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Don Carter "Mr. Bowling" Passes

By Chuck Pezzano

Don Carter died on January 5 with him passed an era never to be matched or forgotten. Carter's long and productive life of 85 years leaves a legacy of changing not just the face of bowling but the heart and soul of bowling as a sport.

Carter was known by many nicknames, ranging from Bosco, his favorite drink, to the King of Bowling, because Carter was so often photographed with a crown of triumph. The most fitting was Mr. Bowling. That says it all, and he did it all.

Carter first got into bowling when he turned 13 and among his gifts from Mom Carter was a free game of bowling. He liked it, became quickly involved. Mom's home became the home of Don's trophies and awards. Mom Carter created a bit of bowling history and when she took the backs of her son's bowling shirts and created a bowling quilt.

Much has been said and written about his bowling style, a low crouch to the foul line, what seemed like a shove or push of the ball at the delivery. In his early days he used large finger holes and that necessitated the push technique.

Why didn't more bowlers copy his ways? Simple. As his fellow

Hall of Famers Carmen Salvino and Nelson Burton Jr. pointed out, he was an exceptional athlete, always in top physical shape, a rugged six footer in the 200 pound area with exceptional, wrist, arm and shoulder strength and coordination. He knew his game, and practiced his game, and was a true pro in every sense of the word.

He played minor league baseball after a stint in the Navy, batted more than 300 and pitched well but the pay scale was minor and he seized every opportunity in bowling, culminating with a sponsorship by Budweiser when team bowling was a big attraction and every major city had classic leagues.

The Budweiser team listed Carter, Dick Weber, Ray Bluth, Tom Hennessey and Pat Patterson, generally considered the greatest team of all time, all future Hall of Famers. Whitey Harris, a dedicated bowler, helped guide the team, and the Budweiser team's bus, a home away from home, was a high status sign for bowling, as were their spotless uniforms. Over the years many top names graced the Bud lineup but the Carter name and feats led all the rest. The team won four straight national team titles and piled up the other championships available.

Carter amazed with his versatility. He won the All-Star, now U.S. Open four times, the World Invitational five times, every major individual title up for grabs, was a six-time Bowler of the Year. Carter excelled in tournaments that tested mind and body for 100 games in less than a week. Yet, he gained as much fame and notice, and excellent prize checks on such featured bowling shows as Jackpot Bowling on NBC, which allowed bowlers nine balls, for strikes only, and ABC's Make That Spare, a mere five shots at selected spares followed by a bonus spare conversion try.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s the inner battle in bowling was whether the newly formed Professional Bowlers Association or the ambitious National Bowling League would receive a major TV contract with rights money for each show that would guarantee their survival, but almost assure their success. Carter decided to go with the PBA and did not sign with any of the NBL teams that made him fabulous offers. His famous teammates and associates also declined bids. That decision of Carter is given credit for the PBA's decades of success on TV and his help in so many ways to founder Eddie Elias.

Carter went into the bowling center business and he and his associates insisted on the best of modern facilities, pro shops, and anything necessary to enhance the appeal of bowling as a sport with many appeals. Carter centers became the bowler's country clubs whether you were a kid or a grandparent.

Carter's name became well associated with all the great athletes of his time—and it all paid off in big bucks too. In 1964, already a top

earner in sports, Carter signed the first million dollar contract with ball maker Ebonite, a figure no other athlete had ever commanded.

Carter and his widow, former U.S. Open champ and Hall of famer, Paula, have been dedicated to anything that will help the sport. They have been especially active in aiding young people overcome problems caused by drug affected parents.

Carter, an astute observer of everything to do with bowling, from rules to equipment to promotions, lit up every room or bowling center he ever entered without ever attempting to be flashy or flamboyant.

To many he was the greatest bowler who ever performed. To all, he is a shining example of bowling history's brightest all-around star.



One of the Budweiser teams—is that Houston's own Bill Lilliard pictured top left?



