



Lile, Dodson, Vaughn, Arabia, Burke Win SASBA Christmas Team at Cowtown



Tony Arabia, Scott Dodson, Stoney Burke, Dave Lile and George Vaughn



Phil Kepner SASBA Hall of Fame

By: Kathy King

FORT WORTH, TX – What a great weekend of bowling and comradery at the Christmas Team tournament this year at Cowtown December 14-15!

The awards banquet was awesome followed by Mark Cozart's band playing upstairs afterward Saturday night.

In the first match of the stair

step finals, the Nutcrackers (Clint Watkins, Mo Hestand, James Poledna, Walter Mangan, Jim Ensminger) defeated the Ho-Ho-Ho's (Henry Hayes, Terry Williams, Charlie Hoot, Leon Aragon, Jack Soria) 237-234.

The Nutcrackers lost the second match to the Grumbling

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Jordan Malott and Mabel Cummins Win Dallas Youth Open Titles



Julian Salinas, Jordan Malott, Tournament Director Josh Modelo, Mabel Cummins and Jaelle Hamman

By: Tony Franklin, Publisher

DALLAS, Texas – Seventh seeded Jordan Malott, worked his way through the 8-man bracket and defeated number one seed Julian Salinas 428-418 to win the Dallas Youth Open Boy's Division and \$1,500 in scholarship money Sunday, December 15 at USA Bowl.

After leading qualifying, but dropping down to the number 3 seed after the semi-finals, Mabel Cummins, from Nashville, TN, defeated number 4 seed Jaelle Hamman 342-325 to win the Girl's Division and \$1,500 scholarship money. Over 100 youth bowlers competed for the scholarship money.

The Bowling Industry Loses a Great Ambassador with Jim Welch's Passing

EULESS, TX – James (Jim) Thomas Welch of Euless-beloved friend, son, brother, uncle, and bowling enthusiast-passed away unexpectedly at age 63 on December 29th, 2019. At the time of his passing, he was surrounded by family and loved ones.

Jim was born in Tampa, Florida in 1956, the eldest of five children in an Air Force family. He spent his childhood all over the world, from Maine to Okinawa, and graduated from L.D. Bell High School in Hurst, Texas. Jim cherished time spent golfing with friends, starting chess clubs, playing basketball, and competing in bowling leagues. He attended the University of Texas at Arlington, graduating in 1978 with a business degree. After graduation, Jim was a lifelong learner.

Jim's passion for bowling began early and led to a career



Jim Welch 1956-2019

managing bowling centers and planning tournament events. He started at the Hurst Bowl front desk, and progressed to General Manager of bowling centers in Texas, Nevada, and Florida. Most recently, he worked as the National Tourna-

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Johnson/Johnson Win Over 40/Under 40 Title

By: Tony Franklin, Publisher

PLANO, TX - Stefanie Johnson and Chris Johnson teamed up for the second time last month to win the Over 40/Under 40 Scratch Doubles title presented by The Bowling Shop Tournaments.

The Johnson Duo defeated top-seed Tom Dougherty and Shawn Maldonado to take home the \$4,000 first prize, with the runner-ups earning \$2,650.

In the first round of the finals, Kelly Ray and Clint Johnson defeated Rick Benard and AJ Chapman and Tom Hess/AJ Rice beat Dimitri Cruz/Billy Rogers. The 5th and 6th place finishers earned \$1,050.

In the second round, Shawn Maldonado/Tom Daugherty (earned a first-round bye) beat Hess/Rice and Johnson/John-



Stefanie and Chris Johnson (also earned a first-round bye) beat Ray/Johnson.

Third and fourth place finishers received \$1,800.

There were over 40 teams with 8 cashers. Mykel Holliman/Paul Fleming finished 7th for \$700 and Paul Henderson/

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Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, Publisher



A tough start to the New Year as we say goodbye to a bowling icon...Jim Welch.

I've personally known Jim Welch since I was probably 15 years old, seeing him in all his grandeur at Hurst Bowl.

He was a larger than life personality to me as a young adult, and everyone else around him. He passed away last week at the age of 63.

What stood out to me the most is seeing all of the comments on his obituary, on Facebook, and just in conversation. His life impacted everyone in the bowling world, and I'm talking about the BOWLING

world. I sure wish Jim could have seen the outpouring of love he received in the days after his passing. It was massive, it was heartfelt, it was real.

Jim made a real difference in the world of bowling, and it was an incredibly positive difference.

He ran a great tournament, he gave bowlers fair tournaments to bowl, and he made it fun. Think about that for a second...think about if you know anyone in the bowling world that can give you all three. I have and can't come up with a name that checks all three boxes, but Jim Welch did,

and he loved every second of it. We are so lucky to have met Jim Welch.

I type this today as I watch the Golden Globes Show...Tom Hanks received the Cecil B. DeMille award for a lifetime of service to filmmaking.

Here is a quote from his speech, "You're a dope if you don't steal from everyone you've ever worked with."

Customer service is easily one of Jim's greatest skills. Watching him work the counter at Showplace Euless was a complete work of art. He knew every single person's name that walked in the building and they loved him for it.

I stole that from Jim a long time ago and I will forever be in debt to him for being so amazing.

God bless you Jim, you are already missed by the ENTIRE bowling world.

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Grinches (David Scardaville, Steve McBride, Gerry Williams, Chip Holliday, Rick Minier) 216-214.

The Grinches moved on to bowl the Silent Knights (Butch Warren, Frank Oliver, Ed Hilligoss, Mike Warren, Terry Quinley) and lost 211-178 setting up the final match against Rudolph's Ring Ten Reindeer.

The Reindeer (Dave Lile, George Vaughn, Scott Dodson,

Tony Arabia, Stoney Burke) defeated the Knights 227-193 for the title!

It was first SASBA titles for George and Scott! It was Dave's 3rd SASBA title, Tony's 2nd and Stoney's 2nd. Congrats to all!

Jack Soria had the only 300 game. We had 4 lilies. There was a Dee Munsell sighting. We crowned 2 new champions! We had thirty 70 yr. olds bowl and four women bowl.

Congratulations to Phil Kepner for his induction into the SASBA Hall of Fame. Phil Bailey is the 70 Bowler of the

Year. Joe Lecroy is the 60 BOY and Derek Williams is the 50 BOY. Gerald West got Rookie of the Year. This years Sportsmanship award went to Mark Cozart.

Thank you to Steve Wunderlich and crew for being great hosts. They do a great job setting up for the banquet and accommodating us for this event each year!

Our first tournament of 2020 is an Age Bracket at Cityview Lanes in Fort Worth on January 11-12. Three age groups (50-59) (60-69) and (70 and over). It will be the 12 game qualifying format...8 games Saturday and 4 more on Sunday.



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Tournament Schedule

Date	Tournament Detail	Location
Nov 30-Dec 1, 2019	Wild Turkey Mixed Tournament - \$2k added	Forum
Jan 25-26, 2020	Mixed Doubles - \$3k added	Bowlero Euless
Feb 8-9, 2020	Youth City - \$3k added	Cityview Lanes
Feb 10-23, 2020	Senior - \$1k added	Mail-O-Graphic
April 18-19, 2020	Ladies City - \$2k added	AMF Sparetime
April 26, 2020	Youth/Adult Doubles - \$2k added	Watauga
May 2-3 & 9-10	Open City Championship - \$10k added	Cityview
July 11-12, 2020	After the Fire Works - Mixed Trios - \$2k added	TBD

HONOR ROLL



Men

John Daugherty, JB's Allen Bowl	826
David Peterson, Plano Super Bowl	826
Sean Lavery-Spahr, Forum Bowl	811
Bryan Ellis, Terrell Bowl	807
Gary Hadley, Tenpins & More	805
Desmond Gidden, Killeen Bowlerama	803
Ben Hogan, Hallmark Lanes	795
Elijah Sledge, Western Bowl	792
Chris Lucas, Cowtown Bowling Palace	778
Ken Hughey, USA Bowl	774
Jonathan Merriman, Mel's Lone Star Lanes	759
David Dytko, Strikz	741
Zachary Wrightsil, Red Bird Lanes	725
Rick Lawrence, Ennis All Star Bowl	694

Women

Jen Morgan, Killeen Bowlerama	769
Dusti Griffin, Tenpins & More	764
Danita Wyley, Forum Bowl	743
Melody Richie-Foster, USA Bowl	727
Lauren Cathey, Red Bird Lanes	726
Debby Carter, Mel's Lone Star Lanes	718
Loren Tenczar, Strikz	717
Susan Lee, Plano Super Bowl	715
Barbara Shaw, Terrell Bowl	697
Amy Drescher, Cowtown Bowling Palace	684
Sharon Jeffers, Hallmark Lanes	674
Stacy Starry, JB's Allen Bowl	664
Carrie Wichers, Western Bowl	649
Jody Rogers, Ennis All Star Bowl	629



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At USA Bowl

Hughey topples 774, Richie-Foster snares 727

Ken Hughey compiled a top-flight 249-266-259 = 774 DFW Mixed league set to gain the top spot on the honor roll last month at USA Bowl.

Melody Richie-Foster, Hughey's league mate, paced the ladies with a lofty 224-257-246 = 727 outing.

HONOR ROLL

Robert Natho 256-696, Rosie Kipp 167, Roxanne Sifuentes 425, Willie Simpson 259-686, Vicky Alcorn 223-571, Matt Mirochna 234-553, Juley

Anderson 187-486, Jay Owens 269, Tonya Young 191-546.

Kam Mostowfi 686, Ken Hill 278, Sandi Duncan 235-594, Kevin Hardey 691, Lee Gramly 268, Makayla Robinson 202-567, Jack Soria 709, Curtis Messer, Jr. 256, Jenise Lockhart 279-612.

George Keen 699, Earl Davis 171-300, Laurel Sullivan 93-180.

SENIORS

Michael Cash 225, Tessie Wells 191, Ron Swanson 604, Cathy Masterson 493.

USBC National High Average and High Series Awards Determined for 2018-2019 Season

Kameleon Sportswear of Frisco earned National High Team Game for 2-men, 2-women with 1069

By: Terry Bigham

ARLINGTON, Texas – For the third consecutive season, Team USA member Shannon Pluhowsky has earned a United States Bowling Congress National High Average and High Series Award after posting the highest women's average for the 2018-2019 season.

Pluhowsky, an Ohio native who is in her first season as an assistant coach for the University of Nebraska women's bowling team, posted a 247 average over 78 games during the Inland Owls league at Capri Lanes in Columbus, Ohio.

Competing in USBC-certified leagues, she has claimed the high average award four times and also owns a national high series award.

The 19-time Team USA member, who competes on the Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) Tour, set a record with a 250.7 average in taking the National High Average Award in 2017-2018 and also led the nation for the 2016-2017 season with a 241 average. She earned her first high average award in the 2013-2014 season and was the Sport high average winner in 2008-2009.

