

# Americans Sweep Team Gold Medals on Final Day of Competition at World Senior Championships 

By: GeneJ. Kanak CALI,Colombia - Senior Team USA capped off a week's worth of outstanding performances by sweeping both the men's and women's team gold medals on the final day of competition at the International Bowling Federation 2023 World Senior Championships in Cali, Colombia.

The men's squad that featured Chris Barnes of Denton, Texas; Parker Bohn III of Jack son, New Jersey; Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa; and John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida, reached the top of the podium by virtue of a 2-0 (207-189; 247-182) sweep of $M$ exico in the best-of-three Baker finals at Cali's sports

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## Mark's Merry Men Win SASBA Christmas Team Tournament

Mike McHugh inducted into the SASBA Hall of Fame; Cormier, Thomas and Minier Bowlers of the Year; Hauk Rookie of the Year; Moore receives Sportsmanship Award


Mel Goss, Billly Hutchinson, Ray Graham, Mark Busscher, Lee Mamone

By: Kathy King
FORT WORTH - Wehad a record 29 teams this year in the Christmas Team tournament at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

The top 5 teams made the Baker stairstep final

In the first match, the Stock ing Stuffers (Stephen Adams, Bill Ferguson, Jerry Eddy, Bruce M eadors, Butch Cormier) defeated the Bah Humbugs (Denver Neely, Bert M orrison, Rodney Black, Brian Linderman, Thomas Gwin) 209-168.

In the second match, the Humbugs lost to the Slithering Snowflakes (Ron Boroff, Walter $M$ angan, $M$ ark Driggers, Dave Lile, Pete Thomas) 214-170.

The Slithering Snowflakes won again in the third match beating the Chubby Cherubs (216204).

In the final match, the tournament leaders $M$ ark's M erry M en (M ark Busscher, M el Goss, Ray Graham.

Lee M amone, Billy Hutchinson) defeated the Slithering Snowflakes 214-203 with Billy getting a clutch double in the 10th frame.

It was M arks's 11th SASBA title, the 3rd for Billy and the 1st for Ray, Lee and M el ). Congrats guys!!!

Congratulations to Mike M cHugh for being inducted into Continued on Page 9

Tony Franklin, Deo Benard, Andres Villarreyna and Allan Smith Receive PBA Southwest Region Awards


PBA SW Region Director Tony Lanning with SW PBA50 Player of the Year Tony Franklin and SW PBA Rookie of the Year Andres Villarreyna

By: Nolan Hughes
LAS VEGAS, NV - Twenty-year-old Deo Benard racked up four wins while leading the region with 14,740 points and \$16,985 in earnings.

Andres Villarreyna led all first-year players in points and earnings and was the lone rookie
to win a title in the Southwest. Aided by a title and a regionbest 6,570 points, Tony Franklin emerged from a crowded Southwest PBA50 POY race against Mike Bailey, Chris Barnes and Rick Benard.

Allan Smith was awarded the Pat Patterson Award.

Team USA Rosters Take Shape After Champions Crowned at 2024 Team USA Trials, U.S. Amateur
Texans Brady McDonough, Bella Castillo, Jaelle Hamman, Garrett Andrus, Hope Gramly and 2024 U.S. Amateur Champion Julian Salinas named to Team USA teams


Darren Tang and Shannon Pluhowsky 2024 Team USA Trials Champions

By: Donovan Grubaugh
LAS VEGAS, NV - The rosters for Team USA and Junior Team USA 2024 have been finalized after the completion of the 2024 United States Bowling Congress Team USA Trials and

United States N ational A mateur Bowling Championships, which came to a close at Gold Coast Bowling Center in Las Vegas on Sunday night.

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# Random Thoughts <br> <br> Tony Franklin, Publisher <br> <br> Tony Franklin, Publisher <br>  

# Bo Goergen Wins 2023 BowlTv PBA50 Regional Players Invitational 

PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced the RPI trophy will bear Chris Warren's name beginning next year

The 2024 PBA Season kicks off this week with the PBA Players Championship in Wichita and a $\$ 100,000$ first place prize. One of the main things I will be interested in seeing this week, and as we go through the season is the impact of the new PBA rules on Urethane and Urethanelike bowling balls. To begin with, ALL bowling balls must be manufactured after August 1st, 2022, and any of the Urethane and Urethane like balls must also have a 78 d hardness.

This means that all of the Purple Hammers are now illegal in PBA competition. The Storm Pitch Black is also illegal, as well as any of the other Urethane bal s that aren't 78d.

So how does the PBA start off the season...with a 38 -foot pattern that screams for urethane to be thrown! We will find out right off the bat how the new urethane and urethane like balls measure up.

Last week, I bowled the Regional Players Invitational on the PBA50 side, but I al so noticed that there were tons of Purple Hammers and Pitch Blacks on the PBA (kids) side. They were still legal last week.

The stars of today's PBA love to throw urethane because they can control it well and because of their rev-rates and power they can make it strike just as easily as any other type of ball.

Considering there aren't many options on the market just yet, I think there will be some early growing pains for them to figure out how to attack the shorter patterns until the balls catch up. Ultimately, I feel it will just be some lower scores, but you won't really be able to notice that with the naked eye. Everybody is bowling on the same lanes with similar balls, right?

Thequestion that people really want answered is if this will negatively impact the lefties on tour, who, as a general rule, throw urethane A LOT.

When I spoke with Stu Williams on the topic when this was announced last summer, he was hoping that the rule changes would "make the game the more interesting."
"I think the new rules will make it easier for the lane guys to create a difference in the patterns. The biggest complaint I hear on tour is that all of the patterns play the same and I think

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Bo Goergen wins PBA50 RPI in Las Vegas

## By: Nolan Hughes

LAS VEGAS, NV - Bo
Goergen tallied four consecutive match victories to claim the 2023 BowITV PBA50 Regional Players Invitational at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas.
that urethane has a lot to do with that because everyone wants to use urethane the first game and that creates a wall of oil down the lane, so that later on, the patterns all play the same," said Williams.

He went on to add that this scenario favors the high-rev players because they are able to go around the oil more, which makes total sense.

We won't have the answers to these questions in the first few weeks of the season though, it will take time for these changes to burn in, and for some new balls to hit the market before we know much of anything.

If we know anything about sports, it's that the equipment can equalize just about any environmental change.

He defeated Chris Warren, 230-190, in the final match to earn the $\$ 10,000$ top-prize and his third career PBA Regional Tour title.

Goergen's march through the 12-player bracket, which included wins over Jeff Johnson, top seed Dan Knowlton, Rich Corwin and Chris Warren, paled in comparison to his journey over the past 14 months.

On Nov. 11, 2022, Goergen said he was diagnosed with kidney cancer. Six week s later, he said he had knee replacement surgery, leaving him al most completely bedridden for two months.
"I've been in the gym and kind of working my tail off to get to this point," Goergen said. "Each day that I kept working out trying to gain strength in my legs and I could see it was coming
"This is a very special win for me."

Goergen qualified in eighth place among the 48 -player PBA50 RPI field. Players were invited to
the RPI based on their achievements during the 2023 season.

He tallied games of 267 and 224 to sweep his first-round match against Jeff Johnson. In the Round of Eight against Dan K nowlton, who led all players during qualifying with a 240.17 aver age for 18 games, G oergen rallied to overcome a 1-0 deficit.

Goergen said he drew motivation from his long and grueling recovery process each game throughout match play.

In the single-game semifinals, Goergen delivered a needed strike to dispatch Rich Corw in, setting up a championship match against 58-time regional champion Chris Warren.

Because of Warren's accomplishments on the PBA Regional Tour, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced the RPI trophy

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Chris Warren and PBA Commissioner Tom Clark after the announcement the RPI trophy would be named after Chris Warren
beginning next year


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## At Cityview Lanes

## Edmonds soaks in 793, Deleon lands 688

## Magallon 300, Mckeehan 297

Stephen Edmonds made it rain strikes in the Monday Night Mixer league by firing a 793 series at Cityview Lanes last month.

Cherie Deleon was the leader on the ladies' side by filling up the score sheet with a nice 258/688 series in 5 Pin action.

Jason Magallon captured high-game honors with an awardwinning 12 -bagger while Kevin Mckeehan took runner-up accolades with a near-perfect 297 solo. HONOR ROLL
Davis Scheill 278, Randy Beinlich678, Pam Candler 223, Judy Luttrell 527, KasieWebb 232, Diedra Vannocker 595, Edward Demars 268-678, Carl Jordan 280, Keith Thomas, Sr. 731.

Ashley M egurdichian 246, Debbie Benjamin 633, WandaSanders 183, Felicia Carlin 495, John Tiller 289-738, Pam

Candler 238-664, Justin Crow 269-694, Samantha Weyant 248-620.

Anthony Hopkins 278, Jeremy Trubenstein 739, CherieDeleon 259-681, Greg Case 279-755, Steffany Brown 245, Keith Thomas, Jr. 738, Sue Pelton-Schutz 234-623,Jack Simpson 279,Nick Gleason 732.

Kitty Reisz 233-564, Kevin Brown 277, M onty Bowers 712, Steffany Brown 235-597, Brad Barnett 247,Joey Hyde 704, Jana Bural 192, Paula Davis 529, Dean King 247, Ken Leach 683.

DebbieSaucedo 198-547, K evin Green 279, Keith Thomas, Jr. 279, ClydeWebber 719, Tashia 257, Ari Edmonds 670, Stephen Lutz 276, John Vicknair 682, Brian Shaw 246-649, Dee Frederick 197-529.

Felix M artinez 277, Larry Hayward 722, Annie Peterson 279-667, AJ Joyner 246, WB Baker 695, Kristen Baker 159, M andee Gardenhice 427

## Patrick Dombrowski Goes Back-to-Back at the 2023 BowlTv PBA Regional Players Invitational

By: Nolan Hughes
LAS VEGAS, NV - Patrick Dombrowski earned his second consecutive 2023 BowITV PBA Regional Players Invitational title at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas on Thursday evening

Dombrowkski, a man of few words, said he went into the tournament with the same mindset as last year: "M ake good shots, make your spares, stay ahead of transition and go from there."

From here, after defeating Florida's Pete Vergos in the championship match, 237-222, Dombrowski will be going to the 2024 PBA Tournament of Champions.

With the RPI win, Dombrowski earned an entry into the main field of the TOC, which will take place at the iconic AM F Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, just 30 minutes south of Dombrowski's home in Parma.

Seventy of the PBA's top regional players were invited to the RPI based on their achievements during the 2023 season.

After 18 games of qualifying, Dombrowski qualified in fifth, earning a one-round bye in the 16-player bracket.

