

### 15-Year-old Brady McDonough Prevails in PBA Copperfield SW Non-Champions Challenge Becomes Youngest to Win a PBA Regional Event



Brady McDonough

By: Chase Kaufman  
HOUSTON, TX - The field hit the triple-digit mark for the Copperfield Southwest Challenge. Justin Veitch used his momentum from a solid USBC Masters performance to lead the field in Houston by almost 100 pins as the field cut to 33. After five more games, the field cut to the top eight players for a single-elimination bracket.

Sean Sadat took the one-seed, but McDonough completed the upset. After McDonough defeated Christian Morris in  
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### Class of 2023 Officially Inducted into USBC Hall of Fame

Jamie Brooks inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame

By: Dave Schroeder  
LAS VEGAS - The six members of the 2023 United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame class were celebrated during their induction ceremony Wednesday at South Point Hotel and Casino.

Brooks has left his mark on the sport as a bowling center proprietor, past president of the  
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### USBC Convention Awards



USBC Association Excellence Award - North Texas USBC Terry Taylor, Genie Franklin, Yolanda Payton and Robert McGraw



USBC Hall of Fame Jamie Brooks



IBMA Hall of Fame Mark London



Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow Katie Heady



North Texas USBC Delegates present Mary Harrar and BVL a check for \$34,533 at the USBC Convention

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### Johnny Atkinson Wins SASBA Masters at Plano Super Bowl



Runner-up Tony Lanning with Champion Johnny Atkinson  
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By: Kathy King  
PLANO, TX - We had a full field of 92 bowlers for the Masters at Plano Super Bowl Saturday, April 22.

Johnny Atkinson qualified 4th after 8 games on Saturday and had a bye for the first round of the finals.

He beat Scott Craddock 507-448 the second round, Jim Stephens 495-424 the third round, Danny Inocencio 526-459 the fourth and Walter Markham 506-480 the fifth round to set up the final match against Tony  
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### David Krol Takes PBA FireLake Southwest Open Regional



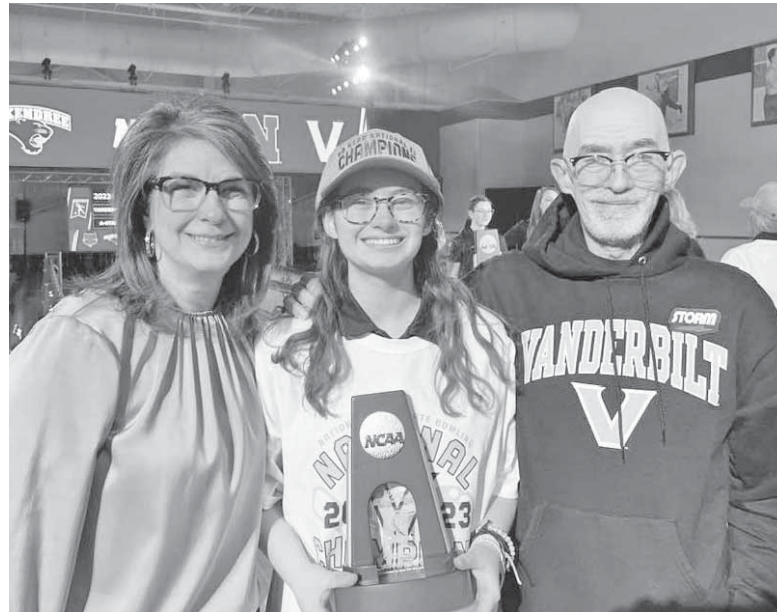
David Krol and Chelsea Combs  
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By: Tony Lanning  
SHAWNEE, OK - This past weekend the Southwest Region visited FireLake Lanes in Shawnee, OK. We had a full field of 110 players competing for a \$5,000 first place payday. Congratulations to David "Boog" Krol who brought home the trophy and check winning his first  
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# Random Thoughts

Tony Franklin, Publisher



Vanderbilt University Freshman, Alyssa Ballard, holding the NCAA National Bowling Championship trophy with proud parents Carolyn Dorin-Ballard and Del Ballard, Jr.

Two weeks ago, one of our young superstars earned a pinnacle achievement in collegiate bowling, an NCAA National Championship.

Alyssa Ballard a freshman and member of the Vanderbilt Commodores ladies bowling program defeated Arkansas St. 4 games to 3 to take the title.

The really cool part about this was that her Hall of Fame mother, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, was in the booth announcing the match on national television, with Dave LaMont.

Let's hear from CDB...  
*How can you possibly manage those emotions when your child is out there competing with her*

team?

"I don't think I managed my emotions at all. I was nervous the entire match and yelled a few times during the telecast. But what a gift I was given. The pressure I felt was in making sure that I gave all of the bowlers their spotlight. Everyone deserves their moment and it's important to the bowlers and to their family and friends. I was actually told that I didn't talk about Alyssa much and that Dave actually said more. Honestly, I had more to say but was watching the bowling too much. With that said, Del and I have always made sure to give credit where credit is due, but at times I think we hold back on talking about Alyssa."

*What was the best part of watching a child accomplish something so large in scale?*

"Your heart is absolutely filled with joy. You want your child to accomplish great things and goals they set for themselves. You don't want them to fail, but in your heart you know that through failure they will become awesome. To bowl for a National Championship as a freshman and the way she did, well, Del and I cried and laughed at the same time watching her compete with passion. There is no better feeling than watching your child smile and be happy. It gives you peace to know that they made the right choice of where to go to school, it's even better when celebrating with a team."

*If you had a choice, would you rather call the action or sit and watch the action?*

"I would rather sit and watch the action. Throughout the year, I was a big cheerleader. Loud and all in. I wanted to cheer, do the parent chant, hold up my light saber and scream, you got this, be aggressive."

"Her first words to me when I hugged her were, Mom we won, we did it. I cried."

X-X-X-X-X-X

I'm enjoying these 2023 PBA Tour updates, so here we go... after 12 events, and the 12th was possibly the best one yet, the PBA World Championship with EJ Tackett and Jason Belmonte in the final, we have some new data, but pretty much the same story.

As before, here are my five studs, Jason Belmonte, Anthony Simonsen, EJ Tackett, Dom Barrett, Kristopher Prather...and how are they doing...

EJ Tackett – five titles, first in points

Anthony Simonsen – two titles, second in points

Jason Belmonte – one title, third in points

Dom Barret – 10th in points

Kris Prather – 15th in points

Matt Ogle – one title, fourth in points

Jakob Butturf – one title, fifth in points

Packy Hanrahan – one title

Sam Cooley – one title

The BIG 3 have eight of the 12 titles and most of the money.

Simonsen has cashed in all 12 events, Tackett 10, and Bill O'Neill 10.

O'Neill is so amazingly good, but he just doesn't have the strike ball that the top three have.

He has earned \$41,400 on the year and is 16th in points.

A very successful year, but no wins, no TV Shows, and only three match-play appearances.

If you start from the other end of the stat sheet, that is where things really get depressing.

Brad Miller, exempt, amazing talent, was definitely on his way up...yet 12 events, no cashes.

Chris Barnes has 12 events and two cashes.

Sean Rash 11 events and two cashes.

Francois Lavoie 12 events and

three cashes. Andrew Anderson 12 events and three cashes.

Top of the heap bowlers yet they are battling hard each week to just get a check. If you are ever wondering how tough this game is at the very top, or how good the top five are...there is your answer.

The top 60 professional bowlers are light-years ahead of the rest, but only 13 have made over \$50,000 this season.

I love this game, but boy is it a tough game.

X-X-X-X-X-X

The Bowling News would like to congratulate our long-time columnist Mark London on being inducted into the International Bowling Media Association (IBMA) Hall of Fame. He has been writing for the paper for about 10 years and has produced over 400 columns for us along the way, which is an unbelievable amount of content.

My favorite thing about Mr. London is not just the depth of bowling knowledge that he has for the big moments, its really his ability to recall and add life to the more mundane ones.

That's where you experience the expertise of a real journalist.

Sure, we all watched Houston native, Pete McCordic shoot 300 and win \$100,000 in the most nerve-wracking perfect game in history.

But did you also know that the Houston Astrodome almost hosted the USBC Open Championships a few years back...I didn't, but Mark did.

It's moments like those and everything in between that have been visible by Mark London.

Congratulations from all of us at The Bowling News and all of your readers, on being presented with this honor.

No one is more deserving and we are all grateful to call you ours.

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### Tournament Schedule

Date	Tournament Detail	Location
Sept 17, 2022	Ballard vs The Big "C" Charity Event	Bowlero Euless
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 Euless
TBD	Youth/Adult Doubles - \$2k added	TBD
May 6-7 13-14 20-21, 2023	Open City Championship - \$10k added	Plano Super Bowl
July 8-9, 2023	After the Fire Works - Mixed Trios - \$2k added	TBD

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*At USA Bowl*

# Mostowfi topples 736, Jarvis snags 674

Kam Mostowfi's power-packed 246-256-234 = 736 Sharon's Stars league session won high-set honors for the month at USA Bowl.

Arte'via Jarvis rolled a lofty 203-244-227 = 674 Jobe's Express set to lead the ladies.

**HONOR ROLL**

Loyall Lindman 205-575, Sherry Graham 179-487, Jason Vencalek 231-677, Leslie McMurray 205-569, James Thigpen 245-705, Megan Ober 257-606, Lee Ann Gilliam 195-534, Jae Kim 258-700.

Vanessa Brown 257-643, Charles Col 237-679, Nick Halovanic 226-628, Juley Andersen 144-417, Joe Jeffries 225-666, Catherine Cabaj 247-615.



290, Richard Perez 695, Susan Montheith 200-532, Greg Joyner 289, Stevo Edmonds 764, Amanda Franco 278-696.

Humm Smith 266-726, Alyssa Finch 255, Cherie Deleon 680, Kevin Strong 269-725, Cary Fleming 725, Aldis Presley 279, Joseph Rodriguez 716, Kecia Andries 287-714, Keith Thomas, Jr. 751.

Cheyenne Redwine 278-727, Brien Keller 255, Curtis Seals 676, Beulah Evans 192, Dee Frederick 530, Cassandra Norris 195-564, Jack Simpson 290-743, Michelle Hines 235, Janet Allen 603.

Larry Luera 279, Cherie Deleon 236-686, L J Hayward 270-666, Christye Irvine 199-494, Blake Martin 277, Jeff Crenshaw 754, Jay Spencer 235-609, Mack McMiller 280, Robert Guthmiller 706.

Linda Anderson 224, Alyssa Finch 224, Andra Ruiz 625, Annie Peterson 257-693.

# HONOR ROLL



**Men**

Jimmy Beavers, FireLake Bowling Center .....	846
Brian Grange, Plano Super Bowl .....	842
Keith Thomas, Jr., Cityview Lanes .....	831
Robert Davie, Sr., Killeen Bowlerama .....	826
Robert Warren, Forum Bowl .....	823
Tice Hopkins, Lions Lanes .....	812
Mike Lee, Tenpins & More .....	812
John Biedebach, JB's Allen Bowl .....	803
Kirk Kerbo, Western Bowl .....	788
Douglas Sharper, Hallmark Lanes .....	773
Joshua Renfro, Terrell Bowl .....	773
John Hunt, Red Bird Lanes .....	761
Joseph Jimenez, Strikz .....	746
Kam Mostowfi, USA Bowl .....	736

**Women**

Genie Franklin, Plano Super Bowl .....	786
Candra Clary, Western Bowl .....	777
Regina Taddy, Forum Bowl .....	774
Sandi Charles, Killeen Bowlerama .....	753
Loren Tenczar, Strikz .....	735
Brooke Simmons, Cityview Lanes .....	728
Cynthia Bradford, JB's Allen Bowl .....	722
Dana Miller-Mackie, Tenpins & More .....	716
Lisa Maruna, Hallmark Lanes .....	700
Lauren Cathey, Red Bird Lanes .....	698
Arte'via Jarvis, USA Bowl .....	674
Meya Washington, Lions Lanes .....	673
Renee Woodford, FireLake Bowling Center .....	662
Barbara Shaw, Terrell Bowl .....	612



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*At Cityview Lanes*

# Thomas, Jr. compiles 831, Simmons snares 728

**Thomas, Jr. 804, Felps 300/800, Maguda 300, Thomas, Sr. 299**

Keith Thomas, Jr. racked up an award-winning 279-295-257 = 831 T.G.I.F. session to earn the top spot on the honor roll last month at Cityview Lanes. Thomas, Jr. followed up with a 279/804 series in Billie N Les High Pot league play.

Andy Felps finished close behind Thomas, Jr. with a dual, award-winning 300/800 series in Sunset Combo action.

Brooke Simmons' banner 239-257-232 = 728 T.G.I.F. set claimed the top honor for the ladies.

