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PBA Tour's Debut on FOX Reaches Largest TV Audience Since 2005

Nielsen Media Research says PBA Clash was watched by more than 1.7 million viewers

LOS ANGELES – The Professional Bowlers Association's debut telecast on FOX Sunday reached an average audience of 1,768,000 viewers according to Nielsen Media Research figures released today by FOX.

The audience watching the PBA Clash telecast was the largest to watch any bowling telecast on any network since 2005.

The Go Bowling! PBA Tour kicks off its 2019 season on Sunday, Jan. 6, at 11 a.m. EST when the PBA Hall of Fame Classic finals air live on FS1 from the International Research and Training Center in Arlington, Texas.

The Hall of Fame Classic will be the first of 30 telecasts on FOX and FS1 in 2019, beginning in January and ending in July.

The total of 60 hours of PBA coverage will nearly double the hours of PBA TV coverage in 2018.

Orange County USBC BVL Tournament Reminder

by Joy McGregor

ANAHEIM – This is a "gentle" reminder that our annual BVL Tournament is on the horizon: one weekend - JANUARY 19 AND 20, 2019. This year's FUN tournament is hosted by LINBROOK BOWL, 201 S. BROOKHURST STREET IN ANAHEIM.

This tournament honors the veterans: BVL picks up where government funding leaves off, providing the "extras" that brighten spirits and boost morale.

There are two squads per day: 10 AM and 1:30 PM. The entry fee is \$25, re-entries at \$20 with the optional prize fund at \$5, which is handicapped at 90% of 220. The 3-game singles event will be scratch with 6 divisions for men and women and 6 for the youth. Please see the entry form for the classification of divisions and all the rules.

You may bowl as many times as you wish but a bowler CAN ONLY PLACE ONCE in his or her division for the scratch championship and ONLY CASH ONCE in the optional prize fund. All entrants must be members of Orange County USBC with a verifiable Orange County USBC average to be eligible for the optional prize fund and to be a representative at Helen Duval Veterans finals.

This event is truly for a good cause and you won't be disappointed, everyone is guaranteed a good time. DON'T FORGET - JAN. 19 AND 20. Check your favorite center for your entry and send it in; call the office at 714/554-0111 for info or go to our website: ocusbc.org and download the entry form. The entry closing date is JAN. 16, 2019 OR WHEN SQUADS ARE FILLED. On site entries accepted through JAN 20 See y'all at LINBROOK BOWL....

Go Bowling! PBA Tour Makes 2019 Debut with PBA Hall of Fame Classic

All-star field begins quest for PBA Playoffs berth at International Training and Research Center Jan. 2-6

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Go Bowling! Professional Bowlers Association Tour makes its 2019 debut with the \$100,000 PBA Hall of Fame Classic from the International Training and Research Center Jan. 2-6. The finals will air live on FS1 on Sunday, Jan. 6, at 10 a.m. (CST).

The new season begins with the first PBA Tour event ever held in the International Bowling Campus' research and U.S. Olympic training facility. It gets underway on Thursday, Jan. 2, when a field of 70 of the PBA Tour's top players from around the world start qualifying in the PBA Hall



of Fame Classic. Qualifying rounds will be live-streamed in their entirety by PBA's online video streaming partner, FloBowling, continuing Friday and Saturday to determine the five

players who will advance to Sunday's stepladder finals telecast.

The Hall of Fame Classic will be the first competition points event in a 13-tournament series as

players begin pursuit of 24 berths in the PBA Playoffs that will be held in April in Portland, Maine. The unique total pinfall, no match play format will be continued on page 9

Tommy Jones, Chris Barnes Retire From Team USA

For the last decade, Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina, and Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, have been staples of the Team USA program and regulars on the medal stand at events across the globe.

The two recently helped the United States to a tournament-best eight-medal performance at the 2018 World Bowling Men's Championships in Hong Kong, and the event will mark their last as members of Team USA.

After a combined 27 years on Team USA, Barnes and Jones have decided to retire from the program, though both will continue to compete professionally.

Barnes, a 48-year-old right-hander, is a 16-time Team USA member, while Jones, a 40-year-old right-



Tommy Jones and Chris Barnes

hander, has made 11 appearances on the team. Jones also spent one year on Junior Team USA.

Barnes and Jones have won dozens of medals competing for Team USA,

and their success together includes four world championships - three in the coveted five-player team event (2008, 2010 and 2017) and one doubles title (2017).

The duo will be recog-

nized during a special Team USA celebration at the 2019 USBC Convention in Las Vegas.

The upcoming Convention is scheduled for April 29-May 2.





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BOWLING IS THE BEST SPORT IN THE WORLD

by Frank Weiler

My motto is “BOWLING IS BEST” and I plan to have a button made reading just that. My second button will read “I’M A BOWLER AND I’M PROUD”. I am doing this because “BOWLING IS THE BEST SPORT IN THE WORLD”.

There are many reasons for me to make this claim about Bowling and hopefully the reasons I share with you will result in your agreeing with me. At the same time, I realize many will disagree with me, including bowlers. Probably a majority of the sportsmen in the world will disagree with me. That doesn’t make me wrong.

There are many instances throughout history where the majority of the earth’s inhabitants have held beliefs that were wrong. Instances where the wisest men in the world were wrong.

For centuries everyone believed the earth was the center of the universe. That the sun and all the planets revolved around the earth. For centuries everyone believed the earth was flat and for centuries everyone believed the universe was only 4,000 years old. The majority of mankind was wrong on all these points.

That’s why I am sticking to my guns. I believe that “Bowling is the best sport in the world”. I believe this even if the majority of mankind disagrees. They are wrong. I am right and I will prove that I am right.