He swept Alex Cavagnaro and Michael Davidson in best-of three-games matches before meeting Delaware's Tim Foy Jr. in the semifinals.

Dombrowski opened the door for Foy to steal the match with a strike and spare in his final frame. However, Foy split and kept Dombrowski's title defense alive.

In the finals, both Dombrowski and Vergos, who was named the PBA South Region Rookie of the Year this season, started slow.

Dombrowski split in the first frame, while Vergos opened in the first and third frames. But both players matched each other strike for strike down the stretch

After Vergos struck on his final four shots, Dombrowski found himself in the same position as last year: Strike or go home.
"This is what all the practice you've been doing is for. It's time to shine," Dombrowski said. "The practice paid off."

Dombrowski earned the \$15,000 first-place prize and his 11th career PBA Regional Tour title.

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PBA RPI Champion Patrick Dombrowski


PBA Southwest RPI Players
(Back Row) SW Region Director Tony Lanning, Andres Villarreyna Pete McCordic, Dallas Leong, Dylan Macon, Robert Lawrence, Eric Jones (Front Row) Beau Peterson, Chris Warren, Glenn Smith, Kris Koeltzow, Cody Meiers, Ildemaro Ruiz Jr. and Tony Franklin - NP Deo and Rick Benard



## Southwest Area USBC Youth Scores

Leo Solis dominated the Southwest-area USBC youth bowlers last month with a hard-hitting (an award-winning) 299/751 Youth series at Killeen Bowlerama.

Makayla Beckett, Solis' league mate, paved the way for the girls by shooting an outstanding 233/601 series.

Hallmark Lanes, Killeen, TX - Gabe DeLeon-Otero 170, Caleb X ayachack 458, K hiaraThomas-Pusaloa 103, K arlee Kamdnu 266, M ichael Cook 244-656, Kandie K night 174-440, TJ Orr-Crofoot 108-289, K aelyn Sateren 127-326, Caleb Xayachack 182-482, Krislyn Thomas Pusaloa 124-294, M ichael Cook 234-636, Hai lee Duerre 156, Kailey Linkier 422,

Coty Loyd 127-357, Deja Hasan 145-383, Caleb Xayachack 154-456, Karlee Kamdnu 123-319, Austin Gangl 255, M ichael Cook 580, K andieKnight 193-514, Harley M unn 110-283, K aelyn Sateren 142-366. Killeen Bowlerama, Killeen, TX - Keegan Alexander 247-717, Solomon Loyd 229-641, Zaylen Kimball 211-558, Brayden Lonis 188-504, Caleb Xayachack 202-504, Jay Davie158-405,Jimmy Ryan III 157-349, Rayden Kelley 104-288.

Tenpins \& More, Rio Rancho, NM - Lucia Griego 204-477, Shane Muller 200-524, KiraVanderlip 154-423, Jeremiah Jaramillo 190-486, Annie Alvarado 143-380, Adam Jimenez 173430, Lucia Griego 145-389, Brandon Vickery 179-420.

# Allen Eagles Boys and Girls Teams Take West Texas Shootout High School Tournaments 

By: Maribel Munguia
LUBBOCK, TX - West Texas Shootout Tournaments Champions Day 1- Both varsity boys and girls earned 1st place out of 20 teams.

The boys went undefeated the entire tournament to claim the title.

The girls scored so well above all other teams that they were given the choice to bowl in the boys division for a second chance to win.

West Texas Shootout Sport Shot Tournament Champs Day 2- girls varsity champs out of 20 boys and girls teams total.

Allen Lady Eagles break two more Texas High School Bowling Club State Records and qualify for the 2024 U.S. High School Bowling National Championship to beheld June 8-20, 2024 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania

The Lady Eagles bowled a 5 -person high 3-game series of 3040, beating the previously record of 3024 set in 2009 al so by Allen. Their 2-game Baker high

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Allen Eagles Girls High School Team - Lubbock


Allen Eagles Boys High School Team - Lubbock

## North Texas USBC Youth Results

Will Jewel III led the NTXUSBC youth bowling last month with apowerpacked 278/737 Forum Strikers series at Forum Bowl.

Makenly Branagan, also from the Forum Strikersleague, led thegirlswith a solid 223/608 set at Forum Bowl.

Forum Bowl - Jacob Martinez 114198, Aramis Hernandez 94-181.

Hilltop Lanes, Waxahachie - Jase Reeves 246 -622, Logen Dale 177-442, Emily Sherburne473, AlyssaSmith 128-366.

Lions Lanes - Charlie Rogers 220616, A mari Browder 216-585, Johnathan Lowey 233-558, Josh Enslin 200-530 Joe Miller 203-526, Morgan Hopkins 192-556, Kylar Pride 148-427, Kinsley Miller 91-247, Letti Hall 79-215.

Plano Super Bowl - EliottIn 126-333, Addi son Zabojnik 92-245, Joshua Hughes 141-404, Avery Hughes 107-260, Blade M elseth 203-451, M adelineZabojnik 147385,Aydan Ramos 178-491,Addison Holt 148-402, Chase Guilford 189-519, Payton Perry 195-562, Jack Westbrook 127-292, Charlie Brown 128-359, Tiger Bruney 201-509, Haidyn Erickson 166-431, Charlie Rogers 167-391, Keira Sampson 115-334, Amari Browder 199-500, Ava Sullivan 201-471, Luke Henke 212-562, CharisseGraham 189-533, Ethan N guyen 233-586, Brady McDonough 218-621, Olivia Phillips 207-564, M adden Simon (2 games) 65-126.

Strikz- Adrian Salinas 238-655, M ax Rouse 234-631,Jakob Haraputczyk 208577, Joey M aulhardt 174-466, Vikram Krishna222-487, Aaron Nelson 169-467,

Russ Johnson 181-459, Trenell Dixon 172-467, JakeBrierton 167-438, K eathan Jennings 187-517, M atthew Sifford 167478, EnriqueA rredondo 172-463, M isha Brown 193-477, Brody Schwartz 169-471, Reed Shawen 176-447, Nolan Shawen 169-467, Lincoln Beran 174-484, Colin

## Lane Laughter



## Allen Lady Eagles 3-peat as Champions at The High School Classic in New Braunfels

By: Maribe Munguia

NEW BRAUNFELS, TX - The Allen Eagles girls and boys varsity teams competed at The 2023 High School Classic Tournament along with 47 other teams on December 2-3 in New Braunfels.

The Allen Lady Eagles were tournament champions for the third year in a row.

The Allen Eagles boys varsity team finished in 3rd.

Annika Svedvik placed 1st in the girls All-Tournament and Garrett Smith placed 2nd and Hudson M artin placed 5th in the boys All-Tournament team

## WEST TEXAS SHOOTOUT

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game of 493 also knocked out the previous record of 490 held by New Braunfels in the 2019-20 season.

Three Allen girls also made the All-Tournament Team. Annika Svedvik 1st, Clara Campbell 2nd, M adison Choi 3rd.

Hudson M artin made the
All-Tournament boys team in 3rd place.

## BO GOERGEN PBA50

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will bear Warren's name beginning next year.

But that's next year. This year, the trophy is all Goergen's.

M ATCH PLAY RESULTS
Championship M atch
Bo Goergen def. Chris War
ren, 230-190
Semifinals
Goergen def. Rich Corwin
221-207
Warren def. Shawn Horenberger, 224-223

Round of Eight
Goergen def. Dan K nowlton
2-1 (220-244, 234-213, 253-239)



Allen Eagles Girls High School Team - New Braunfels


Allen Eagles Boys High School Team - New Braunfels

Corwin def. Charles Ferrell
2-0 (223-182, 255-248)
Warren def. Tony Franklin,
2-0 (220-211, 223-199)
Horenberger def. Steven
Smith, 2-0 (268-203, 236-208) Round of 12
Goergen def. Jeff Johnson, 2-0
(267-237, 224-210)
Ferrell def. Eddie Graham,
2-0 (215-168, 211-200)
Franklin def. James Campbell,

2-0 (183-169, 235-204)
Horenberger def. Eugene M cCune, 2-0 (252-171, 279-234) FINAL STANDINGS 1. Bo Goergen, $\$ 10,000$ 2. Chris Warren, $\$ 5,000$
3. Rich Corwin, $\$ 3,000$ 4. Shawn Horenberger, $\$ 3,000$ 5. Dan K nowlton, $\$ 2,000$ 6. Steven Smith, $\$ 2,000$
7. Tony Franklin, $\$ 2,000$
8. Charles Ferrell, $\$ 2,000$

## At Lions Lanes

## Evans books 300/795, Mckenrick crafts 721

Taylor 300, Kirton 297

ENNIS, TX - Pete Evans booked a banner 279-216-300 $=795 \mathrm{Big}$ Money Mondays series to lead the scoring for the month at Lions Lanes.

Ryne Mckenrick, Evans’ league mate, paced the ladies with a sparkling 269-215-237 = 721 set

Greg Taylor shared high-game honors with Evans as each registered award-winning 12-baggers. Mikey Kirton took runner-up accolades with a near-perfect 297 solo. HONOR ROLL
Mikey Kirton 783, Stoney Burke 290-781, Jalen M errick 265-755, Barbara

Shaw 244-662, Christy Antle 235-643 Whitney Riley 242-639, Jalen Merrick 278-789, Zach Crockett 268-775.

Greg Taylor 279-745, Paul Toal 255715, Wendy Jones 264-706, Samantha Armstrong 248-646, Wendy Jones 209-617, RyneM ckenrick 225-605, Tyler Coody 288-762, M el Goss 257-706.

Joseph Clesure 246-691,Rudy Lobato 248-682, Ashlyn Coody 212-592, Brisol Lobato 167-466, Charity Risk 201-461, Rudy Lobato 239-685, Philip Nobles 258-676, John Powell 224-644.

Pete Evans 245-632, April Hopkins 255-640, Renea Powell 213-547, Terri Klein 194-539, M ary Sikes 203-529.


## SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## complex.

One round earlier, Team USA breezed past the Dominican Republic by a score of 2-0 (225-156; 256-210) while M exico shut out Italy by the same margin (222-194; 246-215).

By falling during the semifinals, the Dominican Republic and Italy both earned bronze medals while M exico would go on to take home silver.

On the women's side, the Team USA quartet that included Dana Ausec and Tish Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Sharon Powers of Lakewood, Colorado; and Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, needed three games to win both of its matches en route to gold.

The quest started with a 2-1 semifinal victory over Puerto Rico (224-202; 200-210; 198-184) and ended with a come-frombehind win over M exico during the finals (201-210; 245-184; 224-187).

