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PBA Set To Return With Special Summer Events In June, July

by Lucas Wiseman

JUPITER FL – After months of being sidelined by the coronavirus pandemic, the PBA announced Wednesday when competition will return this summer.

The first event up will be the **PBA Strike Derby**, which will air live on FOX on **Saturday June 6 in prime time from 4-6 p.m.** It will be streamed live for international viewers on FloBowling.

The derby will feature Tommy Jones, Kyle Troup, Sean Rash, EJ Tackett, Kris Prather, Shawn Maldonado, Anthony Simonsen and Bill O'Neill. It will mark the PBA's first telecast since the 2020 PBA World Championship show on March 15.

The eight spots were awarded to champions of the eight completed events in 2020 so far. Australia's Jason Belmonte and Sweden's Jesper Svensson declined invitations presumably due to travel issues. That allowed Maldonado (runner-up at the PBA Indianapolis Open to Svensson) and Tackett (third at the PBA World Championship behind Belmonte and Simonsen) to get in.

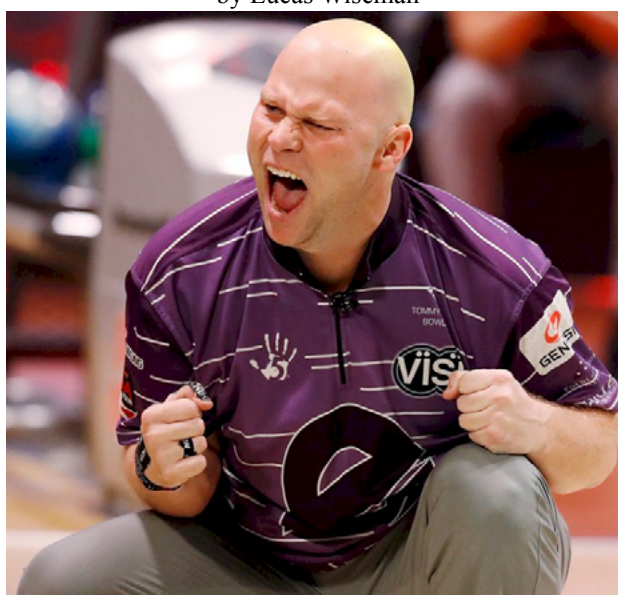
The eight PBA players will join PWBA stars Shannon O'Keefe and Danielle McEwan for the PBA Summer Clash, which will air on FOX (United States) and FloBowling (international) on June 13 from 3-5 p.m.

The PBA also announced the PBA King of the Lanes will take place in July on FS1 with players and dates to be announced.

None of the events are expected to award PBA Tour titles.

"We are so excited to be one of the first properties bringing live sports back to broadcast television," PBA CEO Colie Edison said in a news release. "This dynamic series of events will showcase the immense talent of our elite bowlers to a wide audience and we look forward to welcoming new fans to the Professional Bowlers Association."

The PBA said in the release that all of the competition will be held at Bowlero Jupiter in Florida without fans in attendance and an abundance of caution toward the safety



PBA Hall of Fame Classic Champion Tommy Jones

of the players, officials and TV production crew.

As for formats, the **PBA Strike Derby** will feature the eight players competing in a timed competition with each player getting two minutes to record as many strikes as they can. They will then be placed into an elimination bracket until there's a champion.

The **PBA Summer Clash** will utilize the same format as past PBA Clash events with a one-ball elimination format. Each round a player is eliminated until the final player left standing is the champion.

The **PBA King of the Lanes** will be a four-night live event. According to the release, the format will begin by deciding the "king" of the lanes, who will then defend the crown against a different challenger in a one-game match. The winner will be the king and returns the next night to face new challengers, with that process continuing each night.

Regularly scheduled PBA Tour events on FOX Sports

that were postponed due to COVID-19, such as PBA World Series of Bowling animal pattern championships, the USBC Masters, PBA Playoffs and PBA League team competition, are being rescheduled for the fall and winter, the PBA said in the release.

PBA Strike Derby

Where: Bowlero Jupiter, Florida

When: Saturday, June 6, 4-6 pm

TV: FOX (U.S.), FloBowling (international)

Competing and how they qualified, by PBA Tour event:

Tommy Jones, PBA Hall of Fame Classic champion

Sean Rash, PBA Oklahoma Open champion

Kyle Troup, PBA Jonesboro Open champion

Kris Prather, PBA Tournament of Champions champion

Bill O'Neill, PBA Players Championship champion

Anthony Simonsen, US Open runner-up

(*champion Jason Belmonte of Australia unable to attend*).

Shawn Maldonado, PBA Indianapolis Open runner-up

(*champion Jesper Svensson of Sweden unable to attend*).

E.J. Tackett, PBA World Championship third place (*champion Belmonte, second place was Simonsen already in*).

PBA Summer Clash

Where: Bowlero Jupiter, FL

When: Saturday, June 13, 3-5 pm

TV: FOX (U.S.), FloBowling (international)

Competing: Same eight PBA players from Strike Derby

Tommy Jones, Sean Rash, Kyle Troup, Kris Prather, Bill

O'Neill, Anthony Simonsen, Shawn Maldonado, E.J. Tack-

ett; Joined by top two in 2019 PWBA competition points:

Shannon O'Keefe & Danielle McEwan

PBA King of the Lanes

Where: Bowlero Jupiter, FL

When: July, dates and times TBA

TV: FS1 (U.S.), FloBowling (international)

Competing: Players to be named

BREAKPOINT – Eddie Katz 60 and over Scratch Classic Tournament Club

by Bette Addington, California Bowling Writers

This week we are going to explore the life and adventures of Eddie Katz, which, I must say is an "E" ticket ride so buckle up and hold on!

