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### Kim Wallace, Youth Bowler Makes Coaches Seagraves and Rudolph Proud

By Evelyn Peoples

Don Seagraves and Marsha Rudolph, Kim Wallace's coaches for the last three years on the Thursday Youth Scholarship League

at Max Bowl North are so proud of her that they are about to pop! Don and Marsha will be retiring at the end of the 2007-2008 season and Kim's accomplishments are the icing on the cake for both of them. Kim is a 5'4", left-handed young lady bowler that is just beginning to make her mark. Remember her name - you will be hearing it in the future!

Kim is the daughter of Keith and Dottie Wallace. Kim is the 2008 Texas Youth USBC Female Bowler of the Year and will be honored at the Summer Texas State USBC Board Meeting. She led her team to a fourth place finish at the 2007 Texas High School Bowling Championships and finished second in the individual standing. She was also crowned Champion of the 2005 Texas State Girls Scratch Championships and has earned two top-three finishes in the Texas Pepsi Youth Championships since 2005. Wallace is a five-time qualifier for the USBC Jr. National Championships and will be heading to Detroit, Michigan this summer to try and earn a spot as a member of the Junior Team USA 2009. Her high game is a 296 and high series is 755. She currently holds a 197 average. She has rolled many games in excess of 250 and numerous 700 series in her bowling career. She competes against the boys in her league and is always ranked in one of the top five spots in the standings.

She is a member of the scratch and invitational Greater Houston Youth Travel Leagues. She bowls on her high school bowling team. Kim has served as a league officer in her various leagues. She loves to compete as is reflected in her participation in city, state, and national bowling tournaments.

Kim is a very well-rounded student. She is ranked in the top 20 percent of her senior class at Lamar Consolidated High School. She is on the Varsity Softball team. Kim is a member of the LCTV Club, and a member of PALS.

One of Kim's goals has been to continue her bowling career at a college that has Collegiate Bowling. She further desires an accounting degree. Kim's dream is now a reality—she is accepting a scholarship from The University of Central Missouri. Kim will be a member of the 2008-2009 Jennies bowling squad. *Congratulations, Kim!*

### 2008 PBA Regional Players Championship

Sean Swanson was out of his comfort zone as an exempt bowler on the Denny's PBA Tour in 2007-08. Now that he's back in his element, Swanson is back to his winning ways.



Sean Swanson, Champion  
Courtesy PBA LLC

Swanson defeated Gregg Zicha, 247-154, Monday to win the 2008 PBA Lake County Indiana Regional Players Championship at Stardust Bowl II, his first career PBA Regional Tour Major title.

After winning the 2006-07 PBA Southwest Region, Swanson earned his first career PBA Tour exemption, but being away from home for most of six months saw him drop to 53rd in the PBA World Point Rankings knocking him out of the running for a 2008-09 exemption. "The Tour just wasn't for me," Swanson (Springfield, Missouri) said. "I'd rather be gone 2-3 days a week than weeks at a time."

A regional bowler at heart, Swanson showed where his comfort level was this weekend, dominating his opponents on Monday. He capped it off with an easy win against Zicha.

Swanson won his first four matches by a combined 10-2 match score. He then took down the No. 2 seed John Gould (Richmond, California), 223-167, in the semifinals before squaring off against Zicha.

The title match was never in doubt as Zicha (Glen Ellyn, Illinois) opened in the third and fourth frames and Swanson ran away with the match by striking in the first five frames and in seven of the first nine, clinching the victory with a strike in the ninth frame.

"The last two matches today I was lucky to get off to a good start in each," Swanson said. "The lanes were really difficult today and when the lanes are tough, if you get out to a good start with a couple strikes your opponents start squeezing it a little bit and that leads to some splits."

The victory was the 15th PBA Regional Tour title of Swanson's career, but his first Major. He earned \$9,000 for the victory along with a spot in the prestigious 2008-09 PBA Tournament of Champions as well as a berth in the 2008 PBA Regional Players Invitational.

Congratulations, Sean!

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### USBC DEVELOPS MOTION CAPTURE TECHNOLOGY FOR BOWLING

Advanced system that tracks bowler's precise body movements ushers in new era of coaching

By Patrick Brettigen, USBC

Continuing to emphasize the important role that technology will have in growing the sport of bowling, the USBC has developed a system that measures and displays the exact movements of a bowler's body during the approach and delivery. The USBC has patented this sophisticated biomechanics technology, which is called "motion capture." The futuristic-looking system is the first of its kind in the sport of bowling and is expected to be available in the new USBC training facility where it will be used to identify and correct problems with bowlers techniques in a more comprehensive manner.

