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Linda Barnes Wins Clash of Champions

Courtesy Lucas Wiseman, USBC



Photos Courtesy Steve Herbert/Getty Images

Kansas City, MO—When she won the 2008 USBC Queens on April 30, Lynda Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, proved she was one of the best female bowlers in the world. Now, she can argue she's one of the best bowlers regardless of gender.

Barnes defeated four-time Denny's PBA Tour titlist Sean Rash of Wichita, Kan., 258-237 to win Bowling's Clash of Champions, a USBC event, in front of more than 1,500 fans at Kansas City Municipal Auditorium.

The inaugural event, which aired on CBS Sports, marked the return of bowling to network television for the first time in nearly a decade and was conducted in conjunction the USBC Convention. The Clash featured a field of 16 champions of USBC events and the U.S. Open competing for a \$100,000 prize fund. *Barnes continued page 3*



Miller Fires 300 In Championship Match for First Senior Tour Title

Courtesy John Weber, PBA Director Regional & Senior Tours

Klamath Falls, Oregon—Hugh Miller had his sights set on the championship from the opening round of competition in the PBA Senior Epicenter Classic. "In qualifying I wanted to finish strong so I stepped up my focus to finish in the top eight." The 51-year-old southpaw did so in a big way by rolling 12 consecutive strikes in the last game of qualifying to take the second seed position and securing a double bye into the round of 16.

Miller's focus remained strong going 6-1 in match play en route to a championship showdown with 1999 PBA Senior Player of the Year Dale Eagle. "I knew (Dale) Eagle was going to be tough, and I was going to have to shoot a big game, so I knew I had to strike a lot."

"My last win was in 2002, and that was a regular tour event. I haven't even won a regional since 2004." Ending an extensive title drought Miller added "Every few years things just come together for me."

When asked how comfortable he was on the lanes at the Epicenter Family Entertainment Complex, Miller replied, "In Jackson I finished second, but I left a couple opens in the championship match, so I was looking to redeem myself and I stayed focused. I got myself into a good level of concentration in the championship match. I got a lucky break the first ball in the 10th frame, I gave the ball away a little, but the left lane was hooking more so it came back to strike."

Miller finished the tenth with two more strikes, winning his first career PBA Senior Tour title in style, bowling a perfect game in the championship match. When asked what was next on his agenda, the Senior Tour's newest champion replied, "My goal now is to win again as soon as possible."

Championship match results: Hugh Miller, Seattle, defeated Dale Eagle, Tavares, Florida, 300 to 268.



Jay Burgess 2008 Texas State USBC Open Championship Tournament Division I - 200 & Up—Scratch All Events Champion

By Evelyn Peoples

Jay Burgess of Houston, Texas, is the 2008 Texas State USBC Open Championship Tournament Division I 200 & Up Scratch All Events Champion. Jay rolled a 2,199 score to win the category. He will take home a \$650 piece of the prize fund pie.



Jay has been bowling for thirty years. He started bowling at Emerald Bowl they day they open their doors. He has been bowling in the Texas State Open Tournament for twenty-five years. *Burgess continued Page 3*

HAWKS FLY HIGH AFTER TRIP TO THE WHITE HOUSE—UMES honored by President George W. Bush

By G. Stan Bradley

PRINCESS ANNE, Md.—The day after and the elation has still not worn off. The University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) Women's Bowling Team, the reigning NCAA National Champions, attended NCAA Champions Day at The White House and had the opportunity to meet The President of the United States, George W. Bush.



"It's pretty surreal," said Jessica Worsley, a senior that recently graduated. "It is a great honor to be one of the few to meet the President." *Hawks continued Page 7*

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Ask Bea!

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Dear Stumped: Dinner *and bowling*, of course! Bowlers do make the best lovers—they really stay with the shot! Don't forget to get him a new ball for the occasion—20 years—he deserves new shoes too! Go for it!

Dear Bea: I have a friend on my team, she's really hot, and she's a good bowler. There is a team in our league that really wants her. All of them have tried to put the move on her because they think she is so easy. She gets upset and it affects her bowling. I don't know what advice to give her. **Perplexed**

Dear Perplexed: Take her name off of the bathroom wall!

Dear Bea: I bowl with a lady with a lot of "junk in the trunk." Her birthday is next week. I believe the perfect present would be Apple Bottom jeans. What should I say on the card? **Tight**

Dear Tight: "Go with the flow and get, low, low, low, low..."

Dear Bea: I am fed up with bowlers putting more than one ball on the ball return. They say it is their "spare" ball—I don't care I want it off—what should I do? **Crowded**

Dear Crowded: Come on! Ball courtesy, everyone! anyone!

