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The USBC Masters Tournament.... A Truly Major Event

By John Jowdy

The USBC Masters will reunite with the USBC Open Championships next season. The two events will be conducted at Cashman Center in Las Vegas with the Masters tentatively scheduled to be held February 8-15, 2009.

Chalk up another coup for Tom Clark, USBC Vice-President of Marketing and Communications who continues to exert all efforts to promote bowling in the right direction. The Masters is one of the most prestigious bowling tournaments of all time. Moreover, it has taken an even greater significance since becoming one of the "Majors" on the Professional Bowling Association tour. With the Masters now scheduled for February, the televised finals will no longer be pitted against the National Football League. This schedule time change will certainly gain greater media exposure, plus, consequentially, it will undoubtedly increase the all-important TV ratings.

Dick Evans, the most prolific bowling writer in the country, has often expressed his displeasure regarding the Masters being conducted in a regular bowling center; and rightfully so. With the exception of the last four or five years, the Masters held all qualifying and finals rounds in an arena setting, alongside the USBC Open Championships. Yet, despite the fact that the televised finals were conducted at Miller Park, home of the Milwaukee Brewers in 2004 and 2007, qualifying rounds were contested in a privately operated bowling center with limited space for spectators and bowlers alike. It hardly bore resemblance to a "major" event.

The original ABC Masters was conducted in 1951. The Masters complimented the ABC Open Championship Tournament, which, prior to the birth of the PBA, attracted the greatest bowlers in the country. Not too surprising, a great majority of Masters champions have achieved ABC/USBC Hall of Fame status, beginning with the initial champion, Lee Jougard. Four other Hall of Famers, Dick Hoover, Billy Welu, Billy Golembiewski, and Earl Anthony won it twice. Mike Aulby won it THREE TIMES!

Oddly, a number of less distinguished bowlers carted off a Masters championship but did

little else to enhance their careers. For example, since the birth of the PBA, none of the following Masters champions ever notched a PBA title: Lou Scalia, (1967) Jim Chesney (1969), Doug Myers (1979) Neil Burton (1980), Mike Lastowski, (1983), Ken Johnson (1992), Jason Queen, (1997) Brian Boghosian, (1999) Brett Wolfe (2002) and Bryon Smith (2003)

Even more astounding, look WHO they beat!

Jim Chesney beat Barry Asher,
Doug Myers topped Bill Spigner,
Neil Burton knocked off Mark Roth,
Mike Lastowski beat out Pete Weber,
Ken Johnson conquered Dave D'Entremont,
Jason Queen beat Eric Forkel,
Brian Boghosian knocked off Parker Bohn,
Brett Wolfe topped Dennis Horan,
Bryan Smith beat Walter Ray Williams.

With the exception of D'Entremont, Horan, and Forkel, all the above bowlers who lost to the non-PBA titlists are members of either the PBA Hall of Fame, the USBC Hall of Fame, or both Halls of Fame.

The sports world is replete with one-time wonders. Yet, no one can deny or erase the moment of glory of any of the aforementioned non-PBA titlists.

Nor can their names ever be dislodged from the USBC Masters record books.



Two Pins Short But A Dream Come True

By Evelyn Peoples

Q. What was it like to roll an 877, Larry?

A. It was really exciting. My friends, Tony Capra, Mark Evans, and others made it easier to bowl it because we were out

bowling, having fun, and staying loose. I really wasn't thinking, "I'm going to go out and bowl a big score tonight." However, it will be a night I'll *always* remember.

Q. Can you walk us through everything that happened that night?

A. Bowling 877 was a *DREAM* that most bowlers including myself dream. I was asked to sub that night. I was really not looking forward to bowling that Friday night. I started out with a great look in practice with my Hammer Black Widow Pearl. As I finished the first game with a 300, I still had a great look. The heads were holding up really well which was unusual for AMF Diamond. In the eighth frame of the sec-

ond game, I set the ball down a little inside of my target. I didn't get the finish I had been getting all night and left a light seven pin. In closing the second game, the heads were appearing to break down a little. On my field ball, funny enough I left a pocket 8-10, giving me a score of 277.

The start of the third game I made an adjustment in the front of the lane and that Black Widow Pearl went right back to work where it was all night. I mentioned to a few friends that it would be a bummer if I was to shoot a 300 game again and miss the city record by two pins. We joked about it. As I approached the eighth frame I felt some jitters and the reality of what could be happening started to get to me. So I looked for something to get my mind off of my bowling. I joined my kids several pairs away and watched them bowl open play. I came back few minutes later and got the ninth strike. I went back to the lanes where my kids bowling. My oldest knows the game well enough to know what was going on. The tenth frame came along and I was walking back to my lane hoping to complete a remarkable night.

I look back and my kids are following me down to my pair. They want to root dad on and they are hoping that I do something special. I stood up on approach and told myself to finish the job. I speak to my Black Widow Pearl. I told myself to get the first one for me. And I did. I told myself to get the second one for my wife and kids — and I did. And the last one took a few seconds and I told myself to get it for my father, Larry Thompson.

My dad taught me the mental aspects of the game of bowling. He stressed to me to be in the pressure situation and not to be intimidated. I got up there and threw a great shot to complete a 300 game and an 877 series.

Q. Are you disappointed that you didn't break the city record?

A. No, it is a night I will never forget. I will try to break the record if I get that close again — but I am happy I shot an 877—it is a dream come true.

Q. What does bowling mean to you?

A. Bowling is important to me and my family. We all bowl. I have met a lot of my friends through bowling. Being a bowler is being part of a large family. Everyone knows everyone. They all want to beat you—but they celebrate your success. *I love it!*

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USBC MODIFIES AWARDS PROGRAM TO CONTINUE FOCUS ON RECOGNITION, CREDIBILITY, POSSIBILITIES IN THE FUTURE

Courtesy USBC

USBC has modified its awards program for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 seasons in a continuing effort to shift focus toward credibility in recognition of exceptional accomplishments. Central themes in the revamped program will be the replacement of many honor score and special achievement awards, currently awarded on an annual basis, with once-in-a-lifetime awards, and development of a futuristic Internet-based recognition system.

