplier of Bowling Equipment to Construct Outdoor Bowling Lanes in Reno for Historic Women's Tournament

The Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA), the bowling industry's premier trade organization, announced today the completion of an agreement with Brunswick Bowling & Billiards that will make Brunswick the official sponsor of the 2012 lane build for the 2012 Bowling's U.S. Women's Open in Reno, NV. For the second consecutive year, bowling is breaking new ground at the Bowling's U.S. Women's Open, the industry's pre-eminent professional women's tournament. This year will mark the first time the tournament will be played outdoors, and Brunswick will be tasked with building the four-lane finals platform that will be seen during the broadcast on ESPN's family of networks.

"As an iconic, industry-leading brand for over 160 years, Brunswick Bowling & Billiards is synonymous with excellence. We could not be more proud to partner with Brunswick, for Bowling's U.S. Women's Open this year in Reno," said Steve Johnson, executive director of the BPAA. "Brunswick shares our intense passion for the sport of bowling; we know that their top-line bowling lanes, equipment and supplies will only enhance what will already be a powerful, distinctive and groundbreaking event."

"As a premier leader within the bowling

industry, Brunswick Bowling is extremely proud to partner with the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America for the prestigious 2012 Bowling's U.S. Women's Open," said Brent Perrier, president Brunswick Bowling Products. "We are honored to be chosen as the exclusive supplier of all bowling lanes, pinsetters, and pins for this first-ever outdoor woman's finals. Throughout this historic event, Brunswick will showcase some of our latest technology in bowling equipment and supplies as the BPAA hosts the world's finest women bowlers."

The 2012 Bowling's U.S. Women's Open will take place beginning June 21 at the National Bowling Stadium, and will culminate with the top five bowlers earning a spot in the finals on June 27, 2012. For a second consecutive year, the Open finals will be broadcast on ESPN's family of networks. New this year will be the first-ever Senior U.S. Women's Open event that will run simultaneously during the 2012 U.S. Women's Open event. The 2012 Bowling's U.S. Women's Open and Senior Women's Open are open to all female youth, adult and senior bowlers in the United States and around the world. For additional information and registration details, please visit: [www.bowlinguswomensopen.com](http://www.bowlinguswomensopen.com).



# PBA Social Networking 'Pays Off' for Pro Bowling Fans

*PBA.com, PBA on Facebook/Twitter interaction provides prizes and multiple benefits*

As pro bowling fans follow the greatest bowlers in the world during the PBA Tour, opportunities to directly participate and cash in are part of the fun via PBA social networking. The PBA digital platform provides an exclusive source of fan interaction and breaking news with the chance to win valuable prizes.

Through the PBA Winning Wednesday program last season, PBA product-registered companies 900 Global, Brunswick, Columbia 300, Ebonite, EFX Performance, Etonic, Hammer, KR Strikeforce, MOTIV Bowling, Roto Grip, Storm, Track, Turbo and Vise provided high-performance bowling balls, bowling shoes, accessories and performance wrist bands. This season, MOTIV Bowling provided high performance bowling balls for a six-week Winning Wednesday program through Dec. 22.

In addition, PBA has provided subscriptions for Xtra Frame, the online Bowling Channel, and worked with Crave Games to also provide Brunswick Pro Bowling video games for lucky fans that participate in online games and trivia contests. During Xtra Frame live webcasting, Hammer Bowling provided Black Widow double-ball totes last season and a towel and grip sack package for fans watching the online show this season.

Over \$5,000 in prizes have been

given away to lucky fans since last season.

"I love trivia contests, I have Xtra Frame and I watch all the shows. When can I win again?"

--Rob Gotterbarn, Garden City South, N.Y.

"Awesome. Happy to hear it, I will gladly take a brand new bowling ball." --Aarik Torres, Covina, Calif.

PBA social networking through PBA on Facebook and Twitter provides exclusive photos, videos and information designed to generate interest and viral sharing among fans of professional bowling. Links back to PBA.com provide greater details and information on PBA players, tournaments and news.

Fans can interact directly with the stars of the PBA Tour, ESPN announcers Rob Stone and Randy Pedersen, PBA Tour Commissioner Tom Clark and Xtra Frame personalities Mike J "Laneside" Jakubowski, Jason "The Bowling Guy" Thomas and PowerHouse's Jackie "Bowling" Marinkovich. Bowling fans from around the world can communicate with each other via the Xtra Frame chat feature or directly in one-on-one conversations.

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LAS VEGAS – Finland's Osku Palermaa took a big step forward in his quest to win his second Professional Bowlers Association title, advancing to the finals of the PBA World Championship by eliminating PBA Tour veteran Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y., and England's Stuart Williams and Dom Barrett in the Don Carter Division finals that aired on ESPN.

Palermaa, Europe's premier two-handed bowling star, won the first of four PBA World Championship elimination rounds at South Point Hotel Exhibition Hall with a 223-188 victory over Barrett in the final game of the Carter finals. The divisional finals consist of three one-game rounds, starting with four players, and eliminating the lowest-scoring player after each game with the surviving player advancing to the PBA World Championship finals on Jan. 15.

In the opening game, Barrett led the group with a 257 game, Williams followed with a 215, Palermaa posted a 187 and Jurek was the first man eliminated with a 169. Back-to-back unconverted splits in the second and third frames contributed to Jurek's early exit.

Barrett again led the group in the second game with a 201, Palermaa was second with a 188 and Williams was eliminated with a 170 game. In game three, three splits which he failed to convert doomed Barrett's bid to advance to the World Championship final round.

The Carter finals were conducted on the PBA's Viper lane condition, selected by Williams as the highest

winner of the Billy Hardwick, Johnny Petraglia and Mike Aulby Division finals in the PBA World Championship finals on Jan. 15 on ESPN. The PBA World Championship offers a \$50,000 first prize and the first major title of the 2011-12 PBA Tour season.

"It was difficult today," Palermaa said. "We didn't make the lane condition easy. The key was to try to bowl a clean game, because no one was going to strike a lot."

Palermaa, one of 52 international players who represented 16 countries in the World Series of Bowling, said his international experience was a big help in Las Vegas.

"We bowl on everything in all different kinds of environments," Palermaa said of his world-wide experience. "We have to be good on all kinds of conditions or we don't get a paycheck."

