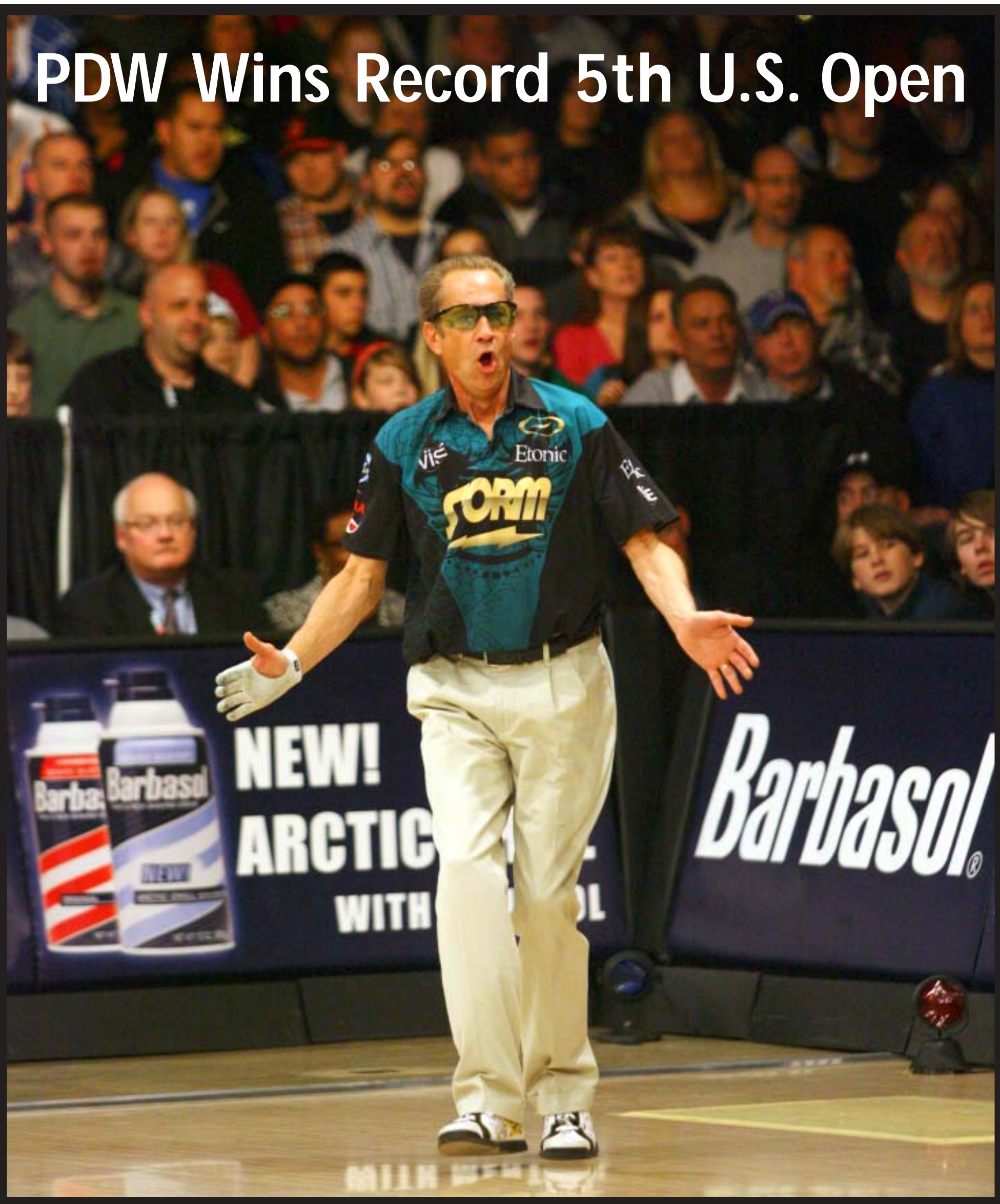




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by Jim Goodwin

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## Isn't It Simply About Respect?

Last month in this space, we posed a few questions that came to us from our friends in the coaching profession, and we set out on a mission to get answers, promising that they would come in Part Two this month. Unfortunately, our mission was delayed for a few days by a surprising email from the USBC Public Relations office.

Someone took issue with what we wrote, and put the wheels in motion to try to put down what they thought was a negative portrayal of the USBC Coaching program. The email said we had portrayed the coaching program as a "money making scheme", which we did no such thing. The article was about people, not money. It also said that, as a result of my opinion article that I should be aware that "Your actions have severely damaged your professional standing with the leadership of USBC." Wow! It has been a few years since I got this kind of attention. I thought I had mellowed.

We are pretty sure we know who was behind the attempt to discredit what we wrote, but it really doesn't matter – all we were trying to do, and still are, is help people understand the thinking behind decisions that affect some great coaches who have given their all to bowling. It makes us want to ask the leadership at the International Bowling Campus "Is this what you pay your Public Relations staff to do?"

Enough of the silly stuff – on to the task of providing a few answers to the questions posed last month. . . .

Since that article was published, we spoke with all of the coaches mentioned last month, and a few more; and we had a productive conference call with the folks in charge of USBC Coaching; Neil Stremmel, Managing Director of the National Governing Body, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Director of

Coaching, and Rod Ross, Director of the International Training and Research Center and Team USA Head Coach. We also spoke with former Director of Coaching David Garber, who is now Director of Corporate Bowling Sales for Station Casinos in Las Vegas.

The primary subject of this two part article is USBC Gold Level Coaches – Why did USBC officials decide that these elite coaches now have to re-certify to keep that status; what is the process, and how will it affect some of the legendary coaches in bowling? The process is relatively simple – coaches have to take an on-line test; but it also requires the completion of many hours of CEU's – Continuing Education Units, and that seems to be the problem for many of the coaches.

We spoke with a half dozen USBC Gold Coaches, and every one of them said that they were caught off guard when USBC announced last year that they would be required to re-certify to remain a part of the USBC Coaching Program. All of them said that they believed that when they were designated a "Gold" coach, that it was permanent and forever. They also questioned language that appeared on the USBC website that basically said that if they chose not to re-certify that they would be classified as "Retired or Inactive."

In our conference call, Stremmel attempted to clarify the meaning of this, and offered this explanation for the new requirements: "After moving to Arlington, we felt like we needed to go back to square one on our program; and when it came to the Gold level, we thought of them like doctors and lawyers. Doctors and lawyers have to continuously re-train to continue their practice. If they don't, they still have the diploma, but they can't practice medicine or law."

Former Director of Coaching David Garber, who was involved in the decision, echoed Stremmel. "We

just wanted to make sure that all of our Gold Coaches are keeping up with the latest tools and technology. It is no different than any profession. Even plumbers and electricians have to keep up with the latest technology to keep their license."

When I spoke with Coach Fred Borden, who could be called the founder of the USBC Coaching program, he was disappointed by the lack of communications. "I was contacted, but primarily to pick my brain about the program. No offer of compensation was ever made, nor was I invited to come to Arlington to participate in the decision making or the re-writing of the curriculum," he said.

"To be honest, my feelings were a little hurt," said Borden. "I gave everything I had to the program, and when I saw what they were doing with it, I just thought it was way overcooked. They seem to think that all gold coaches are the same. When we designed the original program, the Gold program was reserved for those who reach PhD level. We thought of it like a Hall of Fame for coaches."

Borden offered this comparison to support his point that coaches can be great in different ways: "Take the NCAA Final Four Tournament," he said. You have four different teams with four different coaches, yet they all made it to the same pinnacle. Coaching is not just about methods, it is about teaching and motivating people to achieve excellence."

Borden also had this to say about being retired or inactive – "What gives them the authority to say if any coach is retired or inactive? Only the coach can say that."

Admitting that the "retired or inactive" language could have been a little better, Stremmel said, "All that means is that the coach will no longer be listed on our roster of active coaches. They can coach for as long as they want to. We just won't have them on our "Find A Coach" listing on the website, and we will

only refer students looking for coaches to those who are certified and currently active."

Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, who took over the job of Director of Coaching when Garber resigned, said "This is about quality, not quantity. We just want to do everything we can to make sure that all of our coaches on every level are the best they can be. We want to give them the tools they need to be successful and move the sport forward."

As the process moves forward over the next couple of years USBC will have to decide what, if anything, it will do if a coach previously designated "Gold" continues to use the title without becoming re-certified. "We have not discussed that yet, but we will when the time comes," said Stremmel.

Is some special status being discussed for truly elite coaches? Coach Rod Ross' comment makes us think that there might be. "No matter what happens," said Ross, "Fred Borden will always be a Gold Coach. In fact, he will always be the first Gold Coach."

Another of the elite coaches, Carmen Salvino, was not shy about offering his thoughts on the subject. When we spoke with him, he was in a pro shop getting a new ball drilled. "I respect the people at USBC, but I got a letter telling me that I am a Gold Coach, and as far as I'm concerned that will always be the case. I'm 78, and I have been coaching for 60 years. Do you think they can teach me something, or is it the other way around? I challenge them to prove they have more knowledge than me."

Salvino also defended his friend Fred Borden. "If it wasn't for Fred Borden, there would be no USBC Coaching Program, and none of those people in Arlington would have a job," said Salvino.

Another universal theme that came up in several of our conver

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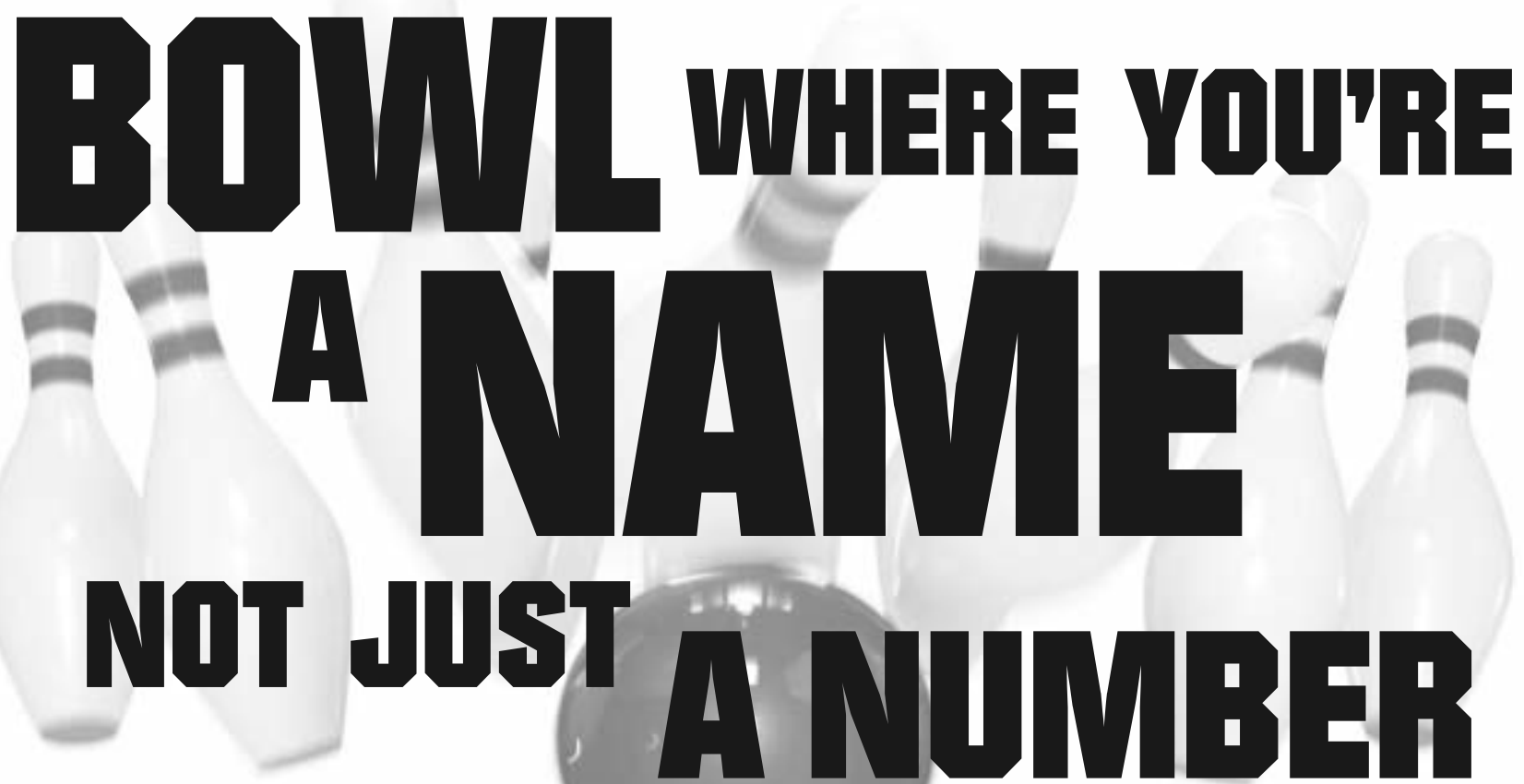
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# PEZZANO

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.

