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## EMMA HENDRICKSON BRINGS 99 YEARS OF WISDOM TO WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Courtesy Jason Pinter, USBC*  
CANTON, Mich. - She came dressed in an embroidered and scalloped peach shirt, yet beneath the smiling grandmotherly stance, there's a reason why Emma Hendrickson's teammates affectionately call her *The Warhorse*. Hendrickson's staying power ties for the record as oldest participant in the 92-year history of the USBC Women's Championships.



"There have been so many great memories and friendships over the years," Hendrickson, of Morris Plains, N.J., deadpans. "Being my 49th consecutive tournament I've seen about everything you could imagine." Her matching age-mate was Ethel Brunnick of Santa Monica, Calif., who competed at 99 in the 1987 Women's Championships.

An enthusiastic bowler since 1945, Hendrickson rolls weekly in two leagues, where her average was 141. Fellow teammates of The 5 Bowling Bags are Marion "Bunny" Brock, Ruth Peterson, Bea Reinacher, and Captain Joan Shiel. They aren't sure how long they've been together, but 85-year-old Brock remembers when she met Hendrickson. "I've known her since she was 80," said Brock emphatically. Teammates help Hendrickson "locate" the pins, due to her diminishing eyesight. "I help her to the line, then tell her which pins are there; she pictures it all in her mind when she aims," said Peterson.

Hendrickson began bowling in the New Jersey Morris County Women's Bowling Association (MCWBA) in 1953, was vice president in 1956, and president from 1960 to 1971. As co-founder of the Morris County Young American Bowling Alliance, Hendrickson also served there and on the state YABA in a variety of positions. Concluding those 37 years, and a total of 52 years of bowling service, she retired in 2005.

She's inducted into three Halls of Fame: MCWBA (1982), New Jersey State WBA (1995), and Morris County Bowling Association (2004). In 2003, the Metropolitan Bowling Writers' Association honored Hendrickson with a special service award, and the MCWBA established a scholarship fund for junior bowlers named for her. Hendrickson also had a career, retiring as a medical secretary from Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital. She was married to George until his 1984 death, and their two children, Richard and Carolyn, are also gone. But, a gang of relatives remains and looks forward to celebrating her 50th tournament, and new record at 100 years old in Reno, Nev. That includes eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Hendrickson, who turned 99 in March, attributes her longevity to "hard work, keeping busy, and making time for everything." "I had a lot fun this year," said Hendrickson. "Detroit's a nice city and I bowled good." Hendrickson finished her 2008 USBC Women's Championships with a 275 series in team, 395 in singles and in 336 doubles! **WOW!**



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## PARKER BOHN WINS PBA'S MOTEL 6 ROLL TO RICHES TOURNAMENT WHILE FAMILY LOOKS ON

*Courtesy Rosie Leutzinger, PBA*

ORLANDO, Fla. - With his three kids looking on - completely unaware of the magnitude of what he was doing - Parker Bohn III secured his family's future with six strikes on Sunday. Bohn defeated Norm Duke, six-strikes-to-five, in the final "Race to Six Strikes" to win the PBA's Motel 6 Roll to Riches special event, taking home the \$150,000 winner-take-all top prize.



*Parker Bohn III defeated Norm Duke, six strikes to five to win the Motel 6 Roll to Riches for the winner-take-all \$150,000 top prize  
Photo: PBA LLC Matay*

The PBA Hall of Famer is fifth all-time with 31 Denny's PBA

Tour titles and ranks third with nearly \$2.7 million in career earnings. But the \$150,000 paycheck tripled any other top prize Bohn had secured in one day in his career.

Bohn earned a berth in the six-bowler event by winning an online fan vote, beating out 15 other PBA stars. In his first career Motel 6 Roll to Riches appearance, he denied Duke his third big-money win in six weeks. The only bowler to compete in all four Roll to Riches events, Duke won the 2008 Denny's World Championship and the 65th Denny's U.S. Open for a combined \$150,000 in just over a month. But he was unable to double that amount and lost in the Race to Six Strikes for the second straight year after falling to Doug Kent in 2007.

