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Sandra Jo Shiery

Mark Williams

## Sandra Jo Shiery and Mark Williams Elected to USBC Hall of Fame

by Matt Cannizzaro

ARLINGTON, Texas - Sandra Jo Shiery of Coldwater, Michigan, and Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas, have been elected to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in the Superior Performance category.

Shiery and Williams were on the ballot of five men and two women voted on by a national panel of USBC Hall of Fame members, veteran bowling writers and USBC Board members.

Though both fell short of reaching the required 70% of the votes cast, the USBC Hall of Fame Committee had the opportunity to select them for induction, and they will complete the four-person 2021 USBC Hall of Fame class.

In late October, husband and wife Bill and Barbara Chrisman of Pleasant View, Utah, the co-founders of Storm Products, Inc., were elected by the committee in the Meritorious Service category. They will be the seventh husband and wife

overall to be inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame.

Traditionally, the USBC Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is part of the annual USBC Convention. With the 2021 Convention set to be held virtually, it was decided that the 2020 and 2021 USBC Hall of Fame inductees would be honored in person during the 2022 Convention.

Shiery, a 56-year-old right-hander, is a nine-time Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour champion, which includes one major victory at the 1997 USBC Queens. She also had a runner-up finish at the Queens (1989) and three top-five performances at the U.S. Women's Open.

One additional win for Shiery in the PWBA spotlight came in 1989, when she won the South Bend Classic as a non-member.

At USBC's premier event for female members, the storied USBC Women's Championships, the

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## The 2021 California Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Has Been CANCELLED

With majority of centers still closed as of February 1st, we unfortunately have to cancel this event for the 2nd year in a row.

With vaccines rolling out, we are hoping that the upcoming 2021-22 season

starting in August will be back to normal – keeping our fingers crossed.

Stay safe out there and we hope to see everyone very soon out on the lanes! Visit us at [CalUSBC.com](http://CalUSBC.com) for further information.

## Tom Smallwood Wins Central Region Advances to Players Championship Finals

by Jef Goodge

JUPITER, FL — Central Region top seed Tom Smallwood defeated rookie Zach Weidman to earn a spot in the PBA Players Championship Finals. Smallwood is the third number-one seed to advance, joining Anthony Simonsen from the West Region and François Lavoie from the Southwest, with the East and South Regions still to be decided.

Smallwood, who won the 2018 PBA Players Championship and has finished in the top 15 each of the previous four—now five—iterations, will be looking for his third career major title and fourth overall PBA Tour title.

"I get in a different mindset," said Smallwood of major championships. "I don't care how high or low the scores are, I'm thinking grind from frame one, game one. I just don't give up. I don't give away any pins. That's a big part of making major shows and



Tom Smallwood

longer-format shows."

As the top seed, Smallwood needed to win one game to advance, but he had to face Weidman, who bowled an 803 series in defeating PBA Tour champions Wes Malott, Ronnie Russell and Andrew Anderson on the way to the final match.

"He bowled amazing," said Smallwood of Weidman. "In clutch moments,

he threw great shots. With the striking pace that high, I knew I needed my pace to be high. My last three shots of practice, I inched a little closer to the dry and my ball finally faced up. If I was going to be close to the dry, I needed to throw it better. After the first two or three frames, it went high flush, and I knew I had something going."

Both players struck in

the first three frames, with Smallwood extending his string to five to build a lead. Even after leaving a solid 8 pin in the eighth, Smallwood knew the match was his to win or lose.

"(Weidman) made moves and made great shots, but the transition caught him for three or four frames and that's what got me into the lead," said

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## Focused Kyle Troup Wins East Region At 2021 PBA Players Championship

by Lucas Wiseman

JUPITER, Fla. – The top seeds will not be stopped at the 2021 PBA Players Championship.

Kyle Troup became the fourth top seed in four shows to make the finals of the event, winning the East Region with a 259-216 victory over Michael Davidson at Bowlero Jupiter.

Troup, a six-time PBA Tour champion and the only PBA titlist on the show, looked focused and sharp as he built a big early lead and never looked back. He joins Anthony Simonsen, Francois Lavoie, Tom Smallwood and one to-be-determined other player in the finals on Feb. 21.

Troup started the final match by ringing a 10 pin and making it before rattling off seven consecutive strikes to build a 53-pin lead.

Davidson, making his PBA TV debut, couldn't



Kyle Troup

keep up, leaving 10 pins in the second, fifth and eighth frames to finish as the runner-up in the East.

Entering the stepladder as the No. 3 seed, Davidson beat Chris Via, 244-242, in his first match and then took down Brandon Novak, 245-213.

The show started with fireworks as Via was perfect for 17 straight shots before he finally missed. He fired a perfect game to open the show, defeating Tim Foy Jr., 300-235, and then started the next match with five in a row.

Via then failed to strike

in his next three frames as Davidson pulled ahead and took the win.

The regional finals for the PBA Players Championship will wrap up next weekend with the South Region show on Feb. 14 at 10 a.m. on FS1.





The Lindenwood men and Campbellsville women jumped out to big leads on the way victories last weekend at the Thomas More Classic in Erlanger, Kentucky. The event was held at Super Bowl and featured 10 varsity men's and eight varsity women's teams. All teams bowled five traditional games and 12 Baker games, with total pinfall determining the winner in each division.

On the men's side, Lindenwood posted a wire-to-wire victory, averaging nearly 220 as a team during the traditional block to build a lead of more than 540 pins. The Lions finished with a 7,987 total to take the top spot in the standings. Pikeville averaged more than 222 in Baker competition to take second place with 7,472, while Thomas More finished third with 7,288.

Andrew Sacks averaged more than 236 to help Lindenwood to the win and earned top individual honors with a five-game total of 1,182. Midway teammates Zackery Halstead (1,155) and Austin Hensley (1,129) were next in the standings, followed by Lindenwood's Kaleb East (1,114) and Brandon Cruz (1,103).