At age 64, Eddie has been an advocate for bowling since he took up the sport at age 30. His parents were both league bowlers and when they had an opening on their team, they asked 6'8" Eddie to join their team. At this time in his life, he was busy racing desert motorcycles and thought that was the direction he wanted to continue but a friend on his bowling league asked him to come bowl his first tournament and he walked away with \$300 and was totally blown

away he could win money for bowling in a tournament. From that day on he decided to start practicing and became a regular at Fountain Bowl and never looked back. "I love to bowl and would bowl every day," Katz said. And that he has, bowling every Winter and Summer since, not taking a season off. Fast forward to today, he is a league officer in the 840 Classic Scratch league, that bowls at Fountain Bowl on Monday nights which is one of the biggest scratch leagues in CA. And improve his game, he has, as his team has won the last four-out-of-six years in this league. For his career, he continued on page 8



Eddie Katz

60 and over Scratch Classic Tournament Club

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Here's What We Might Expect Once Bowling Centers Are Open

by Dave Williams



More stringent requirements on the cleaning of house balls and rental shoes could provide a boom in sales for pro shops.

As we look forward to the reopening of bowling centers after the Coronavirus pandemic has run its course, I thought it might be appropriate to check in with states that have opened bowling center activity to the public so that we can see what's in store for us in the upcoming weeks.

The reopening of bowling establishments started in the state of Georgia and has since expanded throughout the southern states and beyond. As of May 22nd, 2020, the only states that remain totally closed are Delaware, Illinois and New Jersey. Regional openings, where governors are allowing counties or regions to reopen that meet criteria for a slowing outbreak, include **California**, Maine, Michigan, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington.

While Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura and Riverside Counties have not filed an attestation form for reopening, you would never know it by taking in the scene at Venice Beach or most Orange County Beaches! Coordinated protests were planned in early May according to many news outlets, with the police on record supporting the protestors. One sign at a "Ventura County Reopen Protest" said it all: *Isolating Sick People is a Quarantine. Isolating Healthy People is Tyranny.*

The same is true here in New Jersey, which is still officially in total lockdown, but every day I see more traffic and commerce along the famous Route 1 retail corridor in Edison, known as "The Three Mile Wonder." Just today I visited Walmart, a jewelry store (watch repair), a Shell Gas Station, and a Stop and Shop Supermarket. If it wasn't for the face masks and tape on the floor, you would never know that anything was different from the norm!

In an article that appeared on [marketwatch.com](https://www.marketwatch.com) (dated May 2nd, 2020), Chris Albano, co-owner of Stars and Strikes, a chain of 15 bowling centers based in 5 southern states, affirmed the following: "The consumer's frame of mind is critical for what happens next. All of us as consumers have to make a decision for ourselves based on what we want to do and don't want to do."

Georgia business owners obviously have more freedom than those located in California or New Jersey, but Albano goes on to ensure that his facilities will be in line with state and federal safety rules. Here's a list of the immediate physical changes that Albano made to comply with existing regulations:

- Every other bowling lane will be closed.**
- Protective screens will be installed at registers.**
- Every other game in the arcade will be turned off.**
- Video & other games will be wiped down hourly.**
- There are no longer bowling balls on the racks - they must be obtained at the desk.**

The bowling ball topic reminded me of my earliest days at L & L Lanes in Sebastopol, California. As a member of the first youth bowling club that was organized when the center was opened, one of the requirements of the league was to reserve a house ball. My go-to piece of equipment was "10-9," a ten-pound bowling ball that was placed on the appropriate ball return before my competitive match each week. The bowling ball was always cleaned and ready for use.

In the [marketwatch.com](https://www.marketwatch.com) article, Albano reports that Stars and Strikes had employed 1,600 people, but dipped to as few as 50 active employees at one point in March. By May 2nd the chain was back to 250 working employees. Chris went on to say that the company was eventually able to secure a loan from the \$2.2 trillion stimulus bill known as the Paycheck Protection Program. The plan is essentially a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. More than 70% of small business owners have applied for the program according to [sba.gov](https://www.sba.gov), representing more than 30 million organizations.

I reached out to Stars and Strikes but had not heard back from them before press time. We'll save their response and update for another segment...

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Six Players Who Got Snubbed In The PBA League Draft

by Lucas Wiseman

Anytime you have a draft, there are going to be questions around the last players selected and those who were left out. That was certainly the case Sunday at the 2020 PBA League Draft powered by BowlerX. In all, 52 players were eligible to be drafted but there were just 26 spots available, meaning half the players would not get picked. And there were some surprises amongst that group.

Here are FloBowling Senior Editor Lucas Wiseman’s top six players who were snubbed in Sunday’s draft:



1. DJ Archer

A two-time PBA Tour champion, Archer has been in the league for years. He’s a showman who knows how to handle the environment at Bayside Bowl. His experience could have been invaluable to several times yet they all passed him over. In the past five years in the league, Archer struck on 60 percent of his shots. He can get it done but as of now won’t have a chance in 2020. If a team needs a replacement player, look for them to dial up Archer.



