

Janawicz Wins 2023 USBC Senior Masters; Collects First Major Title



John Janawicz

By: Dave Schroeder

LAS VEGAS – John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida, capped an impressive week at the United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters by winning the title in the major championship Sunday at Sam's Town Bowling Center.

Janawicz defeated Lennie Boresch of Kenosha, Wisconsin, 204-200, in the title match to claim his first victory on the Professional Bowlers Association 50 Tour. Janawicz, who turned 50 in September, is a rookie on the PBA50 Tour and was competing

in his first event on the senior circuit.

"I never bowled the regular tour," Janawicz said. "So, to be able to come back out here now is pretty special to me. A lot of the greats on tour that won majors have also won senior majors; they've won the Senior Masters. Guys like Pete (Weber), who has won it twice. Walter Ray (Williams Jr.) has won it twice. The list goes on and on. So, to put your name alongside of guys like that is pretty unreal."

Janawicz went undefeated through the double-elimination match play portion of the event to qualify as the No. 1 seed for the stepladder finals. As such,

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Tony Lanning and Sean Lavery-Spahr Win SASBA M/G Doubles



Champions Tony Lanning and Sean Lavery-Spahr

By: Kathy King

PASADENA, TX – 48 strong teams bowled the Member/Guest Doubles at Armadilla 1 in Pasadena.

Tony Lanning and Sean

Lavery-Spahr led the field after the 8 games of qualifying on Saturday.

They lost their first 4 matches on Sunday and dropped to 3rd

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Francois Lavoie Clutch in the 10th Frame to Claim 8th PBA Regional Title in OK



PBA SW Region Champion Francois Lavoie

By: Tony Lanning

EDMOND, OK - The Southwest PBA returned Oklahoma this past weekend with our first event at Bowlero Edmond (formerly Boulevard Lanes) in many years. Francois Lavoie held onto his first place qualifying position to take home the title after a very exciting stepladder finals.

Kris Koeltzow snuck by former PBA50 Southwest Player of the Year Keith Lesko in the final game of the Eliminator Round of 8 to claim the #4 seed. This was Koeltzow's second

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Coté Wins 2023 U.S. Women's Open for First Career Major Title



Bryanna Coté

By: Gene J. Kanak

GATES, N.Y. – Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, doesn't consider herself a particularly goal-oriented person; nevertheless, she created a list of things she wanted to accomplish during her Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour career.

Not surprisingly, two of the items on that list were to win a major championship and to one day be named PWBA Player of the year.

She checked the second goal off the list after being named

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Jessica McShane, Bobby Ault and Scott Crawford Take The Heat Trios at Plano



By: Tyson Branagan

PLANO, TX - From not even being a team two days before the tournament, to being the last team standing in a pretty solid field.

Congrats to Bobby Ault,

Jessica McShane and Scott Crawford for a fantastic performance and coming in clutch in big moments to earn the title and \$2,850 in The Heat Trios, the first trios of this style for us at

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19th Annual New Mexico Open Will Set Records

By: Dave Williams

The New Mexico Open bowling tournament, scheduled for August 18th-20th at Tenpins & More in Rio Rancho, N.M., will offer a record prize fund of more

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AUGUST 2023
Total Prize Fund Could Exceed \$80,000!

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Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, Publisher



A huge loss this week in the DFW bowling community as Pat Currie passed away peacefully at home at the age of 76.

There have been some wonderful tributes to him on Facebook, but none that hits home for me more than how many people admired the love he had for his wife of 58 years, Gayle. Pat talked about their relationship often, and how special it is. I admired that about the Currie's, you never saw one without the other, it warmed my heart every time I saw them.

In 2021, Pat was inducted into the North Texas USBC Hall of Fame, I'm proud that I was there to introduce him, and listen to his speech. Brian Roberts did a wonderful job of giving his induction speech, and really brought his bowling career and persona to life for everyone in the room. Knowing the history behind a person is special and those in attendance were lucky to learn just a little more about Pat that evening.

From a bowling standpoint, he has an amazing legacy of consistency, competitiveness, and longevity. He bowled in over 500 SASBA tournaments, the

most ever and it's not close. He knocked down over 1,250,000 pins in those events, averaging over 210. That is the third most all-time, behind only Roger West and Fred Barnes. Growing up in the DFW area, I got to see Pat bowl a lot. He was in every tournament, every pot game, and sometimes just practicing.

The gap he leaves behind is huge, we won't see another one like him in this lifetime. RIP Pat, thanks for always being there.

X-X-X-X-X-X

Junior Gold starts in two weeks in Indianapolis, IN. The second time there in the last three years.

Good luck to all our youth stars in the Southwest area, lets get some players on the TV show!! All of the action can be seen on BowlTV.

Results coming your way next month.

X-X-X-X-X-X

Huge news coming out of the PBA this week...

Neil Stremmel, PBA Director of Rules and Equipment, has established new rules concerning Urethane and Urethane-like equipment; they will have a new minimum hardness of 78HD.

Pat Currie passed away peacefully in the family home June 18th

Pat was born on April 27, 1947, in Fort Worth Texas, the second child of Lyle and Audria Currie. He married the love of his life, Gayle Blocker Oct 10, 1965, and were together 58 wonderful years.

Another love of his life was the bowling lanes. Pat's bowling career started at age 9. Pat's introduction into his bowling started with the help of his Grandfather, Lyle Currie Sr. On a Saturday afternoon in San Angelo Texas Grandpa Currie took his grandson to Stadium Lanes and told the attendants to let the younger Currie bowl as many games as he wanted. He bowled 50 games that day. In 1956, games were .5 cents. On a Saturday afternoon, May 13th, 2023, Pat along with his grandson bowled his last game.

Pat was an outstandingly successful businessman who was also commonly involved and a generous contributor to his industry. The family business is still going strong and he said much credit for business success goes to my wife," he later said. "A wife is important. A man can do a lot of foolish things and it takes a good woman to keep him on the right track. My wife does not try to run things, but her advice and judgment are always there if I need them." Other important traits he was known for was his honesty, integrity and good character. He was an upright, good man. And when he was around, you never had any doubt who was in charge. When push came to shove, the buck definitely stopped with Pat. He was equal to every task he came



Pat Currie

APRIL 27, 1947 – JUNE 18, 2023

up against and never complained. Pat's family and friends can all say and he would be the first to tell you, "I've had a complete and fortunate Life".

Pat is survived by his wife of 58 years, Gayle Currie, step-son Stan Blocker and grandsons Danny & Ethan Blocker.

This rule will be effective on Jan. 6, 2024, and will impact all levels of PBA competition. A second rule going into place will be that any ball produced prior to Aug. 1, 2022 will no longer be able to be used on the PBA National tour.

This is a really BIG deal considering how many high-rev players and left-handers use Urethane equipment almost exclusively. It could have a very big impact to some top players and not in a positive way.

I personally don't have an issue with the usage of urethane at any point, or any level, but those that can use it effectively, especially from the left side can be almost impossible to beat.

I will be back in the next issue with some additional thoughts from local PBA players, so let's let this marinate a little.

LANNING SASBA

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but came back strong winning 10 of their next 11 matches and led Butch Cormier and Greg Snee by 60 pins going into the last match.

Cormier/Snee won that match 218-193 but Lanning/ Lavery held on to win by 5 pins and claim the \$2,500 prize money.

It was Tony's first SASBA title. Cormier/Snee finished 2nd for \$2,000.

Steven Hawk and Terence McQueen started in 16th Sunday and won 12 of their 16 matches to get 3rd for \$1,600.

Billy Hutchinson and Justin Veitch took 4th and \$1,300 and Gerald West and Eric Traylor rounded out the top 5 to cash for \$1,100.

Skyler Glanovsky and Kyle Petersen had the only 300s in qualifying. Hutchinson/ Veitch, Cormier/Snee, Williams/ Thompson and Goss/Boroff had Baker 300s in the finals.

We want to thank Danna Browder and staff for hosting. Thank you to Mark Busscher and Galco Hearing Aids for adding \$500.



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Tournament Schedule

Date	Tournament Detail	Location
Sept 17, 2022	Ballard vs The Big "C" Charity Event	Bowlero Euleus
Oct 22-23, 2022	Ballard's Bowling Academy Youth Tournament	Cityview
Nov 26-27, 2022	Wild Turkey Mixed Team Tournament - \$2k	Cityview
Jan 21-22, 2023	Mixed Doubles - \$3k added	Red Bird Lanes
Jan 28-29 Feb 4-5, 2023	Youth City - \$3k added	Forum Bowl
Feb 6-19, 2023	Senior - \$1k added	Mail-O-Graphic
April 22-23 29-30, 2023	Ladies City - \$2k added	Bowlero Euleus
TBD	Youth/Adult Doubles - \$2k added	TBD
May 6-7 13-14 20-21, 2023	Open City Championship - \$10k added	Plano Super Bowl
July 1-2, 2023	After the Fire Works - Mixed Trios - \$2k added	Forum Bowl

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Rick Minier, Paul McCordic, Michael Hudson Win SASBA Age Bracket at Cityview Lanes



Michael Hudson
50 Age Bracket Champion



Paul McCordic
60 Age Bracket Champion



Rick Minier
70 Age Bracket Champion

By: Kathy King
FORT WORTH, TX - In the 70 and over division of the Age Bracket tournament at Cityview Lanes, Rick Minier qualified 6th after the 8 games on Saturday.

In match play on Sunday, he moved up and had the lead after 5 games, moved to 2nd after 6, then regained it after 7 to be leading by 11 pins over Roy Chesbro.

He beat Roy the final game 223-194 to win his 39th SASBA title!

Roy finished 2nd, Gene Rivers took 3rd, Randy Summers claimed 4th and John Shuffler was 5th.

In the 60 and over age group, Paul McCordic led qualifying and then won 6 of his 8 matches on Sunday to win his 23rd SASBA title!

Pete Thomas was 2nd, CK Moore 3rd, Keith Hensley 4th and Cordell Wilder 5th.

In the 50s group, Michael Hudson was 2nd after qualifying on Saturday.

He took the lead after Game 1 and led until game 7 when Scott Webb took the lead by 13 pins.

Michael won the final math 248-237 to win his 3rd SASBA title.

Butch Cormier was 2nd, Scott Webb 3rd, David Smith 4th and Rob Bozarth 5th.

Rob Bozarth had the only 300 game and picked up the 7-10. 81 year old Jerry Beavers made the finals.

We want to thank Rusty Dickinson and staff for hosting.

July 1-3 is the Firecracker at Plano Super Bowl.

July 15-16 is a Member/Guest doubles at Oil Bowl in Longview.

July 22-23 is a 60/50/Guest Trio at Holiday Lanes in OKC.

HONOR ROLL



Men	
Bobby Ault, Plano Super Bowl.....	821
Josh Burnham, JB's Allen Bowl.....	813
Regis Payne, Killeen Bowlerama.....	812
Mark Neville, Forum Bowl.....	790
Matthew Jennings, Lions Lanes.....	785
Eric Lopez, Tenpins & More.....	782
Matthew Tran, Tenpins & More.....	782
Billy Cathey, Red Bird Lanes.....	765
Rick Irvine, Strikz.....	748
Carl Jordan, Cityview Lanes.....	726
Richard Shilbansk, Cowtown Bowling Palace.....	714

Women	
Tina Taylor, Plano Super Bowl.....	747
Samantha Kriner, Killeen Bowlerama.....	744
Dana Miller-Mackie, Tenpins & More.....	729
Lauren Cathey, Red Bird Lanes.....	713
Jackie Fisher, Lions Lanes.....	696
Tracy Ratchford, Forum Bowl.....	685
Kimbo Emerson, JB's Allen Bowl.....	679
Kris Rowberry, Cowtown Bowling Palace.....	675
Daniela Trigos, Strikz.....	675
June Barker, Cityview Lanes.....	659



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At Cityview Lanes

Jordan delivers 726, Barker posts 659

Carl Jordan headed the honor roll for the month at Cityview Lanes with a solid 726 Beat the House league production.

June Barker led the ladies with a highly commendable 659 Older and Bowlder set.