It is envisioned that eventually bowling coaches around the world will have access to motion capture and be able to use the system when giving lessons to their students. Motion capture can measure body positioning and movement more precisely than standard video analysis programs. For example, motion capture can track a bowler's body positions (such as during the back swing) to 0.001 of an inch, speed and acceleration (such as ball speed or the sliding knee moving forward) to 0.02 mph and timing (relationship between the arm swing and footsteps) to 0.001 of a second.

The system works like this: Between 40 and 70 small sensors are attached to a bowler's clothing and six cameras positioned around the bowler on adjoining approaches and lanes pick up the red light reflected from the sensors. The bowler's movements through the approach and delivery are tracked via the sensors and the data is transmitted to a nearby connected computer system. The bowler's image appears on the computer screen as a moving, digital data figure that can be shown in slow motion, used with video or viewed from different angles. "Our 'motion capture' system is the next step in the evolution of bowling technology and coaching," said USBC Research Engineer Paul Ridenour. "The precise data that motion capture provides for bowling coaches will make it easier to help bowlers improve their technique."

Motion capture is similar to the technology that video game-makers use to record Tiger Woods hitting a golf ball or NBA star and USBC spokesperson Chris Paul shooting a jump shot to make their game characters look realistic. Coaches in other sports use biomechanics technology to improve the performance of their athletes. "In the near future, bowlers could visit the USBC national training center in Arlington," said Ridenour.



Pictured Daniel Falconi from Mexico

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**Dear Shiner:** Remember that that bowling balls need to be upgraded three to four times a year to maintain that new ball "shine" and stay with the current trend! Buy yourself a ring—go for the ball!

**Dear Bea:** My wife and I are going to take a trip to celebrate our wedding anniversary. She wants to go to Cancun and enjoy the beaches. I want to go to Bowl Expo in Orlando. What do you think? Cancun or Orlando? **Beach Bound**

**Dear Bound:** Florida has some beautiful beaches—some of the most beautiful in the world. Have a safe trip!

**Dear Bea:** I have the world's best friend. The only problem I have with her is that she repeats everything I tell her to everyone and puts her own twist on it. Sometimes she lies in an attempt to sensationalize the truth. She uses my life to be the brunt of her cruel gossiping and lies. What can I do? **Brunt**

**Dear Brunt:** Define "best" and run in the opposite direction!

**Dear Bea:** My mom and dad bowl and have been married for 50 years. I want to send them to one restaurant and my wife wants another. Where should I send them to celebrate? **Son**

**Dear Son:** Anywhere they want to go—AND send them!

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- ◆ 1/2 Teaspoon Salt (or to taste)
- ◆ 1/4 Teaspoon Pepper (or to taste)
- ◆ 2 Cups Mini Carrots
- ◆ 2 Celery Stalks
- ◆ 4 Skinless Chicken Breasts
- ◆ Plastic bag or dish to use for marinating and foil



Mix the lemon juice, olive oil, Dijon mustard, salt, black pepper, and chicken breasts in the marinating bag/dish and leave in the refrigerator overnight or for at least 20 minutes.

After marinating, place breast individually in foil packets with garlic, bell pepper strips, 1/2 celery stalks halved, 1/2 cup carrots, and lemon slices. Put on grill for 6 to 8 minutes each side. Remove breasts from packet and put directly on grill and cook long enough to make grill marks on both sides. Test for doneness (juices should run clear) and enjoy!

### TVASKA BREAKS RECORD WITH 62ND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Courtesy USBC, Photo Courtesy USBC

"Mini Tvaska of St. Petersburg, Florida competed in the USBC Women's Championships on Tuesday for the 62nd consecutive time, breaking the event's all-time record for participation. Decked out in a jaunty black and gray cap and a pink bowling shirt, Tvaska, 90, savored every moment of her record-breaking trip. She was honored with a plaque, floral bouquet and candy and was congratulated by competitors from 17 states on her squad.



This is all too overwhelming for me, and I'm actually pretty nervous right now, said Tvaska, a former resident of nearby Dearborn. "It's really nice to come back to Michigan and break the record. I never thought I would make it this far."

