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MAKI LEAVES USBC COACHING TO CO-OWN BOWLING CENTER

Garber, Wunderlich assume interim leadership

Director of the USBC Coaching Program Bob Maki has resigned his position to become a co-owner of Alpine Lanes in Muskego, Wisconsin. Team USA High Performance Director David Garber and Director of USBC Sport Bowling Steve Wunderlich will jointly assume leadership of USBC Coaching on an interim basis.

Maki was instrumental in advancing many aspects of the USBC Coaching certification program since he took over the leadership post in 2002. Maki and his staff revamped the curriculum for the Level I, Bronze, Silver and Gold level coaching certification courses, created the Athlete Development Drills Guidebook, started the USBC Coaches Association which includes a \$1 million liability insurance policy for coaches and worked closely with the International Bowling and Pro Shop Instructors Association and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America on an annual coaching/pro shop summit.

Maki, 49, spent 19 years with USBC and its predecessor organizations. Maki, a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point graduate, was managing a bowling center in the Milwaukee area in 1988 when he joined the Lane Dressing department for the American Bowling Congress. He went on to work in the ABC Rules department before becoming Manager of Coaching Certification for USA Bowling in 1996. In 1998 Maki was named Chief Operating Officer for the YABA and USA Bowling, working in that post until 2002 when he became director of USA Bowling Coaching.

"I have the utmost confidence in the current USBC coaching staff to execute our plan to serve the bowling coaching community," said Maki, a USBC Silver coach.

"Bob was a tireless worker who was committed to moving the USBC Coaching Program forward significantly. He will be sorely missed," Wunderlich said. "Going forward we will build on that strong foundation, continuing to improve our certification programs and working hard to serve our valued USBC coaches."

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Courtesy Bryan Haraway/WireImage.com

LIZ JOHNSON CLAIMS U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN TITLE

RENO, Nev. - With the crowd roaring around her, television cameras in her face and bright lights shining down on her, Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, New York, managed to block it all out. As far as she was concerned, she was the only person inside the National Bowling Stadium on Sunday.

Johnson's intense focus paid off as she defeated Team USA's Shannon O'Keefe of Rochester, New York, 248-215 to win the 2007 U.S. Women's Open, a USBC event.

"I just felt like I was in a really good place, like nobody was even around me out there," said Johnson, who also won the U.S. Women's Open in 1996. "Once I stepped out on the lanes, I felt aggressive and focused. I really haven't felt that good in a very long time and I think it showed on the lanes today."

Johnson, who won 11 titles on the now dissolved PWBA Tour, grabbed the momentum early in the championship match against O'Keefe, starting with five consecutive strikes before leaving a solid 7 pin. O'Keefe, meanwhile, struggled to start the match with just one strike in four frames.

O'Keefe got back on track with strikes in the fifth, sixth and seventh frames but by then Johnson had

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New Bowling News Network Unites Tabloids

ARLINGTON, TEXAS - 20 of America's weekly and monthly bowling tabloid newspapers and magazines have joined together to create the Bowling News Network (BNN). The new BNN will allow bowling news publishers and editors to share ideas and information, work on industry projects together, and jointly sell advertising to companies interested in national coverage.

Collectively, BNN member publications reach sport and casual bowlers in more than 800 bowling centers and pro shops monthly. This grassroots coverage has been a resource for local, regional and national news and information for more than half a century. Two BNN member newspapers, the Sports Reporter in New Jersey, and the California Bowling News, have been operating since 1940.

More than 66 million Americans visit bowling centers at least once every year, and almost three million bowl in weekly leagues and tournaments; for the first time, companies can get their product or service message in all of America's top tabloids with one source for advertising placement and invoicing. In the past, it was very time consuming for these companies to contact each publication individually to place ads, distribute press releases, and send multiple payments.

Administration for the new BNN will be provided by Strike Ten Entertainment, the marketing arm of the bowling industry, from their offices at the BPAA headquarters in Arlington, Texas. BPAA also provides management services for several other industry groups, including the Billiard and Bowling Institute of America (BBIA) and the International Bowling Pro Shops and Instructors Association (IBPSIA).

"We believe that these publications are a very important part of bowling, and Strike Ten Entertainment is pleased to help them make a greater contribution to the industry, said John Berglund, President of STE.

"It's wonderful that we can all get together in this way," said Dan McDonough, publisher of the Sports Reporter. "We've been operating on parallel paths for years, and this alliance gives us a chance to work together for the good of the game and the business."

For more information about BNN, or to obtain a rate sheet and publication calendar, contact the Strike Ten office at (800) 871-7869 or (817) 649-5105 or email bnn@bpaa.com.

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Clinton "Clint" Stehle Passes

The Windsor Plaza Bowling Center Star, Clint Stehle, was a professional bowler in the late 1970's and early 1980's.