## House Pro Program is Long Overdue

I wish there was a way to count each year the number of bowlers who quit out of sheer frustration, helped along by indifference and neglect.

They end up almost convinced that this sport of ours only masquerades as fun, recreation and competition, that in reality, it's some sort of torture.

Too many are told too often how easy it is to bowl. The emphasis should be on the fact that though bowling is one of the easiest sports to learn, it remains one of the most difficult to master, even with the rash of easier conditions and gigantic scores. That makes the newcomers and lower averagers feel worse.

Let it be noted that there are many instructors who should be made aware that beginning bowlers aren't interested in becoming 200 average bowlers right away, at least not until they learn how to keep the ball out of the gutter more often than not.

Most bowling centers do not provide or make available adequate instructions for beginners, middle range or advanced bowlers, free, or at any cost. Many bowlers would love to take lessons, but this area of the game has been sadly neglected. Some bowlers can't afford much; others are willing to pay almost any price. Neither gets too much of anyone's attention.

No particular segment of the sport is at fault, though it would be to the advantage of bowling centers if bowlers stopped quitting, and to the membership organizations, and it would certainly be to the advantage of the pros and others if the teaching of bowling grew to even a portion of the type of instruction offered in tennis and golf.

I don't know of any golf course that doesn't have a pro. And tennis is near that position too. How many bowling centers have a home pro?

### Idle bowling thoughts . . .

- Don Carter was remembered well at his death at 85. Carter was one of those once in a century athletes who not only lit up every room he ever entered, but will keep an eternal light on bowling. I have always put Carter at the top of my list as the greatest bowler of all time. And that is no lessening of my respect and admiration for many others, but Carter was the king of the bowling castle in his era. In private or public talks his toughest competitors all placed him in hallowed territory. Not surprising since he was best know for consistently out rolling his top rated opposition. You can ask no more of any great athlete.

- When Joe Paterno passed away a few of the bio clips showed a youthful Paterno being interviewed by an equally young Schenkel when Chris was starting his broadcasting career and Paterno was an Ivy League quarterback. Schenkel always noted how much he learned from Paterno for so many years.

- And Don Imus, one of the most honored broadcasters in history, had deep praise for the telecast of the USBC Masters tourney, and he also recalled how he used to watch the bowling telecasts hosted by Schenkel and Bo Burton decades ago.

- Bowling always has been most of the charitable of sports, coming to the aid of individuals as well as most of the largest needy organizations. That's fine, but at times, maybe bowling's needs should receive as much attention.

- Mike Aulby's goal always was to make his game just a little bit better - and he accomplished that with class.

Over the years the National Bowling Council and each of the groups in bowling have done some good things in the way of bowling instruction. The PBA also moved in that direction with it's member schools. But the ends are loose and there is still a long way to go.

There are many fine teachers across the country, some heralded professional names, others whose names are known to their students and friends.

A knowledge of the sport, an interest in all phases, plenty of patience and the ability to like and get along with people are among the musts. In golf it's an accepted fact that most teaching pros are just that, teaching pros, instructors first, and golfers second.

There may be too much accent on name pros as teachers. Some of them are fine instructors. But some of the great ones, some of the highest scorers, don't realize what they do, don't really know how they do it, and it is obvious they don't teach. Others know perfectly well what they do and how they do it, but won't or can't impart the knowledge, or can't or won't adjust it to a student's game.

All bowling teachers, like all bowling books, help some. A good teacher must first gain the attention of the student, then the respect. Faith in a teacher can do wonders. Never discount any instructor because he or she isn't a super star or even a good bowler. Many so so bowlers love the teaching end and spend their effort and energy helping others, and learning more about the sport.

There will come a day when very few bowlers quit the sport. The day will also come when every bowling center will boast a home pro. I hope I live long enough to see both of those days.

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## Celebrity Bowling Hall of Fame Voting to be "Madness"

For the fourth consecutive year it's the people who will have the power to choose the next inductee into the Celebrity Bowling Hall of Fame with the launch of an American Idol-style competition that will be sheer "Madness." The excitement and anticipation will heighten with a new basketball tournament-inspired bracket that will track weekly competition of some of the most popular celebrities pitted against each other in head-to-head voting competition that will play out over the course of the competition March 12 - April 10, 2012.

There will be nine celebrities from which to make up a bracket. In the competition, celebrity #9 will face celebrity #8 for the right to make the final bracket, and face celebrity #1. In subsequent pairings, #2 will face #7, #3 will square off against #6, and #4 and #5 will battle it out. Consumers will go to [www.GoBowling.com](http://www.GoBowling.com) and vote for their

favorite celebrity in each bracket. Each week the celebrity getting the most votes in their individual match-ups will advance to the next round of the bracket until there are only two celebrities remaining. Voters will then sound off and choose who will be the 2012 inductee into the Bowling Celebrity Hall of Fame.

As an added incentive to participate, thousands of bowling centers across the United States are teaming together to provide a buy-one, get-one free coupon to everyone who casts a vote. Simply by voting at [www.GoBowling.com](http://www.GoBowling.com), consumers can download the coupon to use at a participating bowling center (participating centers will be listed on [www.GoBowling.com](http://www.GoBowling.com)).

"The fans have a lot of fun and are passionate about voting for their favorites. We want to continue to give them the opportunity," said Steve Johnson, executive director of the Bowling Proprietors'

Association of America, the bowling industry's leading trade association. "For the industry, the upside is an increased awareness in bowling and for the proprietor it's the increase in the number of people who use the coupons to bowl at their centers."

Voting kicks off on March 12 when consumers will be able to go to [www.GoBowling.com](http://www.GoBowling.com) and fill out their brackets and begin to cast ballots for their favorite celebrities. The public will be able to check voting totals to see who is leading and who gets left behind by logging on to [www.GoBowling.com](http://www.GoBowling.com). Vote totals will be updated weekly. Consumers who have a perfect bracket throughout the entire event will be entered into a drawing to win a grand prize of an Apple iPad pre-loaded with the newest bowling mobile app - XBowling.

"The Celebrity Bowling Hall of Fame voting is a fun event that gets a great response year

after year," said Keith Hamilton, chairman of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame. "It's always interesting to see who the fans vote for. It's great for bowling because, as a public relations initiative, it keeps bowling top of mind to a wide audience and generates a lot of media coverage."

The Celebrity Bowling Hall of Fame "Madness" schedule:

Week of March 12 - Bracket submissions/qualifier round

Week of March 19 - Round of 8

Week of March 26 - Final Four

Week of April 2 - Final Two

Week of April 9 - Winner announcement.

Past winners include singers Miley Cyrus and Taylor Swift, former Pittsburgh Steeler Hall of Famers Jerome Bettis and Lynn Swann, and former Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher John Candiotti.

## PBA Tour Stars Shine in WTBA Events Following USBC Masters

Immediately following the Alka-Seltzer Plus Liquid Gels USBC Masters at Sunset Station in Las Vegas, Liz Johnson, Chris Barnes and Walter Ray Williams Jr. earned berths in the stepladder finals of the inaugural World Tenpin Bowling Association International Open, which will be held in conjunction with the Brunswick Euro Challenge in suburban Paris in March.

The WTBA International Open, the first tournament exclusively owned and operated by the WTBA, was part of a special three-event "bonus" series held at Sunset Station. Johnson, a two-time PBA Women's Series titlist and 12-time Professional Women's Bowling Association winner, took advantage of the six handicap pins per game awarded to women in many WTBA events to lead all qualifiers with a 1,418 total. Barnes was second with 1,367 pins and Williams qualified third, four pins behind Barnes.

The inaugural WTBA International Open drew a field of 132 players (123 men and nine women), including 36 PBA Tour exempt players. Other top PBA Tour finishers included Mika Koivuniemi, fourth for \$6,000; Pete Weber, fifth for \$4,500; Cheetah Open

winner Eugene McCune, sixth for \$3,000; Stuart Williams, eighth for \$2,000, Masters champion Mike Fagan, ninth for \$1,500, and PBA South Region competitor Scott Newell, 10th for \$1,500.

Former PBA exempt player DJ Archer averaged over 240 in the qualifying rounds of the USBC Masters, WTBA International Open and the International Mini to win the \$10,000 top prize for combined pinfall for 20 game in all three events. Chris Barnes was second with 4,766 pins for \$5,000 with Mike Fagan was third with 4,727 pins for \$2,500.

Canadian citizen Dan MacLelland earned \$30,000 as International Mini champion. As the Gold Division representative, MacLelland bowled against the Silver and Bronze Division representatives in the finals, posting a 203 to top Darrin Remiticado, Stockton, Calif., who had a 187 game including handicap for \$15,000, and Willie Wells, Herriman, Utah, who rolled a 182 with handicap for a \$10,000 prize.

Ildemaro Ruiz and Mika Koivuniemi each won \$2,000 by reaching round five in the gold division while Chris Barnes, Martin Larsen and Mike Fagan each earned \$1,500 by advancing to round four.

## Paula Carter and Dave Davis Remembering Don's Character, Compassion and Class

Thank you for the wonderful tribute to Donald in your February issue. As I read the issue, of course there were lots of tears. More than that though, there was a real sense that people understood the character of this man. I found myself not even breathing while reading the quotes. Yes, he was one of the greatest bowlers to shoe up, but the character of this man was one in a million. The loyalty to his family and friends was unmatched. He had a special soft spot for the unfortunate and for animals. As he got closer to the end of his time on earth, his dignity was challenged time and time again. Yet, he was so gracious and appreciative to everyone who came into his life. Well now I'm sobbing, so I have to close. Thank you from the bottom of my broken heart!

-- Paula Carter

The most wonderful thing about Don Carter was that he was my friend. "Friends" are very few and far between during ones life time. Don would call me almost every Tuesday, when the weather allowed, to come play golf with he, Lou Scalia and myself until we moved to Georgia to be near our family. Don really liked his friends and would call and talk for at least 20 minutes at a time about everything, but never his health. Never mentioned it.

