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FOUR ELECTED TO USBC HALL OF FAME FOR 2023

by Dave Schroeder

PBA & USBC ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP MOVING LIVESTREAMING TO BOWLTV FOR 2023

by Aaron Smith

ARLINGTON, TX – The Professional Bowlers Association and United States Bowling Congress have agreed on a partnership to offer exclusive livestreaming coverage of the 2023 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season on BowlTV.

The agreement will include comprehensive coverage of the PBA National Tour, as well as PBA50, PBA Jr. and PBA Regional Tour events. BowlTV's season coverage will feature all PBA Tour qualifying rounds and championship rounds for five PBA Classic series tournaments.

The coverage also will include the entirety of the Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship and all PBA50 Tour events.

This agreement brings the PBA Tour, Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour and USBC short duration tournaments to the same BowlTV livestreaming platform, providing subscribers unprecedented access to top-level bowling with one subscription.

"We are pleased to

have all professional bowling come together under the same platform for 2023," PBA Tour Commissioner Tom Clark said. "BowlTV's coverage will be tremendous for bowling fans."

PBA coverage on BowlTV will include multiple channels at each event, so fans can follow their favorite PBA competitors. The broadcasts also will include professional commentary, interviews and analysis featuring top bowling experts.

"We appreciate the PBA partnering with the USBC to create this incredible content offering for bowling," USBC President Melissa McDaniel said. "This partnership is a big win for all of bowling, including the fans, athletes and USBC members. USBC is committed to making the BowlTV experience outstanding for its subscribers and the PBA."

BowlTV offers event tickets, as well as monthly and annual subscriptions. Go to BOWL.com/BowlTV to learn more.

ARLINGTON, TX – The United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame will welcome at least four new members when the 2023 class is inducted April 26 during the USBC Convention in Las Vegas.

The USBC Hall of Fame Committee recently elected **Jill Weber** of Burlington, Wisconsin, and **Mike Rose Jr.** of Orlando, Florida, in the Outstanding USBC Performance category, **Ron Mohr** of Las Vegas in the Veterans category and **Jamie Brooks** of Fort Worth, Texas, in Meritorious Service.

In addition to the four electees, the USBC Hall of Fame Committee se-



lected seven bowlers – two women and five men – for the Superior Performance ballot that will be distributed to a national panel of USBC Hall of Fame members, USBC Board members and vet-

eran bowling writers.

Named to the women's national ballot are **Diandra Asbaty** of Chicago and **Missy Parkin** of Laguna Hills, California.

Selected for the men's

national ballot are **Dave Ferraro** of Kingston, New York; **Bryan Gobel** of Shawnee, Kansas; **Wes Malott** of Fort Wayne, Indiana; **Randy Pedersen** of Orlando,

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CBS SPORTS NETWORK TO TELEVISE THREE PWBA TOUR EVENTS IN 2023

ARLINGTON, Texas – Live coverage of three Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour majors, continued coverage of collegiate events, and the return of televised finals for youth events highlight a 13-event television schedule on CBS Sports Network in 2023.

The stepladder finals of the United States Bowling Congress Queens from Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas on May 23 will be the first of three live PWBA Tour majors televised by CBS Sports



Network.

The stepladder finals of the U.S. Women's Open follows on June

20 from ABC Gates Bowl in Rochester, New York, and the stepladder finals of the PWBA Tour

Championship complete CBS Sports Network's live coverage on Aug. 15 continued on page 6



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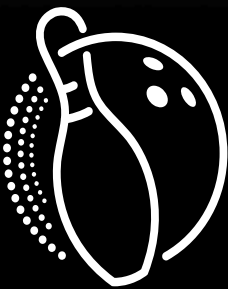
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Claude Heffington Leads Bowlers
of The Noonlighters League

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS – With the new Kegel Lane Machine cleaning the backends like never before, Empire Bowl scores are down across the board. Even Hall of Fame bowlers ANDY VARIPAPA and EARL ANTHONY would struggle to meet expectations on these slick lanes. Most of our “league rats” and social bowlers are feeling the pinch. Few have been free from low scores and frustration. CLAUDE HEFFINGTON is one of the few bowlers who continue to score while others continue to struggle.