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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We proudly announce the addition of Walt Steinsiek, renowned cartoonist, to our staff at the Bowlers Buzz.

We proudly welcome Dick Evans, an award winning and accomplished bowling writer to our staff.

If you have been missing reading articles from John Jowdy, as we have, he will be back as soon as he is fully recovered from knee surgery.

Missing In Action—Mike Austin, has almost rebound from his move, and will be submitting articles soon. We are excited about his return.

Congratulations to Charles Peoples and Evelyn Peoples for attaining USBC Bronze Level Coaching Certification.

Evelyn Peoples, Bowlers Buzz's Editor, won the Bowlers Writers Association of America's First Place Award in Editorial Writing for 2007. The article was entitled, "Who's Winning and Who's Stealing."

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"It was an awesome crowd with fantastic energy," said Barnes, who received \$50,000 for the victory. "You could tell it was filled with people who love bowling, and I just fed off that. It was a lot of fun."

Barnes, whose husband Chris is the reigning PBA Player of the Year, stepped up and threw three strikes in the final frame, just like she did in winning the USBC Queens, and forced Rash to throw two strikes and get nine to take the title. Rash made a solid first shot but the head pin flew across the deck and missed the 10 pin, giving Barnes her second major victory in less than two weeks.

"I just wanted to step up and make good shots, just like I do every time on the approach," said Barnes, who earned her spot in the Clash by winning the U.S. Amateur title in 2007. "I really thought Sean was going to strike out and win the title."

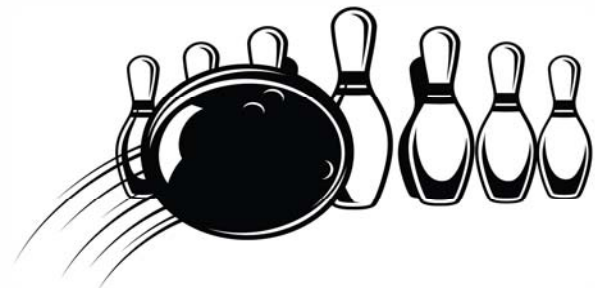
In Denny's PBA Tour events, Rash has a perfect 7-0 record on television and won the 2007 USBC Masters, but he couldn't continue his undefeated streak against Barnes.

"She is one of the best bowlers ever, male or female," said Rash, who got \$25,000 for second. "Not only did she bowl great against me, but she also bowled very well in the semifinals and in the shootout round as well."

In the semifinals, Barnes trailed 2007 U.S. Women's Open champion Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., by 11 pins after five frames, but Barnes stepped on the accelerator and threw four consecutive strikes to pull out a 225-204 victory.

Rash took on USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships winner Tim Pfeifer of Cranberry Township, Pa., in the semifinals and came away with a 226-191 victory.

All four players advanced to the championship round by surviving one of the most unique formats in the history of bowling. Each player made it through their foursome in the one-ball, sudden-death round, defeating opponents who ranged in age from teenagers to seniors.



Burgess Continued

When asked what he was thinking as he was bowling he said, "I was thinking that the scores were high but the lanes were pretty easy and didn't change much. I was just trying to keep it in the pocket every shot." Going into the last few games he states that he wasn't even high on the pair he was bowling on. But Jay knew if he kept striking they could beat the high score on the board. He knew he needed to strike out in the last game to beat the all-events score and he did.

Jay has had a personal goal to win the all-events title at State for a long time. However, his father passed away this past May, a few weeks before he went to bowl in San Antonio. "I was thinking of him with a heavy heart when I was bowling," said Jay. "I would like to honor him through my accomplishment."

He said, "My focus this year was to try to be consistent and have fun. There is a certain element of luck in this type of tournament. It is very hard to win since there are lots of variables out of your control. You have to catch the right pair at the right time and then get good breaks in order to win. Oh, and it helps to bowl with a group of good/great bowlers. I have

bowled on a team that won State three times, and I have won doubles once, and last year I won singles."

Jay used a Brunswick Vapor Zone for all nine games. "I didn't change my technique or anything throughout the tournament. The condition was perfect for my style of bowling. I throw it pretty straight and that helps me stay out of trouble," he said.

Congratulations, Jay Burgess! (Go to our website for the link to the USBC State website.)



Record Number of Teams Scheduled for 2009 USBC Open Championships

By Matt Cannizzaro, USBC

Even with the entry deadline still six months away, the 2009 USBC Open Championships in Las Vegas officially will be the largest tournament held outside of the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

More than 13,300 teams have registered for next year's event, which tops the 13,222 teams that turned out for the 2005 tournament in Baton Rouge, La., the USBC Open Championships first trip to Louisiana.

