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Pete Weber, Walter Ray Williams Jr. Retire From PBA Tour Competition

by Jef Goodger

TAMPA, Fla.—Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr., two of the greatest players in PBA Tour history, announced their respective retirements Wednesday, following PBA Scorpion Championship best-of-five match play from the World Series of Bowling XII at AMF University Lanes.

Weber, a 37-time PBA Tour champion, owns 10 major titles, tying him with Earl Anthony for second most in the history of the PBA.

Weber, the 1980 PBA Rookie of the Year, is the only player to win the U.S. Open five times as well as the only player ever to win the Triple Crown (PBA World Championship, Tournament of Champions and U.S. Open) twice.

"It's hard to grasp that



Walter Ray Williams Jr.

Pete Weber

I'm done on the National Tour," said Weber, addressing his fellow competitors after he was eliminated. "In 41 years out here, it's been awesome. I can still hit the pocket with you guys, but I

can't strike like you guys. It's been an honor and a privilege to bowl each and every one of you out here."

Williams holds the all-time record with 47 PBA Tour titles, eight majors

among them. He's been named the PBA Player of the Year a record seven times, the first in 1986 and the last in 2010, when he was 50 years old. Williams won at least one PBA Tour

title in 17 consecutive seasons from 1993 to 2010.

"It was nice to have a good tournament at the end," said Williams. "These young guys are very, very good. I gave it

my all today, but I just happened to bowl somebody who bowled really well. Thanks, everybody, for all your support."

Williams and Weber spent four decades competing against each other on the PBA Tour and rank first and fourth, respectively, in PBA Tour titles.

In their final event, both players qualified in the top 16 to advance to match play in the PBA Scorpion Championship.

Both were eliminated, three games to two, by 2021 PBA World Champion Tom Daugherty, with Weber going out in the Round of 16 and Williams in the Round of 8.

Both Weber, 58, and Williams, 61, plan to continue competing on the PBA50 Tour and PBA Regional Tour.



TOM DAUGHERTY WINS PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SECOND WSOB XII TITLE

His fourth career title is his second in the past five days

by Jef Goodger

TAMPA, Fla.—Tom Daugherty won his fourth career PBA Tour title and second of the World Series of Bowling XII, defeating Kyle Troup, 266-254, in the title match of the PBA Scorpion Championship. On Saturday, Daugherty won the Guaranteed Rate PBA World Championship for his first career major title. Sunday, Daugherty and his partner BJ Moore finished second in the PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship.

"You can't imagine this," said Daugherty. "I thought maybe I'd win the Scorpion, or maybe win the Doubles, but to win the World Championship and the Scorpion? It's not even something I thought of."

In the eliminator format, Daugherty bowled a 244 to lead the three advancing players out of the opening match, leaving Michael Tang on the outside. In the next match, Daugherty rolled 276 while Troup posted 279, leaving Kris Prather in third place.

"The lane play was totally different from what I expected," said Daugherty, citing Tang's decision to use ure-

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SHAWN MALDONADO WINS 1st CAREER TOUR TITLE IN PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP

Goes undefeated throughout match play and the televised eliminator finals

by Jef Goodger

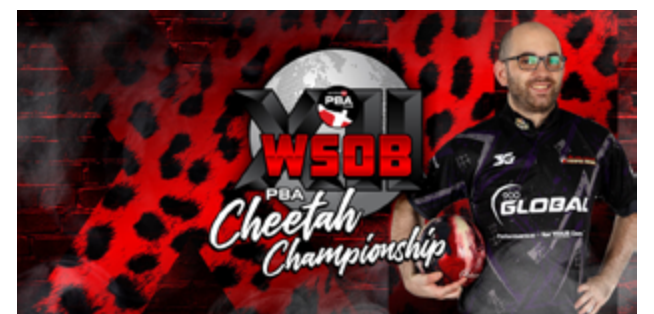
TAMPA, Fla.—Shawn Maldonado won his first career PBA Tour title in the PBA Chameleon Championship, rolling a 250 game to defeat seven-time PBA Tour winner Jakob Butturff in the title match. Maldonado started the game with the first six strikes and never trailed in the match.

"For whatever reason coming in, I just kept feeling to myself I was going to win it," said Maldonado.

Maldonado said he was entering the title match with a lot of confidence, but admitted later he started to get nervous during the commercial break. He struck on his first shot after the commercial, but then took the 6-9-10 off the rack for a three count in the seventh frame.

"It felt like a 30-minute commercial break," said Maldonado. "I wanted to throw it slow but I didn't want to throw it too slow because I got lucky with one of the slow ones on the right lane. Then I went to the left lane and it just flew off my hand. I told myself to get it together, make some good shots, you've been doing it all day. That's what I did and I got the win."

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SAM COOLEY WINS PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP FOR FIRST CAREER TITLE

Defeats Kris Prather in championship match

by Jef Goodger

TAMPA, Fla.—Australia's Sam Cooley won the PBA Cheetah Championship for his first career PBA Tour title by defeating Kris Prather, 247-185. Cooley, who has been bowling on the PBA Tour since 2015, had a previous best finish of third, which he'd accomplished three times, but this was his first championship match.