I am sure that if a panel of impartial jurors was convened and presented the case for Bowling, those jurors would find that “BOWLING IS THE BEST SPORT IN THE WORLD”. You be the jury and hear my case.

First and most important, Bowling is accessible to a broader range of participants than any other sport. Bowlers range in age from around 5 to 102 or older. I had a teammate named Dorothy who was 100 years old when we competed together. She bowled until she was 102 and passed away at 104. This occurrence is not unusual. What other sport can boast participants with such an age range?

When we speak of the range of participants who Bowl there is more. People with all sorts of disabilities Bowl. There are wheelchair bowlers, blind bowlers, deaf bowlers, bowlers with mental disabilities and bowlers with prosthetic arms and legs. I once had a tournament teammate named Jeff who had two prosthetic arms and two prosthetic legs.

I have seen and heard of bowling leagues for all of the above disabled bowlers. I know of no other sport which accommodates participants with such a variety of disabilities. I have heard of wheelchair basketball and hockey leagues but nothing more. Only the sport of BOWLING offers opportunities to such diverse groups of disabled.

To be considered the best in the world a sport must match BOWLING on this count, and none does. The best sport in the world must offer a variety of physical and mental benefits to its participants. Bowling does this. Bowling provides participants with the opportunity to exercise arms, legs, hands, feet, back, neck and more. Bowling also requires participants to be mentally sharp. When rolling a bowling ball bowlers have to mentally calculate the speed and determine the trajectory they must propel the bowling ball to strike and convert spares. Bowlers must also be able to maintain their mathematical skills to ensure their score is correct.

The best sport in the world must be a universal sport. A sport played everywhere on the planet. Bowling rates among the most universally played sports on earth. People bowl on all five continents and Australia. People bowl in nearly every country on the planet. Only a few other sports are in Bowling’s class when it comes to universal participation, probably soccer and maybe basketball. Winter sports are not available to most equatorial countries and sports like golf and tennis are not popular in most poorer countries.

Everyone has the right to Bowl. Everyone who wants to bowl can Bowl. Bowling is an equal opportunity sport. Anyone, black, white, red or yellow can Bowl. Man, Woman, Boy or Girl can Bowl. Gay, Straight, Bi or Trans can Bowl. Believer and Non-Believer can Bowl. Bowling is open to everyone. While Bowling is not unique regarding this, any sport claiming to be the best in the world must be open to all. Bowling is open to all.

The best sport in the world, when competed at the highest level, must require mental and physical abilities universally recognized as possessed by only a few. Abilities recognized as a SKILL.

These skills will generally involve superior hand and eye coordination, accuracy in delivering a ball or projectile, strength and or speed. Bowling at a high level is a SKILL. A skill requiring a participant to consistently roll a heavy ball accurately over a sixty-foot playing surface.

The best sport in the world must be organized and governed worldwide. Bowling is. Bowling has a worldwide governing body and national governing bodies in all participating countries. The United States Bowling Congress (USBC) is the National Governing Body in the United States. Bowling is one of only a few dozen sports so organized.

The best sport in the world should provide its participants with an opportunity to earn a living when competing at the sport. Bowling does. Bowling provides amateur and professional opportunities to its participants.

There are Professional Bowling Associations in several countries and a World Bowling Tour. Bowling is one of just a dozen or so sports that can be pursued as a career.

Skilled bowlers have the opportunity to compete for prize money, with the very best earning millions of dollars. Walter Ray Williams Jr. is approaching five million dollars in earnings. About a dozen other bowlers have won over a million dollars. While bowlers do not earn exorbitant amounts of money, the very best bowlers earn sufficient amounts to live comfortably.



The best sport in the world should provide its participants with opportunities to improve their social skills and the ability to better interact with other human beings. Bowling provides numerous opportunities for participants to improve their social skills and become better persons. League bowlers are continually in contact with teammates and opposing players. Bowlers become better communicators. I and many others have met their wife’s Bowling. I hope you agree that “BOWLING IS THE BEST SPORT IN THE WORLD”.

PBA STARS ASSIST WITH MOOKIE BETTS' HOLIDAY FUND-RAISER

Mookie Betts' emergence as a major league superstar with the world champion Boston Red Sox, combined with his high-level bowling skills, has developed into a mutually beneficial relationship with the Professional Bowlers Association over the past three years.

Most recently, a fund-raising celebrity bowling event created 35 years ago in Betts' Nashville area hometown by his mother, Diana Collins, reached a new peak when a team of PBA stars (Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, DJ Archer, Dino Castillo and Shawn Maldonado) joined Betts, Red Sox teammate David Price and a number of other Nashville area celebrities to raise money in support of disadvantaged families associated with The National Bowling Association's Music City Senate.

And while they were in town for the celebrity fund-raiser at LTA Bowling Lanes in Murfreesboro, Tenn., the PBA players also donated their time and knowledge to Collins' new youth bowling clinic at Smyrna Lanes in nearby Smyrna, Tenn.

The celebrity fund-raising event (subtitled "AIM" for Acts Inspired by Mookie) carried on a tradition established by Collins when she was still in high school: raising money to help people facing medical or economic hardships, especially around the holidays.

"The idea was just to help someone," Collins said, adding that while the amount of money raised has yet to be calculated, "it has increased tenfold" over the past five years as her talented son has steadily risen to stardom in major league baseball.

In a year in which Betts was named American League Most Valuable Player, won the AL batting championship, was selected as AL Defensive Player of the Year, earned Silver Slugger and Gold Glove honors, played in the MLB All-Star Game and helped the Red Sox win the World Series, he coincidentally became one of bowling's most prominent spokesmen because his bowling talent was a topic in almost every discussion of his considerable athletic abilities.