Once again, M exico earned the silver medal, and Puerto Rico and Italy, which fell to M exico 2-0 (204-189; 166-150) in the other women's semifinal, each were awarded bronze.

With the completion of the team events al so came the end
of the tournament's men's and women's all-events competition, which awarded medals to the bowlers in each division with the highest total pinfall during the combined 18 games of singles, doubles and team qualifying.

All three spots in the women's all-events standings went to Team USA bowlers with Ausec's 18 -game score of 3,865 (Singles - 1,240; Doubles - 1,290; Team $-1,335)$ leading the way and earning gold.

Woessner claimed silver with 3,678 (Singles - 1,209; Doubles 1,261; Team - 1,208), and Johnson brought home bronze at 3,656 (Singles - 1,125; Doubles - 1,270; Team-1,261).

Bohn earned Team USA's lone all-events medal on the men's side, taking home bronze with an 18-game mark of 4,074 (Singles - 1,295; Doubles-1,422; Team-1,357).

M exico's M ario Quintero $(4,179)$ captured gold, and Rolando Sebelen of the Dominican Republic $(4,130)$ clai med silver. To say that Team USA performed well at the 2023 World Senior Championships would be a bit of an understatement; the group was dominant, capturing 23 of a possible 32 medals during the week long event.

Individually, the A merican medal count was as follows:


At Forum Bowl

## Warren smashes 300/298/836, Fisher notches 777

Butz 814, Neville 813, Bullough, Cruz, Hargrove add 300's

Robert Warren dominated scoring for the month at Forum Bowl after pocketing award-winning 238-300-298 $=836$ numbers in the Quad Squad league action.

Scott Butz followed close behind Warren with an awardwinning 814 Forum Classic Sponsored by Platinum Ford series while Mark Neville finished with an 813 Monday Nite Open set.

Jackie Fisher paced fem scoring with a high-flying 245-288-244 = 777 Forum Classic Sponsored by Platinum Ford outing.

David Bullough, Dimitri Cruz and Hunter Hargrove shared high-game accolades with awardwinning 12-baggers.

## M en

Barnes - two gold (team; doubles)

Bohn - one gold (team), two bronze (doubles; all-events)

Hess - one gold (team), two bronze (doubles; singles)

Janawicz - two gold (team; doubles)

Women
Ausec - three gold (team; singles; all-events), one bronze (doubles)

Johnson - one gold (team), two bronze (doubles; all-events) Powers - two gold (team; doubles)

Woessner - two gold (team; doubles), two silver (singles; all-events)

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## HONOR ROLL

Shei laBurger 247-650, Edgar Chavez (9 pin) 300-886, M eli issa Henson (9 pin) 300-839, Regina Taddy 249-670, David Arellano 266-746, Tamara Hamilton 233-600, Brooke Punteney 235-663.

Ricardo Martell 246-695, Elena Sly 266-761, Lindsley Davis 257-713, Deneen Wilson 238-688, Jeremy Dunn 268-774, Brenda Padilla 279-727, Ben Suite267-749, K aren Hoyle 233-612.

Jamison Wiemuth (9 pin) 266-787,

## At J B's Allen Bowl

## Kepner on top with 825, Bradford bags 683

Pearson 815, Foskey 806,
Adams, Childress, Foskey, Fulps, Hill 300's

Phil Kepner came out on top on the honor roll last month at JB's Allen Bowl with an award-winning 290-277-258 = 825 set in Wednesday Match Play session.

Blake Pearson, from the Sunday Dbls league, finished close behind Kepner with an award-winning 815 series and John Foskey followed with an award-winning 806 set in Thursday Night Mixers league production.

Cynthia Bradford registered a sizzling 247-221-215 = 683 Allen TNT series to lead the ladies high-set race.

Daniel Adams, Brian Childress, John Foskey, Noah Fulps and Brad

CaroleShockley ( 9 pin) 278-741, Cameron Adkison 256-728, Regina Stewart 225650 , Dustin M CD onald 256-710, M eagan Finchum 199-487, Paul Ashley 245-719.

Arte'ViaJarvis 268-736, Paul Wilson 257-746, Tracy Ratchford 255-681, Sal Avina 246-698, Yvonne Avina 185-491, Victor Justice 249-660, Lindavan Saya 203-549.

SENIORS
Don Hoyle 247-699, Diane Jessie 234-641, Micky Girard, Sr. 224-644, Cathy M asterson 185-534.

Hill shared high-game honors as each recorded award-winning 12-baggers.

HONOR ROLL
Alex Hill 268-743, Liana Loggins 155-361, Jon Kehler 277-760, MikeBailey 264-712, Arteisha Ammonette 202-550, Beth Campbell 237-665, Bob Mitchell 236-646, Derek Schaab 240-646.

Joan Strug 198-568, Halen Le 224-648, Korine Gorham 172-524, Ray M anning 289-759, Stacy Starry 257-667, Penny Powell 245-577.

## SENIORS

Bill Clary 289-757, Andi Hall 263-619, Erik Anderson 274-754, M aria Robeson 220-583.


# Collegiate Ticker 

## By: Donovan Grubaugh

LAS VEGAS, N V - The 2023 portion of this year's United States Bowling Congress Collegiate season officially came to an end when the Glenn Carlson Invitational and Collegiate Shootout took place in Las Vegas last week

The Glenn Carlson Invitational was the first event of the week in Las Vegas with 47 men's varsity teams and 32 women's varsity teams competing. All teams bowled nine individual games before a cut to the top 16 men's teams and top eight women's teams for single elimination bracket match play. All matches were best-of-five Baker matches.

On the men's side, the finals would see Webber International and Wichita State face off against each other with Wichita coming out on top with a 3-0 sweep.

The Shockers also had a pair of teammates take home all-tournament team honors as Spencer Robarge placed second with a 1,984 total, and Carter Street was third with 1,956. Jullian Salinas of Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah led all men with a 2,032 total while SCADSavannah teammate Justin Bohn placed fourth at 1,909 . Tennessee Wesl eyan's Duane Jones was fifth with 1,900.

Wichita would also take home the team victory on the women's side as it swept Ottawa-K ansas

## By: Donovan Grubaugh

ARLINGTON, Texas - The reigning PWBA Player of the Year has added another accomplishment to her resume as Jordan Richard of Tipton, Michigan, has claimed the woman's National High Average for the 2022-2023 season.

Richard is one of nine award winners being recognized for their performances throughout the season. The USBC National High Average and Series Awards are presented to adult male and female USBC members and youth USBC members in male and female divisions.

She averaged 252.27 for 69 games in the Sportsman league at M onroe Sport Center in M onroe, Michigan. Her performance over the course of the season has also put her at the top of the women's all-time average list, jumping fellow PWBA member Shannon Pluhowsky, who previously held the top average with 250.7 , which

## SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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was pleased with the group's performance, but the pride she felt had to do with a lot more than just the high medal count.
"Obviously, whenever we travel to tournaments, we're looking to put as many bowlers as possible on the podium and to bring home medals," Kulick said. "However, what I'm most proud of with this group was the way that they picked each other up and were there for one another.
"Every bowler in this group is a talented individual, yet each and every one of them bought
was set during the 2017-2018 season.

This is Richard's second time claiming the top average as she previously won in 2020-2021.

The men's high average award for 2022-2023 belongs to Ben Trueg of Parkersburg, Iowa, who averaged 253.52 for 69 games in the Wednesday Afternooners league at $M$ aple Lanes in Waterloo, Iowa. Over the course of his season, he had five 800 series and five 300 games.

The youth high average awards go to M elia M itskavich of DuBois, Pennsylvania, and Ethan Crouse of Lowville, New York.

Mitskavich averaged 236.12 for 75 games during the DuBois Lanes Juniors league at DuBois Lanes, Inc. This is her second straight year taking high youth female average.

Crouse averaged 251.37 for 78 games during the Low ville Youth league at Lewis Lanes to win youth male average. Crouse
into this being one team. They rooted for one another, helped each other make adjustments on the lanes and were just there for one another from start to finish. At the end of the day, that's what it's all about. M edals are great, but the bonds that you form with your teammates, the relationships you build and the memories that you make are what's most special."

Final tournament standings are available by visiting worldseniors2023.com.

For more information on Senior Team USA, visit BOWL.com/Team-USA/ Team-USA-Senior-Bowling.
in the finals.
Wichita's M ary Orf led all women with a 1,992 total while teammate A shtyn Woods placed fourth with 1,939. Jaqueline Witura and Linda Himes of Webber placed second and third, respectively, with 1,991 and 1,981, and Calumet's Savanah Rodriguez was fifth with 1,893 .

There was no time to rest for these teams as the Collegiate Shootout came right after the Glenn Carlson, so all the teams came back to bowl six individual games and 16 Baker games before the top eight teams in both the men's and women's divisions were split into two pods of four. Each pod bowled four Baker games, and the top two teams in final pod.

The first men's pod had Saint Xavier and Wichita advance while the second had Webber and Purdue move on to the championship pod. Purdue started with a 267 , but it wasn't enough as Webber would take home the victory with an 876 total. Wichita was second with 862 , Purdue third with 857 and Saint Xavier placed fourth with 766.

Oklahoma Christian's C.J. Petrin led all men with a 1,414 total. The remaining spots on the men's all-tournament team were claimed by N ew man's $N$ oah Akiona (1,406), Wichita's Ryan Barnes (1,390), M issouri Baptist's Hunter Jones (1,376), Calumet's Alexander Linnenbrink and Wichita's Spencer Robarge (tied for fifth with 1,356 ) and Webber's AJ Wolstenholme $(1,350)$.

On the women's side of things, the first semifinal pod had Wichita and St. Francis- Illinois advance while the second saw William Penn and Ottawa- Kan-
sas move on. Similar to the men's final, it was a close battle for the win with William Penn coming out on top with a 707 total while St. Francis placed second with 703.

Olivia Daujatas of Saint X avier led all women with a 1,313 total while Webber's Jaqueline W itura (1,303), William Penn's Gabriella Evans (1,302), Wichita's M ary Orf $(1,278)$ and St. Francis-Illinois' Allison Nape $(1,263)$ al so collected all-tournament honors.

In other collegiate action

- At the Roto Grip Keystone Quaker Classic in Allentown, Pennsylvania, the N orthwestern Ohio men and Pikeville women collected Tier I victories.
- At the Lehigh Valley Collegiate Classic in Whitehall, Pennsylvania, the Indiana Tech men and Trine women left with Tier I wins.

For the full schedule of collegiate events, results and more, visit BOWL.com/Collegiate and CollegeBowling.Bowl.com.

## 2022-2023 USBC National High Average, Series Award Winners Announced

also was a part of the winning U 18 team at the Youth Open Championships.