The match was close throughout as both bowlers struck with their first two shots. Duke faltered first when he left the 10-pin with his third shot and Bohn took the lead by striking with his next. Bohn would never lose the lead, although he was threatened more than once by Duke. Bohn had his first chance to take a two-strike advantage when Duke left another 10-pin in the fourth frame but Bohn also left a 10-pin and the score remained 3-2.

After both bowlers struck in the fifth frame, Duke left the four-pin in the sixth giving Bohn a second chance to put him on the ropes, but despite a pocket hit he left the 7-pin to keep Duke in the match. Duke pulled even with his fourth strike in the seventh but Bohn responded to put himself one strike away from victory. After Duke struck for the fifth time, Bohn needed one strike for victory. With \$150,000 on the line, Bohn threw a perfect shot to win in his Roll to Riches debut.

"What an unbelievable day," Bohn ( Jackson , N.J. ) said. "I never dreamed this could come true. Thank God it did, because I need the money for a college fund. I've got a couple kids on their way there. *(Bohn continued Page 3)*

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# Ask Bea!

*Happy Mother's Day Moms From Ask Bea!*

**Dear Bea:** I am a good bowler. I bowl in three leagues. My high average is a 179. I like to help my friends bowl when they are bowling bad. I know a lot about bowling. I could write a column for you, too! Anyway, lately my friends are shying away from me when I try to help them. Do you have any advice on how I could get them to hang out with me again? **Lonely**

**Dear Lonely:** Thanks for the offer to write for the paper, but I don't make those decisions, "I just write here." But back to your friend problem—you are a cad. Unsolicited coaching is never welcomed. Friends don't want advice they want to have fun. Buy them a beer, apologize, and ZIP IT! By the way, ever thought of getting some professional coaching? Hmmm....oh never mind, that's another column!

**Dear Bea:** My friend always tells jokes in front of the bartender and somehow I am always the butt of them. I hate it. He buys my drinks all night long but how can I tell him I want him to stop making fun of me? **Joke Butt**

**Dear Joke Butt:** You must not be drinking enough of those free drinks if you are paying attention to his jokes—drink up!

**Dear Bea:** Bowlers are always giving my three-year-old son money and toys at the bowling center. They buy him candy without asking me if he can have it first. Sometimes they bring him gifts! How can I make them stop? I am his mother and they should clear things like this with me first. How can I make them stop? **Mom**

**Dear Mom:** Money, gifts, candy — what's the problem? Give it a few years, unfortunately, it will stop. Enjoy.

*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.*

## QUICK 'N EASY OLD FASHIONED DUMP CAKE

*Submitted by: Evelyn Peoples*

- 1 Can Cherry Pie Filling
- 1 Can Crushed Pineapple
- 1 Box Yellow Cake Mix (Dry)
- 2 Sticks Margarine Melted
- 1 Cup Chopped Pecans

Dump ingredients in order into a 13X9 pan and bake at 350 degrees until cherry seeps to the surface and the cake mix is golden brown. Mmmmm.

## ZUCCHINI BREAD

*Submitted by: Evelyn Peoples*



NOTE: Do not use electric mixer!!

- 3 Eggs
- 1 Cup Oil
- 2 Cup Sugar
- 3 Teaspoons Vanilla
- 3 Cup Sifted Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Soda
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- 3 Teaspoons Ground Cinnamon
- 1/2 Teaspoon Baking Powder
- 3 Cups Grated Zucchini Squash (1 large or 2 medium)

Add dry ingredients to beaten eggs. Fold in zucchini last. Put in 2 well-greased and floured pans. Bake at 325 for at least one hour. Can be frozen and served later.

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## CALIFORNIA'S DITCH ROLLS INTO FIRST-ROUND LEAD AT USBC SENIOR QUEENS

*By Bill Vint, USBC Communications*

Janine Ditch almost pulled out of the 2008 USBC Senior Queens before it started, but despite feeling miserable, she coughed and sniffled her way into the tournament lead. The 56-year-old was the only player among the 139 women ages 50 and older to complete the first five games without a single game under 200. She posted games of 203, 232, 252, 203, 223 for a 1,113 total and a 22-pin lead over Patti Schultz of Braidwood, Ill. "I got up this morning dead sick," Ditch said. "I didn't feel like bowling. I almost pulled out. I think it's allergies, but I don't know. But I guess all the drugs kept me slow and that's what worked."