Traditional games of 1,066 and 1,042 vaulted Campbellsville to the top of the leaderboard in the women's division, and the Tigers maintained their lead during the Baker block to collect the victory with a 7,251 total. Pikeville finished second with 7,025, and Wright State was third with 6,935.

Northern Kentucky's Paige Stokes rolled to the top spot in the individual standings, averaging more than 232 on her way to a 1,164 total. Campbellsville's Ashley Moch (1,081) and Shelbi Morris (1,059) were second and third, respectively, while Wright State's Madison Stiffler (1,044) and Pikeville's Stephanie Crider (1,026) also finished in the top five.

In other collegiate action:

- [At the Prairie View A&M Invitational in Dallas, the McKendree women swept Arkansas State in the championship round, 4-0, to successfully defend the title.](#)

- At the Bronco Open in Hastings, Nebraska, the Ottawa-Kansas men and Midland women each recorded narrow victories, winning by less than 15 pins.

- At the Bronco Bash in Hastings, Nebraska, the Grand View women found redemption after a second-place finish at the Bronco Open, while the Midland men posted a big win.

- At the CSU Lady Eagles Invitational in Baltimore, the Delaware State women led the way in total pinfall.

- At the NY Metro Tournament in Lodi, New Jersey, the Chestnut Hill women finished at the top of the standings.

- At the Ohio Bowling Conference I in Columbus, Ohio, the Northwestern Ohio men won by more than 330 pins, while Northern Kentucky claimed the top spot in the women's division.

- At the Warhawk Classic in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, the Maryville women cruised to victory.

- At the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) 2 in Sterling Heights, Michigan, the Lawrence Tech men and women rolled to big wins.

- At the WHAC 2B in Jackson, Michigan, the Indiana Tech women and men swept the top spots.

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[CollegeBowling.Bowl.com](http://CollegeBowling.Bowl.com).

# TEAM USA'S CAMERON CROWE READY FOR MEMORABLE 2021

by Matt Cannizzaro

ARLINGTON, Texas — On the way to winning the men's title at the 2020 United States National Amateur Bowling Championships, Cameron Crowe of Orland Park, Illinois, earned a place in [Junior Team USA](#) and [Team USA](#) history.

Crowe, now 19, also was the only player to make both teams for 2020. He has that distinction again in 2021, with all team members being awarded another year due to the pandemic forcing the temporary suspension of the program.

Along with a chance to train with, and learn from, some of the best bowlers and coaches in the world, Crowe will have double the opportunities to be selected to represent the United States in international competition.

Pulling on a Team USA jersey and stepping onto the approach is an honor that comes with great tradition and responsibility, though that responsibility goes well beyond just the just red, white and blue.

In making the teams, Crowe also is representing a handful of other demographics, - youth, left-handers, two-handers, collegiate bowlers, non-professionals and the African American community.

The latter comes at a time when the Team USA program is as diverse as it ever has been and at a time when social justice and racial equality are among society's most prevalent topics.

In many sports throughout 2020, teams and athletes were able to use their time in the spotlight to peacefully share messages and boost morale during a challenging year of uncertainty.

"There have been some great messages out there, and in sharing them, I also like to point out that Black Lives Matter, for example, wasn't just a trend, it's a lifestyle - a movement that needs to continue," Crowe said. "I do feel like I have somewhat of a voice, and I'm here to represent my community. It's bigger than bowling, though. It's about how we treat people, all people, and I want to keep getting that message out there."

Another current member of Team USA, Gazmine Mason of Cranston, Rhode Island, has been using her skills and voice to bring attention to bowling and the African American community, too.

Following her success with Junior Team USA and at the University of Nebraska, Mason quickly found the winner's circle in Professional Women's Bowling Association regional competition, and she's expected to be a top contender on the PWBA Tour in 2021.

Off the lanes, the 25-year-old created a platform called Black Girls Can Bowl 2, an initiative she'll continue to use to help create opportunities and inspiration for other African American females in sports. Her efforts earned her a "Good Morning America" sit-down with anchor Robin Roberts in August.

Crowe is hoping to have a similar impact someday. "The attention on the African American community has not just been because of me," Crowe said of his U.S. Amateur title and during his preparation for the 2021 United States Bowling Congress Team USA Trials, which was canceled due to the pandemic. "Our culture is really being represented well in bowling right now. What GG is doing is amazing, and I want to do something like that. She's really connecting with people and opening eyes."

As a young bowler progressing in the game, Crowe looked up to modern stars and recent Team USA standouts such as Tommy Jones and Chris Barnes, but he also found inspiration in some memorable performances from today's African American stars, including Gary Faulkner Jr., a Junior Gold Championships winner in 2011 and a major champion on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour in 2015, after a stellar collegiate career at Webber International.

Throughout the 2020 USBC Team USA Trials, as Crowe was looking to begin his own legacy, he was excited to be able to share the stage with such a diverse group of competitors, many of whom he looked up to.

Among them, his new Team USA teammate AJ Johnson of nearby Oswego, Illinois, who was one of the first to offer congratulations after he claimed the U.S. Amateur title.

What Crowe didn't realize was the impact he already was having on the other competitors.

"Whether or not he knows it, he's already serving as a role model for the younger bowlers, and he definitely has had an impact on those of us who are older," said Johnson, a seven-time Team USA member. "He showed a lot of ma-



turity with how he carried himself during the whole event and in some big moments.

"On the last day, I really got a chance to watch him bowl, and it was remarkable. As someone who has been the young guy making it for the first time, and because we live in the same area, I wanted to be one of the first ones to congratulate him and welcome him to the team."

Previously a top performer in high school and youth events in the Midwest, Crowe's 2020 also included a successful freshman campaign at St. Ambrose University.