Andy Maguda shared high-game honors with Felps with an award-winning 12-bagger while Keith Thomas, Sr. took runner-up accolades with a near-perfect 299 solo.

**HONOR ROLL**

Brian Boase 278, Joe Williams 278, Jack Simpson 732, Kathy Butler 242, June Barker 646, Andy Maguda 763, Michelle Teel 236-666, Phelgar Mosely 256, Billy Bural 706, Denise Amant 214.

Vicky Kopp 549, Monty Bowers 277-694, April Lucas 187-439, Jack Case



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## Kayleigh McDonald and Kyle Campbell Awarded 2023 Dick Atkinson Memorial Scholarship

KILLEEN, TX - Kayleigh McDonald of Houston and Kyle Campbell of Cypress were awarded \$2,500 each in SMART money for their excellence on and off the lanes in their high school bowling community.

The awards are in honor of Dick Atkinson, of Hallmark Lanes, who originated the Texas High School Bowling Program.

Karin Ciesiolka presented the awards at the State Finals.



Kayleigh McDonald  
Houston



Kyle Campbell  
Cypress

## North Texas USBC Youth Results

William Jewell III headed the NTX-USBC youth bowling last month with an award-winning 279/806 Forum Strikers league series at Forum Bowl.

Marisa Munguia paced the girls with a sky-high 223-268-202 = 693 Showstoppers set at Plano Super Bowl.

Brady McDonough captured high-game honors with an award-winning 12-bagger at JB's Allen Bowl.

Cityview Lanes – Adrian Salinas 231-645, Clara Campbell 206-609.

Cowtown Bowling Palace – CY Salazar 256-686, Gyanna Simmons 201-545, Mason Chapman 255, Gracie Hinz 190, Matthew Hendrix 246, Karina Lerma 141, Jr Cain 231, Elizabeth Cain 96, Noah Vasquez 149, Noah Pongratz 142, Eddie Randall 113, Rileynn Helka 88, Diego Marquez 97, Luna Baker 75, Aiden Mukum 74.

Forum Bowl – Ayden Hopkins 91-175, Emmy Bachemin 120-227, Tatum Hamm 62-123, Olivia Huggins 104-196, Makenly Branagan 211-562, Tyler Brooks 276-679, Sydnee LeClear 183-478, Bella Dunn 176-478.

JB's Allen Bowl – Lane Coggins 141-357, Lily-Paige Rubenstein 105-310, Cooper Powell 195-486, Amanda Keith 85-168, Hayden McBride 232-560, Caylin Zittlau 135-389, Jacob Ramirez 256-629, Madison Choi 230-563, Dax Ferguson 254-588, Richie Duvall 137-377, Joshua McKinney 166-447, Emmie Lou Risden 104-264, Cooper Powell 181-484, Ellie May Risden 96-267, Paddy Larkin 206-516, Joshua Breidenthal 222-562, Lydia Breidenthal 194-549, Treavor Mason 235-589, Brady McDonough 791, Clara Campbell 211-592, Nash Fitzgerald 248-579, Veronyca West 237-654.

Lions Lanes – Riley Farrell 225-637, Charlie Rogers 182-506, Johnathan Lowey 181-498, Aiden Yrlas 147-361, Morgan Hopkins 217-624, Kylar Pride 117-312, Beryl Odlozil 91-208.

Plano Super Bowl – Eliot In 181-388, Avery Hughes 118-283, Elijah Price 147-391, Eviana Scott 160-361, Austin Hamby 157-435, Madeline Zabochnik 160-407, Jagger Coleman 223-582, Megan Wente 180-476, James Johnson 231-669,

Emily Mendez 189-488, Jacob Thompson 172-373, Keira Sampson 194-503, Nico Mendez 177-482, Gabby Gamboa 119-346, Tiger Bruney 255-558, Marissa Thompson 158-448, Jona Diop 200-547, Keira Sampson 175-475, Jordan Scott 224-578, Isabella Hudson 193-479, Gabe Sanchez 214-604, Charisse Graham 199-569, Treavor Thompson 234-610, Brady McDonough 224-571, Yaki Guerrero 152-414, James Johnson 173-481, Madi Damer 215-578, Madden Simon (2 games) 110-210, Athena Rivera (2 games) 95-176.

Strikz – Maximus Rouse 223-656, Jake Sullivan 277-656, Logan Solis 233-582, Trenell Dixon 166-418, Jake Brierton 200-523, Riley Stark 193-499, Joey Maulhardt 189-481, Isaac Llamas 214-518, Micah Long 158-432, David Long 163-444, Owen Smullen 254-551, Aaron Nelson 194-467, Matthew Sifford

165-471, Enrique Arredondo 157-436, Kolin Williams 211-557, Rhett Gullledge 205-574, Turner Spofford 190-463, Christian Wages 200-547, Vikram Krishna 197-538, Jakob Haraputczyk 179-508, Brody Schwartz 181-448, Carter Richards 219-466, Ankur Dhar 182-423, Witen Albin 191-443, Jonathan Hattar 184-509, Misha Brown 176-500, Keathan Jennings 173-459, Nolan Shawen 155-432, Caleb Cunningham 150-400, Joseph Rodriguez 196-479, Jude May 169-432, Russ Johnson 162-460, Austin Jones 154-420, Anmol Dhar 187-411, Julia Rouse 199-521, Alexia Moon 194-507, Ellie Rouse 138-393, Allison Rouse 135-365, Vanessa Rodriguez 149-396, Gabriela Gamboa 125-358, Jayme Brooks 133-373, Naiya Okwesa 205-495.

USA Bowl – Brady McDonough 256-647, Madison Damer 196-573.

## YOUTH HONOR ROLL

### Boys

William Jewell III, Forum Bowl .....	806
Brady McDonough, JB's Allen Bowl .....	791
Keegan Alexander, Killeen Bowlerama .....	741
Aaron Duerre, Hallmark Lanes .....	693
Brady McDonough, Plano Super Bowl .....	683
Maximus Rouse, Strikz .....	656
Jake Sullivan, Strikz .....	656
Justin Lucero, Tenpins & More .....	649
Brady McDonough, USA Bowl .....	647
Adrian Salinas, Cityview Lanes .....	645
Riley Farrell, Lions Lanes .....	637

### Girls

Marisa Munguia, Plano Super Bowl .....	693
Veronyca West, JB's Allen Bowl .....	654
Morgan Hopkins, Lions Lanes .....	624
Clara Campbell, Cityview Lanes .....	609
Kylie Belnap, Tenpins & More .....	587
Madison Damer, USA Bowl .....	573
Makenly Branagan, Forum Bowl .....	562
Julia Rouse, Strikz .....	521
Naomi Ortiz, Hallmark Lanes .....	519
Alyssa Cheatwood, FireLake Bowling Center ..	503

## Southwest Area USBC Youth Scores

Keegan Alexander headed the Southwest-area USBC youth bowling last month with a booming 279/741 Youth/Adult series at Killeen Bowlerama.

Kylie Belnap paced the girls with a high-flying 266/587 set at Tenpins & More.

Aaron Duerre, from Hallmark Lanes, took runner-up accolades with a near-perfect 299 solo.

Firelake Bowling Center, Shawnee, OK – Alyssa Cheatwood 183-503.

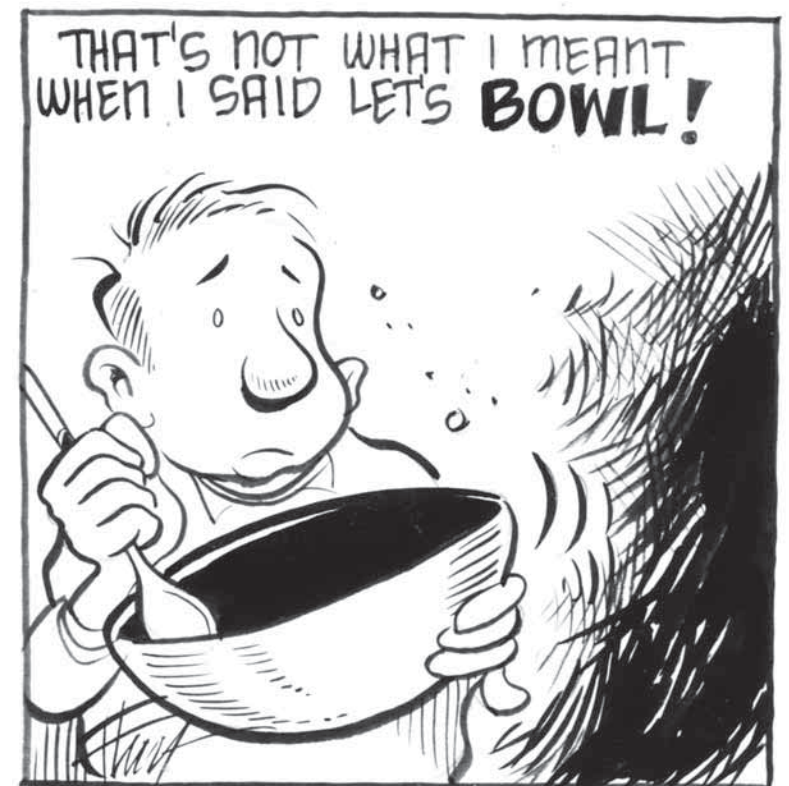
Hallmark Lanes, Killeen, TX – Tyler Desmarais 180-472, Kaydence Jeffers 113-301, Aaron Duerre 693, Naomi

Ortiz 182-519, Tyler Desmarais 228-556, Kaydence Jeffers 115-287, Brayden Colon 225-650, Naomi Ortiz 178-478, Tyler Desmarais 192, Caleb Xayachack 501, Kaydence Jeffers 109-277, Benjamin Sayers 182-469, Naomi Ortiz 162-459.

Killeen Bowlerama, Killeen, TX – Leo Solis 247-674, Cameron Brown 258-584, Thomas Shotwell 207-570, Hayden Brown 151-379.

Tenpins & More, Rio Rancho, NM – Carson Belnap 258-620, Daniel Magee 204-572, Aubrey Vanderlip 154-435, Kaiden Higgs 220-571, Sarah Massey 143-312, Justin Lucero 275-649, Mia Medina 199-561, Dylan Lopez 259-610.

## Lane Laughter





## USBC HALL OF FAME

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Bowling Proprietors' Association of America, tournament organizer and host, and accomplished bowler.

As a proprietor, he has put his creativity and ingenuity into action with a variety of formats and concepts. In Houston, he hosted the 1974 USBC Women's Championships at his 72-lane Stadium Lanes, and two U.S. Opens at his 74-lane Big Texan, as well as other PBA national and regional events.

He founded the Senior All-Star Bowling Association in 1990, and more than 30 events are held annually.

Brooks was recognized in 2010 as the USBC Proprietor of the Year for his longtime support of various programs, such as hosting charity events for Bowl for the Cure and developing SASBA.

In 2019, the BPAA recognized Brooks as its President's Award Winner.

"The one thing I learned after owning and running 44 bowling centers is customer service," Brooks said. "I talked to the league bowlers every night. I got to know them and made friends with them. That's what I do, I go and talk to the bowlers, and I make them my friends. And the funny thing about it is, your friends bring their friends."



Class of 2023 - Ron Mohr, Diandra Asbaty, Mike Rose, Jill Albrecht-Weber and Jamie Brooks

Brooks has been very active at the local, state and national levels. He was one of the

founders of the Texas State Bowling Council, he supported the start of the Texas Grand Prix Scholarship Program, and he has served on countless task forces and committees.

As BPAA President from 1984-1986, he hosted numerous summit meetings to solve bowling's lane-conditioning challenges.

Brooks also is an accomplished bowler having won the 1961 Texas State All-Events title and earning a title at the 1973 Open Championships when he captured the doubles championship with partner Jimmy Paine. Brooks joined the 100,000 Pin Club at the Open Championships in 2021 and is one of 26 bowlers to accomplish the feat. He has

62 appearances at the Open Championships.

In addition to his USBC Proprietor of the Year Award and his BPAA President's Award, Brooks has been honored with the Joyce Deitch Award (2016) and the Flowers for the Living (2018) award. He was inducted into the Houston USBC Hall of Fame in 1974 and the Texas State USBC Hall of Fame in 1982.

But it's not the accolades that mean the most to Brooks.

"The best part of bowling is getting together with your friends," Brooks said. "I mean it's truly amazing. The friends that you meet from all over the world. It's great. I love it."

Diandra Asbaty of Chicago and Dave Ferraro of Kingston, New York, were inducted in the Superior Performance category.