Claude has been among Empire Bowl’s top bowlers for the past decade. He currently has the High Average among the Noonlighters League bowlers and has rolled some of the highest league scores including a 694 series.

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| 2. Glenn Forbush | 193 |
| 3. Tom Smith | 192 |
| 4. Lind Baldwin | 188 |
| 5. Terry Jordan | 187 |

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| Terry Jordan | 257 |
| Tom Smith | 256 |
| Claude Heffington | 249 |

HIGH SERIES so far:

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Where Are They Now...

The Halls Of Fame Will Be Calling For Leila Wagner

It's amazing what you can find on the internet. After last week's column about possible sponsors for PWBA tournaments, I decided to look for more information about one of the former stars of women's professional bowling both on and off the lanes, Leila Wagner.

What I discovered is that Leila is now a realtor. She started her "second career" in 2003. She's a licensed agent in both Maryland and Florida, where she now lives. When I saw her picture, I knew that it was her. If it's possible, I think that she is even more beautiful today, at age 62, then when she was a beauty queen living in the state of Washington.

I remember the first time that I met her at AMF New Frontier Lanes in Tacoma, Wash., in the mid-1970's, after she had just won a youth bowling tournament. I was stationed in Tacoma at the time and working for AMF as a Promotions Specialist. Eddie Hurd, the general manager of New Frontier, introduced me to her and I couldn't even put two words together, let alone a sentence. She was stunning.

When I reached her by telephone earlier this week, I recognized her voice immediately. After a brief introduction of who I was and why I called, we carried on a congenial conversation about her Hall of Fame career in bowling. She was actually born in Lynwood, Calif., but moved with her family to Seattle at an early age. That's when she began to excel in the game of tenpins.

"I bowled and later worked at Leilani Lanes, which held a PBA stop for many years," stated Wagner. "It was after a girl scout outing in which I rolled 3 strikes as an eleven year old that I became hooked."

In a September 1987 article from Sports Illustrated, Leila recalls that when she started on the women's tour at age 18, she feared anything and everything. But by 1982, her fourth year as a pro, she was averaging 219, the fourth highest that year, according to the S.I. article. Her first title came four years later, in the 1986 Hammer Western Open at Narrows Plaza Bowl in Tacoma, Wash., in front of her family and childhood friends.

"I left Seattle at the age of 22," said Wagner during our interview. "That's when I moved to Texas and went to work for American Airlines." Her second title was in front of her new found friends and fans, in the 1989 Metroplex Open at AMF DeSoto Lanes (then known as Advantages Bowling Center) in DeSoto, Texas.

Wagner met her husband, Marty Fischbach, while working for American Airlines. The S.I. article reveals that Fischbach is a pilot for American Airlines, and



Leila Wagner (2022) (Still stunning at age 62)

the two met in 1985 on a flight from Burbank to Chicago. "It's a corny story, but I'll tell it anyway," says Wagner. "It was a beautiful day for flying. Marty was the copilot and didn't pay any attention to me until I told the captain that I was a pro bowler. Then he whipped his head around, because he wanted to see how a woman pro bowler looked!"

The two were married, and not long after came their first child, Ryan, in 1990. Two years later came Alex. Leila said that she took some time before coming up with the name **Alex Michael Fischbach**. "I was working for AMF at the time, so Alex had his own **AMF** monogramed shirts!"

I was curious about Leila's time with AMF, because I didn't remember seeing her around that often. "I worked for AMF from 1986 until 1997," said Wagner. That made perfect sense, because when AMF made the move from New York to Richmond, Va., in 1986, the bowling products and bowling centers were separated. The bowling centers division, of which I was a part, merged with Major League Bowling Centers, a chain that was already owned by CCA Industries, the purchasers of AMF.