Basically, when Clint showed up at a tournament ready to bowl—the tournament was over—everyone knew Clint was going to win. In his era, Clint was the bowler everyone loved and hated, loved to beat and hated to lose to because it served to prove once again that he was a fantastic bowler.

Clint passed away on Monday, October 8, 2007, after suffering many years from diabetes. Clint was born on November 12, 1950, in Rosenberg, Texas. He graduated from Lamar Consolidated High School and attended Wharton County Jr. College. Clint will be missed by all who knew him.

Ask Bea!

Dear Bea: There is *this person* in my league that is allowing their "chippie" to come and watch them bowl. I don't like it and it makes me feel uncomfortable. Should I tell them or their spouse? **Silent**

Dear Silent: There is no reason for you to speak, unless you *are* the chippie! Remember—"Silence is Golden"—however, when their spouse does hear about it—there will be no silence and you will still be out of it!

Dear Bea: Who are you? All of my friends are placing bets that we know who you are. Please identify yourself. **Wager Pending**

Dear Pending: Thank you for your inquiry. I wish to remain anonymous. Contrary to popular belief—I am not Charlie Peoples. Please respect my wishes to remain anonymous. Thanks for reading my column.

Dear Bea: A bowler in my league throws their rosin bag on the ball rack and it gets on my ball and hands. I do not want or like rosin on my ball or hands. How can I stop this aggravating behavior? **Rosin-dust**

Dear Rosin-dust: *This is a tacky situation!* Perhaps pick up the bag and throw it to (not at) the bowler or put it on the nearest table (putting the bag in a drink would be a waste of a good drink).

Bowlers: Please send in your questions for totally useless advice. It probably won't solve the problem—but it could help you (or us) to laugh at yours.

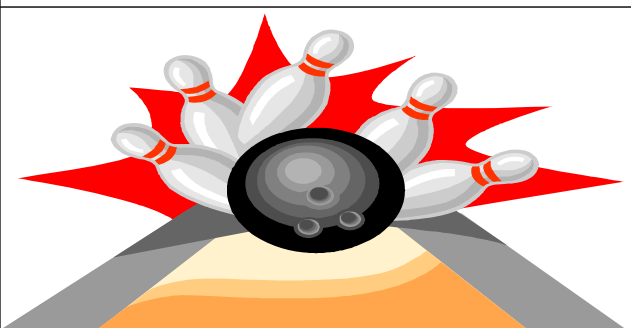
**Women's Collegiate Bowling
"HAWKS WILL START SEASON WITH FRESH
FACES, RANKED FOURTH IN THE NATION"
UMES returns just six bowlers from its NCAA
Championship Runner-Up team.**

PRINCESS ANNE, Md.—The first poll of the women's collegiate bowling season is out. The Hawks of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) are sitting tied for fourth in the nation. While fourth is their highest ranking ever in a poll conducted by the National Tenpins Coaches Association (NTCA), UMES may feel a little slighted. After all they did take Vanderbilt to a deciding game seven in the NCAA National Championship match last season. But upon further review, Head Coach Sharon Brummell couldn't be happier.

"We lost six bowlers, two of which were key starters and two were key reserves," Brummell said. "The bowling world knows that and to still earn a fourth place ranking is great. It is our highest ranking ever and it means we are earning some respect in the sport."

The Lady Hawks were constantly seventh in last seasons' polls. They climbed as high as sixth one month, but subsequently fell back to seventh in the next poll. They were apparently under-ranked as UMES rolled through 2006 defending National Champion Fairleigh Dickinson University and two-time National Champion Nebraska at the 2007 NAAs and met up with Vanderbilt. The Commodores, reigning champs are a unanimous pick for number one in the first NTCA poll. Nebraska and FDU are ranked second and third respectively while UMES is tied with Central Missouri, another team they toppled to get to Vanderbilt. The Lady Hawks are also the reigning Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Champions. It is their third overall title and second in a row. So why fourth? Brummell knows other coaches see the graduation of standout seniors Megan Raymond and Kristie Minnis and the losses of freshmen Marion Singleton and Michelle Wallace.

Wallace and Singleton were solid all year, both earning All-American honors, Wallace as an Honorable Mention and Singleton as third team. Wallace left the program to return home to Oregon and is not bowling anywhere this upcoming season while Singleton went home to New York and will bowl for a second year program at DIII Medaille College.



PBA Women's Series Kicks Off

For the first time since 2003, the top female bowlers are ready to showcase their talent on tour in the inaugural PBAW's Series, sponsored by the USBC which begins this week at Taylor Lanes in Taylor, Michigan. The four-event PBA Women's Series is being held in conjunction with Denny's PBA Tour events this fall and features 16 of the best professional and amateur female bowlers in the world competing for the \$10,000 top prize from the \$51,100 total prize fund each week.