2. Andres Gomez

Gomez has three PBA Tour titles to his credit and is another experienced, team-oriented player who could have filled a role on a team in 2020. Although he’s 46 years old, Gomez still competes at a high level, evidenced by his second-place finish at the 2019 PBA Chameleon Championship and making a run at the 2019 PBA Playoffs where he finished tied for fifth. Gomez did miss some of the early events in 2020 due to a broken collarbone, but he seems to be fully recovered.



3. Michael Tang

The younger brother of Darren Tang, who went at No. 11 in the draft, Tang is an up-and-coming youngster on the PBA Tour. He has made some shows (second at the 2017 USBC Masters, second at the 2018 PBA Doubles, fourth at the 2019 PBA Lubbock Sports Open) but hasn’t found a way to win yet. His time is coming and eventually teams will regret passing him over in this draft.



4. Zach Wilkins

Wilkins, who grew up as a five-pin bowler in Canada, took up ten-pin bowling at the age of 14 and last year began bowling full time on the PBA Tour. Since joining the tour full time, the two-hander has made a pair of shows, finishing fourth at the 2019 PBA Doubles and third at the 2019 PBA Gene Carter’s Pro Shop Classic. He has plenty of team bowling experience having competed for the Canadian national team and Urbana University collegiately.



5. Ronnie Russell

Of all the players on this snubbed list, none have more career PBA Tour titles than Russell, who has won four times. The only player with more titles who didn’t get drafted was Ryan Shafer, who has five wins but was near the bottom of the best-available list. A veteran player, Russell has struggled at times over the past few years but he still has the charisma and attitude you want on a team. He’s another player to look for if any teams need a replacement player in 2020.



6. Jake Peters

The 12th-best player available based on the rolling points list, Peters must have been disappointed to be passed over in this year’s draft. He did make it into the league last year as a last-minute replacement for the Philadelphia Hitmen when Shawn Maldonado was injured. Admittedly, his performance for the Hitmen was a disaster (no marks in four frames) but it was a nearly impossible situation. The reality is Peters is a PBA Tour champion with a Wichita State collegiate background who should be in the league.

Bowling Science “Trumps” Governor Newsom’s Science

by Frank Weiler

Cheer up bowling junkies. We will be bowling soon. Yes, because bowling “science” in conjunction with political and economic science is trumping Governor Newsom’s “science”. According to Governor Newsom the California COVID-19 lockdown is not driven by public opinion, public protests or politics. It is all about “science”. Science driven data.

Since science driven statistical forecasts are speculative and often wrong should we continue to keep society shut down based on what some Dr. Doolittle says? Shouldn’t the governor consider non-scientific concerns, including the economy, our mental well-being and our constitutional liberties? That being said, what about the “science” and scientific data the Governor is using. Is Governor Newsom’s science and scientific data consistent?

A few weeks ago, Newsom was speaking of a lockdown lasting until a vaccine is developed. What? It could take years to develop a vaccine and maybe a vaccine will never be developed. To this day scientists don’t know what caused the 1918 virus that killed millions (not thousands) and a vaccine has never been developed to combat the that Spanish Flu virus. That’s a century and still no vaccine!

According to Newsom’s proclamation that would mean the end of bowling in California! At least The end of bowling for this century.

Then about a week ago Governor Newsom’s science called for a little loosening of the rules but still directing us to stay at home. Now the governor says the reopening of many industries will be allowed. Has the science changed? No. The science data hasn’t changed. The state COVID-19 death rate and newly confirmed case rate haven’t changed much. So, what has changed?

It appears the governor is feeling the heat from the kitchen. Even his supporters are getting restless because of the state’s economic woes. A reading of the political tea leaves indicate California voters are fed up. They do not approve of prolonging the lockdown any further.

So, while Governor Newsom’s so-called “science” isn’t changing much, the political and economic sciences are changing. Bowling science is part of economic science. Californians are ready to get back to life as usual. Bowlers are ready to get back to bowling.

I guess you could say bowling science “Trumps” Governor Newsom’s is science.

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Those Special Bowling Moments Set to Reappear

by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA – It’s coming. Yes, it’s coming. Bowling’s reopening is getting closer and closer. For that matter, bowling’s reopening is already here for some Southern California centers. Yes, there are some local bowling centers that have already been given the go-ahead to resume limited activity. Each geographical area has its own rules and standards for the reopening timetable, but one of these days in the near future, all Southland centers will be resuming play.



Johnnie Englehart and his son, Scott, turned in a very special performance in 2014 at Winnetka Bowl.

Expect open bowling to start first . . . and then the leagues will follow. And you know what that all means? Bowlers once again will be able to recreate memorable moments that they can treasure for months, years or even a lifetime. This is one of the reasons bowling is such a wonderful and popular activity. Bowling veterans likely can recite plenty of special bowling moments in their life, which might include highlight games or highlight series. Each week, bowlers are hopeful they can produce take-your-breath-away moments. Typically, they don’t come. But just when bowlers least expect it – poof! – something magical happens. They find themselves in a “zone” and can’t miss. The rhythm is there, and everything is in sync. All of a sudden, the pins are obliging. Those seven and 10 pins that wiggle actually fall. Messenger pins come from nowhere to make improbable knockdowns. It happens. And that’s what makes bowling so special. That’s because one doesn’t have to be Pete Weber or Jason Belmonte or Kelly Kulick to do something extraordinary. For one game – or one series – one can bowl just as well as Weber, Belmonte and Kulick. It can be a mystery how it happens. But it’s fun when it does. It’s also nice when a reporter documents those feats so the stories can be passed around the social media loop and seen by dozens, sometimes hundreds, of friends and family. Jim Novak of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, knows that feeling of exuberance. Last year, Novak enjoyed the series of his life, ripping scores of 279, 256 and 268 at May City Bowl in Cedar Rapids. That adds up to an 803 series. At the time, Novak was 91 years, 2 months and 21 days old.