Organized bowling has wrestled with its awards programs for more than a decade, said USBC Chief Operating Officer Kevin Dornberger. After years of discussion, debate, research and opinion polls, USBC's leadership has concluded the awards program of the past simply does not serve the interests of our members today, nor does it serve USBC's mission to regain credibility for our sport.

USBC and its predecessors have always placed a high value on recognizing outstanding personal achievement, he continued. We are going to continue recognition of excellence, but rather than offering a token reward for individuals who accomplish the same feat year after year, we are going to recognize the fact that once a player has accomplished a specific feat, the special nature of that accomplishment has been realized. For the 2008-09 season, the only major modification involves changing adult and youth honor score awards (300 game, 800 and 900 series, 11-in-a-row game) to once-in-a-lifetime awards.

For the 2009-10 season, USBC's wide range of emblem and pin awards for special achievements all will become emblem awards and all also will become once-in-a-lifetime awards. The list of special achievement awards ranges from 7-10 split conversions, all-spare games and Dutch 200 games to a variety of average-based high game and high series awards.

The purpose of our average-based high game and series achievement awards is not to create a reward system, but to recognize members for improving their skills and advancing to the next level, Dornberger said. Whether it's a youth or adult bowler, that remains the focus of these awards. Once a player has achieved a goal, there is no special thrill in earning another emblem for the same accomplishment. The goal is to get better. That's the point of our average-based awards program: to recognize improvement.

Beyond its tangible awards program, USBC also continues to expand its remarkable individual recognition system through the development of its National Database and the Find a Member feature on its official Web site, [bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com). While bowlers will no longer earn awards for multiple 300 games, 700 or 800 series, etc., all of those accomplishments will be compiled as a part of their ongoing career files stored in the database.

The era of emblems, coasters and trinkets is ending, Dornberger said, but a new era of possibilities is on the horizon. We are just beginning to tap into the possible new ways we can recognize our members via the Internet. The future holds some amazing promise.

BPAA Names Bill Supper as Association's Deputy Executive Director

Bowling Industry Veteran Bill Supper has been promoted to the position of Deputy Executive Director effective January 1, 2008, according to the BPAA.

Supper has vast domestic and international experience with distributors, pro shops, bowling proprietors and bowlers. While working with BPAA's executive director on the association's day-to-day operations, Supper will continue to guide membership efforts for BPAA as well as oversee the seven state bowling proprietor associations that shifted their administration and management to BPAA. Bill joined the BPAA staff in September 2006. Since arriving in Arlington, Bill has been invaluable to the entire BPAA organization and the organizations now managed by BPAA, commented John Berglund, BPAA Executive Director. His management abilities, expertise and knowledge of this industry will serve BPAA members well both now and into the future.

In conjunction with his BPAA duties, Bill will continue to serve as Executive Director of both the IBPSIA and the BBIA, which are under management agreements with BPAA. A former PBA Member and well-known in the bowling industry, he served in many capacities at three major bowling manufacturers including Vice President of Sales for Ebonite International, President of Storm Bowling Products, President of AMF 300 and Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Columbia 300; Track International and AMF 300.

"I would like to thank John Berglund and the BPAA officers for this opportunity," remarked Bill Supper. "I have had the pleasure of working in the bowling industry for over 29 years and look forward to many more. The mentoring from John Berglund has been invaluable in learning a different facet of our industry." Supper continued, "I look forward to working with the BPAA staff, the Board of Directors and our membership, along with the IBPSIA and BBIA members, and continuing to help with the success of our industry. Bill was also chair of USA Bowling National Bowling Coaches Council, board member for USA Bowling and ABC/WIBC/YABA, and served twice as BBIA President. He is also a lifetime Silver Certified USA Bowling Coach and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America.

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**USBC EXTENDS ENTRY DEADLINE
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The USBC has announced that it has extended the entry deadline for the 2008 USBC Women's Championships to March 21. The event will be conducted April 10-July 6 at Super Bowl in Canton Michigan.

Beginning April 10, the first of approximately 40,000 bowlers will visit the Detroit area to compete in the world's largest participatory sport for women. Bowlers will compete in five-player team, doubles and singles events.

USBC has made entering the Women's Championships an easy process. Open to all women who hold USBC adult membership, the Women's Championships consists of five average divisions to accommodate bowlers of all abilities.

Those interested in entering may do so electronically by visiting bowl.com or by downloading a Women's Championships reservation form. Entrants also will have access to a calendar with available dates. Entry information may also be obtained by calling (800) 514-2695, ext. 3173 or by e-mailing usbcwomenchampionships@bowl.com. The entry fee is just \$30 per event per bowler plus an optional \$10 for all events.

In addition to competing in one of the world's most prestigious bowling events, participants will have an opportunity to cash in on a prize fund expected to reach \$2 million.

The Women's Championships was first conducted in 1916 in St. Louis. The 2008 event will mark the third time the event has been held in the Detroit area having been conducted in the Motor City previously in 1928 and 1953.

BPAA CO-ENDORSES INTEGRATION WITH USBC

Courtesy BPAA

The Board of Directors of the BPAA, at its Board meeting on January 24, 2008 at the Bowling Summit, unanimously endorsed the proposal for purchase of a building and land in Arlington, Texas for an integration of facilities with the USBC.

USBC's Board of Directors had met days earlier at the Summit and voted to pursue these negotiations. The building and land is adjacent to BPAA's current offices which would become a part of the proposed International Bowling Campus.

BPAA President Joe Schumacker commented, "The timing and common location of the USBC Board and the BPAA Board allowed for unprecedented coordination of efforts to improve the ability of the organizations to work together. Sharing facilities with USBC should allow for increased communication and economies of scale that will benefit the entire bowling industry."

Schumacker further stated, "While the integration of operating functions of the USBC and the BPAA entities, wherever their diverse missions allow, will save a significant amount of money, the primary purpose of integration is to establish a unified effort to protect and then grow Competitive Bowling."



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FINAL ENTRY NUMBERS IN FOR 2008 USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Courtesy USBC

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - In less than a month, the 2008 USBC Open Championships will begin its 143-day run as the Albuquerque Convention Center opens its doors to welcome the first of 12,615 teams.