Ditch made the first cut in her only previous Senior Queens appearance in 2006, so she wasn't sure what to expect this time. "I just wanted to throw the ball well," she said. "When I do that, things will take care of themselves."

Schultz, who turned 50 on the last day in March, came into her first Senior Queens hoping to be among the top 10 qualifiers. Behind games of 256, 159, 214, 229 and 233, she was in good shape to realize that goal heading into Sunday's second round. And she's almost certain to be among the top 50 who will advance to Monday's final five-game qualifying round. "The second game killed me," Schultz said. "That pair was dry. I changed balls, but I couldn't carry." Schultz is an admitted late-bloomer when it comes to bowling, but she also has an impressive athletic background. "I didn't start bowling until 1990," she said. "I was too busy playing basketball. That was my thing. I played in high school, college (Olivette Nazarene) and semi pro. I could pretty much pick up anything athletically. So when I quit basketball, I met a guy who told me to try golf. After golf, we went to a movie and he said let's go bowling. I joined a league that fall and really took a liking to it.

"I met a guy who taught me the ropes - where to play, that sort of thing. He drilled me a ball. That was my husband Keith, who died two years ago on my birthday." After Sunday's second round, the top 50 senior women will advance to a third five-game qualifying round Monday morning. The top 31 will then join defending champion Lucy Sandelin of Tampa, Fla., in the three-game, double-elimination match play finals.

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*(Bohn continued from Page 1)*

“You dream of getting up in the 10th - or sixth frame as it was today – and throwing the great shot you want to win a great title or money. You dream it many times and for it to come true is a great feeling.”

Bohn advanced to the title match with a 160-106 win over his brother-in-law, Kent ( Newark , N.Y.). Bohn recovered from a spare in the second to strike with his final six shots for the win. All Elimination Round and Semifinal Round contests featured six-frame matches with a max score of 180.

Duke (Clermont, Fla.) advanced to the final match for the second consecutive season with a 146-124 win over two-time Motel 6 Roll to Riches winner Chris Barnes (Double Oak, Texas). Duke trailed early but rallied after Barnes had back-to-back nine spares in the fourth and fifth frames and Duke capitalized by striking with his final five shots. That forced Barnes to double and get nine pins for the win but Barnes left the 2-10 with his first shot in the 10th to give Duke the come-from-behind win. Barnes had advanced with a 137-117 win over Sean Rash ( Wichita , Kan. ), who was making his Roll to Riches debut, while Kent defeated Michael Haugen Jr. ( Cave Creek , Ariz. ), who also making his first Roll to Riches appearance.

The event started with the Challenge Round, where bowlers participated in one-ball roll offs with the lowest score after each frame moving into the Elimination Round and the two surviving bowlers earning byes into the Semifinal Round. In the first roll-off, Rash had a six-count to drop into the Elimination Round while Haugen was the next bowler knocked out with an eight count.

In the third round, Barnes and Kent managed nine counts while Duke and Bohn both struck to earn the two byes into the Semifinal Round. Bohn's victory meant that all four Motel 6 Roll to Riches events have been won by a bowler who earned a bye into the Semifinal Round through the Challenge Round.

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**Oh to be the best.....Secretary**

By Kendra Hardy

The Greater Houston USBC Association we have expanded our consideration for the league Secretary of the Year to include men and women serving as secretaries to our adult leagues. Our efforts netted 8 nominations for this award. Our



*Pictured left to right: Cheryl Polak, GHUSBC Association Manager, JoAnn Scace, Secretary Spring Branch Memorial Newcomers League, Kendra Hardy, GHUSBC 2nd Vice-President, and Alice Scherer, League President. Photo Courtesy GHUSBC.*

committee and board are certain that we have many secretaries that are deserving of this award. We would like to hear from anyone that has comments or ideas on how to revise the program to net more nominations next year. We commend all of the secretaries for the services they provide to our bowlers. We know that each secretary is deserving of this award, but we can only pick one secretary of the year. This year we are proud to recognize one of our league secretaries for

her long term dedication in serving her league. This year’s recipient has served as league secretary for 41 years. This award is given for performance in not only executing duties flawlessly, but recognition by their members for going “above and beyond” the duties of their office.