Competitors will bowl two seven-game qualifying blocks Thursday, with the top eight qualifiers advancing to the best-of-7 match play Friday. After two rounds of match play, the two remaining players will advance to the TV finals, which will be included in Sunday's live ESPN finals of the Denny's PBA Tour Motor City Classic. The telecast begins at 1 p.m. Eastern.

"I'm so happy to be bowling in the events I've been bowling in lately, and I think the Women's Series is a great opportunity for women's bowling," said 20-time professional champion and USBC High School spokesperson Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, who recently became the first woman to roll a 300 game at the USBC Masters. "I'm looking forward to the coming weeks and what it could mean for the future."

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Old Fashioned Peanut Brittle

Gather the following ingredients:

- 3 c sugar
- 1/2 c water
- 1 Tablespoon Butter
- 2 teaspoons soda (Arm & Hammer)
- 1 c white Karo
- 3 c raw peanuts (I like Spanish style with skins on)
- 1 teaspoon salt



Boil sugar, Karo, and water until thread spins when a spoonful is dipped out above pot. Add peanuts and stir continuously after peanuts are added.

Cook until it turns a brownish gold. Remove from the fire and add butter, salt, and soda.

Pour onto buttered surface to cool. **As soon as possible, pull it apart and it will crack by itself. Can be stored in an air tight container.** Can be given as a gift or taken to a party—enjoy!

NOTE: Other nuts can be used. For example, walnuts, cashews, etc.

To submit your favorite recipe, please see the contact information on page 2—we would love to hear from you.

ELITE WOMEN'S CAST ADDED TO TEAM USA 2008

Dorin-Ballard and Macpherson to represent US for the first time. Carolyn Dorin-Ballard and Wendy Macpherson, legends in the world of women's bowling, will represent the US for the first time as they highlight a star-studded women's cast named to Team USA 2008 on Wednesday. Also added to Team USA 2008 are five others who have made plenty of history between them Liz Johnson, Kelly Kulick, Kim Terrell, Diandra Asbaty and Missy Bellinder. In August, the World Tenpin Bowling Association voted to allow members of professional organizations to compete in international events, prompting USBC to change the selection procedures. A USBC committee selected the seven from the pool of players that included Team USA members since 1998 and former PWBA/LPBT members. "I decided to be a pro bowler and didn't think I'd ever have this opportunity," said Dorin-Ballard, a 20-time winner on the PWBA Tour who was an All-American at West Texas State University in the late 1980s. "This is icing on the cake for my career."

"You gain so much more from team competition than you do from singles. It's great to win, no matter what, but to share it and represent your country, there is no better feeling."

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USBC NEWS YOU CAN USE

USBC FORMING LANE CONDITIONER/ CLEANER TASK FORCE

First meeting scheduled for January 21 in S. Carolina

Continuing to foster cooperative working relationships regarding research initiatives, the United States Bowling Congress is creating a task force with manufacturers of lane conditioners and lane cleaners.

The USBC and Manufacturer Lane Conditioner/Cleaner Task Force will include USBC research technicians and representatives from companies that produce bowling lane conditioners and cleaners.

The group's first meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 21, 2008 at the Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort and Spa at Grande Dunes during the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America Bowling Summit January 20-24, 2008, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

The meeting agenda is expected to cover: lane conditioner viscosity testing, possible future specifications, flash point testing of lane cleaners and conditioners, setting a federal safety code designation and annual permit renewals.

"The goal of this study group is to jointly discuss long-term research projects relating to lane conditioners and cleaners and investigate the possible need to set new specifications in that area," said USBC Technical Director Neil Stremmel.

Conditioner - more commonly referred to as "lane oil" - is a liquid applied by a machine to a bowling lane and has two purposes: to protect the wood or synthetic surface and to affect the level of difficulty of the sport by applying the oil in a specific pattern. Lane cleaner is the liquid used to clean and strip oil from a bowling lane.

Representatives of bowling lane conditioners and cleaners are invited by USBC to be part of the task force. Those interested should contact USBC Research Engineer Robert Roloff at robert.roloff@bowl.com or (800) 514-2695, ext. 3203 no later than Friday, October 12. Participation is on a voluntary basis. Manufacturers agreeing to join the task force are responsible for making all arrangements and costs for attending meetings.

USBC is currently part of joint industry task forces on bowling balls and lanes. USBC is forming a task force with companies that make synthetic bowling lanes to study how issues relating to the sport's playing surface affect scoring and credibility. The first meeting of the USBC and Manufacturer Lane Surface Task Force is scheduled for Saturday, November 17 at USBC Headquarters in Greendale, Wisconsin. The USBC Bowling Ball Specifications Task Force - formed in 2005 and comprised of representatives from 13 bowling ball manufacturing companies and USBC staff - addresses bowling ball performance issues and their impact on the sport.