"I've been battling a flu-like virus for almost two months," he added. "I'm feeling better, but if I can bowl like this in the finals, maybe I'll want to be sick again."



Osku Palermaa

qualifier in the field of four.

Palermaa, who won his first PBA Tour title in the GEICO Shark Championship during the 2010 PBA World Series of Bowling, will join the

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**Round Two** (lowest score eliminated): Barrett 201, Palermaa 188, Williams 170 (\$4,500).

**Championship** (winner advances to PBA World Championship finals): Palermaa def. Barrett (\$5,000), 223-188.

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## Shafer Wins PBA World Series of Bowling Billy Hardwick Division

LAS VEGAS – Four-time Professional Bowlers Association title winner Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., earned another chance to win his first major title on Jan. 15 after advancing to the finals of the PBA World Championship in the Billy Hardwick Division.

Shafer, who has made a PBA-record 12 championship round appearances in major tournaments without a title, defeated Andres Gomez of Colombia, 191-177, to win the second of four PBA World Championship elimination rounds at South Point Hotel Exhibition Hall. The divisional finals consist of three one-game rounds, starting with four players, and eliminating the lowest-scoring player after each game.

Shafer will join Finland's Osku Palermaa, winner of the Don Carter Division, and the winners of the Johnny Petraglia and Mike Aulby Division finals in the World Championship finals on ESPN on



Ryan Shafer

Sunday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. ET. The PBA World Championship offers a \$50,000 first prize and the first major

title of the 2011-12 PBA Tour season.

Shafer, who is celebrating his 25th season as a PBA Tour competitor, established command in the opening game, recovering from a missed split conversion in the second frame to reel off nine consecutive strikes for a 267 game. Venezuela's Ildemaro Ruiz, making his PBA television debut, was second with a 258 followed by Gomez with a 222. The group's top qualifier, 2009 PBA World Champion Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., was eliminated with a 194 game after failing to convert 4-7-9 and 4-9 splits in the sixth and eighth frames, respectively.

Gomez led the group in game two, starting with five strikes on his way to a 219. Shafer was next with a 207 and Ruiz was eliminated after posting a 180.

Shafer jumped out to a 29-pin lead after four frames in the final game, but failed to convert the 3-6-10 in the fifth frame and the 3-6-7-10 split in

the ninth. While Gomez had his own problems as the lane conditions deteriorated, he still had a chance to win after Shafer opened in the ninth frame. Needing two strikes and eight pins in the 10th frame to lock Shafer out, he left the 2-8-10 split. Needing only seven pins to clinch the win, Shafer struck on his next shot.

"I threw that shot in the ninth frame as good as I could possibly throw it," Shafer said, "but I just didn't move far enough right.

"I thought I had blown another one. I've had some bad breaks in majors when I bowled pretty good and guys I bowled against bowled better, but I've blown a few, too. You just don't want to make that your

history, your reputation.

"I usually don't get excited and show up my opponent," Shafer said of his emotional display after his 10th frame strike, "but that one meant a lot to me. Andres is a great guy, and he made a great shot in the 10th, too. I know he can make a great shot when he needs to make one, but it just didn't work. I definitely got a second life, but I got to the finals and now we'll see what happens next."

The Hardwick finals were conducted on the PBA's Scorpion lane condition, selected by Smallwood as the highest qualifier in the Hardwick field.

### PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BILLY HARDWICK DIVISION FINALS South Point Exhibition Hall, Las Vegas

**Round One** (lowest score eliminated): Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 267; Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 258; Andres Gomez, Colombia, 222; Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 194 (\$4,000).

**Round Two** (lowest score eliminated): Gomez 219, Shafer 207, Ruiz 180 (\$4,500).  
**Championship** (winner advances to PBA World Championship finals): Shafer def. Gomez (\$5,000), 191-177.

## Storm Signs Leanne Barrette-Hulsenberg to Staff

Storm is excited to announce that Leanne Barrette-Hulsenberg is now part of the Storm staff of champions. Leanne joins a well-recognized women's staff that includes Diandra Asbaty, Shannon O'Keefe, Tammy Turner, and many others. "I have known Leanne for a long time," commented Chris Schlemmer, Storm's Tour Consultant. "It's great to have her and her family join team Storm. No question, her Hall of Fame career speaks for itself. Not only is she a great person and a great champion, she exemplifies all we stand for at Storm, The Bowler's Company!"



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## Florida Youth Coach Selected as David Dahms Coach of the Year

Robert "Bud" Endicott of Apopka, Fla., has been selected to receive the United States Bowling Congress David Dahms Coach of the Year Award by the USBC Youth Committee.

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

Endicott, a USBC Silver coach, has been the Youth Director at Brunswick Wekiva Lanes for more than 10 years. The program, which had less than 50 bowlers when he took over, now has about 150 bowlers.

"Being awarded the David Dahms Coach of the Year award is truly an honor and a humbling experience," Endicott said. "No coach takes on the responsibility of molding and shaping the minds of young athletes expecting to be recognized or given awards; we do it because we love what we do and realize that the future of the sport lies in the development of future participants. I truly am honored to receive this award."

Endicott offers a PBA Experience league exclusively for youth bowlers and also provides scholarship opportunities. The league has awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to the youth bowlers.

"Each year he runs a successful youth program and shows his management skills by maintaining two leagues on Saturday mornings and also managing a Wednesday after-school league," said Gregory Paxson, Association Manager for the Greater Orlando



Robert "Bud" Endicott

USBC Youth, in his recommendation letter. "It's the PBA Experience league where he shines the most. Through his league, he has developed many bowlers who are successful in various area tournaments while competing on Sport conditions."

Endicott began coaching in the early 1970s. He said his friends were teaching their kids how to bowl and, knowing the difficulty of trying to coach your own children regardless of the sport, he decided "to step in and help my friends by volunteering to teach the fundamentals of bowling to their children."

"The reward comes in the excitement and enjoyment you foster in the sport," Endicott said. "I am a firm believer that one good coach can create hundreds of lifelong bowlers. Ever since the first excited scream when the ball finally made it to the pins instead of falling off in the channel, I have had a passion for coaching."

Endicott also works with three high school bowling teams in the Orange County Public School system - Apopka, Ocoee and Wekiva high schools. He started coaching high school bowling when his own children were on the Apopka teams before the Florida State Athletic Association made bowling an official varsity sport. He has since started working with the other programs because bowlers on those teams also are in his youth program.