It is with sincere appreciation for her many years of great service that we announce the 2008 Secretary of the Year, Joann Scace of the Memorial Newcomers League bowling at AMF Bunker Hill. She values each bowler as a friend and treats them with respect and kindness. She hosts a Christmas Brunch at the bowling center and plans an annual awards banquet where all league awards are presented. Joann goes the extra mile to support her members. Alice Scherer, league president, explains that Joann remains calm and focused in her league duties. She further stated that Joann is very proficient and keeps track of scores even though they are kept on the center computer. Joann promotes bowling in all aspects of her life. Joann remembers birthdays, sends words of encouragement during an illness, and stays connected to each member in a personal way. We believe Joann is successful in her efforts is because she makes bowling personal. We salute you for your commitment and promotion to the sport of bowling and we congratulate you, Joann Scace, 2008 Secretary of the Year!

Joann is joining the prestigious group of elite league secretaries recognized in prior years: 2007-Marsha Rudolph, 2006-Helen Southern, 2005-Sandy Randall, 2004-Kori Bray, 2003-Leona Kain, 2002-Josephine Brown, 2001-Barbara Ward, and 2000-Sharon Robertson.

**What is the Accords Group?**

By: Donna Hall, GHUSBC President



*The Accords — Photo Courtesy GHUSBC*

In 1983, the late Arlene Washington founded a group of bowlers and named them “The Accords.” This group originated due to Arlene’s feelings about ladies with lower averages who had bowled for years but had never been asked to bowl in a tournament. She just wanted these friends to have fun and bowl together. The charter members of the group were Lela Bonner, Jean Johnson, Jean Wilson, Jane Hainsworth, Carol Shallo, Lou Culpepper, Marie Hancock, Willie Francis, Jo Ella Wilson, and Arlene Washington.

Read more about the Accords on the Bowlers Buzz website: [www.bowlersbuzz.com](http://www.bowlersbuzz.com).

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**Webber International University Partners with the Kegel Training Center to Offer Collegiate Bowling beginning in the 2008-09 Academic Year—Recruiting Bowlers for Scholarships**

Webber International University (WIU) has partnered with the Kegel Training Center to offer collegiate bowling beginning in the 2008-09 academic year. The 4-year private business university plans to field a team to compete in USBC collegiate tournaments to qualify for the Intercollegiate Bowling Championship Sectionals and Nationals. The team will train at the Kegel Training Center and be coached by the coaches at the Training Center in Lake Wales, Florida.

WIU bowling team will compete in USBC events and has scheduled 9 tournaments for the 2008-09 school year. WIU was designated as one of the best educational institutions in the Southeast for 2008, by the Princeton Review. They have designated a minimum of 12 partial athletic scholarships for bowling.

Webber plans to have a competitive men’s and women’s team as

well as a developmental team to build toward a successful national program. Athletes will train at the Kegel Training Center and be coached by Joe Slowinski, Del Warren and Randy Stoughton.

“This is great news,” said both John Davis, founder of Kegel and Rex Yentes, President of Webber International. “We can now focus on developing teams for the sport of bowling on a daily basis, added Davis”

“This is truly a dream come true for both Webber and the Kegel Training Center,” added Del Warren, Vice President of the Training Center.

“Members of the WIU bowling team will have the opportunity to train at the leading training facility in the world with world-class coaches,” states head coach Joe Slowinski. “We expect competitive bowlers and serious students to be attracted to the unique opportunity to receive a quality education at Webber while receiving elite training at Kegel.”