Two competitors on the adult men's side share the top honors for the adult male USBC N ational High Series Award with an 899 ser ies during the 2022-2023 season.

David M oragas of Slidell, Louisiana, had his 899 series first, firing it during the Wednesday Pepsi league at Park Ten Lanes on Dec. 21, 2022. Joe Susanek of Imperial,

Pennsylvania, had his 899 series a few months later on Feb. 22, 2023, at Holiday Lanes during the Valley League 2023.

Nikoletta Battistoni of Sand Lake, New York, earned the adult female high series award with an 866 series, which she rolled on July 3, 2023, at Del Lanes in Delmar, New York during the Summer Semi Classic league. She rolled games of 299, 267 and 300 .

In the youth divisions, Jameson Cauble of Hampstead, N orth Carolina, and Jocelyn Smith of

Glens Falls, New York, had the top sets of the 2022-2023 season. Cauble shot 877 during his M onday Youth league on Jan. 9, 2023, at Cardinal Lanes Beach Bowl with games of 277, 300 and 300.

Smith had an 824 series on Feb. 3, 2023, at Kingpins Alley Family Fun Center during her K PA Juniors league, shooting games of 245,279 and 300.

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


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## At Plano Super Bowl

# Davis banks 837, McDonald mints 816 

Warren 300/828, Williams 300/813, Wade 810, Wealther 802, Bullough, Carroll, Du, Fulce (2), Hill, Icenhour, Laney, D Lewis, T Lewis, Roy, Rutledge, Salvador, Taylor, Vidak, Wade, Winstead 300's, Dawson 299

Chris Davis ended as the number-one bowler of the month at Plano Super Bowl with an awardwinning triplicate 279-279-279 = 837 Friday 4-Some series.

Kiyoko McDonald held the top spot for the ladies with an awardwinning 290-247-279 = 816 Platinum Ford NFL Trios set.

Chris Warren finished close behind Davis with an 300/828 Pepsi Classic set while Tony Williams followed with a 300/813 Sportsman outing. Wes Wade, from the Senior All Stars league downed an 810 series and Chase Wealther ended with an 802 Suds Busters session.

David Bullough, Michael Carroll, Hieu Du, Cully Fulce (2), Bryson Hill, Ike Icenhour, Billy Laney, Deryck Lewis, Tommy Lewis, Devin Roy, Seth Rutledge, Melesio Salvador, Terry Taylor, Jacob Vidak, Wes Wade and Dwayne Winstead shared high-game honors
with Warren and Williams as each rolled award-winning 12-baggers. Steve Dawson took runner-up accolades with a near-perfect 299 solo.

## HONOR ROLL

Robert Eidenier (4 games) 254-916, K ayci Parcells(4games) 221-737, M atthew Cregg 289-783, Whitney Williams 258667, Floyd Carter 263-755, Jean Welch 212-520, Steve Dawson 757.

Aunita Slayter 234-643, Jesse Ford 268-762, Emily Sallee 289-666, Brian Grange289-798, TinaTaylor 268-762, Jess Christensen 269-742, Diane Wallentine 237-644, Jim M onroe 235-620.

ReeSlone 183-507, Daniel Jar rett 242714, Sheila Smith 257-614, Billy Laney 277-796, Bill Ferguson 289-795, M ichele Hensarling 276-707, Donna Wynkoop 222-535, Dottie Culpon 210-584

Wes Wade 259-764, Bill Ferguson 279-794, CharlieArnt 236-643, M ichelle Duke 169-487, Dan Chisum 268-790 Lisa Lemoine 265-707, Dwayne Tilmon 256-739, Christy Woods 220-619


Tammy Crawford 245-623, Breanna Buchanan 245-654, Rod McCormack 252-735, Cathy Sposito 224-649, Frank Phillips 290-783, Kim Hillman 225-640, Chip Nastoupil 246-685, Anne Crain 189-560.

Sheldon Fulton 289-766, Carol Wood 266-665, Justin Boykin 274-751, Lois Abrego 246-672, Stephanie McCoy 267-672, Greg Short (4 games) 269-1039, Olivia K reuter (4 games) 256-916.

Warren Conerly 278-774, Stefanie Johnson 248-661, Keith M CVey 267-750, Emily Arsenault 247-610, Jerry N orman 276-762, Daniela Trigos 265-709, Tony Williams 290-797, Liz Tolbert 244-674.

Hieu Du 238-645, Landy Dykes 167463, C J Samples 174-506.


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10 YEARS AGO
Jim Stephens wins Christmas Mag Pin tournament...The Johnsons defeat Christi Nedved and Anthony Simonsen in thePost Turkey Trot Doubles...Billy Holler led the honor roll with 827 at M averick Bowling Center...Gary Brown had 824 at Cow town Bowling Palace...Roy Paschehad 813 at Oil Bowl...Dana M iller-M ackie led the ladies with 826 at Tenpins \& M ore...Lori Thompson shot 768 at Mel's Lone Star Lanes...Jennifer Hayes with 762 at Plano Super Bowl...Steve Cook and Doug K ent inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame...Pete Thomas was the SASBA Senior Player of the Year...Tyson Branagan a perfect game at AM F Lewi sville...Tyson also won the Over/Under 40 doubles with Derwin Pitre at USA Bowl, 2014 must be year of the Tyson.

## 20 YEARS AGO

Patrick Healey Jr. wins the PBA Tournament of Champions, for his 1st PBA title...Justin Langston had 788 at DC West...Adam Anguiano shot 775 at Killeen Bowlerama...Sandi Irvine led the ladies with 770 at Killeen Bowlerama...M egan Simon with 755 at DC Cityview...Karen Hader rolled 722 at Cowtown...Anne M arie Duggan and Sandy Dacy won the Big Momma Doubles at DC West...Rick M inier and X\&O's Garcia win SASBA M ember/ Guest in Tulsa...Walter Ray Williams wins PBA Earl Anthony Classic over Lonnie Waliczek for his 38th career title.

## 30 YEARS AGO

Lew is R ay passes away at 68...Gary Dickinson is named Senior Bowler of the Year...M ichael Brackney led thehonor roll with 831 at Red Bird...D an Bruner with 812 at Jupiter...Tim Caldwell shot 793 at Grove Country...Connie Gonzalez led the ladies with 751 at DC SW...Jody Pucket rolled 738 at DC FW...Fred Loden wins LoneStar at DC West and \$1250...YABA bowler Aaron Brezik had a 300 at Jupiter...Scotty Bruce and Scott Craddock won the Big Daddy Doubles at Show place-Euless.
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| Sun. Feb 4 | 10:00am and 1:00pm |

Teams can be any combination of Boy or Girls

At Strikz

# M atthies, Jr. drills 747, Emerson books 667 

FRISCO - Eddie Matthies, Jr. led the scoring race at Strikz for the month with a hard-hitting 246-269$232=747$ Lousy Bowlerz series.

Tiffany Emerson, Matthies, Jr.'s league mate, paced the ladies with a sturdy 233-212-222 = 667 set. HONOR ROLL
Dwight Stein (RIP Our Friend, You Will Be M issed) 255-685, Kim Lorenzen 267-724, David Cohen 208-598, Richard Stein 215-587, Ray Lawrence 217-593, Tom Frank 214-622, David Cohen 234-630.

Ray Lawrence 220-594, Al Brabant 205-589, Tony Iovinelli 209-578, Tony Iovinelli 204-587, Peter M ackins225-588, Trez Robinson 267-689, Larry Worden 223-577, Ray Law rence 247-623.

M arc Tol kov 256-622,Gerald Walters 235-636, Josh Cain 206-585, Rick Irvine

## PATRICK DOMBROWSKI

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Vergos, 237-222
Semifinals
Dombrowski def. Tim Foy Jr., 236-220

Vergos def. Jake Rollins,
255-231
Round of Eight
Dombrowski def. M ichael
Davidson, 2-0 (197-180, 209-200) Tim Foy Jr. def. PJ Haggerty, 2-1 (254-205, 266-257, 244-209) Vergos def. M ichael Schlabach, 2-1 (186-176, 207-219, 244-229)

Jake Rollins def. Deo Benard,
2-0 (238-229, 213-211)
Round of 12
PJ Haggerty def. Cory Hersha,

224-622, Skip Jenkins 236-596, Lisa Wasson 218-597, Bobby Brierton 199-586 KyleHobbs 234-610, Rick Hobbs 289-651. Tommy Davis 257-720, Eddie Ballenger 212-584, Rob Hudkins 246-689, Kevin Brosch 236-617, Mark Spittell 226-609, Ed M atthies, Sr. 225-612, Ron Rankin 211-605, LaM arr M oss 245-602

Don A riatti, Jr. 221-581, DebbieColby 206-601, Ron Rankin 228-656, Candy Torrey 229-581, Andrew Frakes 226-606 John Fox 234-593, Joseph Jimenez 241679, Billie Bennett 227-640.

Kevin Connell 257-649, Jason Shuffield 265-622, Tiffany Emerson 218-618, Lisa Wasson 244-662, Chandler Ritsch 267-693, Daniel Colgrove213-595,Felipe Trigos 245-679, M ark Johnson 226-603. Robert Marino 214-586, Scott Noll 276-680, M ark Connor 236-667, Chris Marino 232-620, M ark Timm 223-636,

## 2-0 (242-175, 254-192)

Dombrowski def. Alex
Cavagnaro, 2-0 (247-222, 268-172) Rollins def. Eric Jones, 2-0
(249-238, 213-194)
Schlabach def. Wesley Low Jr.
2-0 (226-210, 222-216)
Round of 16
Schlabach def. K ris Koeltzow,
2-0 (231-172, 254-211)
Jones def. Samuel DeWitt III,
2-0 (247-241, 241-179)
Cavagnaro def. Christopher Tuholski, 2-1 (179-141, 166-170, 198-166)

Hersha def. Clay Rees, 2-0 (203-185, 212-170)

FINAL STANDINGS

1. Patrick Dombrowski \$15,000
2. Pete Vergos, $\$ 10,000$
3. Tim Foy Jr., \$5,000

Mike Hayward 234-582, Jaden Brunt 236-608, Daniel Anderson 231-601.

Loren Tenczar 212-575, LanceAljian 211-606, Daniela Trigos 243-645, Candy Torrey 214-591, Robert Gor rebeeck 267723, David Gorrebeeck 246-701, Kevin Higar 216-607,M ichael Doherty 220-583. Eric Jackson 235-630, Don Parker 235-610, K aitlynn Eastwood 232-594, Ed M atthies 255-725, Tyler Keeton 212-577, Ryan DeLosSantos 223-576, David Gorrebeeck 223-635, Rick Irvine 267-675.