He said his most memorable experience as a coach was the chance to attend the World Youth Friendship Games in Holland with the People to People Sports Ambassador program.

For being selected the USBC David Dahms Coach of the Year recipient, Endicott will receive an expenses-paid trip to the 2012 USBC Convention in Arlington to receive the award.

## Houston-Area Bowlers Selected as USBC Youth Ambassadors of the Year

Ashleigh Calcote of Friendswood, Texas, and Dominick Savage of Missouri City, Texas, have been selected as the United States Bowling Congress Youth Ambassadors of the Year by the USBC Youth Committee.

The award annually recognizes one female and one male USBC Youth bowler for exemplary contributions to the sport, academic accomplishments and community involvement.

With both from the Houston area, the USBC Youth bowlers are very familiar with one another.

"Ashleigh and I have worked together on numerous occasions," Savage said. "Over the last few years we have closely worked together on creating new Youth Leader programs across the state."

Calcote, 17, began bowling in a league with her family at age 8 and soon after started attending Youth Leader meetings. She was appointed to the Greater Houston USBC Board of Directors as a Youth Director in 2008 and currently serves as president of the GHUSBC Youth Leaders. When her brother, Kyle, was selected as a USBC Youth Ambassador four years ago, she set her mind on also earning the award.

"I have always been involved in the service side of bowling but after he won this award, it made me strive to get it as well," Calcote said. "When I found out that I received the honor of this award, I was ecstatic."

Calcote currently is homeschooled and in her senior year. She takes dual credit courses at San Jacinto Community College and plans to attend college next year and major in Dietetics. She works in Carol Norman's pro shop UCanBow12, which she calls "an education in and of itself."

Norman said Calcote is very motivated to achieve whatever goals she sets.

"Ashleigh is definitely going to be somebody in our sport; in fact, she already is," Norman said in her recommendation letter. "She is what's good about our youth and upcoming leaders."

Savage, 17, started bowling at age 4. He has been on the Texas State USBC Board of

Directors since 2008, serving on several committees including the Hall of Fame/Hall of Honor and Adult Recognition Awards committees. He also has been on the TSUSBC Youth Committee.

He currently serves as president of the TSUSBC Youth Leaders Association and met with youth bowlers in the Dallas, San Antonio and Austin areas to assist them with starting their own Youth

Leader programs.

"As one of the most prestigious awards offered by USBC for youth bowlers, winning this award has sparked my drive to continue on the path that my wonderful advisers have set for me," Savage said. "After the hard work I've invested into the Youth Leader program, it is phenomenal to receive recognition for the amount of time put into helping better youth bowling across my city, state, and nation."

Savage, a senior at Thurgood Marshall High School, is in the Triple A Music, National Honor, International Thespian Honor, and National Spanish Speaking Honor societies. He is on the student council, in the Speech and Debate Club, and has been an officer in the Book Club the last three years.

Robbie Fravel, a former Adult Advisor for the Greater Houston USBC who worked closely with Savage, said Savage is "truly an ambassador in every aspect of the word."

"He loves the sport of bowling and will talk your ears off on how great the sport is, as well as always finding a way to talk about the Youth Leader program," Fravel said in his nomination letter.

Savage will attend Newman University in Fall 2012 and plans to major in Communications and Political Science with a minor in choral music.

For being selected as the USBC Youth Ambassadors, both Calcote and Savage will receive \$1,500 scholarships and a trip to the awards ceremony held in conjunction with the 2012 USBC Convention in Arlington. One of the winners may have the opportunity to be selected to serve on the USBC Youth Committee.

## Illinois Youth Coach Named USBC Volunteer Award Winner

Jori Peterson of Rockford, Ill., has been selected to receive the USBC Youth Volunteer of the Year Award by the USBC Youth Committee.

The prestigious award recognizes an adult volunteer who has displayed outstanding efforts to foster, organize and promote certified youth bowling programs at the local, state and/or national levels.

Peterson, 45, is the Mites and Bumper coach for the youth leagues at Don Carter Lanes in Rockford. Her son, James, started bowling when he was four years old and she was asked to be the snack mom and "it all started there."

She volunteered every Saturday morning but took a break when her daughter, Tegan, was three. She would return three years later to coach Bumpers when Tegan wanted to join her brother on the lanes. James now is 19; Tegan is 11.

"This award overwhelms me because I am just a mom supporting her children in a sport that they both love," Peterson said. "I also have my 'bowling children' as part of my family, all of whom I look forward to seeing each and every Saturday morning. Each child has a gift, and it amazes me how much talent they have."

Patti Dole, the youth league coordinator at the center, initially brought Peterson into the program, and also nominated her for the award.

"If I need anything done ... she will shop for me, find deals for me, gives me a shoulder when I need that little boost on a Saturday morning," Dole said in her nomination letter. "She is a volunteer in the truest sense. I know that it takes a lot to keep 16 teams of three- to eight-year-olds happy and in line."

Peterson, who works for United Health Integrated Services as a Provider Service Representative, also volunteered for her son's bowling team when he was in high school. She said the dedication of the high school coaches made her realize "how important it is to be there for all of the children."

She finds it rewarding to work with children that are brand new to bowling and showing them "the magic dot" in the middle of the lane "so they are not playing pinball with the bumpers."

"We have children who are better than the Bumpers, but not quite ready to go to Bantams," Peterson said. "This works well for our program. This way, the children are not intimidated by making the big jump from little people to the huge world of bowling against the big kids."

For being selected as the USBC Youth Volunteer of the Year, Peterson will receive an expenses-paid trip to the USBC Convention, where she will be presented with the award.



Jori Peterson



Ashleigh Calcote



Dominick Savage

## Get ready for great double-header action at High Roller and TAT

Entries for both February events are coming in at a great pace! Players have remarked very favorably that the 2 events are so close to each other!

Orleans and Gold Coast has a free shuttle back and forth from each property.

Roto Grip balls for the February TAT - Bandit and the Clear Poly spare ball. The spare ball can be upgraded for \$65 for the brand new Defiant, scheduled for release in mid-January

Over at the High Roller, players receive a Victory Road Solid on their 1st re-entry, Virtual Gravity Nano Pearl on their 3rd re-entry and the Virtual Gravity Nano on their 5th re-entry. TAT & High Roller both start on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5. High Roller ends on the 10th, hosted by Orleans. TAT ends on the 11th and is hosted by Gold Coast.