Next year will be the Open Championships second visit to the Entertainment Capital of the World and comes after a 23-year absence. The 1986 event, which lasted for 121 days, drew 10,019 teams to Las Vegas and marked the first time more than 10,000 teams participated. The participation record for the Open Championships is 17,285 teams, which came when the 78-lane National Bowling Stadium opened its doors in 1995.

"Our event is based on 105 years of tradition, but continues to evolve and grow," said Jack Mordini, USBC Vice President of Memberships and Tournament Services. "We're excited about returning to Las Vegas, and the numbers tell us that the bowlers are looking forward to it, too."

The 2009 Open Championships, being held at Cashman Center, will kick off on Feb. 21 and run for a record 154 days, concluding on July 24. The tournament will feature a new look with state-of-the-art LED scoreboards and 56 lanes for the first time in a non-Reno year.

With a capacity of 16,300 teams, spots for the 2009 Open Championships are filling fast. April and May already are sold out, but there are still plenty of prime times available in the remaining months.

"Everybody is already talking about the Open Championships, and we're all really excited about it," said Patty McCune, Association Manager for the Southern Nevada USBC, which has more than 23,000 members. "It's too bad we don't get to go away for the tournament next year, but it will give a lot more of our members a chance to compete. It will also make a huge difference for the community because so many more people will be visiting the city."

The 2009 Open Championships will be preceded by the USBC Masters, which will return to the Open Championships venue for the first time since 2001. Festivities in Las Vegas will conclude with the World Tenpin Bowling Association Women's World Championships which will be held on the tournament lanes from July 25 until August 2.

"The Open Championships venue is the biggest stage in bowling, and we're glad to be able to share it with bowlers of all calibers from all over the world," Mordini said. "I think this is great exposure for the Open Championships and an important step for international bowling."

The official closing date for entries is December 12, 2008.



UNITED STATES TO HOST 2009 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Lucas Wiseman, USBC

The 2009 World Tenpin Bowling Association Women's World Championships will be held in one of the most unique venues in the sport of bowling when the USBC hosts the event next year in Las Vegas.

The event will take place on 56 specially constructed lanes inside Cashman Center following the conclusion of the 2009 USBC Open Championships. The WTBA elected the U.S. to host the event after the previous selection, Australia, withdrew.

"We are pleased to step in and showcase the world's best bowlers in this unique setting," USBC Chief Operating Officer and WTBA President Kevin Dornberger said. "It will have been nearly 14 years since we last hosted the World Championships and USBC is up to the challenge."

The United States last hosted the World Championships, which until 2003 featured both men and women, in 1995 to help open the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev. The United States, which will become the first three-time host of the World Championships, also hosted the 1971 event in Milwaukee.

The Women's World Championships, which tentatively will be held July 25-Aug. 2, 2009, is expected to feature more than 225 athletes from 43 countries competing in doubles, singles, trios, team, all-events and Masters. The events will be conducted in a stadium setting, which will enhance the event for spectators as well as competitors.

To accommodate the Women's World Championships, the 2009 Open Championships, which is expected to feature a prize fund of more than \$7 million, will be extended until July 24, bringing the final capacity for the event to 16,300 teams. More than 11,500 teams are already signed up to compete.

USBC OPEN/WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS TO CALL DISNEY WORLD PROPERTY HOME

By Jeff Schneider, USBC

USBC announced today it will hold 13 events, seven Open Championships and six Women's Championships - from 2011 through 2029 in a privately-funded bowling center on land being made available at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex in Osceola County, Florida. The agreement begins with the 2011 Open Championships. The Open will be held every three years after that through 2029. The first Women's Championships will be in 2013 and held every three years through 2028.

"USBC is proud to bring two of the world's largest participatory sporting events to Osceola County," said USBC Vice President of Tournaments and Events Jack Mordini. "USBC's partnership with Osceola County, Disney Sports Enterprises, the Central Florida Sports Commission and the developer will bring hundreds of thousands of participants and visitors to Central Florida who will enjoy the many amenities and attractions the area has to offer. This is one of the greatest announcements in the bowling industry since the invention of the automatic pinsetter."

Each tournament will run for approximately 20 weeks and is expected to draw tens of thousands of bowlers and spectators. Walt Disney World Resort is making land available at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex to accommodate the large facility required to host the tournaments. Walt Disney World Resort will work closely with a third-party - to be announced later - to build and operate the privately-funded bowling center.

NOTICE: The Bowlers Buzz is looking for a picture of all of the past Hall of Fame Recipients during the 2008 Summer Texas State USBC Board Meeting.