When Jimmy sent me an e-mail telling me of his passing, it left an empty place in my heart to lose a friend... The last time Don and I were on the golf course together was in the "Nat Rasco Chairity Tournament". Nat was the owner of the Northwestern Golf Co.. Don was unable to hit the ball anymore but he was the "designated putter" for our group and boy could he still putt. This is the hardest part of life, losing friends and family...

Just felt I had to tell someone of my love for a friend...

-- Dave Davis

## Series of Positive Activities Get PBA's New Year Off to a Strong Start

A frenzy of activity in January got the PBA's new year off to a strong start, having positive repercussions throughout the bowling industry:

- The PBA's January ESPN ratings for the Petraglia Division finals of the PBA World Championship followed by the PBA World Championship finals both exceeded audience records for PBA World Series of Bowling telecasts, only to be topped by the live finals of the Alka-Seltzer Plus Liquid Gels USBC Masters telecast on January 29, which reached an audience of 1.1 million viewers – the largest in two years.

- During the USBC Masters, PBA and World Tenpin Bowling Association leaders put their heads together and formed an historic alliance that will create the first true global bowling tour, awarding PBA Tour titles at a series of World Bowling Tour tournaments in 2012. At the close of the year, the top three men and top three women in WBT points will bowl for increased prize funds in the WBT Finals presented by the PBA during the 2012 PBA World Series of Bowling in Las Vegas.

- Bowlers from around the world can start planning for the 2012-13 season, which will get underway with the fourth annual PBA World Series of Bowling Nov. 2-11 at South Point Casino, Hotel and Bowling Center. The 2012 World Series will feature four "animal pattern" championships, the PBA World Championship and the WTBA World Bowling Tour men's and women's finals presented by the PBA. Details will be forthcoming.

- The PBA has reached agreement with Killer B Promotions to conduct a series of Teen Masters qualifying tournaments in conjunction with PBA Regional events across the country in the months ahead. The Teen Masters finals will be conducted in Cleveland,

Ohio, in July.

- The inaugural Xtra Frame Tour Cheetah Open presented by Ebonite, the first PBA Tour event broadcast exclusively over the Internet, drew a field of 143 players to Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley, Calif. Eugene McCune successfully defended his Cheetah Open title.

- The PBA unveiled a new membership program that included a low-cost PBA24 membership package exclusively designed for young bowlers just entering the PBA ranks, a new International membership to grant specific privileges to international players who want to experience PBA competition, internationally and within the U.S., and a membership renewal program that provides amnesty for back dues while waiving initiation fees for many former members.

- The Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational, which aired on ESPN in front of the Super Bowl on Feb. 5, also introduced "Sheets" as a new corporate sponsor. Sheets is a new fast-absorbing energy strip.

- The celebrity aspect of the Chris Paul event creates staggering media exposure for the PBA. As a group, celebrity participants Paul, Michael Strahan, Ciara, Jesse Williams, Jerry Ferrar, Kevin Hart, Blake Griffin, Reggie Bush, Drew Carey, Mindless Behavior, the L.A. Clippers and the NBA have a combined total of more than 100 million Twitter and Facebook followers. Sports Illustrated's website, si.com, has posted a special "Athletes in the Bowling Alley" photo gallery using photos from this year's (and earlier) events, and Kevin Hart and PBA West Region competitor J.T. (Action) Jackson, a Los Angeles-based actor, made a brief appearance on "TMZ" to discuss bowling as a sport (you can easily links to the si.com gallery and TMZ clip by clicking on the "In the News" tab on [pba.com](http://pba.com)

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## TWO TEXANS TO RECEIVE USBC RECOGNITION AWARDS

ARLINGTON, Texas - Donna Conners of Houston and Sue Hunter of Alamo, Texas, have been selected to receive 2012 United States Bowling Congress Recognition Awards.

Conners is the Joyce Deitch Unity Award winner and Hunter has been named the Helen Baker Outstanding Association Service Award recipient. The selections were made by the



Donna Conners



Sue Hunter

USBC Board of Directors and the winners will be formally recognized at the 2012 USBC Convention in Arlington, Texas, in April.

Conners started the Luci Bonneau Memorial Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Tournament in 2000 and it has been a sellout each year. The tournament benefits the Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research and has raised more than \$300,000. The tournament, which has grown to 84 doubles team and three pro-am squads, annually brings in top competitors and many well-know professional bowlers.

Conners said her focus for the tournament always will be on the players first, because "without the players there would be no program; without the pro-am, we would have no money for charity."

She also created a youth scholarship tournament that ran from 2005-2008. The event featured a difficult Sport shot and strict dress code to help prepare the bowlers for higher levels of competition.

"I had never given it much thought about winning an award for something that I have such a passion for doing," said Conners, a USBC Silver coach who has been named to the Bowlers Journal Top Coaches list for the last six years. "I'm so honored to be thought of and chosen for this award, and to be amongst all those before and who will be coming in after me."

Hunter started bowling in a league in 1966 and was asked to attend an association meeting. She was elected association secretary and has been involved with the sport since.

She would eventually serve as president of the Hidalgo County Association for 18 years and president of the Texas Women's Bowling Association for five years. She was the first and second vice president, treasurer and director on the Texas Women's BA.

Hunter currently serves as president of the Texas State USBC, a position she has held since the association merged five years ago. David Fields, president of the Greater Pasadena (Texas) USBC, said Hunter has provided calm leadership and set a high standard for all future leaders.

"This is my last year as president of the Texas USBC so this is icing on my cake," Hunter said. "I will still be involved because I love this game. Bowling has given me so many friends."

Hunter has competed in 31 national tournaments and served as a delegate to 27 national meetings. She is a Texas State USBC Hall of Fame member.

The Joyce Deitch Unity Award is named for the seventh president of the Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC) to recognize organizations and individuals who have made important contributions to bowling by being motivators, visionaries, leaders and innovators.

The Helen Baker Outstanding Association Service Award is named for the former WIBC's fifth president. It annually recognizes an outstanding bowling leader who has made invaluable contributions to local and state associations as an innovator, creator and mentor of adult programs.

## Red Rock Resort Rolls Out the Red Carpet For Xtravaganza Bowlers and Guests

When bowlers, guests, and event staff arrive in Las Vegas May 31 for the first annual Hall of Fame Xtravaganza, they will experience one of the world's premier hotel and casino resort destinations, the fabulous Red Rock Resort. The hotel is a AAA Four Diamond property; and Red Rock Lanes, home of the annual PBA Tournament of Champions, is a state-of-the-art world class center; as good as it gets anywhere in the world.

"We welcome the Xtravaganza group with open arms," said Mark Dunkeson, Senior VP and General Manager of Red Rock Resort. "We are the perfect Las Vegas fit for this event. Our world class Red Rock Lanes will give bowlers the best of the best, and our hotel offers 10 great restaurants, an incredible four acre resort pool area, an award winning spa, a top rated Movie Theater, and gaming and entertainment throughout the property."

The 2012 Hall of Fame Xtravaganza is the first event in a long term annual commitment to raise funds and awareness for the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in Arlington, Texas. Bowlers who qualify on the local level will win trips to Red Rock Resort in Las Vegas where 120 doubles teams will compete for \$25,000 in additional cash and prizes May 31-June 3, 2012.

"We are very excited to be going to Red Rock for this new event," said Xtravaganza chairman Pat Ciniello. "We were blown away by the luxury of the place when we were there last year for the Bowling Summit, and we are so pleased we could make this deal so the Xtravaganza bowlers can see and experience this incredible place we enjoyed so much."

**These are some of the amenities offered by Red Rock Resort:**

- More than 800 upscale guestrooms, featuring modern décor, hi-def televisions, wireless internet, and iPod connections. And suites of all sizes including the amazing 6,500 square foot "180 Suite" with panoramic views of Las Vegas
- 10 restaurants with options ranging from upscale to casual

• A full array of gaming and entertainment options ranging from intimate bars to an outdoor amphitheater that accommodates 10,000 guests.

• An award winning 25,000 square foot full service Spa and Salon

• 16 screen RR movie theater and Kids Quest: an indoor recreation area for ages 6-12

• A four acre Sandbar Pool area that features interactive fountains, private pools and cabanas, six wading pools, gaming, food and drinks.

The really good news for bowlers everywhere is that it is not too late to qualify for this exciting new event and win your ticket to Red Rock Resort in Las Vegas. Ask about the Xtravaganza at your local bowling center or visit the Hall of Fame and Museum website [www.bowlingmuseum.com](http://www.bowlingmuseum.com) for more information.

**About Red Rock Resort**

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The Xtravaganza is an event presented by the IBMHF and sponsored by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA), the United States Bowling Congress (USBC), Station Casinos Lanes of Las Vegas, Strike Ten Entertainment (STE), Storm, Brunswick, Ebonite, and industry sponsors Jack Link's Beef Jerky and Musselman's Apple Sauce. For additional information, visit the websites [bowlingmuseum.com](http://bowlingmuseum.com), [bpaa.com](http://bpaa.com), or [bowl.com](http://bowl.com). For more info, contact Stefanie Nation, [Stefanie@bpaa.com](mailto:Stefanie@bpaa.com)

## Krol's Big Bid on Luby Painting Helps Salute To Bowling Raise Nearly \$30,000 at 2012 Bowling Summit

Thanks to the work of one artist and generosity of one bidder, the 2012 Salute to Bowling proved most fruitful to the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame.

The 23rd Salute was held Jan. 23 during the 2012 Bowling Proprietors' Association of America Bowling Summit at the Meritage Resort in Napa Valley, Calif. It featured free admission courtesy of joint presenters Brunswick and Qubica/AMF, a wine and cheese party, cocktails and beverage, 50/50 raffle and silent and live auctions of items donated for the event.

Overall, the evening raised nearly \$30,000 for the IBM/HF.

"The Salute was a tremendous success," said IBM/HF Managing Director Eric Kearney. "It was very well attended and very well received."

The biggest donated item was a 30" by 40" oil painting of bowling pioneer Joe Thum by retired Bowlers Journal International Publisher Mort Luby. Hans Krol of Bowltech International B.V. headquartered in Made, The Netherlands, walked away with Luby's work with a \$20,000 bid.

"We are indebted to Mr. Luby for his generosity of such a fine painting and to Hans Krol for his winning bid," Salute chairperson Mike Aulby said. "It was unbelievable."

The other big prize was a travel package at the Makena Beach & Golf Resort on Maui, Hawaii, which Colorado proprietors Tom and Icel Haynes won with a \$4,200 bid. Krol also came away with an autographed portrait of bowling legends Dick Weber, Bill Lilliard, Don Carter and Ray Bluth while BPAA Executive Director Steve Johnson's bid earned him an Earl Anthony-autographed poster.

"We want to thank the BPAA leadership and staff for allowing the Museum and Hall of Fame to be a significant part of the Summit," said IBM/HF chairman Keith Hamilton, "And we want to thank Qubica/AMF and Brunswick for coming together to sponsor the evening. We are looking forward to Bowl Expo."

The IBM/HF will have a distinct presence June 25-28 at International Bowl Expo in Reno, Nev. There will be a 50/50 raffle with a guaranteed \$5,000 top prize and silent auction including the Bowling Pin Car now on display at the National Bowling Stadium.

Salute to Bowling helps fund operations at the IBM/HF in Arlington, Texas. It originally was called Salute to Champions in 1990 as the brainchild of former Brunswick executive Jim Bennett. It started as black-tie affair to honor those who had helped the industry. In 2002, the event moved to International Bowl Expo and changed format from a black-tie sit down to an auction/cocktail format.