Greg McDaniel, 52, of Kimball, Nebraska, took the men's USBC National High Average Award with a 253 average in the Kim-Bowl Scratch Trio league at Kim Bowl. McDaniel, who has competed on the Professional Bowlers Association and PBA50 tours, has owned the eight-lane Kim Bowl in Kimball since 2015.

Kevin McCune and Kiearra Saldi earned the Youth Male and Youth Female USBC National High Average Award winners, respectively, for the 2018-2019 season.

McCune, 20, of Munster, Indiana, posted a 248 average in the Juniors league at Lynwood Bowl in Lynwood, Illinois. He is a junior on the Calumet College of St. Joseph men's team.

Saldi, 19, of Taylor, Pennsylvania, had a 221 average in the All Stars league at Idle Hours North in Scranton, Pennsylvania. A freshman on the Duquesne women's bowling team, she recently was selected as the Northeast Conference Bowler and Rookie of the Week.

Stephanie Zavala, 23, of Downey, California, is the

women's USBC National High Series Award winner. The 2017 Junior Team USA member put together games of 279, 300 and 280 for an 859 series during the Mexican American Bowling Association league at Del Rio Lanes in Downey on July 7.

Jonathan Wilbur and Jeremy Milito are the men's high series winners as each posted a 900 series during the 2018-2019 season.

Wilbur, 37, of North Clarendon, Vermont, had the first perfect set of the 2018-2019 season during the Commercial men's league at Rutland Bowlerama in Rutland, Vermont, on Jan. 14.

Milito, 26, of Patchogue, New York, became the 35th bowler to roll a 900 series, connecting for 36 consecutive strikes during the Epic Edge Trios league on April 25 at Farmingdale Lanes in Farmingdale, New York.

Ashley Ciccirelli, 17, of Endicott, New York, earned the Youth Female USBC National High Series Award with an 854 series on Feb. 9. She had a games of 258, 296 and 300 at



Midway Lanes in Vestal, New York, to lead Union-Endicott High School to the Section IV Class A title.

The youth male high series award goes to Anthony Hurlburt, 19, of Hoosick Falls, New York, who rolled games of 287, 300 and 299 for an 886 series on Feb. 23 in the BBQ Seniors and Juniors league at the Bar-B-Q Recreation Center in Hoosick Falls.

Kameleon Sportswear of Frisco, TX posted 1069 at the NCTUSBC Open tournament at Forum Bowl last May for National High Team Game with 2-men and 2-women. Team Members Tony Franklin 300, Kiyoko McDonald 280, Tyson Branagan 276 and Genie Franklin 213. Their team series of 2827 finished 6th high for national scores.

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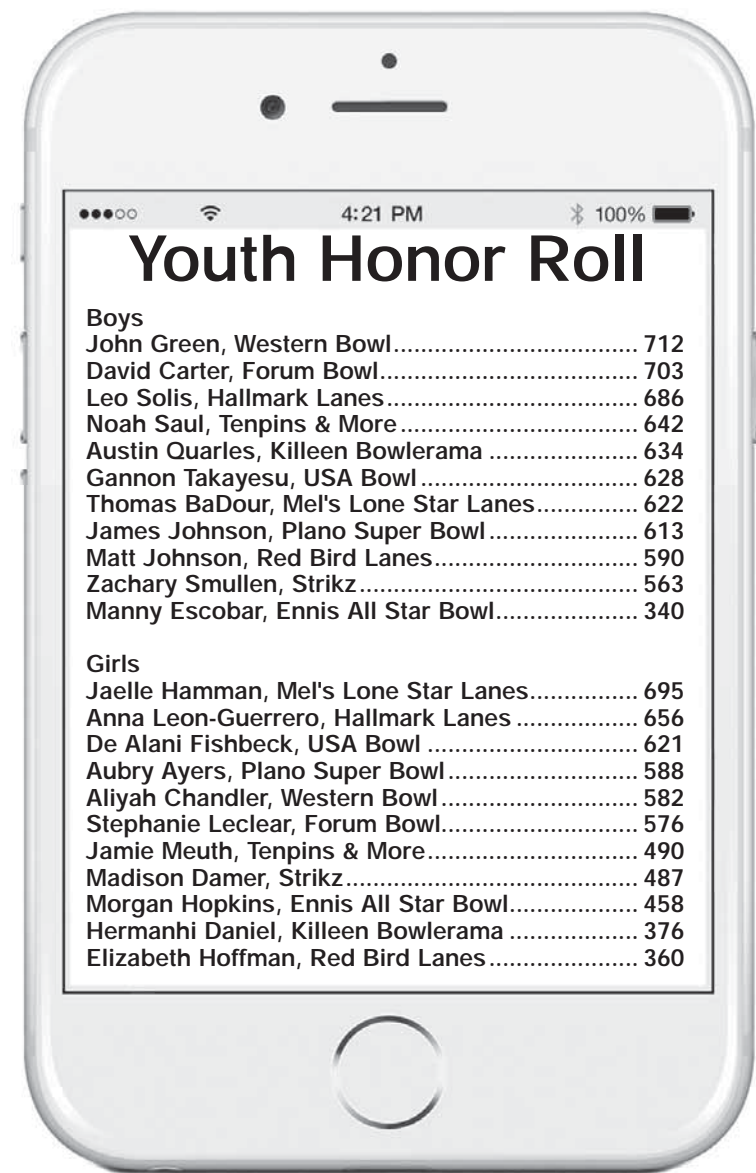


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Mansfield's JV Team Shows Strong Again Match 4

By: Mike Young

There are only 2 JV teams in DFW South this season but the Mansfield JV team is showing that they belong on the varsity.

They shutout Summit 15-0 with Matt Cook stroking a 247 game and Gabe Murillo firing a 186. Murillo had never bowled anything but open play until this past season but has shown to be a force thus far.

In other boys matches, Mansfield defeated Lake Ridge

14-1 and Legacy won 12-3 over Martin.

Boys Honor Roll: Matt Cook (Mansfield JV) 247-389, Ahmad Lambert (Mansfield) 221, Philip Le (Legacy) 186-370, Gabe Murillo (Mansfield JV) 186, Colby Anderson (Lake Ridge) 185, Corbin Ham (Martin) 182, Morris Matchev (Martin) 181

The Girls saw Mansfield move to 4-0 with a convincing 13-2 win over the Lake Ridge JV. The Lake Ridge varsity

Southwest-Area USBC Youth Scores

John Green dominated the Southwest-area USBC youth bowlers last month with a hard-hitting 209-246-257 = 712 series at Western Bowl.

Jaelle Hamman paved the way for the girls by shooting an outstanding 248-222-225 = 695 Homeschool Strikers series at Mel's Lone Star Lanes.

At Hallmark Lanes, Killeen, TX – Keegan Alexander 233-600, Shyanne Ciesiolka 221-570, Jayce Borja 211-592, Anna Leon-Guerrero 181, Shyanne Ciesiolka 476, Ty Carter 161-403, Hailee Duerre 145-389, Chance Blackman 251, Jordan Cina 668, Jordan Cina 248-625, Anna Leon-Guerrero 210-547, Ty Carter

183-453, Kailey Linker 120-291, Ike James 279, Anna Leon-Guerrero 203-656, Leo Solis 686, Shyanne Ciesiolka 248-621, Mal Mack 220, Jordan Cina 572, Kama Rangel 233, Shyanne Ciesiolka 564, Solomon Loyd 155, Ty Carter 400, Hailee Duerre 127-300, Keegan Alexander 267, Mal Mack 649, Shyanne Ciesiolka 195-535.

At Killeen Bowlerama, Killeen, TX – Austin Quarles 257-634, Hermanhi Daniel 137-376, Cameron Brown 162-453, Hayden Brown 108-263.

At Mel's Lone Star Lanes, Georgetown, TX – Jacob Walker 238-592, Antonio Cerda (4 games) 201-731, Jaelle Hamman (4 games) 211-681, Milton Hastings 147-415, Lacey Smith

150-395, Thomas BaDour 254-622, Amanda Drouillard 170-496, Gavin Zoellner 128-243, Annabelle Winkler 114-203.

At Tenpins & More, Rio Rancho, NM – Jamie Meuth 184-490, Noah Saul 244-642, Ashley Abbott 173-456, Vincent Simmons 219-493, Yarelis Alvarez (4 games) 248-921, Josh Burnett (4 games) 226-805, Jessica Heacock 104-262, Josh Burnett 215-570.

At Western Bowl, Amarillo, TX – Kolton Carpenter 254-652, Payton Nunez 226-652, Gabriel Alvarado 217-595, Chris Woolsey 215-583, Jordan Womble 221-637, Aliyah Chandler 216-582.

Dallas USBC Youth Scores

Gannon Takayesu led the Dallas-area USBC youth bowling last week with a power-packed 238/628 Roto Grip Youth Sport Challenge series at USA Bowl.

De Alani Fishbeck, also from the Roto Grip Youth Sport Challenge group, led the girls with a very solid 621 set.

At Ennis All Star Bowl – Manny Escobar 114-340, Morgan Hopkins 175-458.

At Plano Super Bowl – Olive Sterling 137-309, Wyatt Smyser 151-366, Jordan Scott 177-424, Ally Lee

114-332, James Johnson 247-613, Mya Murray 178-519, A G Pai 244-598, Aubry Ayers 213-588, Cole Phan 203-552, Nicole Phan 120-323, Ryan Lancaster 214-577, Brittany Eaton 164-418, Brady McDonough 214-536, Isabella Hudson 131-327, Noah Raleigh 166-478, Malorie Samples 153-402, Aaron Coleman 239-535, Katie Heady 189-465, Zach Howarth 181-494, Cheyenne Williams 223-519, Brady McDonough 200-500, Landon Jones 184-489, Victoria Hylton 164-432, Lunden Simon (2 games) 111-203, Jadelyn Bannert (2 games) 91-164.

At Red Bird Lanes – Matt Johnson 201-590, Liz Hoffman 136-360, Darren Simon 181-485, Beverly Hoffman 119-349, Andrew Diaz 145-392, Miles Carter 129-325.

At Strikz – Zachary Smullen 215-563, Seth Mendez 160-422, Michael Mendez 148-436, Ethan Long 162-390,

Goutham Gajjala 159-421, Roman Reece 180-484, Logan Solis 169-450, Jake Hernandez 183-485, Hunter McMillin 146-384, Colton Bervig 180-440, Anmol Dhar 122-336, Ryan Bartek 125-309, Jonathan Hattar 170-385, Patrick Thomas, Jr. 183-450, Owen Smullen 136-360, Ryan Rolfe 104-300, Jack Rolfe 176-414, Turner Spofford 198-421, Jake Sullivan 143-389, Sam Kurtz 149-400, Matthew Howard 165-448, Josh Howard 140-344, Bryce Herrington 211-512, Owen Christian 141-389, Tyler Keeton 191-508, Brandon Moon 139-351, Trenell Dixon 111-305, Matthew Sifford 125-365, Enrique Arredondo 156-422, Madison Damer 182-487, Gabriela Gamboa 141-319, Tori Franklin 156-421, Bethany Abebe 168-471, Emily Mendez 152-368, Faith Robbins 106-307, Ireland Spofford 154-371, Alexia Moon 160-447

At USA Bowl – Ellie Drescher 213.

