

Liz Johnson Wins 2017 U.S. Women's Open for 10th Major Title



BPAA Women's US Open Champion Liz Johnson

PLANO, Texas - United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Liz Johnson of Deerfield, Illinois, just bought a house and is in the process of permanently relocating from New York to Illinois, and she'll now need to make some room in her new place for a couple more trophies.

The 43-year-old right-hander defeated Poland's Daria Pajak, 188-176, to win the 2017 U.S. Women's Open at Plano Super Bowl on Sunday, marking the fourth consecutive time, and sixth time in her career, she has claimed the coveted green jacket.

The win, which was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network, was the record 10th

major victory of her career and second of the season. She earned \$20,000 for the win, and Pajak took home \$10,000 for the runner-up finish.

The two-time reigning Professional Women's Bowling Association Player of the Year, Johnson won the Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship in June and also claimed a standard PWBA title earlier in the year at the 2017 PWBA Storm Sacramento Open.

USBC Hall of Famer Marion Ladewig won the U.S. Women's Open a record eight times, including five straight, starting with the inaugural edition in 1949.

On the way to the win Sunday, Johnson threw two doubles to stay head of Pajak, who rolled a pair perfect games and averaged more than 229 this week to earn the top seed for the championship round.

Johnson needed just two pins in her final frame to

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The BVL Strikes Again

By: Tony Franklin, *Publisher*

The BVL, in conjunction with the BPAA US Women's Open and Plano Super Bowl presented an amazing, life-changing gift to Arlington resident Mike Smith prior to the start of the live show.

Smith is a Vietnam Veteran that was presented with an automated all-terrain wheelchair (pictured) to provide mobility-restricted veterans the opportunity to have access to beaches, hills and otherwise difficult-to-navigate topography.

Smith, who comes from a family of veterans, was exposed to Agent Orange which has developed into diabetes and congestive heart failure. Last year, Smith spent nearly 6 months in the hospital and he recently had a toe removed. This wheelchair is something that will be a life-changer for him, and many other veterans like him.



Vietnam Veteran Mike Smith receives his donated wheelchair.

This donation fund was started by Plano Super Bowl Owner, Jamie Brooks, after seeing Bill O'Reilly do the same thing as part of his Independence Fund.

"The goal is to show other

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Bohn Beats Duke to Win PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic for First Title of the Season



Parker Bohn with his sons, General Manager Angie Colpit and Proprietor Dave Small

ANDERSON, Ind. (Aug. 1, 2017) - In a championship match featuring two of the Professional Bowlers Association's all-time greats, Parker Bohn III took advantage of a struggling Norm Duke to win the PBA50

Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip Tuesday for his first PBA50 Tour title of the season and the fourth of his career.

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U15 Winners Crowned at 2017 Junior Gold Championships

WICKLIFFE, Ohio - Solomon Salama of Beverly Hills, California, and Jennifer Loreda of Fresno, California, each showed a flair for the dramatic on their way to titles in the 15-and-under division at the 2017 Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International.

Salama, 14, put together a historic performance on his way to defending his U15 boys title with a 553-380 win against Anthony Neuer of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and Loreda, 14, rallied in the two-game total pinfall title match at Game of Wickliffe to claim the girls title over Sarah Sanes of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 411-395. The championship round in each division aired nationally on CBS Sports Network on Tuesday.

After winning the U15 boys title in Indianapolis last year, the expectations were high for Salama. A slow start forced him to refocus, as he had to work his way up the standings each day.

"At first, I was kind of

nervous and was putting a lot of pressure on myself to bowl well," said Salama, a two-hander who attacks the lanes from the left. "I did not bowl well at all to start qualifying, but I reset my entire mindset, took it one shot at a time and was able to make my way back."

The U15 boys title match had historic implications. Team USA members and Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour standouts Shannon Pluhowsky (1999-2001) and Stefanie Johnson (2003-2005) each captured three Junior Gold titles in the girls division, and Junior Team USA member Breanna Clemmer took home wins in 2012 (U15) and 2014 (U20), but no one in the boys division had ever won multiple titles.

That was guaranteed to change as each finalist already had a Junior Gold title - Neuer won the inaugural U12 title at the 2014 event in Buffalo, New York, and Salama was the defending U15 champion.

Salama quickly found the

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Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, Publisher



BPA Women's US Open Champion Liz Johnson

Congratulations goes out to Liz Johnson, who just won her 4th consecutive BPA Women's US Open title, 6th overall, and her 10th major. Let that sink in for a second. FOUR consecutive Women's US Open titles.

With the amount of great talent that is on the PWBA these days, it is more than remarkable that one person could win the most difficult tournament four times in a row, or six times overall, but the 43-yr-old continues to do what it takes to win.

During her four matches on Sunday, she didn't always throw the perfect shot, she

made mistakes, she gave windows of opportunity to her opponents, but she never stopped charging. That is what she said in her victory speech about why she has had so much success over her career. She never stops, she never stops coming at you.

On this day, when the scores were low, she was just a little bit better, when the scores were high, she struck just a little bit more. That's what I will always remember about Liz Johnson, she is always just a little bit better than everyone else. The fact that she is still schooling the youngsters is the really cool part. I don't think she is done being the best player week in and week out, not by a long shot. She is already the greatest of all time, now it's just a matter of how high she is going to set the bar for the next up and comer.

X-X-X-X-X

I did want to say it was great watching the PWBA operate in pulling off four shows in one day, starting with the Live Women's US Open Show. They really do have their stuff together when it comes to operating their events, it's something that everyone should take notice of and applaud. So to Tennelle Milligan,

and the entire PWBA staff, job well done, keep up the good work.

As for the live show entertainment factor, I think that needs a little bit of work. They play music throughout which is great. I am one of those people that think music goes with everything, so they have that part taken care of. The ladies on the shows didn't show a tremendous amount of energy and excitement, so that is an area that needs some attention. I understand it's tough to get excited about a nine-serve, but a fan in the stands will react to what's in front of them, and anything that can be done to get the ladies to let their emotions fly a little more will be great for the live crowd.

I also think we need to hear more from the "in-game" announcer during breaks. Keeping the crowd up to date on the match score and just hearing a voice from the production crew could help with any awkward silence, because there were



Daria Pajak waits for the last pin to fall as she rolls her second 300 during qualifying of the BPA Women's US Open.



PWBA Director of Operations, Tennelle Milligan, hones her Bob Barker skills when making announcements during the tournament.



Plano Super Bowl General Manager Scott Craddock and Plano Super Bowl Proprietor Jamie Brooks before the start of the BPA Women's US Open Live Show.

several of those.

It would be great if they can get the live show to be one of those "can't-miss" events. They

have the talent on the floor to make it happen, they just need to make sure that the talent knows that they are the talent.

At Strikz

Bennett compiles 732 Irvine 300

FRISCO – Billie Bennett won high-set honors last week at Strikz by polishing off robust 258215-259 = 732 numbers in Monday Mixerz action.

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2021 USBC Women's Championships to Take Place in Chicago Area

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships will head to the Chicago area in 2021, with Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois, to be the host center.