Unfortunately, when COVID-19 brought the world to a halt in March, it forced an early end to the USBC Collegiate season and never gave Crowe much of a chance to ride the momentum of his big week in Las Vegas.

Two months after defeating another young two-handed bowler, Solomon Salama of Beverly Hills, California, in the U.S. Amateur title match, Crowe and his St. Ambrose teammates actually were on the sixth hour of their eight-hour bus ride to the Intercollegiate Team Sectionals, when the event was canceled.

The months that followed were filled with both uncertainty and hope. Crowe initially thought he'd have a pair of Team USA training camps and the Junior Gold Championships to look forward to. Nope.

Then, he turned his attention to putting his title on the line during the 2021 USBC Team USA Trials in Indianapolis. That did not happen either.

For someone always looking to make progress on the lanes, 2020 forced Crowe to get creative with his efforts.

When bowling centers were closed, he watched bowling on YouTube to see what he could learn, while also doing things to help keep his body in shape. He bowled when he was able to and talked to as many knowledgeable coaches and bowlers as he could.

His mindset going into the 2021 Team USA Trials wasn't going to be any different than his debut in 2020, but there's no doubt many eyes would be on him.

He also was ready physically after enduring St. Ambrose's tryouts, which were held from August-October on a variety of challenging oil patterns that tested his patience and versatility, much like the Team USA Trials.

Through it all, there's two feelings that stand out.

First, seeing the hard work pay off and getting a moment to celebrate his national win is a feeling he'll continue to chase. The other, is a feeling he'll be happy to never feel again.

"I had a good year as a junior in high school," Crowe said. "I won at regionals but tanked at sectionals. Nothing went right. I made careless mistakes. I never want to feel that again, and that is part of what pushes me so hard. I'll never be that unprepared again."

Despite less time on the lanes than he would've liked during 2020 and early 2021, Crowe believes he has had the chance to grow as a competitor and feels more confident after the success he has had.

Whenever it finally does happen, Crowe is ready for all that comes with being part of the Team USA legacy and as a role model for other young competitors.

"It's insane to think young bowlers may be looking up to me," Crowe said. "I just want to be a great role model, too, and make sure I carry myself at the highest level and in a way that lets me set a good example."

Ahead for Crowe will be the Mid States Championships with his St. Ambrose teammates on Feb. 6-7 in Wichita, Kansas, and the 2021 USBC Masters in Reno, Nevada, from March 29-April 4. The Masters appearance will mark his major-championship debut.

This telling of Crowe's story is part of an ongoing digital media campaign that will recognize different groups, organizations and bowlers that make up the USBC membership, while also bringing attention to topics that affect the world on a larger scale.

USBC will continue to expand its diversity and inclusion topics and welcome the opportunity to showcase the people and other areas that are important to the members.

If you know someone who is a standout or inspiration in one of the areas listed above, or you'd like to suggest a topic close to you, please let us know more by sending an email to [PR@bowl.com](mailto:PR@bowl.com).

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# A Lifetime of Dedication to Bowling

by Dave Williams

It's interesting how circumstances in life take place. One such event happened to me in December of 2019, when I reached out to an old friend, Ted Rebain, to offer greetings at Christmas, and best wishes for the holiday season.

Ted was more emotional than normal, as he proceeded to explain that his wife had recently entered into a senior assisted living facility. "I'm lonely," stated Ted. He then continued with concern about his legacy in life. "If there's anyone that I would like to provide a eulogy of my life, that person would be you," Ted comiserated.

After that call, I began to review my association with Ted during our time at AMF, and later with Nationwide Bowling Corporation. The result of that assessment was an article that appeared in the February 2020 edition of BCM Magazine... "Filling That Tough 4-6 p.m. Time Slot."

Once the article had appeared on the pages of BCM, I called Ted to let him know that I had provided him with a eulogy of sorts, by documenting his life in the article. I left a message for Ted on his phone and didn't pursue because my thoughts at the time were that he was dealing with his wife's rehabilitation.

Over the summer I reached out to Ted once again and got the same voice mail message. Rather than continue to call, I just decided that I would send the article to Ted along with my annual Christmas card message to friends. When I got my Christmas package to Ted returned to me in early January of this year, I knew that something was up.

I immediately contacted a mutual friend that lives near Ted in Toms River, New Jersey. We began searching the more than twenty senior assisted living centers in the area to see if we could locate Ted's wife Joan, which would ultimately lead us to Ted. After an afternoon of exhaustive phone calls, we agreed to resume the search on Monday.

Later that day I went back and reviewed the article that I had written focusing on Ted's lifetime of dedication to bowling, which I have embellished upon below. Ted was born into the sport of bowling, having been raised in the city of Detroit, and the son of the General Manager of State Fair Recreation, a 70 lane bowling center featuring "back-to-back" lanes and pin boys.

After high school Ted went to work for Lincoln Mercury but continued to manage State Fair on weekends for his father. He also assisted with two large tournaments that were conducted every year at State Fair - the "Automobowl" Tournament in the spring, and the Detroit News Motor Bowl in the fall.

During this time, Lloyd Ludwig, a friend of Ted and Joan that had been managing Royal Recreation, elected to leave the Detroit area and accept a job with American International Bowling Corporation (AIBC) in New York, a chain of fifty bowling centers that was the forerunner of Brunswick Recreation Centers (BRC). Ludwig quickly advanced in the new company, and within a couple of years was named the President.

With this added responsibility, Ludwig reached back to his Detroit roots and asked Ted to come to work for AIBC as a Regional Manager in Pennsylvania. Ludwig offered Rebain the staggering sum of \$10,000 annually, and he jumped at the chance (\$10,000 in 1958 would be equivalent to over \$90,000 today).