A late rush of entries heading into the January 18 deadline helped this year's event earn its place in history as the second largest USBC Open Championships held outside of the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada. Only the 2005 event in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, attracted more teams with 13,222.

The 2008 Open Championships will be the seventh largest in 105 years of competition. The largest turnout in history was 17,285 teams in 1995 when the 78-lane National Bowling Stadium hosted the event for the first time.

"It's great to see this tournament continue to grow, and this year's numbers prove how much the bowlers enjoy the competition and the chance to come to great cities like Albuquerque," USBC Vice President of Membership/Tournament Services Jack Mordini said. "And even though we've been to Albuquerque once before, a lot has changed in eight years, so there will be something new for each bowler to experience."

The tournament's inaugural trip to New Mexico and Albuquerque in 2000 attracted 10,688 five-player teams, approximately 54,000 bowlers. This time around, more than 63,000 bowlers will make the journey to the Land of Enchantment to compete for more than \$5 million in prize money. The event officially kicks off on February 16 and will run from 7 a.m. until 2 a.m. daily until July 7.

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING HIGHLIGHTS

North District

High school tryouts were held early in the school year. Students had to qualify for a spot on a team. Boys and girls with varied skill levels have been practicing and honing their bowling skills by way of the old fashioned method of practice, practice, practice. Coaches for the three teams are as follows: Lois Marsh, Eisenhower High School, Josie Ybarra, Spring High School, and Evelyn Peoples, Westfield High School.

District play kicked off on January 9th with a match between Spring High School and Westfield High School. Matches were held between both school's boy and girl varsity teams, and boy junior varsity teams. Westfield was unable to field a girl junior varsity team. The results were: Westfield won Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys' event and Spring High won Varsity Girls.

January 29th was the date of the second district meet. Westfield won the Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys Event and Spring High won the Varsity Girls Events.

Westfield will face Eisenhower on February 5th and Spring will face Eisenhower on February 12th at AMF Diamond. Eisenhower and Westfield will face off on February 19th at AMF Willow Lanes.

UMES ROLLS THEIR WAY TO NINE WINS AT BOWIE STATE INVITE

Hawks take third place finish, sporting a 9-2 record for the weekend.

Courtesy UMES

Nine wins and 10,028 pins equaled a third place finish and a 9-2 record at the Bowie State Invitational this past weekend for the Lady Hawks of UMES. UMES posted a perfect 6-0 record in team games and then a 3-2 mark in the baker games. The tournament format was reversed from usual events as the field of 20 teams bowled baker games on Saturday and team games on Sunday. After the first day of Baker games UMES sported the 3-2 mark and was in first place in total pinfall.

With the nine wins and two losses the Hawks have an overall record of 67-15 on the season. On day one UMES rolled past fifth ranked Fairleigh Dickinson 859-840 and over #17 St. Francis (N.Y.) 781-721. They then dropped two straight, a three pin loss to #8 Sacred Heart (824-821) and to #6 New jersey City 912-769. They wrapped up the day by taking out Kutztown 888-691.

The three pins loss to Sacred Heart proved to be a solid showing considering the Pioneers posted a perfect 10-0 mark in the event. On day two the Hawks were solid in team games, rolling their way to a perfect 6-0 record. They topped Norfolk State (966-783), South Carolina State (1036-762), Coppin State (908-646), Virginia State (1045-773), the host, #20 Bowie State (1052-822) and Elizabeth City State (903-831).

Two Lady Hawks were busy as Jessica Worsley and new hawk Maria Rodriguez bowled all five baker games and all six team games. Rodriguez, a mid-year addition to the roster, was very impressive. She knocked down 1,224 pins and averaged a 204 over her six games. Worsley tallied 1,202 pins and averaged a 192.58. Also bowling well was Sara DiScioscia who averaged a 213.33 in three games and Jamie

Culbreth who averaged a 212, also in three games. Martha Perez, again in three games, averaged a solid 197.67. Perez's 268 was the highest game by a Hawk at the event while DiScioscia's average was the third highest in the field of more than 130 bowlers.

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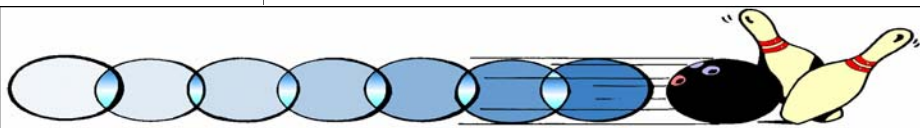


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Dear Bea: My wife refuses to let me buy a new bowling ball. She says I'm not good enough for that. She gives me her old balls and I get them plugged and redrilled. What kind of an average is good enough to qualify for a brand new bowling ball? **Old**

Dear Old: Hmm...I think you should think about getting some bowling lessons—then give her your old balls to plug and drill—hey throw in an old wrist brace too—and some WD40 for her tight attitude!

Dear Bea: A girl on my team has the worst smelling bowling bag, socks, and shoes, you have ever smelled. I want you to smell it! It makes you want to gag. What do you suggest I do? **Grossed Out**

Dear Grossed: Why do you hate me? Why do I have to smell it? Buy one of the new Storm balls in a flavor you like to smell and save the day! Hey—buy here a bag of new socks too! Happy smelling, I mean bowling!

Note to Readers: I want to encourage you to come out and bowl in the **Bowlers Buzz Bowl for Breast Cancer Tournament**. Bring in a team of five people that have been affected by this terrible disease. We all know someone that has been affected by this disease in one way or another. Let's work together to help raise money to help find a cure. The tournament is designed for all skill levels—it is a FUN tournament—no sanction card is necessary. We will have some Silent Auction items and raffle items. Please free to contact us to donate items—nothing is too small.

Lanes are limited—please reserve your team's spot. We would love to be forced to run a second squad—come on out and have some fun. Spread the word and bring everyone you know—let's make this a successful fundraising event.

BPAA Announces 2008 Bowling Industry Service Award Winners Howard Baum to receive 2008 Victor Lerner Memorial Medal and BPAA Hall of Fame Induction

BPAA announced the recipients of the 2008 Bowling Industry Service Awards, the most prestigious awards presented by the bowling industry, at its recent Town Hall Membership Meeting held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on Tuesday, January 22nd.