The site was determined through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, and the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau (DCVB) teamed with Stardust Bowl to deliver the proposal selected by USBC.

"We worked with USBC and Stardust Bowl on the Junior Gold Championships in 2015 and are excited to bring the USBC Women's Championships to DuPage County," Beth Marchetti, Executive Director of the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau, said. "This is simply a great opportunity for us to showcase the area to thousands of visitors and generate significant economic impact for our communities."

Stardust Bowl is the largest bowling center in Illinois with 84 lanes. It has been the host of many national events, including the 2016 U.S. Women's Open and the 2015 Junior Gold

Championships. It has been a host center of the Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships sectional events many times.

"We're thrilled to host an event that has such a great history," Stardust Bowl owner Henry Barber said. "I know the competitors in the 2021 Women's Championships will have a great time in DuPage County and our staff will be excited to welcome women bowlers from throughout the country to our center."

The first Women's Championships was held in 1916 in St. Louis and the event made its first stop in Illinois when Chicago was host to the 1920 event. It has made appearances in Peoria, Illinois (1933), had a second stop in Chicago (1935) and was in Quad Cities, co-hosted by Illinois and Iowa, in 1998.

Before the Women's Championships returns to the Midwest and Stardust Bowl in 2021, it will be in Reno, Nevada, in 2018, will celebrate its 100th anniversary in Wichita, Kansas, in 2019, and head to

Las Vegas in 2020.

"Participants have asked us to take the Women's Championships to venues throughout the country, particularly the Midwest, and we will make that happen over the next four years," USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. "Henry Barber and his team at Stardust Bowl know what it takes to deliver a successful event and, along with the DuPage CVB, will be gracious hosts when the Women's Championships hits the Chicago area."

Go to BOWL.com/Women-sChamp to learn more about the USBC Women's Championships and go to DiscoverDuPage.com for more information on DuPage County.

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PARKER BOHN

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After a spare in the first frame of the title match and then nine consecutive strikes, Bohn beat Duke, who was the top qualifier for the finals, 279-206, to record his first PBA50 Tour win since the 2015 PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open.

"I feel like I've scaled a tall obstacle," said Bohn, whose previous best finish this season was second in the PBA50 Players Championship. "I've always said, if I continue to knock on the door eventually it will open and good things will happen."

"I feel like I have a lot of wins left in me," he added. "When you think that my four wins have come against either Pete (Weber) or Norm, you have to feel pretty good about that."

Except for a stumble in the later match play rounds, Bohn, who was No. 3 qualifier for the finals, dominated the tournament averaging 240 in qualifying, 20 pins more than his

closest competitor third-place finisher Bob Learn Jr., of Erie, Pa., who averaged 220.

"Once I had the right ball in my hand, all I had to do was find the right hand position and I was pretty much in control," Bohn said. "Believing in yourself is one thing but reading what the lanes are telling you is another. When you have both of those things in synch and you can repeat shots, it's a winning formula."

Bohn ranks fifth all-time on the PBA Tour titles list with 35 wins while Duke ranks third with 38 titles to go along with his four on the PBA50 Tour.

In the opening stepladder match, Jeff Zaffino of Warren, Pa., making his first championship round appearance, beat PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela, who was trying for his ninth career PBA50 Tour title and second of the season, 202-187.

In the second match, Bohn beat Zaffino, 238-234, in a come-from-behind effort, to advance to the semi-final match where he beat Learn, 231-202, to advance to the title match.

For Learn, who was also looking for his first win of the season, his third-place finish was his fifth top-five of the year and came after a runner-up finish in last week's PBA50 South Shore Open.

Duke's second-place finish puts him in second on the PBA50 Player of the Year points list heading into the season's final tournament in Fort Wayne, Ind. next week. He will have some work to do, however, to catch Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., who has led the player of the year points race for most of the season.

The 2017 PBA50 Tour concludes with the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite Aug. 5-8 and the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by Hammer (for players 60 and over) Aug. 10-12.

The DeHayes Insurance Group Championship will also play an important role in determining the top eight players from the season's points list who will have the opportunity to advance to the PBA Challenge held in conjunction with the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Reno Properties this November in Reno, Nev.

PBA fans will be able to follow all the action streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. In addition to following the action on pba.com, Apple users will be able to use the new PBA app, available through the Apple App store, to access live scoring.

PBA50 DAVE SMALL'S

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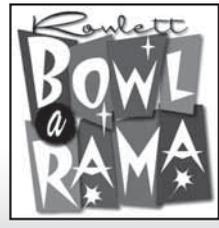
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USBC Board Announces Contract Extension for Executive Director Chad Murphy

ARLINGTON, Texas – Chad Murphy has agreed to a three-year contract extension to continue as Executive Director of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC). The agreement extends Murphy's tenure as Executive Director into 2020. Murphy was first named Executive Director in June of 2014.

Reporting to the USBC Board of Directors, the Executive Director serves as an officer of the corporation and has overall operational responsibility for staff, programs, finance, and execution of the strategic plan.

"This last three years, really the last seven, went by fast, and it's been incredibly rewarding working alongside

our staff here at USBC and IBC Youth," Murphy said. "It's been an honor and a privilege. I'm looking forward to working even closer with our board, our association leaders, the members, as well as all our certified centers over the next three years, building a better USBC we can all be proud of and a brighter future for our sport."

During Murphy's tenure, in collaboration with industry partners and association leaders, USBC has delivered major new initiatives including:

- Relaunch of the PWBA Tour
- Relaunch of the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open
- Successful rebrand of the organization
- #AFutureForTheSport

- 23-event CBS Sports Network television package
- Record participation in USBC Junior Gold and Collegiate programs
- Creation of the USA Bowling Youth Championships
- A new division structure for the USBC Open Championships
- The highest USBC Open Championships participation in five years
- Technology improvements including a redesigned BOWL.com, new online tournament registration system and WinLABS software for local associations
- USBC Association Leadership Academy, providing education opportunities to USBC associations

- USBC Association Resource Center housed at BOWL.com
 - USBC delegate approval to merge all state and local associations
 - Gold medals for Team USA in the World Championships, Pan American Games and QubicaAMF World Cup
- "Over the past three years, the USBC staff has delivered consistent improvement in operational execution and customer service under Chad Murphy's leadership," USBC President Frank Wilkinson said. "The USBC Board of

Directors has great confidence in the staff and this agreement shows our desire to maintain stability in our leadership for years to come."

Murphy first joined the International Bowling Campus (IBC) in 2010 as Director of Youth for the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA). He became IBC Director of Youth Development in 2011, at which time he assumed management of USBC youth programs as well.

He is a former Team USA member and his playing honors include a silver medal at the 1998 World Tenpin Team Cup in Amsterdam. He also was part of the Ebonite Nitro/R's team that won two Grand Championships at the Brunswick World Team Challenge Series in 1994 and 1996.

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N.J., \$7,500.

2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$4,000.

3, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., \$2,500.

4, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., \$2,000.

5, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:
Match One – Zaffino def. Monacelli, 202-187.