After a brief stint in Pennsylvania, Ted was transferred to Manchester, Con-



(L-R) Bernie Rudo, President of Brunswick Recreation Centers, provides accolades (an incentive check!) to Ted Rebain for his work with the 1978 Bowl Your Way to Europe Tournament. Photo provided by Dave Williams

necticut, where he was named the General Manager for the Middle Atlantic Region. Ted enjoyed his time in the Manchester area, where he opened ten new bowling centers for AIBC in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

It wasn't long after that Ludwig left AIBC, and Bernie Rudo was promoted from Vice President to President of the organization. Because of his loyalty to Ludwig, Ted decided to leave AIBC, but before he could pack his bags, Rudo asked him to remain and offered Ted a job at Yonkers Bowl in New York, with no reduction in pay.

During his time at Yonkers Bowl, AIBC became Brunswick Recreation Centers, and Ted was named Tournament Director for the national Bowl Your Way to Europe Tournament. He remained in that position for more than ten years before being recruited by Barry Epstein of Bowling Corporation of America (BCA) as Regional Manager for the Northeast United States.

Following a disagreement with the Ryan family (owners of BCA), Ted decided to form his own company, Recreation Marketing Services, for a period of 4 years. It was during this time that I hired Ted to conduct some youth bowling campaigns for AMF. Our relationship provided good results but were too costly for AMF at the time.

Ted hooked up with Nationwide Bowling in the 1980's, where he remained for 17 years, eventually retiring at the age of 78. He brought after school bowling programs to an art form during those years, an idea that I inherited from him and continue to provide to ten bowling centers in New Jersey and Pennsylvania under the auspices of 300 Bowling Creations, LLC.

Once I had reviewed all of Ted's fascinating career over the weekend, I noticed that our mutual friend had left a telephone message that Ted had passed away on January 20th, 2020, which eerily was about the time that I was putting my finishing touches on the article that appeared in BCM Magazine. I guess you could say that the article truly was Ted's eulogy, and I hope that by the grace of God, Ted is enjoying it right now in heaven.



Yonkers Bowl was one of three test sites for Carom Bowl (the original bumper bowling) in the 1960's. Unfortunately, no one ever thought to offer the ricochet game to children until Phil Kinzer of Jupiter Lanes in Florida reintroduced the concept in the 1980's. Photo provided by Dave Williams





# Kyle Duster Wins PBA Glendale Open

by DDZIOMBA

Glendale, Ariz. – Kyle Duster, from Scottsdale, Ariz., held off four charging competitors during the last game of the PBA Glendale Open on Sunday to take home the first-place prize in one of the most drama-filled PBA Regional events in recent history.

Heading into the position round of match play, Duster had a slim 23-pin lead over Sam Cooley of Australia, while PBA Major Champion Jakob Butturff was just 80-pins back sitting in fourth place. Butturff fired a nearly perfect 290 in the last game to apply pressure on Duster and Cooley.

As Butturff wrapped up his last game, Duster and Cooley were just in the seventh frame of the final match and knew exactly what they needed to secure the victory.

Cooley, who needed a win to be eligible for the PBA Tournament of Champions later this month had trouble in the eighth and ninth frames, while Duster stepped up in the 10th. Duster, just needing a mark, rolled a strike to secure a 28-pin victory over Butturff.

Behind the trio of Duster, Butturff and Cooley was Darren Tang, of Las Vegas, and PJ Haggerty, of Roseville, Calif.

The PBA Glendale Open began the start of the 2021 PBA Region points race. Duster, who is just in his second full year on the Tour, is off to a great start.

**PBA Glendale Open**  
Bowlero Glendale, Glendale, Ariz.

**Final Match Play Standings**  
(after 14 games, including match play bonus pins):

Kyle Duster, Scottsdale, Ariz., 6-2, 3,369 .....	\$2,000
Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4-4, 3,341 .....	\$1,250
Sam Cooley, Australia, 5-3, 3,291 .....	\$1,000
Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 5-3, 3,269 .....	\$900
PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 6-2, 3,264 .....	\$850
n-Dallas Leong, Las Vegas, 4-4, 3,209 .....	\$775
n-Chad Lusche, Gilbert, Ariz., 5-3, 3,175 .....	\$700
n-Cortez Schenck, Scottsdale, Ariz., 4-4, 3,038 ....	\$650
Greg Thompson Jr., Tempe, Ariz., 4-4, 3,015 ....	\$600
Lanndyn Carnate, Redding, Calif., 4-4, 2,924 ...	\$550
Matt Zweig, Tempe, Ariz., 1-7, 2,890 .....	\$500
Michael Fitzgerald, Phoenix, Ariz., 0-8, 2,827 ...	\$450

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PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP			
February 14	10:00 AM	Players Championship South Region Finals	FS1
February 21	9:30 AM	Players Championship Finals	FOX
February 28	10:00 AM	Tournament of Champions	FOX
March 7	9:00 AM	PBA Jr. Finals	FS1

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Smallwood. “With the 8 pin, I was still in the lead in the match. If I strike out in the ninth and 10th, I can’t be beat, so it’s totally up to me.”

The win puts Smallwood into the PBA Players Championship finals with fellow major champions Simonsen and Lavoie. They’ll be joined by the winners of the East and South Regions and compete for a major championship title and a top prize of \$250,000.



The PBA Players Championship Finals will air live on FOX Broadcast Channel Feb. 21.