REGULAR 300 GAMES, 800 SERIES DROP FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1986

Sport bowling numbers soar as membership rises
Courtesy USBC

GREENDALE, Wis. - For the first time in more than two decades, bowlers rolled fewer 300 games and 800 series in regular leagues and tournaments than the previous season while numbers in Sport Bowling competition rose with increased participation according to USBC high score recognition numbers released for the 2006-07 season.

USBC members earned 51,557 perfect game awards in regular league and tournament play and

60 in Sport Bowling competition for the period from Aug. 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007. During the same period, there were 16,635 approved regular and 8 Sport 800 series. Those compare to 56,212 approved 300 games and 17,612 approved 800s in regular leagues and tournaments and 33 300s and two 800s in Sport Bowling in the previous season.

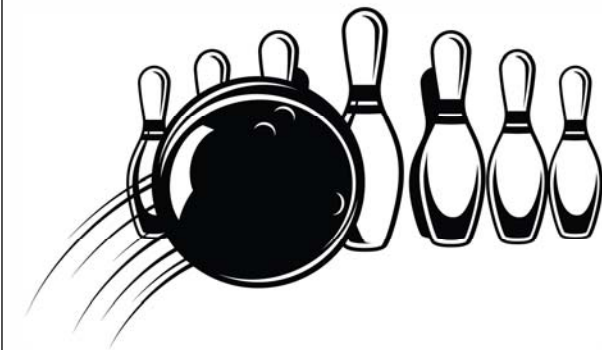
Not since the 1985-86 season had the number of 300s and 800s dropped. "While we have changed or added specifications on core differential, lane surface Sward Hardness and pin coating materials, I believe some of the drop off of honor scores is directly related to the increase in sport bowling members," said USBC Technical Director Neil Stremmel. "High end bowlers capable of bowling honor scores bowled fewer games on house conditions and more games on sport conditions. They have dropped out of regular leagues all together or went from two house conditions to one house and one sport. Just one league change could equate to 96 fewer games or chances at an honor score per bowler."

The differences between regular and Sport Bowling 300 games can best be measured in the number of honor scores per game. There was one regular 300 for every 5,059 games in 2006-07. In Sport Bowling, there was one 300 bowled for every 46,535 games.

In all, USBC issued 130,537 regular high score recognition honors. Those included 21,416 for 299 games, 8,053 for 298 games and 32,876 for 11 strikes in a row. This was the last season 299s and 298s will be considered separate honor scores as in 2006-07, they move within the 11-strikes-in-a-row category.

There were a total of 124 Sport Bowling scores earning honor recognition. These included 20 for 299 games, three for 298 games and 33 for 11 strikes in a row.

The most awards for special achievement came in the 200-game category with 254,646. Next was 75-pins-over-average game with 234,369.



USBC SPORT BOWLING NATIONAL AVERAGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Team USA's Galante earns third straight award
GREENDALE, Wis. - Bowlers from Florida, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin captured United States Bowling Congress Sport Bowling national high average honors for the 2006-07 season, including Team USA's Ashly Galante who won her third straight award.

Galante, Palm Harbor, Florida, became the first person to win three Sport Bowling national average awards by averaging 206 for 90 games in the Scott Russell Junior Gold Sport League at Countryside Lanes in Clearwater, Florida. "It's a great accomplishment for me," said the right-handed Galante, 19, a freshman at Pikeville College in Kentucky

who won the award in 2004-05 with a 194.05 average and 2005-06 with 200.71. "It does mean a lot to me to win it three years in a row."

The first-time Team USA member has gained valuable experience and elevated her game by competing on Sport Bowling lane conditions, including three Sport leagues in 2006-07. In 2006 Galante finished second in the prestigious Teen Masters, a national scholarship tournament for high school age bowlers contested on USBC Sport Bowling lane patterns. Many Sport Bowling leagues - PBA Experience leagues - are contested on the same lane oil patterns used by the Denny's Professional Bowlers Association Tour.

"I try to stay focused and try to make spares," said Galante, who in her first international competition as a Team USA member at the Tournament of the Americas in Florida this past August teamed with Larry Brande to capture the Junior Division Mixed Doubles silver medal. "Sport Bowling is definitely a challenge. You have to be on top of your game to score. You have to watch ball reaction and lane pattern transition and make adjustments faster. That makes you a better bowler."

Another Team USA member, Derek Eoff, Greenfield, Wis., captured the men's Sport Bowling high average honor by compiling a 222.38 average for 63 games in the Tuesday Alpine Sport Bowling League at Alpine Lanes in Muskego, Wis.