NCTUSBC USBC Youth Results

David Carter led the Fort Worth-area USBC youth bowling with an award-winning 300/703 Forum Strikers series at Forum Bowl.

Stephanie Lecler, Carter's league mate, lit-up the girls with a rock-star 228/576 set.

At Forum Bowl – Cohen Jones 64-114, Aaliyah Knight 98-178, Peyton Freeman 100-284, Bella Dunn 128-362, Colby Anderson (4 games) 196-673, Charisse Graham (4 games) 175-639.

kept pace with a 13-2 win over Legacy, and Martin wins over Summit 12-3.

Girls Honor Roll: Chloe Ortega (Martin) 160, Elisa Gaudio (Legacy) 155, Erin Hirsch (Mansfield) 155, Carina Rios (Lake Ridge JV) 150

Standings Boys, Mansfield 4-0 53, Legacy 2-1 36.5, Lake Ridge 1-2 31, Martin 1-2 29, Summit 0-3 4.5

Standings Girls: Mansfield 3-0 49.5, Lake Ridge 2-1 29.5, Martin 2-1 28, Legacy 1-3 26, Summit 0-3 15.

Standings JV: Mansfield 3-1 42, Lake Ridge 0-4 16.

Lane Laughter



High School Boys Battles Heats Up - Match 5

By: Mike Young

While the Mansfield Tigers rule the roost in the boys DFW South district, a 3 way war has broken out for second place. The Lake Ridge Eagles defeated the Legacy Broncos 11-4 and the Martin Warriors took out

the Summit Jaguars 13-2 and that creates a logjam between 3 schools. Both Martin and Lake Ridge have 2-2 records with 42 points each but not far behind is Legacy who is also 2-2 with 40.5 points. Who finishes second is important

as it guarantees a spot in the playoffs. In the other match Mansfield shutout the Lake Ridge JV 15-0

Boys Honor Roll: Jeremy Lee (Martin) 248-387, Hogan Hargrove (Mansfield) 220-396, Lo-

At Cowtown Bowling Palace

Lucas masters 778, Drescher posts 684

Vaughan 299

Chris Lucas' hard-hitting 256-278-244 = 778 Ebonite Trio series took top billing on the honor roll last week at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

Amy Drescher, Lucas' league mate, was the lady to beat as she blasted a top-flight 236-234-214 = 684 set.

Mark Vaughan captured high-game honors with a near-perfect

299 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Coy Hart 269, Michelle Teel 243-660, Tony Woodruff 265, Amy Hart 216, Darrell Hart 258, Cathy Nelson 236, Matthew Suarez 277-755, Vernon Smith, Jr. 267, Miki Jo Parish 221, Mark Vaughan 762.

Amy Adams 235-610, K W Gibbins 267, Gina Cochran 211, Charlie Bean

258, Anathia Cunningham 200, T C Thompson 277-709, Marchella Denbow 212, William Shupp 248, Cory Randall 244.

SENIORS

Woody Godbey 215, Wanda Eads 177, Johnny Zaskoda 257-667, Tee-Ropers-Tucker 210, Ken Eilert 227, Sandy Bell 205, John Stewart 220, Judy Biel 202.

At Forum Bowl

Lavery-Spahr lofts 811, Wyley rolls 299/743

Carter 300

Sean Lavery-Spahr dominated scoring for the week at Forum Bowl after pocketing thundering 287-235-289 = 811 numbers in the C300 Masters by Perfect Strike league action.

Danita Wyley, Lavery-Spahr's league mate, paced fem scoring with a sparkling 247-299-197 = 743 outing.

David Carter, youth bowler, captured high-game honors with an award-winning 12-bagger.

HONOR ROLL

Andrea Jaksa 225-612, Kim Jackson

258-662, Jeff Davis (9 pin) 287-810, Kristal Rogers (9 pin) 290-600, D J Garrett 269-783, Teresa Ross 248-677, James Sherwood 235-665, Kara Bazaldua 191-545.

Martin Kemp 259-640, Alys Hodges 189-513, Mark Neville 245-697, Tammy Henderson 591, Frank Elam 246-688, Dana Short 235-624, Dave Belgarde 258-686, Brenda Belgarde 192-559.

Tony Franklin (4 games) 267-981, Kiyoko McDonald (4 games) 238-890, Wane Cruse (9 pin) 278-810, Pam Stewart (9 pin) 256-714, Jason Mahanay

236-689, Faith Nealon 173-496, Ray Daehn 269-734.

Kristal Rogers 191-538, Carlos Ortiz 247-601, Susan Brownell 171-457, Toney Nelson 288-769, Jennifer Lewis 248-646, David McCord 256-726, Karen Sykes 256-623, Juan Guzman 244-623.

Kim Jackson 233-607, Jarmaine Sharper 232-616, Brittney Byrd 162-394, Phillip Mills 221-644, Luann Burkhalter-Mills 206-501.

SENIORS

Russell Fox 229-662, Judith Guillory 207-602.



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9:00 PM	1/27	Texas Trio	Any 3 members
Wednesday			
12:30 PM	12/4 (every 9 weeks)	Plano Senior Stars	3 members - Senior Men
9:00 PM	1/8	SudsBusters	Any 4 members
Friday			
6:15 PM	1/3	Friday Foursome*	4 members / 3/1 combo
7:00 PM	1/3	Friday Nite Out*	4 members / 3/1 combo
Saturday			
8:45 AM	1/11	Saturday Jr Gold	Any 4 members
8:45 AM	1/11	Saturday Showstoppers	Any 4 members
8:45 AM	1/11	Saturday Bunch	Any 3 members
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DiRupo, Allen Elected to USBC Hall of Fame

By: Terry Bigham

ARLINGTON, Texas – Marianne DiRupo of Succasunna, New Jersey, and Patrick Allen of Garfield, New Jersey, have been elected to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame for Superior Performance.

DiRupo and Allen were on the ballot of six men and two women voted on by a national panel of USBC Hall of Fame members, veteran bowling writers and USBC board members. Though each fell short of the required 70 percent of the votes cast, the USBC Hall of Fame Committee selected the two candidates for induction.

The selection of DiRupo and Allen completes the six-member 2020 USBC Hall of Fame class. Patrick Healey Jr. (USBC Outstanding Performance), Bob Learn Jr. (Veterans), and Andrew Cain and Jim Zebehazi (both in Meritorious Service) were elected by the USBC Hall of Fame committee in late October.

The 2020 USBC Hall of Fame Class will be inducted April 29, during the USBC Convention at The Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

DiRupo, 52, joined the Professional Women's Bowling

Association Tour in 1992 and was the rookie of the year that season. She won the first of her eight career titles at the 1993 Ebonite Three Rivers Open at Princess Lanes in Pittsburgh.

She won the first of her three major titles at the 1997 Hammer Players Championship in Rockford, Illinois, beating Wendy Macpherson in the title match. She also won the Miller High Life National Players Championship in 2002 and the USBC Queens in 2004.

DiRupo owns a USBC Women's Championships title, teaming with Timi McCorvey to win doubles in 1999, and also has eight other top-10 finishes at the event. She earned Bowlers Journal All-American first-team honors in 1996, 1997 and 1999.

Prior to her stellar bowling career, she was on the South Carolina softball team from 1986-1989, leading the team in RBIs in her senior season. She was a four-time National Softball Coaches Association All-Region selection and earned a spot on the CoSIDA Academic All-America second team in 1989.

Allen, 49, is the owner of 13 Professional Bowlers Associa-



tion (PBA) titles.

He captured his first PBA title at the 2001 Greater Detroit Open, winning in his first TV appearance. He had multiple wins in 2005, 2007 and 2009, and earned his second major title at the 2009 H&R Block Tournament of Champions.

Allen had his best season in 2004-2005, winning three titles, including his first major at the 2005 Denny's World Championship, and finishing in the top five of the other three major events to earn PBA Player of the Year honors.

The 13 titles in the 2000s tied Allen with Parker Bohn III for most PBA Tour victories by a left-hander.

Allen was No. 44 on the list of the 50 Greatest Players in PBA History, released in 2009 as part of the PBA's 50th anniversary, and was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 2019.

Allen also was a Team USA member from 2008-2012.

He was part of the "Dream Team" selected for the 2008 World Bowling Men's Championships in Bangkok, after the world governing body decided to allow professional athletes compete in international events. He won gold in doubles and team and a bronze in trios and captured two more golds (trios, team) and a bronze (trios) at the 2010 event in Munich.

In addition to Allen, the men's national ballot included Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kansas; Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas; Randy Pedersen of Orlando, Florida; Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, and Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas.

The women's national ballot also had Tammy Turner of West Palm Beach, Florida.

Through 2019, there are 432 members of the USBC Hall of Fame – 223 in Superior Performance, 120 in Meritorious Service, 51 in Veterans, 22 in Pioneer and 16 in Outstanding USBC Performance.

The USBC Hall of Fame was created in 2005 by merging the former American Bowling Congress and Women's International Bowling Congress Halls of Fame.

Visit BOWL.com/HallofFame for more information on the USBC Hall of Fame.

At Plano Super Bowl

Peterson banks 826, Lee mints 715

Stephens 300/814, Todd 801, Crump, Nguyen 300s, Casey III, Mann, Starks 299s

David Peterson ended as the number-one bowler of the week at Plano Super Bowl with an award-winning 288-259-279 = 826 Jack & Jill series.

Jim Stephens from the Thursday Classic league finished close behind Peterson with a 300/814 series while Michael Todd finished with an 801 Track Classic Trio outing.

Susan Lee held the top spot for the ladies with a blue-ribbon 277-201-237 = 715 Las Vegas Doubles set.

Jon Crump and Andrew Nguyen shared high-game accolades with Stephens as each rolled perfect 300's. Richard Casey III, Rick Mann and Cameron Starks shared runner-up honors with near-perfect 299 solos.

HONOR ROLL

Jason Thomas 290-792, Whitney Williams 207-592, Richard Casey III 749, Kathy Harber 202-543, Travis Welnach 276-754, Kathy Harber 212-565, Geoff Parman (4 games) 258-888, Natalie Walker 209-674.