One of Leila's favorite stories about her time with AMF was a visit to South America. "Our first stop was at a new bowling center in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The theme of the bowling center was a space oriented format, and the masking units were the Seattle skyline with the Space Needle, so I felt right at home."

Wagner left American Airlines in 1989, and the pro tour five years later. It's amazing to me how she was able to juggle a marriage, two sons and three jobs for all those years. She continued as an announcer on ESPN until 1997, which is also the year that she left AMF.

I asked Leila about her time with ESPN and Denny Schreiner. "I actually started with Prime-TV as soon as the tour landed the television contract," said Wagner. "I remember practicing in front of a mirror for hours! Due to the Prime-TV exposure and experience, I got the position with ESPN." Leila was with ESPN for 10 years. The chemistry between Wagner and Schreiner was notable, as it was with Mike Durbin and Schreiner on the men's tour. "Denny was great to work with and was a big help, as was our producer and director," stated Leila.

Whenever Schreiner had other commitments, Leila commented that she was often teamed with non-bowling announcers. "This was not accepted well by the women on the tour, as I was usually working with a male, and their lack of knowledge for the sport came through in the telecasts. The women on tour felt this was a women's event. Why not use women from the tour that had knowledge of the sport?" It was then that ESPN took the advice of the tour members and moved Leila to the announcer role, and brought in Jan Schmidt as analyst.

I've mentioned a couple of times in this article about Leila's Hall of Fame career. Many will say that she lacks the number of titles or body of work necessary to be eligible. But when you add to that resume the number of years of service on Prime-TV and ESPN on behalf of the sport of bowling, I would put her record up against any USBC or PWBA Hall of Fame member in the category of meritorious service.

The Halls of Fame will be calling... soon!



Leila Wagner - AMF Portfolio (1987) (Photo provided by Dave Williams)



BOWLTV SERVES AS HOME OF PRO BOWLING IN 2023

INTRODUCES NEW MOBILE APP

by Aaron Smith

ARLINGTON, Texas – For the first time, bowling’s premier professional organizations in the United States will be available for fans around the world to watch through a single livestreaming service – BowlTV.

[BowlTV.com](#) is the multi-channel livestreaming platform of the United States Bowling Congress and will be the exclusive home of the Professional Bowlers Association and Professional Women’s Bowling Association in 2023.

A partnership between USBC and PBA is bringing the PBA’s full lineup to BowlTV for 2023, which includes coverage of the national tour, PBA50, PBA Jr. and regional competition.

The 2023 PWBA Tour schedule recently was announced, and BowlTV will be providing coverage for all 12 national tour stops and nine regional events.

All qualifying and match-play rounds leading up to any televised rounds will be featured on the livestream service. Visit [PBA.com](#) and [PWBA.com](#) to learn more about each organization’s television schedule for 2023.

With the additional tour events added to the schedule, BowlTV also will feature a new pricing structure starting Dec. 5. A recurring annual subscription will be \$119.95, but there’s an opportunity to save before the calendar flips to 2023.

From now until Dec. 31, 2022, bowling fans can get a recurring annual subscription to BowlTV for \$99.95. After the first of the year, the price will automatically renew at \$119.95.

Current BowlTV annual subscribers will be charged \$99.95 at their next renewal date and annually renew at the same rate with an active subscription.

A monthly recurring subscription now will be \$12.95, with the rate changing on Jan. 1, 2023, for current monthly subscribers. Event tickets still will be available for those who want to watch select live events. Transaction fees will apply at all price points.

In addition to the full range of professional events, USBC’s short-duration events and top-tier youth, collegiate and senior competitions will be featured on the platform. BowlTV also will continue to work with organizations like The National Bowling Association (TNBA) and Underground Bowling Association (UBA) to showcase their regional and national tournaments.