**CENTRAL REGION STEPLADDER FINALS RESULTS**  
Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.  
**Tom Smallwood, advances to PBA Players Championship Finals**  
Zach Weidman, earns \$15,000  
Andrew Anderson, \$13,000  
Ronnie Russell, \$11,000  
Wes Malott, \$10,000

**MATCH SCORES**  
Match 1 – No. 5 Weidman def. No. 4 Malott, 258-237  
Match 2 – No. 5 Weidman def. No. 3 Russell, 277-243  
Match 3 – No. 5 Weidman def. No. 2 Anderson, 268-265  
Match 4 – No. 1 Smallwood def. No. 5 Weidman, 246-226

**UPCOMING PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP TELEVISION SCHEDULE**  
Bowlero Jupiter – Jupiter, Fla.  
Sunday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. on FS1 – South Region Finals  
Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:30 p.m. on FOX – PBA Players Championship Finals



# Looking Back 2006 – PART 2

by Carol Mancini

*Since looking forward to weekly bowling, teammates and a little exercise seem to be just wishful thinking, let's mosey thru the 2nd six months of 2006. Ready?*

- Deaf Bowler Connie Marchione received the National Bowling Writers Humanitarian award from John Jowdy.
  - The Threadworks team won the Brunswick League at **Del Rio Lanes** for the \$28,000 First Place prize.
  - **Forest Lanes** was running weekly six gamers
  - The California USBC was seeking a new manager.
  - South Coast, Sun Coast, Gold Coast, The Orleans, all invited sweepers.
  - ABTA Big Big Big!! Bob Smith was amazing.
  - Stan Schreier passes. Brian Albert voting top "instructor" in California.
  - 41 Bowling Centers advertising weekly.
  - Lauri Soto wins CWBA Queens Event.
  - Pro Chris Barnes signed million dollar deal with Columbia 300.
  - Tom Leigh was giving hours an hours to Junior Bowling. Mr. Dependable for sure.
  - Herbert Jones rolled his 32nd 300 game.
  - Bob McIntyre passes. Casey Beasley joined Bob's team.
  - Bowling Trailer - A hit at the Orange County Fair. Thousands of free games given out to fans.
  - **Cal Bowl** offers three cruise leagues, Alaska, Maui and Mexico. Gary Kowarsch in charge.
  - JAT weekly action for teens. Goes and goes. Thanks to David Yamauchi.
  - Orange County highest averages; Mark Baker 234 and Missy Bellinder 223. Wow!
  - Weekly writers included Frank Kietz, Dick Stoeffler, Annette "Turtle" Anderson, Joy McGregor, David Gordon, Connie Marchioni, Bob Smith, Bob Hide, Bert Strain, Randy Myers, Carol Mancini, Alice Meglemre, Ron Del Conte, and Phyl Knoll. Bowling Pep Club!
  - Connie Marchione joins USBC Hall of Fame.
  - Current and past issues of Bowling News went online November 2006.
  - Pro shop operator (2020 at Del Rio) Sherman Joseph won his seventh Donkey title at **Yorba Linda Bowl**. Billy Myers Junior drilled his ball!
  - Tony and Denise Rodriguez opened a pro shop inside **Oak Tree Lanes**.
  - D. A. Wright and Dick Sanders kept senior men bowlers busy with weekly West Coast Senior Tour events.
  - The National Bowling Stadium in Reno got new lanes. 104 of them.
  - Missy Bellinder rolled her 18th perfect.
  - Frank Kietz turned 90!!
  - 27 centers had tournaments and parties scheduled for Christmas/New Year's weekend. Every man was happy to get an entry in his stocking.
  - Tom Christie was the head guy at **Santa Clarita Lanes**. At his desk early and kept the joint a jumping!
  - 2006 was filled with scores galore. Bowlers rolled week after week, making memories, banking bucks, enjoying friendships, earning trophies, and sometimes even making headlines.
- Thanks for the memories!*

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# USBC TO SPOTLIGHT BOWLING’S INCREDIBLE DIVERSITY IN 2021

by Matt Cannizzaro

ARLINGTON, Texas - If 2020 taught the world anything, it is how well everyone can come together in a time of adversity and uncertainty.

We saw solidarity and teamwork on a global perspective as we searched for a way past some unprecedented challenges, and we saw incredible strength and unity within smaller communities, groups and families.

Through education and patience, the messages and traditions of those subgroups can be shared and celebrated, and tolerance and understanding can help us become cohesive in all aspects of life.

Through sport, we have camaraderie, competition and a playing field upon which personal and cultural differences simply don’t exist.

In bowling, the pins don’t see gender or age or race or size or how we approach the foul line, and we’re all unified against one common opponent, the invisible oil pattern on the lane.

In 2021, we’ll continue to honor the amazing history of the sport of bowling, but there also will be opportunities to celebrate the incredible diversity of the United States Bowling Congress membership and recognize individuals who have impacted the sport and their fellow competitors.

In conjunction with the efforts and goals of the USBC Diversity and Inclusion Committee, an ongoing digital media campaign and a series of BOWL.com feature stories in the coming months will allow us to shine a spotlight on the different groups, organizations and bowlers that make up the USBC membership, while also bringing attention to topics that affect the world on a larger scale.

The schedule includes:

- \* February - Black History Month
- \* March - Women’s Month
- \* May - Mental Health Month
- \* June - Pride Month
- \* September - Hispanic Heritage Month
- \* October - Bullying Prevention

“For more than a century, bowling has brought our communities together for sportsmanship and fun as an activity that is safe and affordable and something that can include participants of all ages and skill levels,” USBC President Melissa McDaniel said. “Our membership is incredibly diverse, loyal and united by a common passion. We look forward to telling some of their stories in the coming months and bringing light to other important topics, too.”

USBC will continue to expand its diversity and inclusion topics, and we welcome the opportunity to showcase the people and other areas that are important to the members.

Help us succeed in telling those stories, sharing knowledge and growing the sport of bowling. Help us keep working toward the USBC promise of celebrating the past, being mindful of the present and ensuring bowling’s future through thoughtful research, planning and delivery.

If you know someone who is a standout or inspiration in one of the areas listed above, or you’d like to suggest a topic close to you, please let us know more by sending an email to [PR@bowl.com](mailto:PR@bowl.com).

For more information about USBC and its programs and partnerships, visit [BOWL.com/Diversity](https://www.bowl.com/Diversity).

