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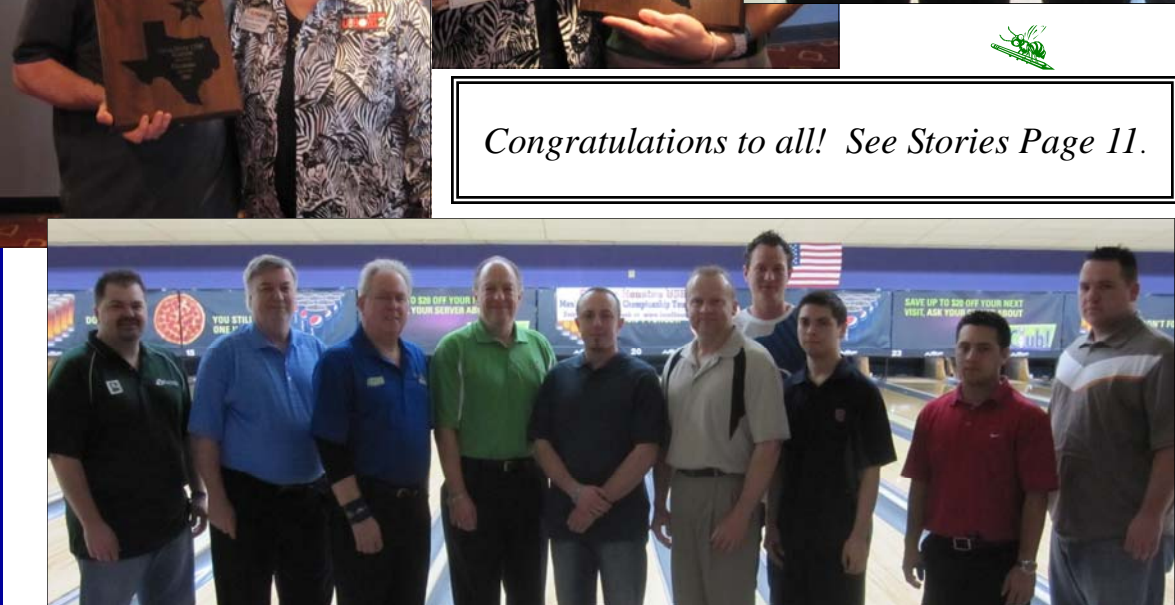


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Dear Bea: I am going to the USBC national tournament. I do not want to pay the extra shipping charge in order to take my four balls. My husband says I should just take one ball and put one of his balls in my double bag because he needs to take three balls because he is more important to the team than I am. That hurts my feelings. Any advice on what I should do? *Wondering*

Dear Wondering: A man that is *that* important to the team surely needs to take four bowling balls. I would buy two 3-ball totes and put shoes, etc. in my suitcase. He can take four and you can take two. When you get to be important you can take three balls too! Good luck. High scoring!

Dear Bea: I bowl for social reasons. A lady on my team keeps ear buds in her ears and doesn't talk to anyone on the team. She seems nice enough but it is hard to tell when she doesn't talk to anyone. She just listens to music or something and bowls. How can I break through to her? *Lonely Bowler*

Dear Lonely: You have two choices—go visit with other bowlers to satisfy your social needs or go get your own ear buds and music and leave her alone.

Dear Bea: Our league is having a celebration. Everyone is bringing their specialty dish. It sounds like fun but I am worried about the cleanliness of everyone bringing food. I have some of the people leave the restroom and not wash their hands first. That grosses me out. I am not sure what to do and I don't want to be a weirdo about it. *Clean Freak*

Dear Freak: Get their early and place your order and pretend you forgot about the celebration or bring something and eat only that dish. You could always play a weird game called "Call in Sick" and not deal with the whole mess. Who knows maybe your whole team will postpone and your troubles will be over!

Bowlers: Please send in your questions for totally useless advice. It probably won't solve them—but it could help you (and all of us) to laugh at them. Life is too short to take it all seriously—let us laugh with you.

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No Fry Yummy Chicken

Gather the following ingredients:

- 1/4 cup chicken broth
- 3/4 cup finely crushed corn flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 1/4 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast halves



Preheat the oven to 400°F.

Pour the broth into a shallow bowl. Stir the corn flakes, garlic powder and black pepper on a plate. Dip the chicken into the broth. Coat with the corn flake mixture. Place the chicken onto a baking sheet.

Bake for 20 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through. Juice should run clear when cut.

Quick Chicken Parmesan

Gather the following:

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 2 cups prepared Italian sauce
- 2 ounces shredded mozzarella cheese
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 8 ounces spaghetti noodles, cooked and drained

Preheat oven to 400 degrees

Place the chicken in a 2-quart shallow baking dish. Top the chicken with the sauce. Sprinkle with the mozzarella cheese and Parmesan cheese.

Bake at 400°F. for 25 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through. Serve the chicken and sauce on top of the spaghetti.

Tip: Did you know that greasy food stains on clothes can be eliminated by using dishwashing liquid on a toothbrush as a pre-wash treatment? It will help clean out those stains better than anything else!

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Chuck Pezzano



Idle bowling thoughts.

... It is difficult to realize how difficult it was to convert bowling to an all person of all colors sport. It stated in the rules of almost all the bowling organizations that bowling was for the white races alone and though bowling was one of the first sports to break down race barriers it was still too long. Dedicated bowling pioneers worked long and hard to erase early injustices and though the PBA was founded just eight years after the rules were changed it was from the start a group that welcomed bowlers on how well they could knock pins down and applications for PBA membership offered no clues to color or origin.

... No matter how far back you go to the motto of "bring a friend" still stands as the best way to increase the number of competitive bowlers.

... At 6'4" Mike Koivuniemi is one of the tallest pros in action these days. All-time tallest? I'd have to go with the PBA hall of famer Steve Cook who is 6;7" or higher—and made a bowling ball look small in his hand.