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**MEN'S INVITATIONAL**

- 1st Place, Handicap Team, **Priority Delivery**, 3265, **John Chovanec, Willie Thomas, Myron Crawford, and David Sutton**
- 1st Place Scratch Team, **Priority Delivery**, 2779
- 1st Place Handicap Doubles, 1690, **Randy Stahl and Kevin Stahl**
- 1st Place Scratch Doubles, 1455, **Rick Minier and Paul Minier**
- 1st Place Handicap Singles, 918, **Donald Shrum**
- 1st Place Scratch Singles, 789, **David Rountree**
- Handicap All Events Champion, **Donald Shrum**, 2661
- City Champion, **Paul Minier**, 2258



Photo Left to Right, Donna Hall, GHUSBC President, Donald Shrum, & Cheryl Polack, Assoc. Manager

**WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**

- 1st Place, Handicap Team Division I, **Intensity** 3216, **Michelle A. Davis, Janet Sutton, Nikoletta Battistoni and Barbara Bias-Jackson**
- 1st Place, Handicap Team Division II, **Don't Hate** 3198, **Lindsey Fain, Ann Marie Damian, Melinda Valencia, and Viola Damian**
- 1st Place Handicap Doubles Division I, 1650, **Kori Bray & Mandy Cribb**
- 1st Place Handicap Doubles Division II, **Krystell Gray & Larissa DeLeon**, 1691
- 1st Place Handicap Singles Division I, **Karen Hill**, 867
- 1st Place Handicap Singles Division II, **Jackie Baker**, 930
- 1st Place Handicap All Events Division I, **Leandra Harvey**, 2441
- 1st Place Handicap All Events Division II, **Jackie Baker**, 2544
- City Champion, **Sabrina Duncan-Rose**, 2170



Donna Hall GHUSBC President and Sabrina Duncan-Rose

**Women's Collegiate Bowling**  
**"LADY HAWKS' SEASON ENDS IN FINAL FOUR OF USBC CHAMPIONSHIPS"**



The Lady Hawks of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, 2008 NCAA National Champions. Photo Courtesy NCAA Sports.com.

***An NCAA Championship Keeps the Heads High of UMES Bowlers.***

After coming from one loss in the contender's bracket the Lady Hawks of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) found themselves in their second straight Final Four in as many weeks. This time however, didn't end as it did last weekend. UMES was heartbroken in a semi-final loss to Pikeville, 4.5 games to 3.5 in the 2008 USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships. The loss ended the season for UMES, who has nothing to be ashamed of as they hold the 2008 NCAA National Championship at home in Princess Anne, Maryland.

Pikeville, who would have had to lose twice to the Hawks to be eliminated, went on to top hometown favorite Wichita State 2-0 in

the best of three finals. They were crowned national champions on what will be a tape delayed telecast by CBS College Sports Television. The third seeded Pikeville topped the seventh seeded Hawks by winning four of the seven games. They two teams tied the fifth game at 203. UMES had a 2-0 lead, taking games one and two by scores of 183-187 and 190-156 respectively. Pikeville fought back to take game three 212-180 and game four 223-159. After tying game five UMES

dominated game six 212-137 but then dropped game seven 280-172. That set up a tiebreaking game eight 214-177 in favor of Pikeville (183-187, 156-190, 212-180, 223-159, 203-203, 137-212, 280-172, 214-177).

Despite a semi-final run, no Hawks were named to the All-Tournament Team. Pikeville freshmen Ashly Galante was named MVP. Joining her on the women's All-Tournament Team was Morehead State senior Amy Corbin, Wichita State's sophomore Rocio Restrepo and senior Emily Maier as well as Lindenwood freshman Laura Fonnegra, the team that UMES eliminated a round earlier.

"It would have been an honor to win both national championships," said Head Coach Sharon Brummell. "We came here because this event means so much to our seniors. They really enjoy bowling in it and deserved the chance to do so."

Jessica Worsley and Christine King both bowled their last event with the Hawks today at the USBC Championships and leave the team on top of the college bowling world, both pivotal in winning the NCAA title.