From the PBA perspective, he has participated in the PBA World Series of Bowling twice (rolling a 300 in the 2017 Scorpion Championship in Reno) and he will join NBA star Chris Paul and friends for the third time as a participant in the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational at Bowlero The Woodlands in Conroe, Texas. The annual CP3 Invitational will air on FOX on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 3) at 2 p.m. EST. In addition, PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark presented Betts with his PBA 300 game ring during pre-game ceremonies at Fenway Park in Boston last summer.

Bowling Calendar

by Bette Addington

January

- 2-6 – PBA Hall of Fame Classic, International Training Center, Arlington, TX, bowlingmuseum.com/HOFVIP
- 2-7 – USBC Team USA Trials, Gold Coast, Las Vegas, bowl.com
- 5 – CBT Anniversary Cup Tour, Palos Verdes Bowl, 11am, 1pm & 3pm, Torrance, cbtbowling.com, 661/468-3796
- 5 – 2019 PBA Hall of Fame, International Bowling Campus, TX
- 5-2/3 – 54th Livermore Valley Tour. (LVT), Granada Bowl, Livermore, granadabowl.com
- 5 – 8 Gamer, 7pm, Morgan Hill Bowl, Morgan Hill, 408/778-0909
- 5 – HammerPins Sport Pattern Challenge Series, 7pm, AMF Rocklin Bowl, Rocklin, hammerpins.net
- 5 – Registration/entry deadline for 1st Bakersfield Senate TNBA Anchor Girl Trios Tourn., AMF Southwest Lanes, Bakersfield (Sat., Jan. 12), 661/510-7191, NRichards68@gmail.com
- 6 – JAT, 9am, Winnetka Bowl, Winnetka, bowljat.org
- 6 – CBT Anniversary Cup Tour, Surf Bowl, 12pm, 2pm & 4pm, Oceanside, cbtbowling.com, 661/468-3796
- 6 – 5th Pinole Valley Jrs. Vs Adults Competition, 10am, AMF Pinole Valley Lanes, 510/221-8512
- 6 – Big Money Challenge 5 Gamer Doubles, 11am & 2pm, West Valley Bowl, Tracy, 510/706-2576
- 6 – PBA on Fox 2019 debut, 8am, FS1
- 11-13 – PBA50 West Valley Bowl Sr. Open, Tracy, pba.com
- 12 – Bakersfield Senate of TNBA 1st Anchor Girl Trios Tourn., 10am & 2pm, AMF Southwest Lanes, 661/510-7191 (deadline is 1/5)
- 12 – Hammer Harley's Scratch 6 Gamer, 6pm, Harley's Valley Bowl, Simi Valley, 805/415-7018
- 12 – CBT Anniversary Cup Tour, Victor Bowl, 10am, 12pm, 2pm & 4pm, Victorville, cbtbowling.com, 661/468-3796
- 12 – Silver Foxes Doubles Tourn., 10:30 check-in; bowl at 12, Rodeo Lanes, Clovis, 559/381-0356
- 12 – Xframe Tourn., Oak Tree Lanes, Diamond Bar, 562/228-3960
- 12-25 – Pepsi Youth league level qualifying, calusbc.com
- 13 – 6th Tony Reyes Memorial Adult-Youth Doubles Tourn., 10am & 1pm, 4th St. Bowl, San Jose, 408/453-5555, JRS@4thstreetbowl.com
- 13 – CBT Anniversary Cup Tour, Bowlum Lanes, 10am, 12pm & 2pm, Montclair, cbtbowling.com, 661/468-3796
- 13-17 – BPAA Strategic Mid-Winter Conference, The New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans, bowlingsummit.com
- 14-16 – 35th "Fun Time" 50+ Sr. No-Tap Handicap Doubles, The Orleans, Las Vegas, 619/647-0541, ralphmorton@q.com
- 15 – CUSBC 2019 State Award Applications deadline, calusbc.com
- 19 – Adult/Sr. VIP Doubles, 12 noon, Riverside Lanes, Laughlin, 909/628-3966
- 19 – Anchor Girl Trios Tournament, Surf Bowl, San Diego
- 19 – Gold Pin 6 Gamer, 1pm, Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, 925/828-7550
- 19 – Youth USA National Bowling Championships (Pacific/Southwest), Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes, Sacramento
- 19-20 – Xframe Tourn., Oak Tree Lanes, Diamond Bar, 562/228-3960
- 20 – CBT Anniversary Cup Tour, Keystone Lanes, 10am & 12pm (Finals at 2pm), Norwalk, cbtbowling.com, 661/468-3796
- 20 – NCJET Youth Tourn., 10am, West Valley Bowl, Tracy, norcaljrelitetour@gmail.com
- 20 – Souza's Baker Doubles, 11am & 1:30pm, 4th Street Bowl, San Jose, 831/254-6098
- 20-25 – 62nd Military Bowling Championships, Gold Coast & SouthPoint, Las Vegas, 800/257-6179, high-roller.com
- 26 – Xframe Tourn., West Covina Lanes, West Covina, 562/228-3960
- 26-2 – 2019 ABT Winter Nationals, SouthPoint, Las Vegas, 710/719-9085, mail@abtbowling.com
- 27 – HammerPins Mixed Team Tourn., 10am, AMF Orchard Lanes, Chico, hammerpins.net
- 27 – JAT, 9am, La Habra "300," La Habra, bowljat.org
- 27 – Scratch 8 Gamer, 10am, Bowlum, Montclair
- 27-3 – TAT Amateur Nationals, The Gold Coast, Las Vegas, 1/844/321-8100, tatbowl.com

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With Golf in His Past, Bowler Rick Gould Is Back in the Swing of Things

by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA – It’s not uncommon for bowlers to take a few years off to re-charge their bowling battery before resuming their sport.