Cooley, seeded eighth into best-of-five match play earlier today, defeated No. 9 seed Brad Miller and No. 2 seed Chris Via on the way to the eliminator finals. After considering a couple different strategies, Cooley settled on doing what he'd been doing all day.

"I went with what got me here through match play," Cooley said, "throwing reactive at the gutter, which is one of my strengths. I got through the first match and my reaction got better from there."

In the eliminator format, all four players bowled a single game, with Cooley posting the third-highest score, eliminating Anthony Simonsen. Cooley rolled 258 in the next game while Prather shot 236, knocking out Marshall

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Pro Bowlers Coming To The Rescue Of... Bowling!

by Dave Williams

After news came last week about Missy Parkin and others purchasing Mira Mesa Lanes in San Diego, yet another pro bowler, Bill Reese, has stepped forward to purchase Warren Lanes in Phillipsburg, New Jersey. Could it be that the super stars of bowling will be the heroes that save the sport by acquiring closed locations?



Warren Lanes massive road sign on Route 22

Warren Lanes, a very successful 40 lane center that closed last March due to the COVID-19 outbreak, has never reopened. Reese, who managed the location while with Nationwide Bowling Centers for many years, realized an opportunity and announced in February that he would be taking over the lease.

Mr. Reese, who owns four other bowling centers in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, posted the following message on his Facebook page from nearby Blue Valley Lanes in Wind Gap, Pennsylvania:

Hi everyone. How about some good news for a change! Reese Bowling Centers welcomes Warren Lanes in Phillipsburg NJ to the family! We look forward to the reopening, and to seeing everyone again soon!

-Bill Reese

It's not like Bill is unfamiliar with Warren Lanes - he was the manager there while working for Nationwide Bowling Centers for a period of nine years, beginning in the 1990's. "I have so many memories from the nine years I spent there," Reese said in an interview with Lehigh Valley Live. "I am proud of what we accomplished. At the time we had 40 teams every night on the first shift and more than 500 junior bowlers."

One of the distinct pleasures that I had during my time at Nationwide Bowling Centers was working with Bill. Even though Warren Lanes was about an hour drive from the corporate office, I never hesitated whenever Reese asked for my help, particularly with youth bowlers.

When the Ronald McDonald Youth Bowling Club first became popular, Bill and I capitalized on the fact that there was a McDonald's directly across the street from Warren Lanes. Our first attempt at forming a bowling club was on Friday afternoon, and we filled the house with three or four children on every lane.

Bill then suggested that we try another McDonald's Club on Saturday at Noon, immediately following the Saturday Juniors. The result was another full house of 40 teams with 3 (Pee Wees) or 4 (Juniors) on every lane. There were so many children interested that Bill started another shift at 3:00PM to accommodate the overflow.

Soon people began asking Reese about starting a McDonald's Club on Thursdays at 4:00PM, because they were unable to make it on Friday or Saturday. The result was another 30 children on Thursday, followed by a Cub Scout group of 30 that formed a McDonald's Club on Tuesday at 4:00PM. In all, we had a total of more than 450 children involved in Ronald McDonald Youth Bowling Clubs at the height of the fast-food bowling club hysteria.

Whenever I ventured out to Warren Lanes, it seemed like Bill was embarking on yet another construction adventure. I used to call him "a frustrated carpenter," because of his endless projects to improve the bowling center. In the article from Lehigh Valley Live, mention was made of Reese's transformation of the bowling center "into a finely polished machine." The article went on to say, "High scores followed and much of that was done by Jacqui Reese," Bill's youngest of three children. Both Bill and Jacqui are professional bowlers, with many bowling accomplishments.

Jacqui's resume reads like a Who's Who in women's pro bowling, with 24 sanctioned 300 games, a top three game 858 series, and an incredibly high 240 league average for one season. Bill has had his share of 300's, including one in a PBA Regional at Warren Lanes in 1993, but he also marvels at his daughter's accomplishments. I remember watching Jacqui as a youngster, with her high backswing, timing and release so reminiscent of the top players today. It was easy for anyone to see the talent that she inherited from her father.

And now, everything has come full circle, and the beautiful bowling center that Bill created will be his in an ownership capacity. It's a delight to see pro bowlers like Steve and Dana Miller Mackie, Drew and Missy Parkin, and now Bill Reese coming to the rescue of our game. Who will be next?

(Photos provided by Bill Reese)



Bill Reese is also an accomplished singer, shown here performing with his "At the Hop" band at Slatington Bowl in Pennsylvania



SOUTHERN LA COUNTY USBC IS RELOCATING AFTER 50 YEARS!

SLAC USBC, which services 9 centers from the South Bay to Cerritos is moving April 1, 2021 to Lakewood. The office is currently located in Bellflower and will be moving only 6 miles southwest to a newer building and will be in a first floor unit. The new building is located in an industrial area behind the Long Beach airport, just one block east of Cherry Ave. and is less than 5 minutes away from Cal Bowl. The new address is **3673 Industry Ave. #102, Lakewood, CA 90712**. Our phone and fax numbers are also changing. The new phone number is **(562) 426-2030** and the new fax number is **(562) 426-2032**.