The crowd continued to grow as the time came to present Tvaska with her record-breaking award. By taking part in the 2008 Women's Championships, Tvaska moved into sole possession of the participation record. Mary Covell of Chicago competed in 61 events, the last coming in 1992. "I have all of my friends here who surprised me," Tvaska said. "They came from all over the United States and even Canada. No one told me they were coming. It really brings a tear to my eye when you see all of these people came to just see me."

After her first tournament in 1947 in Grand Rapids, Mich., Tvaska knew she was in for the long haul. "The first year I decided to go to the tournament and try it out," Tvaska said. "It was so exciting, I decided to keep coming back. After a couple more, it turned into an obsession and I wanted to come to every single one." Along her 62 years there were some ups and there were some downs. Last year in North Carolina Tvaska was recovering from a broken shoulder and didn't know if she could compete. "If it wasn't for my teammates helping me pick up my ball and helping me line up my shot, I do not think I could've made it."

With this long journey comes some memorable moments as well. Tvaska had two instances that could have cost her the streak. "My 25th year bowling we got stuck in traffic and we were late to our team event," Tvaska said. "We were almost disqualified for that year, but luckily there was one open lane and they let us bowl on that lane. Also, my 55th year I didn't have a team. We waited until the last minute and no one wanted to bowl. Again, luckily someone picked me up as a substitute."

"A lot of people thought this might be my last tournament," she said. "It would be a great way to end it but I can't stop bowling. I have already booked my trip to Reno next year. I will keep on going every year until I'm not able to go anymore." Tvaska's team, The Mini Magic, finished with a total score of 1,971, in Division 3, to which Tvaska contributed a 273 series (73, 97, 103). *Congratulations!*

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### USBC BOWLING BALL MOTION STUDY CHOSEN FOR INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

*Courtesy USBC*

The recently completed USBC bowling ball motion study, which was started to help protect the sport's future by addressing technology issues, has been selected as a presentation topic for the 52nd Annual Fall Technical Conference. Co-sponsored by divisions of the American Society for Quality and the American Statistical Association, the conference will include presentations by researchers and practitioners dealing with technical aspects of statistics and quality in various industries. Representatives from MIT, Lule University of Technology in Sweden, the Intel Corporation, GlaxoSmithKline and Merck & Company, Inc. are among those scheduled to give presentations.

The USBC seminar titled "Identifying the Critical Factors that Contribute to Bowling Ball Motion on a Bowling Lane" is scheduled Thursday, October 9. USBC Vice President National Governing Body Neil Stremmel, USBC Research Engineer Paul Ridenour and USBC Equipment Specifications and Certification Committee Technical Advisor Scott Sterbenz will be the presenters. The theme of the conference is "Statistics and Quality: Coming to the Table for Growth and Improvement."

The presentation is based on a two-year, joint study of bowling ball motion by USBC and ball manufacturing companies that was completed in March. Conducted by research engineers at the USBC testing facility in suburban Milwaukee, the study incorporated a robotic bowling ball thrower (nicknamed "Harry") and a sophisticated computer and electronic sensor tracking system (Computer Aided Tracking System) which recorded data such as velocity and positioning of the balls as they were rolled down a lane. Statistical evaluations were used to validate which properties of bowling balls significantly influence their motion.

That study resulted in USBC creating a new manufacturing specification that starting next year will put limits on the porosity and chemistry of new bowling ball surfaces. The research was started because technological advancements in bowling ball cover stocks and cores in the last two decades, combined with improved lane surfaces and lane oiling patterns, have contributed to an increasing rate of honor scores and overall scoring pace which is jeopardizing the integrity of the sport to the point where technology is having too great an impact on scoring compared to player skill.

Typically the Annual Fall Technical Conference receives submissions dealing with statistics and quality issues relating to the manufacturing and pharmaceutical industries, said James D. Williams, Ph.D., statistical leader from GE Global Research and chair of the 2008 FTC Program Committee which selected the abstracts for the conference.

"The committee thought that this paper demonstrated sound statistical techniques to a non-standard technical problem," Williams said. "The USBC paper introduces a unique application of quality and statistics that have not been seen before at the Fall Technical Conference. We felt that this paper would be interesting and enjoyable for the conference participants, and this is why we chose this paper to be the first contributed paper to be presented at the conference."