HONOR ROLL

Jack Simpson 279, Joseph Mosely 684, Alice Hollis 208, Susie Toole 482, Monroe Maddux 289, Andy Felps 675, Deidra Vannocker 219-612, Frankie Brazos 290-681, Alyssa Finch 202.

Mellissa Ringinger 526, Travis Johnson 257, Ashley Megurdichan 222-

595, Cassandra Norris (no tap) 276-748, Jack Anderson 256, Monty Bowers 673, Tracy Allen 203, Jeff Auch (no tap) 300.

Michael Dudley (no tap) 300, Thomas Richard (no tap) 300-844, Meloye Jessup (no tap) 248, Samantha Wyant (no tap) 712, Vernon Smith 268, Staton Avery 718, Neil Ray 216-605, Steve Cumblin 245.

Dick Ringus 672, Christy Irvine 189, Peggy Rios 528, Mario Sandoval 265, Monty Bowers 660, Sue Pelyon Schultz 248, Corrina Renteria 543, Kevin Lewis 246, Stevo Edmonds 652, Amanda Franco 217-623.

THE HEAT TRIOS

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Plano Super Bowl.

Great bowling to second place team of Chris Spurgin, Jesse Curtiss and Jacob Curtiss for leading the field, buy a pretty good margin, earning multiple top 3 cashing spots over the 7 games of qualifying and taking home \$1,950 for their second place finish in the elimination bracket.

Team Shelby Neves/Sam Neves/RJ Klann and Team Michael Webb/Jason Cook/JohnWeyne Freitas each earned \$1,320 for their 3rd-4th finish.

36 teams and 9 cashers in the final results and multiple other teams who earned some money with some big games. We want to thank you all for the support.

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Dates Announced for 2024 PBA Jr National Championship Regional Qualifiers

By: Nolan Hughes

For youth bowlers across the country, the road to becoming the next PBA Jr. national champion begins this summer.

Five regional qualifiers will determine the 20 finalists for the PBA Jr. National Championship Finals, which will be held at five locations across the U.S. on the weekend of Aug. 11-13, 2023.

Twenty BIPOC youth bowlers will earn a guaranteed entry into the regional qualifiers through the PBA Jr. and Gazmine Mason Foundation Scholarship, which returns for the third consecutive year.

The scholarship aims to increase inclusivity and create opportunities for youth bowlers of color. Applications for the Gazmine Mason Foundation Scholarship are open through July 25.

The top two boys and girls in each regional qualifier will advance to the PBA Jr. National

Championship Finals.

After five games of qualifying on each pattern, the top 16 players in each division will advance to the best-of-three-games match play bracket. Players will compete on all-new oil patterns named after EJ Tackett, Bill O'Neill and Danielle McEwan.

All regional qualifiers will be held August 11-13, 2023. The full schedule for the PBA Jr. National Championships will be announced at a later date.

REGIONAL QUALIFIER SCHEDULE

August 11-13, 2023

East Region
Bowlero North Brunswick
North Brunswick, N.J.

South Region
Bowlero Austell
Marietta, Ga.

Midwest Region
AMF West Lanes
Milwaukee, Wis.



Southwest Region
Northrock Lanes
Wichita, Kan.

West Region
Forest Lanes
Lake Forest, Calif.

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2022 — Jillian Martin and Landin Jordan
2021 — Jillian Martin and Spencer Robarge

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YOUTH HONOR ROLL

Boys

Jonathan Rosado, Killeen Bowlerama	740
Jaycob Felder, Plano Super Bowl	681
Angelo Martinez, Tenpins & More	679
Adrian Salinas, Strikz	667
Amari Bowder, Lions Lanes	585
Jay Stewart, Cowtown Bowling Palace	576
Tyler Brooks, Forum Bowl	531

Girls

Charisse Graham, Plano Super Bowl	639
Morgan Hopkins, Lions Lanes	589
Naomi Seiler, Tenpins & More	553
Gyanna Simmons, Cowtown Bowling Palace	533
Julia Rouse, Strikz	486
Lindsey George, Forum Bowl	374

North Texas USBC Youth Results

Jaycob Felder headed the NTXUSBC youth bowling last month with a powerful 161-220-300 = 681 Thursday Youth/Adult series at Plano Super Bowl.

Charisse Graham paced the girls with a super strong 222-233-184 = 639 Saturday Gold set at Plano Super Bowl.

Cowtown Bowling Palace – Wyatt Sanders 201, Gyanna Simmons 182-533, Jay Stewart 200-576, Isbella Colbert 177, John Hardin 195, Grace Gann 166, Jr Cain 158, Kiara Busby 83, Bo Shaw 133, Dakota Hardin 79, Kameron Busby 113, Diego Marquez 87, Morgan Yaeger 52.

Forum Bowl – Tyler Brooks 201-531, Lindsey George 161-374.

Lions Lanes – Amari Bowder 234-585, Johnathan Lowey 185-522, Charlie Rogers 171-462, Ricky Gonzalez 137-381, Morgan Hopkins 212-589, Marissa Thompson 178-481, Ashlyn Thompson 155-400, Kylar Pride 154-391.

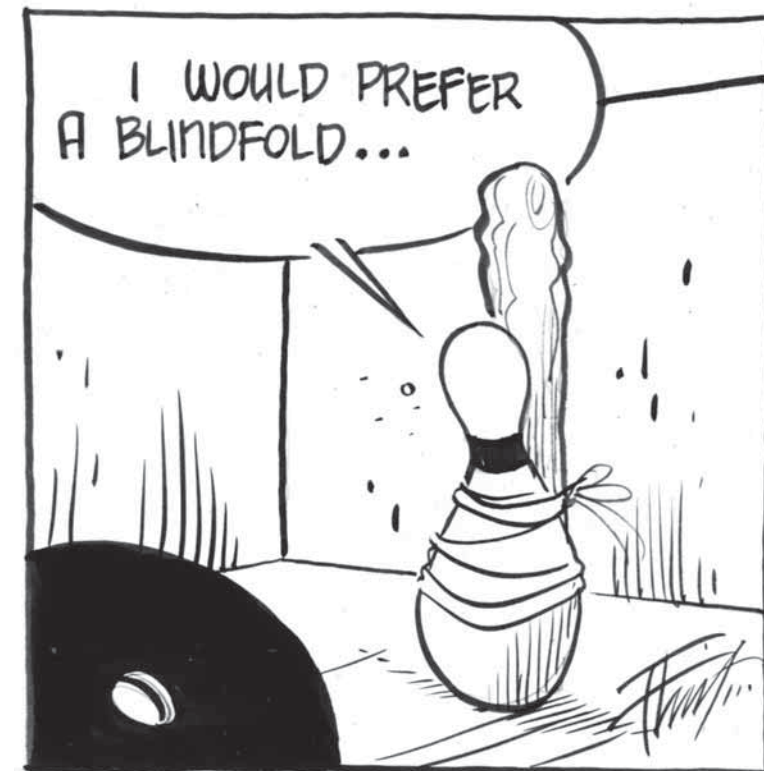
Plano Super Bowl – Elliott In 136-365, Avery Hughes 91-268, Elijah Price 140-402, Eviana Scott 118-338, Pruitt Deering 125-350, Madeline Zabochnik 200-403, Austin Hamby 160-441, Abby Bellamy 104-273, Joshua Richardson 210-524, Eden Scott 226-575, James Johnson 244-652, Payton Perry 180-511, Parker Phoxayvong 158-429, Elizabeth Lamb 125-327, Ayden Pearson 171-459, Preston Phoxayvong 158-429, Kiri Dykes 90-255, Nico Meinardus 215-571, Hannah Erickson 184-474, Luke Watson 105-299, Robbie Baum 255-667, Andrew Sly 267-657, Alexia Moon 232-620, Amari Browder 203-476, Brayden Clark 213-579, Zoha Calton 150-436, Diego de la Torre 248-664, Treavor Mason 210-586, Keira Sampson 137-351, Brady McDonough

247-637, Isabella Rivera 146-375, Christopher Warren 202-550, Olivia Phillips 220-545, Kaleb Herbert (2 games) 99-192, Zoe Ledesma (2 games) 76-140.

Strikz – Adrian Salinas 247-667, Keathan Jennings 218-601, Joey Maulhardt 191-533, Micah Long 210-476, David Long 164-459, Mario Rodriguez 154-417, Austin Ortiz 183-431, Matthew Sifford 173-468, Enrique Arredondo 165-454, Misha Brown 189-468, Owen

Smullen 243-555, Christian Wages 224-520, Vikram Krishna 206-511, Witen Albin 184-449, Nolan Shawen 165-459, Lincoln Beran 183-442, Jake Brierton 166-430, Aaron Nelson 169-500, Jake Sullivan 188-527, Russ Johnson 163-431, Jakob Haraputczyk 147-406, Max Rouse 226-561, Julia Rouse 172-486, Vanessa Rodriguez 141-418, Jayme Brooks 158-384, Kamryn Bloodworth 143-355, Allison Rouse 150-369.

Lane Laughter



Southwest Area USBC Youth Scores

Jonathan Rosado led the Southwest-area USBC youth bowling last month with a booming 262/740 High School league series at Killeen Bowlerama.

Naomi Seiler led the girls with a solid 203/553 Youth set at Tenpins & More.

Killeen Bowlerama, Killeen, TX – Keegan Alexander 267-730, Aaron Duerre

255-705, Cole DeLoach 248-640, Thomas Shotwell 237-620, Devin Colon 237-592.

Tenpins & More, Rio Rancho, NM – Payton Smith 198-453, Alan Blair 243-606, Dylan Lopez 233-581, Iliana Ontiveros 177-488, Shane Muller 224-612, Shane Muller (4 games) 247-758, Kylie Belnap 201-552, Carson Belnap 242-623, Angelo Martinez 237-679.

Richard Wins 2023 PWBA Bowlers Journal Cleveland Open for Second Title in a Row

By: Gene J. Kanak

PARMA HEIGHTS, Ohio – At the start of the 2023 Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour season, Jordan Richard of Tipton, Michigan, was wondering when she'd win again.

Now, the question has changed to can she lose?

It certainly doesn't seem like it at the moment as Richard defeated Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, 247-219, at Yorktown Lanes Saturday night to win the 2023 PWBA Bowlers Journal Cleveland Open, giving Richard back-to-back tournament titles and three wins in the first seven events this season.

The victory earned the 27-year-old right-hander \$20,000 and pushed her PWBA Tour career win total up to five.

Johnson, who entered Saturday night's championship match in search of her fifth win as well, took home \$10,000 for the runner-up finish.

Richard's journey to title No. 5 followed a similar roadmap to the one she used enroute to victory at the Great Lakes Classic in Grand Rapids, Michigan, just four nights earlier.

The 2018 PWBA Tour Rookie of the Year was in seventh place after Friday's first two rounds of qualifying, but by the end of Round 3 on Saturday morning, she had moved up to third.

Richard saved her best for last, however, firing a six-game total of 1,360 (a 226.67 average) during Round 4 to take the lead and earn the No. 1 seed for Saturday night's stepladder finals.

Even though Richard is always careful not to get too far ahead of herself, once she'd



Jordan Richard Back-to-Back Champion

earned the top seed, the notion that she could actually pull off back-to-back victories started looking more and more realistic.

"Once I got to the top, it was like, 'okay, I can win again,' which made it more about trying to stay at the top," Richard said. "That was really important because I only wanted to bowl one game."

Richard certainly ended up making the most of that game, but things didn't start off as favorably as she would have liked.

In fact, it was Johnson who held the early lead, capitalizing on a pair of Brooklyn strikes to jump out to a 16-pin advantage through five frames over Richard, who began the title match by leaving three 10 pins and a 7 pin

during that stretch.

But Richard refused to let the early lack of pin carry get her down; instead, she made her spares, stayed patient and waited for the strikes to come.

And come they did.

After striking just once during the first five frames, Richard ripped off a six-bagger in frames six through 11 to go around Johnson and reach the winner's circle for the second time in four days.

Richard's ability to flip the switch and start striking when she needed to most certainly impressed the fans at Yorktown Lanes, but she just saw it as an exercise in patience.