SLAC USBC used to be the Southeast District Bowling Association and moved to Bellflower during the 1969-70 season. Their office used to be located on Alondra Blvd. in Compton prior to that move. The SLAC USBC association has evolved over the many decades with the following past associations all merging together at some point: Southeast District Bowling Association, Los Angeles Women's Bowling Association, Long Beach Bowling Association, Long Beach Women's Bowling Association and the Southeast District Youth Bowling Association. There is a lot of history here and we have the old average books on display starting from the late 1930s.

With bowling centers still shut down, the office will remain closed to walk-in business. You can schedule appointments or for fastest response, please email us at info@slacusbc.com. For those that are planning on bowling Nationals or want to vote at our local and/or state association's annual meeting, you will need current 2020-21 USBC membership. SLAC USBC adult membership can be purchased online at bowl.com or through our office and youth membership must be done directly with us at the office. Visit us at slacusbc.com for association news and local information. We are hoping centers will be opening soon... until then, stay safe and we will see you soon at our new office!

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Kent. Cooley built a lead over Prather in the championship match and had to stop himself from thinking too far ahead during the commercial break.

"There were a few moments during the break when I had thoughts that this was actually going to happen," said Cooley. "I had to tell myself to stop. That's what kills you, overthinking or thinking it's already over when it's only halfway. I treated each frame as important as anything else. It all worked out."

Cooley rolled seven strikes in the championship match to defeat Prather, who won his fourth career title yesterday in the PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship.

"I'm glad today worked out," said Cooley. "I'll have a lot more confidence moving forward. Now that I know I can do it, hopefully it'll happen more regularly."

PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP

AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

Sam Cooley, earns \$30,000

Kris Prather, \$15,000

Marshall Kent, \$8,000

Anthony Simonsen, \$5,000

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – Prather 257, Kent 256, Cooley 225, Simonsen 214 (Simonsen eliminated)

Match 2 – Cooley 258, Prather 236, Kent 215 (Kent eliminated)

Match 3 – Cooley def. Prather, 247-185

2021 USBC YOUTH AMBASSADORS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

by Matt Cannizzaro

ARLINGTON, Texas — Julian Salinas of Richmond, Texas, and Brooklyn Gagnon of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, have been selected by the International Bowling Campus Youth Committee as the [2021 United States Bowling Congress Youth Ambassadors of the Year](#).



The annual award recognizes one female and one male USBC Youth bowler for exemplary academic accomplishments, community involvement and contributions to the sport of bowling outside of league or tournament play.

Winners are chosen based on submitted applications, and each will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

Gagnon, 18, is a senior at Lincoln High School, where she maintains a 3.9 GPA, challenging herself academically with a variety of accelerated and Advanced Placement classes and a focus on mathematics. She is a member of the National Math Honor Society and intends to build upon her classroom skills at Wichita State University, majoring in mathematics/statistics, with a minor in accounting.

“This is a very prestigious award, and I was super excited to be chosen, because it shows that all the work is being recognized, not only in Sioux Falls, but nationally, and that really means a lot,” said Gagnon, who also will bowl collegiately for Wichita State. “Heading into college and into the next stage of my career, this definitely will be a boost for my confidence. I hope to continue to learn and potentially get my foot in the door with the IBC Youth Committee. It would be an honor to serve at the highest level.”

Gagnon currently serves as a youth director on the Sioux Falls Regional USBC Board of Directors, helping implement ideas for growing and promoting youth bowling in the area.

As part of the Programs Committee, she is responsible for getting the word out about the organization’s upcoming events. Her service includes being part of the Audit/Finance, Youth and Publicity Committees.

In 2019, Gagnon put all her skills to use in the facilitation of the Next Big Thing Scholarship Tournament, an event that drew more than 50 youth bowlers from multiple states to Sioux Falls and awarded more than \$5,000 in scholarship money.

Along with rallying her fellow youth bowlers to join her on the lanes and at events, or offering tips as a mentor to youth bowlers under 12, Gagnon has been able to help the local community in many ways through the Bowling Volunteer Group. Her volunteering efforts include working with Feeding South Dakota, Rake the Town, the Sioux Falls Marathon, Project Warm Up and the Serve & Learn Student Association.

On the lanes, she was named South Dakota Bowler of the Year in 2018 and 2019. She has a high game of 300 and a high series of 763 and has challenged herself by seeking out top-tier youth events, including local and state scholarship tournaments, the Chicago-area’s Elite Youth Tour and Storm Youth Championships.

Gagnon recently helped Lincoln High School to its second girls state bowling championship, a feat she also accomplished twice as a member of the bowling team at Roosevelt High School. She also has been named the 2021 South Dakota Star of Tomorrow.

In the future, Gagnon hopes to build on all the activities and passions that helped her become a 2021 USBC Youth Ambassador of the Year.