... Bowlers who scold their children for carrying useless things in their school bags should take a good long look at the contents of their bowling bags. One reason why two-ball bowling bags are so popular is that when all the clutter is in place the bowler still has enough room for one bowling ball.

... As Carmen Salvino once noted, "When you want to forget all your other troubles, wear a tight pair of bowling shoes."

... High school bowling rules, which vary I almost every state, need plenty of research. Working with the schools and working out conflicts can add still more varsity teams to the rapidly growing high school list.

... When Johnny Petraglia rolled a 300 game on TV nearly two decades ago he received phone calls from around the world. Even though he didn't win the tournament he earned a perfect game bonus of \$100,000. The first call was from actor Michael J. Fox, who had received special bowling instructions for movie scenes from Petraglia. While answer one call Petraglia was told the white House was on the other line. "I took that call real quick." said Petraglia. "And it was the White House Tavern somewhere."

... Did you ever notice that the bowlers who keeps reminding other bowlers that it is only a game is always the bowler that is winning.

... With so many tournaments around the world every year, all with their own special appeal, there's got to be a few that fit your bowling tournament profile. Read every entry blank carefully, including the fine print, and you should find an extra dimension to your bowling.

... A plane filled with bowlers suddenly developed engine trouble. The bowlers sat silently, fearing the moment when they might plunge to earth. Then a soft voice from the rear of the plane broke the silence: "Anybody want to buy a bowling ball cheap?"

... Some bowlers should stop using body English. It really doesn't do any good, and few bowlers have the body for it.

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Three Proposals to be Decided at 2011 USBC Annual Meeting

By Jason Overstreet, USBC

Delegates will vote on three proposals involving changes to USBC bylaws and league rules at the USBC Annual Meeting on July 1 in Grapevine, Texas. Of the three proposals, two relate to changes to USBC Bylaws and one refers to league rules. The proposals relating to USBC bylaws include:

- A proposal from the field to require non-merged state and local associations to be merged by August 1, 2012.
- Changing the requirement for Board of Director candidate credentials to be filed with USBC from 24 hours to 30 days.

The proposals relating to playing rules include:

- Lowers age for senior leagues to 50.

Please see BOWL.com for the full amendments and additional information about the 2011 USBC Convention.

John Jowdy



50 Years Story

Plans are underway for 50 years of Women's Pro Bowling Exhibit scheduled to open in June 2011 during Bowl Expo.

This exhibit is long overdue. Women professional bowlers have played a major role in promoting the game and richly deserve an exhibit that features their accomplishments.

The 50 years of Women's Pro Bowling Exhibit will display rare photographs and artifacts from the greatest bowlers of all time, including moments that made a difference and the impact on television.

It will remember the pioneers that made all that followed possible and will celebrate the tremendous contributions of the key people who created the organized tours.

The exhibit will honor the female legends by showcasing the top bowlers from each decade including Hall of Fame members, Bowlers of the Year, Bowlers of the Decade, and significant record holders.

The individuals most responsible for over-seeing this great project are Chairman of the committee, Jim Goodwin, Fran Deken, John Sommer and none other than Joan Romeo, who, in my opinion is the most successful, most energetic, and certainly the most UNDERPAID promoter of events in all of bowling. Romeo leaves no stones unturned in her relentless effort to further the growth of bowling, both in America, as well as other foreign countries. Nonetheless, the aforementioned work closely with Pat Cinello, Chairman of the Executive Board, Keith Hamilton Vice Chair, and Kelli Briscoe, the new curator of the museum. All are involved to some degree and all provide input.

Joan Romeo spearheaded the fundraising and promotion. She is never shy in her presentations to any casino, bowling manufacturer, major corporation, or any bowling related business. More often than not, she succeeds in selling her product.

Romeo is no neophyte in public relations or promotional undertakings. From 1985 to 1987, she was Director of Client Services for Pearlman Wohl Inc in Century City, a suburb of Los Angeles. Pearlman Wohl's clients included Air New Zealand, Lamps Plus, and Buick Motor Division.

From 1988 to 1995, Joan became Vice President of The Pearlman Group, Incorporated, a company that represented Chevrolet Motor Division, Permanent Charities Committee of the Entertainment Industry, Sterling Vineyards, and Ticketmaster.

In 1995, she started her own company, concentrating principally in bowling related projects. Her clients include Master Industries, Twelve Strike, CWBA, Corbin Bowl, USA Bowling, and FIQ. She is currently President of the California Bowling Writers, is a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America Board of Directors, a member of BPAA International Committee, and, as previously stated, a member of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame committee for the new exhibit, 50 Years of Women's Pro Bowling.

Perhaps there is added incentive to Joan Romeo's passion for the aforementioned exhibit. She is the mother of Robin Romeo, one of the greatest female bowlers in the history of the game. Robin is an absolute cinch for a spot in the exhibit. Robin's record includes 17 National Professional titles, (including two majors) four WIBC titles, (two All-Events, one doubles, one team) seven California State titles, two New York State titles and one USBC All-Events. Additionally, Robin is in seven bowling Halls of Fame, including the USBC Hall of Fame. Robin's resume' hardly requires her mother's influence.

Donations to the exhibit are certainly in order. For further information regarding 50 Years of Women's Professional Bowling, contact: International Museum and Hall of Fame web site or 50 Years of Women's Professional Bowling facebook page.



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75-Year-Old Will June Rolls Back-to-Back 300 Games

By Jim Goodwin, for the BNN

Sometimes, truly incredible stories slip through the cracks, and this was one of those times. However, thanks to our good friend Frank Weiler, our BWAA man in Southern California, the following story about an amazing man will be told to the bowling world. A bit behind, but timelessly thrilling.