Ry Bnd, Jr. 268-785, Denise

Freeman-Boone 213-581, Jimmy Kingsley 214-563, Diane Halterman 177-520, Richard Beatty 277-689, Monica Adams 210-568, Marshall Medlin 241-713.

Brandy Plaxco 223-608, Stoney Burke 277-779, Michelle Rogers 258-695, Lisa Garza 268-683, Harry Myers 265-682, Diane Wallentine 191-526, Peron Jones 247-708, Susan Lee 245-610.

Jim Strozewski 234-579, Jean Foland 190-527, David Bullough 278-793, Cindy Mann 246-704, Stephen Wiestner 246-674, Kay Pingsterhaus 189-544, Gail Mayer 213-621, Jon Delaney 258-754.

Robin Harrison 233-635, Susan Lee 227-652, John Eft 279-636, Mary Littlejohn 197-511, Thomas Kuhny 248-712, Dottie Culpon 221-553, Carol Wood 221-615, Jim McGarvey 279-728.

Lizzy Kahrs 197-565, Matt Hyson (4 games) 270-978, Kiyoko McDonald (4 games) 233-835, Daniel Jarrett 258-741, Daniel Jarrett 248-723, Gail Mayer 235-637, Chris Davis 237-673, Debbie Lambert 246-663.

Dan Metevier 268-745, Renee Malone 218-561, Rick Mann 248-728, Jody Muskett 247-596, Tim Hardin 279-762, Tammy Crawford 235-652.

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PBA 2019: The Year's Top Stories

By: Jerry Schneider

CHICAGO (Dec. 19, 2019) - There was no shortage of historic news coming out of the Professional Bowlers Association's 61st season in 2019. The purchase of PBA by Bowlero Corp, the first season of television coverage by FOX Sports and livestreaming by partner FloBowling, another record-breaking year by Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte and Kris Prather's historic win in the inaugural PBA Playoffs were just a few of the landmark stories in 2019.

Here's a look back at some of the PBA's headline events in 2019:

Bowlero Corp purchases PBA - Bowlero Corp, the world's largest owner and operator of bowling centers, became the third owner of the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA), the pinnacle of professional bowling since 1958, when it purchased the organization from principal owner Mike Slade. The purchase brought an end to the nearly two-decade ownership era of Microsoft executives that included Slade, Rob Glaser and bowling enthusiast Chris Peters who was the driving force

behind their purchase of the organization in 2000.

Jason Belmonte completes another record-setting season - Just two weeks after winning the PBA Tournament of Champions for a record-tying 10th PBA major title, Jason Belmonte successfully defended his PBA World Championship title for a record 11th major victory. The 35-year-old two-hander defeated Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., 236-227, in the stepladder finals televised live by FS1 at Thunderbowl Lanes in suburban Detroit. In his 11th season on tour, Belmonte broke a tie with PBA Hall of Famers Earl Anthony and Pete Weber for the most major titles. In the process, he became the youngest player to win 10 majors, and with a runner-up finish in the PBA Players Championship plus a fourth-place finish in the U.S. Open, he became the first player ever to record championship round finishes in four majors in a single season twice (he also achieved that feat in 2013). By winning his third TOC, he tied Hall of Famers Jason Couch and Mike Durbin for most Tournament of Champions titles. Ending the year with a tour-best four titles and

At Red Bird Lanes

Cathey fires 726, Wrightsil blisters 725

Lauren Cathey outscored the bowlers last week at Red Bird Lanes with a salutary 253-194-279 = 726 Career Girls series.

Zachary Wrightstil led the men's honor roll with a booming 222-257-246 = 725 Tuesday Men's Commercial session.

HONOR ROLL

Jennifer Thill 222-570, Rob Tanguma 251-663, David Green (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 278-1000, Carol Ortega (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 214-735, an Russell 180-498, Cindy Howell 181-527.

Brent Rodgers 235-634, Deanna Hoffman 211-620, Chris Sosebee 22-662, Paula Kennedy 231-528, Andrew Almanza 227-646, Rosemary Hunsaker 179-487, Jose Jimenez 236-686, Debbie Cathey 178-524, Tyree Jennings, Jr. 216-613, Sandra Jennings 215-555, Mike Price 222-646, Sandra Jennings 194-533, J C Mann 239-691, Angela Davis-White 217-581, Gary Spurlock 204-600, Ann Kunkle 176-510.

At Ennis All Star Bowl

Lawrence books 694, Rogers crafts 629

Rick Lawrence booked a banner 221-268-205 = 694 Ennis Mixed Classic series to lead the scoring for the week at Ennis All Star Bowl.

Jody Rogers, also from the Ennis Mixed Classic group, paced the ladies with a sparkling 181-257-191 = 629 set.

HONOR ROLL

John Gray 245-631, Cindy Turner 223-599, Paul Toal 221-631, Cyndy McKenrick 238-578, Philip Nobles 194-540, April Hopkins 214-606, Bobby Kennedy 203-540, Mary Sikes 159-460, David Bittle 188-529, Mary Kennedy 171-455.

\$288,290 in earnings, Belmonte won his fifth Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year award. Other 2019 award winners were Mykel Holliman, Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year; Martin Larsen winning his second Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award and Chuck Gardner receiving the Tony Reyes Community Service Award.

Kris Prather wins inaugural PBA Playoffs - Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, made critical shot after critical shot in defeating Bill O'Neill, 226-215 and 216-185, in the Race-to-Two Points finale to win the inaugural PBA Playoffs and the \$100,000 first prize at Bayside Bowl. The championship match aired live on FOX, concluding a 13-tournament qualifying series that led into a 24-player match play elimination competition to determine the champion.



Two-hander Anthony Simonsen becomes youngest to win two majors at age 22

- At age 22, No. 2 seed Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, defeated top seed Jason Belmonte, 232-212, in the championship match of the PBA Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl to become the youngest player to win two PBA Tour majors. In 2016 he won the USBC Masters at age 19 to become the youngest to win a PBA Tour major.

Norm Duke wins back-to-back PBA Tour titles at age 54 - Three weeks shy of his 55th birthday, PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, won the Go Bowling

Indianapolis Open and Go Bowling Jonesboro Open back-to-back to become the oldest player to win consecutive tour titles. The wins also increased his career titles total to 40, third all-time behind Walter Ray Williams Jr. with 47 and Earl Anthony with 43.

Go Bowling PBA Tour completes first season on FOX Sports - The robust multi-platform PBA-FOX Sports agreement, announced in March of 2018, featured four telecasts on FOX and 26 on FS1. The 2019 TV schedule included 60 hours of coverage, nearly double the previous year's schedule, and the most in decades. Nineteen

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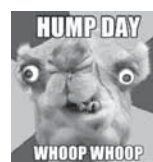
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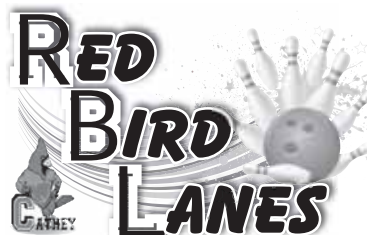
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LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

Jeff Tomerlin led the honor roll with 836 at AMF Showplace Eules...Chris Castro shot 300/824 at Plano...Ron Leverich rolled 817 at Diamond Lanes...Elaine Byrd led the ladies with 764 at Plano...Sandi Charles with 746 at Killeen Bowlerama... Dana Miller-Mackie shot 743 at Tenpins & More...Pamila Jones wins NABI at Forum Bowl...youth bowler Justin Tan shoots a 300 game at AMF Lewisville Lanes...Scott Norton wins PBA Regional Players Invitational in Reno.

20 YEARS AGO

Mike Scroggins wins the National Resident Pro in Reno, he beat me 238-203 for the title, lots of funny stories from that week, wow...Mary Betke and Ken Urban win PWBA Senior/Ladies Classic at PSB...Paul Fleming led the honor roll with 856 at BRC Watauga, BOOM...Mark Scroggins shot 848 at Western...Mark Betke led the ladies with 757 at AMF Lake Air...Sandi Irvine had 747 at Killeen Bowlerama...Mike Boss had a 300 game at Plano.

30 YEARS AGO

Joe Vito wins the Hoinke Super Classic and \$90,000, the MAN...Frank Bolton wins NTTB at Triangle-Irving for \$1300...Tony Gonzales led the honor roll with 811 at Showplace-Eules...Donny Yow had 810 at Bronco...Rick Moore shot 770 at Skaggs...Lynn McGinley led the ladies with 729 at Advantages...Susie Minshew had 718 at Wedgwood... Mudd(Carolyn Anderton) shot 691 at Showplace-Eules... Tony Gonzales wins Oasis at DC West for \$1000.

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JIM WELCH

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ment Director for the Bowlero Company, overseeing many key competitions.

The hundreds of messages on Jim's Facebook page reflect his impact on young bowlers and the larger bowling community. Many were deeply touched by his loyal friendship and sense of humor. Jim never met a stranger and enthusiastically connected people together through his expansive network of friends. Jim took great joy in all aspects of bowling, especially when the sport benefitted important causes. In particular, the Luci Bonneau Memorial Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Tournament was a favorite annual event. He was one of the first leaders involved in the Luci tournament, serving as the tournament director in exchange for a case of his favorite drink: Diet Dr. Pepper. Jim helped lead this event for seventeen years, demonstrating his commitment to build community and help others through bowling.

Jim loved his family without reservation or judgment. He and his mother enjoyed spending time together and had weekly movie and lunch dates. He was funny, compassionate, and intelligent. His laugh was instantly recognizable and he was always ready with a quick-witted joke or hilarious text. Jim was both a fantastic older brother and an amazing uncle, always making time to share his hobbies with nieces and nephews.

He was a man of integrity, an active member of the Cathedral of Hope, and a treasured friend. Jim is survived by his mother Martha Welch; his brother Joe Welch and wife, Lynn; his sister Anne Bloom and husband, Jeff; his sister Mary Welch; his brother Matt Welch; six loving nieces and nephews; many dear cousins, aunts, and uncles; and friends comprising a large extended family, including Beth Standlee, Phillip Perry, Alex Barnishin, and David Garber.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 AM on January 7th at the Cathedral of Hope's Interfaith Peace Chapel. Donations in lieu of flowers are appreciated and can be made to "Striking Against Breast Cancer," at this link: <https://strikingagainstbreastcancer.org/give-now>.



At JB's Allen Bowl

Daugherty soars to 300/826, Starry bags 664

John Daugherty topped the scoring charts last week at JB's Allen Bowl as he fired dual award-winning 236-300-290 = 826 numbers in the Wednesday Match Play outing.

Stacy Starry posted a rip-roaring 224-237-203 = 664 TGIF Bowlers set to front the lady bowlers.