“One of my top goals is to be on the PWBA Tour one day, and I know bowling at Wichita State will help with that,” Gagnon said. “I also take incredible pride in my school-

work, and I love numbers, so I hope that allows me to someday work in banking. No matter what, I’ll always love bowling and promoting the sport. I plan to continue serving on the local board, and hopefully at the national level, where I can continue to learn and contribute.”

His academic excellence and bowling goals led him to the Savannah College of Art & Design, where he’ll bowl collegiately and major in user experience (UX) design, which focuses on how people interact with products and the quality of their experience with those products.

“I was honored just to be nominated for this award,” Salinas said. “To find out the news, there was a lot of excitement and some validation in seeing all of the hard work starting to pay off.”

Salinas also is a skilled artist and musician, often using his skills or creations to help raise money at fundraisers or charity events.

For the last few years, his artwork has been auctioned off to raise money during a variety of local and regional bowling events, including the annual Professional Bowlers Association/Professional Women’s Bowling Association Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Tournament in Houston.

“Especially with school, I’ve always tried to make each thing I do my top priority,” Salinas said. “I also love being able to give back and use my skills, like art and music, to help others or make a difference in my community. And, I enjoy any opportunity I get to promote the sport, whether it be at school, or in general, to help let people know all the great things that can come from bowling.”

Salinas has found continued success on the lanes, as well, collecting wins at a variety of local, regional and state events and finding the spotlight on the national stage with a Teen Masters victory in 2019 and a top-four finish in the U15 division at the Junior Gold Championships in 2018.

He has a high game of 300 and has multiple USBC-certified 800 series to his credit, but Salinas’ impact in the bowling community also translates beyond the scoreboard. He also spends time coaching younger bowlers and serves as a league officer.

Whether it’s on the lanes or off, Salinas loves supporting the sport and his fellow bowlers. That includes throwing strikes or setting up events, so others can have a memorable tournament experience.

“I’ve always loved the sport and all the things about it, even if I’m at an event, and I’m not the one bowling,” Salinas said. “I just love being in the environment and being involved in every way possible.”

Gagnon and Salinas will be recognized in April during the virtual 2021 USBC Convention.

This year’s award ceremony, which includes a variety of awards for youth and adult bowlers, will take place virtually April 28 from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Eastern.

A similar presentation will be held at the same time April 27 for award winners from 2020. The 2020 Convention was canceled due to COVID-19.

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USBC HALL OF FAMER DON ELLIS SR. DIES AT AGE 92

by Matt Cannizzaro

ARLINGTON, Texas - Don Ellis Sr. of Sugar Land, Texas, a member of the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame, died Wednesday. He was 92.

Ellis, elected to the USBC Hall of Fame in 1981 in the Veterans category, was a fixture at the USBC Open Championships. He made his debut at the 1947 tournament in Los Angeles, and though he missed four events early in his career while serving in the U.S. Army, he competed every year from 1955 until 2016.

In 2015, he became the eighth bowler in the event's history to reach 65 years of participation. He also is one of 23 members of the tournament's 100,000-Pin Club.

In 66 years on the championship lanes, he knocked down 115,122 pins, and he's fifth on the career pinfall list through 2020. Ellis was able to maintain a career average at the Open Championships of 190.9.

With the 2021 tournament on the horizon, Ellis still is just one of 14 bowlers to reach 65 years of participation at the Open Championships. Late USBC Hall of Famers Bill Doehrman of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Joe Norris of San Diego, along with the late Sylvester Thiel of Lake City, Minnesota, top the participation list with 71 years.

Ellis' lone Open Championships title came in Classic Doubles at the 1961 event with fellow USBC Hall of Famer Joseph Kristof. Ellis' bowling resume also includes a win at the 1955 Peterson Classic and a runner-up finish at the 1965 USBC Masters.

The right-handed Ellis returned to the spotlight in the 1970s through the Great and the Greatest competition. He teamed with Mark Roth to win the 1979 championship and made the TV finals again in 1980.

A longtime bowling proprietor in the Houston area, Ellis always made sure there was time to compete, too. He won several association titles in Texas and Illinois, including three Greater Houston USBC titles, two Texas State USBC Association wins and two Illinois State USBC victories.

He was inducted into the Greater Houston USBC Hall of Fame in 1974 and Texas State USBC Hall of Fame in 1985.

Ellis passed on his passion for the sport to his family, and one of his favorite Open Championships moments was the first time he was able to bowl with his daughter Denise in her first Open Championships, while his son, Don Ellis Jr., has logged 31 years of his own on the tournament lanes.

Ellis and his wife, Jean, who died in February 2020, had four children, 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Information about funeral services for Don Ellis Sr. is not yet available.

“Smart Bowler’s” Are Preparing For Bowling’s Return With STEVEN FELEGE

by Frank Weiler

California bowlers have been “LOCKED OUT” of their bowling centers for a year now. We haven’t bowled for twelve months and many of us will never be able to bowl again as a result of these circumstances.