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## At Plano Super Bowl

# Grange polishes off 297/842, G Franklin flips 300/786

Zabojnik 298/805, Bui 803, Hiam 801, Amador, Bozarth, Crites, Crowe, Dawson, Du, Hamby, Land, McGill, Pannell, Phillips, Rasti, Reed, Sheehan add 300's

Brian Grange led the scoring parade for the month at Plano Super Bowl with a dual award-winning 297-278-267 = 842 Platinum Ford NFL Trios league session.

Randall Zabojnik finished close behind Grange with a dual, award-winning 298/805 Suds Busters series while Justin Bui, from the Sportsman group, followed with a 803 league production and Kevin Hiam, also from the Sportsman group finished with an 801 set.

Genie Franklin, Grange's league mate, pocketed the top spot for the ladies with a high-flying 217-269-300 = 786 set.

George Amador, Robert Bozarth, Tim Crites, Tim Crowe, Steve Dawson, Hieu Du, Kenny Hamby, Jimmy Land, Matt McGill, Chuck Pannell, Frank Phil-

lips, Shawn Rasti, Matt Reed and Bradley Sheehan shared high-game honors with Franklin as each recorded award-winning 12-baggers.

### HONOR ROLL

Chandler Ritsch (4 games) 247-878, Jaime Beagle (4 games) 162-559, Chris Kyser 267-749, Robin Preston 240-678, Floyd Carter 235-641, Michelle Curtis 200-533, Ron Blocker 247-696.

Tracy Huck 214-602, David Watson 246-725, Diane Wallentine 247-679, Jake DeVoe 289-792, Stefanie Johnson 276-756, Daniel Adams 259-734, Diane Wallentine 235-666, Jim Monroe 227-612.

Diane Halterman 191-524, Wes Wade 256-732, Cathy Sposito 261-688, Matt McGill 290-792, Katelyn Nelson 268-737, Danielle DeLaney 233-585, Dottie Culpon 213-562, Bill Ferguson 268-751.

Jon DeLaney 277-761, John McCall 242-638, Michelle Duke 211-602, Chris

Warren 279-787, Elaine Barnes 276-724, Cory Taylor 288-725, Diane Wallentine 239-654, Rita Skillman 246-644.

Kaitlin Williams 202-562, Wes Wade 244-676, Cara Zbylut 205-557, Frank Phillips 731, Kim Hillman 236-626, Phil Overton 203-582, Anne Crain 173-510, Sheldon Fulton 278-779, Lisa Wasson 248-701.

William Hernandez 287-770, Lizzy Kahrs 219-608, Steve Fuhrman (4 games) 268-1031, Traci Ellison (4 games) 243-876, Johnny Byrom 266-754, Rita Skillman 235-648, Sann Phan 277-745.

Dallas Davis 232-611, Kevin Phillips 290-734, Makensie Harrison 244-683, Jack Klemme 289-770, Ashley Hendershott 204-531, Mikey McDaniels 187-498, Brian Thompson 256-675, Brian Lee 232-547.

Mike Bruney 235-701, Jody Muskett 255-641, Cody Thomas 255-725.

# THE HEAT

## TRIOS TOURNAMENT

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# Thompson, Lecroy, Hutchinson, Carlson Win SASBA 70/60/50/Guest at Cowtown

By: Kathy King

FORT WORTH, TX - 21 teams for the Rudy Garcia Memorial 70/60/50/Guest Foursome at Cowtown Saturday, April 8.

The top 5 teams bowled a Baker staircase final.

In the first match Team Johnson (TJ Johnson, Scott Bender, Butch Cormier, Justin Bui) defeated Team Painter (Kerry Painter, Pete Thomas, Tony Franklin, Dimitri Cruz) 235-168.

They then lost to Team West (Roger West, Pete Seibel, Greg Short, Brian Grange) 246-227.

Team West then defeated Team Davis (Robert Davis, Bill Uthoff, Barry Brice, Ryan Boroff) 239-195.

In the final match, qualifying leaders Team Thompson (Gene Thompson, Joe Lecroy, Billy Hutchinson, Brandon Carlson) defeated the West team 245-181 for the title.

It was Gene's 2nd SASBA title, Joe's 37th and Billy's 3rd.



Gene Thompson, Billy Hutchinson, Brandon Carlson and Joe Lecroy

Ron Boroff had the only 300 game. Good to see Robbie Kauffman back on the lanes again.

This was the Rudy Garcia Memorial tournament. We miss you Rudy.

We want to thank Mike Velasco and staff for hosting.

May 13-14 is a separate qualifying Member/Guest at Forum Bowl in Grand Prairie.



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## At Strikz

# Jimenez racks up 746, Tenczar bags 735

FRISCO – Joseph Jimenez lit up Strikz last month with a high-flying 252-257-237 = 746 Monday Mixerz set.

Loren Tenczar, Jimenez' league mate, paced the gals with a fine 224-245-266 = 735 series.

### HONOR ROLL

Pete Bases 234-618, Kim Lorenzen 257-600, Tom Frank 204-603, Jacki Myrice 268-614, Tommy Davis 245-690, Ray Lawrence 225-669, Ed Matthies, Sr. 235-619, Rick Irvine 246-704.

Ross Johnson 224-605, David Stiggers 213-608, Tiffany Emerson 236-644, Bobby Brierton 220-606, Zo Sexton 256-670, Kyle Hobbs 255-682, Spencer Spofford 245-638, Gerald Walters 239-600.

Debbie Colby 225-612, LaMarr Moss 268-728, Eddie Matthies, Jr. 247-716,

Eddie Ballanger 222-602, Julie Bloodworth 227-671, Mark Timm 235-671, Mark Johnson 222-601, Bobby Brierton 235-649.

Michael McCoy 255-644, Mark Connor 245-612, Billie Bennett 235-675, Ron Rankin 235-612, Jason Shuffield 252-640, Candy Torrey 228-608, Lisa Wasson 225-639, Debbie Colby 227-645.

Mike Hayward 238-638, Chris Marino 227-649, Tommy Davis 224-618, Scott Noll 247-703, Raymond Lawrence 218-637, Eric Smith 248-640, Jaden Brunt 229-613, LaMarr Moss 215-605.

Chandler Ritsch 243-638, Eileen Inderlied 223-601, Joe Vulpitta 233-671, Michael Mendez 245-625, Robert Gorrebeek 248-688, David Gallagher 216-601, David Gorrebeek 298-688.

Jeremiah Scanlan 212-614, Scott Eastwood 278-635, James Winton 247-

635, Kevin Higar 255-620, Barry Higgins 261-620, Rick Lange 246-662, Steve Ray 255-631, Mark Donnelly 2545-662.

Jason Haraputczyk 239-656, Jesse Ford 252-621, Michael Holtfrerich 241-677, Kim Lorenzen 226-615, Rick Irvine 247-698, David Gorrebeek 233-633, Scott Sullins 245-618, Armando Llamas 225-604.

Bobby Pritchard 244-670, Mark Timm 204-606.

### SENIORS

Joseph Albanese 246-629, Donna Albanese 204-578, Bob Staley 197-515, Lindell Daubresse 205-510, Tomi Howerton 168-455, Larry Froning 202-553, Connie Johnson 190-517, Debbie Buczek 154-432.

Pete Sena 196-478, Bob Gray 199-536, June Barnhill 148-397, Monika Nash 131-359, Lynne Garriss 145-416, Linda Bastida 136-390, Nina Segerstrom 157-385, Art Arnold 190-543, Cher Pokorny 132-381.

Linda Stokes 146-388, Tim Johnson 214-606, Bonnie Long 147-367, Donny Segerstrom 179-491, Jeanne Staley 166-450, Sue Walters 143-415, Dee Lanzing 165-373, Bob Lanzing 190-501.

## SUMMER 2023 LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Bowling Time	League Name	Starting Date	League Type	Number on Team
<b>MONDAY</b>				
6:30 p.m.	Monday Night Mixers	June 5	Mixed	4
<b>TUESDAY</b>				
9:30 a.m.	VIPs	June 6	50+ Mixed	4
6:30 p.m.	Tropical Tuesday	May 23	Any	4
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>				
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Winners	June 7	Mixed	4
7 p.m.	Ebonite Trios	June 21	Any	3
<b>THURSDAYS</b>				
9:30 a.m.	Twilighters	June 8	50+ Mixed	4
6:30 p.m.	Just 4 Fun	June 15	Mixed	4
<b>SATURDAY YOUTH LEAGUE</b>				
9:30 a.m.	Strikers	June 3	12 & up	4
9:30 a.m.	Pinbusters	June 3	8-11	3
9:30 a.m.	Chargers	June 3	3-7	2

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# Wichita State Men and McKendree Women Take 2023 Intercollegiate Team Championships

By: Gene J. Kanak  
 LAS VEGAS – The Wichita State men and McKendree women captured team championships, and Wichita State's Paige Wagner and Webber International's A.J. Wolstenholme claimed singles titles at the 2023 Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships at South Point Bowling Plaza.

Wichita State won the 2021 contest by a margin of 3-2 to collect its 12th men's national title. As such, St. Ambrose came into Saturday's match hoping for some payback and looking to do whatever was within its power to keep the Shockers from collecting their 13th ITC crown.

But much to the disappointment of the St. Ambrose faithful, the Fighting Bees just never got on track during Saturday's title match.

Instead, it was Wichita State that was stringing the strikes and bringing the energy during a 3-0 sweep of St. Ambrose.

The Shockers struck on six of their first seven shots and nine times overall to take the opening game of the match by a score of 234-199.

The teams switched lanes prior to Game 2, but the results were the same as a combination of Wichita State strikes and St. Ambrose opens allowed the Shockers to cruise to a 211-152 victory and a 2-0 lead in the match.

The Fighting Bees did their best to hang tough and begin the process of mounting a comeback, but it just wasn't meant to be.

The two squads were tied after six frames of Game 3, but

a St. Ambrose split and open in the eighth coupled with Shocker strikes in the seventh, eighth, ninth, and 10th ended the match and allowed Wichita State to secure its second ITC title in the last three seasons.

That gives the Shockers 13 men's national titles. Saginaw Valley State is next on the all-time list with four.

Wichita State Head Coach Rick Steelsmith is proud that this year's team was able to add another chapter to the storied history of Shocker bowling; he feels like it was a fitting way for some of his players to end their WSU bowling careers.

"The guys worked really hard for this day in and day out, and they were able to send the seniors out the way that they needed to be sent out, which is really cool for them," Steelsmith said. "Our program is blessed with some of the best kids in the country, and I'm just so proud of them all."

Steelsmith also knows just how talented St. Ambrose's roster is. As such, he was elated that his team was able to take down such a worthy foe enroute to this year's title.

"We have total respect for St. Ambrose; they're a terrific group, and they were in this match for a reason," Steelsmith said. "We just tried to stay focused on us and get as much as we could get, hoping it would be enough at the end."

"When that final strike was thrown, that's the best moment of all because that's when you get to see your guys run out there and jump up and celebrate with one another. That's the reward for all the hard work that they put in for this whole year."

The 2023 Wichita State championship team included Ryan Barnes, Brandon Bonta, Brandon Caruso, David Hayes, Alec Keplinger, Spencer Robarge, T.J. Rock and Nick Sommer.

In addition to the rewards Steelsmith spoke of, a couple of his bowlers earned some individual honors as well at tournament's end.

Bonta earned this year's Chris Stoehr Sportsmanship award in the men's division, and Keplinger was named to the 2023 ITC All-Tournament team and was named its men's most valuable

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2023 ITC Men's Champion: The Wichita State Shockers



2023 ITC Women's Champion: The McKendree Bearcats

At JB's Allen Bowl

## Biedebach produces 300/803, Bradford snags 722

Gaither, Klocek, Linderman, McDonough 300's, May, Rash 299's

John Biedebach held the hot hand last month at JB's Allen Bowl after pounding out dual, award-winning 254-249-300 = 803 marks in Steve Ray Doubles league action.

Cynthia Bradford racked up a rousing 240-258-224 = 722 Allen TNT set to pace fem scoring.

Q Gaither, Craig Klocek, Brian Linderman and youth bowler, Brady McDonough shared high-game honors with Biedebach as each registered an award-winning 12-bagger. Domnick May and Gid Rash shared runner-up accolades

with near-perfect 299 solos.

### HONOR ROLL

Chris Sivak 269-793, Jon Kehler 279-772, Jon Kehler 279-752, Arvese McGraw 217-581, Gid Rash 780, Arvese McGraw 225-618, Cynthia Rogers 157-446, Domnick May 763, Sandi Clayton 226-653.

Andi Hall 190-542, John Biedebach 268-784, Lydia Gilbert 234-659, Matt Powell 266-718, Bailey Guilfoil 194-576.

### SENIORS

Craig Klocek 767, Kimbo Emerson 207-578, Erik Andron 258-711, Maria Robeson 205-559.