Match Two – Bohn def. Zaffino, 238-234.

Semifinal Match – Bohn def. Learn, 231-202.

Championship Match – Bohn def. Duke, 279-206.

Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5-1, 1,571.

2, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 5-0-1, 1,544.

3, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-2, 1,506.

4, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 5-1, 1,422.

5, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3-3, 1,381.

6, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3-3, 1,380, \$1,500.

7, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2-4, 1,361, \$1,500.

8, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3-3, 1,357, \$1,500.

9, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3-2-1, 1,353, \$1,300.

10, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3-3, 1,339, \$1,300.

11, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 2-4, 1,317, \$1,300.

12, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3-3, 1,300, \$1,300.

13, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 0-6, 1,266, \$1,300.

14, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3-3, 1,260, \$1,300.

15, John Brockland, St. Charles, Mo., 2-4, 1,227, \$1,300.

16, Scott Merritt, Iowa City, Iowa, 1-5, 1,170, \$1,300.

Modified Match Play Round 1 (other cashers after five games, including match play bonus pins)

17, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 3-2, 1,104, \$1,150.

18, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 4-1, 1,103, \$1,150.

19, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1-4, 1,094, \$1,150.

20, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3-2, 1,093, \$1,150.

21, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3-2, 1,088, \$1,150.

22, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 3-2, 1,057, \$1,150.

23, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2-3, 1,041, \$1,150.

24, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3-2, 1,040, \$1,150.

25, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1-4, 1,033, \$1,075.

26, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1-3-1, 1,019, \$1,075.

27, ss-Ron Proffitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1-4, 991, \$1,075.

28, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 2-3, 972, \$1,075.

29, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1-4, 971, \$1,075.

30, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 2-3, 953, \$1,075.

31, ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1-4, 951, \$1,075.

32, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1-4, 887, \$1,075.

At Cowtown Bowling Palace

Woodruff compiles 714, Candler produces 685

Tony Woodruff pocketed a chart-topping 215-278-221 = 714 Just For Fun series to earn top billing on the honor roll last week at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

Pam Candler registered a sizzling 229-209-247 = 685 Wednesday Winners set to front fem scoring and capture high-game honors.

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227, Ryan Woodward 238, Keith Hensley 255.

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2017 PBA50 Tour Season Concludes in Fort Wayne With PBA50-PBA60 Doubleheader at Pro Bowl West Aug. 5-12

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Aug. 3, 2017) - The PBA50 Tour concludes its 2017 season with a PBA50-PBA60 doubleheader in Fort Wayne, Ind., when the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite, and the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by Hammer return to Pro Bowl West Aug. 5-12.

Competition begins with the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship for players 50 and older Aug. 5-8 which will be followed by the Dick Weber Championship, for players 60 and older, Aug. 10-12.

Fans will be able to follow all the action streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame beginning with first round qualifying on Sunday, Aug. 6. In addition to following the action on pba.com, Apple users will be able to use the new PBA app, available through the Apple App store, to access live scoring.

As the 2017 season draws to a close, Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., who is the season's only multiple winner with two titles, leads the PBA50 Player of the Year points race over PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, who moved into second after recent second and third-place finishes in the Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic and PBA50 South Shore Open, respectively.

After his win in the Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic over Duke Tuesday in Anderson, Ind., hall of famer Parker Bohn III moved into third in the points race. While LeClair has a commanding lead heading into Fort Wayne, both Bohn and Duke have an outside shot at Player of the Year.

As the season's top rookie in points, five-time PBA50 Tour winner Michael Haugen Jr. has wrapped up PBA50 Rookie of

the Year honors thanks to his win in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open and third-place finish in the PBA50 Players Championship.

Competing in both events will be Fort Wayne native and 2016 PBA60 Player of the Year Ron Mohr who is also a two-time PBA50 Player of the Year. Mohr recently won his ninth PBA50 Tour title by capturing the South Shore Open in Hammond, Ind., to successfully retain his PBA60 Player of the Year title after also winning USBC's Super Senior Classic earlier in the year.

After the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship, the top eight players from the season's PBA50 points list will be determined. Those eight will have the opportunity to compete in the PBA50 Challenge held in conjunction with the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Reno Properties this November in Reno, Nev., and they will receive paid entries into the World Series. Heading into Fort Wayne, the top eight in points currently are LeClair, Duke, Bohn, Bob Learn Jr., Haugen, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Mohr and Amleto Monacelli.

In 2016, defending champion Eddie Graham of Centerville, Ohio, clinched 2016 PBA50 Rookie of the Year honors by winning the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship for his first PBA50 Tour title. Three-time PBA50 Tour winner Don Sylvia won the Dick Weber Championship for his first PBA60 title.

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PBA50 DEHAYES INSURANCE GROUP CLASSIC PRESENTED BY PRO BOWL WEST AND EBONITE

Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind. (all times Eastern)

Saturday, Aug. 5
3:30 p.m. - Practice session
7:30 p.m. - Pro-am

Sunday, Aug. 6
11 a.m. - First round qualifying (8 games)

Monday, Aug. 7
11 a.m. - Second round qualifying (8 games)

Tuesday, Aug. 8
8:30 a.m. - Cashers round (5 games)

Noon - Match Play Round 1 (5 games)

3 p.m. - Match Play Round 2 (6 games)

Top five advance to stepladder finals
7 p.m. - Stepladder Finals

PBA60 DICK WEBER CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY HAMMER

Thursday, Aug. 10
9 a.m. - Practice session

Friday, Aug. 11
11 a.m. - Qualifying (6 games)

5 p.m. - Match play round 1 (6 games)

Saturday, Aug. 12
8:30 a.m. - Match play round 2 (6 games)

Top five advance to stepladder finals
Noon - Stepladder finals

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bowling proprietors around the country what is possible and possibly get involved," said Brooks.

They are still taking donations, and would like to donate two of the special wheelchairs if possible as they cost up to \$15,000 per wheelchair. The link to donate is on the www.BowlForVeterans.org website.

Brooks is very proud to champion this cause as it can have such an immediate positive impact on those in need. "The Veterans Administration selected Mike to be the first recipient after visiting him at the VA hospital in Plano, and now they have a list of people to get a chair like this," added Brooks.



210-547, Danny Clanton 267-705, Debbi Czajkowski 181-515, Terry Taylor (4 games) 985, Tina Taylor (4 games) 867, Robert Money 267-664, Karen Cox 184-490.

Rob Weibel 277-710, Marcella Mills 237-654, Kevin Green 255-706, Sylvia Stewart 225-587, John Correll 237-690, Cassie Reese 193-532, Roy Segura 242-648, Diane Hasty 223-558.

Curtis Lanham 258-720 Teresa Ross 245-641.

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Ricky Franklin (9 pin) 298-801, Glenda Nelson (9 pin) 263-733, Russell Fox (9 pin) 267-706, Pam Stewart (9 pin) 278-652.