We cannot understand why we are allowed to sit and fly on airplanes, just two feet apart, but cannot bowl. We cannot understand why we can shop at our local hardware and lumber retailers but cannot bowl. We cannot understand why we can shop at Walmart but cannot bowl.

What does California's purple, red, orange and yellow tiers got to do with us bowling while we social distance and wear masks? NOTHING!!!

Anyway, Bowling will be back in my lifetime and “Smart Bowlers” are preparing for the return of Bowling by turning to STEVEN FELEGE. As I write I am looking at my copy of Steven’s book **The Essentials of Bowling - Approaching the Perfect Game**. It is the best bowling instructional I have read and it is my reference whenever I need to refresh my memory on what is the correct “PROCESS” to follow when taking my stance on the approach to my releasing the ball.

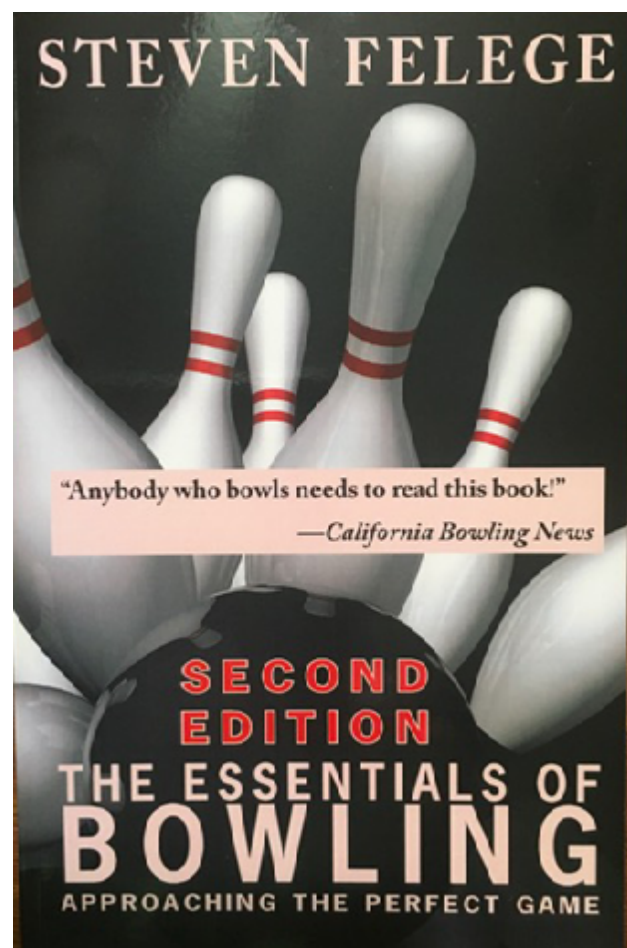
Steven's book is not just another "Bowling A to Z" book. To quote Steven "It is a clear and concise manual that will allow you to take the abilities you already possess and improve them". This book teaches you how to become a better bowler. It is all about learning a few universal principles about bowling technique and applying those principles.

This book is so great because it is formatted to give a bowler an easy-to-use reference source. It provides us bowlers with a "COMMON SENSE" look at the sport and the skills it requires. It stresses the importance of the basic skills and then describes how to perform them properly.

The techniques described by Steven are tried, tested and found effective. While some of the techniques differ from traditional teachings, they are easy to learn, and Steven ends each chapter with a discussion section to help you understand why these techniques work and need to be practiced.

So, what are you waiting for? Do what other “Smart Bowlers” are doing and read Steven Felege’s book **The Essentials of Bowling – Approaching the Perfect Game**. You may order copies from: King Pin Publishing, P.O. Box 22, Fairview, PA. 16415.

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VIEW PARTICIPATING CENTERS

Looking Back 2009

by Carol Mancini

January through June

Headlines and Headline Makers - that's what makes news. There was plenty of both in 2009.