Jesse Ford 204-579, Alonso Sabido 210-575, Zach Shiro 235-671, Adrian Specic 244-602, Steve Ray 231-644, J R Sharpe257-639, Thom Childers211-590, Jason Wolf 212-598.

## SENIORS

Joseph Albanese 212-568, Jeanne Staley 139-384, Bonnie Long 170-415, Debbie Buczek 157-419, Lynne Garriss 137-352, Larry Froning 191-489, Tomi Howerton 143-395, DeeLanzing 121-359. Bob Lanzing 204-507, June Barnhill 165-393, Nina Segerstrom 170-382, Donny Segerstrom 173-510, Gary Condensa 174-470, Pete Sena 185-458, Bob Staley 167-481, Mi keLedbetter 166-472.

## 4. Jake Rollins, \$5,000

5. M ichael Davidson, $\$ 3,000$
6. Deo Benard, \$3,000
7. PJ Haggerty, \$3,000
8. M ichael Schlabach, $\$ 3,000$




## SASBA CHRISTMAS TEAM

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the SASBA Hall of Fame.
The Bowlers of the Year were Butch Cormier (50), Pete Thomas (60 and Rick M inier (70).

Rookie of the Year was Steven Hauk. Sportsmanship award went to Brandon M oore. Mike Lynch earned a Million Pins award. The Presidents award went to Fours Seasons Bowl in Alexandria.

Thank you to Mike Velasco and staff for hosting!

At Red Bird Lanes

## Silva, Jr. blisters 792, Cathey fires 713

Pedro Silva, Jr. outscored the bowlers last month at Red Bird Lanes with a booming 258-278-256 = 792 Greater Emmanuel series.

Lauren Cathey led the ladies with a salutary 174-279-260 $=713$ Career Girls session.

HONOR ROLL
Robert Carvajal 225-648, Bridgett Hubbard 236-585, Lauren Grim 202-557, Lauren Cathey 270-697, Ray Smith 254733, John Hunt 266-729, Carolyn Large 174-506, Cindi Wilson 156-437.

Joshua Howard 245-662, Lauren Cathey 223-642, John Hunt 258-693, Paula Kennedy 211-542, Chris McCaleb 268-663, Angela Davis-White 165-437, M arty Gister 235-642, Regenia Stewart 240-636.
Kendric Whitley 286-722, Dorothea Wilson 246-664, Earl Davis (2 games) 177-300, Kendal Renfro (2 games) 106186, Pete Silva 234-642, Tyree Jennings, Ir. 232-642, B J Jennings 185-527.
JamesM aston 279-767,Lauren Cathey 247-658.

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As 2024 kicks off, more PBA telecasts are featured in the second contract with Fox Television than were in the sever al seasons. As you can see for yourself at https://www.pba.com/watch/ television, there is the opening telecast on the M LK Jr. Holiday, M onday January 15 at 4:00 pm Central Time on the main Fox network.

February will befilled with a PBA finals telecast in each of its four weekends, one of television's most traditionally most-watched times of the year. This has been the case for decades, with or without the Super Bowl. The four are as follows: U.S. Open from Indianapolis, Illinois Classic in northwest suburban Chicago, the inaugural Pete Weber M issouri Classic at Enterprise Park Lanes in Springfield, M issouri, the singles/doubles home of the Greater Ozarks, familiar to many of TBN readers, and the Indiana Classic in Anderson, Indiana at Dave Small's Championship Lanes, a long time PBA and PBA50 stop will be the locale.

The U.S O pen finals will be Sunday February 4 in the weekend before the Super Bowl on the main Fox network. The other three will air on FS1 on Saturday February 10 at 7:00 pm CST, Sunday February 18 at Noon CST, and Saturday February 24 at 6:30 pm CST.

LateJanuary through February have been where some of the highest rated finals in PBA history have occurred. Kelly

Kulick's 2010 Tournament of Champions win had an average viewership of 1.76 million, one of the best $N$ ielsen ratings since the 1997 move off ABC-TV. The highest rated back-to-back show me and several others have been able to find is the 22.7 million who watched Joe Hutchinson win the 1980 AM F M agicScore Open when most of the east and Midwest was snowed in after a mid-week blizzard. The following week's Ford Open in Cleveland, the day after the "M iracle on Ice" USA-USSR Winter Olympics semifinal hockey game, had 22.4 million watching.

During the first Fox contract, television ratings were solid with slowly rising ratings.

Considering many sports in the same time span have experienced 10 to $20 \%$ viewership losses, The Association is in a great position with its steady to slowly rising numbers. One indication of that success will be which newer higher profile brands bought advertising time, as well as those returning from the last few seasons. If more familiar brands buy ad time, that is a tip off that the programming is strong and attracts newer viewers as well as keeping the ones already in place.

Another sign of ratings strength will be when the PBA is seen after a Sunday NFL game on the main Fox network Last week, sportsmediawatch. com compiled the top watched sporting events of 2023, and to

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no one's surprise, all fifty were N FL games ranging from the 112 million viewers of Chiefs/Eagles Super Bowl to the 20 million viewers of the Chargers/Jaguars AFC Wild Card game.

The PBA has aired events on Super Bowl Sunday, NBA All Star Weekend, and NBA's Christmas Day parade of games in years past when it was part of ESPN 's lineup, hoping to get viewers from other telecasts. One of the Super Bowl Sunday telecasts earlier in the day was the 2017 PBA M ain Event Terrell Owens Super Clash at M ain Event in Katy. An aver age of 712,000 watched as the host O wens opened the telecast with his first public statement about not making the NFL Hall of Fame on his first year on the ballot. There was a little bit of tension before air-time as we all wondered what Owens would say about not getting in the Hall (which he eventually did two years later). I'm sure it was quite the thing to see at home, but from my seat fifteen feet away from Owens and PBA on-lane reporter K imberly Pressler, it added another dimension to truly "live" television.

There have been weeks when Fox airs only one N FL game on a Sunday, mostly in the fall when the most watched game off this list has 20-25 million viewers. Airing next to one of those games reintroduces the PBA to older viewers and introduces it to new viewers. The main Fox network has aired several PBA telecasts on an N FL Sunday, although results depended on the airing

time, depending when a specific TV market aired its single N FL game.
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ESPN and the NCAA announced the first week of January an extension of the 14 -year television deal of the men's and women's NCAA Division 1 national championships not regularly seen on national television. According to an ESPN press release, the additional eight-years worth $\$ 920$ million includes cover age on digital and inear platforms.

So, to those who emailed me about the future of the women's bowling NCAA finals, there's no need to worry. You'll be able to see it on ESPN through 2032.
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Finally, this month, I want to wish a Happy Retirement to long-time PBA national senior and regional tournament director John Weber. As one of three Webers I had as a Regional Director while bowling Midwest Regionals since the 1980s, John was as professional as they came, earning the respect of all the bowlers. He first bowled the main tour and regionals in the 1970's before going to work for The Association in the late 80s.

One of the absolute funniest stories I got to witness in bowling involved John. Before becoming Central Region director, Bobby Jakel also bowled regionals. He could mimic voices very well, especially John's. One night during a Pro-Am, John called his dad Dick at home and had Bobby speak to him impersonating John's voice.

After several minutes, the call concluded as Dick thought he spoke with his middle son. John called his dad shortly thereafter to tell him it was Jakel who spoke with him. Since Dick was convinced, he spoke to John, the two of them came up with a code word John would give to let his dad know it was really him and not Jakel or someone else. In the tradition of us M idwest Region players of the era, ThanksJohn!



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#  <br> Memories Of Kissimmee And Alligators 

How exciting it was to see that AMF Kissimmee Lanes would be playing host to the finals of the televised PBA Playoffs on May 19, 2024. Over the course of my bowling business career, I spent many weeks at Kissimmee Lanes in an effort to build up a business that was surrounded by more alligators than people.

The center was built about 10 years before its time, but based upon the incredible success of AM F A Itamonte Lanes, constructed in the northern suburbs of Orlando, the New York hierarchy elected to open Kissimmee Lanes, near DisneyWorld, in 1977. I can remember that my first few visits to the site included a five-mile ride to one of the closest hotels, Larson's Lodge M aingate, near the many Disney properties.

Bob and Iris Larson were the owners of Larson's Lodge M aingate, as well as one other hotel property on the eastern side of K issimmee. In 1986 they opened Watermania, along with two of their children, Randy and Gary, on 37 acres of land on the Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway. The park catered primarily to local patrons and remained a thriving business until 2005, when it was closed for repairs but never reopened.

In an effort to build exposure with residents from neighboring Orlando, AM F decided to go ahead and host the 1978 AM F M agicScore $O$ pen, a stop on the PBA Winter Tour, at Kissimmee Lanes. Here's an amusing excerpt from an article that I wrote for most journals in February of 2021:
"The general feeling in 1978 was that 'bowling is a destination sport,' and didn't require street visibility. The humorous part is that the land in front of Kissimmee Lanes had not yet been developed at the time of the PBA stop, and the land wasbeing leased back to the farmer that sold the property to AMF so that he could use it for grazing cattle.

For those of you old enough to remember the golden voice of Chris Schenkel, as he welcomed everyone to the week ly telecast with those legendary words: 'Live, from Kissimmee Lanes in Florida, it's the 1978 AM F M ag-
icScore Open.' As a row of cars turned off of Highway 192, the camera fol lowed them through the cow pasture, and eventually to the bowling lanes."

Mrs. Larson was always at the reception counter at M aingate. She never charged any of us that were visiting from the New York headquarters because of all the tournament bookings that were being generated by Kissimmee Lanes. The PBA event scheduled in 1978 was a really big deal for a town of 13,000 residents, and at least that many alligators. In fact, the ride from the hotel to the lanes was void of any development at the time, with only an alligator farm and nature preserve along the way.

## Boband Mary Tiso

Another couple that befriended during all of those visits to Kissimmee Lanes were manager Bob Tiso and his wife M ary. Bob had been an AM F salesman in the nor theast United States and was looking to retire in Florida. Bruce Gobbi, the president of AMF Bowling Centers, and also an alumnus of the sales division, gave Tiso an offer he couldn't refuse, and he accepted the position at Kissimmee Lanes.
Bob and $M$ ary were an interesting couple. They were both very curious and wanting to pick my brain about what other managers were doing in different parts of the country. Bob's ability to sell bowling became evident when he booked bowling leagues of Disney employees, double shifted, on M onday through Thursday nights. M ary was in charge of special events. One of her ideas, which became a national promotion at AM F Bowling Centers, was a Ladies Daytime Fashion Show... across the approach of the bowling lanes.