HONOR ROLL

Randy Hawks 247-709, Shemeddra

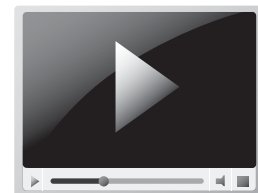
Clark 238-660, Kimbo Emerson 212-583, Brent Ellis 258-722, Maria Robeson 217-567, Scotty Scott 256-722, Carol Warren 191-529, Brian Vaughn 246-684.

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Friday January 17
Match Play Round 1 11:00 AM
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Saturday January 18

PBA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 5:00 PM
Sunday January 19
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Wednesday January 22
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Thursday January 23
Qualifying Round 2, Squad B 11:00 AM
Qualifying Round 2, Squad A 5:00 PM

Friday, Jan. 24
Match Play Round 1 11:00 AM
Match Play Round 2 5:00 PM

Sunday, Jan. 26
Stepladder Finals* (top five) 1:00 PM

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

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gan Alexander (Mansfield JV) 231, Morris Mantchev (Martin) 217, Matt Cook (Mansfield JV) 217, Gabe Murillo (Mansfield JV) 206, Philip Le (Legacy) 205-379, Colby Anderson (Lake Ridge) 200, Christian Tanner (Legacy) 192, Ahmad Lambert (Mansfield) 182.

On the girls side Lake Ridge got past a very stubborn Summit squad 9-6, Mansfield beat Martin 13-2 and the Mansfield

JV was a 13-2 winner over Legacy.

Girls Honor Roll: Allison Williams (Martin) 176-341, Ashley Webb (Summit) 175-339, Elisa Gaudio (Legacy) 172-303, Mauraza Henson (Lake Ridge) 158, Jillian Spridco (Lake Ridge) 152, Kennedy Coit (Lake Ridge) 150.

Boys Standings: Mansfield 4-0 68, Martin 2-2 42, Lake Ridge 2-2 42, Legacy 2-2 40.5, Summit 0-4 6.5

Girls Standings: Mansfield 4-0 62.5, Lake Ridge 3-1 38.5, Martin 2-2 30, Legacy 1-3 28,

Summit 0-4 21
JV Standings: Mansfield 4-1 55, Lake Ridge 0-5 16.



At Strikz

Dytko drills 741, Tenczar taps 717

FRISCO – David Dytko led the scoring race at Strikz for the week with a hard-hitting 236-279-226 = 741 Monday Mixerz series.

Loren Tenczar, Dytko's league mate, paced the ladies with a sturdy 254-221-242 = 717 set.

HONOR ROLL

Steve Lamonte 214-533, John Hapka 189-522, Sue Ellis 179-478, Daryl Ellis 216-611, Richard Stein 234-612, Sherry Robertson 158-437, Dan Robertson 235-599, Skip Jenkins 182-514.

Betty Detrich 165-445, Bruce Richardson 189-518, Carol Richardson 179-438, Shirley Chapel 169-451, Mark Connor 233-630, Rob Hudkins 225-618,

Kevin Higar 258-642, Elizabeth Smith 199-517.

JoAnn Schmidt 188-531, Hector Gomez 223-629, Ron Rankin 227-641, Mark Gibson 223-640, Joseph Jimenez 220-641, Scott Noll 202-578, Chris Marino 2220-603, Debbie Colby 202-518.

Cathy Eberly 194-517, Jennifer Blythe 184-517, Sue Ellis 179-491, Sharon Lawrence 164-456, Stephanie Hapka 18-472, Jacki Myrice 199-524, Cathy Eberly 187-557, Jan Bair 164-446.

Debra Gorman 178-487, Dave Newgard 188-503, Danny Robertson 257-691, Daryl Ellis 212-585, John Terito

168-508, Barry Mazur 208-528, Skip Jenkins 199-564, John Flood 254-628.

David Cohen 214-566, Richard Stein 224-542, Bill Fisher 187-503, Glenn Kraemer 213-528, Kim Lorenzen 224-548, Al Brabant 200-539, Debbie Colby 268-593, Curt Frye 237-611.

Richard Ferguson 217-599, Cathy Eberly 190-542, Tommy Davis 255-713, Ron Rankin 226-605, Rick Irvine 226-648, Candy Torrey 216-560, Dwight Stein 223-593, Al Brabant 191-533.

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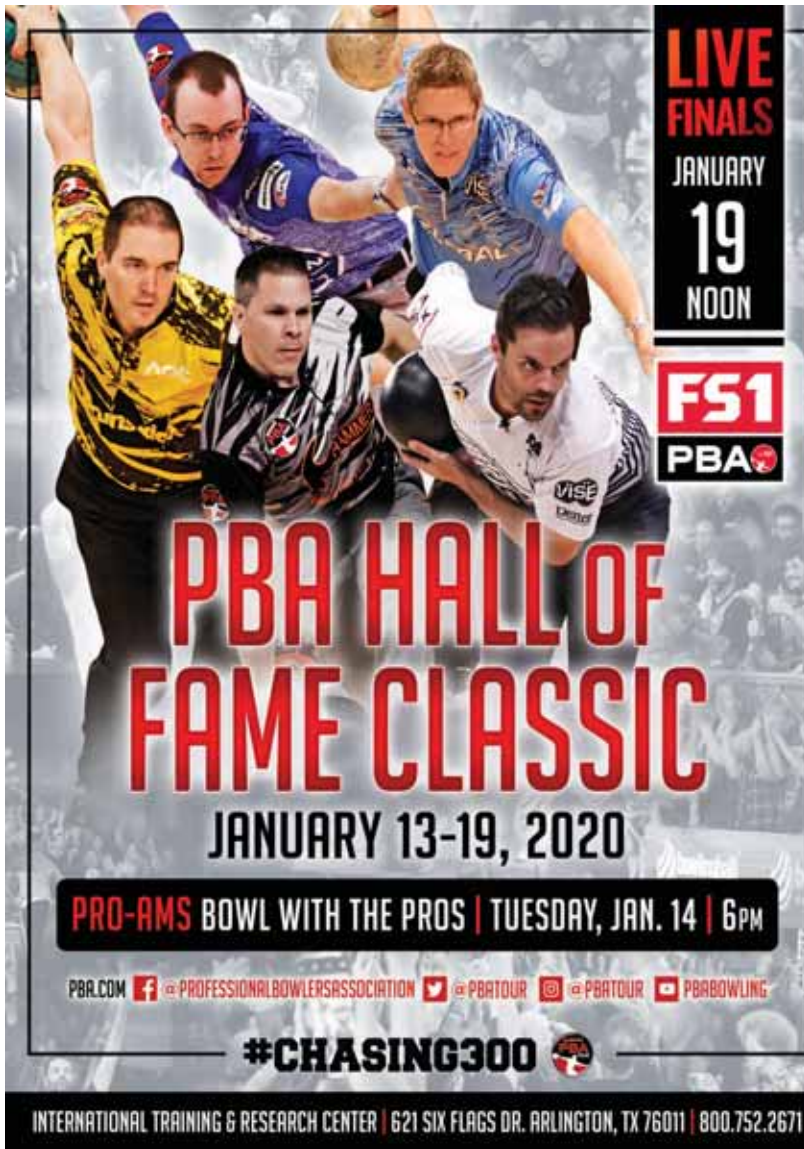
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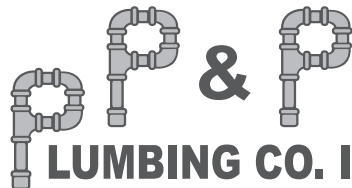


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Entries for the 2020 PBA/PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer (SABC) Mixed Doubles, aka "The Luci" opened on January 1st on a sad note as long time tournament director Jim Welch passed away just before New Year's Day, as you've read elsewhere in this edition of TBN.

Armed with the familiar PA microphone, Welch was the voice we heard behind the tournament bowler's area who kept the most famous mixed doubles tourney on the planet rolling and running on time for a number of years and not afraid to toss a friendly zinger or two toward those who lollygagged behind picking up tournament recap sheets, as I inadvertently found out two years ago.

As part of the AMF, and then Bowlero as Director of Competitive Bowling and National Tournament Director, he oversaw another uniquely famous tournament, The Petersen Classic in Chicago, among many local events inside

the company's DFW centers.

Jim was one of "those" handfuls of people in this industry who could answer any bowler's question and have the connections to get an answer if he couldn't. The list of "those" people is literally in single digits and is unfortunately smaller. Welch will be missed.

Speaking of tournament entries, The Luci fills up quickly and has been known to fill soon after entries open January 1st and this year is no different. Tournament founder Donna Connors told me on Saturday January 3rd that 46 doubles teams already have paid their \$500 entry fee. Tourney capacity is 160 teams. Check the tournament Facebook page for the latest updates.

For those bowling "The Pete" in Chicago this summer, Mike Sledz will be handling entries and questions this year for Welch. Contact information can be found on its Facebook page as well, The Petersen Classic.

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The bowling ball manufacturer's version of Major League Baseball's Hot Stove League, where teams trade players and sign free agents for the upcoming season, unfolded in full force last week as various bowlers changed affiliations, some in the wake of Brunswick acquisition of Ebonite/EBL. Besides Stefanie Johnson moving to Roto Grip from Hammer as I mentioned in the December 19th TBN, two former EBL staffers signed with different companies. Diana Zavjalova moves from Ebonite to Storm, A.J. Johnson from Ebonite to Motiv, and Brandon Novak from Ebonite to Storm.

In a unique countdown New Year's Day on the company's Facebook page, Motiv Bowling tour Representative Brett Spangler unveiled six new staffers one per hour over six separate hours, two of whom had previously been with the Michigan based manufacturer. Besides A.J. Johnson, the other hourly announced PBA National Tour signees are Wesley Low, Kim Bolleby, Pascal Winterheimer, and previous Motiv staffers Chris Lochetter and Connor Pickford. And in case you're wondering, there was no need to re-announce my own signing with Motiv for another year.

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The bowling world lost one of its remaining over the air broadcast talk shows as Jeff Richgels reported in his 11thframe.com blog two weeks ago. The Spare Time Bowling Show, heard on WSSP SportsRadio105.7 FM The Fan in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, host

Just Paying Attention

By Mark London
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Steve "Sparky" Fifer, Spare Time Pro Shop owner Dwight Albrecht, and PBA XtraFrame's Phil Brylow would discuss bowling as a real sport at 9:00 AM Sunday mornings.

You could hear anyone from PBA Commissioner Tom Clark discussing marketing and the Fox Television deal, last week's PBA Tour winner explaining strategy behind a key strike late in a title match, or any of the local Wisconsin high school coaches discussing their trips through the season in a given show.

Fifer has his finger on the pulse of 21st century sports marketing, often asking why the PBA did this or didn't do other things other sports do without hesitation. It was easy to hear in the first several minutes that he loves bowling and wonders, like many of us, why the pro side of the industry hasn't done better over the last several decades, something my eight regular readers have read on a steady basis over the four-decade history of this column.