- Electronics was making the game easier, especially the scoring. No more yellow grease pencils. Just push a button.
 - The ABTA had 286 entrants at **Bowling Square**. Bob Smith was the Pied Piper of Bowling year after year.
 - Harry Grant retired. What a voice.
 - Two Gramps at **Cal Bowl** showed em' how, 300 for Ed Hanna with 825 for Jim Plante.
 - ABTA and Bob Smith rewarded his 300 shooters with a jacket, plaque and picture in the paper.
 - Mark Roth, Johnny Petraglia and Wendy McPherson elected to USBC Hall of Fame.
 - Norm Duke banked \$229,350 in prize money in 2008. IRS was happy to hear from him in 2009.
 - Jim and Betty Horning, owners of **Yorba Linda Bowl** were always the official greeters at the door.
 - Bowling News' own Dean Lopez strung 18 in a row at **Del Rio Lanes**. Wow! 300 for a news staffer! Ball was drilled by Anthony "Droopy" Drapeau.
 - Brian Alpert was presented a crystal pin on behalf of NLAC. He had high average on "sports condition" lanes. 232 average!
 - Monster averages at **Del Rosa Lanes**, Dennis Horan 245, Marv Sergeant 236 and Vince Wood 236.
 - The news was filled with Super Bowl Sunday tournament ads. 18 centers offered action 9 a.m. to midnight.
 - Toot Toot - Bobby Richards cleans the deck 12 times for 300 at **Corbin Bowl**.
 - The JAT celebrated their 36th birthday by inviting all past members to bowl a five gamer at **Beverly Bowl**.
 - Orange County USBC Lane Stars in January; Neil Young, Terry Dickerson, Andrea Fredericks, Scott Worrell, Doug Albin/300s. Shooting stars; Will Wilson 820, Stacy Rider 300/816.
 - Bowling News started its 70th year.
 - 41 centers and five associations fill the directories page. Proud to be part of So. California Bowling World.
 - **Oak Tree Lanes** bowlers got a new playground - Brunswick Synthetic Pro Lanes. Did they come with an instruction book?
 - **Corbin Bowl** sent congrats to Dan Curry Yup. 300 game.
 - **Fountain Bowl** hosted the PBA Dick Weber Open in February. The winner was popular Norm Duke.
 - Juan Camarena set his own high record at **Cal Bowl** 300-245-300/845! Dean Lopez (his teammate) stated "he bowls great drunk!"
 - The PBA celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Red Rock in Vegas. VIPs filled the party room, John Jowdy reported.
 - JAT founder, Mickey Colletti passed away watching bowling! He sold millions of Blue Chip Stamps to centers in Southern California. He would have been a great "4th" Stooze.
 - Local Charles Kinstler was given the USBC "Proprietor of the Year" award for saving **Del Rio Lanes**, **Forest Lanes**, **Cal Bowl** and **Bowlum Lanes** which were in danger of closing.
 - Hip hip hooray for Greg Nardo. Big night at **Keystone Lanes**. 257-269-279/805
 - The California Bowlers Writers sent dozens of phone cards to marines on duty; wives and kids surprised to hear from dad.
 - Blind bowlers from **Keystone Lanes** traveled to Cleveland for Blind Nationals.
 - Eric Forkel won 4 tournament in a row. The latest was in WCST singles in Pahrump. A thousand a week beats working!
 - New Lanes at **Oak Tree Lanes**! Try them free. (That's what the ad said.)
 - Jason Belmonte was first "two handed" player to win a PBA Title.
 - Former Bowling News Editor, Bob Johnson, was given the 2009 Bowling Writers Hall of Fame Award. He went on to edit national magazines. And still at it in 2021! Many thanks Bob!
 - **Corbin Bowl** brags about another mighty score; 267-299-267/833 for Paul Appling.
 - Retired California State President Linda Johnson named to Hall of Fame. 2021 she is still San Gabriel Valley Associations Secretary.
 - Doug Mock finally gets his week in the news. For what? His 300 game at **Irvine Lanes** of course.
 - Wes Malott crowned King of Bowling. The crown still fits in 2021.
 - Bill Machin mastered the lanes at **Corbin Bowl**. Congrats from the 580 Sports Trios.
 - **Keystone Lanes** hosted an "Oldies Tournament". Had to be over 70. Over 100? Bowl Free.
 - A name to remember for years to come, JAT stroker Devin Bidwell.
 - Jason Belmonte earned 2008-09 PBA Rookie Honor. (Whatever happened to him?) Check his spare ball!
 - ESPN2 on Wednesday night presented "King of Bowling".
 - San Gabriel Valley USBC named six special persons to Hall of Fame: Keith Kenworthy (Rolling Donkey) Janet Louche, Bill Louche (association board members) Jo O'Dell, Nancy Watkins and Jason Carrillo.
 - **Upland Bowl** records new house records with a plaque on the wall; Ron Schmidt 299-300-278/877. "My Black Fury was on fire" Ron said.
 - **Corbin Bowl** toots the trumpet for Joe Fonvergne 300 on the 1st of June.
 - The "Hat" league format was for "Newcomers". Bowl 14 to 16 weeks; instruction, three games and a ball.
 - **The Orleans** and the **Suncoast** offered free shuttle service to and from the airport.
 - King Wes Malott rolled a second perfecto on TV. The king rules.
 - **AMF Rocket Lanes** in Chatsworth closed.
 - What? Ad reads; Eight Gamer at **Bowlum Lanes** - Plastic Balls Only.
 - **Linbrook Bowl** had 26 adult leagues for the summer, plus the junior program.
 - Mark Roth, only 58, suffered a stroke in May 2009.
 - Jolly Time popcorn put free game coupons on their packages.
- The first six months of 2009 comes to a close. Congrats to all hoisted the trophies and slipped on the rings. Watch for July to December coming soon.

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Big scores and a bunch of strikes highlighted victories for the Indiana Tech women and Concordia men over the weekend at the Bowling Green State Falcon Classic in Toledo, Ohio. The single-day event featured 16 women’s varsity teams and 15 men’s teams. The format included four traditional games and 10 Baker games in each division, with total pin-fall determining the winner.