*Editor's Note: The Bowlers Buzz Salutes All of These Champions! Congratulations on Your Accomplishments!*

**TEXAS BOWLER REACHES 50 YEARS AT USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*Courtesy USBC*

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - When he was just 21 years old, Jamie Brooks of Wylie, Texas, started his career as a bowling proprietor and dedicated his life to the sport, both on the lanes and behind the scenes.

Brooks has been honored for his five decades of service with inductions into the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America, Texas State and Houston Halls of Fame, and this week, he was honored for his dedication as a competitor at the USBC Open Championships.

With his wife, Peggy, friends and fellow bowlers by his side, Brooks joined an elite group of bowlers as he made his 50th appearance at the USBC Open Championships on Thursday at the Albuquerque Convention Center. Brooks became the 94th bowler in tournament history to reach the milestone.

"Reaching this goal is amazing, and it has been great fun," said Brooks, a 73-year-old right-hander who made his first Open Championships appearance at the 1957 event in Fort Worth, Texas. "That first year, I was kind of in awe of it all. Back then, there weren't very many of us from our city who got to go, and I was lucky enough to be on pretty good teams for all those years. During that time, it never entered my mind that I could ever win, just look at the odds. The year we won, we beat thousands of doubles teams."

Brooks' lone Open Championships title came in 1973, when he teamed up with Jim Paine of Houston to claim the Regular Doubles crown with a 1,337 effort. During his 50 years on the tournament lanes, Brooks has knocked down 84,581 pins for a 189.2 career average, which includes 601 in singles, 519 in doubles and 504 in team for a 1,624 all-events total this year.

Off the lanes, Brooks has managed nearly four dozen bowling centers in Texas and currently has seven under his watch. Over the years, bowling has taken him all over the country, both professionally and competitively. "I really like going to the different places because of the tournament," Brooks said. "It been absolutely great. We get to go places we probably would never have gone to, and some are pretty neat. I plan to be there next year, and my next goal is to get 100,000 pins. You've got to have goals. If you have goals and something to live for, you might just do it."

As much as Brooks has enjoyed the tournament competition, it's the people he's met who have made it even more special during the last 50 years. He enjoys the people and tries to give back in his business.

"To me, the people in bowling are unique," Brooks said. "The people in bowling are the greatest. I don't have any friends who are not in bowling. What we try to do in our bowling business is enrich people's lives.

If you do that, it sure makes you feel good. We try to teach them and make them better bowlers."

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**USBC Releases Museum Deed of Trust**



The USBC Board of Directors voted unanimously to release the deed of trust on the property owned by the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, giving the Hall of Fame the right to move to a new location.

Over the past year, the IBM/HF has been in discussions with developers in St. Louis regarding redeveloping the Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame within the proposed entertainment complex of Ball Park Village, a project of the Cordish Group and the St. Louis Cardinals. Just this week, the USBC and BPAA submitted a formal proposal for the Hall of Fame to move to Arlington into a facility being purchased by USBC and BPAA. This new alternative, which is being analyzed and clarified, is also near a developing entertainment complex, as well as numerous sports and entertainment venues.

"I believe moving the Hall of Fame to Arlington would be a great addition to our efforts to bring numerous integers under one roof" said Jeff Boje, President of the USBC. "We certainly hope the Museum's Board agrees, but we will respect any decision that it makes." IBM/HF

President, Pat Ciniello, was relieved to receive the release of the deed of trust. "Now the real work begins as the Museum's Board of Trustees weighs its options for the Hall of Fame. We are fortunate to have two great new locations from which to choose." A decision by the IBM/HF Board regarding the facility's location is expected in about 60 days.

Charles Peoples—  
When does 1 + 1 = 30?  
Yep, that's how many years we will be married on May 20th. I still love you—now go bowl—it's the last night of league. We met at Palace Lanes so it is natural to be bowling on our anniversary!  
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### **BPAA Announces 2008 Golden Pin Award Recipients Proprietors Recognized for Best Practices in Bowling Center Operations**

*By Cary Richmond, BPAA*

BPAA is again recognizing ideas, tips and innovations in bowling center operations through the eighth annual Golden Pin Awards, formerly named BPAA Best Practices Awards. The award presentation will be held during BPAA's Annual Membership .