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

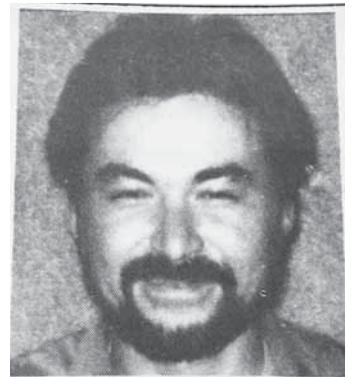
Darin Sharpe won the TABA at Plano Super Bowl...Steve Merten led the honor roll with 300/845 at Rowlett Bowl-a-Rama...James Smith with 806 at AMF Showplace-Eules... Theodore Pritts shot 780 at Jupiter...Sarah Hibbitts led the ladies with 737 at Brunswick Zone Watauga...Traci Davis with 735 at Rowlett Bowl-a-Rama.

20 YEARS AGO

17-yr-old Tiffani McCoy shoots 813 at the Scooter Hartsfield Memorial Scholarship Tournament in San Antonio...Luis Gregorich led the honor roll with 803 at Showplace-Garland... Scott Rademaker rolled 788 at Skaggs...Randy Fuller with 772 at DC SW...Debbie Willett led the ladies with 756 at DC SW... Tina MF Taylor shot 688 at Showplace-Eules...Tina MF Taylor's husband shot 300 at Forum, who cares...my mom, Carol Hazlett was high at AMF Hurst with 612, aww....Bob McGregor wins his 9th SASBA title at Showplace-Eules.

30 YEARS AGO

Kent Wagner wins his second PBA title of the year in Austin, Chris Warren finishes 3rd... Benji Contemprato wins CASH at Golden Triangle...Chris Warren led the honor roll with 811 at Blazer...Chuck Lande a 792 at DC West...Cliff Kirby with 726 at Lewisville...Shirley Pride led the ladies with 660 at Bronco... Sheryl Johnstad had 635 at Allen...Leon Lenear takes NTTB at Bowl Dallas...Butch Warren wins MBT at DC East.



Butch Alias Mike Warren



At Forum Bowl

Taylor crushes 300/758, Taylor handles 686

Terry Taylor crushed the competition last week at Forum Bowl with a booming 225-233-300 = 758 Fast Lane Trio league outing.

Tina Taylor, also from the Fast Lane Trio group and Terry's better half, held the hot hand for the ladies with a chart-topping 232-219-235 = 686 set.

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Bill Holland, Jr. (9 pin) 300-822, Dena Buffington (9 pin) 268-702, Sean Garrett 241-692, Aleshia King 255-663, Mike Miller (4 games) 222-808, Kristal Rogers (4 games) 199-702.

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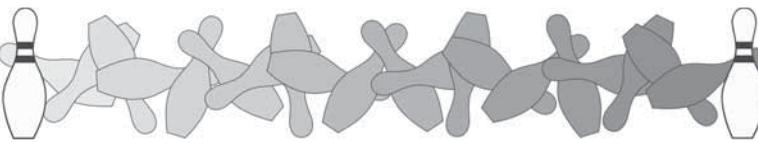
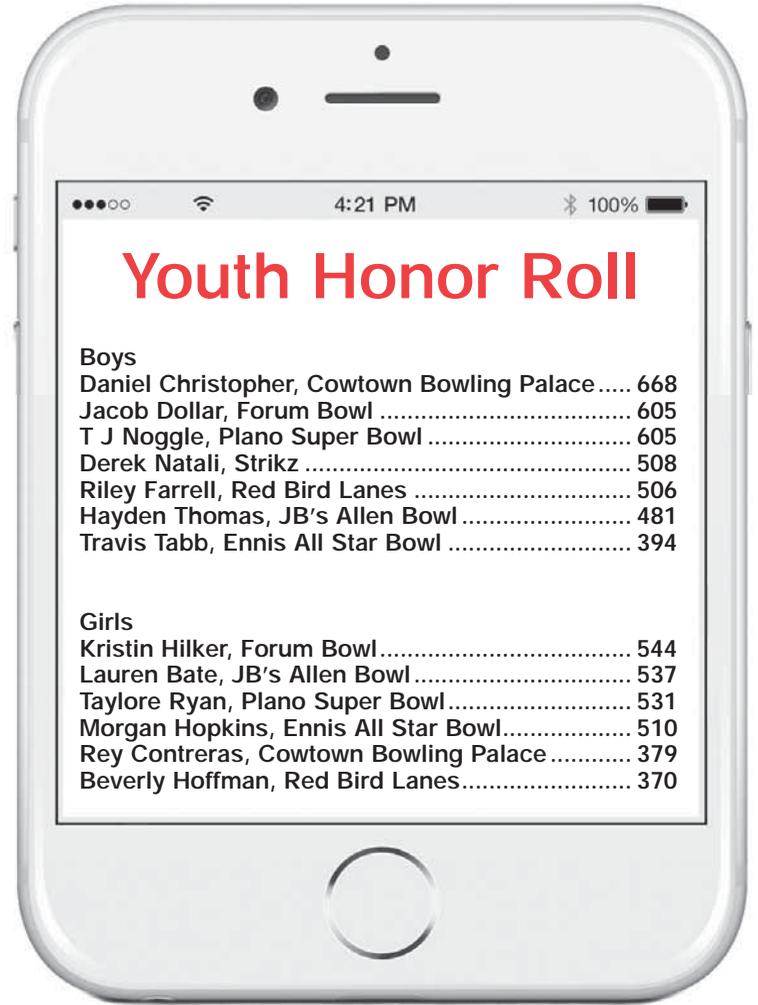
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U15 WINNERS JR GOLD

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right look in the title tilt, rolling eight strikes on his way to a 254-186 advantage. He continued to strike as he drew closer to victory, starting Game 2 with 11 consecutive strikes before leaving a 7 pin on his final shot for a 299.

“Never in my wildest dreams did I think I’d bowl 299 and 550 on TV,” Salama said. “I think one of the reasons I bowled so well is because I was bowling with Anthony. He’s such a good friend of mine and we’ve shared a lot of history together, so it really took a lot of the pressure off. I’m kind of overwhelmed by everything right now. I felt like I had something to prove this week, and to be here again against such a strong field with so many great bowlers is very special.”

Loredo was down by 30 pins after the opening game against Sanes, 219-189, but showed her resilience by making a slight adjustment to put herself back in the match.

“My dad told me to move a board to the left, because I was leaving 7 pins and coming in light,” said Loredo, who made her third Junior Gold appearance in 2017. “I made the move and relaxed my swing a little bit more, and I was able to make some good shots.”

After an open frame to start Game 2, Loredo rolled strikes on five of her next six deliveries to capture the lead as Sanes opened in the third, fifth and sixth frames. Stepping up in the 10th frame, Loredo needed a mark to complete the comeback, and the left-hander connected for a strike on her first offering to claim the title.

“This is pretty exciting because I know a lot of people

would like to be in this spot,” Loredo said. “I’m really grateful for where I’m at today. I had everyone from my family and California help me get here, so I’d like to thank them a lot.”

Sanes finished second at Junior Gold for the third time in the past four years. She was runner-up last year in the U15 division and took second in the U12 division at the 2014 event.