New in 2012:

High Roller, at Orleans for the 1st time, is welcoming some PBA members. Read up on the eligibility rules on the brochure posted at <http://www.high-roller.com/brochures.html>. High Roller is presented by Storm, the Bowler's Company!

The February TAT Nationals is hosted by Gold Coast, just a mile from Orleans and presented by Roto Grip.

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Feb 5 - 10 - February High Roller - 1 in 4 cashing ratio!  
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## Wichita State Men and Women Sweep Glenn Carlson Las Vegas Invitational

The Shockers knew they had to bowl quickly in order to catch their flight home. So the men and women brought brooms to help sweep the Las Vegas Invitational. This was the second of two-back-to-back Vegas tournaments in the Shocker holiday tour. This is the men's second title and the women's third.

The Glenn Carlson Las Vegas Invitational's qualifying portion totaled nine team games broken down into two days. Day one consisted of six team games while day two brought an additional three. The men had a consistent performance and led from start to finish. Their nine game total pin fall was 9,539, with no team game under a 1,000. This earned the men the top seed by a mere 19 pins against number two seed Webber International University. The women did not have it as easy en route. After day one, the women were in fifth place, 215 pins behind the leader Webber International. Nonetheless, the women managed to climb up to the number two seed after the remaining three team games reducing Webber's lead to 119 pins. The women's shot 8,926 pins for the nine team games.

The top 16 men's teams and top 8 women's teams advanced to Baker game elimination match play. As the top seed, the men earned a bye into the quarterfinals. In both divisions, the quarterfinals consisted of the best three-out-of-five Baker games. The Shocker men swept their first match over the 14th seed, University of North Texas, 3-0. The women faced the number seven seed Calumet College and fought their way to a 3-2 victory.

Here the advancing teams saw a change in tournament format; the advancing teams now

faced the best two-out-of-three Baker match play format. The men were consistent and swept number four seed William Penn University, 2-0. The women followed the men's example, winning their match against number three Midland College, 2-0.

In the championship match, both the men and women faced Webber University. In match number one, the men continued to play with authority. They started off with the front seven and never looked back, winning their first match with a 233 game. After a spare to start the second game, the men threw four-in-row and managed to keep their solid lead, ending with a 223 game. The women had a slow start in match one, but Junior Jazreel Tan (Singapore) punched out in the tenth frame to secure their victory. The women started their second game in a dominant fashion, starting with the front six. Not to be outdone by the men, the women finished the match with a 256.

Two Shockers made the All-Tournament Team. Senior Geoffrey Young (Denton, Texas) represented the men's team, leading the field with a 2,092 total (232 average) for nine games to capture the tournament's Most Valuable Player Award. This is Young's first MVP and third All-Tournament Team. Junior Jazreel Tan represented the women and made the All-Tournament team with a 1,926 total (214 average). This is her sixth All-Tournament Team.

The Shockers will take a well-deserved break before resuming competition. Their first competition of 2012 will be the Blue and Gold Classic in South Bend, Ind. Both the men and women return as defending champions.

## Lady Shockers and Midland Men Win at Collegiate Shoot-Out

LAS VEGAS – The Lady Shockers held their own against 15 other teams in the 25th annual Collegiate Shoot-Out, bringing home top honors. The men finished fifth in a field of 36. This was the first of two back-to-back tournaments held in the Las Vegas. The Collegiate Shoot-Out tournament adhered to the Barnhart match play system wherein each team played against three adjacent teams. A team was awarded 80 bonus pins for each opponent defeated.

Day one of competition brought six team games. At the end of the day, the women had accumulated 7,648 pins - a solid 402 pins above second. After the men knocked down 7,477 pins, they stood in sixth, only 277 pins behind the leader.

The women managed to maintain their lead after 16 additional Baker games in day two, shooting 3,858. The men improved slightly and

managed to move up a spot to finish in fifth after shooting a 16 game total of 4,076.

Two ladies made the All-Tournament Team. Junior Jazreel Tan (Singapore) dominated the field with a 1,416 total pinfall over six games, averaging 236, to win individual honors. This is Tan's fifth All-Tournament Team and second MVP. Sophomore Holly Harris (Monticello, Minn.) shot 1,271 to earn the fifth and final spot on the All-Tournament Team. This is her first All-Tournament Team.

The Midland men also came away with titles at the Collegiate Shoot-Out in one of the major USBC Collegiate events of the season. The tournament was broadcast live on Bowl TV.

Midland finished with 12,354 (including bonus pins) to win the men's division. Calumet and William Penn finished tied for second with 11,803. Calumet won the tiebreaker 214-185 to take second place.

## Belmonte and Guerra Win 2011 QubicaAMF World Cup Team USA's Jones and Asbaty Runner-ups



Jason Belmonte



Aumi Guerra

Team USA's Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., and Diandra Asbaty of Chicago each reached the championship match of the 2011 QubicaAMF World Cup in Johannesburg, South Africa, in their respective divisions, but both fell short of hoisting the coveted cup.

Jones, a four-time Team USA member and first-time QubicaAMF World Cup participant, was the top seed for the three-person stepladder, but lost to Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte, 2-1, in the finale. Asbaty, the 2006 World Cup champion, qualified second and defeated Sweden's Sandra Andersson before suffering a 2-1 loss to defending champion Aumi Guerra of the Dominican Republic.

Belmonte led the first three days of the event at Northcliff Bowling Centre before Jones pulled ahead and cruised into the top spot after 36 games. In the title match, it was Jones who started strong with a 279-259 win in the opening game, but Belmonte

took the next two, 247-216 and 259-236, for the victory.

Jason became the first Australian man to take the title. "I was a long way in the lead in 2004 in Singapore, and got knocked out early on," he said, "and again I led the field in St Petersburg in 2007 and then I lost in the final. So I was happy to go in as number two seed this time. "All credit to Tommy for some great bowling. He always looked as if he was going to strike. And I do sympathise as I know what it feels like to lead the field and

not win."