That gave him a spot in the United States Bowling Congress record book as the oldest bowler to roll a sanctioned 800 series. Then there’s perhaps my favorite highlight that took place Oct. 13, 2014 at Winnetka Bowl. A father and a son turned in a feat that sent a buzz racing through the entire Los Angeles area. Johnnie Englehart, a longtime elite bowler, and his up-and-coming son, Scott, both knocked out 300 games and an 800 series on the same night at the same bowling center – Winnetka Bowl. They were on different teams – bowling eight lanes apart. If this wasn’t special enough, it was Scott’s first 300 game and his first 800 series. And Scott put the exclamation mark on his night with a Brooklyn strike on his last shot to claim both the 300 and the 800 (802: 245, 257, 300).

It was pandemonium when Scott’s last shot knocked down all the pins. Johnnie had already finished with an 805 series with games of 300, 237 and 268. For Johnnie, it was a take-your-breath-away moment that literally took his breath away. Johnnie, seemingly never at a loss for words, was left somewhat speechless after it all happened. “This will stay with me a long time – only because of my son. Words can’t describe it,” he said.

For Johnnie, who has accrued dozens of good friends through the years because of his classy persona, it was his 63rd perfect game and 66th 800 series. But those personal achievements paled to what really meant something to him. It was watching his son put the finishing touches on an unbelievable night with a clutch, oh-so-memorable ending.

Said Johnnie: “As a parent, that’s one of the things you live for. It was great to be part of it.”

Yes, this was definitely a great take-your-breath-away moment in the world of bowling.

And soon, all bowlers will be getting the opportunity to carve out some of their own memorable moments.



BPAA and PBA Hall of Famer Mr. Nakano’ Passes Away

by Bob Johnson

An icon of Japan’s bowling industry, Keijiro Nakano, died on May 15 after suffering a brain hemorrhage. He was 93.

Known throughout the industry simply as “Mr. Nakano,” and a ubiquitous presence at International Bowl Expo for decades, his Starlanes chain of bowling centers was among the most successful in Japan, and his Eastern Sports Ltd. was a leading distributor. Eastern Sports represented U.S. Polychemical and ZOT Pinsetter Parts, among other companies.

His foray into bowling — a sport and business he would come to love — began with the opening of a center in 1963. He quickly grew the business during Japan’s bowling boom, increasing his center count to 15, housing approximately 600 lanes.

An economic downturn necessitated the closing of six of those centers, as well as some land he owned and planned to use for future development. With a leaner and meaner operation, he survived the downturn and emerged as one of the Japanese bowling industry’s leaders.

“I met Mr. Nakano many times, both in Japan and in the USA at Bowl Expo,” recalled marketing guru Paul Lane. “In Japan, I recall seeing many of Mr. Nakano’s paintings on display at the Starlanes head office in Tokyo. He was an accomplished artist.”

Added Lane: “During one visit circa 1983, he mentioned his interest in bringing the PBA Tour to Japan and asked if I could arrange a meeting with the PBA at Bowl Expo the following year. I made the introduction, and the outcome was the start of what became the annual Japan Cup.”

Eastern Sports Ltd. initially was the sole investor in that tournament. Over the years, it grew to have the largest budget of any single PBA event, including a substantial first-place prize in addition to unprecedented hospitality shown to PBA players, family, friends and support staff.

In addition to his work on the Japan Cup, Nakano was one of the world’s leading activists in lobbying for bowling’s inclusion as an Olympic Games medal sport, traveling in pursuit of his goal on his own dime.

“Among Olympic Committee officials, Nakano was endearingly known as ‘the bowling guy,’” said Frank DeSocio, Executive Director of the Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America.

Nakano was a past President of the Japan BPA, and received two major U.S. honors in back-to-back years: induction into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1999 for meritorious service, and BPAA’s Victor Lerner Memorial Award in 2000. In 1993, he received BPAA’s V.A. Wapensky Award.

A ceaseless promoter, Nakano spearheaded an annual event with California proprietor Don Hillman that saw American collegiate bowlers brought to Japan for exhibition matches and other appearances.

“Over the 12-year period that we put together those teams, he gave 96 kids an incredible experience,” Hillman, a BPAA Hall of Famer and past President, said. “It often was difficult for bowling to get the recognition that it deserved, but those collegiate tours opened doors to the mayor’s office, to the governor’s office and to the newspapers.”

Look for more of Hillman’s remembrances of Nakano in the July issue of BCM.

Due to government restrictions related to the coronavirus, Christian funeral services will be private and limited to family members. Plans call for a memorial service to be held later when coronavirus protocols are relaxed.



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A Clean Sweep for Luby Publishing in IBMA Writing Awards

Luby Publishing Inc. writers scored an unprecedented clean sweep in the 2019 national writing competition conducted by the International Bowling Media Association, claiming all 12 awards.

Gianmarc Manzione, Editor of Bowlers Journal International and Senior Editor of Bowling Center Management, won top honors in the Feature division.

Long-time BJI contributor and “Pro Bowling Insider” columnist Lyle Zikes took first place in the Editorial division.

And Bob Johnson, Editor of BCM and Senior Editor of BJI, claimed two first-place awards, winning in the News and Business divisions.