Howard Baum, longtime bowling industry veteran and former BPAA Board Member has been selected as the 2008 BPAA Hall of Fame Inductee and recipient of the Victor Lerner Memorial Medal. The Lerner Medal is the highest honor in the bowling business and is awarded for a lifetime of service to the bowling industry and represents the recipient's induction into BPAA's Hall of Fame located at the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum in St. Louis.

Mr. Baum is cited for his lifetime of service and "grass roots" leadership to BPAA on all levels including, and not limited to, his many years serving on BPAA's Board, numerous committees, serving as the Carolinas/Georgia BPA executive director as well as his leadership of the many past tournaments BPAA conducted over the years and his intricate role in the evolution of BPAA's Annual Convention into what is now known as International Bowl Expo, the bowling industry's premier annual event.

Ed Zitnik, Past BPAA Officer, board member who served on many committees in the past and was currently serving as co-chairman of BPAA's Military Relations Committee in addition to running Bell Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio, will be awarded the 2008 President's Medal for his role in bringing in and sustaining our military members over the past several years. This decision was made prior to the untimely passing of Mr. Zitnik in December 2007, so unfortunately this will be presented posthumously. Ed's immediate family will be approached to accept this award in his memory.

Bruce Davis will receive the coveted V. A. Wapensky Award, named after BPAA's long time Chief Executive Officer, "Chief" Wapensky for his many

Chicken "n" Dumplings

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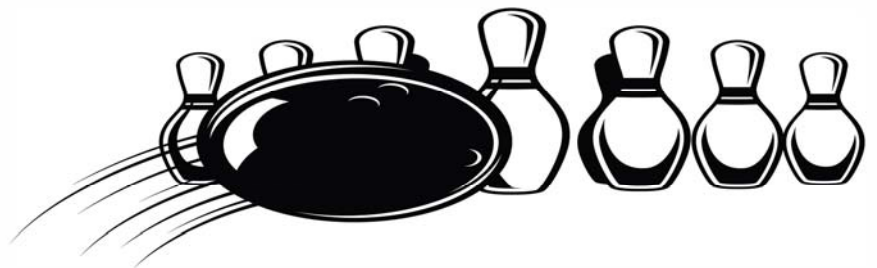


Cook large hen or chicken with 1-1/2 teaspoon of salt until tender. Remove from broth and let cool. Then take meat off of the bones and set aside.

<u>Mix:</u>	<u>Doubled will be:</u>
2-1/2 cups flour	3-1/4 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt	1-1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking powder	1 teaspoon baking powder

Add enough cold milk to make a soft dough. Put a lot of flour on wax paper and put dough on floured paper. Sprinkle flour on top of dough and work until you can roll it out thin. It will be sticky, but keep putting flour on top. Cut into strips 1" by 2" long. Have broth boiling slowly. Drop dumplings in a few at a time. When all are in and done, add one stick of oleo and black pepper to taste. Add sweet milk to make thick soup. Stir to keep from sticking. Keep covered until served.

Note: start with about half of the broth and keep adding until all the dough strips have been dropped. This will keep the soup from bring thin and you may not have to add sweet milk to thicken soup. Enjoy!



years of volunteer service and sharing his marketing expertise to the bowling industry.

BPAA's 2008 Dick Weber Bowling Ambassador Award, which was unveiled in 2005 and named after the legendary bowling icon, will be presented to Carmen Salvino recognizing his current and past contributions to the image of bowling. The Dick Weber Bowling Ambassador Award is given to a professional or amateur bowling athlete who has demonstrated Mr. Weber's grace on and off the lanes.

The Ruben A. Dankoff Award for Public Policy and Legislative Service will be presented to BPA of Minnesota Executive Director Kenn Rockler for his continuous work on legislative issues, both state-wide and nationally. This award is presented to a proprietor or bowling industry leader who, or a proprietor organization which, provides outstanding voluntary service on the Federal, state or local governmental levels in the development of legislation, public policy initiatives, or other political efforts, which benefits BPAA members, the BPAA itself or the bowling industry as a whole.

Walter "Wally" Hall, BPAA Past President and Hall of Famer, will receive BPAA's 2008 Special Projects Award for his service as Dean of the new BPAA Management School and for being instrumental in its development and initial success.

BPAA's 2008 Media Award will be presented to Matt Fiorito of the Detroit Free Press for his unprecedented coverage of both the 2007 North Pointe Insurance Group \$100,000 High School Bowling Championship and the 2007 QubicaAMF International Family Tournament held in the Detroit area. He published stories pre-tournament, during and post tournament and was onsite every day to cover the events.

These awards will be presented during International Bowl Expo 2008 on Monday, June 23 (Wednesday morning, June 25 for the Lerner Memorial Medal presentation) at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort Hotel in Orlando, Florida

"We are very pleased to announce this well-deserving group of 2008 award recipients," noted Joe Schumacker, BPAA President. "Every one of these distinguished recipients are and have been true models of leadership, service and dedication. We congratulate all of them on their accomplishments and contributions to BPAA and the bowling industry."

Remembering Joe Norris

By Jim Goodwin, Stars & Strikes Publisher

The incredible, remarkable, amazing Joe Norris was born in February 1908, and he lived a long and interesting life. He left this planet to start a good-will tour of heaven with his friend Andy Varipapa just after his 93rd birthday in February of 2001. Next month, we imagine, he'll be getting together with Andy, Dick Weber, Earl Anthony, Don Johnson, Billy Welu, Hank Marino, and many other friends to celebrate the 100th anniversary of his birth.

The rumor is that his beloved wife Billie has also invited Buddy Bomar, Nellie Burton, Ned Day, Steve Nagy, Lou Campi, Jim Godman, Jimmy Smith, and three other not-so-average Joes to the affair – Kissoff, Joseph, and Wilman. Entertainment will be provided by the honoree, who will not only have one of his famous storytelling sessions, but will also perform a special bowling exhibition with friends Varipapa, Smith, Weber, and some "Count" who does not want his full identity or presence revealed, as it may give warning to some of his past opponents from above and below.