On the women's side, Guerra became only the second bowler in World Cup history to win back-to-back titles and the fourth woman to win the event twice. Jeanette Baker of Australia won in 1982 and '83, while Pauline (Smith) Buck of Great Britain and Team USA's Shannon Pluhowsky also own two titles.

Guerra dominated the lanes this week and out-averaged the field by more than eight pins over the 36 games. She opened the title match with an 11-strike 266 to Asbaty's 201, but the 13-time Team USA member was able to even things up with a 227-214 win in Game 2. The two were separated by just one pin heading into the final frame of the finale before Guerra escaped with a 202-199 victory.

She said afterwards: "I have been so focused on my play that I have even stayed away from Facebook! Now I am going to have lots to eat, go swimming, go to the beach and chill!"

In the men's

semifinal, Belmonte defeated Mykhaylo Kalika of the Ukraine, 2-1 (237-203; 248-266; 266-185), while Asbaty topped Andersson, 2-1 (217-267; 247-219; 279-243).

The week started with players from more than 80 countries, who all bowled 20 qualifying games before the field was cut to the top 24 men and top 24 women for an additional eight games. The top eight in each division then returned for eight games of match play, before the field was cut to the top three for the stepladder.



Diandra Asbaty



Tommy Jones

### 2011 QubicaAMF World Cup Northcliff Bowling Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa

#### CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

##### MEN

##### Semifinal

Jason Belmonte, Australia, def. Mykhaylo Kalika, Ukraine, 2-1 (237-203; 248-266; 266-185)

##### Final

Belmonte def. Tommy Jones, United States, 2-1 (259-279; 247-216; 259-236)

##### WOMEN

##### Semifinal

Diandra Asbaty, United States, def. Sandra Andersson, Sweden, 2-1 (217-267; 247-219; 279-243)

##### Final

Aumi Guerra, Dominican Republic, def. Asbaty, 2-1 (266-201; 214-227; 202-199)



## IN MEMORIAM

### MEL WOLF



Longtime Professional Bowlers Association Senior Tour player Mel Wolf of Jackson, Mich. died December 6 after a long battle with cancer. He was 71.

During a nearly 20-year career bowling on the Senior Tour, Wolf had one Senior Tour title (1994 Canadian Senior Open) and one senior regional title.

While an avid competitor on the Senior Tour, he was also a great supporter of PBA as the tournament chairman of the PBA Senior Jackson (Mich.) Senior Tour event hosted by Airport Lanes where he was the driving force in bringing the event to Jackson in 1992.

Through his work he was successful in gaining community involvement for the tournament that resulted in more than \$300,000 raised for the Hospice of Jackson (now Allegiance Hospice).

"Everyone including the bowling community has lost a terrific person and a great supporter of the sport," said PBA Hall of Famer, fellow competitor and friend Dave Soutar. "He worked extremely hard in so many aspects for the sport - not only as a

competitor, but as a promoter at all levels.

"We became great friends over the years and often travelled together on Tour. We will miss him a lot."

Wolf, a retired optometrist, was also active in supporting Michigan youth bowling and in March of 2011 served as the manager of the Michigan High School Athletic Association Bowling finals. He earned the 2005 Al Cotton Award from the Jackson Citizen Patriot newspaper for his work in bringing high school bowling to Jackson.

Another one of his passions was golf and at one time was a near-scratch player winning several titles in the Jackson area. He also organized the charity golf tournament held in conjunction with the PBA Jackson Senior Tour event.

"This is a very sad day for the PBA," said John Weber, Director of Regional and Senior Tours for the PBA. "Mel was a great supporter of the PBA and put on one of the premier events on the Senior Tour."

Wolf was a graduate of the University of Michigan in 1960 before attending the Illinois College of Optometry in 1963. After graduating from the Illinois College of Optometry, he served three years in the Air Force and was discharged in 1966 as a 1st lieutenant.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; sons David (Kris), Mike (Jennifer) and Barry (Jennifer); and four grandchildren

### MARGE MERRICK



Margaret "Marge" Merrick of Dublin, Ohio, a United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame member, died Monday. She was 87.

Merrick, elected to the USBC Hall of

Fame in 1980 for Superior Performance, was an eight-time finalist in the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America All-Star Tournament and a four-time finalist in the World's Invitational.

Merrick also was an outstanding basketball and softball player. After high school, she played for a softball team that was runner-up at the 1947 World's Softball Tournament and her basketball team made the national finals in 1946 and 1947.

But she turned her focus to bowling in 1950.

"There comes a time when you have to make a choice," Merrick said in an interview with *The Woman Bowler* magazine in 1980. "I decided to stay in bowling. You see, bowling tournaments began interfering with the beginning of softball season and softball tournaments interfered with the start of fall leagues."

She teamed with her twin sister, Libby Miller, to form a powerful doubles team. They took second at the BPAA National Doubles

in 1956, and held the Columbus, Ohio, doubles title from 1953 through 1956.

The duo set the doubles single-game record at the 1962 Women's International Bowling Congress Championships in Phoenix with a 504 total. Merrick had a 258 game while Miller rolled a 246.

In individual competition, Merrick captured the 1961 World's Invitational, topping defending champion Marion Ladewig in the finals. Merrick averaged 201 for the 72 games to take home the \$4,000 first prize.

Merrick earned 10 local association titles in Columbus and Detroit between 1952 and 1959. She was the Columbus Singles champion in 1952, 1953, 1955 and 1956, and the Columbus Match Queen champion from 1951-1955. She was a two-time Detroit WBA All-Events champion and was selected Queen of Detroit Bowling four times. She joined the AMF Bowling Staff of Champions in 1957.

She suffered a severe leg fracture from a fall in 1963 that ultimately would cut short her competitive career. She would later be employed and eventually retired from the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Merrick also was active on the administrative side. She was the executive secretary of the Columbus BPA from 1961-65 and the Columbus Junior Bowling Association from 1962-65.

## FIVE USBC BOARD NOMINEES SELECTED

ARLINGTON, Texas – Incumbent United States Bowling Congress Directors Tamoria Adams of Charlotte, N.C., Libbi Fletcher of Warren, Mich., and Bob Klatt of Prior Lake, Minn., join newcomers Ronald Heppner of Seven Hills, Ohio, and Steven O'Brien of Mount Pleasant S.C., to form the 2012 slate of candidates for the USBC Board of Directors.