Unless I'm mistaken, the only regular over the air radio show left is "Let's Go Bowling," on WTAN 1340AM on the Tan Talk Radio Network out of Clearwater, Florida, airing Wednesdays 11:00 am to Noon Central, now starting its 15th

year.

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Last year, I profiled a brand new collegiate bowling program at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa. Head Coach Dr. Nichole DePaul spoke of what unfolded the year before the first ball was thrown from recruiting, organizing practices, scheduling meets, and much of the behind the scenes work projects of this size require.

Starting next week, you'll read an interview I did over the holiday break with UIU Peacock Head Coach Dr. DePaul. She'll take us through the first practices, competitions, personality management, and the weekly routine of a brand new college bowling program.

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Also, later this month will be Houston's Jay Nephew first-person description of his December Bowlero Elite Series experience, and a long-awaited update on a story you first read in JPA three years ago involving something happening in Houston in two years. Stay tuned.

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Finally, this week, the first JPA Lost Classic of the decade really isn't that lost, but it's the only one which has been featured for a now record

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Feb 15-16	USA Bowl	Dallas, Tx.	M/M Dbles Sep Qual
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Mar 14-15	Planet Bowl	Midwest City, Ok.	Member/Guest Doubles
Mar 28-29	All Star Lanes	Shreveport, La.	60/50/Guest Trio
Apr 11-12	Cowtown	Fort Worth, Tx.	70/60/50/Guest Foursome
Apr 25-26	Emerald Bowl	Houston, Tx.	Age Bracket
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May 9-10	University Lanes	Denton, Tx.	Super Singles Singles
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2020 Team USA Trials, U.S. Amateur Set to Begin in Las Vegas

By: Matt Cannizzaro
LAS VEGAS - Just like other top-tier athletes, Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey, and John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida, know there's an expiration date on their careers.

It may not be as matter-of-fact in bowling, which is a lifetime sport, but certainly at the elite level, where the two longtime Team USA members have found success throughout their hall-of-fame careers.

They have watched contemporaries retire from the Team USA program in recent years, and they've wondered when they'll know the right time to step away, too.

That time is not now, however, as the two United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famers head to Las Vegas for the 2020 USBC Team USA Trials, where they'll look to defend their titles and hopefully add a few final touches to their Team USA resumes.

"I have had the chance to experience so many things and see some incredible places, but I want to go out on my own terms and when I feel like I've done all I can on the lanes for Team USA," Kulick said. "The main goal right now is to make the team again. I'd love to have a World Cup title, as well, but I'm also starting to learn to enjoy the experiences as a whole, win or lose. Yes, every time I put on my shoes I want to win, but that's not always realistic."

The Team USA Trials will take place at the Gold Coast Bowling Center in Las Vegas from Jan. 3-7.

The week also will include

the United States Amateur Bowling Championships.

A sold-out men's field of 175 players and record field of more than 165 female competitors will begin the first of five qualifying blocks Friday at 11 a.m. Eastern. All rounds of competition will be broadcast live at BowlTV.com.

The event returns to the place where Kulick and Janawicz showcased their skills across five challenging oil patterns in 2019 to become the oldest champions in their respective divisions at 41 and 46, respectively.

"In hindsight, that week was very special," Kulick said. "We were the oldest in history to win, and I'd just found out I had been elected to the USBC Hall of Fame. Unfortunately, that light didn't stay lit for me in 2019. I'm hoping 2020 can get off to another great start, but that I'll be able to carry that momentum throughout the year. I don't have anything to prove to anyone but myself. I want to prove that age is just a number and see if I'm still good enough."

Their victories at the 2019 Team USA Trials earned Kulick and Janawicz the opportunity to represent the United States at the 2019 QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup in Palembang, Indonesia.

It was the first appearance for each at the prestigious event, and coming up short there also will be a motivator for the duo heading into the 2020 Team USA Trials. Kulick, who is looking to make Team USA for the 16th time, finished tied for third place at the

World Cup, while Janawicz, a nine-time Team USA member, finished 19th on the men's side.

"It was a bucket-list item just to bowl in the World Cup, but to put on the performance I did was pretty disappointing," Janawicz said. "My execution could've been better, and to lay an egg in what could be my only appearance was disappointing, too. I don't really want that to be my only World Cup performance, so I'd love another chance. There's only one way to get there, and that is to win the Team Trials, so that's extra motivation."

As the 2019 calendar year wound down, the two did not ignore the things they needed to work on to ensure another solid effort in Las Vegas.

Kulick was very focused on her release, which she feels will help her ball reaction on some of the tougher oil patterns she'll face in 2020, not only at the Team USA Trials, but also on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour.

Janawicz, who flew back and forth between the United States and Asia many times in 2019 for both work and bowling reasons, returned home from the World Cup and immediately started working on some fit changes in his bowling balls to hopefully correct the things that didn't feel quite right in Indonesia. He also admitted to struggling with repeating shots, so there has been some focus on that.

"You're always trying to find ways to score, especially as the game and equipment changes," Janawicz said. "You

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LOWER GREAT LAKES	Nov. 16-17	Lafayette, Indiana	Mike Aulley's Arrowhead Bowl
COASTAL SOUTH	Jan. 4-5	Winter Park, Florida	Alama Bowl
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST	Jan. 18-19	Fremont, California	Cloverleaf Family Bowl
HEARTLAND	Jan. 26	Bloomington, Illinois	Pheasant Lanes
SOUTHWEST	Feb. 9	Las Vegas, Nevada	Suncoast Bowling Center
UPPER GREAT LAKES	Feb. 9	S. St. Paul, Minnesota	Concord Lanes
MOUNTAIN	Feb. 16	Colorado Springs, Colorado	King Pin Lanes
SOUTH CENTRAL	Feb. 23	Norman, Oklahoma	Sooner Bowl
OHIO VALLEY	Feb. 29 - Mar. 1	Dayton, Ohio	Poelking Lanes South
ATLANTIC EAST	Mar. 7-8	Murfreesboro, Tennessee	Murfreesboro Strike & Spare
NEW ENGLAND	Mar. 22	Woonsocket, Rhode Island	Walnut Hill Bowl
SOUTH	Mar. 28-29	Vestavia Hills, Alabama	Vestavia Bowl



It Shouldn't Have Been There Anyway
 What folly. It is certainly tough when your best effort sticks a 9 pin or you leave a "ringing" 10. However, leaving those after your first shot is not the problem. It's leaving them after your second that causes real grief.

Good shots are not always rewarded with strikes. That seems so unfair, doesn't it? You work really hard on your game and take lessons and read magazines and yes, even practice and still they stand. You knew it was great off your hand. The pins just didn't fall.

There are so many things going on once you let the ball go, it's mind-boggling. Valleys, and slopes and warped panels and non-resilient kickbacks and old pins...the list is plenty long and absolutely NONE of it is in your control. However, to make your best shot and have a pin stand is not what the phrase "It shouldn't have been there anyway" is referring to. That's what folks say to you after you

miss that stone 9 pin with your spare shot.

Do you know how you know if the 9 should have been there? It was there, that's how. Something didn't happen properly at the pin deck and it stood. There's no solace in "it shouldn't have been there anyway." It was there. The issue is that the sweep knocked it down instead of you doing the deed. Your now job is to demolish it with your second chance. What a blessing. You get another chance at the little bugger! Not many sports give you that.

I Hit the Pocket

That's not quite all it takes to strike. You've got to have a higher standard than just hitting the pocket. It takes the proper angle, speed, and rotation to carry. If any one of those things is off, something will be standing.

Angle - USBC studies indicate that the optimum entry angle into the pocket is around 4 to 6 degrees. That would be great knowledge to have if we knew where the ball needed

to break to create 4, 5, or 6 degrees of entry angle. Thinking that the ball should have been on the 9th board at 44 feet, 6¼ inches instead of the 9th board at 44 feet, 3½ inches is enough minutiae to get you off your game. If you have to be that perfect, you hope everyone else does as well. We really just need to know when it's too much and when it's too little.

Speed - It's pretty easy to have too much or too little. There can be some variation in "just right", of course. We've all seen grandpa or the between-the-legs kid hit the pocket. They just didn't have the speed to benefit from a pocket hit. When you have discovered the speed that gets you to the hole and carries well, do it again (and again and again)...

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have to find ways to stay competitive with the talented young players, who are so far ahead of where I was at their ages. As you get older and your body changes, you have to be more creative. Winning in 2019, when scores were a little lower, spare shooting was key for me."

Also among the talented field at the 2020 Team USA Trials will be reigning U.S. Amateur champions Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina, and Wesley Low of Palmdale, California, and a slew of recent and past winners from the prestigious Junior Gold Championships.

Competitors at this week's event will earn ranking points based on their finishing positions in each of the five qualifying rounds - the top bowler of the round will earn one ranking point, second place will earn two points, etc. - with the lowest total of ranking points after five rounds determining the men's and women's Team USA Trials champions. Each will earn an automatic spot on Team USA for 2020.

In addition to the title and spot on the team, the winner of each division again will represent Team USA at the World Cup. The 2020 event will

be held in Kuwait.

The top four men and top four women at the 2020 Team USA Trials, based on ranking points, will earn automatic spots on Team USA, while two additional men and two additional women will be selected by the National Selection Committee from the pool of players that competed during the week at the Gold Coast Bowling Center.

The National Selection Committee also will select a maximum of five men and five women for the team based on submitted resumes. Those applicants must have been Team USA or Junior Team USA members within the last 10 years or among the top 25

in earnings during the 2019 Professional Bowlers Association Tour season or top 25 in points during the 2019 PWBA Tour season.

After the final qualifying round at the Team Trials, the top three amateur men and top three amateur women will advance to a stepladder final to determine the U.S. Amateur champions. Both winners will earn spots on Team USA.

If the U.S. Amateur champion already has earned a spot on the team, the spot will be awarded to the next-highest Team USA Trials qualifier based on ranking points.

To be eligible for this year's U.S. Amateur, a bowler must

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At Western Bowl

Sledge rolls 297/792, Wichers claims 649

AMARILLO, TX - Elijah Sledge led the honors this month at Western Bowl with a power-packed 297-247-248 = 792 Petroleum League series.

Carrie Wichers led the ladies with a crafty 211-255-183 = 649 series in Skylighters action.

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not hold or have held a professional membership (PBA or PWBA) in 2019. Also, anyone who has won a professional title (regional, national or senior) as a professional is not eligible to compete as an amateur.

For youth competitors, the top four boys and top four girls, based on ranking points, automatically will earn spots on Junior Team USA 2020. Two additional boys and two additional girls also will be selected by the National Selection Committee based on performances from either the 2020 Team USA Trials or 2019 Junior Gold Championships.