As a result of all those Disney employees taking part in bowling leagues at K issimmee, Bob and $M$ ary were awarded Lifetime Gold M embership cards to all of the Disney properties That meant that whenever we had an opportunity, usually in the evening, we would head over to EPCOT to experience some of the fine cuisine offered in the different pavilions, and served by


Nestled along 10 Pin Avenue, AMF Kissimmee Lanes is hidden from view along Highway 192, behind a hotel, bakery and restaurant supply. The outside of the building has not changed since it opened more than 45 years ago.


The showcase of the theme park is the impressive Spaceship Earth geosphere (known to locals as the giant golf ball), that leads visitors to the World Showcase Lagoon, surrounded by all the different restaurants
representatives of that country. I did a word search and found that this is still the case today; namely, that the cast members working in the different country exhibits are often from that particular nation.
Some of my favorite countries to visit were Canada (prime rib), France (sidewalk cafe and pastries), Italy (just about any food item), N orway (great iced americano), and M exico (boat ride while dining). There were many more, but those were my favorites, and they were represented by many foreign exchange students serving the customers. It was always a great experience, especially with Bob and M ary Tiso.

I learned later that M ary had been in a N azi concentration camp during World War II. It all came about innocently enough when I asked about a number that was on the inside of her left arm. That's when she explained that even though she was just a child, she was still branded with a lifelong tattoo on her arm. She was such a positive and upbeat person, you would never guess that she had ever spent time in a concentration camp. But that's probably what gave her a zest for life and appreciation to be in the USA.

Here's hoping that the PBA members, and maybe even some of you, have an opportunity to visit EPCOT during a visit to Florida and AM F Kissimmee Lanes.


## You Won't Always Miss by

 the Same AmountKeep in mind it's not only possible but even likely you may miss what you are looking at by varying amounts when you play different parts of the lane. I didn't know that until it happened to me. When I'm playing 8 out, I look two right of where I want to hit; from 9 to 17, I can look directly at it; inside of 17,1 have to go back to looking two right.

Now you're probably wonder ing how in the world I figured that out. Well, my coach, Bill Harris, spent a lot of time out on the channel cap. He would put a penny on the 3rd board and one on the 6th board and tell me to go in between them without hitting either one. He certainly spent some time chasing that penny on the 6th board, I'Il tell you. After he told me to look at the penny on the 3rd board instead of wherel really wanted to hit, he didn't have to chase
either one.
He moved the pennies across the lane a board at a time, telling me to look in between them. Once we found the place where I really could look in between them and hit there, he didn't stop. Right on across the lane we went until we had discovered everything we needed to know about my ability to target and where I needed to look to hit where I intended to hit.

I will confess I was one mad student when I kept nailing that penny on the left. After all, less than perfect is not acceptable. Once I understood the only real problem was that I didn't know this information, I was okay. This was just one of the many times he empowered me forever with knowledge. Just think how helpful it would be to you to know you needed to look outside your target when playing deep or far outside but not necessarily when you're playing 12 .

Accuracy plays a critical role in our sport and how to properly choose a target is important. This is also important to the mental game. Let's say you're just cruising along, pounding the pocket and getting rewarded, and someone asks you what you are playing. You tell them you are playing 8. They look at you incredulously and shake their head. Folks watching your performance from the concourse begins to snicker when they hear what you've said. They can all plainly see you're hitting 12.
"I am too hitting 8. Just watch this," you think as you squint, bear down, purse your lips, clench your teeth, and really, really try hard to hit 8 which, of course, you cannot. A better answer for your friend's question is, "I don't have a clue. I just roll the ball and it seems to work." Or you could ask a clarifying question, "Do you mean where am I looking or where do I intend the ball to go?"

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# Walter Ray Williams, Jr. and Deo Benard Cap Off Regional Season as both Win 4th Title of 2023 

By: Chase Kaufman
HOUSTON,TX - No, this is not a repeat article. No, I did not write about the same event twice. Yes, Walter Ray WilliamsJr. won for the fourth straight month. Yes, Deo Benard also picked up his fourth title of the season. Yes, they are both very good.

At Emerald Bowl in Houston, 40 doubles teams competed on the Rick Steelsmith pattern for eight individual games in the PBA50/PBA Emerald Southwest Doubles.

Texans Dino Castillo and Shaw M aldonado combined for a +405 and a first-place lead with plenty of games remaining.

But stop me if you've heard this one - Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Deo Benard jumped up to first after match play to claim the one-seed.

Tom Hess and Sean LaverySpahr took the two-seed, while Chris and Ryan Barnes earned the three seed and faced Pete McCordic and Cody M eiers.

In the first match, the Barnes duo won 210-199 over McCordic


Champions Deo Benard and Walter Ray Williams, Jr
and $M$ eiers to set up a contest with Hess and Laver y-Spahr. In a high-scoring second match, Hess and Lavery-Spahr won 255-236 to move onto the finals. But in a close and exciting final, Williams and Benard earned a $236-232$ victory. Both players notched their fourth title of the 2023 regional season, marking Williams' 66th career regional win and Benard's seventh.

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3. Chris Barnes and Ryan Barnes, 1,150, \$2,700
4. Pete M CCordic and Cody M eiers, 950, \$2,000
5. Clay Rees and Dallas Leong \$1,800
6. Dino Castillo and Shawn M aldonado $\$ 1,600$
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## Continued Growth Leads to New Squads Starting at 2025 Open Championships <br> By: Aaron Smith <br> ARLINGTON , Texas - The United States Bowling Congress Open Championships will debut a new daily squad schedule starting with the 2025 event in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to continue to accommodate for recent growth at the tournament.

The new schedule will feature
five squads of competition across each day, with two full team events and six bowlers on a pair for each doubles and singles squad.

The adjustments will increase the capacity of the event to meet the grow ing participation demands at the USBC Open Championships.

The daily squad schedule for the 2025 Open Championships will be:

7 a.m. - doubles and singles
11:30 a.m. - team
3:15 p.m. - doubles and singles

7:45 p.m. - team
11:30 p.m. - doubles and singles

The changes will remove combined squads from the schedule (team and doubles/ singles being contested during the same squad time) and alleviate the concern of bowling a late team event, followed by an early doubles and singles squad the next day.

With the new schedule, bowlers on the 11:30 a.m. team squad will bowl either the 7 a.m.

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## At Hallmark

## Martin handles 760, Gill claims 716

## Watkins 297

KILLEEN - Darryl Martin won the men's high-set honors for the month at Hallmark Lanes with a top-flight 760 Hit \& Miss Classic league production.

Cindy Gill topped the ladies high-set chart with a tip-top 716 Friday Duos showing.

Roderick Watkins' near-perfect 297 solo garnered high-game accolades.

HONOR ROLL
Micheal Bonnett 268, Jamie Shell 717, Alezandra Sellers-Black 211, Lisa Blackman 584, James Schirripa 259, John Ciesiolka 730, Hayley Pernell 217, Alezandra Sellers-Black 614, Roderick Watkins 710 .

Joyce Reddock 225-596, Richard LaGrone 269, James Norris 721, Kisha Thomas 222, Karin Ciesiol ka542, Ralph Anderson 237,Jeff Hough 705, Dani Taras

## At Killeen Bowlerama

## Smith posts 783, Morgan topples 732

Cominsky, Solis 299's

KILLEEN - Allan Smith headed the scoring parade for the month at Killeen Bowlerama with a high-powered 783 Commercial League session.

Amanda Morgan, Smith's league mate, was equally dominate for the ladies with a rollicking 732 set.

Sam Cominsky and Leo Solis, youth bowler, shared high-game accolades with near-perfect 299 solos.

## HONOR ROLL

Luis Baez 275-701, Tawana Ramey 664, Curtis Robinson 665, Dot M ays245630, Phil Thurston 658, Laura Gentry 555, LonnieBridges 633, SueCummings

211-538, Adam Anguiano 749.
Ashanti Fernandes 719, Josh M axson 739, StephanieHamric 708, Sam Cominsky 732, Sandi Charles 279-697, Sam Cominsky 725, Tawana Ramey 290-698, Brian Joseph 270-714, Sandi Charles 674.

EdHellon 690, Samantha K riner 666, JoeCutler 685, Ashley Stefek 663, Bobby Wacker 761, Samantha K riner 244-706, Gregg Lewis 289-749, Jean M axson 692, B-Rad Dewald 729, AshlieM ills 654. Johnny Ramirez 722, Myra Payne 629, Rocky Sparks 237-648, Kim Dewald 258-694, John Henderson 642, Tawana Ramey 268-657,Sergio Car rasquillo 636, JulieFlecha 617.

215, Cindy Gill 630, Jamie Shell 236.
Brandon Williams 688, Alezandra Sellers-Black 191, Jasmin Bonnett 547, Israel Lozada 246, Andrew Pickney 669, Hayley Pernell 229, Alezandra SellersBlack 575, Harrison Riggins 276.

Keith Desmarais 708, Sharon Jeffers 236-636, Ben Hogan 256, Jordan Garza 696, Lisa M aruna 209, Mary Schirripa 569, Jeff Bell 232, Jeff Hough 724, Nella China 191, Dani Taras 552, Allan Smith 268.

David Ray 758, Lisa Blackman 193, DanielleTaras 599, Tony Herr 269, Tom Denbrock 734, Roberta Denbrock 204, AlezandraSellers-Black 577, Alan Chick 266, Keith Desmarais 663.
Joyce Reddock 236-675, Darius Dunem II 247, James Norris 738, Mary Schirripa 212, Kisha Thomas 541, Michael Dixon-Dates 243, Jeff Hough 693, Christine Scott 177, Cindy Gill 606, Iim Smith 247.

Luis Baez 710, Dot M ays 246, Cookie Reddock 609, Brandon Williams 269, Allan Smith 747, Karin Ciesiolka 216, Alezandra Sellers-Black 668, Shane Carter 245, Tom Denbrock 708.

Alezandra Sellers-Black 234, Caitlin Schirripa620, Keith Desmarais 242-688, Joyce Reddock 279-683, John Ciesiolka 260, RichieOtero 203, SonyaStokes 475, M ichael Dixon-Dates 279.

Eric Jackson, Sr. 745, M aya DixonDates 246.

SENIORS
Luis Baez 679, Linda Strickland 206, Cookie Reddock 583, Bill Bogucki 246, 10 Young 675, Starr Wilson 204, Cookie Reddock 606, Larry K rueger 268, George Chapman 752, Ev Tradup 202.

Bob Rackley 249, Sam Cominsky 692, Barbara Person 213, Linda M eads 572, Bob Rackley 269, Luis Baez 691, Cookie Reddock 227, Venda Gale 552, Sam Cominsky 256, Larry K rueger 679.