The five nominees were selected by the USBC Nominating Committee as candidates for four open positions on the board. The

committee may slate up to two candidates for each open position. Additional candidates may still run from the floor if they provide notice of their candidacy to the committee more than 30 days in advance of the USBC Annual Meeting.

USBC Convention delegates will vote on the four open positions April 27 in Arlington, Texas. Biographies of the slated candidates will be available on BOWL.com before March 1.

## ALL-IN Showdown Returns At XTRA Frame Tour's Cheetah Open

The PBA's All-In Showdown, a winner-take-all special event with a \$5,000 entry fee, will return to the program as the kickoff event for the inaugural Xtra Frame Tour event in Fountain Valley, Calif., on Friday, Jan. 20.

The second All-In Showdown of the season follows the inaugural event held during the PBA World Series of Bowling, where Tommy Jones topped a field of eight players, including Sean Rash in the final two-game match of the *BowlersDeals.com* All-In Showdown, 446-426, for a \$45,000 payoff.

The new Xtra Frame Tour Cheetah Open presented by Ebonite is set for Jan. 20-22, starting with practice and pro-ams on Friday plus the renewal of the All-In Showdown at 2:30 p.m. PT. The All-In Showdown, along with Saturday's qualifying and Sunday's match play rounds, will be webcast live, exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel (for subscription details, visit [pba.com](http://pba.com)).

Instead of the WSOB "survival" format where half of the field advanced in each round,

the Fountain Valley Showdown will feature two-game, head-to-head elimination matches. Opponents and lane assignments will be decided by blind draw. Competition will be conducted on the PBA's Cheetah pattern.

The Fountain Valley version of the All-In Showdown will be slightly different than the World Series version: while the entry fee remains \$5,000 and the winner will take the full prize fund, entries will be accepted in blocks of two, four or a maximum of eight to ensure there will be no "bye" rounds. Example: if three players enter, the third player will be placed on standby until a fourth entry is paid. If there are four entries, entries no. 5, 6 and 7 will be on standby until a capacity field of eight is achieved.

Players can enter the Xtra Frame Tour Cheetah Open on [pba.com](http://pba.com). Players can enter the All-In Showdown by calling Barb Wilt at the PBA office (206-654-6025). Entries will be accepted on a first-come basis

## ESPN to Televis 2011-12 Professional Bowlers Association Tour First Full PBA Season Produced in HD

ESPN will televise the 2011-12 Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Tour season in HD for the first time. Totalling 26.5 hours of coverage, the 18-show tour will begin Sunday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m. ET with the GEICO World Bowling Tour (WBT) Finals. In the first hour, rivals Sean Rash, a four-time PBA Tour winner, and Jason Belmonte, a one-time titlist, will compete in the men's semifinals. The winner faces top seed Mika Koivuniemi, reigning PBA Player of the Year.

Beginning at 2 p.m., Nina Flack and Sandra Andersson will compete in the women's semifinal match for a position in the championship round. The winner contends with Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, who is the 2011 WBT women's points leader.

The WBT finalists earned their place in the Dec. 4 contest as result of their finishing positions in earlier bowling tournaments in 2011.

In their fifth year together, play-by-play announcer Rob Stone and analyst Randy Pedersen will serve as ESPN's commentator team for all events, which will be televised on

Sunday afternoons through mid-April. The United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Masters (Jan. 29), the 69th U.S. Open (Feb. 26) and the year-end PBA Tournament of Champions (April 15) will all be televised live. The remaining telecasts will feature tournaments that took place in Las Vegas, Nev., in November, including the PBA World Championship and the Pepsi PBA Elite Players Championship (air dates are noted in the schedule).

ESPN3 will simulcast three events live from the schedule, including the USBC Masters, the 69th U.S. Open and the PBA Tournament of Champions. The multi-screen sports network is available to approximately 70 million households that receive their high-speed Internet or video subscription from an affiliated provider. It is accessible online at [WatchESPN.com](http://WatchESPN.com), on smartphones and tablets via the WatchESPN app and through ESPN on Xbox LIVE. Complete PBA coverage will also be available via WatchESPN online and on mobile and tablets devices for fans of an affiliated provider.

### ESPN's 2011-12 PBA Tour schedule:

Sun, Dec 11	1 p.m.	PBA World Championship – Carter Division	ESPN
Sun, Dec 18	1 p.m.	PBA World Championship – Hardwick Division	ESPN
Sun, Jan 1	1 p.m.	PBA World Championship – Petraglia Division	ESPN
Sun, Jan 8	1 p.m.	PBA World Championship – Aulby Division	ESPN
Sun, Jan 15	1 p.m.	PBA World Championship – Finals	ESPN
Sun, Jan 22	3 p.m.	Bayer PBA Viper Open	ESPN
Sun, Jan 29	12:30 p.m.	USBC Masters (Strike Zone at Sunset Station, Henderson, Nev.)	ESPN, ESPN3
Sun, Feb 5	4 p.m.	Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational (Location TBD)	ESPN
Sun, Feb 12	3 p.m.	PBA Chameleon Open	ESPN
Sun, Feb 19	3 p.m.	PBA Scorpion Open	ESPN
Sun, Feb 26	3 p.m.	69th U.S. Open (Brunswick Zone Carolier, North Brunswick, NJ)	ESPN, ESPN3
Sun, Mar 4	3 p.m.	GEICO PBA Shark Open	ESPN
Sun, Mar 25	2:30 p.m.	PBA Mark Roth/Marshall Holman Doubles	ESPN
Sun, Apr 1	1 p.m.	PBA Carmen Salvino Classic	ESPN
Sun, Apr 8	1 p.m.	Pepsi PBA Elite Players Championship	ESPN
Sun, Apr 15	1 p.m.	PBA Tournament of Champions (Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Nev.)	ESPN, ESPN3

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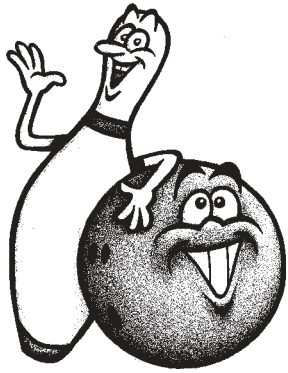
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# THE FUNNY PAGE

When blondes have more fun  
do they know it?

