# SIMONSEE PURSUES THREE-PEEA AND FOURTH CAREER MASTERS TITIL N LAS VEEAS 

## 2024 USBC Masters tournament preview

by Nolan Hughes

LAS VEGAS -The USBC Masters, the third major and seventh title event of the 2024 PBA Tour, is set to begin this week at Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

Given the event's unique format - over 450 entrants, just 15 games of qualifying and a 64-player, double-elimination match play bracket - every player can envision a path for themselves to hit the jackpot.

But in reality, at least in recent memory, the Masters is where the apex predators assert their dominance. Seven of the past 10 Masters have been won by two men: Jason Belmonte
and Anthony Simonsen. As the two-time defending champion, Simonsen is already guaranteed a berth into the bracket. That security affords him the ability to use qualifying as his personal laboratory, testing various balls and lane-play strategies to give himself as many answers heading into match play as possible a terrifying proposition for the rest of the field.
When match play came around a year ago, Simonsen already knew the answer to every conceivable question. He broke Norm Duke's match play scoring record by nearly five pins per game. Simonsen struck on

$71.8 \%$ of his shots during match play, according to Lanetalk, and threw nearly twice as many sixbaggers (nine) as open frames (five).

Two-time Defending Champion Anthony Simonsen
While it was his unrelenting striking secured his third career Simonsen's consistency prowess created a sense Masters title and became that powered him to the of inevitability that made the youngest playerto win win in 2022 - all six of him unbeatable a year five majors. his three-game sets were ago. between 643 and 664 - The then-26-year-old

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## MW I S

by Nolan Hughes


Maryland's Kayla Starr and California's Ernesto Reynoso

Maryland's Kayla Starr and California's Ernesto Reynoso became the latest youth players to win the PBA Jr. National Championships.

Two PBA Jr. boys and two girls advanced from each of five regional qualifiers held last summer to reach the PBA Jr. National Championships Finals. Ten games of round-robin match play at Bowlero Northrock in Wichita, Kan. determined the seeding for the fiveplayer stepladder finals. Illinois' Gianna Bran-
dolino and Colorado's Dmitri Richardson each earned the top seed and clinched a berth in the televised championship match, while Starr and Reynoso each emerged from the non-televised stepladder to reach the finals.

Starr, who finished as the runner-up in this event two years ago, came out determined to finish on the other side. The Crofton, Md. native struck on her first four shots and never looked back.
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by Frank Weiler
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##  <br> by Mary Lynly

Another motivator is gone - Carol Mancini was living with her daughter Wendy in Oregon when she passed away on February 28, 2024 at the age of 89 . She was born in Chanute, KS in 1935. She married Harold Woodruff in 1954 and they had three children, Bette (now deceased), Brian and Wendy. Bette, who lost her life to cancer spawned the only grandchild who lives in London.

It was at 17 that Carol went bowling and it was destined to change her life - she was hooked! In the early years children Wendy and Brian enjoyed the wonderful free nursery the bowling centers offered allowing Carol to promote and enjoy the game.

Following a divorce from Woodruff she later met and married Nick Mancini who was Manager of Parkway Bowl in Southern California. It seemed like a union that was meant to be and the two spent years creating excitement and good things for bowlers - on the lanes, at meetings and events locally, statewide and nationally. Always a smile on her face, Carol created fun wherever she went, a regular Pied Piper.

As President of the California WBA, following a state meeting in1991, a few of us were enjoying a cool respite outside and a reason to shed our heels in a warm summer day. We were facing a large cool looking green expanse of lawn inviting to say the least. I shed my heels and sauntered out on the lovely freshly mowed green lawn. Enjoying the relief on my feet and all of a sudden the lawn sprinklers came on! There I was, uniform, no shoes - in the middle of the lawn and at this point - quite wet! I was horrified but Carol found this hysterical, and the rest is not fit to print however, at the following annual meeting, in 1992 in Modesto, Carol presented me with a genuine brass lawn sprinkler mounted on a lovely polished plaque! (Still have it.)

Carol was never intimidating she was a motivator. You knew if she was involved something would happen. She was beautiful, her smile was radiant, and she loved bowling while creating an atmosphere that made other people love it and want to be involved.

She bowled her first game in 1951 and ultimately bowled in 13 different centers in Alhambra Valley over the years participating in 30 California WBA State tournaments; 28 National Tournaments; all local tournaments and in 2012 she was honored in the California WBA Hall of Fame. She was $100 \%$ dedicated to the sport and loved to go to work.

Carol Mancini helped many people along the way and in some ways she said she was "old school" - she hated the computer. She was truly one of those leaders that made bowling great and made California No. 1 for many years. As a leader and as a person, Carol left a legacy and will remain in the hearts of many.


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# Join Us To Celebrate The 2024 Hall of Fame Inductions 

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What an honor to be one of the inductees to the California USBC Hall of Fame! It's a tribute that I never expected because of my vagabond existence while working for AMF and two other large conglomerates in the bowling industry.

Bruce Pluckhahn, former curator of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, used to joke with me every year at Christmas: "Dave, you will most likely never be a member of any Hall of Fame because of your frequent moves, but your amazing collection of homemade cards at Christmas are already a part of the national museum!"

So, again, I am so grateful for my election to the California USBC Hall of Fame in the meritorious category. Bob Johnson, another California native and former editor of the California Bowling News, who has also done his share of moves around the country, joins me in a love for California, which is beyond reproach.