## 2023 Summer Leagues

Start Time / Date	League Name	Weekly Price*	Lineage	Team	USBC Sanctioned	Details	Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>							
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
<b>Monday</b>							
10:30 AM Jun-05	Senior Drop-In	\$10.50	\$10.50	NA	No	Drop-In League	NA
06:40 PM Jun-05	Monday Mixers	\$20.00	\$13.50	4-Mixed	Yes	Mixed league, great for beginners and couples	05:30 PM Jun-05
<b>Tuesday</b>							
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
<b>Wednesday</b>							
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
<b>Thursday</b>							
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
<b>Friday</b>							
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
<b>Saturday</b>							
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

\* Prices subject to league vote.  
 \*\* Schedule is subject to change.

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# RED BIRD LANES

## Summer 2023 League Schedule

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

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### SASBA - ATKINSON

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Lanning.

Tony led 246-238 after the first game, but Johnny came back with a 279-208 the last game for the title.

It was Johnny's second SASBA title and his first singles.

Thank you to Adam Vincze and Platinum Ford for adding an additional \$1000 to this prize fund.

We had no 300 games during qualifying. Billy Hutchinson and Tony Lanning each had one in the finals. Rick Benard led the qualifying 2 years in a row.

We want to thank Scott Craddock and staff for hosting.

May 13-14 is a separate qualifying Member/Guest at Forum Bowl in Grand Prairie.

May 20-21 is the Super Senior Singles at Cityview Lanes in Fort Worth.



### At Red Bird Lanes

## Hunt raises 761, Cathey logs 698

John Hunt stroked a free-wheeling 279-244-238 = 761 Tuesday Men's Commercial series last month to lead the scoring race at Red Bird Lanes.

Lauren Cathey paced the ladies with a top-notch 248-236-214 = 698 Career Girls set.

#### HONOR ROLL

James Regalado 245-641, Angelina Jimenez 197-513, Paula Kennedy 201-535, Brenda Walker 236-588, Bryan Ellis 277-740, Zach Wrightsil 246-705, Carolyn Large 170-491, Cindi Wilson 178-456.

Billy Cathey 244-681, Lauren Cathey 249-684, Mitch Harris 256-678, Cindy Howell 202-537, Phillip White 267-686, Brittany Pope 222-553, Mel Richards 258-688, Regenia Stewart 232-628.

Tyree Jennings, Jr. 257-718, Angela Chalmers 205-586, Freddy Vivaud (2 games) 121-213, Kendal Renfro (2 games) 127-229, Tyree Jennings, Jr. 269-718, B J Jennings 215-585, Jalen Merrick 275-747.

Jennifer Thill 213-593, Phillip White 212-533, Diane Ihle 113-301.

# LOOKING BACK

### 10 YEARS AGO

Joe Scarborough rolls first 900 in PBA competition...Walter Ray Williams wins 5th PBA50 National Title...Billy Grant led the honor roll with 836 at Tenpins & More...Sean Lavery-Spahr shot 826 at Plano Super Bowl...Matt Akin with 816 at Oil Bowl...Misty Kaiser led the ladies with 814 at Fiesta Lanes...Dana Hough rolled 794 at AMF Showplace-Garland...Diane Jesse with 783 at Forum Bowl...Tom Baker wins PBA50 Title in Birmingham...Kurt Gengelbach and Mike Lewis inducted in the Dallas USBC Hall of Fame...Nathan Bohr wins 17th PBA Regional Title in Junction City, KS.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Sean Rash wins MLT event at Forum Bowl, and \$3000...Rick Talley wins 4th SASBA title in Houston...Cody Jones shot 816 at DC Cityview...Vernon Smith Jr. also with 16 at BRC Westcreek...Joe Schenck had 805 at Longview...Brenda Anderson led the ladies with 772 at DC Cityview...Sandi Irvine rolled 737 at Killeen Bowlerama...Tina Stickne shot 734 at Western...PBA legend Don Johnson passes away at 62...Rodney Black a perfect game at DC Cityview.

### 30 YEARS AGO

Russ Shields wins PBA SW Regional in Enid, OK...David Keplinger led the honor roll with 783 at Ridglea...Terry Beckwith shot 781 at DCSW...Darrell Harton with 777 at Showplace-Eules...Mickie Archies led the ladies with 780 at DCFW...Freda Thun had 732 at DCSW...Nita Page shot 708 at Forum...Donna Paredes wins Lone Star at DC East, and \$1000...Norm Duke wins the ABC Masters over Patrick Allen...Jill Albrecht wins first LPBT in New Orleans over Tish Johnson...Beth Owen at Tam Wasson win Mixed Doubles at Showplace-Eules.

### At Forum Bowl

## Warren collects 300/823, Taddy bags 774

**Bui 816, Jewell III 279-806, Cruz, Dotson, Kuhn, Marquez, Warren (2) 300's**

Robert Warren's first rate 300/823 Tuesday Trio session ended as the number-one set of the month at Forum Bowl.

Justin Bui finished close behind Warren with an award-winning 816 Forum Classic set while youth bowler, William Jewell III followed with an award-winning 806 Forum Strikers outing.

Regina Taddy posted a sky-high 269-246-259 = 774 Forum Classic set to front fem scoring.

Dimitri Cruz, Justin Dotson, Dennis Kuhn, Jason Marquez and Robert Warren shared high-game honors with award-winning 12-baggers.

#### HONOR ROLL

Karen Beich 179-496, Sheila Burger 255-727, Wes Davis (9 pin) 300-798, Iris Dillon (9 pin) 275-804, Mitchel Neville 279-781, Gina Cole 223-611, Victor Seabrooks 268-703, Cierra Pree 268-611.

Anthony Martin 202-589, Diane Catanzaro 172-448, Kara Bazaldua 277-681, James Thigpen 258-721, Dana Short 244-668, Bobby Adkison 269-761, Deneen Wilson 244-679, Kody Cantrell 265-771. Natalie Walker 233-652, Mitchell Duncan 268-737, Karen Hoyle 226-639, Tom Czajkowski (9 pin) 300-864, Carole Shockley (9 pin) 246-715, Steve Britton 269-740, Syida Johnson 204-573.

Boby Bounthaheuang 269-681, Karen Beich 192-510, James Sherwood 258-739, Tracy Ratchford 234-662, T-Bone Renteria, Sr. 266-759, Michelle Carr 255-621, Chris Sereseroz 227-630.

Brittany Perez 213-571, George Forde II 279-683, Victoria Hylton 230-606, Zach Munsch 246-640, Josephine Garcia 149-403, Freddie Tigner III 211-539, Keri Cramer 177-477.

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# Dana Ausec Claims 2023 USBC Senior Queens in Las Vegas

By: Gene J. Kanak

LAS VEGAS – Many people dread turning 50, but that wasn't the case for Dana Ausec of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Instead, she looked forward to it because once she celebrated that milestone birthday back in August, she became eligible to compete in the United States Bowling Congress Senior Queens.

Ausec certainly made the most of her debut performance as she defeated top seed Tish Johnson, also of Colorado Springs, 211-157 and 190-184 Tuesday night at Gold Coast Bowling Center to become the 2023 USBC Senior Queens champion.

The victory allowed Ausec to leave Las Vegas with the coveted tiara awarded to the champion and the \$8,000 top prize. Johnson earned \$6,150 for the runner-up finish.

All rounds of competition at the 2023 Senior Queens were broadcast live at BowITV.com, and the at-home audience and capacity crowd in attendance Tuesday night were certainly treated to a thrilling title match.

Because Johnson entered the bout as the only undefeated player from the tournament's double-elimination bracket, Ausec had to beat her twice in the finals in order to win the tournament.

Nobody in attendance expected that to be an easy task as Johnson had dominated the field since competition began on Sunday, leading qualifying by more than 160 pins and breezing through most of her bracket matches enroute to a 5-0 record and the top seed for the stepladder finals.

Nevertheless, Ausec wasn't intimidated heading into the title match. Perhaps that's because Johnson wasn't just another opponent; she's also a teammate and friend.

Johnson and Ausec are doubles partners and league teammates in the Colorado Springs area, and that helped take a bit of the edge off for the Senior Queens rookie heading into the finals.

"Twenty years ago, when Tish (Johnson) moved to Colorado Springs, I was in awe when she came to sub during a league that I bowled in," Ausec said. "Now, we bowl doubles and leagues together, so that intimidation factor that she holds over a lot of people probably isn't there for me anymore."

Ausec made that fact quite clear during the title match.

She and Johnson were tied midway through the first game of the championship bout, but after Johnson suffered back-to-back opens in the seventh and eighth frames, Ausec pounced, striking on four of her last five shots to secure a 211-157 victory that forced the second and deciding game.

The final 10 frames of this year's tournament definitely lived up to the hype as Ausec jumped out to a 12 pin lead after four frames only to open twice and allow Johnson to erase the deficit and establish a 14 pin advantage of her own after seven.

That's when the excitement really ratcheted up.

Johnson's ball crept high in the eighth frame, leaving the 2-4 standing, which she easily converted.

That's when Ausec, who had only struck once up to that point in the game, got a fortunate break by carrying very light mixer strikes in both the eighth and ninth frames.

Despite Ausec's double, Johnson stepped up for her last two frames with a chance to lock up the win.

If the USBC and Professional Women's Bowling Association Hall of Famer could strike in the ninth, 10th and 11th and take eight or better on her fill ball, she would claim her second Senior Queens title – she won her first in 2018.

Johnson delivered a quality shot in the ninth frame, but the 7 pin refused to fall. She converted the spare and then proceeded to strike in the 10th and 11th before her last shot went high for an



Sr Queens Champion Dana Ausec eight count.

Still, the double brought Johnson's score to 184, which meant that Ausec had to throw a double of her own in the 10th frame or else she'd lose the tiara to her doubles partner and league teammate.

Despite being a Senior Queens rookie, Ausec showed the poise of a seasoned veteran as she stepped up and calmly delivered the two strikes she needed and then took seven on her fill ball to emerge with a hard-fought 190-184 title-clinching victory.

"When I carried that second strike, I just thought, 'oh, my god; I just won the Senior Queens,'" Ausec said. "Bowling in this tournament was the main reason I was excited about turning 50. This feels amazing."

Ausec was pretty amazing in her own right during her three days of Senior Queens competition, averaging more than 215 over 33 games through qualifying, match play and the

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## At Lions Lanes

# Hopkins hammers 300/812, Washington downs 673

## Boroff 300

ENNIS, TX - Tice Hopkins headed the honor roll last month at Lions Lanes with a solid, award-winning 246-266-300 = 812 Big Money Mondays showing.

Meya Washington, Hopkins' league mate, posted a smooth 192-243-238 = 673 set to pace the ladies.

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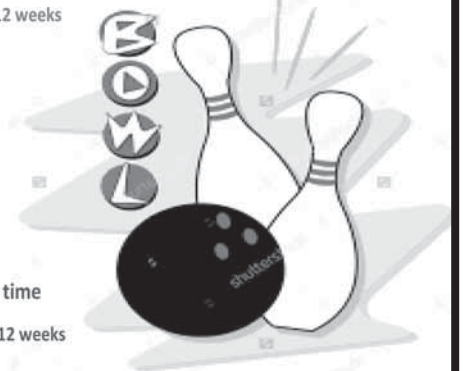
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# EJ Tackett Wins Fifth Title of Season at 2023 PBA World Championship Presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon



EJ Tackett defeats Jason Belmonte in the title match

By: Nolan Hughes

Wauwatosa, WI - In a title match that bore a cursory resemblance to not one, but two 2023 major championships, EJ Tackett claimed the 2023 PBA World Championship presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon title.

Tackett stepped onto the approach of Bowlero Wauwatosa needing two strikes to win. Just as he did at the U.S. Open presented by Go Bowling! in February, he delivered.

The 30-year-old defeated Jason Belmonte, 254-247, to win his second major championship and fifth title of the season at the

finale of the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Series of Bowling XIV.

"It feels really good to have the opportunity to have to get up to double in the 10th against the greatest of all time and get it done," Tackett said. "That is what dreams are made of. It's so rewarding because you know that all the hard work you've put in is actually worth it."

With the win, his fourth career major title, Tackett became the youngest player to win 21 PBA Tour titles, though he joked he would have rather been the first to 20.

"Twenty would have been a lot cooler because it's that nice, round number," Tackett said. "I feel like 20 is a number that puts you in very elite status in the history of the PBA Tour."

If not for the man opposite him in the title match, Tackett likely would have reached 20 titles long ago. Belmonte defeated Tackett in last month's Tournament of Champions title match, moving to 3-0 in major championship finals and 6-2 on television against Tackett.

Belmonte's ascent to the World Championship title match this week also eerily resembled his monumental comeback at the TOC.