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WIU BOWLING TEAM SIGNS FIRST INTERNATIONAL PLAYER

Diaz Has Five 300 Games & Two 800 Series

By Joe Slowinski, Kegel/WIU

BABSON PARK - Javier Diaz (Puerto Rico) will join the Webber International University bowling team in August. Diaz is a current member of the Puerto Rican National Team, a member for the past 3 years. In this capacity, he has competed in the American Zone Championships, The Central and Caribbean Championship (CONCECABOL) as well as the Caribbean Championship (COBOISCA). He will represent Puerto Rico in the Tournament of the Americas in July. In international competition, representing Puerto Rico, he has earned five medals, including two gold.

"Javier was one of the first international players to contact me about the team," said Warrior head coach, Joe Slowinski. "His experience in high-level international play will be an immediate asset to building a competitive team," added Slowinski. Diaz has five 300 games and two 800 series including the second highest all-time in Puerto Rico. His first 300 game was rolled as a fourteen year old, the youngest ever in his country.

"I am really excited about attending WIU. A small university like Webber is the one that I need and it has just what I want to study," said Diaz. Diaz is a honor graduate of the American Military Academy (Guaynabo) and he is a member of the National Honor Society.

"It's going to be an honor bowling for Webber. I am really excited about starting training, meeting my teammates, and starting the quest for the National Title! There is no doubt in my mind that we have a great team with a lot of talent and determination to achieve that goal."

High Game: 300, High Series: 845

One of the Top Youth Bowlers in the Country Joins Bowling Team

David Knight, Jr. Brings An Impressive Resume to Webber

By Joe Slowinski, Kegel/WIU

One of the most sought-after recruits in the United States, David Knight Jr. (Folcroft, PA) will bowl for Webber International University beginning in the Fall. Knight Jr. is the all-time leading Junior Bowlers Tour title holder, earning 48 titles in six states.

David has bowled fourteen 800 series and thrown twenty-one perfect games. His 230 average in JBT competition in 2005-06 is the highest ever in this tournament series which has included many successful bowlers such as Patrick Allen, Mike Mullin, Matt O'Grady, Bill O'Neil, Mike Lichstein, Lee Vanderhoef, Jon Van Hees, David O'Sullivan and Alex Cavagnaro among others. This is the 32nd year of JBT competition.

He was named Junior Bowlers Tour Most Valuable Player seven times in three states. And, he was named the Philadelphia Catholic High School League MVP four consecutive years (04-05, 05-06, 06-07, 07-08). "We are thrilled that David will join the WIU bowling team," stated Joe Slowinski, head coach. "With his skill and experience, he will certainly help us build a strong program in our first year of competition."

"Webber International University is the school I have been looking for, with its smaller class sizes and comfortable surroundings, I will be able to get the added attention I need to perform so I can be the best student I am capable of being," David said. "[And], there is also an added bonus with world class coaching right around the corner." "I am really ecstatic and looking forward to all the training I will receive as an individual as well as a team...I feel with the great training and coaching opportunity we have at our disposal we can compete and contend for a national title!" added Knight Jr. Knight Jr. was one of 16 senior boys invited to compete in the Denny's High School All-American tournament hosted by the PBA. High 3-Game Series: 842 High Game: 300

Wayne Webb Wins 2008 PBA Senior U.S. Open

By Jerry Schneider, USBC

In a battle of PBA Hall of Famers, first-year Senior Tour player Wayne Webb defeated Johnny Petraglia to win the 2008 PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Suncoast Friday at the Suncoast Bowling Center. Webb, a 20-time Denny's PBA Tour titlist bowling in only his second Senior Tour event, defeated Petraglia 204-172 in the championship to win the \$20,000 first prize. "Bowling the championship match was just like the rest of the tournament for me," said the 50-year-old Webb. "You really had to stay on your toes and keep moving and adjusting. I really didn't feel like I had that good of a shot until this morning's match play round. It felt like I had to make perfect shots the whole tournament."

For Petraglia it was a bitter disappointment after having dominated the entire tournament from the opening qualifying round to earn the No. 1 qualifying spot for the stepladder finals. "You never want to lead a tournament by a lot because it makes it that much more terrible to lose—just terrible," said the 61-year-old Petraglia.

Webb was able to overcome an open in the sixth frame of the championship match – a missed 10-pin -- which dropped him two pins behind Petraglia. "I couldn't believe I missed that spare but I just yanked it," Webb said. "I thought that was going to be the turning point in the match but I was able to recover.

"It's tough to see someone who bowled as well as Johnny this week lose but when it comes down to one match, it happens."