## Bowling's U.S. Women's Open to be Played on Historic Virginia St. Under the Reno Arch

ARLINGTON, TX - For the second consecutive year, bowling is breaking new ground at Bowling's U.S. Women's Open, the industry's pre-eminent professional women's tournament. Following a landmark television finals event in 2011 that was played at the 50 yard-line in Cowboys Stadium, the Open finals will now - for the first-time ever - be played outdoors on legendary Virginia Street in Reno, Nevada. History will be broken twice, as the event will also feature the introduction of the first-ever Bowling's Senior U.S. Women's Open, for participants over fifty years-old.

"Bowling's U.S. Women's Open captured international attention in 2011 and we are raising the bar even higher in 2012. Setting one new record wasn't enough, so as the Open comes to Reno, we are fittingly doubling down - hosting our first-ever outdoor tournament and introducing a brand new senior women's championship," said Steve Johnson, Executive Director of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America. "In addition to setting new ground for our industry, this year's event will be a salute to the men and women in uniform who protect and safeguard our nation. Our opening ceremony will be a star-spangled celebration including a military flyover, a surprise hero to roll out the ceremonial first ball and a fireworks celebration to crown this year's champion - as well as more surprises to come."

Bowling's U.S. Women's Open is once again being presented by the Brands of Ebonite

International, the premier manufacturer of bowling balls and bowling equipment. The 2012 Bowling's U.S. Women's Open and Senior Open will take place simultaneously, 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. For a second consecutive year, the Open finals, in addition to the newly-added Senior Open finals, will be broadcast on ESPN's family of networks.

"The bowling industry has done it again, putting together an absolutely spectacular U.S. Women's Open for 2012 - and the Brands of Ebonite International are so proud to align our brands with this exceptional event," said Randy Schickert, CEO of Ebonite International. "This event is unique in that it brings together the great sport of bowling and the powerful U.S. Open brand to attract the top female players in the world. We are also particularly proud to support the introduction of the Senior U.S. Women's Open and to provide this stage for women athletes who are legends and vanguards for bowling, the greatest game there is."

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. The entry fee for both the Women's Open and Senior U.S. Women's Open is \$350. For additional information and registration details, please visit: [www.bowlingsuswomensopen.com](http://www.bowlingsuswomensopen.com).

# Scott Newell Shakes off Nerves to Win PBA Ricart Ford Open



Scott Newell

title by defeating tournament leader and one-time Tour winner Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., 247-245, in a title match that went down to the 10th frame. Leaving the tricky 2-8 on the first ball of the 10th frame, Newell was able to make the spare and then strike on the final ball for the victory.

"I may have looked composed on the outside but I was shaking on the inside," said Newell, who owns three regional Tour titles and a best previous Tour finish of 12th. "I just had to take a deep breath and remind myself to stay focused and do what I do best."

In the semi-final match, Newell survived another nail biter when he defeated three-time Tour titlist Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., 238-237. In that match he had to convert a 10-pin on the final shot to secure the win.

"You try to prepare yourself the best you can for pressure situations but you never know how you're going to perform until those situations present themselves," Newell said. "A lot of people say you have the ability and you can get it done but it's just a great relief when you finally do."

In the first frame of the opening stepladder match against Dom Barrett of England, Newell threw the gutter ball after it hit his ankle which he admitted was a sign of his nervousness.

He regained his composure enough to then make the spare and went on to defeat Barrett 255-202.

"It was just a matter of getting too quick with my feet and my timing was off," Newell said. "It was probably good that I made that mistake right away because I could then put it behind me and get on with the rest of the match."

Barrett was looking for his second PBA Tour title after winning the PBA Scorpion Open which, ironically, was aired on an ESPN taped-delayed telecast earlier in the day.

The Ricart Ford Open was the second PBA Tour event streamed live exclusively on pba.com's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. Two more Xtra Frame events are scheduled during the remainder of the season.

**PBA RICART FORD OPEN PRESENTED BY COLUMBIA 300**  
Sequoia Pro Bowl, Columbus, Ohio - February, 19, 2012

#### FINAL STANDINGS

- 1, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., three games, 740 pins, \$10,000
- 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., one game, 245 pins, \$5,000
- 3, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., one game, 237 pins, \$3,000
- 4, Dom Barrett, England, one game, 202 pins, \$2,500

#### PLAYOFF RESULTS

Match One - Newell def. Barrett, 255-202  
Semifinal match - Newell def. Page, 238-237  
Championship match - Newell def. Ciminelli, 247-245

#### MATCH PLAY CASHERS - (after 22 games)

Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 8-5, 5,260, \$2,200; Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 9-4, 5,215, \$1,950; Jason Belmonte, Australia, 9-4, 5,215, \$1,950; Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 6-7, 5,196, \$1,800; Osku Palermaa, Finland, 9-4, 5,152, \$1,750; Martin Larsen, Sweden, 5-8, 5,145, \$1,700; Jason Lundquist, Groveport, Ohio, 6-7, 5,105, \$1,650; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 5-8, 5,089, \$1,600; Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 5-8, 5,054, \$1,550; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 6-7, 5,051, \$1,500; Dan MacLelland, Canada, 6-7, 5,040, \$1,450; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 7-6, 5,038, \$1,400; Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 5-7-1, 5,018, \$1,350; Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 7-6, 5,012, \$1,300; Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 6-7, 4,939, \$1,275; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 5-8, 4,936, \$1,250; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 5-7-1, 4,794, \$1,225; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-8-1, 4,793, \$1,200; Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3-9-1, 4,670, \$1,175; Chuck Tompkins, New Albany, Ohio, 2-11, 4,406, \$1,150.

#### OTHER CASHERS

(tie), Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,950 and John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 1,950, \$840; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,933, \$820; (tie), Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich. and Art Oliver Jr., Hamilton, Ont. Canada, 1,932, \$805; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,924, \$790; (tie), Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Jonathan Russell, Rockwood, Tenn., 1,923, \$775; Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 1,905, \$760; Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 1,904, \$750.

## 13 PROPOSALS TO BE DECIDED AT 2012 USBC ANNUAL MEETING

ARLINGTON, Texas - Delegates will vote on 13 proposals involving changes to United States Bowling Congress bylaws, league rules and tournament rules at the USBC Annual Meeting on April 27 in Arlington.

The amendments include a series of changes to USBC bylaws called the Financial Freedom and Flexibility Proposals. The Financial Freedom and Flexibility Proposals will allow associations at all levels to better manage their financial future by removing dues cap

restrictions from USBC bylaws.

USBC will host a series of meetings around the country to discuss with delegates why the Financial Freedom and Flexibility Proposals will benefit USBC associations and the organization as a whole by embracing free-market principles that are the foundation for growing businesses.

Of the 13 proposals, seven relate to changes to USBC bylaws, four refer to league rules and two to tournaments. Other proposals relating

to USBC bylaws include:

- \* Removing the provision allowing members who join in a summer league to receive next season's membership as well.

- \* Removing the fiscal year from the bylaws.

- \* Limiting the USBC President's term in office to a single, three-year term.

Proposals relating to playing rules and tournaments include:

- \* Allowing a league's board to adjust a player's average upward during the season

with a two-thirds vote.

- \* Require league games bowled in a playoff or special contest to count toward averages.

- \* Require tournament bowlers to use the highest of either their composite average of all leagues, or the bowler's highest single league average of 21 games or more.

Please see BOWL.com/convention for the complete list of proposed amendments and additional information about the 2012 USBC Convention.

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## Dom Barrett Wins First PBA Tour Title in Scorpion Open

LAS VEGAS – England's Dom Barrett, in his American television debut, defeated Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 247-204, to win the Professional Bowlers Association Scorpion Open at South Point Casino and Hotel.

The Scorpion Open was the third of four PBA "animal pattern" championships contested during the third annual PBA World Series of Bowling and the fourth straight World Series title – including the PBA World Championship – won by international players.

Barrett joined countryman Stuart Williams, winner of the Bayer Viper Open, as the second



Dom Barrett

English player ever to win a PBA Tour title. He came into the finals as the top qualifier and worked his way through two elimination matches before throwing his best game at the hard-luck Rash, who was once again plagued by a fatal error.

In the opening game of the eliminator-format finals, Rash led the four-man field with a 217 game. Barrett was right behind with a 207. Hometown favorite Dave Wodka of Henderson, Nev., nipped Patrick Allen of Baltimore, 177-173, to remain in contention. Allen, as low man, was eliminated.

In game two, Rash again led the survivors, using a late string of five strikes to post a 221. Barrett advanced to the title match with a 214. Three open frames led to a 164 game and doomed Wodka's hopes for his second PBA Tour title.

In the title match, Rash and Barrett both struck on six of their first seven shots, but Rash's unconverted 2-4-8-10 split in the third frame gave Barrett an 18-pin advantage. Both players converted single pin spares in the eighth and ninth frames before Barrett doubled in the 10th frame to claim the \$15,000 first prize and a berth in the Round of 36 for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions.

"It's a fantastic feeling," Barrett said. "I kind of got to go through some of the emotions with Stu (Williams) after he won his title, and that gave me a little insight about what was going to happen to me if I got this far."

"I just wanted to throw the best 10 shots I could, and I think most of them were pretty good," he added. "The thing to remember is the lane is still 60 feet and there are 10 pins at the other end, and you can't control your opponent. You just have to make a good shot yourself."

For Rash and the United States

professionals, the loss was another bitter disappointment. In four straight World Series of Bowling finals appearances, Rash has finished third in the PBA World Championship and Bayer Viper Open, and second in the

Chameleon and Scorpion Opens. He also finished second to Mika Koivuniemi in the WTBA World Bowling Tour Finals to kick off the World Series. And the U.S. has yet to win a World Series title. Following Koivuniemi's win in the WBT Finals for Finland, fellow Finn Osku Palermaa won the PBA World Championship, England's Williams won the Bayer Viper Open, and Australia's Jason

Belmonte won the Chameleon Open.

"If you were to roll the calendar back 10 years, this wouldn't be happening," Barrett said of the surprising international dominance. "But we have so many international tournaments now, and the PBA Tour has opened events like the World Series to international players, that the experience we've been able to get on the European and Asian tours has really meant a lot."

"The tournaments we have in Europe have televised finals, but nothing quite like this," he added. "The arena setting here reminds me of the Weber Cup back home, so when I walked in and saw how close this setting was to the Weber Cup, it made me feel right at home."

Barrett didn't want to rate himself against Williams as to who the best British bowler might be, but he said, "Stu was the best after the Viper Open, and I put myself into the running today. But the fact is, we're the only two Englishmen to win a PBA Tour title, so that's what is really cool."

The final "animal pattern" championship, the GEICO Shark Open, will be contested on Sunday, March 4, at 3 p.m. ET on ESPN. Rash will appear in his fifth straight elimination final along with top qualifier Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas; Jason Belmonte of Australia, and reigning PBA Player of the Year Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich.

### PBA SCORPION OPEN

**South Point Exhibition Hall, Las Vegas**  
**Round One** (lowest score eliminated): Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 217; Dom Barrett, England, 207; Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 177; Patrick Allen, Baltimore, 173 (\$4,000).

**Round Two** (lowest score eliminated): Rash 221, Barrett 214, Wodka 164 (\$4,500).

**Championship:** Barrett (\$15,000) def. Rash (\$7,500), 247-204.

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sations with Gold Coaches was the perceived requirement for Gold Coaches to keep up with all of the new technology. Gold Coach Susie Reichley makes her living in the Real Estate business, but she keeps up with new equipment and technology as much as she needs to serve her students.

"I have always had pro shop professionals that I referred my students to," said Reichley. "I don't think any coach needs to actually drill balls to be effective. As far as the re-certification goes, I just felt like I have been coaching for 45 years; I've coached Team USA, and suddenly I'm so stupid that I have to take a test to prove myself? It doesn't make sense."