# Bobby Lyons – “The Lion Roars No More”

by Frank Weiler

Bobby Lyons bowls no more. Years ago, I wrote of him roaring like a lion on the lanes as he scored big and won a tournament. But now Bobby Lyons roars no more. “He Now Belongs to the Ages”. Bobby Lyons was a man who rightly belongs to that group of human beings who lived a life that demands respect and recognition. Who he stood taller than most and will be remembered in the annals of local sport as a champion of every-good good that is Bowling.

When referring to someone “Belonging to the Ages” we usually reserve such language for the prominent, the famous, for National Heroes. However, Bobby Lyons is one of those uncelebrated actors on the stage of life who can be spoken of in those glowing terms, terms usually reserved for the rich and famous, because he personified the qualities of character seen in our heroes.

Bobby was a fighter. He continued to bowl while at half strength until the end of his life. He never gave up, he fought until the end. This man was no kitten, Mr. Lyons was a lion on the lanes who roared right up to the end of his life. He had the heart of a “Lion King”.

While his heart continued to weaken, he still rolled his bowling ball accurately to the pocket with his patented unique side role that resulted in so many strikes over the years. The only noticeable difference near the end was a decrease in the speed of his bowling ball.

It didn’t matter that his average dropped from the 230s to about 190, he was not quitting the sport that he was so good at. Bobby’s lineage was that of a fighter, a “Lionheart” and there was no quit in him or his bowling game.

Bobby is no longer with us, but the qualities he displayed whenever he bowled will never be forgotten by the bowlers who were lucky enough to know him.

Bobby was my friend for 25 years. He always referred to me as his “little brother”. It was an honor for me to be considered a part of his bowling family. What an honor that a man so respected by all would consider me as family.

Bobby was unique, he liked and respected everyone. It didn’t matter who, Bobby respected all. And everyone liked Bobby. That would have been the case whether he was a great bowler or not because he was a great person.

It just so happened that Bobby was a great bowler. In fact, Bobby was the best senior bowler to ever compete at Empire Bowl. He also was the best “stroker” to ever bowl at Empire Bowl regardless of age. That was the case even after he turned 80! There were some young crankers at Empire Bowl who were outscoring Bobby as his hairline began to gray but they were not better bowlers than him. They were just able to impart 500 revolutions to their bowling balls while having a 40 year advantage on Bobby.

Bobby was as smooth a bowler as ever existed. His approach and release were smooth and effortless. They were rhythmic. Just perfect in time all the time. As consistent as humanly possible. Like the commercial for Ivory Soap, Bobby’s bowling game was 99/100% pure.

Bobby was a silver coach and I believe it was the knowledge he acquired from his study of our sport that he applied to elevate his game. He learned to impart the ideal side rotation to his bowling ball resulting in strings of strikes. While he probably authored at least three dozen perfect 300 games he also rolled at least two hundred (200) games with 11 strikes. I witnessed him roll many of those games, games with 12 perfect balls in the pocket with a single tap that would result in a 299 or 279 score. These bad breaks never flustered Bobby. He was a cool customer with the patience of JOB. Another reason why he was so great.

Unlike most bowlers confronted with such results, so many taps, Bobby never complained. He just smiled and bared it. He accepted the will of the “Bowling Gods”. There has been no bowler more gracious in defeat or disappointment than Bobby Lyons. He was the ultimate gentleman on and off the lanes. He accepted his disproportionate share of bad luck with grace and humor.

I often wondered how he could be so calm and collected when the sport was so unfair to him. It took years but eventually I began to realize that Bobby Lyons was either gifted from above or was able to teach himself maturity of mind only possessed by personages like Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela. In fact, I believe they were probably his role models.

Bobby was mature beyond his years. That’s saying a lot because when Bobby passed, he was approaching his mid-80s. He somehow carried himself and interacted with other people in a manner that put the crudest of bowling opponents at ease and in a relaxed state of mind. Even when someone approached Bobby in “beast mode” he was able to diffuse any charge. Change beast mode to “peace mode”. Bobby was unique in that he was in a perpetual state of calm. A meditative state of mind.

Bobby was a special person. That doesn’t mean he wasn’t a real-life everyday guy. A real-life everyday bowler. He was flesh and blood and competed like everyone else. He bowled to score, he bowled to win. He wanted to beat his opponent like anyone else, but he just did it his way with grace and sportsmanship. You could lose to Bobby with a smile on your face and no malice in your heart.

Generosity was another trait exhibited by Bobby on numerous occasions. He was very generous with his time and expertise. As a silver coach he spent many weekends coaching youth bowlers at Del Rosa Lanes, Empire Bowl and Foothill Lanes for decades. All without compensation.

He did the same for friends and teammates. Bobby was willing to help any bowler who approached him for help and I never saw him charge for a lesson. He did so even though it was expensive for him to obtain and maintain his silver coach status.

Bobby did not discriminate. He would even help competitors that were out to beat him on the lanes. He was still willing to help them improve their bowling game.

Bobby was also generous when it came to helping with money. He was the type of guy who would give you the shirt off his back. If you needed an extra buck to buy a burger Bobby would willingly step up and offer to help. And he always considered that dollar a gift not a loan. Whether you needed a dollar, some finger tape, powder or glue Bobby always was there for another bowler.

Bobby was a “Dapper Dandy”. He never dressed down to bowl. He dressed up to bowl. It wasn’t that he wore a tuxedo to the lanes, it was that he always was neat, clean and wore clothes that fit and were presentable. No T-shirts or sloppy pants for Bobby Lyons. I don’t ever remember him wearing shorts while he bowled. He always wore trousers that fit and were stylish.

Bobby was Bowling royalty. It would be fit and proper to call him the “Earl of Empire Bowl” or the “Duke” of Del Rosa Lanes. He carried himself with grace and dignity. He was also a guy with a taste for some of the finer things in life, like fine wine and elegant wheels. Over the years his trucks never seemed to age. They were always washed and waxed until he traded for something new. His classic Corvette always gleamed in the sun.