After finishing 10th, 34th, and 14th, respectively, in the PBA Cheetah, Scorpion and Shark Championships, Belmonte entered the 12-game match play round in 12th place, more than 300 pins outside of the top five. He averaged 250 and compiled an 11-1 record to charge all the way to the No. 4 seed.

Boasting a career record of 32-18 and average of nearly 220 in televised major championship matches, Belmonte won three consecutive matches against

players who made three of four championship rounds at the WSOB XIV.

In the opening match, Belmonte defeated reigning PBA Rookie of the Year Santtu Tahvanainen. The 26-year-old made two poor shots early that gave Belmonte the lead, but Tahvanainen said he remained confident.

"I was like, 'Now we're gonna look to strike out, shoot 250 and put pressure on Belmo,'" Tahvanainen said. "It was a good shot (in the fifth frame) but I left the 4-pin. I felt like 230 wouldn't be enough anymore."

Belmonte then took down Jakob Butturff, the 2019 and 2021 PBA World Championship runner-up. Butturff had an opportunity to shut out Belmonte with three strikes in the 10th frame, but the southpaw's errant shot allowed Belmonte to advance with a mark.

"Honestly, I was very inconsistent with my ball speed," Butturff said. "You've gotta get those breaks and you've gotta make better shots when you're bowling against the best bowlers on the planet."

Once again, the three finalists of a major championship were Belmonte, Tackett and No. 2 seed Anthony Simonsen. It marks the third time over the past two seasons all three have made a

major championship round and the sixth time overall since 2016.

With Belmonte, Tackett and Anthony Simonsen all recording major titles earlier in the season, Butturff clinched a berth in May's PBA Super Slam Cup as the highest finisher without a major title this season.

Transition hit during the semifinal as Belmonte and Simonsen, who each started with urethane equipment, navigated the treacherous situation. On the high-scoring pattern, one error or poor decision could be detrimental.

Belmonte opted to move incrementally left and, later, loft the urethane ball over the front part of the lane; Simonsen switched to reactive on the right lane in the fifth frame, then on the left lane for the 10th.

After leaving a 10-pin on the left lane in the eight frame, Simonsen made the ball change needing a massive 10th frame to put pressure on Belmonte. Instead, he left a 2-8 and allowed Belmonte to continue climbing with a mere mark.

Belmonte, typically stoic until all is said and done, demonstrated a great deal of emotion after clinching wins over Butturff and Simonsen.

"A few days ago I was 400 pins behind fourth, and then here I

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By: Dave Schroeder

LAS VEGAS – Delegates elected three board members and voted on nine legislative proposals at the 2023 United States Bowling Congress Convention and Annual Meeting, which concluded Thursday at South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa.

The ballot for the USBC Board election had five candidates slated by the USBC Nominating Committee – Glenda Beckett of Palmetto Bay, Florida; Brandon Bowman of Mukilteo, Washington; Mike Cannington of Fort Myers, Florida; Adam Mitchell of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; and Cheryl Younger of Leavenworth, Kansas.

On the first ballot, incumbents Cannington (497 votes) and Beckett (417 votes) were re-elected, with Bowman also gaining election (392 votes). Younger received 385 votes, and Mitchell received 325. A candidate had to receive a majority of the 689 votes cast to be elected.

Team USA athletes re-elected Nick Pate of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, to a second term and elected Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois.

The newly elected board members begin their three-year terms Aug. 1, 2023.

Robert Cincotta of Massapequa Park, New York, and Elizabeth DeWerth of La Vista,

Nebraska, are joining the International Bowling Campus Youth Committee, which also returns current members Matthew Orvis of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Allen Soloman of Neptune Beach, Florida.

Additionally, on March 6, 2023, IBC Youth Chairperson Chrissie Kent appointed Brooklyn Gagnon of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to the Youth Committee. The Youth Committee met and approved the recommendation. Gagnon will serve out the remaining term of a vacant position, and her term will expire on July 31, 2024.

In addition to the board elections, delegates voted on five proposed bylaw amendments and four proposed rules amendments (two league and two tournament).

Delegates rejected a bylaw proposal to allow remote electronic voting for future USBC Annual Meetings.

In other news, North Texas USBC was awarded the Association Excellence Award. Beckett, who also serves on the USBC Awards Committee, surprised the North Texas USBC delegates as part of the USBC Convention awards ceremony.

The presentation of national awards, including the Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow Award to Katie Heady of Richardson,

# 2023 USBC Convention Concludes at South Point Casino in Las Vegas

**North Texas USBC receives National Association Excellence Award; Mark London inducted into International Bowling Media Association Hall of Fame; Katie Heady accepts Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow Award**

Texas, and the Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow Award to Zachary Andrews of Jacksonville, Florida, also took place.

USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy introduced a new multi-faceted brand awareness campaign featuring current USBC certified bowlers. The campaign, titled "Why I Certify," features USBC members talking about the importance of USBC certification and what bowling certified means to them. The campaign features its own website at [WhyICertify.com](http://WhyICertify.com).

Murphy and USBC Senior Director of Equipment Specifications Tom Frenzel delivered a presentation detailing the USBC's most recent research on string pinsetters and announced USBC will certify string pinsetters and string pin bowling as an independent category of equipment and competition effective August 1, 2023. More information can be found at [BOWL.com/equipment-specifications/string-pinsetter-research](http://BOWL.com/equipment-specifications/string-pinsetter-research).

USBC President Melissa McDaniel and Murphy presented their annual reports, and delegates heard reports from the USBC Strategic Planning Committee and from International Bowling Campus Youth Development.

During Convention week, delegates attended a variety of educational seminars. The agenda also featured presentations from USBC charity partners Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL), which provides recreational and therapeutic programs and services to America's active duty and veteran service men and women, and Bowl for the Cure®, the year-round fundraising initiative sponsored by USBC in partnership with Susan G. Komen®.

In 2024, the USBC Convention will return to South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa in Las Vegas in conjunction with the USBC Open Championships, with the event scheduled to run from April 22-25.



North Texas USBC receives the USBC Excellence Award.

*Editor's Note: Thanks to our local bowlers who made this award special this year. And many thanks to our awesome Association Manager, Terry Taylor, who makes all of us look good!*

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Yes, I am still stunned, but more on that later. Let's get to one of the favorite times of year for bowling on national television. The month of April was once filled by PBA, PWBA, and the start of the then PBA Senior Tours on ABC and ESPN. Nowadays, it's PBA action on Fox and FS1 with NCAA Collegiate National Championship followed by the USBC Singles and Team Championships for men and women.

The three major finals on the main Fox network were steady as usual, but the surprising numbers came from FS1, up, over last year. According to Nielsen numbers from showbuzzdaily.com. The Tournament of Champions, Masters, and World Championship were all over 700,000 in average viewership and over 0.40 rating, similar to 2022 numbers. The increase on FS1 came from preliminary shows to the main finals either with an extended stepladder at the ToC to match play to determine the championship round finals on the Masters, or the pattern championship finals in the PBA World Series of Bowling (WSOB).

The Association tried something different to try to drum up more interest in the 17-players stepladder format, cutting to the top 9 for a second round to determine the fifth seed for the finals.

I'll give them an A for effort, but seventeen is just a little too much. The chances of someone, even a name player, breaking

through on three straight shows is a stretch. The flip side idea was getting more bowling on TV to prepare the viewing public for a second round to set up the finals on the main Fox network.

More watched those back-to-back nights of shows rather than the one-off shows we've seen in the past. Was ad revenue also up? Hopefully. In these days of struggling Nielsen ratings for professional sports on television, the PBA is anything but the programming albatross the Disney management group of ABC-TV thought when they kicked The Association off the network in 1997.

(For those of you scoring at home, Disney has started another round or two of layoffs at ESPN and is rumored to be trying to sell the network.)

The one drawback of the Nielsen numbers on Fox was the PBA led off the network schedule on a couple of those days. When there was another network show beginning at 11:00 am Central, it served as a stronger lead-in program for a 1:00 pm Central PBA start rather than local programming, all too often informercials.

I'm curious to know what the last several 15-minute segments of the PBA World Championship had for average viewership. With four future Hall of Famers and a rising star as the fifth player, there was as much to watch and appreciate as any of the Firestone ToCs and PBA National/World Championships from twenty to

fifty years ago when most if not all the finalists were eventually Hall of Famers. The title match often went down to the tenth frame, putting the viewership well above the announced average viewership number. While averaging 710,000, I wouldn't be surprised if there were as many as 800,000 watching truly must-see television.

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There have been strange shots on television from time to time, but three gutter balls and two fouls in the same match with Jakob Butturff and A.J Johnson in the PBA Cheetah Championship? Marshall Holman had a double gutter frame in 1989, Mark Baker won an open-filled 1986 PBA King Louie Open over Walter Ray Williams, Jr., and last summer's PBA League finale was out of left field, but I can't remember a match with results seemingly found after shaking and looking at your Magic 8-Ball. Butturff switched to an older literally-falling-apart pair of shoes the following night, winning the PBA Scorpion Championship. Oddly, I remember Butturff's backpack with those same older shoes disappearing at the 2018 Luci, fortunately recovered hours later after tournament founder and chair Donna Conners put the word out on social media.

The Women's Intercollegiate Singles finals a few nights later saw something in a similar vein with a foul on a fill shot. Despite the foul, Wichita State's Paige Warner won the match when Savannah College of Art and Design's (SCAD) Lara Kurt missed a 4-pin on a spare attempt, then beat Maryville's Anna Maxwell for the title.

The rest of the finals weren't

## Just Paying Attention

By Mark London  
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unusual, except for the lack of crowd reaction. It was oddly quiet.

It's still a shame CBS doesn't publicly disclose CBSSN viewership numbers. It would be interesting to see exactly how many people watch, but as of now only the network knows for sure.

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Even though I've known for weeks now about the award you've read about elsewhere in TBN, I'm still stunned and greatly humbled. There are many people to thank for what the International Bowling Media Association bestowed upon me, the 2023 Luby Hall of Fame award. This will be a brief attempt of what would have been a speech if the time-frame existed to make one.

Congratulations to my fellow IBMA award winners on your well-deserved achievements. It is an honor to be included among you at this time.

The late Don Ladas offered me a regular column in his Joliet, Illinois bowling newspaper, the Will County Sportsman. As a broadcaster, I felt I wasn't really a writer and said no for about a year before relenting in February 1998. A fixture in Joliet sports and radio over six decades, Don liked that I knew media AND bowling.

As I've mentioned many

times, I sent Bill Vint the April '98 JPA which contained the first Top 25 TV Bowling Moments list asking for a critique. To my amazement even to this day, he published it in Bowling magazine. Maybe, just maybe I was on to something.

After a few pieces in Bowling This Month, former IBMA Executive Director Jackie Wyckoff took notice and appointed me to the IBMA Bowler of the Month committee in 2006. At the time, George Wooten was chair and eventually offered it to me in 2009, a post I held for twelve years. After reading what she still calls JPA the most esoteric bowling column ever, she started the push for my nomination. Wooten also deserves to be in the Hall as well. I always walk away from our conversations knowing more about bowling and writing.

While researching bowling-only radio shows, I stumbled upon one out of Kansas City hosted by

Dave Waswo. I interviewed him, then he interviewed me live on the air off and on for the next ten years on The Bowlers Show, creating the best bowling radio experience of my career.

Along with The Waz, Craig Elliott invited us to commentate on PBA Xtra Frame for the 2017 Luci Doubles at Copperfield Bowl. A dream was realized

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<b>April 29-30</b>	<b>Holiday Lanes</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>Member/Guest Doubles</b>
<b>May 13-14</b>	<b>Forum Bowl</b>	<b>Grande Prairie</b>	<b>Separate Qual Singles</b>
<b>May 20-21</b>	<b>University Lanes</b>	<b>Denton, Tx.</b>	<b>Super Senior Singles</b>
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By: Dave Williams





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## To Be Or Not To Be

As a youngster the question of whether or not to join a sanctioned bowling league just never came up as an argument for debate. Why else would anyone want to bowl, if not for the competition and recognition provided by USBC certified leagues?

The game came naturally to me, when at the age of 8, I first stepped onto the approach and proceeded to throw a strike, and then another strike! Two in a row on my first two rolls of the ball. I still wonder to this day if my friends added up the score correctly, because my final total was only 72. Alas, there was no automatic scoring in 1960!

The topic brings to mind the great coffee table book called *Bowling Alone*, by Robert Putnam. Once we all bowled in leagues, Putnam surmises, but no longer. At amazon.com, a review of the popular book from the turn of the 21st century describes the decline of league bowling succinctly:

*Drawing on vast new data that reveal American's changing behavior, the author shows how we have become increasingly disconnected from one another and how social structures - whether they be PTA, church, leagues - have disintegrated.*

In their latest attempt to figure out the demise of league bowling, the USBC reached out to current league bowlers and asked them for their thoughts on why bowling in certified USBC competition was important, according to writer Dave Schroeder. The result was "Why I Certify," a new multi-faceted brand awareness campaign featuring current league bowlers.