Carter and Elias



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Dear Bea: The pro shop owner where I go complains when I come in and work on my ball. What's up? I just need to make a minor adjustment. What can I say to stop the nonsense? **Bowler**

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Dear Bea: My friend says he has a thumb insert that he can take out of one ball and put in another. I think he is joshing me. What say you? **Pulled**

Dear Pulled: I say he's right! He has a Vise IT! Wow! Put down your Manhattan Rubber ball and visit your local pro shop and look at all of the "new options available. By the way, where have you been?"

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Quick Caramel Corn

Submitted by: Racheal Branch, Westfield High School

- Gather:
- 8 cups popped popcorn
 - 4 cups chex corn mix
 - 2 cups miniature pretzel twists
 - 1 cup mixed nuts
 - 1 cup brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup butter
 - 1/2 cup light corn syrup
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Directions: combine popcorn, pretzels, cereal and nuts in large baking dish and set aside. Combine brown sugar, corn syrup, and butter in saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat stirring. Cook without stirring for 5 minutes. Remove saucepan from heat and quickly stir in vanilla and baking soda. Pour over popcorn mixture, stirring until well coated. bake for 30 minutes at 300, stirring after 15 minutes. Transfer to a large piece of parchment or wax paper and cool completely.



Jazzy Chicken for 100

Recipe courtesy of Orleans Parish School Board Child Nutrition Department

- Gather:
- 54 pounds whole cut-up chicken
 - 3/4 cup creole seasoning
 - 3/4 cup garlic delight blend
 - 1/2 cup white pepper
 - 10 - 18" x 26" sheet pans

Direction: clean, wash, and remove skin on chicken. Separate and sort like piece. Mix all dry ingredients. Sprinkle and rub on chicken pieces. Cover and put in refrigerator for 2-1/2 hours. Place chicken on sheet and coat with cooking spray. Check after 25 minutes and rotate pans if necessary. Bake 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes total time. Remove chicken using tongs and place in a hot food warmer.

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Finland's Osku Palermaa Wins PBA World Championship

European stars becomes first international and first two-handed player to win PBA World Championship

Finland's Osku Palermaa became the first international player, and the first two-handed bowler, to win the Professional Bowlers Association World Championship when he defeated Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 203-177, in the 2011-12 season's first major championship. The PBA World Championship, which included a \$50,000 first prize and a berth in the Round of 36 for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions, aired Sunday on ESPN.

Palermaa, who had battled flu-like symptoms for two months leading into the World Championship, was feeling much better after winning his second career PBA title. He saved his best for the final game after surviving two earlier elimination games that saw fellow two-handed player Jason Belmonte of Australia and top qualifier Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., knocked out of contention.

The 28-year-old Finn started the title match in South Point Casino and Hotel's exhibition hall with a 7-10 split, but that was his only open frame. Shafer threw only three strikes – two of them for his only double – but his failure to convert the 3-6-10 spare in the seventh frame proved fatal, shifting the match to Palermaa's favor. Strikes in the ninth and 10th frame secured the victory for Palermaa, and extended Shafer's PBA record for television appearances in major championships without a title to 13.

"I was grateful. I knew I had the pocket, but to see all 10 pins go down, I felt grateful," Palermaa said. "The 7-10 was only one frame. After that, I threw a lot of strikes on the left lane, so it evened out. I don't know if this makes me the best in the world, but I hope so."

The anticipated showdown between Palermaa and Belmonte, the world's premier two-handed players, created some excitement, but not in the way most observers expected. Rash dominated the first elimination game with a 245, Shafer was second with a 236, and Palermaa and Belmonte rolled to a 203-203 tie, forcing a one-ball roll-off to see who would advance and who would be eliminated.

In the roll-off, Belmonte barely touched the headpin, leaving the 2-4-5-8 "bucket." Needing only seven pins, Palermaa struck to move on.

"All you can do is throw a good shot and you get what you get," Palermaa said. "Seeing Jason leave a bucket helped. But I bowled a good game. It is what it is."