PegHartley 206, ChristineScott 550, Jim Smith 247, Luis Baez 710, Dot M ays 246, CookieReddock 609, Frank Stewart 237, Sam Cominsky 722, K athy Koehne 184, Christine Scott 529.

## TEAM USA TRIALS

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Texas, and Crystal Elliott of Palm Bay, Florida, emerged as the newest U.S. Amateur champions after going 2-0 to win the stepladder finals in their respective divisions.

Darren Tang of Las Vegas and Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, were the champions of the 2024 Team USA Trials competition, which consisted of 30 games over five days on five different challenging oil patterns.

In addition to the Team USA Trials and U.S. Amateur champions, six other competitors earned automatic spots on Team USA 2024 based on their strong performance this week at Gold Coast.

Throughout the event, players earned ranking points based on where they finished after each day of competition. The leader each day recei ved one point, second place earned two points and so on with the lowest number of points after the five six-game blocks determining the 2024 Team USA Trials men's and women's champion.

Tang, a full-time competitor on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour, took home the Team USA Trials trophy for the second time in three years, and he attributed his excellent performance this week to feeling the healthiest he's been in a while.
"Last year, I was having elbow and neck issues, and on the last day, I was feeling very sick in the morning, but I was fortunate enough to be selected. This year was a feeling of redemption," said Tang. "Being able to not only win but share the moment with a lot of friends is awesome."

His win this year was a 16 ranking point improvement compared to 2022, going from 67 points down to 51 while averaging over 11 pins higher per game. Tang aver aged 231.3 for the week and was in the top six during four out of the five rounds of competition with a low finish of 31st on Day 4.

Despite trailing Tang in the final standings, Austin Grammar of Lake Wales, Florida (88 ranking points), Julian Salinas of Richmond, Texas (116), and Alexander Glinski of Greensboro, North Carolina (117), also earned automatic berths onto Team USA thanks to their strong performances at the Team USA Trials.

By winning his spot on the team, Tang will be on Team USA for the third straight year and fifth overall.

On the women's side Pluhowsky won her seventh
overall Team USA Trials and second in three years while extending her own record of consecutive years leading at least one six-game block to eight years. She won U.S. A mateur titles in 2001, 2003 and 2004 and claimed Team USA Trials victories in 2011, 2015, 2022 and now 2024.

This year will be Pluhowsky's 25th straight year on Team USA after beginning her international career on Junior Team USA in 2000.

For her 30 games of bowling this week in Las Vegas, Pluhowsky averaged 220.5 and earned only 44 ranking points.

Joining Pluhowsky on the women's side of Team USA are Bryanna Cote of $M$ arana, Arizona (60), Elliott (101); and Lauren Russo of Ballwin, M issouri (106).

Even though some spots on Team USA and Junior Team USA were locked up when the last balls of the Team USA Trials were thrown, Sunday's action was far from over as there were still U.S. A mateur champions to crown.

Salinas already had an automatic spot on Junior Team USA due to his performance at the 2023Junior Gold Championships in July while Elliott had an automatic spot on Team USA thanks to her efforts at Team USA Trials; nevertheless, both had bigger plans in mind during the stepladder finals.

Both qualified as the number two seeds for their respective stepladders with Elliott facing off against K ayla Verstraete of Loves Park, Illinois, and Salinas going up against Jacob Bockstie of Nottingham, M aryland.

Verstraete and Elliott traded opens during the early portion of their match, but Elliott stayed clean the last five frames to win 208-157 and move on to face Gianna Brandolino of Channahon, Illinois for the 2024 U.S. Amateur women's title.

It was a low-scoring match as Brandolino had four opens while Elliott started with three straight splits. However, Elliott conver ted the third one, the 2-4-10, and continued to make spares from there to walk away with a 165152 victory.

After her win, Elliott was fortunate enough to be able to celebrate with many of her Jacksonville State teammates.
"It felt really good having my teammates there supporting me," Elliott said. "It's been a goal of mine to be on Team USA, and it hasn't really sunk in yet."

On the men's side, Salinas and Bockstie were part of a higherscoring affair as Sal inas threw the back nine strikes to win 258-210, moving him on to the
title match against Grammar in rematch of the 2023 Junior Gold Championships U20 semifinal match.

Grammar kept up with Salinas until an open in the eighth frame gave Salinas the chance to shut the door, which he promptly did to win the match by a score of 234-190 and secure the 2024 U.S. A mateur men's title.

Since the U.S. Amateur champions are automatically placed on Team USA as long as they are age eligible, Salinas and Elliott didn't need the spots that they earned by virtue of their positions in the final Team USA Trials standings; therefore, their spots were then passed along to the next-highest finishers in their respective divisions.

Salinas' spot was taken by Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, while Elliott's was given to Brianna Andrew of Grand Rapids, M ichigan.

In addition to the bowlers who earned automatic berths onto the roster of Team USA, two men and two women were selected by the N ational Selection Committee based on their performances at the 2024 Team USA Trials.

Christopher Via of Blacklick, Ohio, and $M$ atthew Russo of Ballwin, M issouri, were selected to join the men's team while Hope Gramly of Aubry, Texas, and Ashly Galante of Palm Harbor, Florida, were added to the women's roster.

The National Selection Committee al so selected five men and five women to join Team USA 2024 based on submitted resumes.

The men's team resume selections included A.J. Johnson of Kenosha, Wisconsin; Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N orth Carolina; Jake Peters of Las Vegas; Patrick Hanrahan of Wichita, K ansas; and Spencer Robarge of Springfield, Missouri.

This year's resume additions to the women's team were Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York; Julia Bond of Lincoln, N ebraska; Breanna Clemmer of Lebanon, Illinois; Stephanie Zavala of Downey, California; and Jillian M artin of Stow, Ohio.

To be eligible for the adult version of Team USA, bowlers must be at least 18 years old by the end of that year's Team USA Trials.

Those who weren't age-eligible for adult team consideration this time around spent the week trying to secure spots on Junior Team USA 2024 and finish as high up as possible in the U.S. Amateur standings.

Boys earning the automatic spots on Junior Team USA for 2024 were Bockstie, Traeten Henrichsmeyer of Eau Claire,

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Wisconsin; Connor Breaman of Greer, South Carolina; and Zach Andresen of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Brandon Bohn of Jackson, N ew Jersey, and Bobby Habetler of Park Ridge, Illinois, were chosen by the N ational Selection Committee to join Junior Team USA 2024 based on their performances at the 2024 Team USA Trials and 2023 Junior Gold Championships.

They join the 12 boys who qualified for Junior Team USA through the 2023Junior Gold Championships in the U20 and U18 competitions.

U20-N athan Smith, Noblesville, Indiana; Ryan Speer, Beech Grove, Indiana; Brendan Salo, Dayton, Ohio; Justin Bohn, Jack son, New Jersey; Carter Street, Dublin, Ohio; and Salinas.

U18-Aidan Furukawa, Sunbury, Ohio; Andrew Robitaille, Pittsfield, M assachusetts; Braden M allasch, Waupaca, Wisconsin; Christian Liquori, M erritt Island, Florida; Garrett Andrus, Austin, Texas; and Josh Hammons, Topeka, K ansas.

This year's automatic spots on the girls' team went to M ia

Stolakis of Worchester, M assachusetts; Ashtyn Woods of Santa Rosa, California; Abigail Starkey of Schaumburg, Illinois; and Kaylee Back of Derby, K ansas. Avery Domaguin of San Diego, California, and Elizabeth Teuber of Holly, Michigan, were selected for the girls' team based on their Team USA Trials performances.

They join the 12 girls who qualified for Junior Team USA through the 2023 Junior Gold Championships through the U20 and U18 competitions.

U20-Jillian M artin, Stow, Ohio; Jaelle Hamman, Jarrell, Texas; Jenna Stretch, Auburn Township, Ohio; Brystal Beyer, Ogdensburg, Wisconsin; Annalise Obryant, Ball Ground, Georgia; and Brianna Rogers, Florence, South Carolina

U18-Brandolino, Karina Capron, Fremont, N ebraska; Kaitlyn Stull, Raleigh, North Carolina; Victoria Varano, Stony Point, New York; Erin K lemencic, Powder Springs, Georgia; and K atelyn Abigania, San Diego.

Four boys and four girls from
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## Go Bowling, PEPSI ${ }^{\oplus}$ and NFL Legend, DeMarcus Ware, Kickoff Super Bowl LVIII Weekend with Super Bowl Bowling Classic to Support the NFL Foundation

Football fans in town for the Super Bowl can strike down some pins with Ware, current NFL players, and fellow NFL Legends to benefit community football players nationwide

By: Dave Schroeder
ARLINGTON, Texas - A head of Super BowI LVIII weekend in Las Vegas, football fans will have the opportunity to bowl with current N FL players and N FL Legends to support community football players across the country at the Super Bowl Bowling Classic sponsored by Pepsi ${ }^{\circledR}$.

The event will pair fans with current N FL players and NFL Legends for an afternoon of knocking down pins in support of the NFL Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of those touched by the game of football - from players at all levels to communities across the country.



Hosting this year's event is N FL Legend and Super Bowl champion, DeM arcus Ware.
"Since retiring from the NFL I've enjoyed having more time to connect with fans - whether it's serving in the community, or having moretime to bowl with the family. Even my NFL teammates and I cherished our monthly bowling outings, and now I get to dust off my skills this February," said DeM arcus Ware. "That's why partnering
with Go Bowling and Pepsi for the Super Bowl Bowling Classic will be so great! I can be competitive again while hanging out with fans who are as excited for this year's Super Bowl as I am. Big thanks to Go Bowling and Pepsi for inviting me to host!"
"Go Bowling connects communities through our passion for the sport - and there's no bigger and better time to bring the sports community together than the Super Bowl," said Frank

DeSocio, Executive Director of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) co-managers of GoBowling.com. "We're proud that the Super Bowl Bowling Classic will support the N FL Foundation, which shares our passion for expanding the love of sport through community engagement. Whether attendees are bowling beginners or strikers, all are welcome to join us and show the pro athletes what they got!"

The Super Bowl Bowling Classic will take place on Friday, February 9, 2024, at the South Point Bowling Center (9777 S Las Vegas BIvd) at 12:00 PM local time. The Entry fee is $\$ 350$ per bowler, with proceeds benefitting the NFL Foundation. Each bowler will receive a commemorative Super Bowl LVIII bowling ball, pin and jersey, and a buffet meal along with Pepsi-Cola@soft drinks, beer, or wine. Bowlers may also bring a guest for a $\$ 100$ donation fee which includes the buffet and beverages. Go to Pepsi BowlingClassic.com to register.