Wilbert June is 75 years old . . .but on August 31, 2010 he served notice that the word "old" is waay over rated. Will, as his friends and family call him, loves to bowl. He began after a distinguished military career 35 years ago at age 40. He now bowls in four leagues a week in his hometown of Moreno Valley, California. Bowling is a big part of his life.

"I actually bowled one time when I was 30," he told us. I rolled a beginners luck 200 game that day, but never picked up a ball again until 10 years later."

When Mr. June walked into Brunswick Moreno Valley Bowl on that last day of August, it was a day like any other, and he was happy to see his friends in the "Young at Heart" League. Little did he know that day, that he was about to make bowling history.

June is a very good bowler; averaged 210 in one of his leagues. . .but one thing had eluded him for 35 years — a perfect game.

But not this time. His league session started on an ordinary note with a 198 game; nothing to get excited about . . .but then, he started stringing strikes; one after another, and when he reached the 10th frame of game two, he was sitting on a nine-bagger.

In the final frame, he was strangely calm. His knees were not weak, and his thoughts and focus were clear. He tossed strike number 10 perfectly in the pocket. On number 11, he was thinking 'please carry' and his Elite "Alien" bowling ball made the pins oblige. Taking a deep breath before the final shot, he was able to relax a bit and it was the best of the three. He finally had that elusive 300 game! Team mates and league mates gathered 'round, excited to see the great game and share the moment with their good friend.

Another interesting note about the old 16 pound

ball: It was not even drilled for him. It was given to him by a friend, and the fit was close enough, so he just left it alone.

In game three, he seemed to be on auto pilot, repeating shot after shot . . .strike, strike, strike, strike, and again, he accumulates the front nine. The thought never occurred to

him that he had 21 strikes in a row. "I just couldn't believe that I had a chance for another 300," he said. But he did; and he didn't let it slip away. He rolled three more to become the oldest player in bowling history to roll consecutive 300 games.

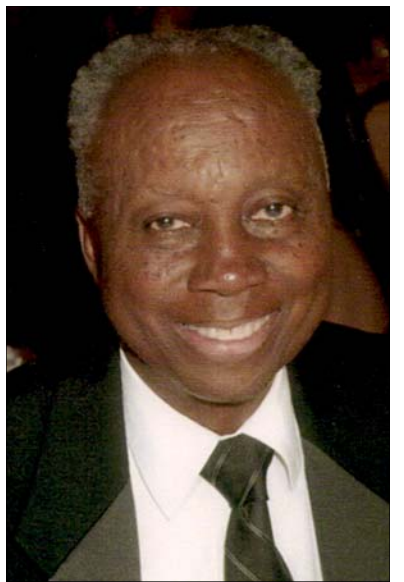
The next day, he started another league with an eight-bagger, and it seemed to some that he would never miss again, but on the next shot, the magic ended.; and his feet were back on the floor; he returned to the planet Earth.

June spent 20 years in the Air Force. For a while he was stationed in North Africa, but spent most of his tour in California. He and his wife Sayan raised four children. One of his grandsons, Cato June, played pro football for the Indianapolis Colts.

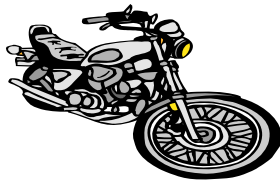
We think June's accomplishment is right up there with the 900 series being rolled by much younger bowlers; but this USBC record is unique; and what a thrill; what an accomplishment; what a great story.

"It was a wonderful day, and I felt good," he told the Moreno Valley Press Enterprise. "I guess the main thing is that the good Lord was with me. I was rolling the ball, and He was guiding it." His team mates also helped." They kept encouraging me, and that helped a lot."

Bowling truly is an incredible sport. If you have doubts, just ask Mr. June.



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Dorin-Ballard Named USBC Director of Coaching

By Matt Cannizzaro, USBC

USBC Hall of Famer Carolyn Dorin-Ballard of Keller, Texas, enjoyed a long and successful career on the bowling lanes and now will bring her experience and knowledge to the organization as the USBC Director of Coaching. A USBC Board member and four-time Team USA member, Dorin-Ballard will shift roles and start in her new position March 1.

The 46-year-old USBC Silver coach most recently served as a member of Brunswick's professional teaching staff, and her three decades of competitive bowling and coaching experience give her a well-rounded viewpoint at the helm of USBC's coaching initiatives.

"Carolyn has experience and success at all levels and aspects of the sport, so she's the perfect person to facilitate the growth of the USBC Coaching program," said Neil Stremmel, USBC Managing Director- National Governing Body. "She is a proven champion and well-respected within the industry, and we know she also will excel in her new role."

On the lanes, Dorin-Ballard has earned more than 20 professional titles, including three majors, nine international medals, five titles at the USBC Women's Championships and two collegiate national championships, along with countless other awards and honors. As the Director of Coaching, Dorin-Ballard will oversee the USBC Coaching staff, be responsible for maintaining the recently-launched Coaching Recertification program, implementing the accompanying Continuing Education program and working with the Youth Education Services (YES) Fund program. She also will focus on establishing regional training sites and coaches as well as grass roots coaching clinics across the United States.

"Coaching is something I have been involved in my whole career," said Dorin-Ballard, who has been actively coaching for 15 years. "I'm very excited for the opportunity, and I plan to bring some new ideas to the USBC Coaching department."