In the second elimination game, Shafer, a 25-year PBA Tour veteran, struck on his last four shots to finish with a 222. Palermaa threw three strikes in the 10th for a 217. Rash, who dominated the World Championship qualifying rounds, saw his title hopes collapse when he left a 7-10 in the ninth frame, finishing with a 193.

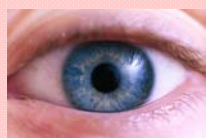
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Registration Extended For USBC Women's Championships

Courtesy BPAA

Over 30,000 bowlers are expected to take part in the 2012 USBC Women's Championships at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, and for procrastinators, there's good news.

The entry deadline for the 93rd edition of the event has been extended to April 1 with some weekend spots available for the event, which begins April 14 and runs for 86 consecutive days, concluding July 8.

For more information on the Women's Championships, visit BOWL.com/womenschamp or call (800) 514-2695.

Resumption of Japan Cup Adds Incentive

By Bill Vint, PBA

After a one-year absence due in great part to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan in 2011, the Japan Cup has been resurrected for the fall of 2012 and will provide additional incentive for PBA players to perform at a high level during the 2011-12 season.

Sixteen PBA Tour players, based upon competition points at the close of the current season, will earn automatic berths in a field that will include top Japan and Korean PBA competitors, and international amateurs. An additional four PBA players will receive special invitations from the host organization.

"We could not be more pleased with this renewed partnership with the Japan PBA and look forward to bringing fresh energy to one of bowling's pinnacle events worldwide," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. "Our players will be excited for the opportunity to compete, participating sponsors will gain great value from their association and the resulting action on the lanes will undoubtedly thrill fans once again." "We are very happy with the return of the Japan Cup, in a new way," said Japan PBA President Ritsuko Nakayama.

The 2012 Japan Cup will be held November 29-December 2 in Tokyo, with preliminary qualifying at Minami-Suna Bowling Center followed by additional qualifying, match play and television finals at Shinagawa Princess Hotel Bowling Center.

The tournament will offer a total of just over \$285,000 in prize money, including a \$78,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title. Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., is defending champion.

The Japan Cup originated as the Japan Gold Cup in 1968. The late PBA Hall of Famer Don Johnson won the inaugural event. In the 25 years that PBA players have been invited to the event, it has been won 23 times by PBA pros and twice by Japan PBA players. Walter Ray Williams Jr. is the only player who has competed in all 25 Japan Cup tournaments.

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Three-time Team USA member Andrew Cain (Phoenix, Ariz.) has been elected as president of the USBC for the remainder of the current term, which ends July 31, 2012. Cain, 30, takes over for Jim Sturm, who stepped down earlier this month. Cain has served on the USBC board since 2007 and was a member of Team USA in 2002, 03 and 05 and a member of Junior Team USA in 2001. He most recently was a member of the Team All-Events champions at the 2011 USBC Open Championships. Cain, who owns a small wholesale business, graduated from Arizona State with a degree in justice studies.



Congratulations to pro bowler Clara Guerrero, our newest American citizen. Guerrero, who came to the U.S. from Columbia over 10 years ago, took the oath of citizenship during ceremonies last week in San Antonio. She and husband Josh Kubiak (pictured) live in Pflugerville, Texas, just north of Austin.

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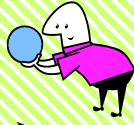
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Kulick Lands Role in Bridgestone America's Ad



By Bill Vint, PBA

PBA Tournament of Champions titlist **Kelly Kulick** has landed a prime-time role in a new Bridgestone America's advertising campaign, in which the company is poised to utilize its tire technology revolutionize the world of sports as we know it. The Union, N.J., resident will represent bowling alongside athletes from a variety of other "ball" sports – plus hockey – in the campaign.

And rumor has it the Bridgestone spot may be included in the Super Bowl advertising lineup.

"It's an ad campaign for Bridgestone tires that relates the performance of their products to different sports, and they use athletes to get their message across," Kulick said. "I'm very excited to be asked to represent the PBA and bowling in the campaign."