### Haven't We Been Down This Road Before?

I could not help but wonder if this latest attempt would be another failure in trying to revive a sport that peaked in the mid-1970's. Schroeder continues by stating that the goal of USBC in this latest campaign is to talk to bowlers about membership and why they chose to certify. Funny, I don't remember that being an option as an 8-year-old, as mentioned in the opening statement. Why would you not want to certify?

Reading between the lines, I wonder if it could be the \$13

membership fee and perceived value of benefits that's making bowlers think twice? Maybe a tiered membership program would be helpful, with lower fees for less benefits. Just a thought.

The amazon.com review continues

*Until the publication of Putnam's work, no one had so deftly diagnosed the harm that these broken bonds have wreaked on our physical and civic health, nor had anyone exalted their fundamental power in creating a society that is happy, healthy, and safe.*

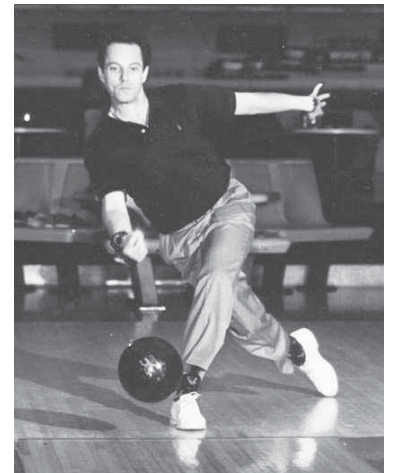
I wonder if the problem might be from the proliferation of information provided by computers, cell phones, and the like, making us all a bunch of couch-potatoes? Without meaning to sound like a conspiracy theorist, it is nonetheless fascinating that the LifeLog project of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA, was curtailed on the very day that Facebook went public.

Another monster conglomerate, Google, owes its true origin to CIA and NSA research grants for mass surveillance, according to qz.com. In fact, the internet itself was created because of an intelligence effort in the 1970's by DARPA. In an article first published by Jeff Nesbit in 2017 at qz.com, the following is interesting, and a bit frightening:

*The research arms of the CIA and NSA hoped that the best computer science minds in academia could identify what they called 'birds of a feather.' Just as geese fly together in large V shapes, or flocks of sparrows or blackbirds make sudden movements together in harmony, they predicted that like-minded groups of humans would move together online.*

Sounds scary, doesn't it? I wonder if we are being programmed to avoid joining leagues...

CONGRATS TO DAVID FERRARO — The USBC Hall of Fame inducted David Ferraro, age 63, of Kingston, N.Y., in ceremonies conducted this week. Ferraro left his mark on the PBA tour as well, which saw him collect nine PBA titles, including three majors (PBA Players Championship in 1988 & 1991, and the Tournament of Champi-



Dave Ferraro

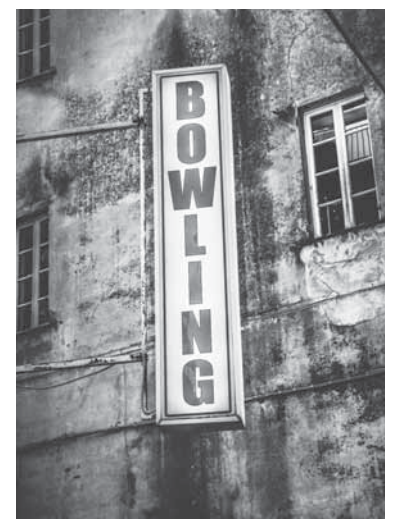
ons in 1990).

What I remember most about Ferraro is his sheer determination to win, and an unflappable demeanor, even in defeat. He also possessed a version of the non-slide, planted foot approach made popular by Pete Tountas a generation earlier. He was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1997, and in 2009 was voted the 36th best bowler among the PBA's top 50 players since their inception in 1958.

Although unable to attend due to illness, Ferraro provided the following statement in a news release from bowl.com: "I'd like to thank the USBC for this prestigious award. When I looked at all the other nominees in my category, there wasn't anyone on that list that wasn't deserving of this award. For someone who grew up in the bowling business and has co-owned several bowling centers with my brother Steve, this award means the world to me. So, thank you."

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David Ferraro photo provided by pba.com







**Up Your Average**  
By Susie Minshew

Fidgeting is a Good Thing!  
Constant movement is not always a sign of nervousness or hyperactivity. It can actually be a weapon you can use to avoid tightening up. If your armswing is tight, the pins know it. If your legs are tight, you lose your knee bend and leverage (not to mention you'll fatigue more easily). If you have a death grip on the ball, your release and accuracy suffer. Staying in some kind of constant movement as you prepare to roll your shot can keep you

from tightening up - not big moves, just little movements that prevent you from being perfectly still. Gently tapping your elbow against your side a few times before you begin your approach or tapping the ball with your index finger can be methods to help keep you loose. Norm Duke seldom lets his feet get still and moves the ball left and right in his hand in his starting stance. Chris Barnes puts his elbow next to his body, moves the ball around, adjusts

his shoulders, and goes. They don't do this because they are nervous. It helps keep them loose as they begin their approach. It's a critical part of their PSR (pre-shot routine). Tight equals back row standing. Try it for several weeks. Find some movement that feels comfortable (it can be something only you know, like wiggling your toes) and keep doing it. It will also detract from your ability to think while on the approach - what a good idea!

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Krol saved his turkey for the later frames striking in the 7th, 8th and 9th. Holliman then threw a big double in the 10th to force Krol to mark.

Boog once again answered the call with a strike in the 10th to clinch his first title 234-210.

Special shout-out to Dylan Macon who bowled the only 300 in the event. Congrats to all of the finalists and thank you to everyone who competed.

1. David Krol \$5,000
2. Mykel Holliman \$3,500
3. Dylan Macon \$2,300
4. Ryan Barnes \$1,500

For complete results, visit [www.pba.com](http://www.pba.com)

*At Terrell Bowling Center*

## Renfro masters 773, Shaw collars 612

TERRELL - Joshua Renfro won high-series honors last month at Terrell Bowling Center by polishing off robust 217-287-269 = 773 numbers in Sunday Night Mixed action.

Barbara Shaw, from the Friday Night Quads group, led the ladies' leader board after registering a sizzling 187-211-214 = 612 series.

**HONOR ROLL**

Meagan Blasius 208-578, Stephen Klein 254-710, Michelle Daniels 202-593, Bobby Holley 279-753, Paige Pring 232-588, Eldon Pickens 259-732, Mona Burke 231-607, Shelby Hollis 247-714.

Josh Orr 257-716, Linda Chambers 212-573, Jeff Hunter 259-730, Mary Mason 213-600, Fred Croasdale 226-568, Janet Newkirk 204-555, Ryan Korinek 257-731, Patty Ellington 205-573.

Mark Blasius 268-745, Kristy Lovejoy 224-594, Mark Gulleledge 278-716, Donald Davis, Jr. 246-708.

just kept chasing... He averaged 235 for the rounds of 16 and 8 making his way to 4th for the stepladder.

In the first match, Krol took on the #3 seed Barnes. Krol started with the first 3 strikes while Barnes had a couple of early splits. Ryan put on a run late in the game but was unable to make up the difference and Krol takes the win 213-197.

Match number two saw Lubbock's Dylan Macon take on Krol. Once again, Boog started with a turkey followed by spare and a double to keep the pressure on Macon. A 2-8-10 split in the 8th frame slowed Dylan's progress and Krol steps up in the 10th frame and strikes the first shot to shut out Macon 235-203.

Finally, in the title match, it appeared that the tide had turned as this time Mykel Holliman throws the opening three bagger while Krol starts with 6 consecutive spares.

An open by Holliman in the 4th frame and a solid 8 in the 8th kept Krol in the match.

**KROL PBASW**

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title. It was another great event at our Region Sponsor location and thank you to Chris Skillings and GM Chelsea Combs for all of their hard work.

Krol came into Sunday's cashers round in 16 place and 145 pins behind tournament leader, three time Southwest champion Mykel Holliman.

Holliman averaged just over 232 for the first 8 games and continued to lead throughout the day. Krol, however, continued to bowl steady and improved his position to 10th going into the Eliminator rounds.

Holliman actually increased his lead Sunday morning and going into the afternoon rounds was 133 ahead of second place held by two time Jr Team USA member and collegiate team champion Ryan Barnes.

Dylan Macon and Cody Meiers both looking for their first PBA title rounded out the top four. But Krol

*At Western Bowl*

## Kerbo soars to 297/788, Clary notches 777

AMARILLO - Kirk Kerbo pocketed prime 297-259-232 = 788 Super Bowl League numbers to head the honor roll for the month at Western Bowl.

Candra Clary rolled a tip-top 255-277-245 = 777 Pantex Mixed league series to take top honors for the ladies.

**HONOR ROLL**

Brian Collier 280-783, Michael Cates 268-771, Randy Ingram 268-744, Brandon Roberts 278-730, Chris Sledge 269-728, Patrick Clark 256-713, Chuck Collins 247-708, Ross Hayward 255-705.

Scott Hawkins 265-702, Adam Standley 248-700, Charles Chivington 254-696, Joe Miranda 254-695, Robert Sicks 244-693, Adam Standley 248-690, Brandon Roberts 234-688, John Walton

278-685.

Randy Ingram 247-684, Layne Darnell 246-684, Mark Payne 241-682, Jack Turner 278-680, Zach McFarlin 256-679, Shawn Tucker 236-679, Cade Chase 237-678, Michael Baucom 247-674.

Cory Sharp 236-672, Tyler Sharp 231-672, Carrie Wichers 255-702, Megan Larson 244-673, Leslie Bittle 266-673, Madella Kerbo 225-626, Jennifer Polk 253-621, Carrie Wichers 257-621.

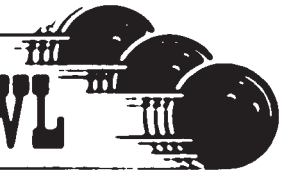
Kyla Collier 220-619, Laurie Leuck 226-619, Candra Clary 226-613, Erin Moorman 223-611, Kaycie Dubose 218-606, Alvina Musick 203-605, Aliyah Chandler 221-602, Lana Skarke 222-582.

Alyssa Neal 212-577, Debbie Shannon 201-575, Heather Roberts 211-575, Cathy Tate 226-573.

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## USBC Certifies String Pin Bowling as Independent Competition Effective August 1, 2023

By: Dave Schroeder

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress released a new research report on string pinsetters and the USBC Equipment Specifications Committee has approved final specifications based on the research. USBC will certify string pinsetters and string pin bowling as an independent category of equipment and competition effective August 1, 2023. The final specifications reduce the string length to a minimum of 54 inches.

Under those final specifications, key findings of this 2023 report include:

USBC's lab data indicates strike percentage on string pin bowling will be 7.1% less than when using free-fall pinsetters.

This could result in average differences as large as 10 pins or more.

Unusual spare conversion rates have been nearly eliminated.

Additional testing is needed to determine if a conversion between string pinsetter competition and free-fall is reasonable.

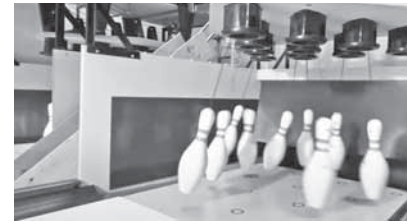
This 2023 report follows up on previous USBC string pinsetter research that began in 2020. Results from an initial study were published in December of 2020 and another research report on the subject was made public in September of 2021.

In the 2021 report, USBC released the results of its initial phase of research on string pinsetters along with preliminary

specifications that were developed to help promote similarity between the performance of the different pin setters and more closely align with free-fall performance.

Based on the results from the latest round of research, USBC has outlined the following next steps regarding string pinsetters:

USBC will certify string pinsetters and string pin bowling as an independent category of equipment and competition separate from free-fall machines



effective August 1, 2023, for the 2023-2024 season.

USBC will conduct additional testing with an objective of determining whether string averages can be used the same as free fall or whether a conversion can be created.

USBC will provide an update on the additional testing and potential for conversion in advance of the 2024-2025 season.

The full 2023 report can be found on the [BOWL.com/Stringpinsetters](http://BOWL.com/Stringpinsetters).

### At Hallmark

## Sharper drills 773, Maruna grabs 700

### Duerre 299

KILLEEN – Douglas Sharper was the man to beat at Hallmark Lanes last month as he had a chart-topping 268/773 series in Partytimers league play.