"There are a lot of excellent bowlers across the country who compete in Sport Bowling leagues, so it is a great honor to win this award," said Eoff, a right-hander. "I have been close to winning the past couple of years so it is nice to finally win this season."

"I only bowl in Sport Bowling leagues. Bowling on Sport conditions helps to keep my bowling game sharp. With more and more tournaments using Sport Bowling lane conditions, it helps me prepare for those events so I can better understand what adjustments to make and how my bowling balls will react."

Lana Schwab, Lake Villa, Illinois, won the female USBC national high average award for Sport Bowling members by averaging 199.47 for 48 games in the Hawthorn Sport Bowling League at Hawthorn Lanes outside Chicago in Vernon Hills, Illinois.

"I'm excited. It was a goal I've had for the last three years. I've come close the last couple of years and I finally got it," said Schwab, a right-handed bowler who was in the top five at 197 in 2004-05 and 2005-06.

John Kelley, Sterling Heights, Mich., earned the Sport Bowling youth boys' honor by averaging 201 for 108 games in the Ottman Junior All Stars Sport Bowling League at Sunnybrook Lanes near Detroit in Sterling Heights.

To be eligible for the Sport Bowling national high average award, USBC Sport members must have bowled a minimum of 48 games in the 2006-07 season. USBC members who compete in Sport Bowling leagues are eligible for the national high average award.

Eoff and Schwab will receive the distinctive Sport Bowling Crystal Pin award, symbolic of their accomplishments. Kelley and Galante will receive USBC Youth medals and certificates.



Because You Want to Know... **TWO-HANDED BOWLING: THE SPORT'S NEXT REVOLUTION?**

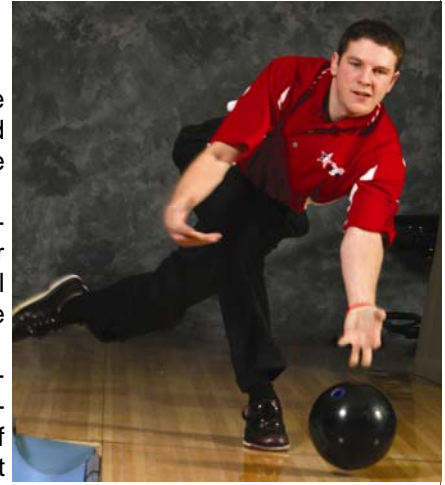
Unconventional style a growing trend with athletes.

Athletes over the years have experimented to gain an edge in their sports.

In the 1960s, track and field star Dick Fosbury invented a new technique by rolling over the bar backwards. The "Fosbury Flop" was so successful that it became the standard method for high jumpers. In tennis, players experimented by hitting backhand shots with both hands on the racquet instead of just one. That gave players more power, and the technique is common practice today.

The sport of bowling also has pioneers. Today, many young athletes worldwide are shunning the traditional one-handed style and using two hands to swing and deliver the ball, giving them incredible rotation and striking power never seen in bowling. Two-handed bowlers swing the ball with both hands by one side of their body as they approach the foul line. Inserting just their fingers or their fingers and thumb of one hand in the ball, they support the ball's weight with the other hand. At the release point, their top hand comes away, and they release and follow through with the gripping hand.

One of those young guns is USBC Team USA member Cassidy Schaub, (pictured top right) who will put his two-handed style to the test in the 2007 USBC Masters Oct. 23-28 in Milwaukee. Schaub - who pocketed \$10,000 for finishing third in the Open Division of the Panama Invitational Tournament Oct. 3-8 in Panama City, Panama - and the rest of the field of close to 500 of the world's best bowlers will vie for a chance to compete in the live, ESPN-televized finals at Miller Park on Oct. 28 and take home the \$100,000 first prize check.

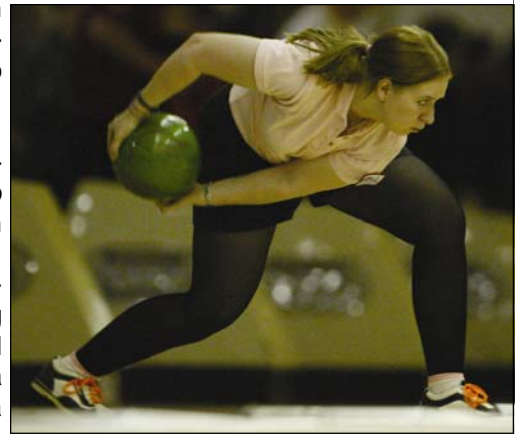


"When I was 5 years old and started bowling I was too little to carry the ball to the line with one hand, so I carried it up there with two," said Schaub, 24, a left-hander from Polk, Ohio, who represented the United States at the 2007 Pan American Games in July in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. "As I started to grow I developed a back swing and footwork to go with my two-handed delivery."