Salama and Loredo also earned spots on the 2018 Junior Team USA U15 Developmental Team for their wins, and they are joined on the team by Spencer Robarge of Springfield, Missouri, and Amanda Naujokas of Ronkonkoma, New York.

Robarge and Naujokas earned their spots by leading qualifying in their respective divisions. Both captured wins at the 2015 Junior Gold Championships, claiming the U12 boys and girls titles.

The U15 division of the 2017 Junior Gold Championships featured 602 boys and 327 girls, who each rolled 16 games across four bowling centers, before the top 86 boys and top 47 girls moved on to a five-game advancers round.

The Junior Gold Championships features the top youth bowlers in the country seeking national titles in three divisions – 12-and-under, 15-and-under and 20-and-under – and spots on Junior Team USA. The 2017 tournament was held in seven Cleveland-area

bowling centers, featured a \$320,000 scholarship fund, and more than 3,500 entries, both tournament records.

The finals of the U12 and U20 divisions also were taped at Game of Wickliffe on July 22 for delayed broadcast. The U12 finals aired July 25, and the U20 title matches will air Aug. 8 at 8 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network.

The finals of the 2017 USA Bowling National Championships presented by Sixlets also were taped. The U12 finals will air Aug. 15 and the U15 finals will be shown Aug. 22, both at 7 p.m. Eastern.

All advancers round and match play leading up to the TV shows were broadcast live on BowITV.

For more information on the Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, visit BOWL.com/JuniorGold.

2017 Junior Gold Championships
 At Game of Wickliffe, Cleveland
 Final results
CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES
 (Two-game matches decided by total pinfall)
U15 Girls
 Jennifer Loredo, Fresno, Calif., def. Sarah Sanes, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 411-395
U15 Boys
 Solomon Salama, Beverly Hills, Calif., def. Anthony Neuer, Lewisburg, Pa., 553-380

Dallas USBC Youth Scores

T J Noggle took high-series honors to lead the Dallas-area USBC youth bowling last week with a hard-hitting 237-191-177 = 605 Showstoppers series at Plano Super Bowl.

Lauren Bate paced the girls with a powerful 204-167-166 = 537 Thursday Youth/Adult set at JB’s Allen Bowl.

At Ennis All Star Bowl – Travis Tabb 136-394, Morgan Hopkins 198-510.

At JB’s Allen Bowl – Joseph McGraw (4 games) 191-651, Taylore Ryan (4 games) 220-767, Will Durnin (4 games) 176-578, Carlen Gattenby (4 games) 204-642, Nicole Gattenby

(4 games) 189-714, Dylan Jankowski 115-280, Megan Wente 132-359, Bentley Sicks 81-178, Austin Wancio 93-252, David Winchester 101-269, Hayden Thomas 174-481, Taylore Ryan 198-523, Bo Scott 187-474, Ryan Martinez 173-429, Tara Meche 194-496, Dylan Jankowski 92-226.

At Plano Super Bowl – Brady McDonough 180-486, Bella Hudson 122-327, Trevor Woodward-Hall 127-355, Malorie Samples 135-319, Connor St. John 194-555, Ashmani Clifford 133-335, Tionna Hough 200-498, Landon Jones 222-600, Ryan Sly 216-583, Skylar Maldonado 214-529, Dylan Pittsinger

186-464, Pam Hodson 175-502, Grayson Pool 208-550, Taylore Ryan 184-531, Brady McDonough 184-468, Kaitlyn Kern 180-505, Matthew Baum 209-559, Taryn Gray 193-482, Austin Wiggins (2 games) 85-167, Keira Sampson (2 games) 72-141.

At Red Bird Lanes – Riley Farrell 197-506, Beverly Hoffman 166-370, Amari Browder 91-171, Vanessa Dunn-Ford 72-140, Justin Vega (2 games) 158-434.

At Strikz – Jacob Argo 192-451, Derek Natali 183-508, Tyler Keeton 145-385, Enrique Arredondo 150-386.

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Fort Worth USBC Youth Results

Daniel Christopher topped the Fort Worth-area USBC youth bowling last week with a sizzling 221-226-221 = 668 Strikers series at Cowtown Bowling Palace.

Kristin Hilker, from the Family Circus group, led the gals with a booming 190/544 set at Forum Bowl.

At Cowtown Bowling Palace – Jake Swift 236, Rey Contreras 137-379, Kyras Durham 92, Blake Loibl 189, Kelly Baily 78, Christopher Saldi 176, Todd Andrew 100-180, Brooklyn Sloan 99-170, Benjamin Wheeler 90, Stephanie Bailey 72, Rose Wheeler 71.

At Forum Bowl – Jacob Dollar 223-605.

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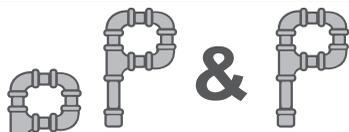
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LIZ JOHNSON

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secure the win and sealed it with a six-count on her first delivery.

She now is a formal trophy presentation away from her third consecutive PWBA Player of the Year award, which is based on competition points from the 13 of the season's 14 events.

"It's probably cliché, but it's a dream-come-true season," said Johnson, who was the runner-up to Latvia's Diana Zavjalova at the 2017 USBC Queens in May. "I never could've thought about winning two majors and finishing second in the third one, along with the possibility of a third player of the year, and I can't put into words the season I've had. With all the talent we have out here on the Tour, to be in the position I'm in is the

best feeling in the world."

Johnson entered Sunday's live TV finals as the No. 5 seed and defeated four talented young players to climb the ladder for the second consecutive year.

"Climbing up the ladder always is tough, and a couple of times I thought there was no way it was going to happen," Johnson said. "I was close early and then found my look, but in the third match, I lost my feel a little bit. I had to take a step back mentally, take some deep breaths and just focus on making better shots. It was a little more of a grind today than we saw during the week, and that's when experience really helps. Sometimes, you have to expect the unexpected."

Pajak was looking to become the first international player since 1982 to win the U.S. Women's Open. Japan's Shinobu Saitoh was the first and only other to do so, defeat-

ing USBC Hall of Famer Robin Romeo, who went on to win the event in 1989.

Pajak is in contention for the 2017 PWBA Rookie of the Year Award, which will be decided at the season-ending Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship, the fourth major on the 2017 PWBA Tour schedule and an invitation-only event that features eligible champions and the top point-earners from the current season.

The 24-year-old right-hander earned a spot in the PWBA Tour Championship with a win at the recent PWBA Greater Detroit Open, the first title of her PWBA career.

"I lost to the best bowler in the world, ever," Pajak said. "Liz is probably - not probably, she is the best bowler in the world. I could never take advantage of the fact she was missing a little bit. I'm upset that at the time I really needed to carry, I didn't, because I felt that could have changed the game. I don't like losing in the ninth frame, but it is what it is."

On the way to the seventh U.S. Women's Open championship match of her career, Johnson needed to fill 15 pins in her final frame to get past Team USA member Erin McCarthy of Omaha, Nebraska.