The USBC abstract is one of only 21 at-large papers selected from a pool of 57 submittals. "This year we had a larger-than-normal number of submissions and fewer open spots in the program to fill, thus making our decision of which papers to accept even that much harder," Williams said. "I believe that the use of statistical and quality techniques highlight a commitment to excellence in the sport of bowling," said FTC committee member Jennifer Golek. The USBC ball motion paper is in the running for the Shewell Prize, which is awarded to the most outstanding paper at the conference. That honor consists of a certificate of achievement and a cash prize. Entries are judged both on the oral presentation and any written material. "We are honored that the USBC and its research work on bowling ball technology is receiving attention and respect from ASQ and ASA, both internationally known organizations," Stremmel said. "This further legitimizes the work USBC has done in the sport of bowling."

"I think it's important for the sport of bowling to be recognized because the methodologies taught and the theories practiced by such societies have useful applications outside of manufacturing industries," said Sterbenz, an engineer at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan. "While manufacturing industries use statistics and numerical methods to improve quality and productivity, USBC is using similar statistical and numerical methods to preserve the integrity of the sport it governs. There are many other sports that are dealing with the same issues of scoring as bowling. Perhaps our presentation with ASQ in October will encourage other sports to follow USBC's lead in using data to drive decisions regarding specifications for their equipment."

Stremmel and Ridenour also will discuss the bowling ball motion study findings in detail during technology presentations at the USBC Convention in Kansas City, Missouri and International Bowl Expo, June 23.

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### CHANGE OF ATTITUDE REQUIRED TO HELP GROW THE SPORT OF BOWLING

*USBC delegates urged to join organization to support sport, work closer with proprietors  
Courtesy USBC*

"After years of asking people to join the USBC because of the things they will receive, it's time to ask them to belong because they believe in what the organization does for the sport. Such an attitude adjustment was requested by USBC President Jeff Boje during Friday's session of the USBC Annual Meeting. Boje used his own personal story to emphasize his message of dramatic change. He noted the addition of triplets, including daughter Kristen with Downs Syndrome, changed his and his family's life.

We need to look at the world through a different set of eyes, he said. We need to change our message. We're not sorry Kristen has Downs Syndrome. We're proud of her and her sisters and brothers as well. We have to have people who are proud of our sport but we have to believe it ourselves. If we can't believe it, we can't expect other people to believe it. Embracing change was a general theme that resonated throughout the day. Another way mentioned was for national, state or local associations and bowling center owners to cooperate to jointly promote programs crucial to their success.

That tone initially was set by USBC Vice President Darlene Baker in her Strategic Committee report and later by USBC Chief Operating Officer Kevin Dornberger in his report. Both noted that nationally, USBC's move later this year to Arlington, Texas, to help create the International Bowling Campus is a big step in that direction. Together, in one location, we will be able to achieve our goal of growing the sport and being recognized as a sport, Baker said.

We desperately need to develop joint programs with proprietors, with your input and proprietor input, that can be implemented and it's a lot easier doing that down the hall than trying to find someone by telephone, Dornberger said. At the same time, both said local and state associations must find common ground with their proprietors. We need to develop programs for use by the proprietors, said Dornberger. We also must simplify and reduce local association requirements to allow you to spend more time promoting bowling as a sport. To achieve that goal, association requirements are being revised so associations can spend more time working with proprietors.

We will give you guidelines and suggestions, Dornberger said. There will be fewer forms. The only things we will require will be those things required by state and federal law. As the USBC/Bowling Centers of Florida program activation representative who works on joint programs, Jim Zebehazy said he has seen first hand how having two hats has been very beneficial.

Working and building relationships with associations and proprietors has been very helpful, Zebehazy said. Proprietors are just as interested in seeing bowling succeed. They just come at it a little different than we do. It is a different era where our success is tied together more than ever before. Zebehazy said people in today's American culture don't want to compete in 35-week leagues. Rather, they'd prefer to bowl for fun in a party-type setting on weekends. That means associations and proprietors should concentrate their league efforts for mid-week.

Development of the sport and changing the general public's perception that bowling is a sport are USBC's top priority issues. Nationally, USBC's involvement in televised PBA Women's Series and the Clash of Champions are being done to address these issues because television gets more exposure for bowling than any other avenue.