"It is about respect," said Salvino. "If Fred

Borden and I announced we were going to do a coaching clinic, we would pack the house. We don't need a USBC title to do that, but it is nice to see that bowling thinks enough of us to give us one. I hope they don't take it away."

Finally, while on the subject of respect, we have tons of it for the good people at USBC, even the ones who send us testy emails. Just like us, they work hard. They care about bowling. And sometimes, they even listen to folks outside of Arlington. Going forward, we hope they will seek opinions and listen to all of their Gold Coaches before making important decisions that have an effect on their careers, their passion, and their reputations.

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# Pete Weber Wins Record Fifth U.S. Open

## Surpasses Father, Dick Weber and Don Carter

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. – Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., became the most successful bowler in U.S. Open history, winning the most challenging major title in bowling for a record fifth time at Brunswick Zone-Carolier with a strike on his final ball in the 10th frame to nip top qualifier Mike Fagan of Dallas, 215-214.

Weber, who came into the stepladder finals as the No. 4 qualifier, threw clutch shots in three matches to win, but none was more critical than his strike on his final ball in the title match. Needing at least a nine-count spare and strike to win, Weber threw a perfect pocket shot on his first ball, but left a 10 pin. After converting the spare, he threw an identical shot that carried for a strike.

In winning the title, Weber broke a

tie with his late father, Professional Bowlers Association legend Dick Weber, and his father's close friend, the late Don Carter, who each won the forerunner to the U.S. Open – the BPAA All Star – four times.

“Dad, I know you were watching,” Weber said as he looked up toward heaven after the win. “I know you're proud, and I'm sorry I broke your record.

“This is my greatest title ever,” Weber said. “To win five U.S. Opens and pass Dick Weber and Don Carter says a lot, but I'll never say I'm better than them. They paved the way for us to be here. It was an honor and a privilege to join them when I won my fourth U.S. Open, and it's even more of an honor to be the first one to win five.



Pete Weber

“This is the tournament I look forward to ever year,” he added. “I live for the U.S. Open because I know, no matter what, I have a chance to win.”

At age 49 years, 189 days, Weber became the oldest player ever to win the U.S. Open, breaking the record set by 46-year-old Norm Duke last year at Carolier. And he moved into second place on the PBA's all-time major title-winners list with his ninth title, behind only Earl Anthony's 10.

“That's probably the calmest I've ever been needing to throw a shot to win,” he added. “Not to toot my own horn, but I think I'm prouder of myself than anyone else. I've always wanted to be the one to throw a strike to win.”

In advancing to the title match, Weber threw

critical shots in two preliminary matches, coming from behind to defeat Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 223-191, in the opening match and Australia's Jason Belmonte, 225-213, in the semifinal contest.

“I threw strikes in the seventh, eighth and ninth in all three games and put pressure on those guys,” Weber said. “The way those

guys performed was excellent. My hat's off to them. They bowled amazing.”

Weber earned \$60,000 and an automatic berth in the Round of 36 for the PBA Tournament of Champions in April. Fagan collected \$30,500, Belmonte \$15,000 and Shafer, who failed to win a title in his 14th television appearance in a major championship, earned \$10,000.

### 69TH U.S. OPEN

Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., February 26, 2012

#### FINAL STANDINGS

1. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Missouri
2. Mike Fagan, Dallas, Texas
3. Jason Belmonte, Australia
4. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, New York

three games, 663 pins	\$60,000
one game, 214 pins	\$30,500
one game 213 pins	\$15,000
one game 191 pins	\$10,000

#### PLAYOFF RESULTS

Match One – Weber def. Shafer, 223-191  
Match Two – Weber def. Belmonte, 225-213  
Championship – Weber def. Fagan, 215-214

#### FINAL MATCH PLAY CASHERS (after 50 games)

Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 15-7-2, 10,978, \$7,000; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 16-8, 10,909, \$6,000; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 10-14, 10,864, \$5,500; Osku Palermaa, Finland, 15-9, 10,837, \$5,000; Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 11-13, 10,835, \$4,500; Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 14-10, 10,801, \$4,200; Dan MacLelland, Canada, 13-11, 10,777, \$4,000; John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 12-12, 10,769, \$3,800; Ron Nelson Jr., Bridgeview, Ill., 12-11-1, 10,760, \$3,600; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 13-11, 10,758, \$3,500; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 11-13, 10,680, \$3,500; Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 10-14, 10,615, \$3,300; Rusty Thomsen, Morgan, N.J., 14-10, 10,566, \$3,200; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 12-12, 10,503, \$3,100; Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 9-15, 10,498, \$3,000; P.J. Sondag, Luzerne, Pa., 11-13, 10,469, \$2,900; Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 9-14-1, 10,449, \$2,800; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 8-16, 10,396, \$2,700; Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 7-17, 10,254, \$2,650; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 8-15-1, 10,218, \$2,600.

#### OTHER CASHERS (after 24 games)

Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 5,371, \$2,300; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5,365, \$2,200; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 5,362, \$2,100; David Stouffer, Fort Myers, Fla., 5,358, \$2,050; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5,350, \$2,000; Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 5,344, \$1,950; Storm DeVincent, Westford, Mass., 5,331, \$1,900; (tie); Juhani Tonteri, Finland, and Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 5,322, \$1,825; (tie); Steve Rogers, Manteno, Ill., and Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 5,318, \$1,725; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5,316, \$1,650; Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 5,314, \$1,600; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 5,311, \$1,580; Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 5,307, \$1,560; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 5,302, \$1,550; Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 5,300, \$1,540; Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 5,290, \$1,530; (tie); Andres Gomez, Colombia, and Dom Barrett, England, 5,287, \$1,515; Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., 5,283, \$1,500; Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 5,280, \$1,490; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 5,279, \$1,480; Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,274, \$1,470; Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 5,273, \$1,460; Tony Ament, Monroe, N.J., 5,271, \$1,450; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 5,264, \$1,440; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 5,259, \$1,430; Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 5,244, \$1,420; Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, 5,243, \$1,410; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 5,241, \$1,400; John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 5,234, \$1,390; Mike Dole, Chicago, 5,232, \$1,380; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 5,222, \$1,370; (tie); Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,221, \$1,355; Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 5,220, \$1,340; Martin Larsen, Sweden, 5,216, \$1,330; Daniel Farish, Louisville, Ky., 5,213, \$1,320; Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 5,211, \$1,310; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,207, \$1,300; Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 5,205; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 5,204, \$1,280; Stuart Williams, England, 5,202, \$1,270; William Guszczo, Orland Park, Ill., 5,195, \$1,260; Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 5,190, \$1,250; Kenneth Lane, Rosedale, Md., 5,188, \$1,240; Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 5,184, \$1,230; Patrick Girard, Canada, 5,180, \$1,220; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 5,179, \$1,210; Sean Riccardi, Piscataway, N.J., 5,166, \$1,200; Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 5,163, \$1,190; George Branham III, Indianapolis, 5,160, \$1,180; John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 5,149, \$1,170; Paul Pinto, Philadelphia, 5,142, \$1,160; (tie); James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., and Rob Gotterbarn, Garden City South, N.Y., 5,140, \$1,145; Adam Chase, Seaford, N.Y., 5,136, \$1,130; John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 5,134, \$1,120; Matt Taylor, Knightdale, N.C., 5,130, \$1,110; Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 5,124, \$1,100; David Kiltz, New York, 5,123, \$1,090; Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 5,119, \$1,080; Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y., 5,118, \$1,070; Mike Rose Jr., West Henrietta, N.Y., 5,101, \$1,060; Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa., 5,095, \$1,050; T.J. Schmidt, Osceola, Ind., 5,080, \$1,040; Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 5,075, \$1,030; Joe Goldstein Sr., Hayward, Calif., 5,073, \$1,020; Billy Pautz, St. Peter, Minn., 5,060, \$1,010. (\$1000 each) - Dan Furman, Amsterdam, N.Y., 5,058; Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 5,057; Brandon Tarabek, Cleveland Hts., Ohio, 5,053; Jeremy Boyer, Desloge, Mo., 5,031

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# PBA Xtra Frame Evolves

by Joan Taylor

It is gratifying, much like watching a child grow, to see how far PBA's web-based broadcast package, Xtra Frame, has developed in a short time. It has been nurtured, tweaked,

100. We have repackaged the resources that the PBA has in hopes of getting a wider audience.

"We have entered the next phase of sports entertainment in that the internet costs less than your traditional pay-for TV. Recently we responded to the wants and needs of the fans who wanted to see and hear more tournaments. A local automobile dealer, Ricart Ford, underwrote 'Xtra Frame Tour' events. We essentially produce a television show with four stops: Fountain Valley (CA) Columbus (OH), Detroit (MI) and Indianapolis (IN). Two titles were won already and count as a regular tour title for points and earnings, in addition to qualifying for the annual Tournament of Champions."

Each winner gets \$10,000 for first place.

The pre- and post-tournament webcasts give subscribers the real story leading up to final rounds: qualifying, matchplay, and any additional post-tournament drama. It gives fans a bigger picture of each tournament stop, as other sports have, such as NASCAR.

Jakubowski frequently fills in his programs by answering or having a guest announcer (i.e., Mark Roth) respond to questions filtered through the PBA's facebook or twitter page. While the originators of Strikepass were ahead of their time, "we want to be five years ahead of our time," Mike said.

To date Xtra Frame has grown the original 1200 subscribers into nearly 4,000 subscribers, but he wants to grow that to 40,000.

He is currently working on a summer schedule to add webcasts and attract those new subscribers.

The cost for a subscription is \$7.99 per month or \$64.99 for a full year and is available



Mike Jakubowski and Jason Thomas

modified, and recently added-to with tournaments of its own.

The program was actually spawned from Strikepass, which boasted the first major sport delivered via live video over the internet. The offering made sense, as several Microsoft alumnae had bought the PBA.

But unfortunately the PBA was ahead of its time. About five years ago the package was re-branded as Xtra Frame. With Mike Jakubowski, PBA Cross Marketing and Multimedia Specialist at the helm along with Jason Thomas and "Jackie Bowling" doing sideline reports, the program continues to grow, not only by subscriber numbers, but also with formats and other offerings.

"We immediately doubled the subscriptions (from Strikepass)," Jakubowski, better known as "Mike J. Laneside" said. "It's similar to the revolution when 'regular' television went to cable, and three television stations became



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## Bits and Pieces from 69th U.S. Open

• Josh Blanchard, the young man who made his "mark" in PBA history when he fell on the approach at the PBA World Championship Mike Aulby Division was well enough to make it to the top 24 in the 69<sup>th</sup> US Open. He finished in tenth place. The initial injury was mainly to his hip, and he underwent physical therapy. "My biggest concern was that I was going on a 29-hour flight to the Middle East for a tournament." By the way, he finished 8<sup>th</sup> in that tournament.

• Every year that the US Open has been held at Brunswick Zone Carolier Lanes in North Brunswick, the center has hosted a youth bowling clinic on Sunday morning before the championship rounds. The fee is \$50 and many pros who were still in town volunteered two hours of their time to help the youngsters. This year PBA professionals such as Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Sean Rash and Mark Roth participated. In addition to the young people benefitting, the entire participation fee went directly to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Fund.

• Pete Weber will not wear red when he bowls in the championship round. Why? "I won my first, eleventh, and twenty-first titles wearing red, but other than that, it proved to be bad luck, especially when I bowled a televised 150 game."

• On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Johnny Petraglia will turn as he said, "retirement age (65)." But don't look for him to retire. He will continue to bowl on the Senior Tour and make appearances for his employer, the Brunswick Corporation.