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PARKS DEFEATS BAKER TO WIN 2008 USBC SENIOR MASTERS

By Jerry Schneider, USBC

TUCSON, Ariz. – Kenny Parks of Hammond, Ind., defeated PBA Hall of Famer and two-time defending USBC Senior Masters champion Tom Baker in the double-elimination championship final Friday to win the 2008 USBC Senior Masters at Golden Pin Lanes.

Coming from the winners bracket winning his first five matches, the 51-year-old Parks in his second year on the PBA Senior Tour, lost the first three-game match to Baker, 595-545, necessitating a second match which he won, 681-589. In so doing, he denied Baker's quest to become the Senior Masters' first three-time winner.

For Parks, who won the \$16,000 first prize, it was his first Senior Tour title with his best previous finish being third at the last PBA Senior Tour stop in May in Jackson, Mich. In fact, it was his first professional title of any kind with a After losing the first match Parks remained confident he could still win the tournament but was looking forward to moving to a new pair of lanes for the second three games.

"Going into the finals from the winners bracket gave me that little extra security that I could still lose the first match and have another chance," Parks said. "I was struggling on the first pair but I was still pretty comfortable. The fact that I had a better shot on the other pair made me feel pretty confident."



**ROSS NAMED HEAD COACH OF USBC INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTER
Teresa Ross will join the organization's Coaching department.**

By Patrick Brettingen, USBC

Rod Ross, one of the most respected and innovative coaches in the sport of bowling, has been named the first head coach of the USBC International Training Center that will be constructed at the national governing body's new headquarters facility in Arlington, Texas. Ross, 52, is the current head coach of Junior Team USA the national youth amateur bowling team and one of just 30 bowling coaches in the world certified at the USBC Gold level, the organizations highest. He has coached numerous professional and world-renowned amateur bowlers and has helped revolutionize coaching in the sport by developing cutting-edge computer and video training technology that have become industry standards. Ross and his staff will use these resources at the new training center along with recently developed and patented USBC coaching technology.



"It is an extreme honor to be named the first head coach of the new USBC International Training Center,"

said Ross, who is expected to begin his new position in January 2009 and will continue as Junior Team USA head coach. "I am very excited to be part of what promises to be a truly state-of-the-art facility for bowlers and coaches worldwide. The technology we will have available will lead coaching and the sport of bowling into the future." Ross, who as a Master Instructor with USBC Coaching advises coaches as well as bowlers, will direct the training center that will be located adjacent to the new USBC headquarters in Arlington. Groundbreaking for the facility is expected in late summer, with the building expected to be completed by June 2009. Plans call for the facility to have 20 bowling lanes, 14 for training and six for research and testing of bowling equipment.

Advanced technology and teaching tools will be a key component of the training center to help improve the skills of coaches and bowlers alike. Ross and his staff will evaluate professional and amateur athletes from around the world using recently patented USBC biomechanics technology systems that use cameras, electronic sensors and computers to precisely measure exact body movements for the first time in the sport of bowling. In addition, Ross will oversee the use of USBC's Computer Aided Tracking System (C.A.T.S.) to record the exact location and velocity of bowling balls on a lane, as well as two systems (DigiTrax ball motion analysis software and BowlersMAP video analysis software) that he designed and developed.

"For more than a decade, Rod has been a pioneering force in bowling coaching technology, which is a major focus of USBC as it moves forward," said USBC Vice President - National Governing Body Neil Stremmel. "Rod's background and expertise in coaching and technology makes him the perfect fit to make the USBC International Training Center the premier coaching and research center in the world." The facility will be a coaching and training destination for Team USA, Junior Team USA and national teams from countries around the world. In addition, the training center will be available for a fee to any bowlers who want to take high-tech coaching lessons.

The USBC has announced that Junior Team USA assistant coach Teresa Ross will join the organization's Coaching department. The highly accomplished USBC Silver coach based in Manteca, Calif., will join USBC Coaching after the headquarters moves its facility to Arlington, Texas, in the coming months.

"I am very excited to take on this new challenge and am looking forward to the move to Texas and working with everyone at USBC," said Ross, whose title will be Coaching Specialist. Plans call for Ross to focus on researching and helping develop specific approaches to coaching female bowlers to help their performance. "I would like to start doing some research on women bowlers and their strengths," said Ross. "We all know that men and women differ physically. Creating strategies that benefit women to help them improve is a logical step."

"We are thrilled to have Teresa join the USBC Coaching staff," said Co-Director of USBC Coaching David Garber. "Teresa's knowledge and experience as a coach and a highly competitive bowler will be key assets to USBC."