Locally, associations and proprietors can help by budgeting money to purchase new In-School bowling kits and helping schools start high school bowling programs. "You are USBC," Boje said. "You are the governing body of the sport. Together, we'll grow the sport."

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**Kyle Kahlden Awarded the Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow at Kansas USBC Convention**

*By Joyce Jocham*



Kyle Kahlden is the 2008 recipient of the Chuck Hall Star of tomorrow. He is enrolled in the Honors Program at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He is studying for a career in medicine. Kyle believes that bowling is the catalyst for maximizing his potential every day in every way. It has taught him to push himself and perceive. Kyle is a certified

USBC Level I coach. He's a graduate from Cy Creek High.

This award is very prestigious. It is named after two national leaders who worked to expand youth bowling opportunities, annually recognize star qualities in a male and female high school or college student who compete in the sport of bowling.

Star qualities include distinguished bowling performances on local, state and national, and community involvement. They must also hold a certified USBC bowling average of 175+ with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better and be a USBC Youth member in good standing, and lastly be younger than 22 years of age as of August 1 of the current bowling season.

*Editor's Note: Congratulations, Kyle*

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**PBA Announces Summer Series Details**

18 stars selected for team competition at Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Illinois  
 Courtesy PBA

The PBA and Six Flags announced today details of the PBA Team Shootout Hosted by Six Flags Great America, the second consecutive summer the two have teamed up for a special event featuring some of the top stars of the Denny's PBA Tour. A total of 18 bowlers will compete in the made-for-TV team event which will air throughout the summer on ESPN.

The PBA Team Shootout Hosted by Six Flags, also sponsored by the USBC, will take place June 5-8 at Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Illinois. The 18 players include the 16 champions from the 2007-08 Denny's PBA Tour along with one additional player designated by the PBA, PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber, and another designated by major sponsor USBC, World Bowler of the Year Jason Belmonte from Australia. Belmonte just recently became a PBA member.

The 18 bowlers will be divided into three teams with players being selected by three "captains" – PBA Hall of Famers Mark Roth, Carmen Salvino and Brian Voss. The three captains will draft the players during a ceremony on Thursday, June 5, following the official practice session.

"We are excited about teaming with Six Flags and the USBC to once again showcase the best bowlers in the world for this special summer event," PBA Commissioner and CEO Fred Schreyer said. "We feel we have an exciting and talented field of athletes, mixing the top young stars with the legends of today and yesterday. An international flavor should also add a level of excitement for the fans and players."

Starting Friday, June 6, the three teams will compete in round robin, Baker style match play with a total of 12 matches taking place. Each team will bowl four matches against the other two teams, with each match taking place on a different oil pattern. The only one of the five PBA oil patterns which will not be used during round robin play is the Cheetah pattern as that pattern will be used in the championship round.

With six players on a team, one bowler will sit out each game for the five-man Baker style matches. Team captains will designate which five players will compete during the matches.

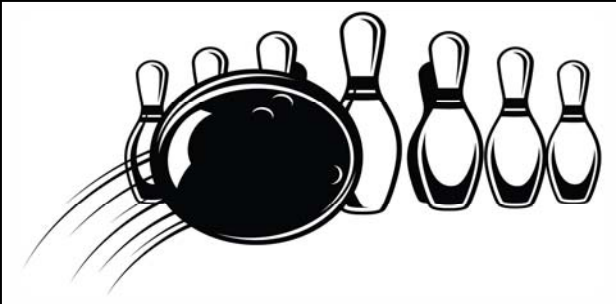
The top two teams based on match play record will advance to the championship round on Saturday, June 7. The championship round will consist of one singles match, one doubles match and one Baker-style match, with the captains choosing the participants for each match. The singles and dou-

bles matches will each be worth one point while the Baker match will be worth two points. Should the teams tie, one player from each team – who will be determined prior to the start of the competition by the team captains – will participate in a one-ball sudden death roll-off. The winning team will split \$100,000.

One special feature that will carry over from last year's summer event is the "Endless 10th Frame," which will only be used in the round robin match play portion of the event. Should a bowler strike with his fill ball in the 10th frame, his team will continue to bowl until they do not strike again, with each additional strike adding 10 pins to the team's total score.