Nor is it that unusual for players to take 10, 15, even 20 years off.

But 45 years?

That’s what Rick Gould did and he’s now bowling like he never left.

In fact, he’s bowling with such gusto and vitality at 84, who knows when he’ll ever stop?



Rick Gould blasted a 299 game before leaving the sport for 45 years. Photo by Fred Eisenhammer

Gould returned to the game five years ago and celebrated a day to remember last week. Gould turned in his best-ever series since he joined the Funtimers senior league at Winnetka Bowl a year ago, bunching eight straight strikes in his second game.

After a woeful start (36 at the end of three frames), the right-handed Gould went on a rampage to finish with a torrid 234.

“Bowling is focus,” said Gould, explaining his turnaround. “When you focus and put the ball on your mark, you’ll hit the 1-3 pocket and that’s what I did.”

Gould, who finished with a powerful 594 series, is a 176-average bowler. That’s still below his heyday in his 30s when he averaged in the 200s and cranked out a sanctioned 299.

“When I came back to bowling, I set the bar a little too high,” said Gould, still dreaming of notching his first perfect game. “I was a good bowler back then.”

And that raises the question: Why did he leave the sport?

The answer: He fell in love with golf. “I got hooked,” is the way Gould explains it.

He golfed religiously every week until an ailing right hip forced him to the sidelines. “I couldn’t stand the pain anymore,” said the boyish Gould, who looks decades younger than his chronological age.

He’s since had hip replacement this year and “feels great.”

Golfing now is over for Gould and he waxes nostalgically that it is. “I love golf,” said Gould, who’s been married to wife Mickie for 60 years. “No comparison [to bowling].”

Still, he bowls now with his old flair and confessed he may join a second league.

Asked how much longer he intends to stay in the sport, the personable Gould said: “As long as I can.”



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Historic Tournament in China to Conclude 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour Season

Summer Tour to determine eight players who will compete in end-of-season special event on FloBowling

CHICAGO – The Professional Bowlers Association will conduct its first event ever in China when the inaugural PBA China Tiger Cup is held Nov. 8-11 at the 18-lane Suzhou Tiger Bowling Center about an hour west of Shanghai.

The historic tournament that will conclude the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule was announced on Friday by PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark, and tournament host Frank Zhao, the founder and president of Longmarch Bowling.

The tournament will include eight PBA Tour players who will earn expenses-paid berths based on 2019 USBC Cup points earned during the PBA Summer Tour. The eight PBA qualifiers will then join 56 PBA members from China, Korean, Japan and other Asian countries for an eight-game qualifying tournament. The top 16 bowlers after eight games will then bowl 16 games of round-robin match play for shares of the \$106,000 prize fund. A special USA vs. China team event will conclude the event.

The eight PBA Tour stars will qualify during an eight-event PBA Summer Tour schedule between July 24 and Aug. 31. The Summer Tour events will all be live-streamed on FloBowling. The tournaments will include the Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles in Houston, Texas; the Chesapeake Open in Chesapeake, Va.; the Wilmington Open in Wilmington, N.C.; the Gene Carter’s Pro Shop Open in Middletown, Del.; the Bowlerstore Classic presented by Moxy’s Xtra Pair in Coldwater, Ohio; and the PBA FloBowling PBA Summer Swing that will include the Wolf Open, Bear Open and Aurora Open, all in Aurora, Ill.

“The PBA China Tiger Cup is another major step forward as the PBA continues its efforts to grow the sport around the world, and especially in China’s rapidly growing bowling market,” said Clark. “The China Cup joins the creation of the PBA World Series of Bowling 10 years ago, a partnership with World Bowling on the World Bowling Tour and forming PBA Japan as examples of the PBA working to expose the sport at its highest level to as many people as possible.”

The PBA China Tiger Cup is the culmination of a relationship between Zhao, the China Bowling Association and the PBA that began with the first contingent of six Chinese bowlers competing in the PBA World Series of Bowling in 2014 in Las Vegas after participating in a “PBA Pioneer League” program originated by Zhao to comply with PBA average requirements. Since its humble beginning, Zhao has conducted 14 PBA Pioneer

League events, resulting in 94 bowlers in China and nearby Pacific Rim countries meeting PBA’s minimum average requirements and applying for PBA membership.

“China has huge potential for bowling,” Zhao said. “In the 1990s, there was a big boom with more than 30,000 lane beds installed in China, but it declined sharply. Thanks to bowling industry efforts recently, we have seen growth again. The PBA China Tiger Cup comes right on time to further stimulate the market.”

The titled sponsor of the event is Tiger Bowling which owns three centers in China. Five years ago, the company created a tournament called the Tiger Bowling Challenge involving “traditional” bowlers vs. “spinners,” referring to the standard “hook” style of bowling widely practiced around the world vs. “spinner” technique popular in several southeast Asian countries that is characterized by lightweight bowling balls propelled by a flick of the thumb. In its sixth year, the Tiger Bowling Challenge will include a series of monthly tournaments involving hundreds of bowlers competing simultaneously on the same oiling pattern at 14 centers around China.

"How China bowling develops depends on what we do today, said (Mr.) Lee, owner of Tiger Bowling along with several IT and investment companies. “Tiger Bowling will unswervingly grow bowling. I believe PBA China Tiger Cup will push the development of bowling in China to its new climax."