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## HOW TO START A FIGHT

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift...  
The next year, I didn't buy her a gift.  
When she asked me why, I replied,  
"Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"  
And that's how the fight started.....

I took my wife to a restaurant.  
The waiter, for some reason, took my order first.  
"I'll have the rump steak, rare, please."  
He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?"  
"Nah, she can order for herself."  
And that's when the fight started....

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table.

I asked her, "Do you know him?"

"Yes", she sighed,

"He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since."

"My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

And then the fight started...

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels.

She asked, "What's on TV?"

I said, "Dust."

And then the fight started...

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary.

She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds."

I bought her a bathroom scale.

And then the fight started.....

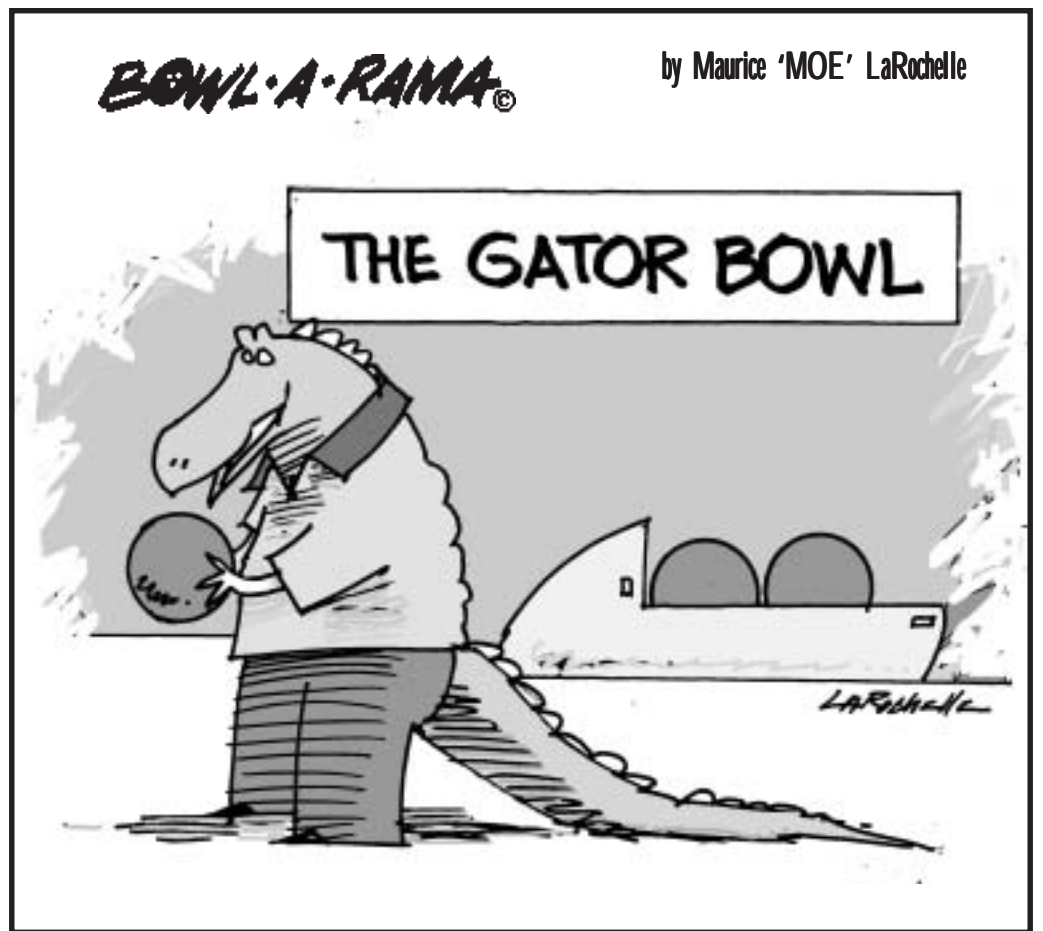
My wife was standing looking in the bedroom mirror.

She was not happy with what she saw and said to me,

"I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment."

I replied, "Your eyesight's damn near perfect."

And then the fight started.....



When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer. Always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point.

When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

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You know why a banana is like a politician?

When he first comes in he is green, then he turns yellow and then he's rotten.

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The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:

'Take only ONE . God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'

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We have enough youth. How about a fountain of "smart"?

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My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday.

He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62.

My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

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Xerox and Wurlitzer will merge to produce reproductive organs.

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A fool and his money can throw one heck of a party.

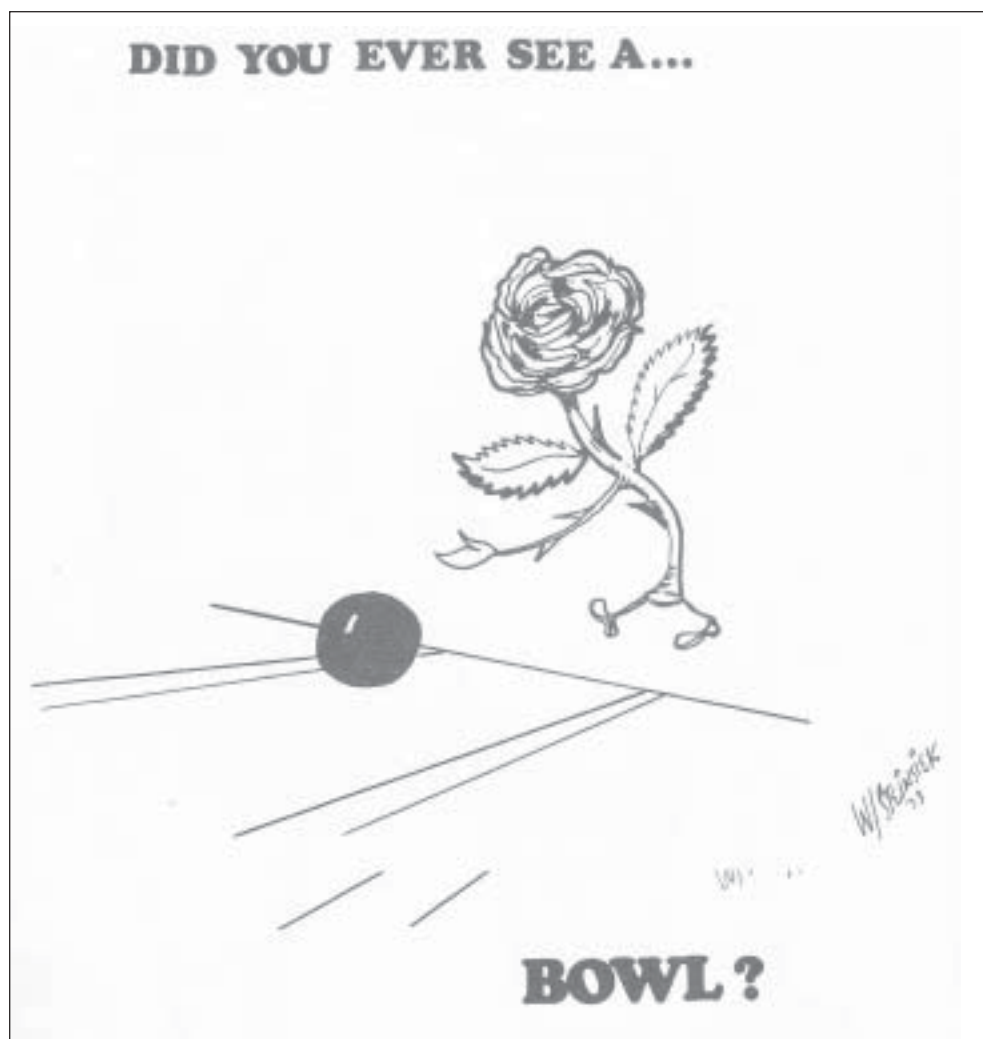
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One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?' Her mother replied, 'Well, every time you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.'