Recording the event for the celestial press corp will be Dave Luby and his son Mort, Billy Sixty, their buddy E.A. Fisher, and a few others. Chris Schenkel will come with his crew to film the exhibition. Eddie Elias may drop by with Joe Antenora. Darold Dobbs, Eli Whitney, Frank Baker, Louie Petersen and Alberta Crowe may drop in to offer their congratulations. And don't be surprised if a couple of very popular Sams show up – Weinstein and Levine.

For those of us still toiling to earn our spot in Joe's new neighborhood, it is hard to believe that it's been seven years since he left us. He was so vital and active, and we almost took it for granted that guys like him and Weber would hit the century mark as easily as they hit all those pins during their careers on the lanes, and collected friends in their travels. Makes you think more seriously about minding your P's and Q's.

For a snapshot glimpse into this remarkable man's character, let's turn to an unusual place- the 1993-94 American Bowling Congress Annual Report. I ran across this little 24-page brochure while cleaning my office during the holidays. It is the best yearly report I had ever seen, and still is. Whoever came up with the idea to mingle Joe Norris stories in the pages of all those boring numbers is a genius. Here are a few things he had to say about his peers and those he admired:

Hank Marino 1889-1976 - "He was a real gentleman, very kind; but on the alleys, he was very intense, a real competitor, a great champion. Hank was one of the group of fellows who went to Berlin prior to the 1936 Olympic games. We did an exhibition tour of 22 cities while we were over there bowling where they only had one or two lanes that suited the American game. We took a ship to Europe, because that was the only way to get there. The trip over took seven days, so I got to know Hank and the other guys real well."

Jimmy Blouin 1886-1947 - "What makes the accomplishments of bowlers like Blouin so remarkable was not only the conditions, but they had to learn how to play with wooden bowling balls that were out-of-round. I only saw Blouin once, and it was a real pleasure for me. I was a young kid when he came to Detroit to bowl a match against Joe Scribner. He was a two-hole bowler, very, very accurate, and he crossed his fingers some way in his delivery. Most people don't understand what the alleys were like in those days. You bowled in street shoes. There was no such thing as air-conditioning or florescent lighting. Many bowlers wore caps to keep the glare of the drop lights from their eyes."

Ned Day 1911-1971 - "A wonderful man; a great teacher. But he had trouble making a ten pin, because he threw a big, slow hook at the time and never learned how to flatten the ball for 10 pins. I won the most money I ever won in my life bowling against Ned. Over \$6000 in one challenge match. He was the best when lanes were slick. He had a soft roll, great turn on the ball. He was an inside shooter with a beautiful approach, very graceful and very accurate."

Joe Wilman 1905-1969 - "Joe was a good team bowler, and great at adjusting from one pair to the next across the house. That's what made him a great tournament bowler. "I remember when Wilman won the National Doubles with Carmen Salvino, who was about 17 and threw a big powerful hook. Wilman carried all the pins, but Salvino said to him afterwards that he couldn't understand what happened because he threw a better ball. Wilman looked at Salvino and said, 'Yes, but I know where my ball is going'."

Andy Varipapa 1891-1984 - "Bowling could use another ambassador like him. You couldn't get in the door when he came to town. One day, Andy was watching a girl who weighed about 250 throw the ball with her right hand, and the next with her left. Andy walks over and says, 'Lady, if you want to become a bowler, you have to make up your mind if you want to throw the ball on the right or left side.' The lady replies, 'I don't want to learn to bowl - I just want to take some pounds off this side, and some pounds off the other side.'"

Junie McMahon 1912-1974 - "A fierce competitor who loved challenge matches. If you were bowling against Junie and he noticed you were having trouble, he would tell you the opposite thing to do so you wouldn't beat him. I was bowling with him the night he had his stroke [that ended his career]. He never said a thing, but we noticed he was bowling slowly and we kept telling him to bowl faster. We didn't know there was anything wrong until later."

Jimmy Smith 1882-1946 - "He traveled for Brunswick all over the world giving exhibitions. He did a helluva job for bowling. I met Smith when I was a pinsetter at Fairview Recreation in Detroit. I think I was about 16. I was just getting started in bowling. I threw a big, wild hook at the time, throwing crossover strikes, hitting the headpin on the nose a lot of times, but I was invited to bowl against Jimmy, [who was in his forties then]. I was known as the "Boy Wonder" at the time. Well, I beat him. When the match was over, Jimmy came over, put his arm around my shoulder and said, 'Joe, it's better to miss the headpin on the right side than it is to get a Brooklyn or a nose hit.'"

At next month's heavenly century celebration, I'd be willing to bet that all of these gentlemen will return Norris' kind words, and heaven can hardly wait. I wonder if Ned Day will try to get some of his money back? Do they need money in heaven?

Joe Norris 1908-2001. . .rest in peace my friend. We miss you.

BOWLING HALL OF FAME TRUSTEES SUPPORT BOWLING DEVELOPMENTS IN ST. LOUIS AND TEXAS

Courtesy International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame

Bowling enthusiasts across the country are abuzz about two major real estate developments that could have significant impact on the game of bowling. USBC announced recently that it will move its headquarters to Arlington, Texas to form a major bowling complex. The International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame (BMHOF) trustees voted to move forward on a proposed new BMHOF cited for development in St. Louis.

"I believe that these two major developments could be the best things to happen to the bowling industry in years," said Pat Ciniello, Chairman of the HOF Board. "Our trustees fully support the USBC's decision to move to Texas and create a centralized administrative facility for the sport. We are also excited about the potential of redeveloping the BMHOF within the proposed entertainment complex of Ball Park Village, a project of the Cordish Group and the St. Louis Cardinals."

Ball Park Village is a development to be built adjacent to the new Busch Stadium, home of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. The Village will be showcased as an entertainment area, complete with retail shops, restaurants, hotels and condominiums. Its projected annual attendance of nine million people will give the game of bowling tremendous exposure through the Museum/Hall to young and old alike. Ball Park Village hopes to break ground this year.