The PBA China Tiger Cup adds a crowning touch to an unprecedented schedule of events for PBA players in 2019 that will include:

- 28 PBA Tour title events;
- An extensive schedule of nationally-televised events on FOX, FS1 and CBS Sports Network
- An expanded schedule of live-stream coverage by PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling, the PBA’s new online partner;
- A new PBA Playoffs with a \$100,000 payoff to the winner;
- Four major championship tournaments;
- The return of fan and player favorites including the 10th anniversary PBA World Series of Bowling, PBA League Elias Cup, CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, 20th anniversary PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles and more.

Over the course of the season, the PBA will conduct events in 24 different cities and five countries, including the United States.

2019 GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR SCHEDULE

(All times Eastern)

PBA ON FOX SCHEDULE

Jan. 2-6 – PBA Hall of Fame Classic, International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas (FS1, Sunday, Jan. 6, 11 a.m., live).

Jan. 6 – World Bowling Tour Men’s and Women’s Finals presented by PBA, International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas (FS1, Sunday, March 10, 10 p.m.).

Jan. 8-13 – PBA Oklahoma Open, FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla. (FS1, Sunday, Jan. 13, 11 a.m., live).

Jan. 8-13 – Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla. (FS1, Sunday, Jan. 20, 1 p.m.).

Jan. 17 – CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Go Bowling, Bowlero Woodlands, Conroe, Texas (FOX, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2 p.m.).

Jan. 22-27 – PBA Lubbock Sports Open, South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas (FS1, Sunday, Jan. 27, 3 p.m., live).

Feb. 5-10 – PBA Tournament of Champions, Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio (FOX, Sunday, Feb. 10, 4:30 p.m., live).

Feb. 12-17 – PBA Players Championship, Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio (FS1, Sunday, Feb. 17, 1 p.m., live).

Feb. 19-24 – Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open, Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis (FS1, Sunday, Feb. 24, 3 p.m., live).

Feb. 26-March 3 – Go Bowling! PBA Jonesboro Open, Hijinx, Jonesboro, Ark. (FS1, Sunday, March 3, 5 p.m., live).

March 12, 18 – PBA World Series of Bowling X Cheetah Championship, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich. (FS1, Monday, March 18, 8 p.m., live).

March 13, 19 – PBA World Series of Bowling X Chameleon Championship, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich. (FS1, Tuesday, March 19, 8 p.m., live).

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March 21 – PBA World Series of Bowling X USA vs The World, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich. (FS1, Friday, March 22, 8 p.m.).

March 26-April 1 – USBC Masters, Gold Coast Bowling Center, Las Vegas (FS1, Monday, April 1, 9 p.m., live)

PBA PLAYOFFS ON FOX SCHEDULE

April 8 – PBA Playoffs Round of 24, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FS1, Monday, April 8, 7 p.m., live).

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April 27-29 – DHC PBA Japan Invitational Tokyo Port Bowl, Tokyo, Japan

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July 17 – PBA League Semifinals, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FS1, Wednesday, July 17, 9 p.m., live).

July 18 – PBA League Elias Cup Finals, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (FS1, Thursday, July 18, 9 p.m., live).

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PBA SUMMER TOUR/USBC CUP SCHEDULE ON FLOBOWLING

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Aug. 12-14 – PBA Summer Tour Wilmington Open, Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C. (live, FloBowling; USBC Cup points event).

Aug. 16-18 – PBA Summer Tour Gene Carter’s Pro Shop Open, Mid-County Bowling & Entertainment Center, Middletown, Del. (live, FloBowling; USBC Cup points event).

Aug. 21-23 – PBA Summer Tour Bowlerstore Classic presented by Moxy’s Xtra Pair, Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio (live, FloBowling; USBC Cup points event).

Aug. 24-31 – PBA Summer Tour FloBowling PBA Wolf Open, Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill. (live, FloBowling; USBC Cup points event).

Aug. 24-31 – PBA Summer Tour FloBowling PBA Bear Open, Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill. (live, FloBowling; USBC Cup points event).

Aug. 24-31 – PBA Summer Tour FloBowling PBA Aurora Open, Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill. (live, FloBowling; USBC Cup points event).

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Sept. 27-Oct. 4 – Thailand Open, Blu-O Paragon, Bangkok, Thailand.

Oct. 23-30 – U.S. Open, Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center, Mooresville, N.C. (live, CBS Sports Network).

Oct. 31-Nov. 6 – Kuwait Open, Kuwait Bowling Center, Kuwait City, Kuwait.

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Five Players Who Could Be 2019 Player Of The Year

by Jef Goodger

One of the best parts about bowling is wild speculation. Without the ability to project cut numbers during game three of A squad, guess at the winning score on TV or determine who will be lofting the gutter when, bowling loses some of its luster. So, before a single ball is rolled for score in 2019, let's prognosticate the top five candidates to win the PBA Player of the Year award.

Andrew Anderson

Anderson earned an automatic exemption to this list by winning the 2018 PBA Player of the Year award, but he doesn't need an exemption. We simply need to look at how he's bowled lately.

At the FloBowling PBA Fall Swing in October, Anderson qualified for all three step-ladder finals, finishing second twice. He missed match play at the U.S. Open a week later, but still mustered a check out of it. Then, in early December at the World Championships in Hong Kong, Anderson won five medals, including a gold. Those medals don't mean anything in PBA competition, but they mean something to PBA competitors: Anderson isn't slowing down.

With a lot of bowling and not a lot of breaks coming up, Anderson has exactly the type of momentum a player wants going into a new season.

Jason Belmonte

While he doesn't possess the same momentum Anderson has, Belmonte has a specific motivation he's been able to use successfully in the past: the unwavering desire to never let anyone else ever be PBA Player of the Year.

Three of Belmonte's four Player of the Year awards were consecutive, winning in 2013, 2014 and 2015. When EJ Tackett ended the streak in 2016, Belmonte openly admitted wanting the title back. Then, he promptly went out and took it, winning four titles in 2017, three of which were majors.