BPAA is proud to once again recognize the leaders in the industry in the essential areas of bowling center management: food and beverage operations, employee relations, center administration, customer service and retention, customer recruitment and revenue generation. These proprietors are setting the standards when it comes to profit dollars in their centers.

The process of reviewing nominations for these recognitions, which were submitted by not only BPAA member bowling center owners/managers but also industry leaders such as state bowling proprietor association executives, BPAA Board Members and others, began earlier this year. The BPAA staff reviewed submissions and selected the winning proprietors in two size categories for each topic area, 32 lanes and up and 30 lanes or less (unless otherwise noted). The 2008 Golden Pin Award Recipients are:

- Center Administration 32+ lanes-Peter & Rosalie Scimone Roseland Lanes; Oakwood Village, OH
- Center Administration 30 lanes or less - Ron Boring,Tallmadge Lanes; Tallmadge, OH
- Customer Recruitment 32+ lanes Paul Kreins & Michelle Sidener, Bowl-ero Lanes; Lakewood, CO
- Customer Recruitment 30 lanes or less - Jim Ternes, Sierra Lanes; Oakhurst, CA
- Customer Service/Retention 32+ lanes and up - Brent Prentice, Cedarvale Lanes; Eagan, MN
- Customer Service/Retention 30 lanes or less - Patrick Michael Jenkins, Spare Time Recreation Center;
- Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan (U. S. Navy)
- Employee Relations 32+ lanes- Randy Hinkson, Brunswick Zone Deptford; Deptford, NJ
- Employee Relations 30 lanes or less - Robert Todd and Belinda Thomas, Ocean Lanes Bowling; Lompoc, CA
- Revenue Generation 32+ lanes-Jan Watson, Strike and Spare Family Bowl; Knoxville, TN
- Revenue Generation 30 lanes or less - Bill Mossontte, Mission Hills Bowl; Mission Hills, CA
- Valencia Lanes; Newhall, CA
- Food and Beverage Operations 32+ lanes-Mark Platzer, Pinsetter Bar & Bowl; Pennsauken, NJ
- Food and Beverage Operations 30 lanes or less - Bruce F. Bartzten, Northwest Bowling Center;
- Naval Support Activity Norfolk; Chesapeake, VA

### **BPAA to Honor Proprietors of the Year Proprietors Nominated by State Associations to be Recognized at Bowl Expo 2008**

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BPAA announces the 20 recipients of the distinguished Proprietor of the Year awards, which will be presented during BPAA's Annual Membership Meeting at International Bowl Expo. Unveiled in 2005, this prestigious award is presented to a proprietor in each state who has been nominated for outstanding contributions to the industry and sport of bowling. Affiliated BPAA state bowling proprietor/center associations each submitted one nomination from their state(s). These awards are intended to raise the importance, prestige and visibility of proprietor's accomplishments on the state and local levels.

The 2008 Proprietors of the Year, listed by state, are as follows:

- Arkansas, Pat Allen, Conway Family Bowl, Conway, AR
- California (North), Dennis Fanucchi, Granada Bowl, Livermore, CA
- Carolinas/Georgia, Howard Davis, Strikers Family Sports Center, Rock Hill, SC
- Colorado, Tom Haynes, Ice Lanes, Sterling, CO
- Florida, Bob Dykes, Oakfield Lanes, Brandon, FL
- Illinois, Alan Nordman, Town & Country Lanes, Mt. Morris, IL
- Indiana, Jerry Hindel, Hindel Bowl, Indianapolis, IN
- Iowa, Bev Van Blair, Cardinal Lanes, Newton, IA