Additionally, a total of \$1,000 in bonus money is up for grabs in each round robin match with \$100 on the line in each frame. In every frame, the bowlers on opposite teams will compete against each other for the bonus money. The bowler with the most successful frame will receive \$100 for their team. Should the bowlers tie in a given frame that money will carry over to the next frame. If a tie takes place in the 10th frame, bonus money goes to the team that won the match. Endless 10th frames do not factor into the individual frame bonus money.

**Participants:** Patrick Allen, Chris Barnes, Jason Belmonte, Parker Bohn, Norm Duke, Mike Fagan, Michael Haugen Jr., Tommy Jones, Mika Kovuniemi, Wes Malott, Rhino Page, Sean Rash, Mike Scroggins, Robert Smith, Pete Weber, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Danny Wiseman, Mike Wolfe.



**TELEVISION BUREAU CHIEF JASON OVERSTREET NAMED DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLISHING**

By Mark Miller, USBC

Jason Overstreet, the Metro North Bureau Chief for KDFW-TV in Dallas-Fort Worth and former competitive youth bowler, has been named USBC Director of Public Relations/Publishing by USBC Vice President, Media Pete Tredwell. Overstreet, 34, begins his duties June 16.

*Editor's Note: Read more of Overstreet's credentials at our website: [www.bowlersbuzz.com](http://www.bowlersbuzz.com).*

**Texas USBC to Honor Three Houston Bowlers**

By Evelyn Peoples

On a hot summer day in typical Houston summer weather, the Texas USBC will honor three of the hottest and most deserving bowlers in Houston! Namely, Kyle Calcote, Margie Rountree, and Kim Wallace.

Kyle Calcote, an 18-year-old has been selected as the 2008 Texas State USBC Male Youth Bowler of the Year and Texas State Honor Inductee. Kyle received the 2007-08 National Youth Ambassador of the Year for his service to the sport of bowling. He is dedicated to bowling as he gives of his time tirelessly to the local and state bowling associations, local and state youth leader organizations. Kyle serves his community and synagogue as camp counselor, coach, and tutor. Kyle was selected as the 2007-08 Houston Youth Male Bowler of the Year and was inducted into the Greater Houston Coaches Association Hall of Honor.

Kimberly Wallace is being inducted into the Texas State USBC Hall of Honor. She has held many league officer positions. Kim has placed first, second, and third in many prestigious youth tournaments. Don Seagraves said, "Kim is one of the most skilled bowlers that I have seen come through the youth program. She not only has the skills, she also has knowledge of the game. She listens when you are coaching her about lane conditions, and what bowling balls to use. Kim is a great student of the game."

Margie Rountree fell in love with bowling in 1960. From that time on, she has supported bowling in many different venues such as the national Queens Tournament, Texas Bluebonnet Queens Tournament, as well as the national, state and local championship tournaments. In addition to being an avid bowler, she expressed her love of the game by giving years of service to the local association board for many years serving in nearly all capacities. On the state level, Margie has served on numerous committees.

Margie's bowling accomplishments are numerous and include a 300 game in 1978, and a 299 in 1975 and many 700 series as well as averaging 180 or better for over 36 years. She has bowled in 35 state tournaments and 26 national tournaments.

In 1985, Margie was inducted into the Houston Bowling Hall of Fame for Superior Performance with her husband, David. She served as the Ticket Chairman for the H of F Dinner for many years and continues to work on that committee. In 1998, Margie won the Texas Women's Bowling Association Service Award. She was honored for her service to the Houston Women's Bowling Association by becoming a Member of Emerita in 1999.

The University of Houston has dubbed Margie as a great ambassador for the Cougar Bowling Club. She values the importance of supporting the collegiate bowling program and has been recognized for her fundraising efforts.

Margie has remained an active member and supporter of the local association—she really "puts the shoe leather" into her love and support of the game—she gets the job done!

Margie is being inducted into the Texas USBC Hall of Fame! She is very deserving of this award for all of her hard work and her support of bowling.

*Congratulations to all of these very deserving inductees!*



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## LOUISIANA BOWLER TIES FOR SINGLES LEAD AT USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Matt Cannizzaro, USBC

Tim Hoffpauir of New Iberia, Louisiana, has never bowled in more than one league in a season, and in recent years, other interests have limited his time on the lanes even further.

But despite only recording a handful of league games each year, the 53-year-old right-hander turned in a top performance at the USBC Open Championships on Monday and now is tied for the in Classified Singles.