Manzione’s winning feature, titled “This Dad’s Life,” was the cover story for the March issue of BJI. It focused on Matt Ogle’s triumph, with Sean Rash, in the PBA Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles Championship. But it was much more than that. It was a story of dreams deferred and work and sacrifice and heartache and, ultimately, a dream realized.

In the September issue of BJI, Zikes devoted his “Pro Bowling Insider” column to the evolution of lane conditioning, and noted that bowling enjoyed its greatest popularity in the years before “blocked lanes evolved into the fully endorsed new normal.”

Johnson’s winning News division story, titled “Our Little Bowling Family,” appeared in the December issue of BJI. It focused on a bowling center in Holmes, Pa., MacDade Bowl, which has gained a sterling reputation for providing a welcoming and safe atmosphere for special-needs individuals, especially those on the autism spectrum.

“Following the Trends Has Paid Big Dividends” is the title of Johnson’s winning story in the Business division, which was the cover story for the June issue of BCM. It profiled BPAA’s 2019 Proprietor of the Year, Mike Logan, detailing how he has used profits from his FEC attractions to help fund improvements to his bowling operation.

The awards were the 77th and 78th in Johnson’s career.

Other multiple winners were LPI President Keith Hamilton, who picked up a second-place award and two honorable mentions, and long-time contributor Dennis Bergendorf, who secured a second-place award and one honorable mention.

All four of LPI’s magazines that serve the bowling industry — BJI, BCM, Bowling Entertainment Center and Pro Shop Operator — received award recognition in the 2019 competition.

EDITORIAL DIVISION

Winner — “If Only SCAM and SLAM were Spam,” Lyle Zikes, Bowlers Journal International (September)

Runner-up — “Are Pro Bowlers Too Accessible?” Jef Goodger, Bowlers Journal International (November)

Honorable Mention — “Giving Back to America’s Vets,” Keith Hamilton, Bowlers Journal International (December)

FEATURE DIVISION

Winner — “This Dad’s Life,” Gianmarc Manzione, Bowlers Journal International (March)

Runner-up — “Landmarks and Lanes: A Bowling Tourist’s Road Trip,” Kevin Hong, Bowlers Journal International (June)

Honorable Mention — “String Pinsetters: An idea Whose Time Has Come,” Barry Sparks, Bowling Entertainment Center (June 2019)

NEWS DIVISION

Winner — “Our Little Bowling Family,” Bob Johnson, Bowlers Journal International (December)

Runner-up — “Upping the Entertainment Ante,” Keith Hamilton, Bowlers Journal International (May)

Honorable Mention — “Duke and Bowlero in Spotlight,” Keith Hamilton, Bowlers Journal International (April)

BUSINESS DIVISION

Winner — “Following the Trends Has Paid Big Dividends,” Bob Johnson, Bowling Center Management (June)

Runner-up — “Dynamic Projection,” Dennis Bergendorf, Bowling Entertainment Center (June)

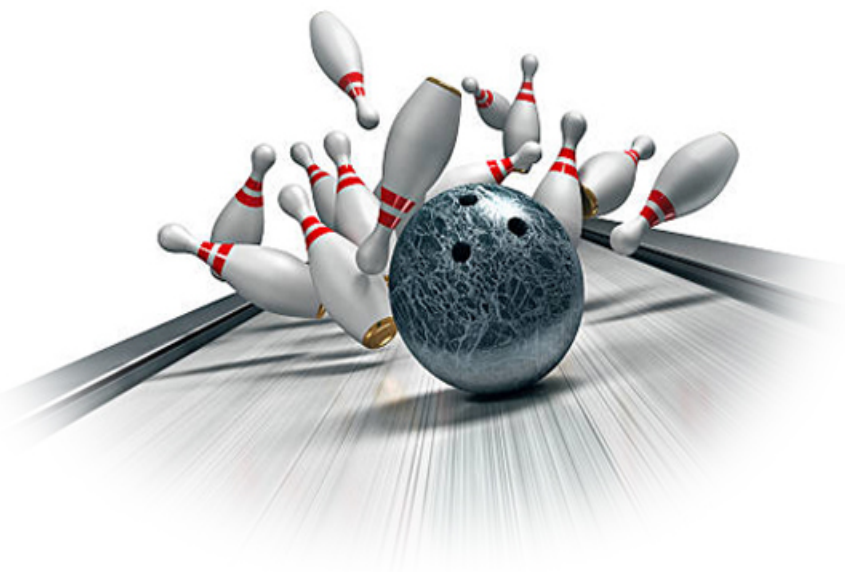
Honorable Mention — “The Art of Unlearning,” Dennis Bergendorf, Pro Shop Operator (Fall)


IBMA President Johnny Campos said that dozens of IBMA members submitted more than 80 articles published in bowling-related newspapers, newsletters and websites during the 2019 calendar year. Submissions were reviewed by a panel of professional journalists who were tasked with determining the honorees.

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Grading Each Team In The PBA League Draft

Below are FloBowling Senior Editor Lucas Wiseman's grades for each team's draft performance:



Las Vegas High Rollers
Grade: A+
Protected Players: None
Drafted Players: Francois Lavoie (1st), Andrew Anderson (4th), AJ Johnson (5th), Richie Teece (24th), Ildemaro Ruiz (25th)
Analysis: It helped to have the first pick but the way Monacelli managed this draft was a masterclass. He set his team up to win immediately and established a stable of talented young players as a foundation for the team for years to come. Taking Lavoie first forced Brew City to take Sean Rash second and almost certainly either Ryan Ciminelli or Dick Allen third. They ultimately went with Ciminelli. That set the stage for Monacelli to fill out his roster with young stars with the first three picks. Adding an experienced Teece and Ruiz late was the perfect addition to the young squad.