Will Belmonte's desire to reclaim the top spot on the PBA Tour motivate him similarly in 2019?

EJ Tackett

The runner-up for the 2018 award and winner of the 2016 award shares a similar mindset to Belmonte: an unquenchable desire to be the absolute best.

Tackett finished fourth in the U.S. Open, and the prevailing thought is he probably would've edged Anderson in the 2018 race had Tackett been able to win the U.S. Open.

Still, Tackett won more titles (three) than anyone in 2018 and is on a mission to collect major championships, particularly seeking the Triple Crown milestone this year. Those who collect major titles often collect Player of the Year awards.

Dom Barrett

Another easy choice to put on the list because he finished third in 2018 voting, Barrett would've made this list regardless.

He bookended the 2018 season with titles, winning the DHC Japan Invitational in January and the U.S. Open in October, but the rest of his season wasn't all that great, finishing in the top 10 just twice outside of his two wins.

The reason Barrett is a top contender for 2019 Player of the Year is he will be one of the players who can make the most of the week-to-week schedule.

As players bowl more often, with one event immediately following another, we'll see them get sharper and sharper as a whole. Still, Barrett will stand out. When he's sharp, he's nearly unbeatable, and Barrett may be better than we've ever seen him in 2019.

Kris Prather

Some might call Prather an upset pick to win the year's most prestigious award, but it's not out of the question.

Prather had about as good of a 2018 season as one can have without actually winning. He only bowled in 13 events and still qualified for the stepladder finals six times, twice in majors.

Prather is in the same league as Barrett when it comes to being dominant while sharp, although Prather has yet to see success on TV. Prather has been sharp for a while, and he's making shows. If he can keep that up, there are a lot of potential championships to be won before the end of March if he can figure out how to win on television.

Can he turn what he likely believes is a frustrating end to 2018 into a PBA-best 2019? Andrew Anderson did something similar a year ago.

Others receiving consideration

Anthony Simonsen discreetly finished second in points and third in earnings in 2018 and picked up two titles while he was at it.

Marshall Kent made five shows in 2018, and although he didn't win (unless you count the PBA Clash exhibition), continues to prove he can give himself a chance.

Stu Williams, who will be bowling an increased schedule over his past couple seasons, has been bowling well and might be able to capitalize on his more frequent appearances on the lanes.

Jakob Butturff is a threat to win any time he enters the building and finished in the top five in the 2018 vote.

Tom Smallwood bowled an abbreviated 2018 and still got some Player of the Year consideration. If he bowls more often, he's a threat, especially in the majors.

Bill O'Neill makes just about every cut. If he can get to more shows, he has the experience to win.

Kyle Troup continues to improve his game and may be ready for his best season yet.

For a non-upset-upset pick, how about **Sean Rash**? The 2011-2012 PBA Player of the Year had a down year for the standards to which he holds himself, but he quietly made a lot of cuts in the back half of the year, even as he bowled through injuries very few people knew about. He didn't want any excuses and battled as best he could. A resurgent Rash would make early 2019 even more interesting than it already appears to be.



Andrew Anderson, Jason Belmonte, EJ Tackett, Dom Barrett & Kris Prather

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The National Bowling Association (TNBA) Story – A Major Contributor to The Worldwide Expansion of BOWLING

by Frank Weiler

BOWLING is a worldwide phenomenon. A sport played on five continents by millions of competitors only decades removed from its origins as a neighborhood game, played in the back rooms of taverns. While there have been many innovations and changes responsible for Bowling’s emergence on the world stage, a change spurred on by the TNBA was crucial to the acceptance and success of Bowling worldwide. That change came in 1950 when the TNBA was instrumental in opening the sport to all races. Without that change the world would never have embraced the sport of Bowling.

During the early years of organized Bowling opportunities for people of color were limited. There weren’t many Bowling Alleys and they were closed to black Americans. The only way a black American could bowl was if he or she worked in one of those Alleys and bowled some games after hours. Until 1950 the American Bowling Congress (ABC) and the Women’s International Bowling Congress (WIBC) denied membership to black Americans.

It wasn’t until the ABC and WIBC changed their constitutions to allow bowlers of color to join their leagues that the sport of Bowling would take its first step toward worldwide acceptance.

The TNBA played a central role in bringing about this change and was a leader in the struggle for equal rights in our sport. It was born of necessity and formed to give all individuals an opportunity to bowl.

The TNBA story begins in the 1930s while the sport of Bowling was still young and growing in every region of the country. Not long after black employees started bowling, members of the black community also began to bowl when lanes became available. They were able to bowl at the Napodals Club in Cleveland, the YMCA in Cincinnati, Saint Christopher’s Church in Chicago, the Douglas Community Center in Toledo and on Chenney Avenue in Detroit.

While play was limited by the scarcity of lanes, it didn’t take long for black leagues to form and grow. As the leagues grew it became obvious that an organization was needed to oversee this growth.

In 1931 a group led by WYNSTON BROWN and Oscar McDonald formed the United Clubs Bowling League in Cleveland. The league had four teams competing on two lanes. By 1933 there were eight teams and it was almost impossible to complete league games.

In 1934 the league moved to Cleveland’s Waldorf Recreation Lanes. Twelve teams competed on seven lanes. In 1936 Viola Crosswhite formed the six team Ladies Progressive League and by then the men’s league had eighteen teams. During this period similar scenarios were occurring in other cities throughout the United States.

In 1939 the seed which would bloom into the National Negro Bowling Association (NNBA) and later be renamed The National Bowling Association (TNBA) in 1945, began to take shape. WYNSTON BROWN arranged the first inter-city bowling match between Cleveland and Detroit. Soon other inter-city matches occurred between other NNBA/TNBA founding cities.