The Indiana Tech women recorded a wire-to-wire victory at the Falcon Classic, creating some distance from the rest of the field after a 1,078 effort in Game 2 of the traditional block helped them build a 72-pin advantage heading into Baker competition. The Warriors started the Baker block with 173, before posting nine consecutive games of at least 202 or higher to roll to the win with a 6,195 total. Lawrence Tech finished second with 5,937, and Lourdes was third with 5,832.

Bowling Green State’s Britni Hosterman rolled games of 210, 239, 237 and 220 to earn the top spot in the women’s individual standings, finishing with a 906 total, a 226.5 average. Adrienne Polonio of Lourdes was second with 860, and she was followed in the standings by Lawrence Tech’s Alexandria Smigiel (857), Indiana Tech’s Kayla Bivens (846) and Taylor McBride of Lourdes (842).

In the men’s division, Concordia benefitted from back-to-back games of 1,159 and 1,148 in the middle of the traditional block to surge into the lead. The Cardinals maintained their advantage during the Baker block, taking the top spot with a 6,407 total. Lawrence Tech finished second with 6,268, and Trine was third with 6,229.

Concordia’s Korey Reichard started Saturday’s traditional set with games of 279, 267 and 279 for an 825 series and finished the block with 229 to record a 1,054 total (263.5 average) to easily claim top honors in the men’s individual standings.

Wright State’s Andrew Bleakley placed second with 948, while Lawrence Tech’s Michael Weber (940), Trine’s Austin Robison (933) and Adrian’s David Winters (922) also finished in the top five.

In other collegiate action:

- At the Mid-Winter Invite in Jonesboro, Arkansas, the Stephen F. Austin women toppled the most pins during Friday’s traditional block, while Nebraska posted the top score during Saturday’s Baker games.

- At the North Carolina A&T Vern Stallings Invitational in Greensboro, North Carolina, the North Carolina A&T women rolled to the top pinfall total during the traditional and Baker blocks.

- At the Jayhawk Collegiate Classic I in Topeka (men) and Lawrence (women), Kansas, the William Penn men and Newman girls finished at the top of the leaderboard.

- At the Jayhawk Collegiate Classic II in Topeka (men) and Lawrence (women), Kansas, the William Penn men completed the sweep, while Wichita State captured the second title in the women’s division.

- At the Ohio Bowling Conference No. 4 in Columbus, Ohio, the Northwestern Ohio women and men swept the top spots.

- At the Ebonite Warhawk Open in Elk Grove Village (women) and Addison (men), Illinois, the St. Ambrose women finished strong to collect the win, while Calumet averaged more than 223 per game to claim the men’s title.

For more information on USBC Collegiate, visit BOWL.com/Collegiate or CollegeBowling.Bowl.com.

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Maldonado spared in the seventh and stayed clean the rest of the way to win the title on a day in which he never lost. Maldonado went undefeated throughout nine total games, winning all six of his match play games and then posting the highest score in all three eliminator matches on FS1.

In Round of 16 best-of-five match play, No. 10 seed Maldonado defeated Sean Lavery-Spahr, three games to none. In the Round of 8, Maldonado won all three games to sweep Marshall Kent. Maldonado used the same strategy that succeeded in match play on the televised finals.

“When I bowled Sean and Marshall, we threw urethane,” said Maldonado. “Once I felt like there was enough blend in the lane from the urethane transition, I knew I was able to miss a little bit left once I got into my reactive. As long as I carried, I was fine.”

Bowling a 224 game in the opening eliminator match, Maldonado led Butturff and Zach Weidman into the next match, knocking out Jason Sterner. In the second match, Maldonado and Butturff tied at 224, advancing to the title match and leaving Weidman in third.

“I was just super happy,” said Maldonado of his reaction to winning his first national title. “I was thinking about my family during the matches. I wake up every morning doing this for them. I just want to make them proud, to make Houston proud. I have a lot of people who support me and I don’t want to let them down. I got it. I got the win.”

PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP

AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

Shawn Maldonado, earns \$30,000

Jakob Butturff, \$15,000

Zach Weidman, \$8,000

Jason Sterner, \$5,000

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – Maldonado 224, Butturff 220, Weidman 214, Sterner 184 (Sterner eliminated)

Match 2 – Maldonado 224, Butturff 224, Weidman 209 (Weidman eliminated)

Match 3 – Maldonado def. Butturff, 250-202



NEW YORK, NY – After the most unprecedented year in PBA history, the PBA Regional program is excited to announce the 2020 award recipients honoring Player of the Year, Sr. Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Pat Patterson Award winners in six of its seven domestic regions, combining the North-west/West for the shortened season.

Despite an unusual season, the PBA’s Regional players continued to show up and compete, making this years’ awards extra special for seasoned and rookie bowlers alike.

Player of the Year honors will award each region’s top standard and senior player, while the Rookie of the Year honors will go to each region’s top-performing bowler in their first season.

The Pat Patterson Award recipients are recognized for contributions to the regional program. Award winners were selected by the PBA’s regional managers: Russ Mills, East Region; Sam Zurich, South Region; Bobby Jakel, Central Region; Toby Contreras, Midwest Region, Pete McCordic, Southwest Region, and Josh Blanchard, West, and Northwest Regions.