Lisa Maruna was high for the ladies in Hit & Miss Classic action with a super solid 700 set.

Aaron Duerre, youth bowler, earned high-game accolades with a near-perfect 299 solo.

#### HONOR ROLL

Will Palumbo 265, Allan Smith 700, Lisa Blackman 181, Karin Ciesiolka 611, Jay Cambra 245, Tom Denbrock

627, Desiree Rodriguez 206, Roberta Denbrock 550, Ron Murrell 222, Kenneth Batie 634.

Nyia Jenkins 169, Tiffany Kruse 461, Gregory Masters 268, Douglas Sharper 705, Kristie Duerre 246-636, Jay Davis 267, James Norris 726, Karin Ciesiolka 203, Jeff Hough 256, Eric Jackson, Sr. 685.

Nella China 154, Sonya Stokes 493, Will Palumbo 259, Allan Smith 695, Lisa Blackman 170, Karin Ciesiolka 503, JayC Ponger 236, Michael Dixon-Dates 719, Desiree Rodriguez 190.

Roberta Denbrock 492, Kenneth Batie 199, Jimmie Miggins 579, Dana Munz 143, Contina Quiney 389, Rocky Sparks 279, Rocky Sparks 704, Sharon Jeffers 229, Verlena Fernandes 558, Jay Davis 268.

Scott Chaco 685, Esther Navarro 211, Amy Starkovich 565, Kendrick Little 232, Jeff Hough 621, Sonya Stokes 172, Cindy Gill 627, David Norris 257, Allan Smith 705, Karin Ciesiolka 203, Ashlie Mills 578.

Jay Cambra 247, Gerald Flowers 674, Deborah Kennedy 190, Hayley Pernell 622, Marquis Farley 183, Kenneth Batie 605, Dana Munz 163, Tiffany Kruse 404, Peggy Hartley 223, Sally Wedgewood 558.

Darius Dunem II 275, Benny Fajkus 727, Kisha Thomas 226, Amy Starkovich 615, Kendrick Little 236, Eric Jackson, Sr. 691, Sonya Stokes 167, Cindy Gill 590.

#### SENIORS

Virges Collins 231, Phillip Thurston 709, Linda Meads 194, Brenda Washington 514, Sam Cominsky 276, Phillip Thurston 751, Beckie Shuron 236, Barbara Person 584, Tony Powell 246.

Phillip Thurston 714, Barbara Hernandez 185, Linda Meads 514, James Dukes III 269, Phillip Thurston 684, Kathy Koehne 201, Linda Meads 585, James Hall 248, Sam Cominsky 701.

Christine Scott 192, Linda Meads 574.

### At Killeen Bowlerama

## Davie, Sr. hammers 826, Charles snags 753

### Williams 811, French, Meier 300's, Lantz 299

KILLEEN – Robert Davie, Sr. lit up the lanes last month at Killeen Bowlerama with an award-winning 826 Rebels series.

Brian Williams finished close behind Davie, Sr. with an award-winning 290/811 Commercial outing.

Sandi Charles paced the ladies with a high-flying 279/753 Sundowners set.

Nate French and Toby Meier shared high-game honors with award-winning 12 baggers while Phillip Lantz' near perfect 299 solo took runner-up accolades.

#### HONOR ROLL

Erica McPhail 737, Allan Smith 773, Kim Dewald 729, Sam Cominsky 750, Ashanti Fernandes 269-706, Greg

Springfield 740, Sandi Charles 700, Regis Payne 738, Walter Harrison 735, Mark Kujan 744.

Rick Eberhart 737, Erica McPhail 700, Bobby Wacker 729, Stephanie Hamric 658, Phillip Lantz 720, Jen Morgan 694, Vince Sturdivant 734, Kim Dewald 258-649, Gregg Lewis 730, Keith Desmarais 726.

Russell Brown 725, Chris McMasters 287, Rocky Sparks 721, Julie Flecha 242-637, Sam Cominsky 716, Tawana Ramey 633, Nate French 289-715, Robert Davie, Sr. 703, Eddie Timm 703.

Sean Turner 279-673, Jayce Borja 672.

#### SENIORS

Benny Fajkus 730, Tawana Ramey 696, Phil Thurston 685, Donna Nash 545, Deano Shaffer 671, Donna Lewis 518, Robin Behymer 277-668.



**ITC - WICHITA/MCKENDREE**

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player.

Joining Keplinger on the men's all-tournament team were Tyler Betz of Tennessee Southern, St. Ambrose's Cameron Crowe, Wisconsin-Whitewater's Garrett Meadows and Michael Nape Jr. from St. Francis-Illinois.

In the women's title match, McKendree took advantage of a late Maryville open to take Game 1 by a final score of 205-201.

The momentum then shifted in Maryville's direction during the next two games as the Saints rode an opening seven bagger to a 232-220 win in Game 2 and then capitalized on four McKendree opens to come out on top 225-171 during Game 3.

That put Maryville up 2-1 and just one win away from securing the first ITC title in program history.

But as champions always seem to do, McKendree responded.

The Bearcats started Game 4 with a four bagger and would go on to strike 10 times in total during a 234-180 victory that evened the match 2-2 and left the

2023 national title up to a fifth and deciding game.

Both teams came out strong during the finale with McKendree starting with another four bagger and Maryville responding with spare-four bagger of its own to keep the match tied through five frames.

Disaster struck the Saints in the sixth frame, however, as they were unable to convert a 10 pin. Not only did that halt Maryville's string of strikes, but it also allowed McKendree to take an eight-pin lead with just four frames remaining.

The Saints bounced back strong with a strike in the seventh frame, but they were only able to muster spares during frames eight and nine.

McKendree, meanwhile, spared in the seventh and eighth, but fourth bowler Rebecca Hagerman delivered a crucial strike in the ninth.

That put the Bearcats in position to win. If anchor bowler Hope Gramly could go strike-seven in the 10th frame, McKendree would be national champions once again.

Showing the poise and shot-making ability that caused her to

be named a 2023 National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association First Team All-American, Gramly calmly stepped up and delivered a flush strike.

Needing seven pins to officially secure the title, Gramly hit the pocket again in the 11th, toppling nine pins to officially eliminate Maryville and earn McKendree its second ITC crown – the Bearcats won their first in 2017 – to go along with its pair of NCAA championships.

For Gramly, who was named the 2023 ITC women's most valuable player shortly after the title match concluded, being asked to deliver in crunch time is nothing new.

"Hope (Gramly) had some weird breaks throughout our matches this week, but I'm always confident that she's going to step up and throw a good one when she needs it," O'Keefe said. "She's shown it over and over again over the years; she's the best player in college bowling for a reason."

But McKendree didn't win the title because of one bowler; it won because of the hard work and dedication of every player and coach and the support of all

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members of Bearcat Nation.

"As coaches, we pour ourselves into our kids, so to be able to take a step back and watch them make their dreams come true and know that we played a small part in that is something I'm in awe of every time we get to do it. This feels awesome; there's no other words for it."

McKendree's 2023 championship team featured Isabel Allen, Keyla Covarrubias, Angelique

Dalesandro, Gramly, Rebecca Hagerman, Maranda Pattison, Kayla Smith and Anna Warkel.

Joining Gramly on the all-tournament team were Allen, Wichita State's Juliana Botero, Maryville's Natalie Heltne and Lauren Tomaszewski of North Carolina A&T.

The Chris Stoehr Sportsmanship award went to Lara Kurt of Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah.

**MCDONOUGH PBASW**

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the first round, he took down Sadat in the second round 2-0. McDonough had his work cut out in the finals, but he got it done, emerging victorious over Veitch 253-236. McDonough became the youngest bowler in PBA history to win a regional event, capturing the PBA Copperfield Southwest Challenge. As a non-member of the PBA, he is

not credited with an official PBA Regional title. But the PBA Jr. ambassador collected his \$2,500 winnings in scholarship.

PBA Copperfield Southwest Challenge (Non-Champions) Final Standings:

1. Braden McDonough, \$2,500
2. Justin Veitch, \$1,600
3. Nathan Eaton, \$1,100
4. Sean Sadat, \$1,100

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commentating on an official PBA event for three of the best days ever, getting paid to talk bowling.

Mike Flanagan invited me on his InsideBowling.com after his call of the 2013 Luci when Troy Walker threw the shot creating bowling's first truly viral moment. He should also be inducted as "The Pulse" of the industry and as a pioneer in tournament live-stream coverage.

Thanks to Gianmarc Manzi-one and Bob Johnson of Bowlers Journal International for the chance to write pieces, including a cover story, over a seven-year period for one of the oldest sports magazines still around.

Thanks to Emmy-winning TV weatherman John Gerard for helping kick off the next generation of my media career by having me in a weather promo for the station he was chief meteorologist at the time, San Antonio's WOAI-TV. It's still somewhere on YouTube.

Where else would I be without a handful of appearances on USBC Open Championship live streams with Matt Cannizzaro and Aaron Smith on what I eventually called Matt and Aaron's Excellent Adventure. I'm still not sure if they were impressed or dumbfounded by my bowling knowledge.

After a chance meeting with then-TBN columnist Clint Dacy

(The Daceman), Tony and Genie Franklin offered me a chance to revive JPA in The Bowling News. I knew TBN was a force in bowling media, but it wasn't until I heard from readers from all over the country that it dawned on me how much of a voice it really is. The Franklin's have been extremely supportive over the years and I'm not shy in saying so elsewhere in many places outside these pages.

My award-winning newspaper writer wife Michelle also deserves a mention keeping my eye on correct pop culture references. How much do you ask? Last week, she interviewed a former local university instructor for the city film festival who is backing a long-time friend's film. She was told not to ask about the former instructor's most well-known project, something called "Game of Thrones." Yes, she got a one-on-one interview with George R.R. Martin.

To my late dad, the career newspaper exec, Paul London, who asked me point blank after the Glenn Allison 900 Series sanction denial story hit the Wall Street Journal in July 1982 whether I really wanted to be in an industry who treated its stars in such a way. I said yes, despite that. This coming from a man who was grilled not once, but twice, by FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover over editorials about Pittsburgh famed 1960's era Santa Claus bank robber and safety questions at a neighboring

nuclear power plant.

Thanks to all the people I've interviewed over the years. They gave insightful answers to questions about their unique experiences in the game, including an annual chat with fellow IBMA award winner Women's Senior player of the Year winner Jodi Woessner, not only on their moments on national television but in the hours, days, weeks, and months of preparation for such moments.

In a tongue in cheek manner to my critics, I say if you want to blame anyone, blame the one and only Charlie Tapp, my first interview subject nearly forty years ago after he bowled his first Firestone ToC. Now that I've won this award, Tapp may feel free to admit our interview actually did happen.

Finally, I want to thank you, the TBN reader. It doesn't matter when you started reading as one of the original eight, one of the TBN original eight, or started more recently. It is your attention I've garnered and hopefully keep while explaining why things are the way they are in our little corner of the world. I thank you all.

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Next month, more on the USBC Collegiate Championships telecasts, an interview on the latest chapter in the life of the author of the PBA Tour's more memorable one-television-game wonders and more. Stay tuned.



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## USBC HALL OF FAME

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Jill Albrecht-Weber of Burlington, Wisconsin, and Mike Rose Jr. of Orlando, Florida, were inducted in the USBC Outstanding Performance category. Ron Mohr of Las Vegas was inducted in the Veterans category and Jamie Brooks of Fort Worth, Texas, was inducted in the Meritorious Service category.

Five of the six members of the 2023 were in attendance for the ceremony Wednesday, with Ferraro unable to attend after coming down with an illness just prior to the event that prohibited him from traveling.

Asbaty, 42, excelled collegiately at the University of Nebraska, internationally with Team USA and collected wins on the professional level, including a victory in the 2012 USBC Queens.

Asbaty continues to inspire the next generation and serve the sport by providing lessons at her home center and as co-founder of the Elite Youth Tour.

"I imagine a little girl and her family walking through the hall of fame," Asbaty said. "And I imagine her seeing my picture, and the little girl stops and she

says, 'That's the bowler that was a world champion, a mom, a change maker.' I want my legacy to be that I left bowling better than I found it."

Ferraro, a 63-year-old right-hander, left his mark during a career that saw him collect nine PBA Tour victories, including three majors.

Those majors included a pair of wins at the PBA Players Championship (1988 and 1991) and, in the most important win of his career, a victory in the 1990 Tournament of Champions at historic Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio.

In addition to those major wins, Ferraro collected six additional PBA Tour titles between 1986 and 1994. His pair of wins in 1992, while also earning the George Young High Average Award and the Harry Smith Point Leader Award, propelled him to PBA Player of the Year honors.

Ferraro was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1997 and, in 2009, was voted 36th on the list of the PBA's 50 Greatest Players.