The St. Louis deal includes: demolition of the current facility, new Museum/Hall of Fame, constructed within Ball Park Village entertainment facility, interactive exhibits, theater, grand staircase and gift shop, \$8.9 million in project costs fully funded by sources other than the International BMHOF and the bowling industry, ownership of the facility (other project entities will be tenants), projected attendance that is more than double that of the present location and exposure to potential new players. Tremendous exposure for the industry that compliments the proposed Texas facility

A snag that is complicating the Museum/Hall move is a decision to deny the request of the HOF Board to transfer the "Deed of Trust," stemming from a long-term note USBC has with the HOF to pursue the project with Ball Park Village. The USBC has indicated that they would like the Museum/Hall to be moved to the new Arlington, Texas complex.

"While we were disappointed with the initial decision by the USBC to deny our request, we are optimistic about future discussions of various options," explains Ciniello. "We have offered to build a satellite Hall of Fame in the Arlington facility that we think would be a great compliment to the complex." Ciniello added that he is interested in pursuing additional conversations with the USBC board of directors, and he is optimistic that they will reconsider its decision. "We invite anyone who is interested in the Hall to contact us and learn more about the project in St. Louis. We believe the idea of receiving outside money, rather than using industry dollars to build a state-of-the-art new facility within such an exciting project, is very satisfying and a real boost for the future of the bowling business."

Ciniello and the Museum/Hall trustees are committed to staying in St. Louis and realizing the amazing opportunity they have to be a part of such an exciting development. "St. Louis is experiencing a significant social and economic renaissance and is poised to become a powerhouse in the Midwest and an important tourist destination. With an impressive facility in Arlington and one in St. Louis, the bowling industry is making a strong stand that we are a growing force in the sports world."

The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame collects and preserves the rich history of bowling, and uses that information to help promote the sport worldwide.

SPECIAL EVENT BRINGS BOWLING BACK TO NETWORK TELEVISION

For the first time in nearly a decade, the sport of bowling will return to network television when Bowling's Clash of Champions, a USBC event, airs on CBS Sports in May. The special made-for-television event, presented in cooperation with Strike Ten Entertainment, will take place May 7-8 at the USBC Convention in Kansas City, Mo., and will feature 16 champions from USBC events as well as the U.S. Open. The "Clash" will be taped and is scheduled for broadcast on CBS Sports on Saturday, May 10 from 5-6 p.m. Eastern and Sunday, May 11 from 4-5 p.m. Eastern. The event will mark the first time bowling has been broadcast on network television since June 26, 1999, when the Professional Bowlers Association's AC Delco All-Star Classic aired on CBS Sports. "The USBC is proud to bring exciting, high-stakes bowling competition back to network television," USBC Chief Operating Officer Kevin Dornberger said. "Bowling is America's favorite lifetime sport, and on these shows champions from youth players to professional bowling's greatest stars will be battling in a unique setting with a compelling format that no one who has ever bowled can miss."

"We are pleased to welcome the sport of bowling back to network television," said Rob Correa, Senior Vice President, Programming, CBS Sports. "Our viewers will enjoy the exciting format, featuring competitors of all ages."

Four lanes will be constructed on the floor of the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium to host the competition. The USBC Convention stage will be built on top of the pinsetters inside the 10,000-seat arena.

Bowling's Clash of Champions will feature eight men and eight women ranging from teenagers to seniors who won their respective events during the 2007 calendar year. The players will battle for a \$50,000 first-place prize and \$100,000 overall prize pool.

The men's field will showcase USBC Masters champion Sean Rash, U.S. Open winner Pete Weber, USBC Open Championships Regular All-Events titlist Mike Rose Jr., USBC Senior Masters winner Tom Baker, U.S. Amateur champion David O'Sullivan, U.S. Junior Amateur champion Adam Martinez, USBC Youth Open all-events titlist Jason Price and USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships winner Tim Pfeifer. Competing in the women's field is USBC Queens champion Kelly Kulick U.S. Women's Open winner Liz Johnson, USBC Women's Championships Classic All-Events titlist Wendy Macpherson, USBC Senior Queens winner Lucy Sandelin, U.S. Amateur champion Lynda Barnes, U.S. Junior Amateur champion Jenny Brown, USBC Youth Open all-events titlist Brittni Hamilton and USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships winner Elysia Current. The players will start competition with an eight-game seeding round at a local bowling center in the Kansas City area on May 7. The following day, the players will take part in a shootout format at the Municipal Auditorium to shrink the field from 16 to four (two men and two women) on the first telecast. The final round, which follows the shootout, will feature semifinal matches with the remaining man and woman facing off for the title. The USBC Convention brings the business and sport of bowling together. Industry leaders and stars of the game mingle with representatives from state and local associations and members from across the country in the true spirit of information sharing and determining the sport's future. Approximately 2,000 people are expected to attend the 2008 USBC Convention.

USBC BOARD VOTES TO PURSUE MOVING HEADQUARTERS TO TEXAS

Decision is pending purchase of buildings, land, BPAA board approval

USBC Board of Directors has given approval to start negotiations with all parties involved to relocate the organization's headquarters to Arlington, Texas. The decision was made Sunday during the Board's meeting in Myrtle Beach, S.C., is contingent on negotiations for buildings and land near the BPAA complex along with any incentives offered by the City of Arlington and State of Texas. The BPAA Board of Directors also must approve the plan which it is scheduled to do at a meeting Wednesday during the BPAA Mid-Winter Meetings in Myrtle Beach. "After carefully considering the facts, including taking into account the long history of USBC and its predecessors in the Milwaukee area, the Board came to the conclusion that it was in USBC's best business interests to join with BPAA in Arlington creating an international bowling campus," said USBC President Jeff Boje.

USBC Headquarters will move to Arlington unless there is a breakdown in the negotiations relating to the property. If all details can be worked out, USBC is expected to move its headquarters operations within a year. In addition to office space for approximately 235 overall employees, the new complex would include a combined equipment testing and international training center.