# USBC Provides Members with New Elite Tournament Offerings, U22 Masters and Queens 

By: GeneJ. Kanak
ARLINGTON, Texas - The United States Bowling Congress Collegiate program and Junior Gold Championships have experienced significant growth since their inception.

This has led to the development of a large pool of extremely talented young-adult bowlers who patronize these events and who are clamoring for even more opportunities to experience elitelevel competition beforejoining the adult ranks.

The U22 M asters and Queens have been created to provide these bowlers with additional national tournaments for young, non-professional adult members of USBC. These events will be conducted using condensed and modified elements from the USBC M asters and USBC Queens.

These national events have been created as a new alternative for young USBC adult members as they transition from youth bowling to collegiate and/or adult bowling. The U22 M asters and Queens are available to all non-professional USBC adult members who have not reached their 23rd birthday by the last day of each year's tournament.

The greater Detroit area will host the inaugural U22 M asters

and Queens tournaments, which will be contested from M ay 24-27, 2024.

The U22 M asters will be hosted by Super Bowl Lanes in Canton, Michigan, while the U22 Queens will be contested at historic Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

Both tournaments will conclude inside the iconic Thunderbowl Arena on M emorial Day, M onday, M ay 27 at Noon Eastern when the final three athletes in each event will participate in the BowITV stepladder finals.

All rounds of competition leading up to the stepladder will be streamed live exclusively on BowITV.
"USBC is extremely excited to be able to offer these new tournament opportunities," USBC President M elissa M cDaniel said "These events will allow our young-adult members to experience elite national competition at a discounted cost and without
having to go up against professional bowlers as they would in the USBC M asters and Queens. We bel ieve the U22 M asters and Queens will ser ve as a valuable steppingstone that our younger members can use to gain experience and build confidence before transitioning to those other championship tournaments."

Registration for the U22 $M$ asters and Queens is scheduled to open on Jan. 2, 2024, and the entry fee will be $\$ 300$,

An information table will be set up at the 2024 Team USA Trials, which will be contested from Jan. 2-7, 2024, at G old Coast Bowling Center inside Gold Coast Hotel \& Casino in Las Vegas. USBC staff will be on site to assist with any questions pertaining to the $U 22 \mathrm{M}$ asters and Queens.

For more information or to register for the 2024 U 22 M asters and Queens, visit BOWL. com/2024 u22 M asters Queens

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or 3:15 p.m. squad for doubles and singles. Competitors on the 7:45 p.m. team squad will bowl doubles and singles either at 3:15 p.m. or 11:30 p.m.

At the 2023 Open Championships, one out of eight bowlers participated in team during the 9:30 p.m. combined squad and followed with doubles and singles the next morning at 7 a.m.

The current schedule at the Open Championships has often left new participants and those entering later in the registration process with a limited inventory for team squad selection. The new schedule in 2025 will give competitors the chance to select

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the U15 competition at the 2023 Junior Gold Championships also earned the right to be a part of the Team USA experience in 2024 as members of the Developmental Team.

That list of players includes Braden McDonough, Coppell, Texas; Ernesto Reynoso, Folsom, California; Dylan Harnden, Shel by Township, M ichigan, M atteo Quintero, Smyrna, Tennessee; Bella Castillo, Odessa, Texas; M alayna Calo, River view, Florida;

LarielleTharps, Orlando,
Florida; and M acy Jones, Sho-
from two desirable squad times and increase the over all capacity for the event to more than 13,400 teams. With the current schedule, the maximum capacity over the same time frame would accommodate 10,430 teams.

The Open Championships has seen steady growth in its team entries as well, with many of the numbers surpassing the totals from before the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2024 event in Las Vegas already has surpassed 10,700 registered teams, marking the highest total at the South Point Bowling Plaza since its introduction to the tournament's schedule in 2017 and is the most overall at the Open Championships since 2012.

Coordinators for the 2024 event also were surveyed to see

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Bowlers age 20 or younger as of Jan. 1, 2024, were eligible for spots on Junior Team USA this week.

The 2024 Team USA trials featured a roster of 328 competitors where all bowled 30 games over five days (six games each day). Each day featured a different lane condition, ranging from 37-45 feet with different volumes of oil for the women and men.

BowITV provided wire-towire coverage of the events, including the announcement of Team USA and Junior Team USA 2024.

For complete 2024 Team USA Trials results, visit www.bowl. com

## At Hilltop Lanes

## Mahoney soaks in 300/824, Powell lands 658

WAXAHACHIE - Wally Mahoney made it rain strikes in the Friday AM Srs. Mixed league by firing an award-winning 300/824 series at Hilltop Lanes last month.

Renae Powell was the leader on the ladies’ side by filling up the score sheet with $267 / 658$ numbers in Tues Nite Challenge action. HONOR ROLL
Benjamin Michael 251-705, John Powell 240-663, Tiffany Powell 188-529, Samantha Armstrong 176-520, James Ellington 257-742, Paul Toal 290-696, JackieFisher 222-589, Karleen Reynolds 227-586.

Richard Kubitz 256-706, Kyle Shoemaker 267-694, Karry Vossler 221-585, Lindsey A nderson 203-563, Scott Dodson 258-655, Jerry Kralich 204-589, Vickie Ratliff 179-526, Fay Craig 184-514.

Dee Reeves 255-643, Benjamin M ichael 231-640, Samantha Armstrong 212-552, Renae Powell 183-493, Johnny Michael 227-656, Joel N ash 226-648, Lisa Bittle 236-630, K lair Rogers 181-508.

M ark Driggers 246-701, Chris Parker 279-693, M aegan Connor 216-592, Jackie Fisher 188-558, Scott Dodson 276-750, Randy Stiller 236-603, Dottie Lynch 230-520, Vickie Ratliff 202-504.

Lee Hogue 237-700, Chris Gann 246695, Tiffany Powell 221-572, Samantha Armstrong 234-571, Mike Workman 268-764, Lance Hill 257-750, Maegan Connor 236-648, Raymond Neugent 258-721.

Kyle Shoemaker 279-698, Tracy Ratchford 232-615, Lauren Greenhaw 236-557, Scott Dodson 249-678, Jerry Wilson 232-647, Deb Dodson 192-553, Cathy Spurlock 194-522.

SENIORS
Tom Spigener 279-758, Raymond Lehew 233-618, Donna Lonon 193-520, Pat Gant 182-496, Roger Zaeske222-588, Paul Allee 209-612, Fred Downey 232596, Debbie M oore 204-577.

James Wann 249-682, Vickie Ratliff 177-510, Jerry Kralich 233-654, Gary Palmerlee 224-638, Joyce Burrows 227612, Sandra D owney 217-582.
how many teams they planned to register for the 2025 Open Championships. The early projections from the collected data show team entries for Baton Rouge trending up by nearly $3 \%$.

In 2013, the O pen Championships began providing fresh oil for every squad. This change improved the competition, but the time needed to oil for each squad reduced the number of potential squads per day.
"We listened to the feedback from our participants and believe these adjustments will help create an improved experience with two full team squads at premium times and eliminating the short turnaround from team to doubles and singles," USBC Executive Director Chad M urphy said. "These adjustments also will allow us the flexibility to welcome more teams and continue to see the tournament grow as we look ahead to the future."

These adjustments will not impact the 2024 Open Championships.
At Tenpins \& More

## Espinoza topples 769, Hare snags 739

Jimenez, Romero 300's
Leroy Espinoza blasted to the top of the charts last month at Tenpins \& More with a powerpacked 247-266-256 = 769 Bud Trios outing.

Adrienne Hare pounded out a solid 246-258-235 = 739 Rancho Runners set to lead the ladies honor roll.

Joey Jimenez and Joe Romero shared high-game honors with award-winning 12-baggers.

HONOR ROLL
Jolene Sokohl 221-594, M ark Innes 234-660, Gloria Blair 227-625, Dominic Huerta 277-700, Dana Miller-M ackie (4 games) 256-950, Leroy Espinoza (4 games) 1026, Paula Amschler 246-678.

Nathan Tran 279-733, AlenaGonzales 192-477, Shawn Haines 218-623, Teresa Hope214-504, Troian Donnachaidh 228553, Andrew McK insey 242-667, Aileen Linares 248-675, David Williamson 247-701. Jolene Sokohl 208-526, Jeremy Byington 206-566, Jessica Ortiz Y Pino 187-462, Kenneth Friedrich 234-667, Adrienne Hare 217-642, Justin M edina 249-693, Araceli Loudenback 179-475.

Patrick Loudenback 254-647, Joe LaRosa 265-707.

## SENIORS

Becky Fisher 242-599, Kenneth Friedrich 289-743, Wendy Pase 223-614, JoeRoybal 257-667.

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Thanks all our bowles for a great 2023 and prays God's best for everyonein 2024!
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## JANUARY

Sat 6 NM High School tournament at 8:30am
Sun 7 Men's Champion of Champions final 9am
Sat 13 Rio Rancho Middle School Bowlathon at $\mathbf{1 : 3 0} \mathrm{pm}$
Sun 14 Women's \& Seniors Champion of Champions finals at 9am
Sun 21 Youth Champion of Champions final 9am; NMAA Bowlathon at 1 pm
Sun 28 Color Pin Cash at 9.30am; First ticket drawn at least \$150!


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## GABE SANCHEZ

16, of Plano, TX, TX is a Junior at Plano Senior High School. He recently bowled his first sanctioned 300 game in a High School match against Rockhill School at Allen Bowl. The two-hander is coached by Luis Benavides and Mickey Tate. He is looking forward to bowling some HS tournaments in the next few weeks. The big goal this year is to make it to state for both Singles and the Team. He bowls the Plano Junior Gold League on Saturday and practices three to four times a week.
Hometown Bowling Center: Plano Super Bowl How did you get started bowling? I was on YouTube and saw a bowling video of Jason Belmonte and it inspired me. This was back in 2022 and I went up to Plano, got my own bowling ball and started to bowl. High Game/Series: 300
Favorite Bowler: Probably Belmo because he is the person that got me into it. I feel like his game is fundamentally sound and very clean.
Favorite bowling accomplishment: I won the FUNetic Friday when I wasn't very good but getting a lot of handicap. I shot a 240 game in the finals and that gave me the win. That was the first big thing I had ever won and it really motivated me.
What other hobbies do you have? I like to work out and play basketball for fun.
What do you love most about bowling? I enjoy
the community. It's not a physically demanding game so I just enjoy the people and having fun with them.
What are your bowling goals? I would like to bowl in college, but to improve in general is my goal. I want to continue to improve my mental game.
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