The PBA, PWBA, USBC short-duration and International Bowling Campus Youth Development schedule on BowlTV in 2023 includes:

- PBA Regional Players Invitational, Las Vegas – Jan. 2-5
 - Team USA Trials, Las Vegas – Jan. 2-7
 - U.S. Open, Indianapolis – Jan. 29-Feb. 4
 - PBA Springfield Classic, Springfield, Mo. – Feb. 7-11
 - PBA Shawnee Classic, Shawnee, Okla. – Feb. 13-17
 - PBA Wichita Classic, Wichita, Kan. – Feb. 20-24
 - PBA Jackson Classic, Jackson, Mich. – March 6-9
 - ISC and ITC sectional qualifiers, four locations – March 11-13
 - PBA Tournament of Champions, Fairlawn, Ohio – March 12-16
 - PBA Kokomo Classic, Kokomo, Ind. – March 21-24
 - USBC Masters, Allen Park, Mich. – March 26-31
 - PBA World Series of Bowling, Wauwatosa, Wis. – April 7-14
 - ISC and ITC, Las Vegas – April 17-22
 - USBC Senior Queens, Las Vegas – April 22-25
 - USBC Convention and Hall of Fame ceremony, Las Vegas – April 24-27
 - PBA Players Championship, North Brunswick, N.J. – April 30-May 5
 - PWBA Stockton Open, Stockton, Calif. – May 4-6
 - Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship, Middletown, Del. – May 8-11
 - PWBA GoBowling! Spokane Open, Spokane, Wash. – May 11-13
 - USBC Queens, Las Vegas – May 17-22
 - PWBA Grand Rapids Classic, Wyoming, Mich. – May 31-June 2
 - Super Senior Classic, Las Vegas – May 31-June 4
 - PWBA BowlTV Classic, Wyoming, Mich. – June 3-4
 - PWBA Great Lakes Classic, Wyoming, Mich. – June 5-6
 - USBC Senior Masters, Las Vegas – June 5-11
 - PWBA Bowlers Journal Cleveland Open, Parma Heights, Ohio – June 8-10
 - U.S. Women’s Open, Rochester, N.Y. – June 13-19
 - Junior Gold Championships, Indianapolis – July 10-22
 - USA Bowling National Championships, Indianapolis – July 12-13
 - PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Houston – July 27-30
 - PWBA Waterloo Classic, Waterloo, Iowa – Aug. 8-10
 - PWBA Pepsi Classic, Waterloo, Iowa – Aug. 11-12
 - PWBA Tour Championship, Waterloo, Iowa – Aug. 13-14
 - PBA League Elias Cup, Portland, Maine – Sept. 23
- The schedule is subject to change as additional events and dates are confirmed.

Along with a schedule featuring more than 100 events from across the country in 2023, bowling fans will be able to enjoy BowlTV “On the Go” through a new mobile app. The mobile app now is available for download on Google Play and the App Store.

Subscribers will enjoy the ease of just one click to watch their favorite bowlers and tournaments during the year while still enjoying the interactive features that have helped BowlTV continue to grow since its introduction as a subscription-based product in 2019, like the community chat, polls and giveaways.

The enhanced app experience will allow for casting to multiple platforms, a new video search function, notifications for live events and easy access to on-demand and archived tournament videos.

“Bowling fans have wanted to bring all of their favorite tours and events to one livestreaming platform, and we’re excited for our partnership with the PBA to make this happen in 2023,” USBC President Melissa McDaniel said. “Integrating a mobile app was the next stage for the continued development and growth of BowlTV. Being able to combine this new schedule with a new way to enjoy BowlTV is going to make for a great year for the subscribers.”

For more information on BowlTV, visit [BOWL.com/BowlTV](#). To subscribe, head to [BowlTV.com/subscribe](#).



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from Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center in Waterloo, Iowa. Each of the three two-hour live events are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Eastern.

“We’re excited to continue to partner with CBS Sports Network to bring live coverage of the PWBA’s most important events to our fans,” said Frank DeSocio, Executive Director of the Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America. “Televising the finals of these three majors helps bring top-of-mind awareness to the talented athletes competing on the PWBA Tour.”

In addition to live coverage of the women’s professional majors, CBS Sports Network will feature four shows from the Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships, the finals of all four divisions of the Junior Gold Championships, and the two title matches at the USA Bowling National Championships.