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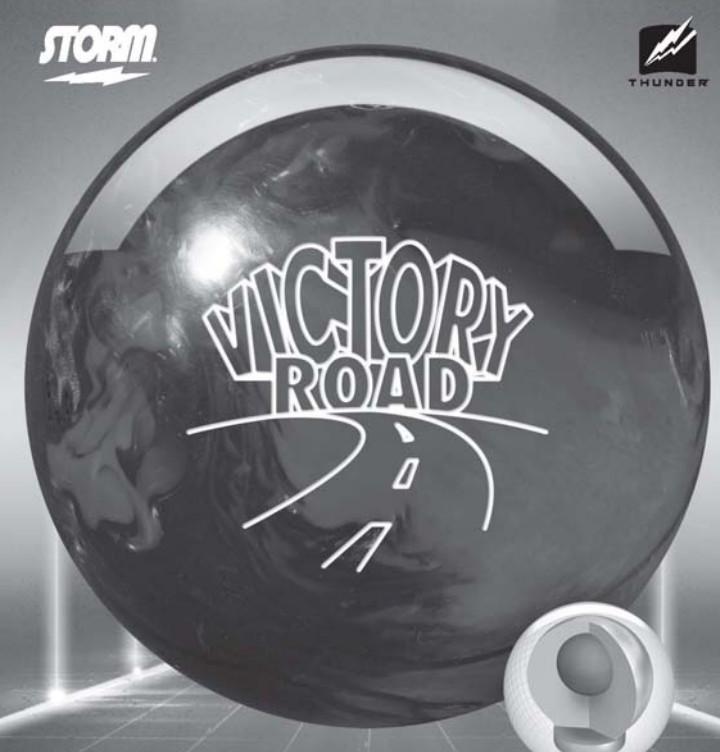
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When Bowling Becomes Painful By Bob Carter, A BNN Exclusive

Mark Estes has been a popular tournament bowler in the PBA and top level events, mostly in his home State of Texas, for most of his adult life. Among Mark's accomplishments are 12 Senior All Star titles, a SASBA Bowler of the Year award, two senior High Roller titles, and just last year, a Mini Eliminator title.

At the recent PBA Tournament of Champions, we learned that one of Mark's more dubious honors was erased from the PBA record book. In 1975, he lost a match to Hall of Famer Larry Laub 118-299. That "biggest margin of victory" will now be replaced by Mika Koivuniemi's 299-100 win over Tom Daugherty. "I'm happy to give that one up," said Mark.

Shortly after turning 60 and becoming a "super senior," Mark developed a chronic pain in his right wrist that began to effect his execution. The pattern was that as a tournament wore on, the pain would become more severe making it increasingly difficult to deliver quality shots. Mark tried chiropractic, acupuncture, and homeopathic treatments with little relief. Mark's best friend recommended that he go to see Dr. Charles Neagle III, a well recognized surgeon and sports medicine specialist whose expertise is the wrists and hands of athletes.



Dr. Neagle recommended to Mark a three phase program – weight training – then failing that, cortisone shots, then as a last resort – surgery. Mark tried the weight training for a time but experienced no relief from the pain. As the cortisone shots would be only a stop gap measure, he was left with a decision to make about having surgery or not. Dr. Neagle told Mark to take his time, there was no hurry. At that point, Mark looked at the Doctor and said, "Doctor, I can't bowl now with my arm the way it is, if the surgery fails I won't be any worse off than I am. Let's operate!"

Preparations for surgery were initiated. Several different tests were scheduled and made. Dr. Neagle said the preoperative diagnosis was that the MRI arteriogram indicated a tear in the cartilage on the small finger side of the wrist, and the X-ray indicated the ulna bone was too long in relationship to the radius, requiring a shortening procedure. The surgery was performed on the morning of October 27th. No complications apparent. Following surgery, Mark's right arm, from the elbow to the tip of his fingers, was in a cast for six weeks, with x-ray and cast changes made every two weeks. At six weeks after surgery, the casts were exchanged for a removable

wrist brace. Mark was then allowed to begin active range-of-motion exercises out of the brace. At that same time he began physical therapy to work on regaining his motion. When his healing is sufficient, he can begin strengthening of his hand and wrist. As the strength returns in his arm, Mark will be allowed to start practice bowling. Towards the end of his rehab in March and April, Mark will get back on the lanes with some light equipment, and he should be back into top level bowling competition by July or August. "My therapist tells me that I am off the charts as far as re-hab progress goes - which is music to my ears," said Estes. The road ahead is going to be long and tedious, requiring determination, hard work and patience, but the rewards will be great. Mark is up to the task, and hopefully, in the near future, he will be competing at a high level again.

Bob Carter is an 89 year old U.S.Navy veteran of WWII and the Korean War. He is a Pearl Harbor survivor, a participant in the battle of Midway, and the Aleutian Islands campaign. Bob has received a letter honoring his service in the Aleutian Island campaign from Governor Sean Parnell, State of Alaska; and a letter for his service in the Korean War from Lee Myung-bak, the President of the Republic of Korea.

In early 2010, Mark Estes and his wife Elaine moved into the same apartment complex where Bob lived. Soon a good friendship developed among the three. Mark introduced Bob into the sport of bowling at the competitive level. It didn't take many trips to the bowling lanes and tournaments for Bob to become an avid and enthusiastic bowling fan. In the works, Bob is developing a book covering the past sixteen years of Mark's life, which will exemplify Mark's



Susan G. Komen Bowl for the Cure—Bowling Belles League *By Belle Donna Hall*

Members of the Bowling Belles League are often referred to as the "Pink Ladies" for this annual event that benefits the Susan G. Komen Foundation and this year was no exception. The ladies gave new meaning to the phrase "Girls just want to have fun!" and a good time was had by all.

Some of the teams came dressed in outfits alike and those teams that did not were dressed in a shade of pink. A prize was awarded to the "best dressed team" and it was not an easy task for the judges. The winning team was "Whatever" and these five ladies came dressed in bling shirts complete with crowns and gloved hands with blinking wands. The team was awarded a beautiful and very elaborate basket of various candies crafted by Gwen Carty and donated by Sherry Keimig, League Vice President.