"Stefanie (Johnson) caught a couple of breaks early while

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At Red Bird Lanes

B Cathey maps out 765, L Cathey bags 713

Billy Cathey, from the 39'ers group, claimed high-series honors for the month at Red Bird Lanes with a power-packed 290-207-268 = 765 outing.

Lauren Cathey led the lady bowlers with a rip-roaring 231-224-258 = 713 Members Only set.

HONOR ROLL

Robert Carvajal 255-670, Angelina Jimenez 201-497, Paula Kennedy 209-558, Lauren Cathey 235-623, Billy Cathey 290-740, David Green 244-693, Ray Smith 248-693, Cindi Wilson 176-483.

Carolyn Large 202-543, Phillip White 270-727, Lauren Grim 188-534, Michael Vanegas 289-701, Angie Fetner 223-587, Deondray Johnson 276-667, Brittany Pope 241-620, Rick Peterson 258-664.

Jackie Fisher 276-650, Earl Davis (2 games) 178-281, Kendal Renfro (2 games) 112-212, Phillip White 212-535, Diane Ihle 122-366, J C Mann 257-669, Lauren Cathey 225-637.

At Lions Lanes

Jennings blasts 785, Fisher snags 696

Hopkins 299

ENNIS, TX - Matthew Jennings shot a banner 247-259-279 = 785 Wednesday Night Lions session to lead the scoring for the month at Lions Lanes.

Jackie Fisher led the ladies with a blue-ribbon 279-214-203 = 696 Tuesday Night Trios set.

Tice Hopkins garnered high-game accolades with a near-perfect 299 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Brian Thompson 289-782, Tice Hopkins 782, Keith Thomas, Sr. 288-751, Keith Thomas, Jr. 237-698, Shaque Pindell 278-684, Christy Antle 226-636, Barbara Shaw 235-634, April Hopkins 223-613.

Samantha Armstrong 246-608, Greg Taylor 277-772, Jalen Merrick 279-757, Tice Hopkins 254-699, Mel Goss 260-691, Wendy Jones 242-602, April Hopkins 208-594, Charity Risk 212-526.

Angie Fetner 171-504, Brisol Lobato 192-435.

RED BIRD LANES

Summer 2023 League Schedule

		STARTS
SUNDAY	Sunday Night Mixed (4 Member) Bowl @ 6:00 PM	June 4th
MONDAY	Monday Mixed Classic (2 member) Bowl @ 6:30 PM	June 5th
TUESDAY	Tues. Men's Commercial (4 member) Bowl @ 6:00 PM Career Girls (4 member) Bowl @ 6:00 PM	June 6th
WEDNESDAY	Lady Birds (2 member) Bowl @ 9:30 AM Members Only (3 member) Bowl @ 7:15 PM	June 7th
THURSDAY	Thurs. Night Mixed (4 member) Bowl @ 6:00 PM Red Bird Mixed (4 member) Bowl @ 8:30 PM	June 8th
FRIDAY	39'ers (55+, 4 member) Bowl @ 10:30 AM Dynamic Duos (2 member) Bowl @ 6:30 PM	June 9th
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2023 PBA Hardness Report

PBA has decided to raise the minimum manufacturing hardness of traditional urethane and urethane-like equipment from 73.0HD to 78.0HD for all tour levels

By: Neil Stremmel, PBA Director of Rules and Equipment

Neil Stremmel, the Director of Rules and Equipment for the PBA, has conducted extensive equipment testing during the 2023 PBA season. Testing has primarily focused on the hardness level of urethane equipment.

Based on these findings, the PBA has decided to raise the minimum manufacturing hardness of traditional urethane and urethane-like equipment from 73.0HD to 78.0HD for all tour levels.

Stremmel wrote a detailed breakdown of the decision-making process in the following letter:

Anyone who has been involved in PBA Tour competition or other championship events over the past several years knows of the urethane hardness issues that have had an impact on the industry. In fact, just earlier last year in March of 2022 the PBA banned any traditional urethane balls older than 2 years old. Then in November of 2022, the USBC published its 3rd Hardness

Research Report. This led to the PBA committing to a study of their own. The first step of this new study required a new lab to be built – quite the commitment. At the start of 2023, the PBA announced the latest rule, all traditional urethane balls must be made on or after August 1, 2022. This rule ensured that these balls were made recently (less than a year ago) and must meet the new minimum hardness of 73.0HD. This was all due to a new discovery that certain balls (specifically some traditional urethane balls) were measuring softer over time.

The PBA also stated it would continue to conduct tests in 2023 in order to learn the trends of the newly made balls. Do they continue to get softer, at what rate, how low do they get, do all balls get softer and most importantly does the PBA think that it matters for our level of competition?

Why softness matters

The minimum hardness rule was put in place by the American Bowling Congress



(ABC) in the early 1970's. The reason it was implemented was certain balls had been soaked in Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK) and/or other softening chemicals. Soaking a ball made it softer and thereby created an obvious amount of additional hook (it was obvious to bowlers at the time). ABC spent time looking at the situation and determined a soaked ball hooked more. During the early days of my time at ABC and USBC, I asked some people about this situation – and again reconnected with key testing personnel over the past couple of years. What ABC ultimately did was look at footprint (the part of the ball that touches the lane) and then correlate it to hardness via the Rex durometer. They saw at a hardness above 72HD, the footprint had negligible/minimal change, but once the hardness dropped between 72-70HD the footprint began to increase. Then, as the hardness dropped below 70HD, the footprint began to measurably increase. Therefore, that is where they drew the

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At Plano Super Bowl

Ault pockets 300/821, Tina MF Taylor blasts 747

Ault 297/813, Thomas 805, Crump, Donahue, Felder, Fisher, Frazier, Gregorich, Hiam, Mays, Rhone, Zimmerman 300's, Byrom 298, Noon 296

Bobby Ault, from the Pepsi Classic group, pocketed power-laden, award-winning 267-300-254 = 821 numbers enroute to earning high-series honors for the month at Plano Super Bowl. He followed that series up with another award-winning 297/813 outing.

Cody Thomas finished close behind Ault with an award-winning 805 Platinum Ford NFL Trios production.

Tina Taylor headed the ladies' leader board with a classic 276-237-234 = 747 Platinum Ford NFL Trios set.

Jon Crump, Mike Donahue, Youth bowler Jaycob Felder, Trenton Fisher, Rodney Frazier, Luis Gregorich, Kevin Hiam, Bailey Mays, D'Ontae Rhone and Mike Zimmerman shared high-game honors with Ault with award-winning 12-baggers. Johnny Byrom took runner-up accolades with near-perfect 298 solo while

James Noon followed with a nice 296 game.

HONOR ROLL

Landon Jones 224-650, Sherry Patrick 177-478, Matthew Baum 224-611, Michelle Shelton 212-540, Sheldon Fulton 237-657, Anna Westbrook 193-528, Robert Eidenier (4 games) 231-772.

Cathey Taylor (4 games) 180-640, Elena Sly (4 games) 238-810, Kenny Hamby 278-748, Dawn Klapper 266-637, Robin Preston 224-591, Phillip Overton 201-565, Diane Halterman 197-483.

David Hawkins 213-549, Shirley Patterson 160-459, Thomas Hinman 244-646, Peggy Ludwig 178-512, Alexandria Sumruld 237-605, Sean Clark 255-699, Karl Lewis 278-769, Emily Sallee 264-673.

Joseph Jiminez 279-728, Lisa Wasson 236-633, Andrew Smith 269-774, Patrice Alessandra 212-565, Tom Hay 257-712, Gary Keto 267-731, Eva Rhodes 187-520, Beverly Houston 208-550.

Mark Dean 287-799, Heather Osborne 290-723, Rick Mann 277-779, Melanie

Roberts 258-692, Mike Mayer 278-747, Johnny Byrom 752, Dan Chisum 278-773, Summer Rabby 264-664.

Shana Poe 235-665, D'Ontae Rhone 795, Sharon Pennell 215-586, James Kern 267-757, Diane Wallentine 268-664, Andrew Smith 279-784, Breanna Buchanan 237-657, Louise Lackey 221-548.

Hal Begzos 222-547, Phil Overton 214-600, Diane Halterman 171-469, Anne Crain 185-534, John Ramsey, Jr. 289-770, Kaitlyn Hoffman 247-690, Dwight Schrock 269-756, Jamie Johnson 236-657.

Chris Warren (4 games) 268-998, Christi Dean (4 games) 234-834, Mike Mayer 257-693, Breanna Buchanan 235-653, DJ Colvin II 287-757, Gail Mayer 203-559, Chris Davis 257-740.

Linda Foster 179-492, Dallas Davis 224-641, Kevin Hiam 786, Wendy Norman 214-560, Don Crawford, Jr. 257-723, Tammy Crawford 195-573, Mark Rattay 244-699, Liz Tolbert 256-658.

Monica Rattay 212-574, Jon Crump 247-699.



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Richard Wins 2023 PWBA Great Lakes Classic for Second Title of Season

By: Gene J. Kanak

WYOMING, Mich. – Jordan Richard of Tipton, Michigan, has had success on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour since her rookie season in 2018, but she has been having success at Spectrum Lanes for much longer than that.

That's because the now-28-year-old right-hander used to bowl (and win) at Spectrum on a regular basis years ago while competing on the youth tournament circuit.

On Tuesday night, she cap-

tured her first professional title at Spectrum Lanes by defeating England's Verity Crawley, 241-171, live on BowlTV to win the 2023 PWBA Great Lakes Classic.

The victory was Richard's second of the 2023 season and fourth of her PWBA Tour career, earning her \$12,000 and the distinction of becoming the tour's first two-time champion this season.

Crawley, who was also vying for her second title of the year, took home \$6,000 for finishing second.

With Richard and Crawley both entering the title match having already won this season, the matchup was billed as an early battle for the lead in the 2023 PWBA Tour Player of the Year race.

Early on, the bout lived up to the hype as Richard started with a four-bagger while Crawley came out of the gate with three strikes of her own before settling for a spare in the fourth.

That's as close as it would get, however, as Crawley went on to open the fifth, sixth, seventh



Jordan Richard

and eighth frames thanks to two chops, a split and a washout.

Richard suffered a split and opened the fifth frame as well, but she bounced back with a spare in the sixth and then carded another four-bagger in frames six through 10 to put the match away and reach the winner's circle for the second time in less than a month – she won the PWBA GoBowling! Spokane Open on May 13.

Winning is always special to Richard, but winning at Spectrum meant even more since it's a center that holds a lot of fond memories for her and her family.

"We used to bowl MJMA (Michigan Junior Masters Association) at Spectrum at least once a year, and I won here, my older sister won here and my

twin won here as well," Richard said. "We've always bowled well at Spectrum, so it's kind of been like a home away from home."

Richard certainly appeared comfortable, capturing the top seed for the Great Lakes Classic stepladder finals by going 18-6 during Monday and Tuesday's three 8-game blocks of round-robin match play.

Most bowlers enjoy being the top seed for the finals. Richard, on the other hand, has mixed feelings on the subject.

"I didn't even realize that I was in the lead until we got ready to bowl the position round," Richard said. "Sometimes I feel it's good to be the No. 1 seed, but other times I feel like I need a couple games to get loose."

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line. Additionally, based on the gauge accuracy of the durometer, publicized by Rex as +/-2.0HD, the limit of 72HD makes sense to ensure the readings truly stayed above 70HD. Historically, bowling balls didn't get softer with use. This current situation is a new phenomenon. Setting the minimum hardness specification at 72 in the early 1970's made perfect sense. If anything, modern balls typically get slightly harder as they continued to cure over time. Nevertheless, for a few years now, we have been seeing traditional urethane balls measure softer with use. That is why we need to understand this situation, determine if it matters to the PBA and if so, fix it.

Data

The data from the field and lab testing during the PBA 2023 season are included in Appendix B. However, the view on the data is very simple – there have been multiple urethane bowling balls from more than one manufacturer that have dropped into the 68's on the Hardness D scale while in use. Therefore, the answer to the above question of "does it matter to the PBA," is yes and an adjustment to these types of balls must be made. Let me be clear that in all of my tests, these balls all started above 73.0HD out of the box. The data shows that these balls get softer with use. It only takes 10 shots out of the box for the ball to drop 2-3HD points. You can see this in Appendix B under both the Lab Data and specifically in the "Dry Lane Tests" section of the data. In addition, with continued use they can continue to drop to 68.xHD. So, in simple terms, if a ball starts at 73HD and drops to 68HD it has dropped approximately 5 points of hardness.