Two-handers such as Schaub use a traditional heel-toe walking approach while others - like Australia's Jason Belmonte and Finland's Osku Palermaa - use a short shuffle step late in the approach to create power and momentum.

Belmonte has won medals at the AMF World Cup and World Youth Federation Internationale des Quilleurs, competed on the European Bowling Tour and rolled 26 perfect games. Palermaa rolled two perfect games on his way to winning the 2006 AMF World Cup in Venezuela.

"I am pretty much a self-taught bowler," said Belmonte, 24, who started bowling in his parents' bowling center in the provincial city of Orange in New South Wales, Australia. Jaime Foster, (photo bottom right) 2006 National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association women's rookie of the year, started bowling with one hand, but learned to bowl with two hands after a shoulder injury in a car accident made it difficult to bowl one-handed.



"I learned the style on my own," Foster said. "I put only my two fingers in the ball and don't use my thumb."

Among the younger bowlers to have big success rolling two-handed is Chaz Dennis of Columbus, Ohio. On December 21, 2006, Dennis rolled his way into bowling's record books by becoming the youngest bowler ever to throw a perfect game in USBC competition at age 10 years, 2 months, 27 days. Dennis was 20 days younger than the previous record-holder, Michael Tang of San Francisco.

This style offers bowlers the advantage of generating more hook and power than the traditional one-handed delivery. Because two-handers use one hand to roll the ball and the other to support it, they can keep their bowling hand under the ball longer. That positioning lets them generate extra rotation, hook and power on the ball and more options to play the lanes, which can translate to more strikes and higher scores. "It allows me to generate a lot of revolutions (spin) on the ball, but it also allows my shoulders to stay square to my target without a lot of extra motion from my off arm," Schaub said. "More power with less effort," Palermaa said. The two-handed style is somewhat controversial in the sport of bowling. "I think the style is intriguing," Belmonte said. "Many people watch my style because they either hate it or love it. So I guess it is bringing a touch of debate back into the game."

To accommodate the new crop of bowlers who are electing to use the two-handed delivery, the USBC Coaching program - which trains and certifies bowling coaches - is researching and developing methods for teaching these athletes. "The two-handed delivery is a hot trend in bowling today," said Rod Ross, head coach of USBC Junior Team USA, the U.S. junior national bowling team. "These kids do it because it comes naturally to them. This is a style to be reckoned with. It's here to stay."

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING IS SET TO KICKOFF FOR THE 2007-2008 YEAR
 Tryouts will be held in the last week of October and the first week of November. Check with a bowling center near you to see if team selection is taking place. This program is the first step in making bowling a UIL sport. Go by and support these young bowlers. After all, they're the next generation of bowlers!

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Women's US Open*By John Jowdy*

I was "there", yet I wasn't there. I am referring to the sensational USBC Women's US Open at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno; held on Sunday, October 14, 2007.

Perhaps I should explain my dilemma. My wife Brenda and I flew to Reno planning to attend the Saturday practice session and the Press Conference afterward. Of course, the main attraction was the Sunday televised finals or the most prestigious of all women's tournaments, the US Open.

Unfortunately, soon after arriving in Reno, the Bowling Gods deserted me, I got sick. Although I was barely able to attend the press conference on Saturday afternoon, I was in no condition to enjoy the proceedings, nor the usual pleasantries of the Reno atmosphere. Overcome by a weakened stomach. I was awake all night Saturday and was confined to my bed all day Sunday. Fortunately, my pain eased as I watched the television show on ESPN as four incredibly talented ladies displayed their bowling abilities before a packed National Bowling Stadium crowd.

Yes, I was there but I WASN'T "there" for one of the best produced bowling TV shows. I've ever watched.

Liz Johnson was absolutely fabulous in capturing her second Women's US Open. She was practically flawless, missing the pocket only ONE shot, a shot that was light in the pocket and resulted in a 2-10 split. Nonetheless, she converted the spare. More surprising, Liz Johnson exhibited her "savvy" for overcoming some rather difficult lane conditions. The New York sharpshooter used two different balls on alternating lanes, averaging over 250 in her two-game sweep for the title. In annexing her second US Open title, Johnson gave further evidence of her superior execution from an outside line. In my opinion, Liz Johnson can hold her own against any bowler in the world, including the top players on the PBA Tour.

Prior to the taped format leading to the "live" finals, the USBC was criticized by a number of the leading bowling writers in the country. Unfortunately, none of these writers attended the qualifying rounds, nor the match game eliminations. This is not to say that these great writers weren't entitled to their opinions, but TV ratings for the taped segments on successive Sundays were, for the most part, better than expected, particularly since they were pitted against the National Football League time slots. But, hasn't the PBA experienced the same fate for the past five years?