Here are the 2020 PBA Regional Award winners: NORTHWEST/WEST

Player of the Year – Darren Tang of Las Vegas
Rookie of the Year – Deo Benard, Henderson, Nevada
Senior Player of the Year - John Gould, Yuba City, Calif.
Pat Patterson - Mike Monyak of Las Vegas

MIDWEST

Player of the Year – AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill.
Rookie of the Year – Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, Ill.
Senior Player of the Year – John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo.
Pat Patterson – Jerry Morano, Lombard, Ill.

SOUTHWEST

Player of the Year – AJ Chapman, Lewisville, Tex.
Rookie of the Year – Dimitri Cruz, Denton, Tex.
Senior Player of the Year – Keith Lesko, Prosper, Tex.
Pat Patterson – John Burns, Odessa, Tex.



In 1953 a center opened in my hometown of Chanute Kansas. I learned to roll a 16 pounder.

In 1955 I moved to California and found a bowl in Hanford. Hooray.

I married an engineer for Western Electric Co. We were sent to Norfolk, Virginia. Surprise, Duckpin Bowling! The pins were short and fat. The 3 pound balls (3 thrown per frame) took some practice.

In 1957 we were sent to Sasebo, Japan. The Navy base had two centers with pin boys. I joined a travel team that competed at many bases. Even on board an Aircraft Carrier!

In 1960 we were relocated to Newport, Rhode Island. Candle Stick Bowling was the only game in town. Back to 3 pound balls - three per frame. Tall skinny pins.

1963 we packed up (3 kids and household) and headed to beautiful, warm, San Diego. **Parkway Bowl** became “heavens answer” to my habit.

I thought I had tried all the varieties. Not yet. **Cal Bowl** in Lakewood has String Bowling in the arcade. If you haven’t tried it put it on your must to do list.

Might be a while - check the internet. String Bowling is very popular in Europe last I heard.

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thane. *“Once I got in the groove, I knew what I had to do to get my ball into the pocket. I just had to throw it slowly enough and get it on line and it was going to carry and go high flush.”*

The top seed for best-of-five match play, Daugherty eliminated No. 16 Pete Weber in the Round of 16 and No. 8 Walter Ray Williams in the Round of 8, winning both series three games to two. Both Weber and Williams announced their retirement earlier today, making Daugherty the final opponent for the legends.

“Coming in today and having to bowl Pete Weber and Walter Ray, are you kidding me?” said Daugherty. *“If it didn’t happen, I wouldn’t believe it.”*

World Series of Bowling XII took place at AMF University Lanes and Daugherty wasn’t shy about admitting an advantage over the rest of the field. *“I love bowling here,”* said Daugherty. *“I win a lot of tournaments here.”*

PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP

AMF University Lanes – Tampa, Fla.

Tom Daugherty, earns \$30,000

Kyle Troup, \$15,000

Kris Prather, \$8,000

Michael Tang, \$5,000

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – Daugherty 244, Troup 213, Prather 182, Tang 182

Roll-off – Prather def. Tang, 10-10, 10-9 (Tang eliminated)

Match 2 – Troup 279, Daugherty 276, Prather 237 (Prather eliminated)

Match 3 – Daugherty def. Troup, 266-254

CENTRAL

Player of the Year – Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio
Rookie of the Year – Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis.
Senior Player of the Year – Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill.
Pat Patterson – Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill.

EAST

Player of the Year – Anthony Pepe, Long Island City, NY
Rookie of the Year – Troy Lint, Blandon, Penn.
Senior Player of the Year – Troy Lint, Blandon, Penn.
Pat Patterson – Rick LeChette, Lincoln University, Penn.


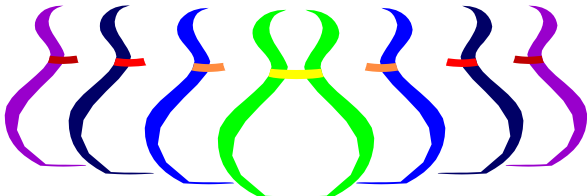
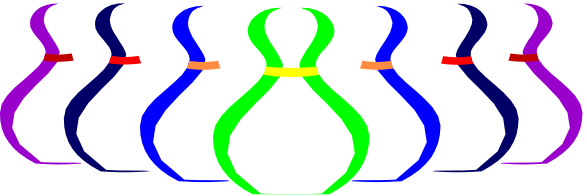
SOUTH

Player of the Year – Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C.
Rookie of the Year – Anthony Marino, Henrico, Va.
Senior Player of the Year – Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla.
Pat Patterson – Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W Va.

The PBA’s regional program, founded in 1970, provides bowlers with a proving ground to develop their skills in high-level competition against some of the sport’s established stars. The PBA Regional program annually conducts roughly 150 events across the nation and in its Japan Region.

For more information on the PBA Regional Tour and upcoming events, please visit www.pba.com/pba-tour/regional-tour.

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