There is also a lesson to learn

from this scenario. Any type of bowling ball that gets softer with use could become an issue with how much it hooks, where it hooks and how it affects the playing environment. Based on this revelation, the PBA will also consider another rule that if a ball, any type of ball, gets more than 3.0HD points softer with use it will not be allowed in PBA National Tour competition. The ball will be removed from play, researched and addressed accordingly. This will be listed as one of the options below.

List of Options

Now that we have determined the affects, what the data shows and that it matters to the PBA, we need to evaluate options for those change(s) along with the pros and cons of each. Not all options can be implemented on their own and may need to be added to another option.

1. Ban all urethane balls completely. This would certainly solve a lot of issues and eliminate some questions still on the table.

At Cowtown Bowling Palace

Shilbansk soars to 714, Rowberry nabs 675

Jackson 298

Richard Shilbansk fired a power-packed 258-245-211 = 714 Monday Mixers series to head the honor roll for the month at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

Kris Rowberry, also from the Monday Mixers group, fronted scoring for the ladies with a high-flying 263/675 set.

Jae Jackson captured high-game accolades with a near-perfect 298 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Jason Hurst 243, Kevin Moore 268-686, Amy Hart 239-628, Paul Felsch 242,

So, is this a legitimate option? Is this "fair" to all of the PBA National Tour Players? This style of play has developed and evolved to exist with the reactive balls and some players have learned how to utilize it as a portion of their arsenal – or even as a main part of their arsenal. So is it fair to remove this from them at this point? Is this "fair" to all of the manufacturers? Don't get me wrong, we need to do what is best for our level of competition first, but it is also important to be fair to our partners as well. As part of the decision making process – in the end, since it is known that some of these balls ultimately get below the set minimum hardness specification (through no fault of the bowler) something must be done to eliminate that situation. Therefore, it is the position of the PBA that one of these options be put in place for the 2024 PBA Tour season.

To read the rest of the report, visit <https://www.pba.com/2023/june/2023-pba-hardness-report>

Susan Johnson 214, Colton Berry 237, Cristina Berry 205, Frankie Mata, Sr. 254, Michelle Teel 224-619, Chris Lewis 247.

Charles Walton, Sr. 244, Bill Dean 277-677, Maria Joyner 232-626, Thomas Gwin 268, Shell Hines 224, Ron Boroff 258, Amy Drescher 216, Clayton Arnold 234, Kelsey Smith 207-489, Josh Henson 218, Triston Brawner 214.

SENIORS

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At JB's Allen Bowl

Burnham notches 813, Emerson snares 679

Cooper, Deyo, Hammer 300's

Josh Burnham won the high-set contest last month at JB's Allen Bowl as he tossed top-notch 278-269-266 = 813 numbers in Thurs Night Mixers league play.

Kimbo Emerson's power-laden 227-269-183 = 679 Senior Marvels session topped the ladies scoring race.

Noah Cooper, Jonathan Deyo and Kevin Hammer shared high-game honors with award-winning 12-baggers.

HONOR ROLL

Kurt Gengelbach 277-738, Lydia Gilbert 253-644, Greg Short (4 games) 289-1103, Lydia Gilbert (4 games) 237-826, Dale Delamar 225-620, Elaine Gattenby 144-411, J K Kehler 277-775.

Cynthia Bradford 244-641, Andrew Nguyen 246-706, Wendi Lehr 214-552, Kris Mercik 277-683.

SENIORS

Creg Klocek 270-721, Erik Anderson 267-719, Dorothy Woodruff 226-599.

At Strikz

Irvine compiles 298/748, Trigos snags 675

FRISCO – Rick Irvine was definitely on target for the month at Strikz as he dominated scoring with a superb 298-233-217 = 748 Lousy Bowlerz league performance.

Daniela Trigos captured the top spot for the ladies with a highly commendable 224-205-246 = 675

Monday Mixerz outing.

HONOR ROLL

Lisa Wasson 249-670, Robert Marino 213-588, Scott Noll 241-645, Ron Rankin 216-605, Jason Shuffield 267-697, Loren Tenczar 255-606, David Stiggers 211-580, Julie Bloodworth 204-571.

Joseph Jimenez 232-625, Adrian

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"However, in this tournament, toward the end of my blocks is when my ball reaction got better and better, so letting the other finalists break the lanes down for me and leaving me with the least number of games possible was okay with me this time."

Getting a little bit of rest certainly couldn't have hurt Richard's cause; after all, she had already done more than her share of bowling this week.

The 2018 PWBA Rookie of the Year racked up 61 games during her six days of competition at the 2023 PWBA Classic Series – Grand Rapids, 12 at the PWBA Grand Rapids Classic, 24 at the PWBA BowlTV Classic and 25 enroute to the title at the PWBA Great Lakes Classic.

Nevertheless, it wasn't her endurance that Richard was most proud of after her latest victory; it was her ability to reach the top

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Salinas, Sr. 208-591, Tiffany Emerson 211-558, Chandler Ritsch 251-616, Michael McCoy 225-612, LaMarr Moss 213-607, Mark Johnson 214-597, Rory Owens 268-598.

Billie Bennett 209-608, Bruce Southerland 234-634, Candy Torrey 224-587, Kevin Connell 230-649, Alonso Sabido 215-606, Mark Connor 227-659, Shelton Fulton 247-616, Scott Eastwood 235-623.

Gary Lumentti 200-553, Anthony Vulpitta 215-595, Michael Mendez 205-553, Jackson Chin 203-580, Adam Damer 220-557, Monique McKain 232-618, C T Sutton 195-550, Rick Lange 246-674.

Joseph Jeanjacques 232-574, Tommy Davis 211-572, Ed Matthies, Jr. 247-665, Candy Torrey 201-587, Mark Johnson 226-585, Tiffany Emerson 195-561, Dylan Simmerman 226-623.

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

Jason Belmonte defeats Chris Barnes in the Bear Open in Milwaukee to win his 7th PBA title...Tyson Branagan led the honor roll with 845 at Forum Bowl...Bud Rose had 826 at Diamond Lanes...Butch Kirby Jr, shot 804 at Plano Super Bowl...Adrienne Hare led the ladies with 794 at Tenpins & More...Brittany Stafford shot 763 at Rowlett Bowl-a-Rama...Sara Ashe had 738 at Hallmark Lanes...Youth bowler Trey Sledge had 811 at Eastridge Lanes...Jeri Edwards inducted into the Bowling Coaches Hall of Fame.

20 YEARS AGO

Carolyn Dorin-Ballard defeats Liz Johnson to win the Greater Cincinnati PWBA Open and \$15,000...Fred Barnes wins Ebonite SASBA in Killeen...Bob Handley wins PBA Senior Northwest Classic, his first Senior victory...Wes Malott led honor roll with 837 at Interstate...Steve Dresner rolled 825 at Killeen Bowlerama...Richie Rylant shot 815 at Big Town...YABA Bowler Megan Simon shot 719 at DC Cityview...Sandi Irvine with 711 at Killeen Bowlerama...Sherri Flannery had 710 at DC West...John Kennedy wins \$1600 in NABI victory at AMF Showplace Garland...Gary Dickinson wins 19th SASBA title in Ft Smith, AR...Tennelle Milligan defeats Cara Honeychurch for the Greater Memphis LPBT title and \$15,000.

30 YEARS AGO

Walter Ray Williams Jr. wins back-to-back PBA titles, the first to do it since Del Ballard Jr. in 1991...Michael Plouch led the honor roll with 807 at Forum Bowl...John Billings shot 804 at Jupiter...Donnie Dyer with 771 at Blazer...Dana Miller-Mackie led the ladies with 744 at Wedgwood...Kat LeCroy shot 738 at DCSW...Bev Richardson rolled 703 at Big Town...YABA bowler Jeffrey Cathey had his first 300 game at Blazer Bowl...Ronny Glockzin won his first PBA Regional title in Texarkana...YABA bowler Brant Ryberg had 656 at Watauga...David Brewster wins his first PBA Regional at Blazer Bowl...Kenny Brinkman wins the US National Scratch Tournament at Astro Bowl, and \$50,000.

Ed Matthies, Sr. 220-623, David Stiggers 229-595, Raymond Lawrence 253-641, Mark Timm 248-589, Steve McBride 213-573, Mark Spittel 193-573, Mark Tolkov 210-571, Doug Beebe 219-574.

Ron Rankin 278-666, Tommy Davis 247-598, James Winton 223-596, Jeremiah Scanlan 238-612, Rick Irvine 279-662, Mark Timm 216-577.



LEAGUE NAME	START DATE	TIME
Monday Senior Marvels Trios	Monday June 5	12:00 PM
Monday JR Gold	Monday May 22	6:00 PM
Tuesday Youth / Adult	Tuesday May 30	6:00 PM
Tipsy Tuesday Trios	Tuesday June 6	8:00 PM
Wednesday Match Play Doubles (wait list)	Wednesday May 31	7:00 PM
Hump Day Doubles	Wednesday May 31	9:00 PM
Steve Ray Doubles	Thursday June 1	12:00 PM
Thursday Mixers	Thursday June 1	6:00 PM
Thursday Doubles	Thursday June 1	9:00 PM
Friday 4 Play	Friday June 2	7:00 PM
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despite having to navigate the Great Lakes Classic's difficult match-play format.

"To win an event like this one means a lot because with the 30 bonus pins that are available in match play, anything can happen," Richard said. "If you lose one game and the people around you win and shoot 250, you drop 10 spots, and it's so easy to do that. Still, I just tried to stay



At Forum Bowl

Neville nails 298/790, Ratchford claims 685

Sly 299

Mark Neville's first-rate 257-298-235 = 790 Tuesday Trio session ended as the number one set of the month at Forum Bowl.

Tracy Ratchford, from the Friday Doubles group, paced the ladies with a rollicking 254-225-206 = 685 set.

Elena Sly captured high-game accolades with a near-perfect 299 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Jim Gharrett (9 pin) 300-890, Cassie Reese (9 pin) 759, Karen Hoyle 255-657, Joseph Lopez 258-704, Brenda Belgarde

focused on what I was doing, and that helped me stay near the top."

Speaking of being near the top, with three stepladder finals appearances and two victories already under her belt this season, Richard has put herself right in the thick of the 2023 PWBA Tour Player of the Year race.

But Richard isn't looking that far down the road; instead, she's trying to enjoy the ride and stay focused on the tasks at hand.

"Of course, I would love to add an award like that to my resume, but there have been times before when I've gotten too focused on that, which caused me to start bowling really bad," Richard said. "I feel like right now I just have to take care of myself and do what I'm doing best.

"I'm in a really good place in my life right now where I'm

extremely happy, and I think that shows a lot on the lanes. I'm happy and bowling well, so I really couldn't ask for more."

Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, knows a little something about happiness and peace of mind off the lanes catapulting a bowler to new heights on them as that's one of the factors that has helped her win 15 PWBA Tour titles and secure three PWBA Tour Player of the Year awards of her own (2018, 2019 and 2022).

O'Keefe, who entered the stepladder finals as the No. 5 seed, made a strong run of her own Tuesday night, defeating Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, 267-238, in Match 1 and

Latvia's Diana Zavjalova, 238-184, in Match 2 before falling to Crawford (216-210) in the semifinals.

O'Keefe's third-place finish was worth \$4,000. Zavjalova and Pluhowsky earned \$3,000 and \$2,600, respectively.

The Classic Series – Grand Rapids featured three events – PWBA Grand Rapids Classic, PWBA BowlTV Classic and PWBA Great Lakes Classic – and kicked off Thursday with nearly 100 athletes.

The combined qualifying totals for the Grand Rapids Classic and BowlTV Classic (24 games) determined the 24 athletes advancing to the Great

Lakes Classic.