Brooklyn Styles
Grade: B
Protected Players: Walter Ray Williams Jr., Brad Angelo, Rhino Page
Drafted Players: BJ Moore (8th), Thomas Larsen (21st)
Analysis: After a bit of a turbulent offseason when Rash asked to be dropped from the team, Petraglia was tasked with an interesting draft of pairing up players with his veteran squad. Looking back on his selections of Moore and Larsen, you have to feel like Petraglia did about as well as could be expected given the circumstances. He now has a solid fiery lefty in Page and four right-handers who should be able to match up well off each other. This team is not, however, built for the future, so they need to find a way to win right away.



Philadelphia Hitmen
Grade: C-
Protected Players: Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Shawn Maldonado
Drafted Players: Jason Sterner (7th), Matt Ogle (22nd)
Analysis: You have to wonder what Couch was thinking with his draft strategy when even Sterner was surprised he got picked so early in the draft. Sterner is a solid player who works hard and is one of the nicest guys on tour but to take him ahead of guys like BJ Moore, Darren Tang and Brad Miller is puzzling. Another interesting pick was Ogle at No. 22. Like Sterner, Ogle appeared a little surprised as well. Consider this – had Couch taken Tang with the seventh pick, he could have matched him up with his brother Michael Tang with the later pick.



Brew City Ballers
Grade: B
Protected Players: None
Drafted Players: Sean Rash (2nd), Ryan Ciminelli (3rd), Dick Allen (6th), Christopher Sloan (23rd), Zeke Bayt (26th)
Analysis: Holman took advantage of the opportunity to get three of the top six players and went with experience, which should prove to make his team an immediate contender in the league. Rash was widely regarded as the best player available, while Ciminelli and Allen have tremendous experience at Bayside Bowl as well as a winning pedigree. Holman may have his handful with three very strong personalities, but if he can manage that things may go well for Brew City. Picking up Sloan and Bayt late was interesting and it's nice to see those guys in the league, but you have to wonder if drafting DJ Archer and Andres Gomez would have made this a powerhouse team short term.



Motown Muscle
Grade: B+
Protected Players: EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Josh Blanchard
Drafted Players: Mitch Hupe (9th), Matt McNiel (20th)
Analysis: With two of the best players in the world already set as a foundation for this team in Tackett and Simonsen, Ballard found players in the draft who should make his team a contender to win the league. Hupe probably went a bit earlier than most expected but he's a solid player who helped Portland win the Elias Cup last season. The pick of McNiel at 20 was a stroke of genius for Ballard. Often overlooked because he doesn't compete full time on the PBA Tour, McNiel is a showman who thrives in environments like the PBA League. He will breathe energy into the Motown Muscle.



Silver Lake Atom Splitters
Grade: A-
Protected Players: Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty
Drafted Players: Chris Via (10th), AJ Chapman (19th)
Analysis: The three-time league champions have to feel pretty good about how things played out Sunday night in the draft. The selection of Via at No. 10 may have been a bit early but it's tough to argue with. Via has been on fire lately and has made the show at the past two majors, no small feat. On the other hand, Baker got an absolute steal getting Chapman with the No. 19 pick. Chapman was projected to go in the top 10 and dropped throughout the night. Overall, two solid pickups for Silver Lake.



NYC KingPins
Grade: A
Protected Players: Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, Kyle Sherman
Drafted Players: Darren Tang (11th), Osku Palermaa (18th)
Analysis: As Tang tumbled down the draft board, Dorin-Ballard's eyes had to be lighting up with each successive pick. To be able to bring back Tang to her squad was a dream scenario for her as Tang was undervalued in this draft. Adding the talented double hander from Europe in Palermaa to the squad, who essentially replaces Moore as the only difference from last year's squad, was a perfect pickup. Combining the experience of Weber and Palermaa with the youth of Kent, Sherman and Tang should be a good mix for the KingPins.



Dallas Strikers
Grade: B+
Protected Players: Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill
Drafted Players: Brad Miller (12th), Nick Pate (17th)
Analysis: As excited as Dorin-Ballard must have been to see Tang drop to 11th, Duke must have been equally ecstatic that Miller fell to the 12th pick. Miller, a member of the Strikers last season, is one of the bright young stars on the PBA Tour. Pate, meanwhile, entered the draft as the seventh-best player on paper if you only look at the rolling points list but nobody expected he would be drafted that high. He's a solid sleeper pick for Dallas, but the real story here is the remaining players on the roster with Duke, Jones and O'Neill, a formidable group.



L.A. X
Grade: B
Protected Players: Jason Belmonte, Jakob Butturff, Stu Williams
Drafted Players: Patrick Girard (13th), Anthony Lavery-Spahr (16th)
Analysis: Although L.A. picked up two solid players in Girard and Lavery-Spahr, you have to think losing Allen from last year's squad will have a major impact. Lavery-Spahr rejoins L.A., so they do have four of their five players returning from last year. But Girard essentially replaces Allen, which is a tough spot for Girard. It would have been interesting to see L.A. shake things up with their picks. They could have taken Packy Hanrahan and McNiel and put their eggs in the lefty basket. Who knows if it would have worked but it would have been fun to find out.