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mummy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'

**DID YOU EVER SEE A...**



**BOWL?**

# MORT LUBY JR. DONATES JOE THUM PAINTING AS AUCTION ITEM FOR SALUTE TO BOWLING

A large (30" x 40") oil painting of bowling pioneer Joe Thum will be the star attraction at the Salute to Bowling at the 2012 Bowling Summit this month in Napa Valley, Calif.

Created by Bowlers Journal International publisher emeritus Mort Luby Jr., the artwork



lanes in a building on Broadway. When friends derided the notion of such a large tenpin center, he retaliated by christening the place the "White Elephant". The establishment flourished.

An avid internationalist, Thum was one of the chief organizers of the huge bowling exhibition which was held during the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. Then-BJI-publisher Mort Luby Sr. was part of the entourage that accompanied the Thum-organized American team that dominated the competition.

Thum was also a major cog in the creation of the American Bowling Congress, precursor to the United States Bowling Congress.

Mort Luby, Jr., 80, was editor and publisher of BJI for four decades. When he retired more than 15 years ago, he transformed himself into an artist. Over the years, his paintings have won more than 40 major awards, including four best-of-show citations. His work is displayed in five galleries in Chicago and Maui.

Luby is currently immersed in a new project that will bring him back to publishing: a book called "Chicago Brushstrokes" will feature 100 of his Chicago-area paintings.

The Thum painting took more than a month to complete. After researching period details (such as the actual lampposts that lined Broadway in the 1920s), Luby delved into ancient photos and stories from BJI files before taking up his brush.

Why Joe Thum? "I've always felt that Thum is one of bowling's unsung heroes," says Luby. "He really planted the seeds for bowling's worldwide growth."

will be featured in the collection of sports memorabilia to be auctioned at the fundraiser for the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame.

Joe Thum was a major promotional force for the sport in the early decades of the 20th century. A poor immigrant from Germany, he began his career as a bowling proprietor when he built some alleys in the basement of his New York City saloon. Later, he installed 24

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 7-8 SASBA Member/Guest, Crossroads Bowling Center, Beaumont, TX
- Jan. 14-15 SASBA, USA Bowl, Dallas, TX
- Jan. 20-22 PBA Xtra Frame Cheetah Open, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, CA
- Jan. 23-29 USBC Masters, Sunset Station's Strike Zone Bowling Center, Henderson, NV
- Jan. 28-29 SASBA, 300 Bowl, Conroe, TX
- Jan 28-Feb 5 Mini Eliminator, Sunset Station, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 4-5 SASBA, Sunny Lanes, Oklahoma City, OK
- Feb 5-10 High Roller, The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 5-11 True Amateur Tournament, Gold Coast, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 11-12 PBA Regional Players Doubles Championship, The Orleans Bowl, Las Vegas
- Feb. 11-July 9 USBC Open Championships, Baton Rouge River Center, Baton Rouge, LA
- Feb. 17-19 PBA Xtra Frame Don Johnson Memorial Open, Sequoia Lanes, Columbus, OH
- Feb. 18-19 SASBA, Sheridan Lanes, Tulsa, OK
- Feb. 20-26 U.S. Open, Brunswick Zone Carolier, North Brunswick, NJ
- Feb 25-26 SASBA SS Singles, University Lanes, Denton, TX
- Mar 9-11 PBA Xtra Frame Detroit Open, Allen Park, MI
- Mar 19-22 National Golden Ladies Classic, The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Mar 30-Apr 1 Xtra Frame Dick Weber PBA Playoffs, Woodland Bowl, IN
- April 2-6 Senior Easter Classic, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Apr 8-15 PBA Tournament of Champions, Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, NV
- Apr 14-July 8 USBC Women's Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- Apr 18-21 USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships, Sun Valley Lanes, Lincoln, NE
- Apr 20-25 USBC Queens, AMF Euleless Lanes, Euleless, Texas; finals at International Training and Research Center, Arlington, TX
- Apr 25-28 USBC Convention, Arlington Sheraton Hotel, Arlington, TX
- Apr 27-28 AMF \$700,000 Nat'l In-League Tournament Finals, The Orleans, Las Vegas
- May 14-17 "Law Enforcement & Firefighters on the Lanes" Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
- May 20-22 USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships, AMF Euleless Lanes, Euleless, TX
- June 22-29 International Bowl Expo, Natoinal Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
- June 22-29 Bowling U.S. Women's Open (in conjunction with Bowl Expo), National Bowling Stadium, Reno
- July 9-10 USBC Senior Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno
- July 9-14 USBC Senior Queens, National Bowling Stadium, Reno
- July 13-29 USBC Youth Open Championships, Expo Bowl, Indianapolis
- July 14-20 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, Western Bowl, Indianapolis



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