Bobby Lyons was a great person, a great friend and a great bowler. He was a great personality who lived with “dash and class”. Bobby will never be forgotten by myself or the many bowlers he befriended over the years.

GOD BLESS YOU “BIG BROTHER”. I say goodbye to an extraordinary MAN who was a mentor, a friend and someone I could always trust. It was a privilege and a blessing that you were a part of my life.

## USBC Hall of Fame continued from page 1

Coldwater USBC and Michigan State USBC Hall of Famer collected eight top-10 finishes, including back-to-back third-place efforts in the team event in 1995 and 1996.

Prior to embarking on her successful professional career, Shiery spent a year on Team USA.

In 1987, she had the opportunity to represent the United States at the International Bowling Federation World Championships, where she earned gold medals in team and all-events and a bronze medal in trios. A Team USA woman would not win the all-events crown again until 2013.

Shiery’s stint on Team USA also included a trip to the Lee Evans Tournament of the Americas, which resulted in a five-medal performance - three gold (mixed team, all-events, national all-events) and two bronze (singles, doubles).

After her pro career ended, Shiery found success leading the next generation of stars as the coach of the Coldwater High School girls bowling team, which she helped to three consecutive state championships from 2005-2007.

Shiery’s son, Alec Keplinger, was a Junior Gold Championships winner in 2019 and is a member of Junior Team USA for the second consecutive year.

**Williams**, a 63-year-old right-hander and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer (1999), owns seven PBA Tour titles, including three majors - the PBA Tournament of Champions (1985 and 1988) and the PBA Touring Players Championship (1986). He also has logged a runner-up finish at the USBC Masters and two top-10 finishes at the U.S. Open.

His presence in the PBA spans more than four decades, and his success also includes three PBA50 Tour titles, with the most recent being the 2010 Senior U.S. Open.

In 2018, Williams celebrated turning 60 with a second-place finish at the Super Senior Classic. A year later, he picked up his first PBA60 title. He also owns nearly two dozen wins in PBA/PBA50 regional competition.

In addition to Williams, the men’s national ballot included Dave Ferraro of Kingston, New York; Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas; Randy Pedersen of Orlando, Florida; and Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas.

Tammy Turner of West Palm Beach, Florida, joined Shiery on the women’s ballot.

Along with the 2021 inductees, the six members of the 2020 USBC Hall of Fame class also are awaiting their time in the spotlight.

The six bowlers were slated for induction in 2020, before COVID-19 forced the cancellation of the 2020 USBC Convention in Las Vegas, along with all supporting activities and events.

The 2020 class includes Marianne DiRupo and Patrick Allen in the Superior Performance category, Patrick Healey Jr. (USBC Outstanding Performance), Bob Learn Jr. (Veterans) and Andrew Cain and Jim Zebehazy (both in Meritorious Service).

Through 2019, there were 432 members of the USBC Hall of Fame - 223 in Superior Performance, 120 in Meritorious Service, 51 in Veterans, 22 in Pioneer and 16 in Outstanding USBC Performance.

The USBC Hall of Fame was created in 2005 by merging the former American Bowling Congress and Women’s International Bowling Congress Halls of Fame.





# Carol's Corner

by Carol Mancini  
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Stop! Put on your thinking cap and get a pen and paper. O.K.?

Since no one can predict the future we can only journey into the past. So today we're going to trek back to our favorite place to shop - gone but not forgotten.

Harris and Frank, Zody's, Pick N Save, Newburys, Woolworths, A&P Groceries, Kinney Shoes, Mervyns, Buster Brown, TG&Y, Gemco, WT Grant, Foto-Mat, Blockbuster, Circuit City, Computer City, The Federated Group, Toys "R" Us, Fed Co, Levitz Furniture and Miller's Outpost.

Without going to your phone or computer, add to the list. Send your list short or long to The Bowling News. Will be fun for all of us. Till next time. Masks up! [news@californiabowlingnews.com](mailto:news@californiabowlingnews.com)

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There was a knock knock on the door this week. I opened it to see a box!

It was from our friend (and writer) Steve Felege. He sent me 100 copies of his book "The Essentials of Bowling"

I called to thank him, and he said I could GIVE THEM AWAY! They are all autographed and ready for shipping, first 100 that email your address to: [CarolMancini83@icloud.com](mailto:CarolMancini83@icloud.com)

Will get a package from my new home in Oregon, yup Oregon.

Snow, rain, wind, fires, floods... we have had all of them in the past four months. Casinos are open. Schools are not. Salvation Army open. Cafés are not. Red Cross (hundreds) are helping.

Price of a pack of cigarettes up \$2.50. Free meals on every corner. Hundreds of people living in their cars! Over 600 mobile homes were burned in August. Bulldozers are busy now. Thanks to all of you who check in every week and read the latest news that Dean can put together. If you have a thought to share do it.



# PBA Playoffs Return to Fox April 24th

by JLauffer

The PBA Tour's top 16 bowlers to compete for first place prize of \$100,000

NEW YORK, NY – The Professional Bowlers Association has released more of the 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season, with the highly anticipated return of the PBA Playoffs on FOX Sports starting April 24th.

The PBA Tour's high-stakes event is back for a third-year in a row with Bill O'Neill and Kris Prather as champions in 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Playoffs will once again feature a \$100,000 first place prize and a title on the line as the Tour's top 16 players compete head-to-head in a bracket style, race-to-two-games elimination tournament. Ties will be determined by a 9th/10th frame roll-off.

The top 16 players will earn their spots in the Playoffs based on 2021 points accumulated at the PBA Players Championship, Tournament of Champions, World Series of Bowling (inclusive of all five events), U.S. Open, and the USBC Masters.