"The goal of the USBC International Training Center is to have the most advanced teaching tools that will provide hard data about bowlers during their approach and delivery," said Co-Director of USBC Coaching David Garber. "As one of the most respected coaches in the bowling industry, Rod will lead the training center to be the preferred place to train athletes from around the world that, in turn, will make it a financially sound project and investment for USBC."

Long-term goals of the training center include: advanced development of bowling coaches and coaching programs for youth bowling, high school and college bowling; developing training techniques for different bowler styles; the improvement of bowling federations around the world; and to improve the sport worldwide with an eye on securing a place for bowling in the Olympic Games.

"If we're going to be a sport in the Olympic family, we should give our athletes the facilities they need," said Ross, who was bowling's nominee for the 2004 United States Olympic Committee National Coach of the Year award and the 2005 USOC "Doc" Counsilman award for advanced use of science and technology in bowling. "We'll be the leaders, studying bowling as a sport. It's an exciting opportunity for advancing the sport."



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By Cary Richmond, BPAA

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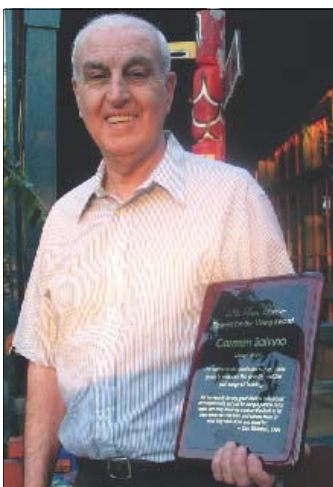
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Salvino Earns 48th Flowers Award

Photo and Article By Jim Dressel

Gurnee, Ill. - Carmen Salvino has gotten to a stage in life where there are few surprises. However, he was caught completely unaware during the June 5 Draft Party in conjunction with the PBA Team Shootout at Six Flags Great America when he was announced as the winner of the 48th Sam Levine Flowers for the Living Award.

It didn't take long for Salvino to gather himself and his thoughts. Once at the podium, he confessed his surprise and accepted the award with grace. He then proceeded to pay even bigger tributes to the PBA - who helped elevate his status to the point where he could receive such an award - and the bowlers in attendance, the biggest stars in today's game, who gave him a standing ovation when his name was announced as the winner.

Salvino was in attendance because he was one of the coaches for the Team Shootout, where he and his fellow coaches - Mark Roth and Brian Voss - each drafted their 6-player teams for the event, which was co-sponsored by the USBC.

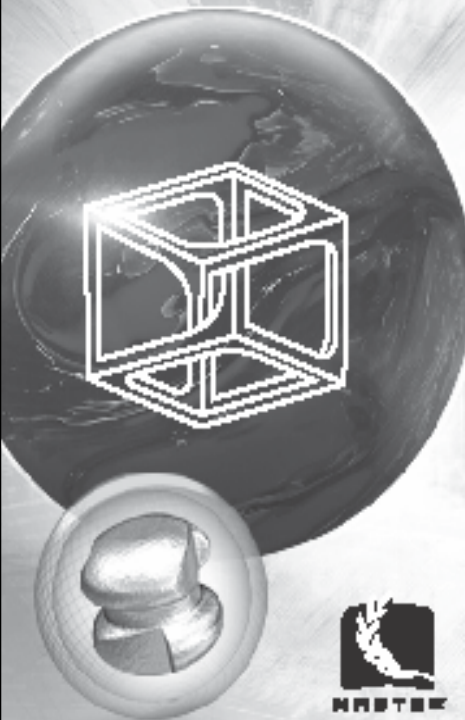
The award is unusual in that it recognizes someone in bowling who is admired, respected and, indeed, loved. In recent years, Salvino has achieved that stature as being one of bowling's most effective "ambassadors," a recognition he has used to not only promote the sport he loves, but to gracefully point out some of its problem areas. In the last year, he was officially recognized in that role by being appointed a USBC Ambassador.


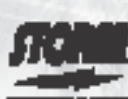
There were also a lifetime of on-the-lanes achievements, highlighted by his 17 PBA crowns - including the National Championship - which culminated in his enshrinement in the PBA and USBC Halls of Fame. Also, Bowling magazine recently named him one of the 20 Greatest Bowlers of the 20th Century.



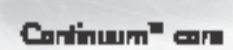
What sets Salvino apart is his ability to balance a sparkling sense of humor with timely penchant to speak his mind on subjects that he felt needed the "light of truth." Flowers presenter Jim Dressel found out about that years ago when Salvino was recognized as an All-American by Bowlers Journal International. Salvino accepted the award, then gently castigated the magazine for not recognizing his All-American stature years earlier. As Dressel then told the audience after Salvino returned the microphone, "I told you he always says what's on his mind." Editor Fritz Howell. In the poem, Howell suggested that deserving individuals be honored while they were "still alive to smell the flowers."