At any rate, it was a great show and another credit to Tom Clark, USBC Chief Officer-Marketing/ Communications and his unflinching drive to "sell" the USBC. Perhaps this is the only objection I find in Clark's relentless efforts to publicize the governing body of bowling. I thought the USBC related ads were a bit of overkill. Yet, how can anyone criticize a person for doing what he is paid to do?

I believe the TV program should have spent a little more time highlighting the VIP section, an area I considered one of the brightest features of the tournament. Christine Brennan, a featured writer for USA Today, conducted several interviews from the VIP area. But, for the most part, they were primarily promotional ads for the USBC.

Fortunately, BPAA Executive Secretary John Bergland and USBC acting Executive Secretary Kevin Dornberger were shown briefly. Unfortunately, several Reno big-wigs were overlooked, including Mayor Robert Cashell Sr. There were other BIG sponsors of USBC events left out, Rick Murdock, Vice-President Sales and Marketing of the Eldorado Hotel and Casino, Jennifer Cunningham, Director of Sales and Marketing of Circus-Circus...as well as several leaders in the bowling industry.

Perhaps I was overwhelmed by the uniqueness and classy surroundings of the VIP section during my attendance at the qualifying and match game rounds a few months ago. Nonetheless, these are my personal views and, in no way, diminished the overall presentation.

The spectacular performances by the ladies was further enhanced by an outstanding bowling tandem, two of the best TV bowling announcers I've ever heard, Marshall Holman and Nelson Burton Jr. Both PBA Hall of Famers did their homework and provided great insight and analysis. Hopefully, they will be considered for future TV bowling productions.

USBC UNVEILS ONLINE BOWLING COACHING COURSE ON BOWL.COM

Prospective bowling coaches may now earn their certification with the United States Bowling Congress right at their computers. Those wishing to teach new and lower level bowlers can complete USBC's introductory level coaching course - called Level One - online on bowl.com.

USBC Coaching has created text and video for the Level One online course that will take about three to five hours to complete. The course, which costs \$60, allows students to advance through the material at their own pace, stopping and starting the course at any point. The course includes an exam for each lesson and six exams focusing on developing a "coach's eye." The exams are graded online and once a student has successfully passed the course he or she can immediately print a validation certificate.

Until now, aspiring USBC coaches traveled to in-person Level I certification classes in various locations around the country.

"This is an exciting opportunity for volunteer coaches who have been unable to attend an in-person class," said Director of USBC Coaching Bob Maki. "Online training technology has evolved to the point where coaches can receive a high quality, comprehensive experience that will equip them to teach beginning bowlers. Taking the course online allows coaches greater flexibility to complete the course at their own pace."

Topics covered in the online Level One course include: facility and equipment; safety awareness and etiquette; coaching the youth athlete; physical game development; strikes and spares; and mental game basics.

Since on-lane instruction is impossible for an online course, students are shown specific drills to enhance their coach's eye. Coaching students are then encouraged to go to their local bowling centers and practice the drills.

In-person Level I classes will continue to be held until Jan. 1, 2008, when Level I will transition to being available only online. USBC's intermediate level coach training program - known as the Bronze level - will be modified and basic components will be placed online on bowl.com by March 2008. USBC's advanced level coaching course - the Silver level - will be reviewed and will be available online by July 2008.

The USBC Coaching Program - the only coaching program for bowling recognized by the United States Olympic Committee - offers four primary levels of certification: Level One, Bronze, Silver and Gold. The prerequisite for attending the Bronze class is successful completion of the USBC Coaching Level One course or past YABA Level I certification. Bronze certification must be completed as a prerequisite to participation in the Silver conference.

The finest instructors in the United States teach the USBC Coaching certification conferences, which train and certify coaches to teach the sport of bowling. The seminars also provide opportunities to learn from and network with these renowned instructors.

PBA Women's Continued

To qualify for the PBA Women's Series, the 16 players survived 32 grueling games of qualifying on four different PBA Experience lane conditions in the PBA Women's Tour Trials, which took place in August as part of the 2007 U.S. Women's Open, a USBC event. Of the 132 U.S. Women's Open competitors, 65 chose to participate in the Women's Tour Trials. The field for the Motor City Classic Women's Series this week also includes:

*Missy Bellinder, Fullerton, Calif.: A former collegiate standout and the first woman to win two PBA regional titles. *Joy Esterson, Annapolis, Md.: A former All-American at Morehead State. *Michelle Feldman, Skaneateles, N.Y.: A 12-time PWBA winner and qualifying leader in the Women's Tour Trials.*Clara Guerrero, Armenia, Colombia: International star and former standout at Wichita State.*Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y.: Won the 2007 U.S. Women's Open and recently placed 14th at the USBC Masters, the highest finish for a woman in the history of the event. Along the way, she rolled an 843 series, the third highest series in tournament history.*Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo.: A USBC Hall of Famer who is tied for fourth all-time with 25 PWBA victories. *Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J.: Became the first woman to earn an exemption on the Denny's PBA Tour (2006-07) and later won the 2007 USBC Queens. *Tennelle Milligan, Costa Mesa, Calif.: A member of Team USA, she picked up five medals at the 2007 Women's World Championships. A former pro, she won the 2000 U.S. Open and the 2005 Queens. *Stefanie Nation, Orlando, Fla.: A former collegiate star and player of the year at Central Florida, she has been a member of Team USA since 2005 and recently helped lead the U.S. women to a team silver medal at the 2007 Women's World Championships, a feat she also accomplished at the same event in 2005. *Shannon Pluhowsky, Phoenix: A three-time U.S. Amateur champion, three-time U.S. Junior Amateur champion, three-time collegiate national champion, two-time winner at the QubicaAMF World Cup and the 2006 Queens champion. *Robin Romeo, Newhall, Calif.: A 17-time winner on the PWBA Tour, she just missed one of the 16 spots for the Women's Series, but will fill in this week for Wendy Macpherson, who is unable to compete due to a prior tournament commitment. *Olivia Sandham, Wichita, Kan.: A Team USA member in 2004 and 2006 and a Junior Team USA member from 2002 until 2004. During her All-American career at Wichita State, she helped the Shockers to a win at the 2005 USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships. *Tiffany Stanbrough, Oklahoma City: The 1999 PWBA Rookie of the Year, she went on to win four titles in her short professional career. *Amy Stolz, Castle Rock, Colo.: A Junior Team USA member and the Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow in 2001, she went on to become an All-American at Arizona State. *Karen Stroud, Plantation, Fla.: A member of the most recent Bowlers Journal All-America team, she won Classic All-Events and Classic Singles at the 2006 USBC Women's Championships. PBA Women's Series competition continues at the Etonic Championship Women's Series (Nov. 7-11) in Cheektowaga, N.Y., the Lake County Indiana Classic Women's Series (Nov. 14-18) in Merrillville, Ind., and the Great Lakes Classic Women's Series (Nov. 28-Dec. 2) in Wyoming, Mich.

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Simply S&B Results



A soon to be father of twins, Johnny Hanna, won the October Simply S&B Tournament. As he finished the scratch tournament, Johnny said, "Wow, I really needed this win!" Congratulations, Johnny on becoming a father

and on winning the tournament!

- 1st Place -983- Johnny Hanna
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- 3rd Place -899- Johnny Smith
- 4th Place -883- Shawn Maldonado
- 5th Place -875- George Haley
- 6th Place -869- Carlos Gonzalez

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created a nearly unbeatable margin. A spare in the ninth frame locked up the title for Johnson. "Everything just fell like it fell into place for me," said Johnson, who made history in 2005 by becoming the first woman to win a PBA regional event. "Physically, I felt great and mentally nothing

really mattered but putting it to the pins. I also think my experience helped. The ball choices I made and my focus all combined to help me win today."

O'Keefe entered Sunday's championship round as the top qualifier and the player to beat. She led the U.S. Women's Open field after 32 games of qualifying back in August, and in her quarterfinal match up against Stefanie Nation, O'Keefe fired a nearly-perfect 299 game.

"Obviously, it's bittersweet because Liz and I are good friends," O'Keefe said. "I definitely came here to win, but it really was great just to be a part of this. I hope this event gives women's bowling the push it needs to get back in the right direction."

To reach the title game, Johnson defeated reigning U.S. Amateur champion Lynda Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 257-187. Barnes struggled with her ball reaction on the right lane and never threw two consecutive strikes in the loss.

O'Keefe defeated USBC High School spokesperson Carolyn Dorin-Ballard of North Richland Hills, Texas, 223-209. Dorin-Ballard left splits in the fourth and sixth frames as O'Keefe pulled away in the final frames.

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As USBC moves ahead in its role as the sport's national governing body, one focus is making bowling an Olympic sport. A strong coaching program on a global scale is one key to achieving Olympic status, Garber said.

"It is our goal to expand the reach of USBC Coaching to train more coaches which will help strengthen the sport of bowling worldwide," Garber said.

The USBC Coaching Program - the only coaching program for bowling recognized by the United States Olympic Committee - trains and certifies coaches to teach the sport of bowling. USBC Coaching offers a progression of four core coaching certification levels - Level I, Bronze, Silver and Gold - plus elective courses outside the core curriculum to give coaches additional knowledge and tools.

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