The last time the finals of the Junior Gold Championships and the USA Bowling National Championships were broadcast on television was at the 2019 events in Detroit.

“Bringing back televised coverage for these youth events was a priority, and we’re glad we were able to work with CBS Sports Network to make these telecasts a reality,” said Melissa McDaniel, President of the United States Bowling Congress. “The competitors in these events truly represent the future of the sport and it’s important to highlight their talents.”

The finals of college bowling’s premier events, the Intercollegiate Singles Championships and Intercollegiate Team Championships, will be held at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas and will kick off CBS Sports Network’s 2023 coverage with telecasts on four consecutive Tuesdays in April and May, all at 7 p.m. Eastern.

The ISC women’s finals will air Tuesday, April 25, followed by the ISC men’s finals on May 2, the ITC women’s title match on May 9 and the ITC men’s final on May 16.

Rounding out CBS Sports Network’s 2023 coverage are the finals of the USA Bowling Championships on consecutive Tuesdays in July, and the boys and girls finals in each of the four divisions of the Junior Gold Championships in August. Both events will be contested in Indianapolis.

The U12 division finals of the USA Bowling Championships will be televised Tuesday, July 18, at 7 p.m. Eastern and will be followed by the finals of the U15 division Tuesday, July 25, also at 7 p.m. Eastern.

The finals of the U12 and U15 divisions at the Junior Gold Championships are slated to be televised on back-to-back Tuesdays, Aug. 1 and 8. After a one-week hiatus, the finals of the U18 and U20 divisions will be televised on consecutive Tuesdays, Aug. 22 and 29. Each of the four Junior Gold telecasts are scheduled to start at 7 p.m. Eastern.

The 2023 CBS Sports Network bowling schedule is as follows (all times Eastern):

PWBA Finals (all live):

- Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m., USBC Queens, Las Vegas
- Tuesday, June 20, 7 p.m., U.S. Women’s Open, Rochester, N.Y.
- Tuesday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m., PWBA Tour Championship, Waterloo, Iowa
- USBC Intercollegiate Championships (taped April 22)
- Tuesday, April 25, 7 p.m., Intercollegiate Singles Championship (Women), Las Vegas
- Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m., Intercollegiate Singles Championship (Men), Las Vegas
- Tuesday, May 9, 7 p.m., Intercollegiate Team Championship (Women), Las Vegas
- Tuesday, May 16, 7 p.m., Intercollegiate Team Championship (Men), Las Vegas
- USBC Youth Championships (taped July 14 and 22)
- Tuesday, July 18, 7 p.m., USA Bowling National Championships (U12 division), Indianapolis
- Tuesday, July 25, 7 p.m., USA Bowling National Championships (U15 division), Indianapolis
- Tuesday, Aug. 1, 7 p.m., Junior Gold Championships (U12 division), Indianapolis
- Tuesday, Aug. 8, 7 p.m., Junior Gold Championships (U15 division), Indianapolis
- Tuesday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m., Junior Gold Championships (U18 division), Indianapolis
- Tuesday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m., Junior Gold Championships (U20 division), Indianapolis

Visit [CBSSportsNetwork.com](https://www.cbssportsnetwork.com) for listings and channel information, including information on rebroadcasts of these telecasts.

Visit [BOWL.com/Collegiate](https://www.bowl.com/collegiate) to learn more about the Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships.

For information on the Junior Gold Championships and USA Bowling National Championships, visit [BOWL.com/Youth](https://www.bowl.com/youth).

The PWBA Tour, Junior Gold Championships and USA Bowling National Championships are collaboratively funded by the BPAA and USBC.

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Florida; and **Mike Scroggins** of Amarillo, Texas.

Weber, a right-hander, is a three-time champion at the USBC Women’s Championships. Her first title came in 2002 when her team, High Roller-Cherry Hills, N.J., won the Classic Team title with a then-record score of 3,327. Weber contributed 741 to that total. Two years later, the same team won the same title with a nearly identical total. This time, High Roller-Cherry Hills, N.J., totaled 3,320, with Weber contributing 706.