"The property we are looking at is in a very high profile area that we believe will help enhance the visibility of the sport of bowling," Boje added. "In addition to being close to Six Flags, the Texas Rangers baseball stadium and new Dallas Cowboys football stadium are close by. There also are a number of other entertainment venues in the vicinity. "With USBC and BPAA under the same roof, there's an untold number of ways we can work together to help grow the sport," Boje said. "There already are a number of joint programs that we work together on and this proposal would allow us to do so even more."

USBC and BPAA announced in November their boards of directors had approved study of how much their operations should be integrated. The goal was to use such efficiencies to help grow the sport of bowling.

USBC PROACTIVE IN FACILITY, EQUIPMENT STANDARDS GROUP

Ridenour's membership in ASTM helps bowling grow in sports science field

As bowling's national governing body, the USBC must stay current on all sports trends such as facilities and equipment standards. One way it does that is through membership in the American Society of Testing and Measurement. ASTM is an organization that discusses some of the most challenging issues facing sports facilities and equipment. It has volunteers from private businesses, sports organizations, universities and governmental agencies.

"ASTM members are safety experts," said USBC Research Engineer Paul Ridenour, an ASTM member since joining USBC in December 2006. "We are trying to stay proactive in our safety specifications so that our membership has a safe and fun time when they are on the lanes."

The recent requirement that bowling lane conditioners (oil) must now meet federal safety guidelines before it can be considered for approval and use in USBC-certified competitions is a direct result of USBC's work with the ASTM. USBC's allowance of a warning statement to be placed on lane beds to notify bowlers not to cross the foul line also resulted from its ASTM relationship. In addition, USBC and its predecessor organizations have used ASTM testing standards for coefficient of friction (a number that represents the friction between two objects) and coefficient of restitution (the energy transfer between two objects upon impact). In bowling, this relates to the testing of balls, pins and lanes.

"It's important for us to belong," Ridenour said. "Being part of the international community we need to do that. We are sports scientists back here. We have to grow as sports scientists in the Olympic community." Ridenour sits on the Miscellaneous Playing Field subcommittee which covers sports facility surfaces such as basketball and tennis courts, fencing and indoor sports floors like bowling. The subcommittee reports to the Sports Equipment and Playing Fields committee.

"It's important to stay active besides the bi-annual meeting," Ridenour said. "I want to go to at least one sub-committee meeting a year." The ASTM was founded in 1898 originally to set standards in industries lacking a national governing body. Today, it serves industries whether they have an NGB or not. USBC through its Equipment Specifications and Certification team, regulates and standardizes bowling equipment by concentrating on pin and product testing, research work, bowling center certifications and lane dressing inspections. The team of engineers, technicians and support staff provides lane-conditioning support for a variety of tournaments and Sport Bowling events.

USBC's eight-lane climate-controlled testing facility is the world's premier bowling research center. Since the mid-1980s, Equipment Specifications and Certification also has approved products for international competition such as the World Tenpin Bowling Association and the Federation Internationale des Quilleurs.

Bowling-themed Motorcycle to be Unveiled.

Members of the famous Teutul family will be attending International Bowl Expo and roaring into the General Session with bowling's newest featured motorcycle - "The Strikebike" at International Bowl Expo 2008 (IBE 2008) General Session to be held in Orlando Florida, according to the BPAA, organizers of IBE 2008. The General Session scheduled for 8 - 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 25th at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel and Resort. The Teutuls established their primary business in 1999 in Orange County, New York and have built bikes for some of the biggest names in corporate America including Microsoft, Lincoln, Caterpillar, US Army and Air Force and many more. They have been the center of an adoring fan base and received outstanding national media coverage, while consistently being rated as one the top-rated shows on Discovery Channel and The Learning Channel since the show's inception. The Teutuls will begin construction of two bowling theme custom motorcycles in early 2008. One of the bikes will be given away as the grand prize in a special promotion in the fall of 2008. The construction of the bikes as well as the presentation at IBE's General Session is scheduled to be filmed for future airings. The Teutuls' creations are always unique so you don't want to miss this fun and exciting morning.

USBC MASTERS TO REUNITE WITH USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2009

One of the sport of bowling's most prestigious events, the USBC Masters, will reunite with the tradition-rich USBC Open Championships next season. The two events, which were united together from the Masters inception in 1951 until 2001, will be conducted at Cashman Center in Las Vegas in 2009. The Masters is tentatively scheduled to be held February 8-15, 2009, with the Open Championships beginning shortly thereafter. "These events really complement each other and this move brings back some of the tradition these events have shared in the past," USBC Chief Operating Officer Kevin Dornberger said. "The Masters will be the perfect kickoff to the Open Championships and the unique venue is unmatched in the sport of bowling." The events will be conducted on 56 specially constructed lanes inside Cashman Center, creating a stadium setting and enhancing the event for spectators as well as competitors. For the past four years, the Masters has enjoyed a successful run in suburban Milwaukee, with the television finals being held at Miller Park in 2004 and 2007. Although the Masters will not be conducted during the 2008 calendar year, it will remain one of major events on the Denny's Professional Bowlers Association Tour schedule for the 2008-09 season. "We are looking forward to repositioning the USBC Masters and are intrigued to see what the change in location and timing will do for attendance, media coverage and TV ratings," PBA Commissioner and CEO Fred Schreyer said. "We have a great partnership with the USBC and while Milwaukee has been an outstanding host for the Masters in recent years, we agreed with the USBC that some changes were needed to maximize the amount of attention this prestigious event will receive." With the move to February, the Masters television finals will no longer go up against the National Football League, paving the way for an increase in mainstream media exposure and higher television ratings.

"The Masters is now positioned to achieve maximum television ratings and our hope is to expose this great event to an even bigger audience," USBC Vice President of Marketing and Communications Tom Clark said. "The plan is to build the Masters into the pinnacle week in the sport of bowling and this is a move in that direction." In 1951, the Masters began as an invitational event showcasing national and local bowling stars and has grown to become bowling's most prestigious event. The tournament draws nearly 500 of the best professional and amateur bowlers in the world competing for a prize fund of more than \$350,000. The Open Championships, which was held for the first time in 1901, is the world's largest participatory sporting event. The 2009 event in Las Vegas is scheduled to run at least five months and is expected to draw more than 80,000 bowlers.