Pinfall dropped at the beginning of the Great Lakes Classic, and competition consisted of three eight-game rounds of match play Monday and Tuesday. Total pinfall for 24 games, including bonus pins for each victory in match play, determined the five finalists for Tuesday's championship round.

Crawley won the Grand Rapids Classic on Friday for her second career title. Stephanie Zavala of Downey, California, claimed her fifth PWBA Tour title Sunday night at the BowlTV Classic.

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consecutive finals appearance and he had his sights on back to back titles. Koeltzow started his run with a 257-216 win over #3 seed Trey Ford III. Ford was the qualifying leader from A squad averaging just under 229 and one of only three players to have only one game under 200 in the first round.

The second match featured 5 time champion Sean Lavery-Spahr who had claimed the #2 spot. SLS posted the only 300 game of the event during his qualifying round. Kris and Sean started with three and four-baggers respectively. Koeltzow had back to back spares followed by another turkey while Lavery-Spahr was unable to convert the 3-10 in the 5th frame. He then bounced back and followed up with strike, spare, and finished with a flurry of X's and a 245 game. Koeltzow stepped up in the 10th with room to close it out once again, needing a double and

9 for the win. He aced the first two strikes then lost one off his hand letting the ball creep high for a 7 count and a 244 finish.

In the final match, tournament leader (and two time US Open Champion) Francois Lavoie elected to start the match and opened with back to back spares. Lavery-Spahr posted strike, open, spare to start then put on a run of 6 strikes to keep the pressure on Lavoie. Lavoie responded with 6 of 7 strikes to keep the match even going into the final frame. For the second game in a row, the 10th frame would be the decider. SLS smashed the

pocket for a double then filled an 8 count on the final shot, giving Lavoie just enough room.

Frankie stepped up and did what Frankie does and absolutely aced 3 shots in the tenth for a two pin victory (258-256) and claimed his 8th Regional Title.

Congratulations to Frankie and thank you to Mike, Chelsie, Jerry and the entire team at Boulevard for working so hard to provide an outstanding event. Special thanks to local sponsors, Scott with Pristine Pools and Capital Distributing for supporting the tournament. Looking forward to being back next year!

2023 Summer Leagues

Start Time / Date	League Name	Weekly Price*	Lineage	Team	USBC Sanctioned	Details	Meeting
Sunday							
05:30 PM Jun-04	Sunday Follies	\$25.00	\$13.50	4-Any	Yes	Social, Fun, Great for all averages.	05:00 PM Jun-04
Monday							
10:30 AM Jun-05	Senior Drop-In	\$10.50	\$10.50	NA	No	Drop-In League	NA
06:00 PM Jun-05	Monday Mixers	\$20.00	\$13.50	4-Mixed	Yes	Mixed league, great for beginners and couples	05:30 PM Jun-05
Tuesday							
01:00 PM May-30	Rolling Rocks	\$12.00	\$10.50	3-Any	Yes	Senior - 50 and up	12:30 PM May-30
06:40 PM May-30	Hits & Misses	\$20.00	\$13.50	4-Any	Yes	Mixed league for all averages.	06:00 PM May-30
Wednesday							
06:30 PM May-31	Wednesday Night Out	\$25.00	\$13.50	4-Any	Yes	Social, Fun, Great for all averages.	05:30 PM May-31
Thursday							
11:00 AM Jun-01	Young at Heart	\$14.00	\$10.50	3-Mixed	Yes	Senior - 50 and up	10:30 AM Jun-01
06:30 PM Jun-01	Thursday Fun Fours	\$25.00	\$13.50	4-Any	Yes	Bowler Favorite! Space is limited! Sign up Early!	05:30 PM Jun-01
Friday							
10:30 AM Jun-02	9 Pin No Tap	\$14.00	\$10.50	3-Any	No	Senior - 50 and up, No-Tap Scoring	10:00 AM Jun-02
06:30 PM May-12	Friday Night No-Tap	\$20.00	\$13.50	2-Any	No	FULL - Sign Up for Waiting List!	06:00 PM May-12
Saturday							
10:15 AM May-06	Striker's Strikers	\$12.00	\$9.00	TBD	Yes	Under 18, SMART Scholarships	10:00 AM May-06
10:15 AM May-06	Striker's Bumpers	\$9.00	\$6.00	TBD	Yes	Up to age 7, SMART Scholarships, 2 games	10:00 AM May-06

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Kyle Troup Wins 10th Career Title at PBA Tour Finals

By: Nolan Hughes

At 16 years old, Kyle Troup followed in his father Guppy's footsteps and joined the PBA Tour. Sixteen years later, the two-handed North Carolinian celebrated the very moment he always dreamed of.

Troup swept Kris Prather in the championship match to win the PBA Tour Finals at Strikerz Bowling in Angel of the Winds in Arlington, Wash.

With the win, the 10th of his career, Troup becomes eligible to be voted into the PBA Hall of Fame when he crosses the 20-year service threshold.

"I had to not think about the Hall of Fame the last few frames," said an emotional Troup. "With the season that I've had, making the switch to grips... that's number 10. It's special, man."

Though Troup achieved both of his preseason goals — winning title No. 10 and making match play at the U.S. Open — his season was filled with struggles.

Following his U.S. Open runner-up performance, he earned just two more top-10 finishes before the Tour Finals.

In many ways, he replicated his 2022 season when he won the PBA Playoff following a disappointing regular season.

"It goes to show the fight that I have, sticking to the process during the tough times," Troup said.

"We normally always have the ball reps, and to get this win done without one... obviously I want to have my team here at all times, but that just gives me all the confidence in the world moving forward for the next month," Troup said. "A lot of the hard work has really paid off. I've got to credit Eric Krauss and his buddy Andy. They gave me a tip to think about — and that was it."

The Group 1 positioning round on Saturday featured a heavyweight battle between Troup and EJ Tackett, one the latter earned a narrow victory to

secure the top seed today. However, Troup flipped the script on Sunday afternoon as competition shifted to dual patterns (38-foot Webb on the left lane and 43-foot Anthony on the right lane).

Tackett, who sought to become the first player to win six titles in a season since 1993, won the opening game in the Race-to-Two match. However, Tackett squandered his opportunity to clinch the match by whiffing a 10-pin in the 10th frame.

"I did remember once yesterday he left a 10-pin that he kind of stuck (on the approach) a little bit, so maybe there was a chance. But I still didn't expect him to do it," Troup said.

Troup answered with a game-stealing triple in the 10th and forced a two-frame roll-off.

Another 10-pin leave from Tackett in the roll-off opened the door again for Troup, who



PBA Tour Champion Kyle Troup

slammed it shut with a match-clinching strike.

"I've always said I'm a fan of those ninth and 10th frame roll-offs," Troup said. "I started talking to Mr. K — a stuffed animal from Aubrey, his girlfriend Breanna's daughter — and just told him I was gonna make

some good shots."

"I bowled really well last year and felt like I should have won my match and got to go further in the tournament," Troup added. "My ball reads the lanes well here so I'm just fueling off a lot of confidence."

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Troy Lint Wins First Career PBA50 Title at PBA Senior U.S. Open

By: Nolan Hughes

GREELEY, CO - The cream rose to the top of the PBA Senior U.S. Open at Highland Park Lanes in Greeley, Colo. as the top four players from the 2022 PBA50 season all made the stepladder finals.

But all week, none of those stars were able to beat the 55-year-old from Blandon, Pa.

Top-seeded Troy Lint defeated his idol and close friend Parker Bohn III in the title match 211-195 to win the season's second major championship, marking his first career PBA50 Tour title.

Lint dealt with various injuries throughout the week, particularly to his right knee. In fact, during one shot earlier on Monday, his knee pain flared up and almost forced him to withdraw. But he wasn't going to withdraw — not as the top seed.

"Pain will go away," Lint said. "I'm going to bowl no matter what. I'll bowl one-legged if I have to. I'll one-step it."

Though Bohn and Chris Barnes stayed within striking distance of Lint throughout match play, they never managed



PBA50 Major Champion Troy Lint

to catch him. He averaged over 230 to clinch the top seed for the five-player stepladder finals with a 42-game pinfall of 10,189 (+1,789).

"It means a lot, more than you can even imagine," Lint said after earning the top seed earlier on Monday. "Leading the U.S. Open is just... it's right there at the top of my accomplishments."

The championship round featured Lint, followed by the top four players from the 2022 PBA50 Tour: Barnes, Bohn, Tom Hess and Brad Angelo.

Both Angelo and Hess started slow in the opening match, each opening in the second frame. However, the struggles continued for Hess while Angelo caught fire. The Western New York native threw nine straight strikes en route to a decisive 266-145 win.

Angelo's flames petered out in the second match against Bohn. He left a five-count spare and a 2-8-10 split on the right lane, which proved detrimental. Bohn stayed clean and fired the back-

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By the end of the 1984 PBA Winter Tour after the stunning win against Charlie Tapp in Alameda just 15 months earlier, Toby Contreras' PBA Tour career was over. He went back home to Kansas City to get a regular job.

"I can't blame anyone but myself for not continuing to be successful. I didn't practice enough, yet, I was always hopeful. You know I think, a fault was I kept trying to repeat (the win at) Alameda. I've learned in a 300 game, each frame is its own battle or its own entity. After buying a motor home in early 1984, I ran out of money by the Milwaukee stop in March. I had Litchy (original PBA Player Services director Larry Lichstein) rent out the motor home the rest of the season," Contreras said.

There were a series of different jobs the next few years, boiler operator, delivering mail for the USPS, brake warehouseman, managing a pro shop, and working at a local center which led him to staffing the Columbia 300 ball booth at the 1990 ABC Championships in Reno and filling in at the Ebonite ball booth the following year in Toledo.

Contreras was on the Greater Kansas City ABC Board of Directors at the time of his 1983 win until 1995, then returned in 2008 before becoming association manager in 2009. He also started a tournament series, the Real Deal Challenge, contested on tougher oil patterns for a few years. Those two jobs helped hone his skills for the post he

holds now, PBA Midwest Regional Manager, a post he's held since March 2020.

"I was heading to Milwaukee for a concert and called Tom Clark asking if he'd like dinner one night. During the meal, Clark mentions then-PBA Midwest Director Rich Weber was retiring. I asked who would be running the Midwest Region. Clark said Bobby Jakel would add the Midwest to his

Central Region duties. After flying to USBC's the next day, I thought I could run the Midwest Region. So I called Tom and said I'd be interested in that job. After a few weeks, John Weber called saying I wouldn't want this job. Of course, this is a job he did for a number of years, so a few more weeks go by and John calls again asking if I'm still interested in the job. He got it after a Zoom call with the other PBA staffers. Later, I asked our boss PBA Senior Director of Leagues and Tournaments Michelle Terrell how I got the job. She had asked the other regional directors what they thought and they all said yes," Contreras said.

Oddly, he and the other regional directors were furloughed weeks later at the start of the pandemic. That lasted until November when training began shadowing the other regional directors at their tournaments until January 2021 when he officially was named PBA Midwest Regional Director.

Except for five years in the Southwest Region 2012-17, this is

the region I've bowled since 1984 when Don McClaren and later three members of the Weber family headed the ship from 1987, Dick, and sons Rich, and John.

Perhaps bigger than that is a newer part of his legacy, there's a message he tells bowlers before each PBA Midwest Region tournament. Sharing his deeper appreciation of what it took to reach the top of the mountain, a stay all too brief.

As nicely told by Jason Thomas in his "Spare Me" column in back of the April 2023 Bowlers Journal, rather than being bitter on what could or might have been, Contreras consciously chooses to be positive. As I have now heard the message for the third time, he personifies this by speaking words of encouragement.

"I'll end with split the 8 and 9-pins and pick up your spares. Before that, I'll explain some life situations happen for a reason. One thing I talk about is expressing your gratitude for something that happens, no matter how random. You'd be surprised not only to whom that comment is directed to who that person feels better, but later on you will feel better as well," Contreras said.

It is truly iconic I heard this 'word to the wise' the morning after hearing from IBMA President Mark Miller I would be entering its Hall of Fame, a concept still a little surreal.