These matches led to the first National Tournament held in Cleveland. The tournament was sponsored by WYNSTON BROWN, Jack Robinson, J. Elmer Reed and Joe Blue. Fifteen teams from Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit and Toledo participated in matches held at the Ontario - St. Claire Avenue Lanes on May 5-6, 1939. Chicago’s Woodlawn Alcumes was the winning team. They won the Joe Louis Trophy and \$35. The men’s high series was rolled by Jimmy Jones (589) and the women’s high by Edna Conner (483).

The 1939 National Tournament and the appalling bowling conditions confronting black Americans at the time provided the impetus for the founding of the NNBA/TNBA. Representatives from the five cities participating in the 1939 Tournament met after the tournament and appointed a committee to arrange a meeting to be held in Detroit to form a nationwide bowling organization.

That meeting was held at the Frogs Club in the Motor City on Saturday August 20, 1939. There were twenty-two founding members present, representing the five cities that participated in the first National Tournament in Cleveland earlier that year.

The seven representatives from Cleveland proposed the first draft of what would become the Constitution of the NNBA/TNBA and Cleveland’s WYNSTON BROWN was elected the organizations first President.

The purpose of the NNBA/TNBA, as stated in its Constitution, is “TO FOSTER AND PROMOTE THE GAME OF TEN PINS AMONG BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, WITH MEMBERSHIP OPEN TO ALL BOWLERS WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, CREED OR COLOR.”

The basic tenets of the NNBA/TNBA were to promote friendship, fellowship and sportsmanship among its members. To that end, it served as a point of entry for minority bowlers who otherwise would not have the opportunity to develop their skills and compete.

The organization’s first National Convention was held in Cincinnati in 1940. The focus was to spread the word and expand the organization to cities throughout the East and Midwest.

Throughout these early years there was a continual challenge to provide lanes for use by NNBA/TNBA members. Black investors continued to buy existing lanes or build new ones. They persisted though they faced pricing and financing discrimination. They also had to overcome the prevailing social attitude among white bowlers who did not want to share lanes with black bowlers.

In 1945 the National Negro Bowling Association was renamed The National Bowling Association (TNBA). By 1950 black Americans owned Bowling Alleys from coast to coast and the times were ripe for change. Jackie Robinson broke Baseball’s “Color Line” a few years before when he became the first black American to play in the Major Leagues.

In 1950 the TNBA joined forces with several other organizations and pressured the ABC and WIBC to remove the “Caucasian Only” clauses from their Constitutions. Then in 1951 black bowlers competed in the ABC National Tournament for the first time.

The TNBA story is one of challenge, courage, vision, determination and ultimately a story of triumph. With about 30,000 members, the TNBA continues to grow and flourish. It is now the oldest functioning Bowling membership organization in America and the largest sports organization founded by black Americans.

The TNBA has a rich and distinguished history. It was established to promote EQUALITY, sportsmanship, fellowship and friendship in the sport of Bowling. It has and continues to successfully promote these noble principles. In doing so it became a major contributor to the worldwide expansion of the sport of Bowling.



President of Inland Empire TNBA: Terry W. Cleveland

PBA'S INTERNATIONAL FANS CAN WATCH PBA ON FOX TELECASTS ON FLOBOWLING

An important benefit of the PBA’s new relationships with FOX Sports and FloBowling will result in expanded access to PBA telecasts for fans around the world.

FOX and FS1 telecasts, live or tape-delayed, will serve American viewers exclusively, reaching an estimated 120 million homes on FOX or 90 million homes on FS1 while also live streaming the shows on the FOX Sports Go app.

FloBowling will simultaneously live-stream all FOX/FS1 shows to the international audience as the shows air. That means that in addition to the hundreds of hours of PBA Tour coverage already scheduled to air on FloBowling, including qualifying and match play rounds in addition to FloBowling-exclusive tournaments, international subscribers will be able to watch PBA Tour finals televised by FOX Sports as they happen.

American viewers will not be able to watch FOX/FS1 shows as they air, but they will be archived “on demand” on FloBowling for seven days after they air.

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2019 WEBER CUP SET FOR MANDALAY BAY IN LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS – The 2019 Weber Cup will make its debut on American soil at Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas, June 18-21, Matchroom Multi Sport has announced.


The 20th annual competition will involve teams of European and American PBA stars, competing in a Ryder Cup-style series of individual and team matches.

The tournament will be played over four sessions, one per day, on specially-installed lanes in Mandalay Bay from June 18-21. Tickets will be available in January. News on the captains and team selection process for the 2019 Weber Cup will be announced shortly. Matchroom Multi Sport will work in partnership with the PBA Tour to ensure a successful American debut for one of bowling’s most popular international competitions.

“We are excited to be taking the Weber Cup stateside in 2019 and are delighted to be working with both the PBA and Mandalay Bay Resort,” Matchroom Multi Sport COO Emily Frazer said. “The Weber Cup has always had a loyal fanbase in Europe and we hope that many of those supporters will join us in Las Vegas, and be joined by a raft of U.S. fans who will finally be able to see this great event in America.”

“It’s exciting to have the Weber Cup come to the USA,” PBA Tour Commissioner Tom Clark added. “Our PBA players have always enjoyed taking part in the competition and fans love the drama. With news to come regarding how PBA results will help determine a spot on each team’s roster, it adds another incentive for the players on our Tour. May the best team win!”

Ticket details for the 2019 Weber Cup will be published at webercup.com in the new year. Fans can follow @WeberCup on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to get all the latest news first.