Each bowler was asked to bring a door prize in keeping with the pink theme and some refreshments to share while bowling. Everyone was given a ticket to be eligible for the door prize drawing. Bowlers were encouraged to make a donation to the Susan G. Komen Foundation "Bowl for the Cure" and this year \$777.00 was collected by the league members. It was the seventh year of participation for this league and the largest amount ever collected by the group of 12 four member teams. This year's donation amount brings the total donations by this group to over \$4,000. Bowlers were encouraged to begin making plans for next year, so even more money could be collected in donations.



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Mika Koivuniemi's Missed Ten Pin and Hands Norm Duke Lumber Liquidators' U.S. Open Title

By Bill Vint, PBA

Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, won his 34th Professional Bowlers Tour title and seventh career major in the 68th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone-Carolier Sunday with a stunning



225-216 victory over Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Michigan, when Koivuniemi missed a 10 pin spare in the 10th frame. Duke, the tournament's top qualifier,

closed his game with four consecutive strikes, to force Koivuniemi to mark in the 10th, but the Finnish native, one of the best spare-shooters in professional bowling, uncharacteristically missed the single-pin spare attempt. With his victory, Duke earned \$80,000 and moved into a tie for fourth place on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour's list of all-time title-winners with fellow PBA Hall of Famer Mark Roth.

You'd like to say to yourself I just won the U.S. Open, and maybe I'll grow into that, but right this minute, I feel like Mika lost the U.S. Open," Duke said. "But I'm sitting here, holding the trophy. I had conceded the match. I knew the last four strikes were important, because you never know what'll happen. But missing the 10 pin is like having your ace pitcher on the mound and he throws four straight balls, and you lose."

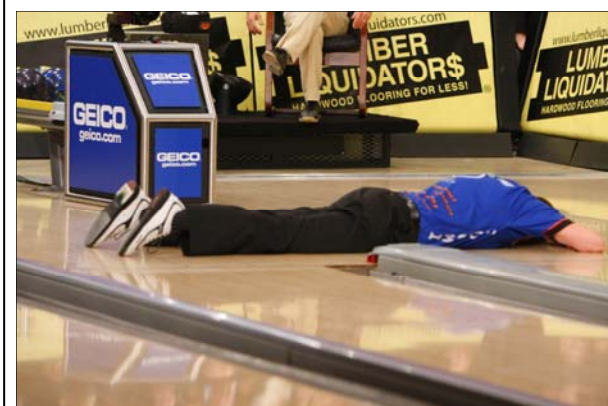
Duke knew exactly how Koivuniemi felt on his spare attempt because in 2008, when Duke won his first U.S. Open title to complete the PBA Triple Crown and Grand Slam, he had to convert the 2-4-5-8 "bucket" in the 10th frame to win. "I couldn't feel my legs on the approach on that shot," Duke said. "That's what happens under pressure. That's why guys miss three-foot putts. And it's fatigue. I'm exhausted. If I had to make a 10 pin to win, it would be suspect at best. "It's not like I didn't deserve to win," Duke added. "I was the top qualifier. I did throw four strikes in a row, after leaving a solid 8 pin in the eighth frame. I did what I needed to do"

Koivuniemi, the No. 3 qualifier for the U.S. Open stepladder finals, eliminated Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, New York, 236-222, in Sunday's first match. The key shot in that match was a pocket 7-10 split by Shafer in the eighth frame, following a double that ended his hopes for his first major title in a record 12 appearances in major championship television finals. Koivuniemi, the only player in PBA

history to reach the television finals in all four PBA major championships in a single year, eliminated Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina, in the semifinal match, 241-158. Jones left splits and failed to convert in the fourth, sixth and eighth frames. "Duke is one of the greatest players ever. I knew it was going to be a tough match," Koivuniemi said. "I took the biggest shot of my life in the 10th frame and left the 10 pin, but unfortunately I didn't make my spare. It was my nerves, I guess. I was thinking about the wrong things. This is the first time in my life I've lost a title like that."

"I sat there stunned, shocked," Duke said. "I can't remember ever winning a PBA title sitting on the bench. I knew I had just won the U.S. Open, but at that moment, my only thought was Mika had lost. I was just like a fan watching in the living room. How could you not feel badly for him? "Mika will be fine, he'll bounce back. He's going to be our Player of the Year," Duke said. "But he'll never forget that one."

Over the past five years, PBA Tour players have a 95.9% success rate in converting the 10 pin on 710 attempts on national television.



Mika misses 10-pin loses \$40,000 and U.S. Open Title

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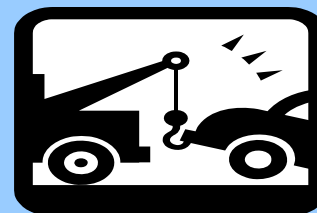
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Competitors find bowling events to be among best deals, causes at Super Bowl XLV

With many Super Bowl XLV festivities in North Texas requiring a mortgage payment, the sixth annual National Football League Charities Super Bowl Celebrity Bowling Classic was a relative bargain.

And with two chances to help local charities, it's no wonder more than 200 area and out-of-town people paid for the privilege. To do so, they had to brave a major ice storm that closed schools for four days and made commuting to Addison's 300 Bowl on Feb. 2 and southwest Fort Worth's Main Event the next night challenging.

That didn't deter Brian and Kelly Pinter from Colgate, Wisconsin, from keeping their commitment.

"We originally were coming Wednesday but when we saw that storm coming to Texas we said we've got to get out early or we'd be stranded," Kelly said. "So we were able to arrange a flight on Monday."

Like so many others, once their Green Bay Packers made the Super Bowl, the Pinters were on the event's website to learn about the week's various festivities. That's how they found the charity bowling event at 300 Bowl. It didn't hurt that both are avid bowlers.



Brian and Kelly Pinter, Colgate, Wisconsin At Dallas 300 in Addison, Texas

Brian, who has bowled for 38 years, averages 205 in a league in nearby Menomonee Falls while his wife is at 175 in Wauwatosa.