He mentions you can compete at this level, people who are here to watch admire you in some way, small or large. Being appreciative of them being here at 10:00 am on a weekend morning in the spring goes a long way in creating a memory they may

Just Paying Attention

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gladly recall years from now. The spectators not only watch the bowlers they know, but also those they don't, especially if they bowl well, often doing something they may not be able to do.

Moments may happen in what seem to be the oddest of times, like in-between games on the concourse making the flip from the high end to the low end of the house. There are many people to walk by, some of whom don't know this happens to a different group of bowlers after each game. Being polite while lugging eighty pounds of equipment is a challenge, but I thank whoever moves out of the way whether they really needed to or not.

One of those truly appreciative moments on the concourse occurred to me twenty years ago. A young boy asked me for an autograph during qualifying. I told him I would gladly sign, but I had to wait until after we were done bowling. He and his dad then disappeared down the concourse. During the final qualifying game, they reappeared halfway through the game, politely waiting for my pair to finish.

I was also inside the cash number and was looking forward to signing the young man's shirt and pro-am towel. All I needed was a spare to clinch one of the last cash spots.

After leaving a 5-7 split, my adrenaline disappeared as all sorts of thoughts flashed through my head as I did everything not to look at the autograph seeker. The next shot felt great off my hand, even prompting me to drop to one knee watching the 5-pin take out the 7-pin, assuring the check. I immediately looked at the young man wanting to see his reaction. His dad must have told him

I needed the spare because he almost jumped out of his shoes when I made eye contact and pointed at him. Honestly, I don't know who was more stunned, the dad, his son, or me. After striking on the fill ball (because it always does, we know that) and filling out the scoresheet, I signed the best autograph of my career. As the boy grinned from ear to ear while walking away to show off my Sharpie artwork, his dad told me that was something he and his son will remember. Little do they know even all these years later, so do I.

So, when I heard Contreras' comments for the first time, I must have had the oddest grin as I relived a warm fuzzy moment.

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In August, PBA television ratings (I promise), plus a trip to my broadcast roots as I watch and learn about the next generation of highly skilled bowlers.

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Aug 19-20	Cowtown	Ft. Worth, Tx.	60/50/50/Guest Foursome
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October 6-7	Red Bird Lanes	Duncanville, Tx.	Non Champions Singles
October 28-29	Tomball Bowl	Tomball, Tx.	Member/Guest Doubles

SOUTHWEST REPORT



Dave's Corner

By: Dave Williams

Bryanna Coté Owes Her Bowling Career To Grandpa



TV Finalists at the 2023 US Open (l to r): Clara Guerrero, Bryanna Coté, Diana Zavjalova, Liz Johnson and Danielle McEwan

It's not often that a professional credits their grandfather to a career in any sport or other endeavor, but in the case of Bryanna Coté, that's exactly what happened. Bryanna grew up in Tucson, Arizona, and her whole family, including grandpa, were bowlers. "My grandfather bought me my first ball," said Bryanna in a special report to tucson.com. "It was a red Mickey Mouse ball. I remember it like it was yesterday."

Coté related that her grandfather would go to as many tournaments as he possibly could to watch her bowl. "This tournament (the US Open) win is beyond special to me, and I dedicate it to my grandpa who we lost recently," said Coté in an article posted at her alma mater website at the University of Central Missouri.

It's amazing to me how many times in sports, and life in general, this happens. For most it's a period of grief, but for others it's a moment of exaltation for the deceased. I'm sure that most of you have heard the expression, particularly in sports, "I know that he would have wanted me to be here." And invariably the result is a win or top place finish. I guess there's really something to that old saying about someone looking down on you.

Bryanna continues in the tucson.com article, "I got my first job at Golden Pin Lanes as a nursery attendant when I was 14. I discovered that I could actually get scholarships to go to school for bowling. I sent demo tapes to Central Missouri, Nebraska and Wichita State, stating that I'm looking at going to college. Would you be interested?" Coté said that she fell in love with

Central Missouri and stayed all four years.

"It really sunk in when I made Team USA in 2006," said Bryanna. "I was one of the best juniors and could compete internationally. It wasn't overwhelming because I was just so excited about getting the opportunity to bowl. Being so young, I was not blinded by the risks of going to a foreign country and competing. None of that crossed my mind. I just wanted to bowl and win."

Coté is another PWBA star, like Leanne Barrette Hulsberg, Wendy Macpherson, and others, that makes you ask the question what might have been if the women's tour had not folded in 2002. "I was in high school at the time, and after that I was not sure I would ever get the chance to compete professionally," said the Tucson native. "Then 2015 came along and we heard that the tour was coming back. I went all in and said all right, I'm going to be a pro bowler, and I've been doing it ever since."

Bryanna Cote's win at the US Open was her fifth pro title, and first major. She previously had won at Lexington, Ky. (2016), Arlington, Tex. (2021), Rockville Centre, N.Y., and Dallas, Tex., in 2022. She was voted the 2021 PWBA Player of the Year, to go with numerous Team USA titles, including 12 gold medals dating back to 2006.

Coté earned her spot in the title match by stopping the run of the number five seed Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., who was attempting to run the stepladder and collect her second US Open title (she had previously won the 2019 event in North Las Vegas). McEwan defeated veteran Hall of Fame member

Liz Johnson of Niagara Falls, N.Y., in the first match, 212-201, then defeated Diana Zavjalova of Latvia (now living in Texas), 227-192, before falling to Coté in the semifinal match, 248-199.

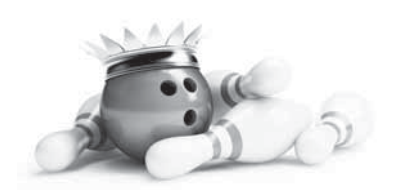
Nerves got the best of both Coté and top seed Clara Guerrero of Columbia (also now living in Texas) in the final match, with Bryanna eking out a hard fought 153-142 victory for the \$60,000 first prize. My guess is that the TV ratings were high for this telecast, because non-bowlers as well as bowlers enjoy a close match. The scores aren't as important as the competition and hard-fought battle.

The fact that there was no blue or red (or whatever color) lane oil showing the "blocked" lane condition was also refreshing, although in this instance the colored lane oil might have revealed a "reverse-block" condition. The right lane in particular brought back nightmares for me... hit the nine board, hit the pocket to the right; hit the eleven board and it's a runaway Brooklyn. Ah, memories!

TRIVIA THAT YOU WON'T FIND ANYWHERE ELSE — Did you know that Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Cathy Dorin-Lizzy, and Kelly Kulick, all announcers for the PWBA telecasts, grew up and bowled at Linden Lanes, a part of the Nationwide Bowling Centers chain, in Linden, N.J.? Carolyn now lives with her husband, PBA Hall of Fame member Del Ballard and their daughter Alyssa, in the Dallas suburb of North Richland Hills, Texas. Cathy married pro bowler Jeff Lizzy and they own two bowling centers in Sandusky, Ohio. They also have one daughter, Olivia. Kelly Kulick is about 10 years younger than Carolyn and Cathy, and I still see her on occasion while practicing at Jersey Lanes, another bowling center located in Linden, and not far from her home in Union, N.J.

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Up Your Average

By Susie Minshew

Approach Checking is a No Matter What

Always slide into your starting position. You want to find out right now if you've stepped in something. If you don't do this, you'll get to check that sole as you try to slide. When you regain consciousness out by the arrows, you'll wish you had checked sooner...

1. Stand in the middle of the approach 3-4 feet behind the foul line. WITH YOUR BALL SIDE FOOT STAYING IN CONTACT WITH THE FLOOR, bend your slide knee as you slide toward the

foul line. That stuff in caps is really, really important. Checking approaches without doing that is way risky. Your ball side foot serves as an anchor to the earth, something you'll need if you slip or stick.

2. Don't just stand upright and delicately slide your foot back and forth like you're sticking your toe in the water. That's not how you slide and it can't be how you test approaches. Bend your knees and slide your whole body forward on the ball of your foot and then apply pressure to the

heel for braking just like you do when you slide.

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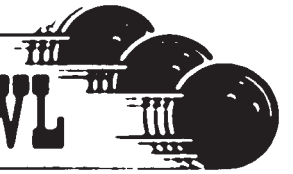
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Crawley Wins PWBA Grand Rapids Classic



Verity Crawley Captures Second Career PWBA Title

By: Gene J. Kanak

WYOMING, Mich. – England's Verity Crawley secured her first Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour title since 2021 and the second of her career Friday night at the PWBA Grand Rapids Classic.

Crawley defeated Germany's Birgit Noreiks 258-189 in the title match at Spectrum Lanes to record the win live on BowITV and earn the \$10,000 top prize. Noreiks earned \$5,000 for the runner-up finish.

Crawley entered Friday's stepladder finals as the No. 2 seed after posting an 8-4 record during match play on the 44-foot oil pattern being used at the Grand Rapids Classic.

Nevertheless, as soon as she got on the championship pair Friday night, it was obvious that the 28-year-old right-hander was going to be tough to beat.

She began her run to the title by defeating Lauren Pate of Ballwin, Missouri, 235-226 in the semifinals.

Pate, who was making her PWBA stepladder finals debut,

certainly didn't make it easy as she closed the match with a four-bagger to force Crawley to strike on the first ball of the 10th frame to win.

Crawley was up to the task, however, delivering a flush strike to secure the victory and advance to the title match.

Getting the job done in such a crucial moment is no easy task, but it's something that Crawley simulates often during practice.

"Those are the moments I work for and practice a lot," Crawley said. "I knew I needed the strike, but, in the end, if I make a good shot and it doesn't strike, that's okay."

But it did strike, sending Crawley through to the finals against top-seed Noreiks and forcing Pate to settle for third place and \$3,500.

Crawley only got stronger once the title match began, starting with a spare and then tossing a six-bagger in frames two through seven to build a 43-pin lead with just three frames to go.

Noreiks, a three-time winner on the PWBA Tour and the 2022

United States Bowling Congress Queens champion, did her best to hang tough, but she simply couldn't match Crawley's striking power on this night.

By the time both players stepped up for the 10th frame, the match was already decided in Crawley's favor.

Despite the rather lopsided final score, Crawley didn't relax until the final balls were thrown.

"I'd like to think that I had the mindset that I was going to win before the match even started, but it's hard to say when it really hit me," Crawley said. "Honestly, I didn't even know that I'd shot 250 until they told me during the interview with BowITV."

That may be because Friday night was about more than just putting up a couple big games and getting back in the winner's circle. For Crawley, it was also about solidifying the confidence that was shaken during a disappointing start to the 2023 season.

"The beginning of the season was awful; I knew it couldn't get any worse," Crawley said. "It kind of sounds like a fairytale, but people always say that your highest highs come after your lowest lows."

"I've always felt like that was probably true, but I never really experienced it. Now, I truly feel like sometimes you have to feel like you're at rock bottom to figure out what to do next and start over."

Crawley won't have to wait long to see if she can keep the momentum going as the Grand Rapids Classic is the first of three

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TROY LINT PBA50

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five for a 247-217 victory, setting up a semifinal match featuring the two leading PBA50 Player of the Year candidates from last season.

Barnes started off the semifinal with two consecutive splits, sparing the 4-7-10 in the second frame. The righty then made a quick ball change in the fourth frame; after splitting again, he rallied with a hambone to essentially even the match.

After a messenger failed to finish the job in Barnes' ninth frame, Bohn stepped up in his 10th frame with a chance to seal the match. He got the first strike he needed, but he split on the second shot and opened the door for Barnes.

However, the match ended the same as the 2022 Player of the Year race last year with Bohn earning a narrow victory.

Bohn's semifinal win set up an all-southpaw title match. Despite Lint's clear advantage in rev rate and ball speed, he continued to play farther left than the Hall of Famer — that was by design.

"My goal coming into this season was to be left of Parker," Lint said. "Even with all my hand, I want to be left of Parker. Because if he's (to my left), I'm going to build his hold and he's going to run me over. He's the standard. He's the guy on the left and, let's be honest, we all want to beat him."

"So wherever he's at, I want to be left of him or on top of him. And that took a lot of work because I like to hook the whole lane," Lint said laughing.