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The team was invited to The White House after garnering the first NCAA Championship in school history and just the fifth overall in the sport of women's collegiate bowling.

They are just the second collegiate bowling team to be guests of The President and just the second bowling team in general to go to The White House in 37 years.

Head Coach Sharon Brummell, the *Division I Coach of the Year* was also elated. "It was a wonderful experience. Being there with 19 other teams in their respected sports was very exciting. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Upon entering the room where the bowling team was stationed, the Commander in Chief joked with the team and made them feel instantly at ease. He then posed for a team photo with the squad and took time to even answer a couple of questions. "He is really funny," said Worsley.

"Have you been down to the lanes," President Bush joked, referring to the two separate sets of bowling lanes in The White House. The team was ready to challenge The President to a friendly game, but unfortunately for them his time was reserved meeting the other 19 teams present at the event. The team was also impressed with The President's knowledge of their event. "He knew all about our championship," Worsley said. "He knew what happened in the finals and the whole tournament" President Bush asked about the team's defeat of Arkansas State University and how the match went, even knew the score. Coach Sharon Brummell and the team exchanged gifts with President Bush before taking a photograph.

"We gave President Bush a bowling ball, engraved with our logo and National Championship title on it," added Brummell. "And a maroon UMES jersey."

The team also had a different experience for two of their players. Martha Perez and Maria Rodriguez, both Columbian citizens were also impressed by meeting the "Leader of the Free World." "It was more than I expected," said Perez. "It is really an honor to know the person who has power in the country."

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Did You Know?

Reno will host the 2009 USBC Women's Championships. More than 4300 teams already have registered. The 2010 USBC Women's Championships in El Paso will mark the first time the event will take place in an arena setting.

It's tradition when participating in the Women's Championships for teams to bring and receive five gift bags to exchange with their lane-mates. The bags typically contain items reflecting the givers' home town or state, including t-shirts, pins or other small items.



INDIANAPOLIS TO HOST YOUTH EVENTS IN 2009, 2010

By Joyce Jocham

GREENDALE, Wis.—The USBC has reached an agreement to conduct the USBC Junior Gold Championships (JGC) and the USBC Youth Open Championships (YOC) in the Indianapolis metropolitan area in 2009 and 2010.

The USBC JGC is the nation's premier competition for high-average youth bowlers and will be conducted for the 12th consecutive year. The event is expected to draw more than 2,000 athletes and their families to the Indianapolis area as bowlers compete for the crown of U.S. Junior Amateur champion. The USBC YOC is open to all USBC Youth members and will be conducted for the third consecutive year. That event is expected to draw nearly 3,000 bowlers.

It is estimated that these events will bring \$10 million in business to the local economy. "Indianapolis last hosted the Junior Gold event in 2005 and we were extremely pleased with the success of that year's event," USBC Director of Youth Development Brian Graham said. "The facilities available to us in the Indianapolis area are second to none, which makes that city a perfect fit for these extremely important youth championships."

The JGC will take place at Woodland Bowl, Expo Bowl and Western Bowl from July 11-17, 2009 while the Youth Open will be conducted at Expo Bowl from July 16-25, 2009.

In a change from past years, the Pepsi USBC YOC will no longer be conducted at the national level. The program will continue at the local and state level with scholarship dollars continuing to be awarded to bowlers. The top two male and top two female players in the scratch division from each state will advance to the JGC.

"The Pepsi championships are an excellent competitive opportunity for youth members at the local and state levels and we hope all those players will strive to advance to the JGC at some point," Graham said. "Increased travel expenses were cost prohibitive for many of the Pepsi national finalists, preventing their participation and prompting changes to the program. The championships still have USBC's complete support at the local and state levels."