Johnson left, and converted, the 3-6 combination on her

first offering and then tossed a crossover strike to earn a spot in the final by a 199-195 margin.

Throughout match play this week at Plano Super Bowl, McCarthy suffered from severe back spasms and was unable to sit during the match.

She led by 26 pins after five frames, before missing a 3-10 split in the sixth frame slowed her momentum and allowed Johnson to take the lead with strikes in frames seven through nine.

The semifinal between Johnson and McCarthy was rematch of the title tilt at the 2015 Queens, where Johnson defeated McCarthy, the top seed, to win her second Queens tiara.

Prior to meeting with McCarthy, Johnson found herself down nine pins at the halfway point of her match against Canada's Valerie Bercier, but she tossed six consecutive strikes, starting in the fifth frame, to outdistance the former University of Nebraska standout, 255-223.

The day's opening match featured just seven strikes between the two players, but nine consecutive clean frames from Johnson to start helped her sneak past Nicole Trudell of Bridgeport, Connecticut, 191-178.

Back-to-back splits from

Trudell in the seventh and eighth frames, including a 7-10 in the latter, proved to be her undoing, despite Johnson leaving, and missing, a split of her own in the final frame.

The 2017 U.S. Women's Open started with 114 competitors, who each bowled 24 games of qualifying over three days before the field was cut to the top 38 for Friday's eight-game cashers' round.

The 32-game pinfall totals determined the 24 bowlers for match play, while their 56-game totals, including 30 bonus pins for each win, decided the five players for the TV show. There were 10 perfect games this week, with Pajak (two) and Johnson among them.

The championship round of the U.S. Women's Open was one of four finals contested Sunday at Plano Super Bowl.

The finals of the 2017 PWBA Orlando Open, PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open and Nationwide PWBA Rochester Open were taped for broadcast on CBS Sports Network on Aug. 15, Aug. 22 and Aug. 29, respectively.

All qualifying and match play rounds of the 2017 U.S. Women's Open were broadcast live on Xtra Frame, the online bowling channel of the Professional Bowlers Association.

PBA SPARE SHOTS

PARKER BOHN III AND FAMILY ARE HAVING A GOOD YEAR

Parker Bohn III's victory in the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic Tuesday in Anderson, Ind., put an exclamation mark on what has been a great year for the entire family. Bohn's fourth PBA50 Tour victory, and first in two years, came on the heels of some other family triumphs,

including:

Wife Leslie Beamish Bohn receiving USBC's Volunteer of the Year Award in April in Las Vegas;

Son Justin Bohn winning the boys' "junior varsity" title for bowlers 15 and younger in the Teen Masters Championships in Mechanicsville, Va.

Son Brandon Bohn winning the USBC Junior Gold U12 boys' title in Cleveland, Ohio, where Justin finished in a tie for seventh in the U15 boys' division while daughter Sydney Bohn, in only her second year in bowling, finished 38th in a field of 124 in the U12 girls' division.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BUSY AUGUST AHEAD FOR REGIONAL PLAYERS

PBA's August regional calendar gets underway over the Aug. 4-6 weekend with the PBA50 Progressive/Gerdman Insurance Agency/Al Smith Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep Central/Midwest Classic at Al-Mar Colonial Lanes in Bowling Green, Ohio; the Bowlers Supply/Storm Products Open at Colony Park Lanes North in York, Pa.; the Boss Snow Plows/Ebonite Central Open at PinHeads in Fishers, Ind., and the Poplar Creek Bowl Midwest Open presented by Columbia 300 in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

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Aug. 12-13	Emerald Bowl	Houston, Tx.	Age Bracket
Aug. 26-27	Cowtown	Fort Worth, Tx.	Non-Champs
Sept. 2-3	University Lanes	Denton, Tx.	70/60 Doubles
Sept. 9-10	USA Bowl	Dallas, Tx.	60/50/Lady Trio
Sept. 23-24	Cityview	Fort Worth, Tx.	Annual Championship
Sept. 30-Oct. 1	USA Bowl	Dallas, Tx.	70/60/50 Trio
Oct. 14-15	Cowtown	Fort Worth, Tx.	Regular Trio
Oct. 21-22	Del Mar	Houston, Tx.	Regular Singles
Nov. 4-5	Plano Super Bowl	Plano, Tx.	Mixed Foursome
Nov. 11-12	Hog Pin Bowl	Lawton, Ok.	Member/Guest Doubles
Dec. 2-3	All Star Lanes	Shreveport, La.	Member/Guest Doubles
Dec. 9-10	Cowtown	Fort Worth, Tx.	Annual Team

PBA SPARE SHOTS

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A mid-week event for PBA50 players – the PBA50 Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Shoot-out – is set for Aug. 9 in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The Greater Richmond Central Open at Richmond 40 Bowl in Richmond, Ind., a one-day event on Aug. 13, is the lone regional event over the

Aug. 11-13 weekend.

The Aug. 18-20 PBA Regional calendar includes the Emerald Bowl Houston Southwest Challenge for non-title winners plus the PBA-PWBA Emerald Bowl Southwest Open in Houston, Texas, for women, and the Dave Husted Northwest Open presented by 900 Global at Husted's Milwaukie Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore.

Closing out the August

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At Red Bird Lanes

Cathey tosses 672, Cathey claims 627

Billy Cathey earned high-series honors for the week at Red Bird Lanes with a top-notch 175-253-244 = 672 Sunday Night Mixed series.

Lauren Cathey, Cathey's league mate, paced the ladies with a tip-top 189-220-218 = 627 set.

HONOR ROLL

Rita Becker 185-497, Lauren Cathey 179-506, Billy Cathey 234-620, Chance Cathey 239-591, Chance Cathey (9 pin,

no tap, 4 games) 268-1011, Lauren Cathey (9 pin, no tap, 4 games) 300-991.

Shannon Vogel 202-584, Deanna Hoffman 213-566, Roy Childres 209-574, Mary Webb 173-463, Johnny Garfias 213-608, Angela Davis-White 163-474, Randy Dotson 240-615, Aracelia Ramirez 125-372.

James McClendon 226-626, Andrea Calloway 197-513, Tyree Jennings, Jr. 243-640, June Neroes 193-525, Roland Bernal (2 games) 246-597.

At Ennis All Star Bowl

Lawrence and McKenrick top scorers

Rick Lawrence hammered out hefty 170-180-246 = 596 marks in the Tuesday Sport Match Point action to head the leader boards for the week at Ennis All Star Bowl.

Ryne McKenrick, Lawrence's league mate, paced the ladies with a nice 168-167-186 = 521 set.

HONOR ROLL

Matt Lawrence 215-561, April Hopkins 154-407, David Crockett 202-510, Tice Hopkins 207-510, Tim Gilmore 225-540, McKinsey Pollan 189-480, Tice Hopkins 232-565.

Lauren Cathey 171-502, Robert Sessom 180-532, April Hopkins 169-440.