Bridgestone has prepared a series of teaser ads, including a 60-second "Press Conference" introduction that debuted during Monday's Bridgestone National Hockey League Winter Classic telecast from Philadelphia. (A link to the introductory commercial is available on pba.com under the "In The News" tab).

While the debut "Press Conference" commercial only includes a unique bowling ball that appears to be made of Bridgestone tire material, and a "cameo" head shot of Kulick, "There's more to come," she said.

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Rash Hosts 17th "Stars of Future" Youth Event



Sean Rash was 13 years old when he decided to host his first scratch bowling tournament for Alaska's most accomplished youth bowlers. On Dec. 27, he returned to Jewel Lake Bowl in Anchorage to assist with the 17th edition of the Sean Rash Stars of the Future tournament.

Rash, who now lives in Montgomery, Ill., is one of a growing number of PBA Tour stars who are giving back to the sport by hosting youth scholarship tournaments to encourage young bowlers to continue their growth within the sport.

While Rash won his own event six times, 10 other teens have captured the title over the years, including Jacques Kaune who topped a field of 26 Alaskan youth bowlers to win this year's event. For his efforts, Kaune earned \$950 in scholarship money plus a paid entry into the USBC's 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold National Championships courtesy of Rash's parents, Gene and Diana Rash.

For the 2011 event, \$2,600 in scholarship money raised the event's overall total to more than \$24,000 in scholarship awards. It also has become a tradition to provide each tournament entrant with a gift, frequently donated by Rash's fellow PBA and/or former Team USA competitors.

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Sean Rash Fulfills Wish For Wyoming Teenager

Courtesy PBA

Benjamin Doyle said he became a Sean Rash fan when Rash first joined the PBA Tour on a regular basis. But the 16-year-old Casper, Wyo., youth bowler never imagined he'd have the opportunity he got last week when he met and bowled with Rash during the USBC Masters at Sunset Station in Las Vegas.

Doyle, a brain tumor survivor, got his chance to bowl with Rash through the Make A Wish Foundation. He spent more than an hour on the lanes with Rash at Sunset Station's Strike Zone Bowling Center.

"When (Rash) first came on tour, he became my favorite," Doyle said. "I love watching him. I want to be like him."

Doyle, a 10th grader who carries a 208 average in his youth league, said Rash gave him some great tips about keeping good balance and working on his follow-through. Following his lesson, Doyle promptly threw six strikes in a row before leaving a solid 7 pin to end his streak.

"One thing athletes do great is give back," Rash said. "I enjoy opportunities like this. When I was young and asked pros for help, they were always willing."

"It's very touching to work with these kids, to see what they have to fight through. They battle through things that are life-threatening, but in reality, they're human beings just like you and me, and that's what matters most."

Rash previously befriended 10-year-old Danny McCarty of Las Vegas, a victim of "brittle bone disease," during the PBA World Series of Bowling.



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AMF Clear Lake Lanes to Host Inaugural “Bowling Over Breast Cancer” Tournament

By Jamie Vaccaro

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The tournament is being sponsored by the Kingsbury Construction Company out of Pearland. The tournament will consist of 4-person teams of all ages, and will use a 90% of 200 handicap. All bowlers will set averages during the first session, and no yearbook averages will be used. Pre-registration for the tournament is due by February 17, 2012. The tournament will be single-elimination up to the semi-finals. The semi-finals and finals will be double-elimination.

Check-in for the event is at 8:00 a.m. and the tournament will start at 9:00 a.m. Pre-registration costs \$35 per person, and registration after February 17, 2012 will cost \$40 per person. The registration fee will cover lineage, a t-shirt, and shoe rental, as well as money to be donated to The Rose at the end of the tournament. Registration forms can be picked up at AMF Clear Lake Lanes at 16743 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062. Registration forms and checks need to be mailed to Kingsbury Construction Company, 3809 Pine Lake Drive, Pearland, TX 77581. (Checks may be made payable to Kingsbury Construction Company.)





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