The last of Weber’s trio of Women’s Championships victories came in 2008 as she teamed with Gina Daroszewski to win the Classic Doubles title. Weber rolled games of 192, 259 and 246 for a 697 series, while Daroszewski added 748. The team’s total of 1,445 was 29 pins better than their nearest competitor.

In addition to her three Women’s Championships wins, Weber finished third in the 1993 USBC Queens and owns 10 more top-10 finishes in her 27 appearances at the Women’s Championships.

Rose earned induction in his first year on the ballot on the strength of four Eagles won at the USBC Open Championships. Rose, a 51-year-old right-hander, collected his first Open Championships victory in 2007, when he totaled 2,198 to capture the title in Regular All-Events. Rose shot 687 in team, 724 in doubles and 787 in singles (where he finished seventh).

Eagle No. 2 came in 2015 as part of Team NABR. The group captured the title in Regular Team with a 3,368 total. Rose’s contribution to that was 697.

Rose’s third and fourth wins at the Open Championships came in 2017, as Team NABR won titles in both Regular Team (3,266 with Rose contributing 602) and Team All-Events (9,957 with Rose adding 1,865).

He owns a 219.1 average at the Open Championships over his 22 years of competition, good for second on the 20-year average list. In addition to his four Eagles, he owns 10 other top-10 finishes at the event.

Mohr, a 66-year-old right-hander, earned induction in the Veterans category after previously being considered in Superior Performance. Mohr owns two Open Championships titles, a senior major win at the 2011 Senior U.S. Open that is one of 11 PBA50 Tour titles, four PBA60 titles and a pair of Super Senior Classic titles.

Mohr’s two Open Championships wins span more than 20 years, with his first win coming in 2001 as a member of Team USA Support No. 2. The group captured the Team All-Events title with a 9,807 total (Mohr’s pinfall was 2,008).

His most recent win at the event came just this year as part of Storm Products Inc. 1. The team earned the championship in Regular Team with a 3,486 total. Mohr’s contribution was 603. From 2009-2019, Mohr collected 11 PBA50 Tour titles, highlighted by his win at the 2011 Senior U.S. Open where he defeated Walter Ray Williams Jr., 246-189, for his lone major title.

In addition to his professional and Open Championships titles, Mohr owns numerous medals in international competition as a multi-time Team USA and Senior Team USA member. He is a two-time PBA50 and four-time PBA60 Player of the Year. Mohr was inducted into the Greater Anchorage Hall of Fame in 1993, the Alaska State USBC Hall of Fame in 2008 and was a 2018 inductee into the PBA Hall of Fame.

Brooks has left his mark on the sport as a bowling center proprietor, past president of the Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America, tournament organizer and host, and accomplished bowler.

As a proprietor, he has put his creativity and ingenuity into action with a variety of formats and concepts. In Houston, he hosted the 1974 USBC Women’s Championships at his 72-lane Stadium Lanes, and two U.S. Opens at his 74-lane Big Texan, as well as other PBA national and regional events.

He founded the Senior All-Star Bowling Association in 1990, and more than 30 events are held annually.

Brooks was recognized in 2010 as the USBC Proprietor of the Year for his longtime support of various programs, such as hosting charity events for Bowl for the Cure and developing SASBA.

In 2019, the BPAA recognized Brooks as its President’s Award Winner.

Brooks has been very active at the local, state and national levels. He was one of the founders of the Texas State Bowling Council, he supported the start of the Texas Grand Prix Scholarship Program, and he has served on countless task forces and committees.