Hoffpauir marked in 27 of 30 frames on the way to games of 219, 233 and 224 for a 676 series, which moved him into a tie with Brian Washington of Hopewell, Virginia.

## UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

By Evelyn Peoples

The University of Houston Annual Awards Banquet is one of the most fun evenings Renee and I have spent since the one we attended last year. It is a fast-paced event. Rick Smalley's witty rhetoric is well worth the price of admission.

Raffle items range from Bass Pro Shop hats to Office Depot desk lamps to top of the line bowling ball by 900 Global. The dinner was delicious and if you ate quiet enough and ate fast enough the staff might accidentally serve you second and may thirds as they did me and Renee. (This was a matter of hard laughs at our table because it was tempting to take advantage of their serving errors because the food was so good.)

Phil Cardinale, President of Sales & Marketing for 900 Global was the guest speaker. Here's the riddle that Red Shrum correctly (along with others): "A man leaves home and takes three left turns and arrives back home to two men in masks." What does this guy do for a job? If you don't know the answer go to [www.bowlersbuzz.com](http://www.bowlersbuzz.com).

Cougar Bowl-a-thon raised over \$11,000. It will be held Saturday, November 8. Cougar Bowl-a-thon \$1000+ Appreciation Awards went to:

- ◆ Angela Guevara (cbc bowler)
- ◆ Red Shrum (alumni bowler)
- ◆ Frank Papandrea (new bowler).

Cougar Proud Award presented to: Sandy Little, Tom Little, and John Osfied. Graduating Senior Award: Deseree Bordonaro.

Male Rookie Bowler of the Year Award: This year's rookie of the year is Coby Lynch, a Houstonian who transferred to us by way of North Harris Community College. Although he is a Junior multimedia production major, this is his first year of collegiate competition. Through the initial tryouts he showed his versatility finishing 1st averaging 207 for the first 33 games of qualifying while bowling on many different lane conditions. He finished in the top 25 three times this season with his best showing being at the SWIBC I tournament where he made all tournament team finishing 1st with a 211.5 average. He is a very knowledgeable bowler who also helps run the pro-shop at Copperfield Lanes.

Female Rookie Bowler of the Year. This year's Female Rookie of the Year is Deanna Allen. She comes to us from Cypress Texas. She bowls out of Copperfield and has only been bowling for two years. She is a junior, majoring in Nutrition. She bowled in all 8 tournaments that we participated in. Out of those 8, she made Top 25 in five of those tournaments, making the top 10 twice and made ALL Tournament Team at SWIBC III. At our Conference Championships she placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Doubles Event along side fellow UH bowler Kim Donahue. Her High game of 274 was bowled in Las Vegas at the Sam's Town Shoot – Out. She was also named to the All – Conference Team at these Championships.

The Richard S. Gage Service Scholarship Award is named after a long time friend and supporter of the UH Bowling Program. Dick was the first Games Room Manager here at the University Center which opened in 1967. He worked nearly 30 years before retiring as the Associate Director of the University Center in 1986. Recipient: Angela Guevara.

Our Michael Richard Memorial Scholarship is named after Michael Victor Richard, a student athlete here at the University of Houston who passed away in his senior year (1994), when he lost his battle with MS. Recipient: Kim Donahue.

Phil Tilotta Senior Memorial Scholarship was established in 1998. Phil was an outstanding individual who achieved "Life Member" status with the Houston Bowling Association for his demonstrated dedication, commitment, and enthusiasm for the betterment of organized bowling. The scholarship is awarded to an outstanding Cougar Bowling Club student athlete who has most demonstrated these qualities that Phil brought to the table. The Greater Houston USBC has decided to continue this award in his memory and is currently funded in the amount of \$250. Recipient: Christina Kowalski.

The Jean Cope Helping Hand Scholarship Award is given in honor of Jean Cope and her contributions to the Cougar Bowling Club. Jean spent 17 years with the University of Houston and kept the bowling program together here at the UH during the good and bad times. Jean retired in 1999 and the bowling club came up with this scholarship to honor her. Recipient: Claudio Saenz.

We hope you will mark your calendars and come and support the University of Houston Bowling Club at the Bowl-A-Thon in November. See you there!