The early arrival allowed the Pinters to sample a variety of Super Bowl events including a tour of Cowboys Stadium, a concert featuring Kid Rock and Duran Duran, the ESPN set in downtown Fort Worth and the NFL Experience in downtown Dallas.

"We loved it," Brian said of the Super Bowl venue. "It was impressive. We had a tour guide who took us everywhere. And the Packers were doing their

punting and placekicking on the field. That was cool."

They also spent time at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in Arlington.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime vacation," Kelly said.

"And we've got great seats," Brian added.

The Super Bowl Celebrity Classic gives fans the opportunity to mingle with their football heroes. Most players are recognizable names and many are members of the pro football hall of fame. Several current players, including Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Roy Williams, and 2010 NFL rushing leader Jamaal Charles of the Kansas City Chiefs, were among the celebrity bowlers.

Pittsburgh native Dan Kupas competed in the charity bowling event when the Steelers played in the Super Bowl in Tampa, Fla., in 2009 so when he knew the team was back this year, he quickly signed up again for the Fort Worth event.

"I've really enjoyed it," Kupas said. "It goes to a great cause and you get to bowl with the old players."

It wasn't unusual that Kupas' friend Dave Klanica, a Pittsburgh native now living in New Orleans, would join him. What seemed strange is their other teammates were Marv and Kathleen Stoddard, Packer fans from Salt Lake City.

"She married into the Packers but we won't hold that against her," said Klanica, who attended the University of Utah with Kathleen.

Even though he has no ties to Wisconsin, Salt City resident Marv Stoddard has been a long-time Packer fan.

One of the first games I remember watching was the Ice Bowl," he said. "I've been a Packer fan ever since."

"I like the fact they are owned by the fans," Kathleen added.

In addition to meeting more than 40 current and former football greats, Celebrity Classic entrants also received commemorative Super Bowl XLV bowling balls and pins and a gift bag of official Super Bowl merchandise from event sponsors. They also ate from an impressive buffet.

The Stoddards could talk to former Packers like Marv Fleming and Ted Hendricks while Klanica and Kupas could visit with former Steelers including Lynn Swann and Mike Meriweather.

Robert Lubrain of Banning, California, had no direct ties to Pittsburgh but liked Swann and the team anyway.

"I grew up in Iowa and Lynn Swann was my favorite player as a kid," he said. "It also may be because their colors are similar to (the University of) Iowa's."

While the Stoddards, Kupas and Lubrain admittedly aren't bowlers, one of the great things about the Celebrity Bowling Classic is it doesn't matter. That goes for the players and the entrants.

Former Packer linebacker Dave Robinson, who recently retired after selling his beer distribution company, professed to being a better golfer than bowler, competing in 15-20 charity links events each year.

"I don't know why I volunteered for this," he said. "My knee is shot but I'll give it a try. I haven't bowled in 10 years."

Swann also has been battling some injuries that he said has affected his bowling game. But unlike Robinson, the Celebrity Bowling Hall of Fame member still bowls with his teenage children when time permits.

"I've done this a number of years and the Steelers being in the Super Bowl makes it even more special," Swann said.

This was Swann's fifth consecutive event he was directly involved with, this time as official host. Part of his duties was to talk to as many media outlets as possible to draw coverage and participation. Judging by the number of television cameras present in Addison and many entrants at both events, he was successful.

"People get the chance to relax and meet the players," said Swann between signing the special pins for his Steeler admirers. "They can talk football and talk about the Super Bowl."

"What's nice is that in football you are away from everyone. In bowling, you are up close."

In addition to getting close to the current and former players at the Fort Worth event, participants, their families and friends also heard Ayla Brown sing. Brown, who finished 13th in the 2005 American Idol competition, bowled with her musicians and members of their sponsor, National Rifle Association Country.

Brown said she had competed in some previous charity bowling events and with friends with a high game of 145. She showed her on-lanes prowess immediately with a spare and a strike.

Whether a singer, football player or someone willing to donate to the cause, everyone involved had fun and given another chance, would likely enter again. That's one of the big reasons the NFL Charities Super Bowl Celebrity Bowling Challenge has become a popular part of the Super Bowl festivities.



Former American Idol contestant Ayla Brown bowled at Main Event in Fort Worth, Texas

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Belmonte/Paul Repeat as Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Champs

Australia's Jason Belmonte and NBA All-Star point guard Chris Paul successfully defended their Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational Doubles title at Riverboat Lanes at the Naval Airbase Station in Belle Chasse, Louisiana, thanks to a big-time assist from the New Orleans Hornets' assist leader.

Belmonte, the two-handed power player from Down Under, and his tournament host/NBA superstar partner combined to win the "Baker format" doubles event, 155-128, over PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke and his partner, Grammy Award-winning rap artist Lil Wayne. After plenty of high-scoring fireworks in the earlier matches, the championship match wasn't pretty, but it came down to a strike and three spares by Paul that decided the outcome.

The special Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour event, conducted in December, aired on ESPN Sunday in advance of the Super Bowl. In Baker doubles competition, each player alternates frames to complete a full game.

"This one was not by the hand of Belmo; it was all Chris Paul," Belmonte said. "Last year I got three strikes in 10th to win. This time it was him. Next time hopefully we'll both get it together."

The third annual Chris Paul Invitational, conducted on behalf of the CP3 Foundation, featured Lil Wayne bowling with Duke, hip-hop superstar Nelly with PBA Hall of Fame partner Pete Weber, and New Orleans Saints running back Reggie Bush teamed up with Wes Malott. Rhino Page also joined his fellow Storm Products staff players by participating in a "Super Clash" preliminary event.