• The first cut took 96 bowlers out of the initial field of 394. Danny Wiseman and John Furey tied for

the last spot and were scheduled for a rolloff, but Wiseman, who had some foot pain, deferred to Furey who eventually finished in 56<sup>th</sup> place. This is not nearly as dramatic as the 2009 Open, when Ron Dixon, Boynton Beach, FL, tied with Tom Smallwood and Jeffrey Voght for the final two "cut" positions.

• PBA rules state that each player has 30 minutes to return to the center for the rolloff. Only Dixon was missing. He was returning from New York City by train after dinner with his friend Amleto Monacelli. He was contacted at the NJ train station, grabbed a taxi to get back

to his hotel to change into bowling clothes, and literally raced back to the bowling center. With barely one minute to go, and after sprinting from the wrong entrance at the center to the correct area, he made it to the rolloff. The good news is that he and Tom Smallwood advanced to the next qualifying round. Now imagine if cell phones hadn't been invented by that year!

• Kamron Doyle, the 14-year-old phenom who cashed in a PBA regional tournament at age 12, finished in 61<sup>st</sup> place. By signing a waiver at any cash-prize tournament, he agrees for the dollars to go into his scholarship fund, thereby keeping his youth bowling status intact.

• The Gemini company manufactures the jerseys you see the pros wearing. Missy Parkin has a unique one in her collection. "It's a photo of Laguna Beach, my favorite beach. I got permission from Gemini to have the photo



Pete Weber

incorporated into the weave." Missy is also unique in being the only female who made it into match play at the US Open. She finished in twenty-first place.

• The name's the same: Among entries were Ed Rabbit, Walter Williams Jr. (not to be confused with Walter Ray), Christopher Lee and Lawrence (Larry?) King.

• Marshall Kent, who finished in 24<sup>th</sup> place is often asked if he is son of Doug Kent. While he is not he rooms with Ken's son, Jacob at Robert Morris University in Chicago. The two met through various junior bowling tournaments, including Junior Gold, won by Kent.....Marshall, that is.

• Sean Rash's mother, Diana, says that when Sean was 10 years old, a Santa Claus asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up, and the response was "a professional bowler."

## Strike Ten Entertainment Hires John Harbuck as Vice President of Activation and Fulfillment

Strike Ten Entertainment (STE), the sales and activation arm of bowling, announced it has hired long-time bowling industry partner, supporter and sponsor, John Harbuck, as vice president of activation and fulfillment, as of February 1, 2012.

Harbuck is a 25-year veteran of the licensing and promotions industries where he developed national licensing and consumer promotion campaigns for companies such as Ford Motor Company, McDonald's, Amoco and Texaco. In the late 1990s he co-founded Leading Edge Promotions and soon after launched the first national NASCAR Bowling League promotion, the first of many for the bowling industry. Under Harbuck's leadership, Leading Edge quickly became the "go to" provider of "licensed league promotions" to the bowling industry delivering highly successful products that included the Cartoon Network Bowling Club, Disney Bowling Club, Star Wars Strike Force and the recent Transformers Bowling League among others and helped proprietors introduce over a quarter of a million new bowlers to the sport.

"Strike Ten is pleased to have John Harbuck as the newest member of the team," said Frank DeSocio, STE president. "He brings an extensive background of experience and success in the

licensing and consumer promotions fields which will be an immediate asset to Strike Ten Entertainment and its partners."

In 2009, Harbuck co-founded and launched OnTheBallBowling.com, a bowling centric e-commerce website through which consumers can design and purchase their own one-of-a-kind bowling ball or bowling pin. OnTheBallBowling.com is the only company in the industry with the unique ability to print digitized, full color images onto bowling balls or pins and deliver, affordable single unit orders.

Harbuck will use his 15+ years of experience in developing and implementing promotional league programs to develop and activate similar league programs exclusively for STE member centers. His responsibilities will include managing and activating Strike Ten's major sponsor accounts and leveraging the sponsorships to maximize value for both the sponsors and STE's 2200 member centers across the U.S.

Harbuck is a casual bowler, golfer and tennis player and is active in his hometown of Alpharetta Georgia, where he coaches youth sports and volunteers his time assisting with other community initiatives.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 9-11	PBA Xtra Frame Detroit Open, Allen Park, MI
Mar 10-11	SASBA, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
Mar 15-19	9th Kuwait International Open. Cozmo Bolwising Center, Kuwait City, Kuwait
Mar 16-25	Brunswick Euro Challenge, Plzaz Saint Maximin, Saint Maximin, France
Mar 19-22	National Golden Ladies Classic, The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
Mar 24-25	SASBASouth Central, Marquee Lanes, Montecello, AR
Mar 24-25	SASBA Member/Ladies Doubles, AMF Richardson, Richardson, TX
Mar 30-Apr 1	Xtra Frame Dick Weber PBA Playoffs, Woodland Bowl, IN
Mar 31-Apr 1	SASBA Member/Member Doubles, Cowtown Bowling Palace, Ft. Worth, TX
April 1-7	Senior Easter Classic, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
Apr 8-15	PBA Tournament of Champions, Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, NV
Apr 14-15	SASBA Annual Trio, AMF Eules, Eules, TX
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 19-24	USBC Queens, AMF Eules Lanes, Eules, TX
Apr 20-25	USBC Queens, AMF Eules Lanes, Eules, Texas; finals at International Training and Research Center, Arlington, TX
Apr 21-22	SASBA Member/Guest Doubles, Astro Bowl, San Antonio, TX
Apr 21-24	PBA Senior Sun Bowl in the Villages, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, FL
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
April 28-May 2	PBA Senior Don Carter Open, Carter Family Bowl, Winter Garden, FL
May 5-6	SASBA, 300 Bowl, Conroe, TX
May 6-9	PBA Senior Miller High Life Classic, George Pappas Victory Lanes, Mooresville, NC
May 10-13	May Madness, Sunset Station Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
May 12-13	SASBA Age Bracket Tourney, AMF Showplace, Austin, TX
May 14-17	"Law Enforcement & Firefighters on the Lanes" Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
May 14-20	PBA Senior Dayton Classic, Capri Lanes, Dayton, OH
May 20-22	Bahamas Int'l Bowling Classic, Mario's Bowling & Ent Palace, Nassau
May 20-22	USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships, AMF Eules Lanes, Eules, TX
May 26-27	SASBA Member/Guest Doubles, Armadillal, Pasadena, TX
May 31-Jun 3	Hall of Fame Xtravaganza, Red Rock Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
June 2-3	SASBA SS Singles, USA Bowl, Dallas, TX
June 3-8	Etonic PBA Senior U.S. Open, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
June 10-15	USBC Senior Masters, South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV
June 16-21	Daejeon International Open, Daejeon World Cup Bowling Center, Korea
June 17-20	PBA Senior Northern California Classic, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, CA
June 22-29	International Bowl Expo, Natoinal Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
June 22-29	Bowlings' U.S. Women's Open (in conjunction with Bowl Expo), National Bowling Stadium, Reno
June 22-29	Bowling's Senior U.S. Women's Open, National Bowling Stadium, Reno
June 30-July 2	SASBA Firecracker, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
July 1-7	Elite World Championship, Boardwalk Bowl Ent Center, Orlando, FL
July 7-8	SASBA Member/Guest Recruiter Doubles, Del-Mar Lanes, Houston, TX
July 9-10	USBC Senior Championships, 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
July 21-22	SASBA Over 67/Over 60/Over 50 Trio, Cityview Lanes, Ft. Worth, TX
July 28-29	SASBA, Copperfield, Houston, TX
August 6-9	PBA Senior South Shore Open, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind.
August 11-14	PBA Senior Decatur Open, Spare Time Lanes, Decatur, Ill.
Aug 18-19	SASBA Non-Champs, Cityview Lanes, Fort Worth, TX
Aug 25-26	SASBA Over 70/Over 60 Doubles, Cowtown Bowling Palace, Fort Worth, TX
Sept 1-2	SASBA SS Singles, University Lanes, Denton, TX
Sept 15-16	SASBA Member/Gueset Doubles, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
Sept 22-23	SASBA Over 60/Over 50/Guest Trio, Cityview Lanes, Fort Worth, TX
Sept 24-30	PTT World Bowling Tour Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand
Sept 29-30	SASBA Over70/Over 60 Doubles, Cowtown Bowling Palace, Fort Worth, TX
Oct 2-7	10th Columbia 300 Vienna Open, Plus Bowling, Vienna, Austria
Oct 8-27	AMF Australian Masters, Sydney, Australia
Oct 13-14	SASBA SS Singles, All Star Lanes, Shreveport, LA
Oct 27-28	SASBA Annual Championship, AMF Eules, Eules, TX
Nov 3-4	SASBA, Del-Mar Lanes, Houston, TX
Nov 10-11	SASBA Mixed Foursome, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX
Nov 29-Dec 2	Japan Cup, Minami-Suna Bowling Center, Tokyo
Dec 1-2	SASBA Age Bracket, Cityview Lanes, Fort Worth, TX
Dec 15-16	SASBA Christmas Team, Cowtown Bowling Palace, Fort Worth, TX

## 2012 Elite World Championships

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Orlando, FL, - Boardwalk Bowl Entertainment Center, the largest bowling center in the Southeast, featuring 80 Brunswick bowling lanes, is proud to announce it will be hosting the inaugural Elite World Championships, July 1st through July 7th, 2012, in Orlando, Florida. All major divisions will be offered, Adult, Youth, Men and Women bowling in Team (four persons), Doubles, Singles and Masters events, this tournament is set up to attract competition from some of the best bowlers in the world.

"We are very excited to launch and host the Elite World Championship here at Boardwalk Bowl Entertainment Center," said Pat Costello, Hall of Famer and Director of Bowling for the Aloma Bowling Centers. "We really want to provide an opportunity for

bowlers to choose their teams and bowl for their country. Not only will this tournament be highly competitive and a ton of fun, the setting in Orlando provides for a perfect vacation spot for the whole family. In addition to all the attractions in Orlando, we have a lot of things to keep the whole family entertained throughout the week at our center."

The Corporate partners involved in this event include, Kegel, the Official lane Maintenance Provider, and Storm, which will be hosting a Matchmaker seminar on July 4th.

For more information and to reserve our spot today, contact Pat Costello at 407-384-0003, ext. 11 or patic@alomabowlingcenters.com. Stay tuned for updates on our Facebook page at facebook.com/Elite World Championships.

## Belmonte Ends Quest for Second PBA Tour Title, Wins Chameleon Open



Jason Belmonte

LAS VEGAS – Australia's Jason Belmonte ended his nearly three-year quest for his second Professional Bowlers Association title, stringing eight strikes to run away from Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 268-191, in the finals of the Chameleon Open at South Point Casino and Hotel.

The Chameleon Open finals, the second of four PBA "animal pattern" championships contested during the third annual PBA World Series of Bowling, aired Sunday on ESPN.

Belmonte, who came into the Chameleon elimination-format finals as the leading qualifier, barely survived the first two games before finding his groove in the title match.

In the opening game, Belmonte's two-handed rival, Osku Palermaa of Finland, led the four-man field with a 213. Rash was second with a 201, and Belmonte nipped Venezuela's

Ildemaro Ruiz, 189-187, to avoid elimination as low man in the round.

In game two, Rash led the survivors with a 226 while Belmonte edged Palermaa, 200-190, to advance to the title match. Belmonte had lost to Palermaa in the only two previous meetings of the two-handed rivals, and barely escaped a third loss. After throwing a strike on his first ball in the 10th to take the lead over Palermaa, Belmonte left the 3-6-9-10 on his next shot to hand a one-pin lead back to the Finn. But Palermaa then left a 10 pin on his first shot in the 10th frame and failed to convert the spare to hand the game back to Belmonte.