Portland Lumberjacks
Grade: B-
Protected Players: Wes Malott, Kyle Troup, Kris Prather
Drafted Players: Martin Larsen (14th), Packy Hanrahan (15th)
Analysis: With both Ciminelli and Hupe gone early, the defending league champs had no choice but to add two new faces to its team for 2020. Hanrahan was a smart pick and you could make an argument he should have been picked up earlier in the draft. The talented two-handed lefty should thrive in the Bayside environment. Taking Larsen was interesting for the Lumberjacks and you have to wonder if Palermaa or Chapman would have been a better fit here. Time will tell.

A Healthy Way of Looking at Bowling

by Fred Eisenhammer

With bowlers itching to return to the lanes, this seems like a good time to discuss the benefits that bowling provides.

Here is a list compiled by AMF, citing the Bowling Proprietors Assn. of America as its source.

Some of the benefits are well-known, but others may be surprising:

- Bowling burns roughly 240 calories per hour of activity.
- It strengthens and tones your arm, shoulder, chest and leg muscles.
- It improves heart and respiratory fitness.
- It increases endurance while maintaining bone density.
- It speeds up your metabolism.
- An average bowler swings a bowling ball a full 360 degrees.
- An average bowler with a 16-pound ball swings 864 pounds full circle in a three-game series. That is well over one-third of a ton.
- An average bowler walks an average of 60 feet per turn, or about six-tenths of a mile in a three-game series.
- The social aspect of bowling helps improve your mental outlook.
- Bowling is a lifetime sport. It is one of the few sports that allow you to compete at a high level at an older age.
- Bowling provides an exercise option for those with physical limitations.
- The millions of dollars of scholarships awarded annually to youth bowlers help them reach their educational goals, which keeps our nation as a whole healthy.

That’s AMF’s list, but I believe there are other benefits.

One such benefit is the feel-good bond that brings together teammates when they compete in league play.

It’s a bond that often keeps players bowling on the same team for years and in some cases, for decades.

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by Bette Addington

- USBC Open Nationals, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV—POSTPONED to Sept. 12 – Nov. 21
- USBC Women's Nationals, SouthPoint, Las Vegas, NV—POSTPONED to Sept. 19 – Oct. 18, bowl.com
- 23-9/6 – The Mega Bowling Tournament, Wink's Silver Strike, Douglas, NV, 775/762-5018—POSTPONED to June 27
- 26 – BowlTV Podcast – Inside the OC with 2009 Dbls. Champion, Brenda Padilla, 11am, bowltv.com
- 27 – BowlTV Podcast – PWBA Podcast with 2020 PWBA Hall of Fame inductee Carolyn Dorin Ballard, 11am, bowltv.com
- 27-31 – USBC Super Senior Classic, Sam's Town, Las Vegas—POSTPONED INDEFINATELY
- 28 – BowlTV Podcast – Inside the OC with 2-time Eagle winner & USBC Board Member, Bo Goergen, 11am, bowltv.com
- 28-30 – IBM 2020 9th XTravaganza Doubles Bowling Tournament, Red Rock Casino, Las Vegas—CANCELED
- 30 – CBT Doubles & Singles, Canyon Lanes, Cabazon, squads-10/12/2/4, 661/418-8007, cbtbowling.com**
- 31 – San Joaquin Bowling Club Tournament, 559/385-8837--CANCELED
- 31-6/7 – USBC Senior Masters, Sam's Town, Las Vegas—POSTPONED INDEFINATELY

JUNE

- 6 – EBI Harley Valley Bowl Scratch 6 Gamer Doubles, 5pm, Harley's Valley Bowl, Simi Valley, 805/415-7018--CANCELED
- 6 – PBA Strike Derby, Bowlero Jupiter, FL, 4pm-6pm, FOX**
- 6-12 – Suncoast PBA Sr. US Open, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas—CANCELED
- 13 – Silver Foxes Doubles Tournament, 10:30am check-in; bowl at 12 noon, Rodeo Lanes, Clovis, 559/381-0356
- 13 – PBA Summer Clash, Bowlero Jupiter, FL, 3pm-5pm, FOX**
- 13-14 – CUSBC 2020 State Convention, Hotel Piccadilly, Fresno—CANCELED
- 13-14 – Storm Youth Championships, Western Bowl & Expo Bowl, Indianapolis, stormbowling.com
- 14 – 60 & Over Scratch Classic, 11am, Canyon Lanes, Cabazon, 562/243-0175
- 14 – HammerPins Summer Scratch 8 Gamer, 10am, Stars Rec. Ctr., Vacaville, hammerpins.net
- 14 – BB&K's Scratch 8 Gamer #2, 10am, Bowlum, Montclair, (MUST PRE-PAY Drew Parkin/60 bowler limit), 909/450-9415
- 20 – CA Women's 500 Club's 2020 Princess Tourn., Buena Lanes, Ventura, Gloria_hess@outlook.com

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Eddie Katz continued from page 1
has won four titles between West Coast Senior Tour and Super Senior Tour. He's averaged in the 220+ range for years and has (61) 300 games and (18) 800 series.

His dream this Summer was to do the PBA50 Tour, but that's not going to happen.

Eddie was born in Cleveland and came to California when he was 5. His life growing up was taken in the off road and dragstrip direction. He loves to tinker with cars and has owned an array of different vehicles through the years but not one to just stay with one vehicle very long, he ends up selling them and can't resist a new project that shows potential. After the desert motorcycles he went to sand buggies. He also spent several years being part of a drag racing team that raced in the NHRA Funny Car division. Leave it to Eddie to reminisce about coming to Bakersfield for the annual March Meet eight years back where he actually set up a bowling alley in their pit area! Of course, they also had a huge Margarita Mixer set up as well and had to have been the hit of the pits that year!