The title match was an old-fashioned grind. The two exchanged nine-count spares frame after frame. Because of a tricky right lane, the first double of the match came from Lint in the sixth and seventh frames.

Lint capitalized on the double

and fired the lone three-bagger of the match. After Bohn converted a spare in the ninth frame, Lint just needed to stay clean to win his first title.

The eastern Pennsylvania native spared the 2-5 in the ninth and the 4-7 in the 10th to secure the win, 211-195.

Lint committed to bowling the PBA50 Tour full-time back in January. After he captured the PBA50 Regional Players Invitational title, which featured the best regional talents in the country, he wanted to prove he could be the best in the nation.

He set a goal to not be eligible for next year's RPI, which would require finishing top 10 on the national tour in points. Through two tournaments, he's been the best player in the nation.

The 55-year-old has racked up nine PBA50 Regional Tour titles, including the RPI, since joining the PBA less than three years ago. On Monday, he added a PBA50 major title to his résumé.

None of this would have happened without the influence of Michael Markis, his close friend, who passed away in April 2021.

"If it wasn't for Mike, I wouldn't be bowling in the PBA," Lint said. "Now it's all I care about."

"You think you know how good you are, until you come out and bowl against the best in the world," Lint said. "Then you figure out you're a little better than you thought you were."

Executing his gameplan to perfection this week speaks to Lint's growth as a player. He said he thought his first win would have come last week at the USBC Senior Masters, when he could play his A-game and felt nobody else could replicate it.

Lint said the third-place finish motivated him even more coming into this week. After winning a major title while playing his B- or C-game, he doesn't have the words to describe his mile-high confidence.

At Killeen Bowlerama

Payne charts 298/812, Kriner mints 744

KILLEEN – Regis Payne won high-set honors last month at Killeen Bowlerama by polishing off award-winning 298/812 numbers in Rebels league action.

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"These are the best in the world. I'm just doing the best I can against them," he said. "I think I'm doing alright."

The PBA50 Tour continues next month in the Eastern time zone. The PBA60 Tristan's T.A.P.S. Memorial Tournament begins July 2 in Columbus, Ohio, then the PBA50 South Shore Classic starts July 10 in Hammond, Ind.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND SCORES

Match 1: No.5 Brad Angelo def. No. 4 Tom Hess, 266-145

Match 2: No. 3 Parker Bohn III def. No. 5 Brad Angelo, 247-217

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2. Parker Bohn III, \$8,000
3. Chris Barnes, \$6,000
4. Brad Angelo, \$5,000
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8. Pete Weber, \$2,600
9. Amletto Monacelli, \$2,400
10. Jon Rakoski, \$2,200

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tournaments being contested at Spectrum Lanes.

The Classic Series – Grand Rapids includes the Grand Rapids Classic, PWBA BowITV Classic and PWBA Great Lakes Classic.

The Grand Rapids Classic featured 12 games of qualifying Thursday to determine the top 12 players for round-robin match play Friday. Total pinfall, including bonus pins, for 24 games determined the five finalists for the stepladder.

Five-time PWBA Tour champion Dasha Kovalova of nearby Muskegon, Michigan, opened Friday night's stepladder by defeating rookie Hope Gramly of Aubrey, Texas, 265-178. Gramly took home \$2,000 for finishing fifth.

Kovalova's run would end one game later after she fell 225-207 to Pate in Match 2. Kovalova's fourth-place finish earned her \$2,500.

The combined qualifying totals for the Grand Rapids Classic and BowITV Classic (24 games) will determine the 24 athletes advancing to the Great Lakes Classic.

To learn more about the PWBA Tour, visit PWBA.com.



COTE US WOMEN'S OPEN

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Player of the Year at the end of the 2021 PWBA Tour season, and she secured the first Tuesday night by defeating Colombia's Clara Guerrero, 153-142, at ABC Gates Bowl to win the 2023 U.S. Women's Open and capture her first career major title.

The victory earned the 37-year-old right-hander the coveted green jacket, the iconic trophy and the \$60,000 first-place check. Guerrero earned \$30,000 for finishing second.

The U.S. Women's Open was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network, and despite the modest scores, the title match definitely provided the at-home audience and capacity crowd in attendance with plenty of excitement as the bout featured four lead changes and wasn't decided until the 10th frame.

Coté stepped up in the 10th needing nine pins on her first ball to secure the win.

That may seem not seem like very much to ask of a world-class player like Coté, but as anyone who watched this year's U.S. Women's Open could tell you, players were just as likely to get four as they were to get nine on the extremely challenging 41-foot oil pattern used during Round 4 of qualifying, match play and the stepladder finals.

Coté's potential game-winning delivery drifted high on the head pin; she didn't get four, but she didn't get the nine that she needed either; instead, her count was seven as her shot left the 3-6-10 standing.

That meant that the outcome of the 2023 U.S. Women's Open would come down to spare shooting.

If Coté could take two or more pins on the conversion attempt, she'd be a major champion; anything less, and the box next to "major championship" on her list would have to remain unchecked.

Unwilling to let the opportunity to reach that goal slip through her fingers, Coté covered the spare and then counted eight on her fill ball to put the finishing touches on an 11-pin victory.

Like many first-time major champions, Coté struggled to find the right words to describe her feelings in the moments immediately following the match; however, after taking a little bit of time to decompress, she made it quite clear what the win meant to her and to whom it was dedicated.

"This tournament win is beyond special to me, and I dedicate it to my grandfather,

Ray Munguia," Coté said. "He was the person who taught me how to bowl and was always the first person I'd call after I won. We lost him recently, which was really heartbreaking, but I know that he was there with me and that he'd be proud of me. This win is for him."

Coté should be plenty proud of herself as well; after all, at this point, she's established quite the bowling resume.

Tuesday night's victory was the fifth of her PWBA Tour career. She's also the reigning International Bowling Federation World Cup women's singles champion and a 12-time gold medalist for Team USA.

Nevertheless, a bowler's first major title will always be special, and Coté's U.S. Women's Open victory is no different.

"You're an "it person" when you win a major title, especially the U.S. Open because it's so hard," Coté said. "This ranks up there with anything that I've ever accomplished. I'm grateful, and this is a win that I'll cherish for a very long time."

Coté earned her spot in the title match by stopping the run of No. 5 seed Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, who was attempting to run the stepladder to collect her second U.S. Women's Open title – she won the 2019 event in North Las Vegas.

McEwan opened Tuesday night's stepladder finals with a hard-fought 212-201 victory over No. 4 seed Liz Johnson of Niagara Falls, New York, who was seeking her seventh title at the hallowed tournament.

The win gave McEwan the opportunity to take on two-time United States Bowling Congress Queens champion Diana Zavjalova of Latvia in Match 2.

McEwan got the better of that matchup as well, downing Zavjalova 227-192 to collect her second win of the night and punch her ticket to the semifinals.

That's where McEwan's ride would end, however, as she fell to Coté by a final score of 248-199. That sent Coté through to the title match while sending McEwan home with third place and \$22,000.

Zavjalova and Johnson took home \$17,000 and \$13,000, respectively.

All 108 competitors at the 2023 U.S. Women's Open bowled 24 qualifying games over three days to determine the 36 players advancing to Round 4. After eight additional games, the field was cut to the top 24 bowlers for round-robin match play.

For more information about the U.S. Women's Open, click here.

RICHARD CLEVELAND

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I was struggling to carry, but I knew that the pins would eventually fall my way," Richard said. "So, I made a move and stuck to what I'd been trying to do all along, and they eventually did."

Richard had very little reason to expect otherwise as she's performed at such a high level so far this season that it's more of a surprise when things don't work out in her favor.

Through the first seven events on the 2023 PWBA Tour schedule, Richard has three wins (PWBA GoBowling! Spokane Open; PWBA Great Lakes Classic; and PWBA Bowlers Journal Cleveland Open) and a second-place finish (PWBA Stockton Open).

Her worst result was finishing tied for 49th at the 2023 United States Bowling Congress Queens in Las Vegas, where she made the cut to match play but then went 0-2 to be eliminated from the bracket.

Nevertheless, Richard will have an opportunity to redeem herself when the season's second major, the 2023 U.S. Women's Open, kicks off at ABC Gates Bowl in Gates, New York, on June 15.

Richard had success at the 2022 event in South Glens Falls, New York, where she made the stepladder finals and wound up finishing third.

Given the outstanding start that she's off to so far this season, Richard has even higher hopes for this year's U.S. Women's Open.

"I bowled really well at the U.S. Open last year, so I have really high expectations," Richard

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said. "I'm hoping that I can use what I learned last year and how well I've been bowling now to get to the top again. I'm really excited."

The winner of the 2023 U.S. Women's Open will take home \$60,000. All rounds of competition leading up to the stepladder finals will be broadcast live on BowlTV.

The stepladder finals will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network on June 20 at 7 p.m. Eastern.

The 100-player field in Cleveland bowled 12 games Friday before the first cut to the top 33 athletes. Advancers bowled an additional six-game block Saturday morning with the top 12 competing in a final six-game round to determine the five bowlers for the stepladder, based on 24-game pinfall totals.

Saturday night's stepladder began with 2023 USBC Queens champion Lindsay Boomershine of Brigham City, Utah, taking down Latvia's Diana Zavjalova, a two-time Queens champion (2013 and 2017), by a final score of 256-172.

Zavjalova's fifth-place finish was worth \$5,500.

Match 2 was much closer, but Boomershine still emerged victorious, this time thanks to a hard-fought 269-258 victory over seven-time titlist and two-time major winner Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York.

McEwan could've struck out in the 10th frame to tie the score and force a one-ball roll-off, but her second shot left a 10 pin, which sent Boomershine through

to the semifinals while sending McEwan home with a fourth-place check and \$6,500.

Boomershine's run would end one game later, however, as difficulties on the left lane resulted in one strike, two opens and three spares, which caused Boomershine to end the semifinal tilt with a final score of 171.

Johnson, meanwhile, had no trouble on either lane. After starting the match with a ringing 10-pin and high-flush 7-pin, Johnson proceeded to throw the last 10 strikes in a row to breeze past Boomershine and into the title match by a final score of 279-171.

Boomershine's third-place finish earned her \$7,500.

Johnson would go on to strike on her first two balls of the championship match, giving her 12 strikes in a row over the course of two games, which is often referred to as an Andy Varipapa 300.

Despite failing to make the stepladder finals, Germany's Birgit Noreiks recorded a 300 of her own during Round 3 of qualifying. That made three perfect games total for the 2023 Bowlers Journal Cleveland Open. Richard and England's Verity Crawley notched the other two.

All rounds of competition at the Cleveland Open, including the stepladder finals, were broadcast live at BowlTV.com.

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than \$70,000, with a first-place prize of \$13,000, according to Proprietor and Tournament Manager Steve Mackie.

Those totals are based on a minimum of 192 entries. However, there are five qualifying squads on the first two days that could allow entries to climb to 240, making the total purse more than \$80,000 and a first-place check worth \$15,000.

I wonder if this event will someday be a part of the national PBA Tour? Looking at the prize funds offered on the PBA50 Tour, there's \$1,000,000 in total prizes being offered this season in twelve events. That's an average of \$83,333 per event. Mackie's event is already knocking on the door for inclusion among the senior events.

When I went looking for the prize funds of the national events, there was no mention of total prize money. This used to be such a big part of the story whenever the PBA came to town. Every week Chris Schenkel would proudly announce the dollars that were up for grabs. The one that I remember most

as a youngster was the Showboat Hotel and Casino, that offered an \$11,111.11 first prize, with a total prize fund of \$77,777.77.

Why are the total prize funds no longer listed? Could it be because the total number of entries would not support the prizes being offered? The number of entries in the events have surprised me when compared with bowling's wonder years in the 1970's. This is not a criticism targeted at Bowlero, and in fact the membership should be applauding the multi-unit bowling operators for filling the void of prize money caused by less entries.

Another memory that I have regarding total prize funds was while working for American Recreation Centers (ARC). Joe Antenora, the PBA's first commissioner, would on occasion make suggestions for tournament sponsors to boost the total prize money at ARC's event. The unfortunate result after the retirement of CEO Robert Feuchter was that the new management were not in favor of hosting a PBA stop without the advertising associated with the ARC name on the marquee. The regrettable result was an end to ARC's sponsorship of a PBA stop in 1993, my last year with the

firm.