In the title match, the Australian kicked in the afterburners. After converting the 6-10 spare in the first frame, the 2008-09 PBA Rookie of the Year ran off a string of eight consecutive strikes to run away with the \$15,000 first prize and a berth in the Round of 36 for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions. Belmonte won his only previous PBA Tour title in the 2009 Bowling Foundation Long Island Open.

"This feels a million times better than my first title," Belmonte beamed. "I bowled one of the best games of my life.

"In the second match, I got very lucky," he added. "When you get a break like that, you have to take it, pardon the expression, in both hands and I was able to do that."

**PBA CHAMELEON OPEN**  
**South Point Exhibition Hall, Las Vegas**  
**Round One** (lowest score eliminated): Osku Palermaa, Finland, 213; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 201; Jason Belmonte, Australia, 189; Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 187 (\$4,000).  
**Round Two** (lowest score eliminated): Rash 226, Belmonte 200, Palermaa 190 (\$4,500).  
**Championship:** Belmonte (\$15,000) def. Rash (\$7,500), 268-191.

## 3rd Annual Haiti Relief PBA Western Region Pro-am a Big Success



l to r: Scott Bryditzki, Pro bowler Tony Rodriguez, Carol Kunkle, Claire Bryditzki having fun with pro-am bowlers

The 3rd Annual Haiti Relief was a part of the PBA Pro-Am on February 3, 2012 at Gold Country Lanes, Sutter Creek, California.

The staff of Gold Country Lanes teamed up with the PBA Western Region again this year to make their regional pro-am a fundraiser for a special orphanage in Haiti where Claire had lived. Claire Bryditzki arrived here in Jan 2010 after the devastating earthquake.

It was another big success and the Bryditzki family would like to thank everyone involved for their time and the pro-am bowlers for their support. Everyone had a great time and we look forward to next year's event.

## STUART MCMILLAN WINS 2012 TAT NATIONALS

Another busy and exciting week for the TAT at our new home Gold Coast Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. We had almost 450 bowlers with over 2,500 entries in this week long event. As always every TAT competitor received a new Roto Grip High Performance ball with their entry into the tournament.



l to r: Chris Schlemmer (Roto Grip Rep), Stuart McMillan (205), Rafael Robles Jr (Handicap), Stephen Dale (Middle), Kelly Urrea (Senior), Jan Cruz (Under Division) and Jamie McWilliams (TAT Manager)

The TAT had more bowlers in the finals than in the past two tournaments. This was due to our new 1 in 8 cut for qualifying squads which amounted to the TAT taking an extra bowler to the finals in each division in every day of the event! This made it easier to make the finals than ever before while making more money in every round than in previous tournaments. And the TAT

Main finals were rounds shorter than ever before! In fact, our total finals pay out was

\$178,950 just on the final day of our event where almost 130 bowlers received checks to take home.

In the final game of the event Stuart McMillan (205 & Under Bowler) came away with the coveted TAT trophy cup and the \$20,000 first place prize! Stuart traveled all the way from Scotland as he has several times but only had to bowl 3 games in the finals to make the Top 5 with the new TAT finals rules. In fact, every division but one only had to bowl only 3 games to get seeded into the Top 5 with a one game battle for \$20,000 making it almost half as easy to make the Top 5 and the big money.

Every division was guaranteed to have at least one bowler in the Top 5 so every Division Champion received a minimum of \$5,000 for making the Top 5! Bowlers that only made it thru one round received an extra \$300 making either \$800 or \$1,300 with Big Bucks. Then TAT competitors made an extra \$450 dollars for bowling just one more game making \$1,250 or \$1,750 with division leaders receiving \$2,000. Once bowlers passed thru this 3rd Round every Division but one was down to only one bowler with the under division having a 4th game match with two bowlers to decide who would hold the final spot in the TAT Top 5.

With each division being guaranteed at least one bowler into the TAT one game finals it was anyone's game. Stuart McMillan definitely proved that this week. Stuart bowled one of the worst games of his life the day before the finals shooting a 109. However, once he entered the finals he ran away from the field shooting 266 the final game to take the 2012 TAT Amateur Nationals trophy back to Scotland. This proves once and for all the Anyone Can win the TAT.

The TAT and its Staff would like to thank everyone for coming to Las Vegas to compete in The 2012 TAT Amateur Nationals. We saw a lot of familiar faces this week and we hope to continue to see our TAT bowlers for years to come here at The Gold Coast in Las Vegas. We would also like to thank Roto Grip and their staff for all of their expertise and hard work this week.

## THE ANCHOR MAN

by Jim Margueratt

I go bowling every week,  
I bowl the best I can,  
I'm the last man of my team,  
They call me "Anchor Man".  
In the tenth I get a strike,  
My head begins to swell,  
But miss the five pin by itself,  
And see who catches hell.

The pressure's on me every week,  
It doesn't really matter,  
I roll the ball with confidence,  
And watch those tenpins scatter.  
My team is watching as I bowl,  
For I'm their bread and butter,  
I roll the ball right down the lane,  
Oh no, it's in the gutter!

My hands are clenched in furious rage,  
My teammates have no worry,  
I'll get a strike the next time I'm up,  
That will end my furry.  
The next time I roll the ball,  
The pins will fly into the pit,  
I roll my ball right down the lane,  
Oh no, the seven - ten split!

Bowling is a grand old game,  
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All you need are bowling shoes,  
And a ten pin bowling ball.  
And when you join a bowling league,  
Don't worry how you bowl,  
It's fun and friendship that really count,  
That's the major goal.

Don't fret about your bowling score,  
Remember the game is fun,  
But if they make you anchor man,  
TAKE YOUR BALL AND RUN!

## PBA, WTBA Unveil International Tour

LAS VEGAS (February 1, 2011) - The Professional Bowlers Association and the World Tenpin Bowling Association announced an historic agreement that will result in the first true global professional bowling tour.

The alliance between the PBA and the WTBA, the international governing body for tenpin bowling in the eyes of the International Olympic Committee, will allow international and domestic PBA members who compete in World Bowling Tour events to earn PBA Tour titles in WBT events and to bowl in PBA Tour events in the United States.

"This agreement fulfills a dream for all lifelong bowling fans," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. "We created the PBA World Series of Bowling in 2009 to give bowlers from around the world an opportunity to come together in a unique competitive environment. Our goal was to take the next step in expanding competition around the world. To see it happen is the most significant step our sport has ever taken in creating world-wide awareness and recognition for bowling's best players, regardless of where they live."

WTBA President Kevin Dornberger said that the alliance is just the beginning.

"We are greatly indebted to the international bowling federations and tournament hosts who have given us the opportunity to create the World Bowling Tour," said Dornberger. "We sincerely believe this alliance will lead to even bigger things."

PBA CEO Geoff Reiss said the expanded relationship between the PBA and WTBA has the potential to lead to greater marketing and sponsorship opportunities.

"The PBA is ecstatic over the overwhelming acceptance and support we have received from the World Tenpin Bowling

Association's leadership in making this relationship happen," Reiss said. "For the sport of bowling, we have literally opened an entire new world of possibilities."

The agreement was finalized during a meeting in Las Vegas between PBA leadership and WTBA's Executive Board (Christer Jonsson, Secretary-General, Sweden; Addie Ophelders, ETBF President, Netherlands; Jose Guandique, PABCON President, El Salvador; Pekka Korpi, First Vice-President, Finland; Vivien Lau, FIQ Secretary-General and ABF Past President, Hong Kong; Dornberger, FIQ and WTBA President and CEO; Mike Seymour, Vice-President, WTBA and the Australia Tenpin Bowling Federation; Kim Jensen, ETBF Vice President, Denmark, and Veronica Rajii, 1st VP of PABCON, Chile.

The 2012 World Bowling Tour began in January with the Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Helsinki, Finland, which was won by Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa. The PBA-WBT agreement includes three tournaments in the United States (the Alka-Seltzer Plus Liquid Gels United States Bowling Congress Masters, won by Mike Fagan of Dallas in Las Vegas on Sunday; a new WTBA International Open currently underway in Las Vegas, and the U.S. Open Feb. 20-26 in North Brunswick, N.J.)

Other events will include stops in Japan, Kuwait, France, the Bahamas, Korea, Thailand, Austria and Australia. Players who bowl in the WBT events will earn points toward the second annual World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA, which will be held during the 2012 PBA World Series of Bowling on a date to be announced.

WBT points are compiled over a cumulative span of two years. The top three men and three top women in WBT points will

bowl for \$20,000 first prizes in November during the fourth PBA World Series of Bowling. The finals will be televised by ESPN.

Beginning with the U.S. Open, all international and domestic PBA members who win WBT-PBA titles will be eligible to bowl in the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas. PBA members will receive credit for official PBA Tour earnings from WBT events, but will only earn PBA Tour competition points in the USBC Masters and U.S. Open.

A new PBA international membership is available for non-domestic players. For information, call the PBA Membership Services at 206-654-6025.

While several WBT events allow women to compete in their own category, women will be eligible for PBA Tour titles only if they compete as equals against their male counterparts. Two events on the WBT schedule are for women only and will not be part of the PBA agreement.

### 2012 PBA-WTBA WORLD BOWLING TOUR SCHEDULE

March 15-19 - 9th Kuwait International Open, Cozmo Bowling Center, Kuwait City, Kuwait (PBA title and WBT points awarded).

March 16-25 - Brunswick Euro Challenge, Plaza Saint Maximin, Saint Maximin, France (PBA title and WBT points awarded).

April 19-24 - USBC Queens (non-PBA event), AMF Eules Lanes, Eules, Texas.

May 14-20 - Bahamas International Bowling Classic, Mario's Bowling and Entertainment Palace, Nassau, Bahamas (PBA title and WBT points awarded).

June 16-21 - Daejeon International Open, Daejeon World Cup Bowling Center, Daejeon, Korea (PBA title and WBT points awarded).

June 22-28 - Bowling's U.S. Women's Open (non-PBA event), National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

Sept. 24-30 - PTT World Bowling Tour Thailand, center to be announced, Bangkok, Thailand (PBA title and WBT points awarded).

Oct. 2-7 - 10th Columbia 300 Vienna Open, Plus Bowling, Vienna, Austria (PBA title and WBT points awarded).

Oct. 8-27 - AMF Australian Masters, center to be announced, Sydney, Australia (PBA title and WBT points awarded).

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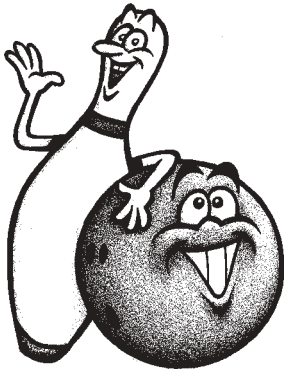
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Wife : 'Do you want dinner?'  
 Husband: 'Sure! What are my choices?'  
 Wife: 'Yes or no.'

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## Angels.....as explained By Children.