That is the car enthusiast side of Eddie. Then there's the bowler side. Sadly, in December of 2019, Dick Sanders/West Coast Senior Tour health took a turn for the worst and he said he couldn't do WCST anymore. That created a void for the senior scratch bowlers and Katz recognized that so after the first of this year, he created the 60 and Over Scratch Classic with the encouragement of his long-time girlfriend, Rhonda. Unfortunately, he was only able to get one event under his belt in February that drew 19 bowlers. He then had one scheduled in March at Cabazon with 35 bowlers signed up but due to COVID-19, he had to cancel it. His plan was to have one tournament per month and have the last tournament of the year in Laughlin in December, probably the first weekend. This last tournament would be a two-day event with a Sweeper on Friday and 8 games of qualifying and an entry fee of \$180. This was the plan. To help him with 60 and Over Scratch Classic, Eddie has Ben Laney who takes care of scores/sidepots/brackets. With Ben's help, entrants see a standing sheet printout posted after every game.

Katz' 60 and Over Scratch Classic is different from WCST. He lowered the entry fee to \$125, has (6) games of qualifying, Top 6 Finals/Match Play Finals (4 games). He has the top 3 bowl the bottom 3 and the final game is a position round. He said he wanted to have less games of qualifying because it not only helps keep down the cost of lineage, but six games seem to work for the older bowlers and a lot of his bowlers are 70+ years young.

Eddie is currently working on getting ball sponsors and is fond of Storm as that is, and has been, his favorite brand his entire bowling career. He hopes to get a ball sponsor or two to come on board as sponsors for his event to give him balls he could raffle off to help boost his prize fund.

Eddie has brought his son, Brian's grandchildren into the sport of bowling saying his "8-year-old grandson, Damon, loves to bowl." His other son who bowls, Tim, met his wife, Megan, at Fountain Bowl, are you surprised?

Always thinking about what he can accomplish next, Katz never stops working on his next event. The next 60 and Over Scratch Classic is scheduled for Sun., June 14th at Canyon Lanes in Cabazon and starts at 11am. Entrants will probably have to bowl every other pair for social distancing but after they bowl their 4th game, they can return to starting pair and bowl on the pair this time that were skipped giving the bowlers fresh oil. Diz Francisco, of Bakersfield, the inaugural 60 and Over Scratch Classic Champion reflected on why he enjoys this tournament club, "It's the quality of player that you are bowling against. Many of them are former and/or PBA champions! Also, because everybody in there is a good player and I like the level of competition. Eddie is also a participating tournament director! He runs the tournament for the bowlers. On qualifier, level of competition is high, but we get to bowl against bowlers our own age. Level of competition is high at all scratch events, but it's hard to find Super Senior scratch events where we don't have to bowl 'The Kids!'"

To stay up with Eddie Katz and his tournament club, you can become a friend of Facebook of 60 and Over Scratch Classic or you can contact him at 562/243-0175.

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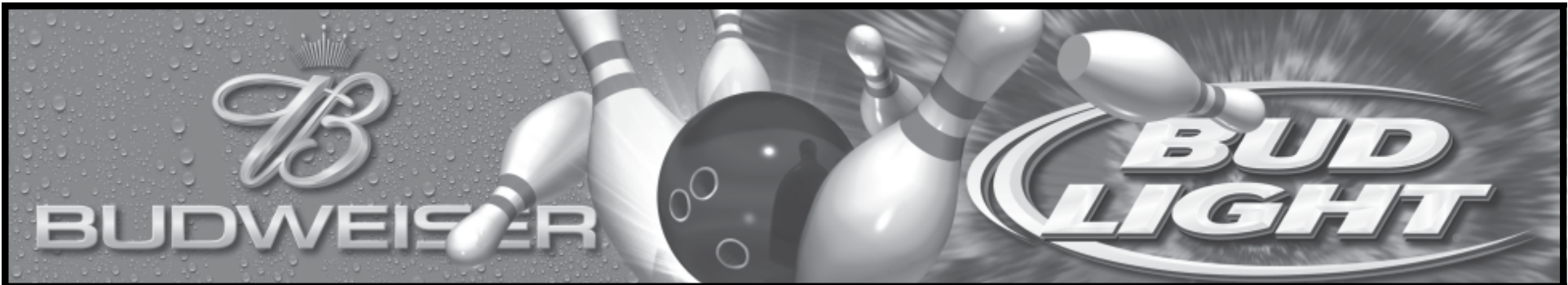
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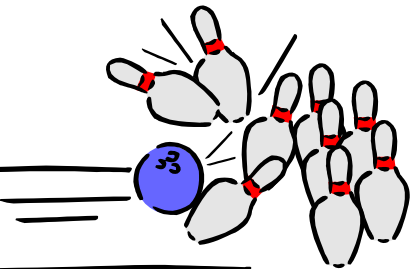
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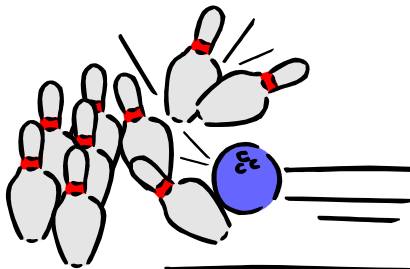
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