## Conroe 300 Bowl Scratch Tournament Winner

Rick Minier won the tournament and the Storm Amateur Staff Membership and the first place prize of \$2500 in the Conroe 300 Bowl Scratch Tournament in April. Rick is a very humble and deserving bowler. The competition was tough but he prevailed! *Congratulations Rick from the Bowlers Buzz.*

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## RIT'S VICK ROLLS TO MEN'S NATIONAL TITLE AT 2008 USBC INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

By: Kevin Hazaert, USBC

Rochester Institute of Technology junior Dan Vick started striking consistently during practice before his final match at the 2008 USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships. Once the finals begun, it only seemed like he never stopped. The Pittsford, N.Y., native locked in early and never looked back in sweeping North Carolina State senior Vincent DiNova, 3-0, in a best-of-five, single-elimination match to win the men's national championship Tuesday at Olympic Lanes.

The field of 16 men and 16 women represented some of the best collegiate bowlers in the country competing for individual national titles at the USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships.

In a battle of lefthanders, Vick opened the match with five straight strikes and 10 overall in a 268-182 victory in Game 1. He stayed hot in Game 2 with four straight strikes among his nine, winning 239-193 to take a 2-0 lead.

"I was fortunate to find a look during practice and was able to keep it loose," said Vick, who doubled in the 10th frame to secure the title with a 236-225 victory in Game 3. "Having another lefty out there helped. The lanes opened up a bit more after they broke down and the pins fell down."

Overall, Vick struck on 27 of 36 first-ball attempts in the match (75 percent).

Vick became the fourth straight men's champion with experience as a Junior Team USA member, joining Fresno State's P.J. Haggerty (2005), Linde-wood's Brian Valenta (2006) and Robert Morris University's Tim Pfeifer (2007).

"The Junior Team USA experience helps a lot," said Vick, who won the team gold medal and Masters silver at the 2006 American Zone Youth Championships in Mexico. "I was able to stay more relaxed under pressure because I've been in similar situations like this one."

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### Note from Bill Schwere to Preview Attendees:

Thank you for attending our first Cougar Bowling Preview last month to inquire about our bowling program as well as allowing us to share information on the University of Houston enrollment procedures. If there are still questions that did not get answered or if I promised a follow-up to you or to your parents and you have not heard anything more, please remind me through an email and I will get right on it. Classes are not in session currently and I now have the time to follow up on items that have been put on hold.

If you are currently planning to attend the University of Houston (main campus or downtown) GREAT! Please drop me an email so that I may put you on our active list for emails, updates (summer practices), etc.

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Has the bowling bug got you?		June Calendar					Try One of these events!
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>1</b> National Cancer Survivor's Day New Huntsville	<b>2</b> New Summer Conroe Singles No-Taps Sign up 6:00, bowl 6:30 Nat'l Bubba Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Private Party Has Been Booked. We will not be holding No-Taps at Max Bowl North—this week ONLY! See you on the 21st.	
<b>8</b> New Huntsville	<b>9</b> Conroe Singles No-Taps Sign up 6:00, bowl 6:30	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> ONLY Friday 13th in 2008!	<b>14</b> Conroe No-Taps Flag Day & U.S. Army's Birthday 	
<b>15</b> Huntsville  <b>Happy Father's Day</b>	<b>16</b> Conroe Singles No-Taps Sign up 6:00, bowl 6:30	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Garfield the Cat Day	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Max Bowl No-Taps	
<b>22</b> Huntsville	<b>23</b> Conroe Singles No-Taps Sign up 6:00, bowl 6:30	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Happy Birthday, Renee Peoples-Briles & Rita Bishop	<b>28</b> Conroe 300 Super No-taps	
<b>29</b> Huntsville	<b>30</b> Conroe Singles No-Taps Sign up 6:00, bowl 6:30	<b>July 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Happy July 4th Happy Birthday America!	<b>5</b> Max Bowl No-Taps	

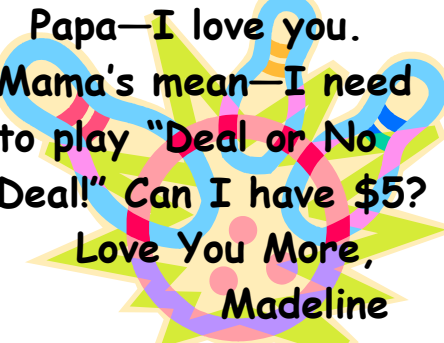
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