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- PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship, Ft. Wayne, IN – Cashers Round Tuesday August 8 7:20 AM
- PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship, Ft. Wayne, IN – Match Play Round 1 Tuesday August 8 9:50 AM
- PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship, Ft. Wayne, IN – Match Play Round 2 Tuesday August 8 1:50 PM
- PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship, Ft. Wayne, IN – Stepladder Finals Tuesday August 8 5:45 PM
- PBA60 Dick Weber Championship, Ft. Wayne, IN – Qualifying Round 1 Thursday August 10 2:50 PM
- PBA60 Dick Weber Championship, Ft. Wayne, IN – Qualifying Round 2 Friday August 11 9:50 AM
- PBA60 Dick Weber Championship, Ft. Wayne, IN – Match Play Round 1 Friday August 11 3:50 PM
- PBA60 Dick Weber Championship, Ft. Wayne, IN – Match Play Round 2 Saturday August 12 7:20 AM
- PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open, Chesapeake, VA - Qualifying Rd. 1 - A Squad Saturday August 12 7:50 AM
- PBA60 Dick Weber Championship, Ft. Wayne, IN – Stepladder Finala Saturday August 12 10:45 AM
- PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open, Chesapeake, VA - Qualifying Rd. 1 - B Squad Saturday August 12 1:20 PM
- PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open, Chesapeake, VA - Qualifying - Cashers Round Sunday August 13 7:20 AM
- PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open, Chesapeake, VA - Qualifying - Rd. of 16 Sunday August 13 10:20 AM
- PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open, Chesapeake, VA - Qualifying - Rd. of 8 Sunday August 13 12:20 PM
- PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open, Chesapeake, VA - Stepladder Finals Sunday August 13 1:45 PM
- PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Middletown, DE - Qualifying Rd. 1 - A Squad Saturday August 19 7:50 AM
- PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Middletown, DE - Qualifying Rd. 1 - B Squad Saturday August 19 2:50 PM
- PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Middletown, DE - Qualifying - Cashers Round Sunday August 20 7:50 AM
- PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Middletown, DE - Match Play Sunday August 20 11:50 AM
- PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Middletown, DE - Stepladder Finals Sunday August 20 5:15 PM
- PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic, Coldwater, OH - Qualifying Rd. 1 - A Squad Saturday August 26 6:50 AM
- PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic, Coldwater, OH - Qualifying Rd. 1 - B Squad Saturday August 26 12:20 PM
- PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic, Coldwater, OH - Qualifying Rd. 1 - C Squad Saturday August 26 5:50 PM
- PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic, Coldwater, OH - Qualifying - Cashers Round Sunday August 27 8:50 AM
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- PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic, Coldwater, OH - Stepladder Finals Sunday August 27 2:15 PM
- Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship, Richmond, VA - Matches 1 & 2 Monday September 4 10:50 AM
- Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship, Richmond, VA - Matches 3 & 4 Monday September 4 1:50 PM
- Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship, Richmond, VA - Matches 5 & 6 Monday September 4 4:50 PM
- Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship, Richmond, VA - Matches 7 & 8 Tuesday September 5 10:50 AM
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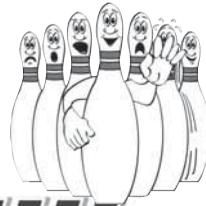


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Just Paying Attention

By Mark London
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His kind are literally disappearing faster than I would like to see. These types of columns are not getting easier to write, although what follows comes from the heart.

I hardly knew Bill Lillard, Sr. I had heard all sorts of stories about how kind he was to bowlers in and around Houston over the years. Having known another of his stature for over thirty years before his untimely 2005 passing showed me people like him really do exist.

But there's a huge difference here. I knew Dick Weber for over thirty years. I had seen him being serious as PBA Midwest Regional Director, and jovial, especially in our final conversation, talking about one of his favorite things, St. Louis Cardinal baseball.

But I talked with Lillard all of three times, all about bowling. That's it, just three. They were once before and twice around the time he set the USBC Open Championships pinfall record in 2015. How is it I got such an impression?

It's how he treated everyone. Granted, he was a little unsure about me at first, but when I told him I had bowled league in fellow USBC Hall of Famer Les Zikes' Chicagoland center for almost ten years, then I got to see what I had heard about since my time in Houston. He put others' general well-being over his own and could not have been nicer doing just that.

Before each of our two interviews, the first about an hour, the second about half that, he made sure I was comfortable. He asked if I would like a bottle of water. He asked if the chair I was in was ok. He asked if I needed another moment to make sure the audio was recording. After I was one hundred percent ready to begin, then he was ready to begin.

In the first interview, about two months before the record-setting trip to El Paso for the 2015 USBC Open Championships, he reflected on what made this time so different. There were several medical conditions at hand, one was the right hip, which gradually shrank the familiar four-step approach and patented trail leg kick to a one step approach, all while using a 12-pound ball. He even joked about that, knowing as well that it was necessary at that point if he were to claim the record set by one of his favorite people in the industry, the late Joe Norris.

The second interview was a little different. After making sure my chair was ok, I was properly hydrated, and my recorder battery was good,

he asked about family and work, but then, it got a little more sobering. The biggest thing Lillard said was how exhausting the prior twelve months had been to get ready to bowl USBC's again. If he had to do half the work for 2016, he wouldn't bother. Even two weeks after recording that fallen 124,087th pin, he sounded and looked tired. At that moment, I knew it was more than likely we had seen his final ball on the big stage.

The final chat was at the Luci a few months later. From his wheelchair, he was saying hello to a few other people as he was not looking in my direction, but then turned his head to say hello to me as I walked past. Even after chatting with other people whom he had known for much longer, he took time to flag me down and ask how I was doing. I'm lucky there was no one else near me, because I'm pretty sure I dropped the handle to the wheeled three-ball tote and the strap from the double ball bag to say hello to the Texas bowling legend. As before, he asked about family, work, and then how practice went. The look in his eye was genuine; he really wanted to know how I was doing, and also to say he appreciated my interview for TBN.

I had heard he was at Copperfield Bowl last Saturday, the day before he passed, but due to the crowd, he stayed only in the snack bar area. Now I wish I had gotten up for a water refill. I certainly would have had a treat saying hello to him just one more time. Then, I would have had to talk about the sport coat and tie I wore while announcing on PBA XtraFrame. He would have genuinely wanted to know.

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Oh yeah, that XF thing. For everything after A Squad for the Luci, it was back to the early 1980's on a small town radio station working nights, marathon nine-hour board shifts on Sundays, and covering high school football, basketball, and hockey. I'm a little short on space this week as we kick off the annual JPA Troy Walker Media columns, but what I can tell you is I hope you either tolerated or enjoyed my audio. If I sounded a little irrelevant, entertaining, and yet informative, good. That was my one of my goals.

A very, very long time ago, I learned many people tuned to media are passively listening and/or watching. But the personality of the voice or face on the other side of the microphone or camera can get and keep your attention. Like turn-

ing on the TV in the morning while getting ready for work, you're using the pictures and sound as background noise. Some of that has changed with media becoming much more specialized, so services like PBAXF have many more active viewers and listeners, almost hanging on every word.