The stage for a wild day of bowling action was set early when Page took on the four celebrity stars in the "Super Clash" where each player bowled a frame and the lowest score was eliminated. Ironically, after all four celebrities struck in the first frame, Page was the first player eliminated when he left a 6-8 split on his first attempt. Eventually, Nelly won the contest by throwing five consecutive strikes to out-last Paul.

Nelly, a "thumbless" bowler, then teamed up with Weber for a stunning 280-169 romp over Bush and Malott in the first Baker doubles match. The only shot that prevented a perfect game was Weber's 10 pin in the second frame. "There was a lot of excitement," Weber said. "Nelly got a couple Brooklyns in the Clash event, but after that, he had 10 in the pit. He uses two fingers, no thumb and shoots his spares the same way. "I used to bowl in the same league with him (in St. Louis)," Weber added. "I knew if he had a good ball reaction he'd be all right. It was hard for us to miss the pocket." For their next match against Lil Wayne and Duke, however, Duke decided to confuse Nelly.

"Lil Wayne and I were sitting there, hoping the scoring pace would be low," Duke said. "Then Nelly gets a five-bagger to knock out everyone out of the Clash, including Rhino, and he throws five more in the first match. He hadn't missed for 10 shots, so things were not looking good for Lil Wayne and me. Nelly not only can bowl, but he was on a severe roll."

"Norm made us switch lanes," Weber said. "Nelly had lane 2 figured out, so Norm made Nelly bowl on lane 1 and he

didn't have a clue as to what to do."

"I figured 200 would be over-achieving for us," Duke added. "Lil Wayne needs some work. But right before we started, I had him move to the right and straighten his delivery. He threw five shots that looked like they're going to the gutter, but they all came back to strike and we've got 245. That was stratospheric."

The strategic move helped Lil Wayne and Duke eliminate Nelly and Weber, 245-205, and advance to the title match, where Lil Wayne's luck ran out, and Duke's five strikes weren't enough to save the team.

"You can only get lucky for so long," Duke said. "That first game was all we had. We had no more magic after that."

"Chris did a lot better than last year," Belmonte said of Paul. "He's not bowling as much as he'd like, but he's just a talented sports person. If he gets his hand on a ball, no matter what game, he'll be pretty good at it."

"If you watch him on the basketball court, you can see how competitive he is. He takes the same intensity to the lanes and so do I. It doesn't matter if it's hoops or skee ball or whatever. It's especially sweet when you do this against friends. I know he likes to beat his friends."

For the PBA stars, the experience of bowling with the celebrity stars in front of a packed audience of invited guests from the military community was a thrill.

"We had fun last year, but this year was especially fun, and I think it was because of the diversity of athletes and musicians and pro bowlers," Duke said. "It just added another level. The reaction by the military people to Lil Wayne was just amazing. He has a huge, huge following."

"Reggie (Bush) and I had a 280 shot at us, but it was just a neat experience to be able to hang out with those guys," Malott said. "Every year the competition gets better, but I honestly don't know how (Paul) is going to top this one. It's a fun event and it's for a good cause."

The Invitational benefits Paul's CP3 Foundation which was founded in 2005 as a tribute to his late grandfather and the Winston-Salem, N.C., community where he grew up. The CP3 foundation has provided funding for activities ranging from a scholarship program to food drives to recreational support programs for underprivileged children in both Winston-Salem and New Orleans.

High School Events Will Be Shown Live on Bowl.com By Jason Overstreet, USBC

For the first time, a regular-season high school tournament will be broadcast live from start to finish on BOWL.com, the official website of the USBC. The 2011 Star City High School Open, features top teams from the Midwest, and will take place March 19-20 at Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Nebraska. Coverage of the event will begin at 1 p.m. Eastern on March 19 with two squads of qualifying. The top half will advance to double-elimination match play featuring best-of-five Baker matches, which will begin at 9 a.m. on March 20. The North Pointe Insurance Group \$100,000 High School Singles Championship Tournament on July 15-17 also has been added to the BOWL.com live streaming schedule.

"The growth of high school bowling is a great story for our sport and we need to continue increasing its exposure," International Bowling Campus Director of Youth Chad Murphy said. "Online video is a great way to spread awareness and get more young people interested in high school bowling."

Post-season collegiate events that will be shown live on BOWL.com include the NAIA Invitational from April 1-3, the USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships from April 21-23 and the USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships on May 23-24.

Texas State USBC Bluebonnet Queens and Masters Champions

By David Fields, TXUSBC, Sgt. At Arms

The match play finals of the Texas State USBC Masters and Bluebonnet Queens Tournaments, sponsored by Ebonite and Carol Norman's U Can Bowl 2 Pro Shop, played out as a "study of contrasts". Dustin Ochoa of Greater Houston USBC and Shannon O'Keefe of Greater Fort Worth Metroplex USBC, each won 9 of 10 matches to claim the titles in the tournament.

O'Keefe, averaged a robust 252 for her 10 games of match play, ending with a 9-0-1 record and a score of 2,807. Each head-to-head match win included 30 bonus pins, enabling Shannon to enjoy a comfortable 225-point cushion over runner-up, April Ellis, Greater Fort Worth Metroplex USBC (2008 Bluebonnet champion). O'Keefe garnered \$1,400.00 and a paid entry from the Texas State USBC into the 2011 USBC Queens Tournament in Syracuse, New York, April 22 - 27, 2011. As a Team USA member, Shannon O'Keefe is already entered into the USBC Queens Tournament. The Texas State USBC approved awarding the entry to runner up, April Ellis. We are proud to know these two delightful women, who also happen to be fantastic bowlers, are representing Texas in the USBC Queens tournament.

Additional finalists included, Brenda Padilla, Greater Ft. Worth, Kiyoko McDonald, Killeen/Ft. Hood, Genie Franklin, Dallas WBA, Anita Manns, Greater Houston, Jamie Mitchell, Greater Houston, Sandi Charles, Killeen/ Ft. Hood and Carol Norman, Greater Houston.