JUST PAYING ATTENTION

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fourth time. Starting with Therm Gibson's \$75K six bagger in 1961, the month of January brought us some pretty special bowling moments on television.

The names are recognizable as you can think of their moments. Jim Stefanich's 1974 TV 300, Bill Spigner's 1975 at a TV 300 run in his first television appearance, Mark Roth, Del Ballard, Jr.'s U.S. Open \$100K win in 1987, Pete McCordic's \$100K TV 300 three weeks later, Kelly Kulick historic 2010 Tournament of Champions win, Mika Koivuniemi and Tom Daugherty staged my nomination for the strangest TV match of all time are a few of

They will join the youth competitors who already earned their spots on Junior Team USA 2020 through qualifying at the 2019 Junior Gold Championships.

BowlTV will provide wire-to-wire coverage of the events, including the announcement of Team USA and Junior Team USA 2020.

Along with the World Cup, the 2020 schedule for adult Team USA will include the Pan Am Bowling Adult Championships, Pan Am Champion of Champions event and World Bowling Singles Championships.

The schedule also provides additional motivation for Kulick, who was not part of the Team USA contingent at

the recent World Bowling Women's Championships and is the defending champion at the World Singles Championships, which last was held in 2016.

"Not being able to go to the World Women's Championships in 2019 has been a motivator because I'd love one more event with the ladies," said Kulick, who is an assistant coach for Team USA and has helped Junior Team USA to international success. "So much of what we do is individual, and there's nothing like getting to compete as a team. At the same time, the World Singles Championships also is special for me, and I'd love a chance to go back."

For more information on the USBC Team USA Trials, visit BOWL.com/TeamUSATrials.

the signature moments in the month.

As one of the biggest music acts of the 1970's was celebrating what turned out to be their final of five #1 tunes (KC & The Sunshine Band with "Please Don't Go") to close the disco era, Dave Diles and Bo Burton described what is easily the most famous split conversion in television bowling history.

Mark Roth's 7 - 10 split conversion was first featured as a Lost Classic item twenty years ago, later featuring eventual tournament winner Warren

Nelson, and several years ago with comments from opponent Bill Straub, who told me he "never thought in a million years" Roth would convert it.

So, we go back to January 5, 1980 and the decade's opening match, Roth vs. Straub, from the PBA ARC Alameda Open. This has been a perennial item in every JPA Top 25 list, ranking #8 on the PBA 60th Anniversary moments list two years ago. Here's the link: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ahgebfbea4A>).

At Mel's Lone Star Lanes

Merriman soaks in 759, Carter lands 718

Little 300, Barnhill 299

GEORGETOWN - Jonathan Merriman topped the men's leader boards in the Thursday Thunder league by firing a 275-268-216 = 759 series at Mel's Lone Star Lanes last month.

Debby Carter, Merriman's league mate, was the leader on the ladies' side by filling up the score sheet with 267/718 numbers.

R J Little captured high-game honors with an award-winning 12-bagger while Robert Barnhill took runner-up honors with a near-perfect 299 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Chris May 266-736, Lee Roberts 224-596, Daniel Adkins 269-745, Shawnalee Olmeda 268-642, J R Tackett 268-758, Amanda Wyrick 234-657, JoAnn Daniels 199-564, Robert Barnhill 738.

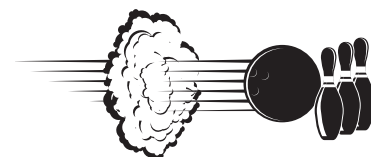
Elena Johnson 234-587, R D Naugle 246-646, Rachel Masterson 203-506, Ryan Kiive-Logston 267-736, Alicia Jones 247-631, David Bates 268-758, Julie Bates 183-503.

SENIORS

Dennis Moore 236-667, Pat Parker 204-570, Lonnie Milligan 288-688, Carole Terlip 234-623.



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live telecasts were the most in 11 years and included an unprecedented five straight nights of national prime-time coverage from World Series of Bowling X. Four 2019 events airing on FOX marked the most PBA action on network broadcast TV since 1999.

Sean Rash wins PBA China Tiger Cup in PBA's first visit to China – Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, added another unique accomplishment to his portfolio when he swept fellow American PBA member AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, in the best-of-three-game final match, 211-194 and 227-207, to win the historic PBA China Tiger Cup at Suzhou Tiger Bowl in Suzhou, China. The PBA special event, the first ever held in China, featured the top seven U.S. players in FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points and nine PBA members who advanced from a qualifying event that drew nearly 100 bowlers from China and the Asian Rim.

Home team Portland Lumberjacks wins its first PBA League title – With the raucous Portland bowling fans rushing the lanes after

At Terrell

Ellis rocks 807, Shaw logs 697

Beverly, Jr. 300

TERRELL – Bryan Ellis led the high-score chase last month at Terrell Bowling Center with a high-flying 248-269-290 = 807 Sunday Night Mixed outing.

Barbara Shaw led the ladies by rolling a stellar 257-204-236 = 697 Friday Night Quads series.

Robert Beverly, Jr. garnered high-game accolades with an award-winning 12-bagger.

HONOR ROLL

Richie Rylant 278-750, Teresa Conn 221-572, Russell Limoges 237-698, Katie Perales 213-595, Eldon Pickens 262-728, Keri Ross 209-557, Stoney Burke, Jr. 279-775, Ginger Toliver 198-552.

J P Tijerina 279-766, Kari Bell 234-629, Adam Vincze 234-694, Lisa Stewart 209-585, Mike Parker 287-646, Tanya Graves 193-532, Melvin Goss 289-743, Josh Renfro 266-735, Robert Beverly, Jr. 726.

Josh Orr 253-705, Larry Lentzner 209-615, Doug Lovern 234-572, Terry Green 277-711, Bobby Holley 279-753, Scott Travis 243-675, Mark Blasius 279-727, Mike Graves 266-708.

the win, the Portland Lumberjacks overwhelmed L.A. X in four consecutive games at Bayside Bowl to win its first PBA League Elias Cup in the event's seven-year history. Led by manager Tim Mack, the team featured Mark Roth PBA League MVP Wes Malott along with teammates Kris Prather, Kyle Troup, Ryan Ciminelli and Canadian Mitch Hupe'.

Walter Ray Williams Jr. wins record-tying 14th career PBA50 Tour title – All-time PBA titles leader Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida, won the first three PBA50 Tour tournaments of the season to boost his career titles total to a record-tying 14 (with John Handegard) on the tour for players 50 and over. Based on his performance in 2019, the seven-time Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year also earned his third PBA50 Player of the Year honor. Williams also continues to compete in PBA Regional tournaments, winning three PBA50 Regional titles to boost his all-time PBA titles total at all levels of PBA competition to a record 115 (47 PBA Tour, 14 PBA50 Tour, 34 standard PBA Regional and 20 PBA50 Regional). Other "senior" award winners were Eugene McCune, PBA50 Rookie of the Year; Ron Mohr, earning his fourth consecutive PBA60 Player of the Year honor (for players 60 and over), and Sammy Ventura, Dick Weber Sportsmanship award.

PBA completes first season on FloBowling – To complement PBA's FOX Sports and CBS Sports Network coverage of Go Bowling! PBA Tour

events, fans also had access to year-round live coverage of bowling across all levels of PBA competition – more than ever before – through a new partnership with its livestreaming partner, FloSports. FloBowling, a subscription-based online service, provided live and on-demand coverage of more than 40 professional events that included preliminary rounds and finals of Go Bowling! PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, selected PBA Regional and other special events. FloBowling.com also enhanced its coverage of PBA events with original content including multi-lane live action coverage, interviews with PBA's top stars and emerging talents, instructional features and insights from many of the bowling industry's leading advisors, coaches and pro tour representatives.

Canadian Francois Lavoie wins his second U.S. Open – Canada's Francois Lavoie, 26, defeated 14-time PBA Tour champion and top qualifier Sean Rash, 221-172, to become the 12th bowler in history to win the U.S. Open more than once. Lavoie became the first Canadian to win the U.S. Open in 2016 when he also bowled the first nationally televised 300 game in U.S. Open history on his way to winning PBA Rookie of the Year honors. His 2019 win gave Lavoie his fourth PBA Tour title and made the fourth-year professional the first foreign-born player to win the U.S. Open more than once. Finland's Mika Koivuniemi (2001) and Dom Barrett of England (2018) also have won

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At Hallmark

Hogan handles 795, Jeffers claims 674

KILLEEN – Ben Hogan won the men's high-set honors for the month at Hallmark Lanes with a hard-hitting 286-274-235 = 795 Hit & Miss Classic league production.

Sharon Jeffers, from the Partytimers group, topped the ladies high-set chart with a tip-top 226-224-224 = 674 showing.

HONOR ROLL

Thomas Keller 279-735, Maya Dixon-Dates 205-533, Gerald Burton III 266, Robert Juarez 667, Maya Dixon-Dates 215-607, Dan Haddenham 279, Regis Payne 687, Christine Scott 204.

Sharon Jeffers 526, Will Binder 268-677, Esther Navarro 247-635, Walter Harrison 261, Kyle Bigford 685, Caren Cate-Wilson 215, Karin Ciesiolka 596, Gerald Burton III 254-654, Peyton Heidtbrink 212-566.

Phil Hallums 267-692, Lisa Blackman 248, Kristie Duerre 216,

Esther Navarro 600, PJ Duerre 257-720, Jennifer Harrison 207-542, Phil Noble 246-687, Jennifer Harrison 184, Carmen Olalde 472.

Greg Masters 269, Gilbert Martinez, Jr. 708, Christine Scott 228-596, Dan Haddenham 266, Chris Causey 699, Esther Navarro 214-598, Walter Harrison 267-695, Karin Ciesiolka 232-629.

SENIORS

Phillip Thurston 217, Bob Rackley 537, Sako Atkins 198-464, Larry Krueger 289, Rullie Haywood 675, Cookie Reddock 257-657, Sam Cominsky 259-691, Brenda Washington 225-579.

Rullie Haywood 255-721, Cookie Reddock 264, Barbara Person 630, Paul Cantu 245-658, Brenda Washington 237, Barbara Jones 616, Virges Collins, Jr. 245-620, Sue Cummings 211.

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PBA Spare Shots

By: Bill Vint
BOWLERS JOURNAL HONORS JASON BELMONTE, COLIE EDISON
 Bowlers Journal International magazine has selected Australia's Jason Belmonte as its Male Bowler of the Decade for the 2010s and new PBA CEO Colie Edison as its 2019 Person of the Year.

In what was arguably the most dominant decade by a bowler in PBA history, Belmonte set a number of records, including winning 11 major championships including four USBC Masters titles (three of those in a row). He won 21 of his 22 career titles in the 2010s, earned PBA Player of the Year honors five times and joined the PBA "Millionaire's Club" in a record-shattering 131 tournaments.