Although unable to attend in person, Ferraro passed along some sentiments that he asked to be shared.

"I'd like to thank the USBC

for this prestigious award," said Ferraro. "When I looked at all the other nominees in my category, there wasn't anyone on that list that wasn't deserving of this award. Congratulations to all the other inductees, the honor is well deserved. For someone who grew up in the bowling business and has co-owned several bowling centers with my brother Steve, this award means the world to me. So, thank you."

Albrecht-Weber, a 54-year-old right-hander, is a three-time champion at the USBC Women's Championships.

Her first title came in 2002 when her team, High Roller-Cherry Hill, N.J., won the Classic Team title with a then-record score of 3,327. Albrecht-Weber contributed 741 to that total.

Two years later, the same team won the same title with a nearly identical total. This time, High Roller-Cherry Hill, N.J., totaled 3,320, with Weber contributing 706.

The last of Albrecht-Weber's trio of Women's Championships victories came in 2008 as she teamed with Gina Daroszewski to win the Classic Doubles title. Albrecht-Weber rolled a 697 series, while Daroszewski added 748. The team's total of 1,445 was 29 pins better than their nearest competitor.

"All the titles with my friends throughout the years, that's what's special," Albrecht-Weber said. "Those experiences were great. We had such good camaraderie. We were very honest with each other. We would help each other. We had such good experiences on the lanes and off the lanes. You need to enjoy the whole journey, the whole adventure. But then when the lights came on, we were there to bowl. We were there to win. We were all competitors."

Albrecht-Weber also collected one professional title on the then

Ladies Professional Bowlers Tour (now PWBA) and also finished sixth in the 1993 USBC Queens.

"I feel like being part of bowling, and the successes and failures that I've had within the sport, helped me get to where I am now in so many different ways," Albrecht-Weber said. "I'm very proud of who I am and the people that I've become friends with because of bowling. This hall of fame is an accumulation of everything I've put into bowling."

Rose earned induction in his first year on the ballot on the strength of four Eagles won at the USBC Open Championships.

Rose, a 51-year-old right-hander, collected his first Open Championships victory in 2007, when he totaled 2,198 to capture the title in Regular All-Events. Rose shot 687 in team, 724 in doubles and 787 in singles (where he finished seventh).

Eagle No. 2 came in 2015 as part of Team NABR. The group captured the title in Regular Team with a 3,368 total. Rose's contribution to that was 697.

Rose's third and fourth wins at the Open Championships came in 2017, as Team NABR won titles in both Regular Team (3,266 with Rose contributing 602) and Team All-Events (9,957 with Rose adding 1,865).

"We've had such a great time together, bowling on these teams at the Open Championships," Rose said. "We're like brothers; we love each other. We talk all the time, and we have a text thread that we're on all the time with each other. So, everybody knows about each other's lives; we pay attention to each other's children. I had two sisters growing up, so it's like having a bunch of brothers now."

He opens a 219.1 average at the Open Championships over his 22 years of competition, good for second on the 20-year

average list. In addition to his four Eagles, he owns 10 other top-10 finishes at the event and was runner-up for Rookie of the Year during the 1993 PBA Tour season.

Mohr, a 66-year-old right-hander, owns two Open Championships titles, a senior major win at the 2011 Senior U.S. Open that is one of 11 PBA50 Tour titles, four PBA60 titles and a pair of Super Senior Classic titles.

In addition to his professional and Open Championships titles, Mohr owns numerous medals in international competition as a multi-time Team USA and Senior Team USA member.

Mohr's two Open Championships wins span more than 20 years, with his first win coming in 2001 as a member of Team USA Support No. 2. The group captured the Team All-Events title with a 9,807 total (Mohr's pinfall was 2,008).

His most recent win at the event came just last year as part of Storm Products Inc. 1. The team earned the championship in Regular Team with a 3,486 total. Mohr's contribution was 603.

From 2009-2019, Mohr collected 11 PBA50 Tour titles, highlighted by his win at the 2011 Senior U.S. Open where he defeated Walter Ray Williams Jr., 246-189, for his lone major title.

He is a two-time PBA50 and four-time PBA60 Player of the Year. Mohr was inducted into the Greater Anchorage Hall of Fame in 1993, the Alaska State USBC Hall of Fame in 2008 and was a 2018 inductee into the PBA Hall of Fame.

"I decided to try my career, for the most part, at a later age," Mohr said. "I did the best I could with what I had, and I think it's the greatest honor when someone says, 'What he did, that's impressive.'"

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## Beavers masters 300/846, Woodford banks 662

### Huff, Short 300's

SHAWNEE, OK – Jimmy Beavers racked up a dual, award-winning 267-279-300 = 846 Masters series to earn top billing on the honor roll for the month at FireLake Bowling Center.

Renee Woodford, Beavers' league mate, led the ladies with a lofty 258-182-222 = 662 set.

Tim Huff and Rusty Short shared high-game accolades with Beavers with award-winning 12-baggers.

### HONOR ROLL

Rick Justice 268-764, Donna Martin 244-655, Teri Jo Richter 235-647, Pete Thomas 279-748, Chris Skillings 255-739, Kevin Denny 258-742, Doc Dougherty 258-748, Jerry Meely 257-742.

Darrell Banks 278-733, Trey Brand 257-748, Tim Huff 687, Rusty Short 666, Paige Pine 197-517, Joel Wilson 262-599, Mike Tucker 204-540, Malea Bratcher 200-479.





**AUSEC SR QUEENS**

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stepladder on the event's 42-foot oil pattern.

She finished bracket play with a 4-1 record with her only loss coming during a 706-697 heartbreaker to Johnson during the battle for the top seed for the stepladder.

Ausec had a golden opportunity to win that match, but a vicious pocket 7-10 during the 10th frame of Game 3 allowed Johnson to hang on for the No. 1 spot.

Many bowlers would have dwelled on the unfairness of that missed opportunity, but not Ausec.

"I took about 10 to 15 minutes to be upset, frustrated and mad because that was a bad break at a really bad time; however, I had gotten some good breaks during that match as

well," Ausec said. "After I wrapped my head around that, I thought maybe it was better to be the second seed so that I would get more than one game to get comfortable on the lanes."

It didn't take long for Ausec to look comfortable during her semi-final victory over Sandra Shultz of Macomb, Michigan, as Ausec stayed clean and recorded two doubles and a turkey to cruise to a 235-202 win.

Up to that point, it looked like maybe Schultz was going to have a memorable night of her own by running the ladder.

She kicked off the finals with an easy 247-164 win over No. 5 seed Pamela Pancoast of Lomita, California, before eliminating reigning Senior Queens champion Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, (212-202) during Match 2.

**TACKETT WORLD CHAMP**

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am bowling for the title," Belmonte said. "I just felt like this story would have been pretty epic."

The person least surprised by Belmonte's assault on the stepladder: Tackett.

"When the show started, I told (my ball rep), 'I assume I'm gonna bowl Belmo today.' So I was mentally prepared better than maybe I have been in the past to bowl him," Tackett said. "Your preparation for him may be a little bit different than maybe for playing another player. Although it shouldn't be — it should be full focus all the time — you just know that little bit extra you have to do to be able to at least have a match with him."

The heavyweight battle exceeded all expectations: Belmonte fired a five-bagger mid-game to take the lead, while Tackett struck on six of seven shots heading into the 10th frame to keep pace.

The use of urethane throughout the show played into Tackett's hands, he said.

"I wanted those guys to throw urethane, that gave me the best chance," Tackett said. "I think it benefited me a little bit that Santtu lost early. Had he bowled more and beat Belmo, I don't know how the lanes would have played."

Belmonte stepped up in the ninth frame, needing strikes in the ninth and 10th frames to secure a 16th career major title and extend his record. Instead, his ball hooked early and left a 3-6-10.

"I knew it was going to hook, I was hoping it was going to last one more frame for me," Belmonte said. "The story was right there. One more shot on that right lane. If the pattern held up just one more shot, it would have been a pretty good story to tell later on."

After converting the spare — which Belmonte said he would die not knowing how to make after the USA vs. The World event last weekend — Belmonte threw all three strikes in the 10th frame.

If Tackett wanted to beat

Belmonte for a major, he needed to double.

"I think there were a lot of things that happened today that benefited me," Tackett said. "The lanes got to where I thought they would and where I wanted them to be. At that point, it was just all about execution."

With his wife, dad, uncle, and cousin (all the way from Germany) sitting in the front row, the Indiana native delivered two strikes.

"It's my time!" he exclaimed, before hugging his father, Ed — just as he did after winning his first career major at the 2016 PBA World Championship.

With the win, Tackett's grasps the pole position of the Player of the Year race. He owns a Tour-high five titles and over \$350,000 in earnings entering the final major

Nevertheless, it was Ausec's night, and once she hit the lanes, Schultz's run came to an end, and shortly thereafter, so did Johnson's seemingly inevitable march to the title.

Despite coming out on top on this night, Ausec still has tremendous respect for Johnson. Also, she expects to possibly get a little bit of grief from her teammate the next time they hit the lanes together back in Colorado Springs.

"My husband wasn't a bowler when he was a kid, so he didn't know who Tish was or anything about her. I grew up watching Tish, so I told him about all about her accolades and how incredible she is," Ausec said. "She drills all my bowling balls now, so I'm sure I'm going to hear about it the next time we see each other."

of the season at the PBA Players Championship.

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Match 1: Jason Belmonte def. Santtu Tahvanainen, 234-230

Match 2: Jason Belmonte def. Jakob Butturff, 223-204

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**At Tenpins & More****Lee landscapes 812, Miller-Mackie snares 716**

Pearce 297/299/806, Arevalo, Herschman, Romero, Sanders 300's, Opela 299, Patterson 298, Dutton 297

**RIO RANCHO, NM** — Mike Lee captured high-series honors for the month at Tenpins & More with an award-winning 256-268-288 = 812 Bud Trios series.

Kyle Pearce, Lee's league mate, finished close behind with an award-winning 297/299/806 outing.

Dana Miller-Mackie, also from the Bud Trios league, fired a thundering 233-226-257 = 716 session to lead the lady bowlers.

Jon Arevalo, Josh Herschman, Joe Romero and Christopher Sanders shared high-game honors with award-winning 12-baggers. Carson Opela took runner-up honors with near-perfect 299 solo while C J Patterson followed with a 298 and Frank Dutton finished with a 297 game.

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James Delmore (4 games) 279-1004, Gloria Blair 258-650, Gary Blair 253-733, Troi Donnachaidh 192-529, Greg Kenneth 256-729, Robin Prioleau 252-620, Matthew Garduno 289-649.

Paula Amschler 195-551, Levi Yoder 255-738, Aileen Linares 251-669, Matt Mlynarczyk 279-723, Bobbie Vega 279-698, Aaron Epstein 267-736, Becky Fisher (4 games) 223-632.

Michael DeVore (4 games) 247-893, Kelsey Kryjewski 206-573, Michael Avila 265-711.

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## YOUTH BOWLER OF THE MONTH



### MARISA MUNGUIA

15, from Allen, TX is a sophomore at Allen High School. Marisa won the U15 Girls Scratch division of this year's Pepsi State tournament by over 50 pins. She was the only girl in her division to shoot over 1300 for the six games. She gets instruction from her high school coach, Coach Corey Barber, and averaged 194 in her matches this year, crediting great team chemistry for her performance.

**Hometown Bowling Center:** JB's Allen Bowl

**How did you get started bowling?** My brother was bowling on the Allen High School team and I wanted to start bowling more, too. I actually quit when I was 10, but started back up when I was 13. I find that bowling blocks out all of my problems and everything going on around me. It's an escape from reality for me.

**High Game/Series:** 268 and non-sanctioned is 298.

**Favorite Bowler:** Clara Guerrero because she is a professional Latina bowler. I got the opportunity to meet her at a tournament last year. She has inspired me to keep improving and continue at the college level. She is very calm when she bowls and I love her game.

**Favorite bowling accomplishment:** Definitely winning the Pepsi tournament, but also, I bowled on a sport shot for the first time at the Kat Cup in Conroe and got second on the all-tournament team.

**What other hobbies do you have?** I have been in the Orchestra playing the violin for five years. I also played volleyball when I wasn't bowling.

**What do you love most about bowling?** It's a great escape for me. I feel that when I get noticed by someone, it feels like I've really done something special. It gives me confidence to keep striving to get better, it's such a good sport, I would bowl everyday if I could.

**What are your bowling goals?** I qualified for Jr. Gold this year but don't feel that I'm ready. I need more work on sport shots. I will be working on my game all summer, so that I can be ready for next year. After high school I would love to bowl for SFA, or Sam Houston and bowl in college. I will try and get as good as I can, so that I could go to any of the great college programs.

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