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by Joy McGregor

ANAHEIM – Bob Turner said he BELIEVES, and it was “his turn” to rise to the top. He led the way Friday morning in the 590 Classic as he tossed games of 212-242-212 and 203 to post the league-leading series at 869.

Lenny Huber was not far behind as he found a productive line to the pocket and produced consistent games of 221-228-199 and 213 to score 861.

More Hot Scores: Don Gardner 257, Jim Banaban 254, Eleazar Munoz 247, Rose Williams 244, Rich Heid 244, Chris Hefner 233, Alan Bloom 228, Mel Cabias 227, Ron Douglass 225, Eddie Vasquez 225, Blake Douglass 220, Carl Adinolfi 218, Dan Milstead 218, Mark Guillaume 217, David Yeoman 215, Janet Anderson 213, Pete Vodden 213, Norm Walker 212, Sandy Magana 211, Louie Juarez 210 and Willy Bordenave 202.

I think most of the bowlers are holding back and just waitin' for next year to turn it on... boy, just wait until next Friday!

Until next week, actually.. next year!

Have a safe and Happy New Year's Eve and HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: MINIER, MALDONADO REPEAT AS DOUBLES CHAMPS

Former U.S. Senior Open champion Rick Minier and two-time PBA Southwest Region Player of the Year Shawn Maldonado, both from Houston, teamed up again to successfully defend their title in the sixth annual PBA50/PBA Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Doubles, presented by Bowling Dynamix, Sunday.

The winning duo finished the eight-game qualifying portion of the event in third place and after winning all of their doubles matches leading into the final position round match, they still trailed the team of Paul Fleming of Fort Worth, Texas, and Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, by 19 pins. Minier and Maldonado then finished in style, rolling their high game of the tournament to take the match, 544-473, and claiming the title and the \$5,000 winners' check.

The win was Minier's 14th in PBA Regional competition and Maldonado's 10th.

• PBA Regional competition resumes in the new year over the Jan. 11-13 weekend with the PBA50 Patton Amusement and Genesis Western Open presented by Ebonite at West Valley Bowl in Tracey, Calif.

• The PBA Central and Southwest Regions will hold their first events of 2019 over the Jan. 18-20 weekend. Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, will host the PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Central Doubles while South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, hosts the Lubbock Sports Southwest Open presented by Ebonite.

• The only regional event on top for the Jan. 26-27 weekend is the PBA Japan Region's Roto Grip Cup and Shark Open at PBA Fuji Bowl in Iruma, Japan.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on pba.com (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES:

• Eddie Hernandez from Del Rio, Texas won two CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Go Bowling! VIP passes for the event on Jan. 17 at Bowlero Woodlands in Conroe, Texas. He won by entering AMF Bowlero's sweepstakes that was held on Instagram. Tickets are available for fans to attend the CP3 event at pba.com/tickets.

• The World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the PBA, will be contested at 1:30 p.m. CST on Sunday, Jan. 6, following the live FS1 finals of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic at the International Research and Training Center in Arlington, Texas. The WBT Finals will air on FS1 on Sunday, March 10, at 10 p.m. EST. The men's finalists, based on World Bowling Tour points accumulated in 2018, will be Texan Anthony Simonsen, England's Stuart Williams and EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind. Women's finals will be American stars Danielle McEwan and Liz Johnson, and Poland's Daria Pajak. The WBT Finals will use World Bowling's experimental "current frame" scoring system whereby players earn 30 pins for a strike; 10 pins plus the total from their first shot of that frame for a spare, and actual pinfall for an open frame.

• Speaking of the PBA on FOX and FS1: in addition to the first airing of tournament finals previously announced, fans who miss a telecast are reminded to check their local listings for FOX's extensive schedule of re-broadcasts.

• Triple Shift Entertainment President Robby Spigner, a former PBA member and son of three-time PBA Tour titlist Bill Spigner, has announced the company has acquired 10 bowling centers in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area from the Anderson Companies. Spigner also announced five-time PBA Tour champion Mike Fagan is joining the company as Director of Business Development. Fagan recently earned his MBA from the University of California-Berkeley.


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contested on the PBA's 44-foot Carmen Salvino lane conditioning pattern.

The PBA Hall of Fame Classic weekend also will include the first Hall of Fame inductions ever held in the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame on Saturday, Jan. 5, when PBA Tour stars Patrick Allen of South Salem, N.Y., and Mika Koivuniemi of Finland; long-time PBA tournament host Jim Doty of Indianapolis, and veteran bowling journalist Bob Johnson of Las Vegas will be enshrined. The induction ceremonies will be live-streamed by FloBowling.

The PBA Hall of Fame Classic will include an all-star field of PBA Tour champions including four-time PBA Tour Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, reigning PBA Tour Finals champion EJ Tackett, PBA Clash winner Marshall Kent, 2018 Player of the Year Andrew Anderson, 2018 Rookie of the Year Kamron Doyle, PBA Hall of Famers Chris Barnes, Parker Bohn III, Norm Duke and Walter Ray Williams Jr., and players from Australia, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, England, Finland, Ireland, Mexico, Poland and Sweden including the PBA's emerging stars. PBA fans are invited to attend the Hall of Fame Classic in person (tickets to all PBA events can be ordered on pba.com (<https://www.pba.com/Tickets>)). Fans also can follow the tournament as it happens on the PBA.com Live Scoring feature (download the free PBA.com app through iTunes or the Google Play stores), or by accessing the PBA's extensive array of social media outlets through the PBA Network.

Following the Hall of Fame Classic, the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's January schedule includes the PBA Oklahoma Open and Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., Jan. 8-13; and the Lubbock Sports Open at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, Jan. 22-27. The finals of all January events will air on FS1.



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