But maybe Belmonte's most impressive feat was establishing the two-handed delivery as a dominant technique that has been mimicked by thousands of young bowlers in the wake of his success.

Edison rose to prominence in the bowling world when Bowlero Corp purchased the PBA in September, and the Bowlero Chief Customer Officer was named PBA CEO. Within two months of becoming the first woman to hold the PBA's top executive position, Edison won the favor of PBA players and fans by announcing the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour would receive a nearly \$500,000 boost in prize money, including \$100,000 first prize

checks for winners of the 2020 PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA World Championship and PBA Playoffs.

TOMMY JONES WINS BOWLERO ELITE SERIES FOR \$100,000 PAYDAY

Nineteen-time PBA Tour champion Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., who will be inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in Arlington, Texas, on Jan. 18, defeated Bowlero league bowler Garrett Shovan of Denver, Colo., 266-200, to win the \$100,000 first prize in the final Bowlero Elite Series tournament of 2019 at Bowlero Jupiter in Florida to conclude the season.

Jones, 41, defeated 2019 PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, 279-216, to win the professional side of the pro-am bracket and advance to the championship match where he equaled the largest payday of his career, matching the \$100,000 he collected for winning the 2006 U.S. Open.

Shovan, a pro shop operator and former Saginaw Valley State collegiate bowler, won the right to bowl against Jones by winning the league bowler side of the 16-player invitational field. He defeated Chicago's Luis Gonzalez, 236-202, in the amateur bracket final match. Shovan won \$25,000 as runner-up.

The third event in the Bowlero Elite Series aired Sunday on NBC. Other PBA stars who were invited to participate in the special event were Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash.; Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas; Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C.; and Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Mo. You can watch the competition on

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JOHNSON/JOHNSON

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Sean Lavery-Spahr took last cash for \$650.

Many thanks to Kevin Green, Alan Riley, Dino Castillo, and Plano Super Bowl for hosting this fun and challenging event.

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the event.

Tommy Jones teams up with good friend Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts to win CP3 Celebrity Invitational - Boston Red Sox star outfielder Mookie Betts along with good friend and now PBA Hall of Famer Tommy Jones broke through to win the 2019 PBA CP3 Celebrity Invitational which benefits NBA star Chris Paul's CP3 Foundation. In his two previous CP3 events, Betts had finished second with his pro partners but found the right chemistry with Jones to win the 2019 event defeating the team of Hall of Famer Pete Weber and NFL Hall of Famer Terrell Owens in the title match.

PBA Regional Program continues to groom future stars - As the PBA Regional program enters its 50th anniversary season in 2020, the PBA "minor league" network continues to provide thousands of PBA bowlers, young and old, with opportunities across the nation's seven regional jurisdictions (plus Japan) to improve their skills while learning how to compete against many of the PBA's elite players. In 2019 the PBA Regional program crowned its 1,900th different champion and surpassed 6,500 tournaments staged throughout its history. No player has embraced the PBA Regional program more than Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon, who won a pair of PBA50 titles in the Northwest Region, boosting his record for regional victories to 47 in standard events and 55 including PBA50 tournaments. The first PBA Regional event - the National Resident Pro Championship - was held in Cincinnati in 1969; in 1970 the PBA introduced an expanded schedule of competition in seven regions and the program has flourished ever since.



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At Killeen Bowlerama

Golden posts 803, Morgan shelves 300/769 Maxson 299

KILLEEN, TX - Desmond Golden headed the scoring parade for the month at Killeen Bowlerama with a high-powered, award-winning 803 TRACK league session.

Jen Morgan, Desmond's league mate, was as equally dominate with an award-winning 300/769 set.

Josh Maxson took runner-up honors with a near-perfect 299 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Russell Brown 697, Donny Bennight 289-686, Phil Thurston 718, Tawana Ramey 235-664, Bob Alleman 691, Linda Strickland 588, Robin Behymer 651 Karin Alleman 574, Robert

Hermosillo 270.

Joe Young 781, Stephanie Hamric 739, Rullie Haywood 774, Darline Bryant 699, Josh Maxson 758, Gene Betts 755, Brad Reeves 751, B-Rad Dewald 750, Brian Joseph 730, Erica McPhail 247-669.

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PBA's YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/1OV3B0-nij0>.

PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE RETURNS WITH KRIS PRATHER INTERVIEW ON JAN. 7

The PBA Player's Perspective interview series, featuring PBA title winners reflecting on their victories, will return to YouTube when Kris Prather discusses winning his first PBA Tour title in the 2019 PBA Scorpion Championship during World Series of Bowling X. The Prather perspective will debut on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

To view all of the PBA Player's Perspective episodes, visit the PBA's YouTube channel and click on the PBA Player's Perspective play list. The weekly series includes a new perspective released every Tuesday on the PBA's YouTube channel. The following players will provide personal play-by-play reflections in the weeks ahead:

- Jan. 14 – Bill O'Neill talks about his victory in the 2019 PBA Hall of Fame Classic, a win that made him title-eligible for PBA Hall of Fame consideration in the future.

- Jan. 21 – Jakob Butturff made the PBA Oklahoma Open a part of his "career year." He'll share insights about his 2019 win in Shawnee, Okla.

- Jan. 28 – Sean Rash will take a look into his past, revealing what he experienced in winning the 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas.

Player's Perspectives currently in the archives on YouTube include:

- Norm Duke's stunning 2011 U.S. Open win (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQ0cGzRfnBk>).

- Kris Prather's historic PBA Playoffs victory (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hISjw3KmGck>).

- Anthony Simonsen's win in the 2019 Bear Open (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tt2k25WKNzQ>).

- Sean Rash's 2019 Wolf Open title (<https://www.youtube.com/>

USBC NATIONAL HIGH

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For the list of USBC National High Series and High Average Awards, go to www.bowl.com.

The team awards for National High Game and National High Series also have been determined. To see the top team scores for men, women, mixed and youth teams, go to www.bowl.com/topteamscores.

[watch?v=2GNxO2WdaZo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GNxO2WdaZo)).

- EJ Tackett's Barbasol PBA Tour Finals victory (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVuLOuU8btQ>).

- Bill O'Neill's 2019 Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open win (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSwE3YYFjso>).

- Jason Belmonte's historic 11th major title victory in the 2019 PBA World Championship (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4QqbkrPirM>).

- Jakob Butturff's 2019 USBC Masters win (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-cuYcXxfXXs>).

- EJ Tackett's 2017 DHC PBA Japan Invitational victory (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91yoFd7nd8g>).

Fans can follow all of the latest video clips and more by enrolling as a subscriber to PBA's YouTube channel. It's easy and it's free. Visit YouTube.com/PBA Bowling and click on the "subscribe" button.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: 2020 SEASON BEGINS WITH TWO EVENTS JAN. 17-19

The 2020 PBA Regional season gets underway over the Jan. 17-19 weekend with tournaments in North Carolina and California for PBA50 competitors. Westview Lanes in Wilson, N.C., will host the PBA50 Richie's Automotive South Open and Tracy Bowl in Tracy, Calif., will host the PBA50 Patton Amusement West Regional.

- Scheduled for Jan. 29-30 is the PBA Japan Region's Ikyo Cup Wolf Open at Ikyo Bowl Inzai in Inzai, Japan.

- The PBA Central Region kicks off its 2020 schedule over the Jan. 31-Feb. 2 weekend

with the PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Doubles Classic at Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules including rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area. Whether you are a competitor or a fan, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on pba.com (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

- The PBA has learned of the unexpected death Sunday of Jim Welch, Bowlero Corp Director of Competitive Bowling and tournament director of the PBA-PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles tournament since 2003. Welch also served as tournament manager for Chicago's famous Petersen Classic under Bowlero's ownership. A celebration of life will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 11 a.m. at Interfaith Peace Chapel at the Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road, in Dallas, Texas.

- Jason Belmonte has announced he will donate \$50 for every strike he throws on television in 2020 - \$100 for strikes in championship matches - to Red Cross in Australia in the wake of the catastrophic wildfires affecting his home country. "I intend to strike a lot," Belmonte noted.



At Tenpins & More

Hadley bags 805, Griffin mints 300/764

Burks, Jones, MacPhee Vanderlip 300's

RIO RANCHO, NM – Gary Hadley blasted to the top of the charts last month at Tenpins & More with an award-winning 247-279-279 = 805 Bud Trios outing.

Dusti Griffin, from the Draft Teams Classic group, pounded out a solid 247-300-217 = 764 set to lead the ladies honor roll.

Michael Burks, Jeff Jones, Joey MacPhee and Eric Vanderlip shared high-game honors with Griffin with award-winning 12-baggers.

HONOR ROLL

Erna Smith 186-534, Martin Neal 206-588, Dusti Griffin (4 games) 258 963, John Hayes, Jr. (4 games) 289-1021, Paula Amschler 223-651, John Lund 268-760, David Abbott 258-664.

Becky Fisher 249-653, Sandra Chavez 257-610, Michael Burks 749, Jeff Hale (4 games) 226-743, Aileen Linares (4 games) 258-764, Samantha Mathews 244-647, Joe Romero 289-726, Matt Smith 279-755.

Dusti Griffin 215-619, Alvin Thon 289-730, Kathleen Lee 231-561, Dustin Rose 265-696, Troi Donnachaidh 192-565, Paul Carper 278-771, Troi Donnachaidh 223-568, Jeff Jones 268-747.

Jessica Simkins 152-424, Brian Moore 221-625, Carlos Fourzan 293.

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Dana Miller-Mackie 268-763, Bo Bolon 268-729, Becky Fisher 241-624, Bob Thurston 239-680.

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16, of Denton, TX is a Sophomore at Corinth Classical Academy. He also bowls on the Frisco Lebanon Trails co-op High School team and was the only Freshman to make it to his Regional in Texas High School competition last year. At the 2019 Jr. Gold, he made the television show for the USA Bowl team in the USA National Bowling Tournament, ultimately finishing runner-up.

Hometown Bowling Center: Lakes Lanes in The Colony. I also bowl at USA Bowl and Forum Bowl

How did you get started bowling? Bowling was all I could do because I had bad asthma when I was young. And my parents started bowling when I was 3 years old. High Game and Series: 299 and high series is 705.

Favorite Bowler: Shawn Maldonado. I met him in Greenville and got a really tight connection with him and we exchanged signed jerseys.

Favorite bowling accomplishment: Making the first cut at Jr. Gold this year. It was nerve-wracking to make it that first time. I just focused on breathing and my pre-shot routine.

What other hobbies do you have: I like to play football. I will generally play daily at school and will be on the school team next year.

What do you love most about bowling: The people. Making new friends and the competition I have with them. It's much easier to make friends in the bowling world than anywhere else.

What is the strongest part of your game: To make Jr. Team USA and win Jr. Gold. I will continue to practice my spares and practice on the sport shots.

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