The PBA Playoffs will take place from April 24 – May 16, location to be announced at a later date.

**The TV schedule is as follows:**

**PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 – Saturday, April 24, 11 a.m. ET on FS1**

No. 1 vs. No. 16  
No. 8 vs No. 9

**PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 – Sunday, April 25, 1:30 p.m. ET on FS1**

No. 4 vs. No. 13  
No. 5 vs. No. 12

# PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. ET on FS1 – South Region Finals

Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:30 p.m. ET on FOX – PBA Players Championship Finals

**WEST REGION STEPLADDER FINALISTS**  
Bowlero Christown – Phoenix, Ariz.  
**Anthony Simonsen - Winner**  
Wesley Low Jr.  
Jakob Butturff  
Darren Tang  
Kris Koeltzow  
Full West Region standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/117446>

**SOUTHWEST REGION STEPLADDER FINALISTS**  
AMF Garland Lanes – Garland, Texas  
**François Lavoie - Winner**  
Packy Hanrahan  
Keven Williams  
Benjamin Martinez  
AJ Chapman  
Full Southwest Region standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/117441>

**CENTRAL REGION STEPLADDER FINALISTS**  
Bowlero Wauwatosa – Wauwatosa, Wis.  
**Tom Smallwood - Winner**  
Andrew Anderson  
Ronnie Russell  
Wes Malott  
Zach Weidman  
Full Central Region standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/117436>

**EAST REGION STEPLADDER FINALISTS**  
Bowlero West End – Richmond, Va.  
**Kyle Troup - Winner**  
Brandon Novak  
Michael Davidson  
Chris Via  
Bill O'Neill replaced by Tim Foy  
Full East Region standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/117431>

**SOUTH REGION STEPLADDER FINALISTS**  
AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.  
Jesper Svensson  
Cristian Azcona  
Ryan Ciminelli  
Tom Daugherty  
Dick Allen  
Full South Region standings: <https://www.pba.com/node/117426>

**PBA Playoffs Round of 16 – Saturday, May 1, 11:30 a.m. ET on FS1**  
No. 2 vs. No. 15  
No. 7 vs. No. 10

**PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 – Sunday, May 2, 7 p.m. ET on FS1**  
No. 3 vs. No. 14  
No. 6 vs. No. 11

**PBA Playoffs: Quarterfinals – Sunday, May 9, 12 p.m. ET on FS1**  
Matches TBD after Round of 16

**PBA Playoffs: Quarterfinals – Monday, May 10, 8 p.m. ET on FS1**  
Matches TBD after Round of 16

**PBA Playoffs: Semifinals – Saturday, May 15, 11 a.m. ET on FS1**  
Matches TBD after Quarterfinals

**PBA Playoffs: Finals – Sunday, May 16, 2 p.m. ET on FS1**  
Matches TBD after Semifinals

Fans can catch all the action of the 2021 PBA Tour on FOX and Fox Sports' FS1, and live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com. Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Additional details on PBA Tour events, tournament formats, host bowling centers, and more post-May will be announced at a later date.

During this uncertain time, the PBA's main priority continues to be the health and safety of its players and staff. The PBA is taking all necessary precautions and following local and federal COVID-19 guidelines to reduce risks and modify procedures as needed. For a complete list of the PBA's COVID-19 related standards and procedures, please visit PBA.com.



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# Drive Underway To Help Save California Bowling Centers

CALIFORNIA – The Southern California Junior Bowling Foundation was founded with the goal of growing and supporting youth bowling in Southern California. The group has found a new emergency goal- trying to raise funds to help bowling centers re-open in California.

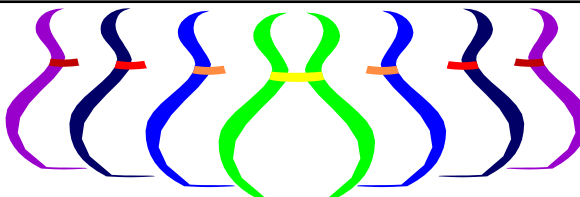
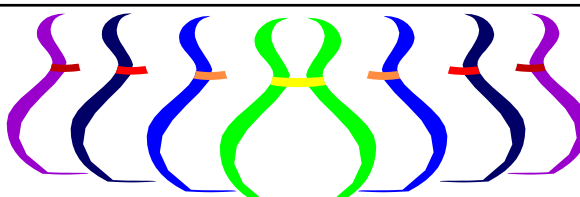
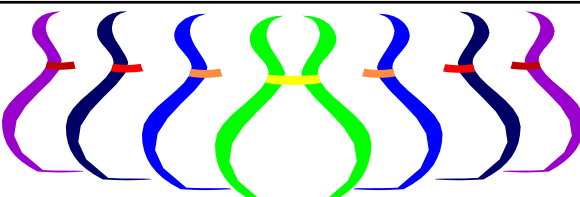
Bowlers, including many prominent nationally recognized youth bowlers, have been unable to participate in the game they love due to the overbearing restrictions placed on bowling centers by the State of California. While other businesses have been permitted to open, bowling proprietors have seen their doors closed and lights off since mid-March. The frustration was escalated when bowling centers in 49 of 50 states were permitted to open while Californians lanes sat dormant in the dark.

Bowling is a big part of many people's daily lives. Seniors are suffering from missing their weekly exercise and social activity. Many junior bowlers are missing their opportunity to earn college scholarships due to their inability to practice. The SCJBF has recognized that it has become essential to help open bowling centers immediately.

The SCJBF has started a Go Fund Me campaign to help raise money for the fight to open bowling centers in California. At a time when many proprietors are struggling and centers are on the brink of closing forever, you can help with the fight.

We would appreciate any donation big or small to help with the cause. Log on to [www.gofundme.com/helpbowling](https://www.gofundme.com/helpbowling) and help today!



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