STRIKE TEN ENTERTAINMENT ANNOUNCES SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH SARA LEE FOODSERVICE

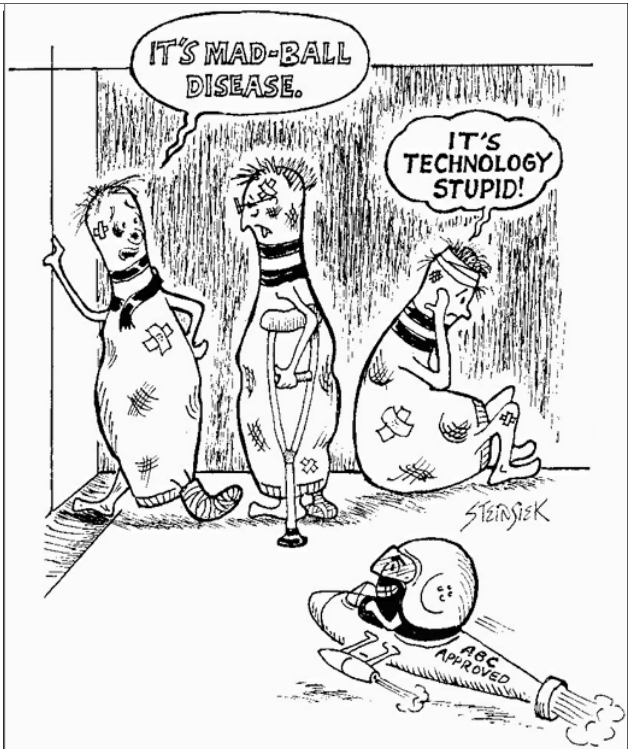
By Cary Richmond, BPAA

Strike Ten Entertainment, the marketing arm of the BPAA announced today a multi-year sponsorship agreement with Sara Lee Foodservice. Additionally, as part of the agreement, Ball Park Franks will be designated as the "Official Hot Dog of Bowling."

"Like bowling, Sara Lee is an American tradition and a proud part of our country's heritage. We're excited to introduce Sara Lee's great portfolio of items to our centers and to name Ball Park Franks as the 'Official Hot Dog of Bowling,'" said Jim Sturm, Chairman of Strike Ten Entertainment. "As our industry continues to grow and attract new customers, we are dedicated to continuously improving the bowling experience and offering the best quality products."

The over-arching sponsorship, which became active on April 1, 2008, will include the distribution of selected brands from the Sara Lee Foodservice portfolio of meat, bakery and coffee services, to more than 3,400 bowling centers throughout the United States.

"Bowling is a great sport and an industry that is on the rise," said Don Davis, senior vice president of sales for Sara Lee Foodservice. "Our portfolio of products is sure to satisfy the more than 67 million Americans who bowl annually, and we're happy to support such an exciting pastime. This is a natural partnership - bowling and hot dogs."



2008 USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS PRODUCES INTERESTING STATS AT HALFWAY MARK

By Wendy Clem and Jason Pinter, USBC

Detroit, MI—Since the April 10 opening, nearly 17,000 bowlers on 3,400 teams have traveled from 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and nine countries. Bowling Ball Express (BBE) reports that of all balls being shipped, the average weight is 14 pounds, with 10 pounds being the lightest and just under the USBC maximum weight of 16 pounds being the heaviest. The farthest a ball has traveled is from Puerto Rico, and the greatest number sent by one person has been six.

Pins are changed every seven days and about 2400 pins have been used. The Women's Championships lanes are oiled three times a day and between 90 and 100 gallons of Kegel lane conditioner has been used. More than 4800 team and 7,900 doubles and singles photos have been taken.





This year a record nine countries have been represented in the tournament, (Australia, Canada, China, Columbia, Dominican Republic, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico and United Kingdom). The high individual game of the tournament was a 297 shot by Jen Richter of Sheboygan, Wis. The high series was a 752 shot by Kari Watson which helped her Bohn Zone Chicks Classic Division team take the lead on April 24.

The last time Detroit hosted the Women's Championships was in 1953. That year 5,000 teams competed and there was a special appearance by movie star Jayne Mansfield which was captured in photos now on display. Mansfield's barefoot ball delivery while wearing a strapless party dress was one of the crowning moments for the tiered crowd seated behind her. Best-selling food items include sandwiches and burgers, with chicken by far the most requested item overall. The total loaves of bread consumed by tournament participants was 672 and 5,040 buns were used. The most desired drink was bottled water, with 2880 downed. Of the many Detroit-area attractions, two popular sight-seeing destinations are Dearborn's Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, and the Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, casinos.

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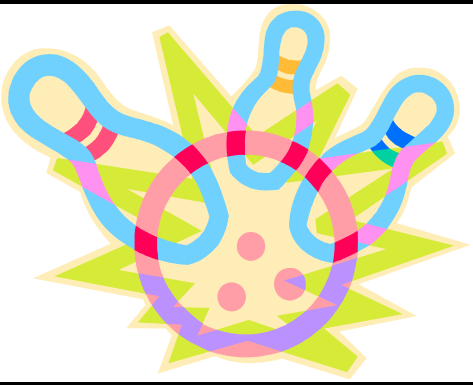
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