USBC SETS SPECIFICATION FOR LANE CONDITIONERS

Federal safety guidelines must be met to be considered for approval

USBC will now require that all lane conditioners meet federal safety guidelines before they can be considered for approval and use in USBC-certified competitions.

The new USBC specification requires that manufacturers of lane conditioners confirm with USBC that their products meet the U.S. Food and Drug Administration "Generally Recognized as Safe" (GRAS) standards under the Code of Federal Regulations. The FDA uses GRAS guidelines to test substances such as food additives and chemicals for safe human use or to ensure no ill effects occur if there is human contact with certain chemicals.

"USBC is going the extra mile to protect its bowlers by making certain that the oils used in USBC leagues and tournaments meet strict federal governmental standards," said USBC Technical Director Neil Stremmel. "In this case we want to do our part to help ensure that bowlers are safe if they happen to come in contact with lane oil."

Manufacturers will be responsible for keeping data that shows that their lane conditioners have met GRAS regulations. Only after that requirement has been met can a lane conditioner be tested and approved by USBC for use in its certified leagues and tournaments. This is the first time USBC or its predecessor organizations have created and implemented a specification requiring lane conditioners to meet federal guidelines for safety.

Conditioner, which is commonly referred to as "lane oil," is the clear liquid substance applied by machine to bowling lanes in various patterns to influence the level of challenge in the sport and protect the lane surface.

The GRAS specification comes on the heels of a new specification for the viscosity of lane conditioners that USBC set last fall. Working with the Manufacturer Lane Conditioner/Cleaner Task Force, USBC set a specification requiring that lane conditioners used during USBC competition read between 12 and 81 centipoises (the standard unit of measurement for fluids) at 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

ASBATY NAMED WORLD BOWLING WRITERS BOWLER OF THE YEAR

After a year when she won titles in four countries, Team USA's Diandra Asbaty has been named the 2007 World Bowling Writers Female Bowler of the Year. With her selection, Asbaty becomes the first woman to receive the award in consecutive years after winning in 2006. It also marks the fourth straight year an American woman has been honored with the award. "To be the only woman to ever win this award in back-to-back years is very special to me," said Asbaty,

who serves as the United States Bowling Congress Youth spokesperson. "But what I will remember most about 2007 are all of the young lives I was able to touch. That's what says with me and what it's all about." The Chicago resident and 10-time Team USA member added several titles in 2007 to her already impressive resume. She won the Masters gold medal at the Women's World Championships in Monterrey, Mexico, finished first at the World Ranking Masters in Lake Wales, Fla., earned a gold medal in doubles at the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and took home the title at the Panama Invitational Tournament in Panama City, Panama. Asbaty closed out the year by winning the final event of the PBA Women's Series in Wyoming, Mich. She also finished second at the USBC Queens and fourth at the USBC Team USA Trials. The World Bowling Writers selected Jason Belmonte of Australia as the Bowler of the Year among men. Belmonte won the High Roller in Las Vegas in February and had numerous other wins and runner-up finishes around the globe. Two European bowlers were selected to join the World Bowling Writers Hall of Fame. Former Denny's PBA Tour exempt player Tore Torgersen of Norway and multiple-time world champion Zara Glover of England were both honored.

USBC'S TOM CLARK IS 2008 BBIA INDUSTRY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

The Billiard & Bowling Institute of America has named USBC Vice President of Marketing and Communications Tom Clark as its Industry Service Award recipient for 2008.

Each year, BBIA presents its Industry Service Award for contributions by an individual who has excelled in promoting and advancing the sport in the billiards and/or bowling industry. The award will be presented in Cancun, Mexico May 13.

"The Billiard and Bowling Institute of America has a long tradition of honoring men and women who have given back their time and dedication to the billiard and bowling industries," said BBIA Executive Director Bill Supper. "The BBIA is pleased to recognize Tom as our 2008 ISA recipient. The candidates for the 2008 ISA came from the manufacturer sector, the media and the entertainment arena. Tom was chosen because he has been a valuable asset to the bowling industry for many years. He has promoted bowling in the press both in the U.S. and abroad.

Since coming to USBC from USA Today in April 2005, Clark has refocused and enhanced USBC's communications efforts to better promote the sport as a whole.

"It's great our industry has a group like BBIA that understands the need and rewards efforts to better promote our sport," said Clark, who was named Bowler's Journal International magazine's Person of the Year in 2005 for his efforts in promoting the sport. "This recognition is really a testimony to the work the entire USBC staff and board of directors have done to set our direction and grow the sport through improved exposure."

Some of the initiatives Clark has spearheaded include:


- * Working to re-establish women's bowling on television by revitalizing the U.S. Women's Open and turning it into a 5-week television series on USPN, sponsorship of the PBA Women's Series and bringing the 2007 USBC Queens to live television.
- * Enhancement of [bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com) to include bowltv and other multi-media interactive features.
- * New focus, look and editorial direction of USBC publications, primarily US Bowler and US Youth Bowler magazines, with their combined circulation of 2.3 million.
- * Improving USBC tournament and event on-site appearance that enhances experience for fans and viewers.
- * More aggressive media relations efforts outside the industry, landing bowling in publications such as Sports Illustrated, ESPN The Magazine, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today and the New York Times.
- * Establishment of USBC bowling spokespeople and ambassadors, including naming NBA Rookie of the Year and avid bowler Chris Paul of the New Orleans Hornets as an official USBC spokesperson.
- * Integrating USBC Sport Bowling and PBA Experience programs in marketing and public relations efforts.

Clark, a native of Syracuse, N.Y., came to USBC after a successful career in journalism. From 2000-2005 he was a sports assignment editor for USA Today, the nation's highest-circulated newspaper. At USA Today, Clark directed the golf and tennis coverage, assisted on NBA and NFL coverage and was the lead editor five straight years on the national-award winning USA Today Super Bowl Bonus Section. He also contributed a bowling column on USAToday.com.

Previous BBIA Industry Award recipients have included great bowlers and billiard players, leaders of various organizations and show business personalities. Clark joins the ranks of Jackie Gleason, Chris Schenkel, Dick Weber, Minnesota Fats and last year's recipient, Jim Bennett, among others.

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