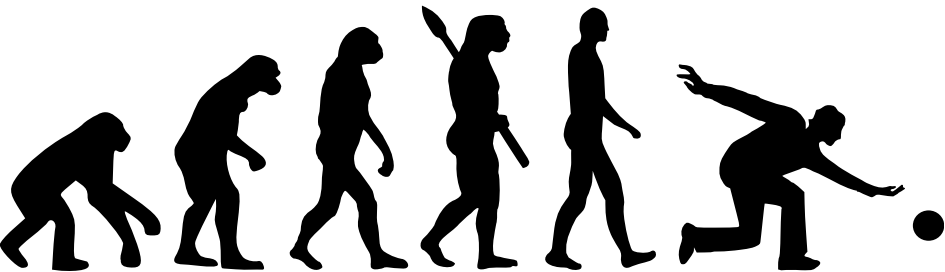
As BPAA President from 1984-1986, he hosted numerous summit meetings to solve bowling’s lane-conditioning challenges. Some subjects discussed in those meetings were mergers, single memberships, marketing and industry unity, laying some of the groundwork for the ABC/WIBC merger/consolidation of the industry groups that would come later at the International Bowling Campus.


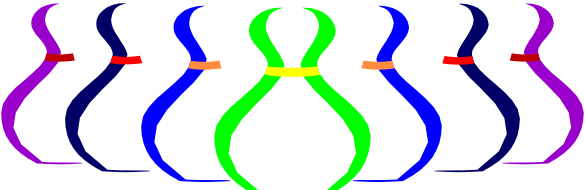
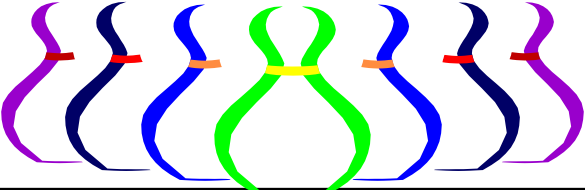
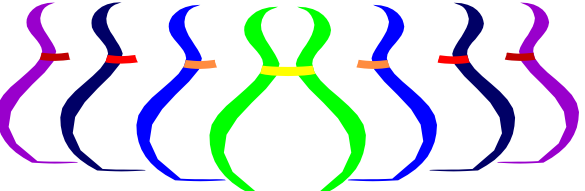
Brooks also is an accomplished bowler having won the 1961 Texas State All-Events title and earning a title at the 1973 Open Championships when he captured the doubles championship with partner Jimmy Paine. Brooks joined the 100,000 Pin Club at the Open Championships in 2021 and is one of 25 bowlers to accomplish the feat. He has 62 appearances at the Open Championships.

In addition to his USBC Proprietor of the Year Award and his BPAA President’s Award, Brooks has been honored with the Joyce Deitch Award (2016) and the Flowers for the Living (2018) award. He was inducted into the Houston USBC Hall of Fame in 1974 and the Texas State USBC Hall of Fame in 1982.

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FINISHING TOUCH FLOORS HAS 3 GAME LEAD WITH A WEEK TO GO

Bowlium will be the opponent needing a big night to take the round

by Mike Cammarata

DOWNEY – Going into Monday night, four teams had put themselves into position to have a shot at the round. Two of them got swept, leaving two in contention on the final night of the round which comes to an end next Monday. For most, it's a merciful ending as the round has proven to be very difficult. Even with that, each round has a mini-sweep on the final night, so there is still plenty of money to be won by the teams out of contention.

As for those in contention, it starts with Finishing Touch Floors. They started the night with a two game lead over DV8. DV8 hung in there in the opening game, losing by 23 pins, but feeling confident they could stay in the match. Ramsey Basurto led Finishing Touch in the opener with 235, while Kyle Duster had a 211 to keep DV8 close. The second game got worse for DV8, dropping the game by 47 pins. In the final game, the match got away as Finishing Touch pulled away with a huge game, winning by over 200 pins! Basurto was high again with 238/676, and he had plenty of help from Vernon Adams, who added a 231/641.

On the second pair, J.A.T. would square off against Bowlium, with both trying desperately to stay within striking distance of the top teams. Bowlium squeaked out the first game by a mere five pins to get the first win, being led by Butch Jackson's 203. In the middle game, Billy Myers Jr. got locked in for Bowlium, shooting a 242. Bowlium sub Kevin Jones added a 227, giving Bowlium a big win and they opened a lead up for totals. J.A.T. was out of the round and discouraged by this point, and game three showed it as Bowlium completed the sweep. With the five wins, Bowlium improves to 22-8 and is three games behind Finishing Touch Floors. That means they'll bowl each other next week for the round, and Bowlium needs four out of five to tie, and a sweep to win the round.