I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold. Gregory, age 5

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it -Olive, age 9

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes. -Matthew, age 9

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. -Mitchell, age 7

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science. -Henry, age 8

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows!!! -Jack, age 6

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead. Daniel, age 9

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath again, somewhere there's a tornado. -Reagan, age 10

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter. -Sara, age 6

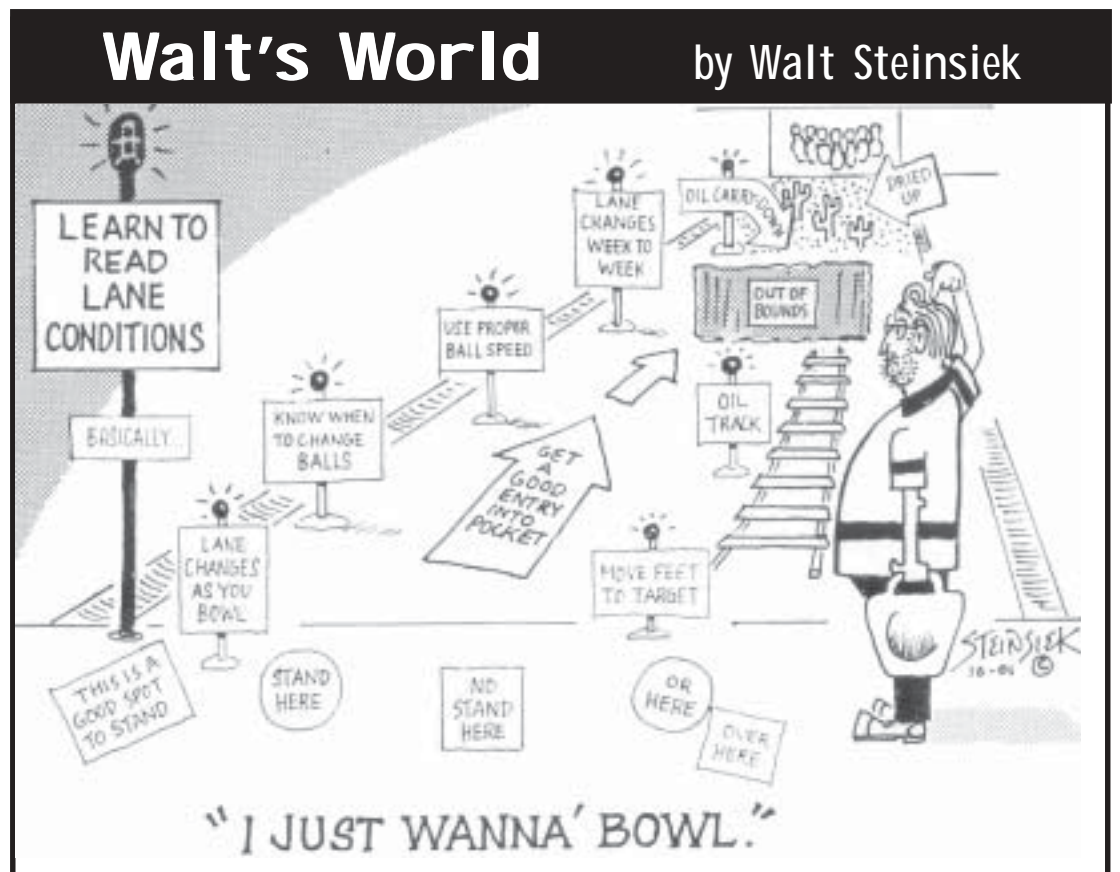
Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, who's a very good carpenter. -Jared, age 8

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. -Antonio, age 9

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth. -Ashley, age 9

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the child get over it. - Vicki , age 8

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them. - Sarah , age 7



## Looks of Disappointment

A man was just waking up from anesthesia after surgery, and his wife was sitting by his side. His eyes fluttered open and he said, 'You're beautiful.' Then he fell asleep again. His wife had never heard him say that before, so she stayed by his side. A few minutes later his eyes fluttered open and he said, 'You're cute.' The wife was disappointed because instead of 'beautiful,' it was now 'cute.' She asked, 'What happened to beautiful?' The man replied, 'The drugs are wearing off.'

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## Catholic Dog

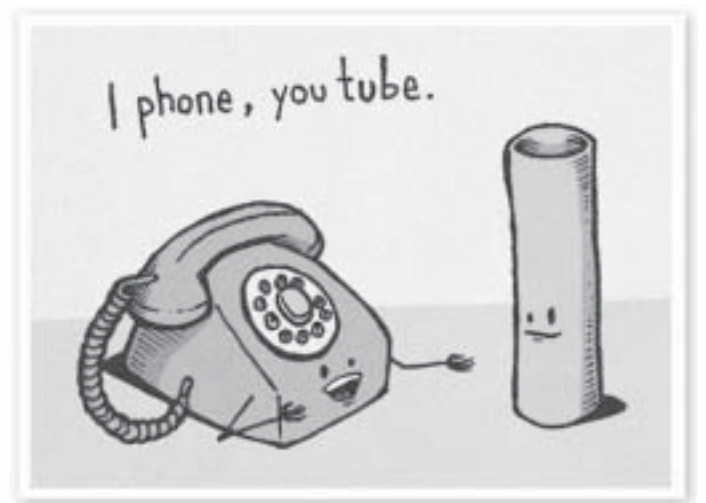
Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, 'Father, my dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a mass for the poor creature?' Father Patrick replied, 'I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature.' Muldoon said, 'I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?' Father Patrick exclaimed, 'Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn't ya tell me the dog was Catholic?'

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A man was sitting reading his papers when his wife hit him round the head with a frying pan. 'What was that for?' the man asked. The wife replied, 'That was for the piece of paper with the name Jenny on it that I found in your pants pocket'. The man then said 'When I was at the races last week, Jenny was the name of the horse I bet on.' The wife apologized and went on with the housework. Three days later the man is watching TV when his wife bashes him on the head with an even bigger frying pan, knocking him unconscious. Upon re-gaining consciousness the man asked why she had hit again. Wife replied.. 'Your horse phoned'

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A newly married man asked his wife, 'Would you have married me if my father hadn't left me a fortune?' 'Honey,' the woman replied sweetly, 'I'd have married you, NO MATTER WHO LEFT YOU A FORTUNE!'



## Jason Couch and Gene Stus Elected to PBA Hall of Fame

Sixteen-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour titlist Jason Couch and 11-time PBA Senior Tour winner Gene Stus have been elected to the PBA Hall of Fame.

The 42-year-old Couch is the only player in Tour history to win three consecutive PBA Tournament of Champions titles, an event many players consider one of the most demanding to win because a player must win a PBA title to be eligible to compete.

In addition to his Tournament of Champions titles, which came in 1999, 2000 and 2002, Couch won a fourth major in the 1993 PBA Touring Players Championship.

Couch, who makes his home in Clermont, Fla., began his Tour career in 1992 and earned Rookie of the Year honors that season.

"I'm a firm believer in setting goals along the way in your career, working hard at achieving those milestones and hopefully you'll be rewarded with a great honor like being elected to the PBA Hall of Fame," Couch said. "I went out and did my best and when I achieved one milestone, continued to work hard and went on to the next one."

Couch's career path was probably a foregone conclusion as the son of parents who owned a Florida bowling center.

"Bowling on Tour has been a dream of mine since I was four years old watching PBA Tour telecasts on ABC on Saturday afternoons," said Couch. "Growing up in a bowling center certainly helped, but it took the right combination of hard work and desire."

Throughout his 20-year Tour career, Couch had a string of winning at least one title in six straight seasons (1998-2004) and won multiple titles in five seasons. Still active on Tour, he has more than

\$1.6 million in career earnings and was ranked 24th among PBA's 50 greatest players in history as part of the organization's 50th anniversary in 2009. He has also won 25 PBA regional titles.

As a competitive bowler for most of his adult life, the 71-year-old Stus had always wondered how he might have done on the PBA Tour. But the opportunity to compete in Tour competition didn't present itself until he was able to retire from General Motors after 32 years at the age of 50 and became a regular on the Senior Tour.

Stus' 11 Senior Tour titles rank fourth on the all-time list behind fellow Hall of Famers John Handegard with 14 titles, and Gary Dickinson and Dale Eagle each with 12.

In 1992, Stus, who currently resides in Taylor, Mich., earned Senior Player of the Year honors thanks in part to winning two titles. In July of that year he became the first Senior Tour player to bowl a 300 game on national television, defeating Don Gilman, 300-188, in the Pacific Cal Bowl Senior Open in Lakewood, Calif.

"It was an honor to bowl with bowling's greats who I admired my whole life and I always wondered how I would measure up," said Stus, who had 50 top-five finishes in 173 Senior Tour events. "When I was able to retire at 50, I started to get back to bowling seriously and found I still had the touch."

"Bowling on the Senior Tour was a lot more than achieving the dream of bowling with the greats of the game," he added. "Just to be around them and to remember all the fun we had on and off the lanes for those years was an experience I'll never forget."

Couch and Stus will be inducted during ceremonies at Red Rock Resort in Las Vegas, Saturday, April 14. Additional details regarding the Hall of Fame ceremonies will be released at a later date.



Jason Couch



Gene Stus

## Schedule, Registration Changes For 2013 USBC Open Championships

ARLINGTON, Texas - When the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships returns to the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev., in 2013, the storied tournament will have changes designed to improve the event and ease of registration.

First, the tournament's daily schedule will be adjusted to allow for fresh oil for all squads, including doubles and singles.

Second, an enhanced online registration system will allow captains to enter and change their team information at any time, as well as select and lock in their preferred squads in real time as soon as payments are made.

Also beginning in 2013, each event will cost \$55 per bowler, up \$10 from the current entry fee. This is the first price increase since the 2007 event. Half of the increase will go to the prize fund, while the remaining \$5 goes to cover rising tournament expenses. Bowlers may continue to enter all-events for an additional \$15, making the cost of a complete entry \$180.

The details on each change:

**New daily schedule for 2013 USBC Open Championships**

The new daily schedule at the USBC Open Championships features doubles and singles squads at 7 a.m. and 11 a.m., followed by back-to-back team events at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. The day will conclude with a doubles and singles squad at 10:30 p.m.

With the new format, each pair of lanes will have six bowlers, and they will bowl all six games on the same pair. Traditionally, there were four bowlers on each pair for doubles, and they would flip to the adjacent pair for singles.

"Though the Open Championships is more than 100 years old, we are always looking for ways to improve the event and enhance the experience," said Brian Lewis, USBC's Managing Director of Tournaments. "We value the feedback from our bowlers and felt it was time to make some changes. We're excited about the new look, and we're hoping for 100 more successful years."

Registration made simple with enhanced online system

Instead of dealing with multiple payment deadlines and hoping to receive their first choice of squad times, team captains will be able to choose their squads in real time when they make their payments.

For example, a captain can reserve a team spot with a \$275 deposit and immediately select a date and squad time, much like buying concert tickets online. As soon as payment is received on the remaining balance, a doubles and singles squad time can be reserved, too. Another exciting feature of the new system is that captains will be able to log in and manage their rosters and information or make additional payments any time.

Registration for the 2013 Open Championships is scheduled to open March 1, 2012. Squad reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. USBC will work to accommodate team captains requesting the same date each year, provided they make reservations before March 31, 2012.

In order to encourage use of the new online system and cover expenses associated with processing entries manually, a 5-percent fee will be added for entries not submitted online. Online registration will continue to have a smaller fee to cover credit card transaction expenses (two percent).

The new enhanced registration system also will be available when registration begins for the 2013 USBC Women's Championships.

Eligibility rules for exempt professionals will not change

Players classified as exempt on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour are not eligible to compete in the USBC Open Championships. This rule will remain in place for the 2013 tournament, meaning that any bowler who is exempt for the 2011-12 PBA Tour season will not be eligible to compete in the 2013 Open Championships.

USBC will review the rules on this item ahead of the 2014 Open Championships as more information on touring classifications for the PBA Tour becomes available.

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