- Kansas, Kenny Lynch, Holiday Lanes, Pittsburg, KS
- Michigan, Gerald Imhoff, Bowlero Lanes, Royal Oak, MI
- Minnesota, Charlie Meyer, Garden Center Lanes, Alexandria, MN
- Missouri, Vicki Bowman, Gladstone Bowl, Gladstone, MO
- New York, Tom Brongo, Brongo Bowl, Honeoye Falls, NY
- Ohio, Frank Ruggerie, Colerain Bowl, Cincinnati, OH
- Oregon, Mark Mattechek, North Bend Lanes, North Bend, OR
- Pennsylvania, The Bower Family (Gary Bower), ABC West Lanes, Mechanicsburg, PA
- Texas, Mark Williams, Crossroads Bowling Center, Beaumont, TX
- Washington State, Andy Carl & Mike Gubsch, West Seattle Bowl, Seattle, WA
- Wisconsin, Dean Day, Day's Bowl-A-Dome, Wausau, WI

### **USBC DEVELOPS NEW BIOMECHANICS TECHNOLOGY FOR BOWLING**

**Grip and foot pressure systems expected to have big impact on coaching, pro shops –**  
*Courtesy USBC*

Measuring pressure on specific points of the human body is becoming a new and growing focus for bowling coaching and training. USBC has now developed advanced technology that can measure grip and foot pressure to improve the collection of motion data throughout a bowler's approach. These patent-pending biomechanics systems, which transmit body movement data to a computer via a series of pressure sensors connected to a bowler's throwing hand and feet, are examples of new technology that USBC believes will usher in the future of coaching in the sport of bowling.

"This is the kind of technology we need in the sport of bowling," said USBC Research Engineer Paul Ridenour, who was instrumental in developing the grip and foot pressure systems. "These systems work together with coaching. USBC hopes that by understanding biomechanics and applying these systems to the sport of bowling, we can give our coaches the most advanced tools to analyze bowlers and help teach athletes of all ability levels."

The grip pressure system measures the location and amount of pressure a bowler imparts on different parts of the throwing hand as it grips a bowling ball throughout an approach and delivery. A bowler's hand is outfitted with a specially-designed sports glove with small pressure sensors (0.07 inches thick) attached by medical tape. The sensors, which are made up of tiny, individual sensing units, transmit pressure data from the hand through a data hub worn on the wrist which is connected to a computer. Once a shot is recorded through the system, the data is analyzed on a computer.



"From a coaching perspective, the grip pressure system can provide coaches with valuable information about things such as a bowler's rev rate, if a bowler squeezes the ball in the back swing and how grip pressure changes when a bowler uses a different release," Ridenour said. "Measuring grip pressure can allow coaches to develop effective methods of teaching athletes different releases. From a ball driller's point of view, this can help to learn drillings that minimize a bowler's grip pressure." The foot pressure system measures the location and amount of pressure placed on various parts of a bowler's feet during the approach and slide. Pads with the same type of sensors used in the grip pressure system are placed underneath a bowler's shoe insoles. As a bowler makes an approach, foot pressure is measured and the data transmitted through hubs worn around the ankles to a computer and then analyzed. Sensors are calibrated based on a bowler's weight.

Foot pressure provides coaches with important data about a bowler's tempo, consistency of the approach, timing, power step, the slide and posting a shot," Ridenour said. "Foot timing is one of the critical aspects of a bowler's physical game, and we can actually measure within one hundredth of a second the amount of time a bowler takes on a single step and how long a bowler will stay posted in the finish position. Both grip and foot pressure measurement can be synchronized with video footage of bowling students."

In addition to grip and foot pressure systems, USBC is applying for a patent on another new technology system. These new technologies will be the subject of Neil Stremmel's Seminars at the USBC Convention Bowl Expo.

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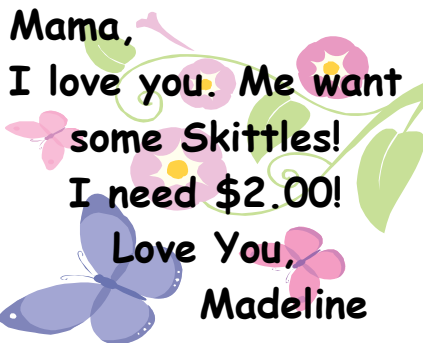
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