Now the best part. I know this may be hard for several of you outside the eight regular readers to believe, but I am a bowler. With hundreds of PBA nationals and regionals under my belt for over thirty years, I've been accused of sounding like I know what I'm talking about. As a broadcaster, as I mentioned several times on the stream, I also know how to say just about anything, but it must be worded carefully. Thus, I would use a worn cliché to announce a minor or a light point, yet get more serious while dropping more pertinent information at the moment.

I know viewers are serious about their bowling, that's why they are there. If what I say and how I say it can somehow let them in on more the story, savor it more until it's fully understood, then I've done my job. It's how cutting my teeth in radio has made me better on television.

When the situation gets down to the end of qualifying or the end of match play, the clichés get put aside. Let the pictures tell the story, get the math right, and make the standings as clear as you can, all while keeping the words focused on the situation.

Something I did in the booth for the first time actually got the scoring staff to implement it for the two XF showcase pairs. Because the crossing procedure is unique with odd lane teams crossing left and even lane team cross to the right, I mentioned on the air I was mapping out ahead of time which teams would be on the pairs squad by squad. That required tracking the game-by-game movement of B Squad teams, then applying that by hand to our roster sheets C and D Squads, allowing us to plug which teams were appearing on the pairs for the two Saturday squads.

There aren't many tourneys with a crossing procedure like that, but not only did the score monitors change names for each showcase pair game-by-game, but while they watched us in the tournament office, they also mapped out and listed who was on the XF pairs ahead of time.

Next week, we'll get really serious and break down what is done and why for live streaming as we continue the annual JPA Troy Walker Media columns. Oh, and before I forget, here's a traditional broadcast cliché I did not use this year. Now we join our regularly scheduled programming already in progress.



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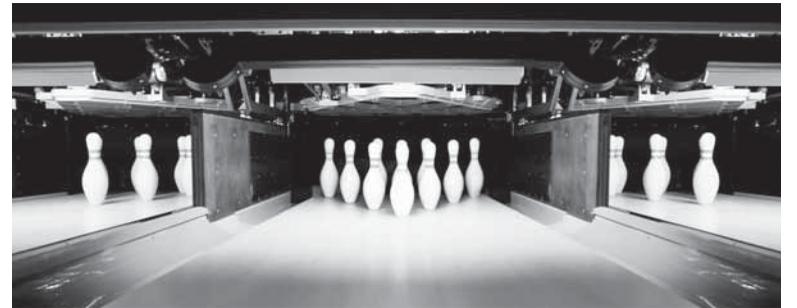
schedule will be the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Super Senior Open presented by the Mooresville Convention and Visitors Bureau Aug. 31-Sept. 2 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C., followed immediately by the PBA50 Samuel Adams South Open presented by the Mooresville Convention and Visitors Bureau at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.

The Labor Day weekend

calendar of PBA Regional action includes the PBA50 Strike Zone Open presented by Track in Pottsville, Pa.; the Tony Reyes Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles at Fourth Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif.; the Illinois Valley Midwest Open at IV Super Bowl in Peru, Ill., and the DHC Japan PBA Doubles Open, Japan Cheetah Masters and Japan Cheetah Queens at Nagoya Grand Bowl in Nagoya, Japan.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open

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At JB's Allen Bowl

Blankenship records 783, Starry peppers 701

Alan Blankenship held the top spot on the honor roll last week at JB's Allen Bowl with a high-powered 279-279-225 = 783 Monday Scratch Trio session. Stacy Starry, Blankenship's league mate, paced the ladies with a rollicking 249-197-255 = 701 set.

HONOR ROLL

Brent Ellis 258-698, Cathy Bowman 254-621, Fred Bachman 267-677, Judy Gayle 155-431, Bubba Gatewood 276-728, Dian Hartel 191-508, Ted Lankford 258-710, Kerry Smith 255-663.

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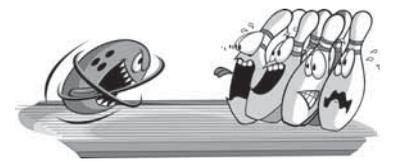
QUICK NOTES:

Correction: The bowling center owned by the late Bill Lillard that hosted the PBA-PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles for several years was Palace Bowl, not “Bowl on Bellaire” as noted in the July 31 news release concerning his death.

Emil Viola of Port St. Lucie, Fla., wins a new Brunswick ball, Jody Haslam of Nolensville, Tenn., receives a new high-performance MOTIV ball; and William Sendzik of Port Huron, Mich., is the lucky winner of a new high-performance

ball from DV8 as July sweepstakes prizes for subscribing to Xtra Frame. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Monthly winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.

Christopher Clay is the July winner of a \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, redeemable for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA’s official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on pba.com. Those who book through HotelPlanner.com are automatically entered.



At Plano Super Bowl

Renfro smashes 747, Mann soars to 732

Joshua Renfro led the scoring blitz last week at Plano Super Bowl with hard-hitting 276/747 numbers in Saturday Nite Live action.

Cindy Mann led the ladies with a highly commendable 228-247-257 = 732 Friday Funsters showing.

HONOR ROLL

Mark Plagens 228-633, Terri Shauchunas 204-509, Frances Dirksen 210-547, Bill Ferguson 258-698, Liza Stewart 255-679, Al Locker 245-705, Shannon Ray 184-510, Rick Mann 264-724.

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Time	Start Date	League	Ratio Male/Female	Description/Details
Monday				
11:00 AM	9/11	Senior Sizzlers	3 bowlers	Senior league...not certified
9:00 PM	9/11	Texas Trio	Any 3 bowlers	Competitive mixed league "SHORT SEASON"
9:00 PM	9/11	Classic Trios	Any 3 bowlers	Highly competitive league - Peterson point
Wednesday				
9:30 AM	8/30	Bowlettes	3 bowlers	Ladies League....Relax and have fun with friends!
9:00 PM	9/6	SudsBusters	Any 4 bowlers	Beer / Pizza League... Beginners welcome "SHORT SEASON"
Thursday				
9:30 AM	9/7	Thursday Girls	3 bowlers	Ladies Social
1:00 PM	9/7	Super Seniors	4 bowlers / 3/1combo	Calling all Seniors 55 years or better!
1:00 PM	9/7	Roadrunners	Any 3 bowlers	Senior league-50+...not certifie *Meeting on 8/24 @ 12:15pm
Friday				
6:15 PM	9/8	Friday Foursome	4 bowlers / 3/1combo	Mixed; Get ready for the weekend! "SHORT SEASON"
7:00 PM	9/8	Friday Night Out	4 bowlers / 3/1combo	Fun league for Friday nights! "SHORT SEASON"
9:00 PM	9/8	Friday Funsters	Any 3 bowlers	"Fun"sters. The name says it all...
Saturday				
6:00 PM	9/9	Saturday Nite Live	Any 4 bowlers	Adults all ages & averages, couples welcome!
Sunday				
6:00 PM	9/10	Plano Sundowners	4 bowlers / 3/1combo	Mixed League; Adults of all ages/ averages; Couples welcome!
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