Cal Bowl got a strong 224 from Leonard Ruiz Jr. to start the night, giving them a win and an early 74 pin lead for totals. In the middle game, Paul Varela got locked in with a league leading 279 game. That effort got Threadworks the win to even the match at 1-1, but they only gained 22 pins back in totals as Ruiz stayed hot with a 225. In the final game, Thread-

works ran away for a 89 pin victory to more than make up the deficit in total pins, earning a 4-1 win in the match. Varela finished with a 226 game on his way to 684. Ruiz topped Cal with 227/676. The four wins improves Threadwork to 19-11 for the round.

Forest Lanes took the opening game against Family Ties by almost 200 pins. David Schiada was subbing for Forest and led the way with 206. Family Ties stormed back into the match and took the next two games, making a serious attempt at totals, but in the end they came up 25 pins short. The three wins for Forest Lanes were good, but they only helped for total wins on the season as they've been eliminated from this round. 538 was the top score on this pair, as Tony Brunning used a 199 in the opener just to reach that number.

U.S. Foods dropped the opening game to HB Complete Builders by 11 pins, but the rest of the night fell in favor of U.S. Foods as they won the match four games to one. Gabriel Martinez finished strong for U.S. Foods with 225 and 212 in the final two games for a pair leading 592 series. Charlie Kinstler added a couple of 200 games of his own to help Martinez out.

Bowling Guys took the first two games against J.K. Inc., but completely fell apart in the final game, losing by almost 140 pins which cost them totals as well. With the big final game, J.K. Inc. takes the match 3-2.

Westminster took the first two games from Allied Paving in convincing fashion, opening a big lead for totals. The final game was significantly closer, but still fell in favor of Westminster, 709-692, giving them a 5-0 sweep for the night. Bryan Osborned topped the Westminster squad with 212/572.

The Professional Approach got four wins in their match against Don Julio Tequila. The recap showed Pro Approach with a sweep, but Don Julio actually won the final game by 20 pins. Max Castillo topped the pair, leading Don Julio with 205/552.

Ramsey Basurto won the opening sidepot of the night with his 235 game and the third game super pot with a 238. The super pot paid him \$138. Leonard Ruiz was the runner up in the opener with a 224. In the middle game, Paul Varela won easily with his 279. Second place money was split by a pair

| TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND TWO | | | |
|------------------------|----|----------------|------|
| Finishing Touch Floors | 25 | Forest Lanes | 17 |
| Bowlium | 22 | Cal Bowl | 15 |
| Threadworks | 19 | Family Ties \$ | 16 |
| DV8 | 18 | U.S. Foods | 16 |
| Junior Amateur Tour | 17 | J. K. Inc. | 14.5 |

| TOP 10 THIS WEEK | | | |
|------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| Paul Varela | 684 | Gabriel Martinez | 592 |
| Ramsey Basurto | 676 | Kyle Duster | 588 |
| Leonard Ruiz Jr. | 676 | Charlie Kinstler | 578 |
| Vernon Adams | 641 | Ramon Torres | 576 |
| Kevin Jones | 595 | Bryan Osborne | 572 |

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of 225's, as Leonard Ruiz and Gabriel Martinez tied. In the third game, Vernon Adams was runner up to Ramsey, shooting a 231.

Varela's 279 game earned him an additional \$170 as he took the Financial Advisors pot as well. Billy Myers Jr. was second in that pot, shooting 242.

Two teams with a chance. One week to go. Finishing Touch Floors vs. Bowlium. Mini-sweep for the rest. Challenging lanes testing all of the players. Sounds like a great time, and we'd love to have you here watching the action. Bowling is at Del Rio Lanes on Monday night, beginning at 8pm. The Brunswick Invitational is the one all the others copy for a reason. Come down and see why.