The Mackie Tournament Magic
Steve Mackie began his legend as a tournament manager while working for AMF in his home country of Australia. Promotion specialists from around the world would travel on behalf of AMF to learn the Mackie tournament magic, including this writer. The lesson that I remember most was seeking sponsors for events.

Mackie gave me the confidence to venture to Madison Avenue in New York searching for sponsors. The ultimate sponsorship was achieved when Seagram's Wine Coolers began by sponsoring AMF's Get Things Rolling promotion for league bowlers, and then hosting the U.S. Open tournaments for men and women a year later, when first place prizes were being offered that even the players couldn't believe.

Steve has not lost his touch.

The 19th annual edition of the New Mexico Open will once again offer a new car for anyone rolling a 300 game in the championship round. Emil Williams and Bowl Stream TV will be back to cover all three days of competition live on the internet, and this year local radio station KDSK 92.3FM will provide a two-hour live remote from the tournament. Never to miss an opportunity, Mackie suggests, "The remote radio broadcast will encourage area bowlers to sign up for the fall league season that begins two weeks after the tournament."

Another new idea that is being proposed by Mackie this year is Principal Financial Group's \$2,000 added sponsorship of the Friday 9AM and 2PM qualifying squads, to encourage sign ups in those two sessions. Does that mean that 240 entries are possible? Never bet against the Mackie Tournament Magic!

Cortez Schenck To Defend Title

Early sign ups for the 19th annual event include Cortez Schenck of Phoenix, last year's winner over J.D. Nance of Rio Rancho. Nance left a wide-open split in the tenth frame of the title game that allowed Schenck an opportunity to double in the final frame and eke out a 233 to 230 victory.

There have been many significant winners that are all expected to return, including Jakob Butturff, that started his PBA Hall of Fame career with a victory in the 2015 edition of the New Mexico Open. Other top-flight keglers that Mackie is counting on returning include: Nathan Bohr of Austin, TX (2013 winner), Jake Peters of Henderson, NV, Francois Lavoie of Canada, Richie Teece from England, Shawn Maldonado of Houston, Darren Tang of Las Vegas, and PWBA champion Maria Jose Rodriguez from Colombia.

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he had to be beaten twice in the stepladder finals in order for someone else to claim the title. And, about halfway through his match against Boresch, it looked like a second game was going to take place.

Boresch, a five-time champion and two-time major winner on the PBA50 Tour, started the title match with strikes in the first five frames. Meanwhile, Janawicz's first six frames went like this: spare (3-10 split conversion), strike, pocket 7-10 split for an open frame, strike, and then two single-pin spare conversions (7 pin and 10 pin).

Just when it seemed a certainty that Boresch would force a second game, the wheels fell off. Three consecutive open frames by Boresch turned the match around. He left the 4-10 split in the sixth frame and couldn't convert, missed a single-pin (8 pin) conversion in the seventh, and was unable to convert the 4-6-7-10 split in the eighth. He left the 3-6-9-10 in the ninth but managed to convert the spare.

"I got one in a little bit on that first split," said Boresch. "I moved in a little bit on the one where I left the stone 8. I thought I made the spare, but I didn't. Then I started thinking 'What hell are you doing here?' Then I moved a little bit more in the eighth and I got it in again and I got the Big Four (4-6-7-10 split)."

Janawicz, having not struck on his first three attempts on the right lane (lane 20), made an adjustment in the seventh frame that paid immediate dividends.

"I knew I had to do something

on that right lane," Janawicz said. "I felt like I needed to switch to a ball that rolled just a little bit earlier and was a little bit smoother. So I switched to a Phaze II and was able to use that ball on both lanes the rest of the way."

The ball change worked as Janawicz struck in frames seven through nine. The strike in the ninth frame gave him the lead in the match for the first time. Janawicz, finishing the match first, needed the first strike in the 10th frame to shut out Boresch. But he left a 4 pin, which he converted for a spare, and then got eight pins on his final shot to finish at 204.

Now it was Boresch who needed the first strike in the 10th to force another game, but he left the 4-7, giving the title and the \$20,000 first-place check to Janawicz.

"I just didn't bowl good at the end," Boresch said. "Just kinda got the yips a little bit. The most disappointing thing is I got a second chance and could've still won it in 10th and just didn't make a good shot."

It marked the second time Boresch, a 61-year-old right-hander who was the only "Super Senior" (60 or older) in the stepladder finals, has finished second in this event. He was also runner-up in 2013 when he lost to Weber.

Janawicz is a USBC Hall of Famer and 10-time and current member of Team USA. He noted the experience he's gained being a Team USA member was something that helped prepare him for a moment like today.

"I've gotten a lot of good coaching through Team USA," Janawicz said. "The experiences

that I've had; the great teammates that I've had. You learn from those guys; you observe them and take different things from them. All of that had a part in what happened today."

The stepladder finals started with a battle of New Yorkers as No. 4 seed Brad Angelo of Lockport, New York, defeated No. 5 seed Brian LeClair of Delmar, New York, 238-189. A 4-7-10 split in the fourth frame and a 1-2-4-6-10 "washout" in the sixth frame by LeClair, along with a closing four-bagger by Angelo, spelled the end for LeClair.

No. 3 seed Troy Lint of Blandon, Pennsylvania, made a run at 300 in Match 2. Lint started with the first 10 strikes before an 8-pin ended his bid at perfection. The result was a 289-238 win over Angelo.

Lint, the lone left-hander in the stepladder finals, was seeking his first win on the PBA50 Tour. His semifinal match against Boresch came down to the final frame. Boresch, finishing first, struck on his last four shots of the match to post a score of 239. Lint got up in his 10th frame needing all three strikes to tie the match and force a one-shot roll-off. But he left a 7 pin on his first shot in the 10th and finished with 228.

Boresch received \$12,000 for finishing second and Lint collected \$9,000 for third. Angelo, who won his first PBA50 Tour title last year, earned \$7,500 for fourth. LeClair, who was seeking his sixth career PBA50 Tour title and first senior major, took home \$6,000 for fifth.

The 2023 Senior Masters started with 309 players competing in three five-game qualifying

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KYLE TROUP PBA TOUR

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Following the Group 1 finals, Prather climbed Group 2's stepladder to reach the championship. He defeated Anthony Simonsen, Packy Hanrahan and defending champion Jason Belmonte.

Belmonte missed two makeable spares in the first game of the Race-to-Two match, which afforded Prather all the room he needed.

But Belmonte said he envisioned this year's Tour Finals going exactly the way last year's did. In Game 2, he did all he could to ensure that would be the case.

Belmonte fired 300 to stave off elimination, becoming the first player in PBA history to throw three televised perfect games.

Prather didn't flinch. He took advantage of Belmonte's 10-pin leave in the two-frame roll-off, doubling in his final frame to

advance to the championship.

With the win over Belmonte, Prather moved to 4-0 on television against the 31-time champion and 15-time major champion.

In the championship match, not even a literal shark could have stopped Troup.

The two-handed superstar fired games of 268 and 266 to sweep Prather and clinch the title he so desperately coveted.

"Guppy better start working on his speech," a beaming Troup said.

GROUP 1 STEPLADDER SCORES

Match 1: No. 3 Dom Barrett def. No. 4 Jakob Butturff, 254-202

Match 2: No. 2 Kyle Troup def. No. 3 Dom Barrett, 278-215

Match 3: No. 2 Kyle Troup def. No. 1 EJ Tackett, 2-1

Game 1: Tackett def. Troup, 257-247

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GROUP 2 STEPLADDER SCORES

Match 1: No. 4 Kris Prather def. No. 3 Anthony Simonsen, 233-226

Match 2: No. 4 Kris Prather def. No. 2 Packy Hanrahan, 268-217

Match 3: No. 4 Kris Prather def. No. 1 Jason Belmonte, 2-1

Game 1: Prather def. Belmonte, 228-215

Game 2: Belmonte def. Prather, 300-202

Roll-off: Prather def. Belmonte, 47-40

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blocks to determine the top 64 players in the double-elimination bracket. All bracket matches leading up to the stepladder featured a three-game total-pinfall format.

Defending champion Dino Castillo of Highland Village, Texas, led the field after qualifying, but lost his first two matches and finished tied for 33rd.

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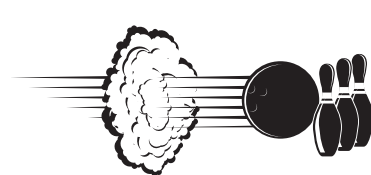
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At Tenpins & More

Lopez and Tran tie with 782, Miller-Mackie compiles 729

Martinez 300, Huerta 299

RIO RANCHO, NM – Eric Lopez and Matthew Tran tied for the top spot on the honor roll last month at Tenpins & More as both recorded outstanding 782 series. Lopez downed lines of 279-249-254 in Coffee Wars action while Tran fired rip-roaring games of 257-258-267 in 12x12 league play.

Dana Miller-Mackie posted a rollicking 257-236-236 = 729 Jim Chapman Trios set to pace fem scoring.

Joseph Martinez' award-winning 12-bagger garnered high-game honors while Dominic Huerta took

runner-up accolades with a near-perfect 299 solo.

HONOR ROLL

Rusty Copeland 265-673, Josie Chavez 199-524, Matthew Tran 267-782, Kallista Fritts (4 games) 227-774, Michael DeVore (4 games) 256-862, Johnna Mora 226-641, Ryan Kern 255-655.

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Paula Amschler 279-654, Carson Opela 279-730, Stephanie Valdez 193-527, Dean Perdue 258-643, Beverly Gabaldon

254-612, Bob Thurston 254-630, Dana Miller-Mackie (4 games) 257-965.

Mike Lee (4 games) 289-930, Robin Cummings 152-444, Dominic Huerta 270-673, Alena Gonzales 173-469, Kyle Belnap 236-584, Jolene Sokohl 212-564, Mike Avila 268-663, Robin Prioleau 255-648.

Carson Opela 269-730, Rick Burnett 237-699, Laneida Nakagawa 198-533.

SENIORS

Beverly Gabaldon 223-546, Colleen Kelsey 248-546, Bob Thurston 246-675, Diane Wemple 258-692, Reg Card 245-692.

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- Sat 1-2 Final Summer Center Championships
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- Sun 9 Win-A-Spot (or two) at 9 am
- Fri 14-16 Scratch Match-Play Qualifying & Finals; \$1,000 to winner
- Sun 23 Color Pin Cash at 9.30 am
- Tues 25 "We Know Things" Coaching Camp from 7 pm
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- Sun 30 New Mexico Open Win-A-Spot at 9 am



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ALBERTO SVEDVIK

16, of Allen, TX will be a Sophomore at Allen High School in the fall. His Allen High School Boys team travelled to Ohio last weekend to bowl in the National High School Bowling tournament, the team finished 15th and he also finished 15th in the Singles event. He shot a perfect game the last game of qualifying at the event to go with one he shot in high school matches in February. He had a stand-out Freshman HS season, averaging 232 to lead the district. He is coached by Rolly Martsof, who helped develop the unique layout he uses on his equipment.

Hometown Bowling Center: JB's Allen Bowl

How did you get started bowling? There was a rock-n-bowl tournament that the high school team put on to get people into bowling, that's what got me started. There was a guy there that had a really odd style that I tried to copy and that's where my game came from.

High Game/Series: 300.

Favorite Bowler: Belmo. He is the two-handed guy that inspires me to keep on doing what I am doing.

Favorite bowling accomplishment: The 300 at HS Nationals last weekend because of how high the stakes were; it propelled me up the standings. This game was in front of lots of people, so it was a different experience from the first one, but similar in some ways.

What other hobbies do you have? I'm in the Allen Marching Band and I play the French horn.

What do you love most about bowling? I love the entire environment. The sound of the pins, the feeling of the bowling center, and all of the people that you meet along the way.

What are your bowling goals? I would like to get better at sport shots and get some more tournament wins before I graduate. I would like to bowl in college and study computer science. I will be bowling Junior Gold next month and feel more prepared than ever before.

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