Dustin Ochoa, on the other hand, edged Adam Martinez, Greater San Antonio USBC, by a mere 42 pins 2,580 to 2,538. Even though Ochoa had won 8 of 9 matches going into the final match, he had to strike on his fill ball in the tenth frame for a 248 - 247 victory to seal the Masters title, \$2,200 and a paid entry from the Texas State USBC into the 2012 USBC Masters Tournament (site to be determined). Additional finalists included, Joe Lecroy and Clint Dacy, Greater Fort Worth, Lee Lorts, Greater Huntsville, Paul McCordic, Greater Houston, Tyler Jensen and D.J. Archer, Greater Ft. Worth and Frank Papandrea and Rick Minier from Greater Houston.

Co-tournament Directors, Sylvia Broyles and Bob Martin, reported the following tournament statistics:

Bluebonnet Queens total entries: 80. Prize fund: \$9,670.

Masters total entries: 120 (Full field, the tournament sold out). Prize fund: \$13,805.

A total of \$2,250.00 was added to the tournament prize funds (split equally) as a result of sponsor's donations, including the "bling" t-shirt sale proceeds from the various State Tournaments.

Tournament highlights included 300 games by Paul McCordic (2), Dustin Ochoa, Heather D. Jones and Jamie Mitchell. Anita Manns, Joe Lecroy, Michael Krupp, Jr., Bryan Viator and Shawn Maldonado rolled 299 games. Shannon O'Keefe rolled the only 800 series in the Queens (811 with a 296 game) for games 4 thru 6 during the finals. Lee Lorts of Greater Houston USBC rolled the only 800 in the Masters, a 803 in the qualifying rounds.

Siblings Roll Into Record Books

By Jackie Wyckoff, President, BWAA

Nineteen year old Brittney and twenty two year old Chris Hillman joined forces to become the first brother and sister in California to bowl a perfect 300 game, on the same team and in the same game, tying a national record set in 2005. The pair also teamed up with brother Brandon and cousin Mandy Cagle to shoot 1101, setting a state record for the highest team game for a mixed (two men, two women) bowling team, coming within nine pins of the national record.

The Brittney/Chris duo each shot 300 in the third game of the 825 Majors League at Cloverleaf Family Bowl in Fremont, California. Brittney's twelve strikes in a row was her first ever certified perfect game. When all ten pins fell on the last ball, no one was happier for Brittney than Brother Chris, who has been helping Brittney with her game. But now the pressure was on him. He stepped up in the tenth frame

thinking not about setting a record but that he had to strike out or he would never hear the end of it from his siblings, teammates and other league bowlers. When the last strike was thrown, Brittney jumped up and over the ball return to hug her brother. The first to think something special might be happening at the bowling center that night was their dad, Mike Hillman. He stayed back in the shadows, not wanting Brittney to think dad was "watching" her and making her more nervous than she already was. Mike has been in the family bowling business since before the kids were born and none of the Hillman kids can ever remember not hanging out in a bowling alley. Mike said that at age two, Chris would sneak out of the nursery and go down on the lanes and throw Brandon, his brother's, bowling ball.

Brittney almost did not bowl that night. She was just getting to the bowling center as league practice was winding up. With a scant three minutes to spare, she decided to shoe-up and bowled a 181 first game, without the benefit of practice. The post-victory photo shows her in her Ohlone college softball uniform with eye-black and all. In the meantime, Brother Chris,

rolled out a 268 in his first game, on his way to an impressive 847 series for the night. Chris helped Brittney to find her pace and told her to "keep it slow", coaching her to a 236 second game to his 279. In their epic third game, cousin Mandy led off with a 233 game, big brother Brandon followed with a 268, then Brittney with her first 300 game and Chris ended the night with his 17th certified 300 game for a team total of 1101, setting two state records and tying a national record. Not a bad night's work.



Texas State USBC Senior Masters & Senior Queens Classic

Eighty-three men and fifty-one women bowlers, aged 50 and older, descended upon AMF Alpha Bowl in Webster, Texas as the Texas State USBC, hosted the Senior Masters and Senior Queens Classic Tournament, co-sponsored by Ebonite, Luci Bonneau Striking Against Breast Cancer, *Bowling This Month* Magazine and The Tournament Club of San Antonio.

In the Masters division, after qualifying in seventh place, Steve Martin, from Greater San Antonio USBC, rode a 6-1-1 match play record to claim the top prize, \$2,100.00 and a paid entry into the 2011 USBC Senior Masters Tournament (Columbus, Ohio July 31 thru August 6). Other finalists included: Joe Lecroy, Greater Ft. Worth, Paul McCordic, Greater Houston, Mark Williams, Southeast Texas USBC, Jeff Clark (qualifying leader), Greater Pasadena, Pete Seibel, South Brazoria County, USBC, Dennis Dedmon, Greater Houston USBC and Jack Bevelhymmer, Greater Houston USBC.

Donna Conners, Greater Houston USBC, stormed through the Queens field of finalists, averaging an impressive 247 on her way to an undefeated 6-0 match play record, \$1,300 top prize and an entry into the 2011 USBC Senior Queens Tournament being contested in Syracuse, New York.

Additional finalists included, Pam Lawrence, Greater Austin Area USBC, Barbara Shaw, Dallas USBC WBA, Karen Roberts, Greater Houston, Louetta Keel, Mainland USBC and Regina Loveall, Greater Houston USBC.

Tournament highlights included 300 games by Jack Bevelhymmer, Donna Conners, Pete Seibel and a 299 by Jeff Clark. The tournament was contested on the USBC White #2 Oil pattern. Tournament Directors, Sylvia Broyles and Bob Martin reported total prize funds as: Senior Masters: \$10,220 and Senior Queens Classic \$5,855.

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