Lynn Matsubara of the Cal USBC Newsletter has asked me to put together a brief profile for each of this year's inductees. I will be providing three this week, and another two next week (Bob Johnson will be providing my profile). So, without further ado, here are the first three inductees:

Donna Adamek - Donna Adamek grew up just a couple of minutes from Columbia Bowl in Duarte. "I would practice there for hours after my coaching sessions with Tosh Kinjo and Bobbe North," remembers Adamek. All that practice led to the Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow Award in 1975, and she soon embarked on a professional career that included 19 career titles in 16 years.

Among those 19 professional titles were five majors - two USBC Queens titles, two U.S. Open titles, and the Sam's Town Invitational in Las Vegas. Donna also won four titles in the USBC National Championships - the Doubles in 1981 and 1982, and Team titles in 1981 and 1987. She was honored nationally as Bowler of the Year four times.

Nicknamed "Mighty Mite," Adamek no longer bowls, as woodworking and remodeling have become her passion. "The one thing that I do miss from bowling on tour is the travel," commented Adamek.

## Professional Bowling Titles

1977-Columbia 300 Classic
1977 - Dallas-Ft. Worth Open
1978-Rockford Open
1978- U.S. Open
1979-Montgomery Ward - Ebonite Classic
1979- USBC Queens
1979- Pabst Extra Light Open II
1980-Natural Light - Bowl America Classic
1980- USBC Queens
1980-Columbia 300-Bowl America WPBA Championship
1981 - U.S. Open
1981-Stardust Classic
1981 - Bowlers Journal International Classic
1982-Belleville Open
1983-Northwest Fabrics Classic
1988-Sam's Town Invitational
1989-Columbia 300 Delaware Open
1991-Robby's Open
1991-Columbia 300 Delaware Open
by Dave Williams


Glenn Allison - Glenn Allison was born in Whittier, Calif., in 1930. He bowled his first USBC Open Championship as a 16 year old, when the traveling event came to Los Angeles in 1947. This year Glenn participated in his 72nd national tournament, a record.

Allison is a four time champion at the USBC event, winning the Classic Doubles (with partner Dick Hoover) in 1962, the Classic Team Event (Falstaff Beer) in 1964, the Classic Team Event (Ace Mitchell Shur-Hooks) in 1966, and the Classic Singles in 1970. Glenn has five PBA Tour titles to his credit, as well as one title on the PBA50 circuit.


But Allison is most remembered for rolling a perfect 900 three game series on July 1, 1982, at La Habra 300 Bowl in Southern California. The score was never sanctioned because of the rules that existed regarding the application of oil upon a lane in those days.

Just six years later the rules were changed under the Limited Distance Dressing procedure. It's ironic that there are now 40 sanctioned 900 series (at last count), but one of the only perfect series that is still not included is Allison's score. His series was bowled on wooden lanes, using a plastic bowling ball and a conventional grip.

## PBA Tour Titles

1962 - PBA Memphis Open, Memphis, TN
1962 - Salt Lake PBA Open, Salt Lake City, UT
1963 - Coca-Cola Tournament of the Stars, Midwest City, OK
1964 - Tucson PBA Open, Tucson, AZ
1964 - Oxnard PBA Open, Oxnard, CA
PBA Senior Tour Titles
1986 - PBA Kessler Senior Championship, Canton OH

Bob Warning - Bob Warning began bowling as a 12 year old at Sun City Bowl in 1978. He remembers wanting to be a pro bowler since the age of 17. "It was all I ever wanted to do," said the 33 year USBC member from Menifee.

In 1991 he won the Cal State Masters, beating the likes of Jim Murtishaw, Alvin Lou and Marv Sargent. Nine years later he would join those men in capturing the Cal State Scratch Team Championship. The same team would repeat a year later. Bob also teamed with Marv Sargent in 2000 to win the PBA Regional Doubles in Dublin.

In between those impressive victories, Warning would capture the 1995 Cal State Scratch Singles with an 800 series. The 58 year old has 23-300 games to his credit and eleven 800's, with a personal best of 847 . He was inducted into California's Citrus Belt Hall of Fame in 2012.

Bob was married to wife Laurie in 1993, and together they started Pins \& Needles Embroidery and Pro Shop inside Hemet Bowl. In 2014 Bob became pastor of the Crossway Menifee Church. He enjoys his weekly Bible Study sessions which he happened to be conducting when word came regarding his induction to the California USBC Hall of Fame.
"When you bowl in league, it's like going to church once a week," said Warning. "You are with the same friends and develop relationships that last a lifetime."



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27 , prefers to focus solely on bowling - embodying the "one shot at a time" mentality - the history in front of him is undeniable.

With a win, Simonsen would become the second player to three-peat the Masters. He'd also become the second player to win the Masters four times.

Both feats were achieved by Belmonte, who seeks to win an unprecedented fifth Masters title, clinch a 16th career major title and insert himself into the crowded Player of the Year race

The reigning PBA Player of the Year, EJ Tackett, has made the finals of every event since the U.S. Open. Tackett looks to make a sixth consecutive championship round appearance this week and bring home his first title of the season

A Masters win for Tackett, as well as Dom Barrett or Chris Barnes, would complete the career Grand Slam. Only Belmonte, Duke and Mike Aulby have won each of the PBA World Championship, Tournament of Champions, U.S. Open and USBC Masters

Any 2024 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year conversation starts with Bill O'Neill and Kyle Troup, who each brought home one of the season's first two majors. O'Neill leads the tour in points and earnings, but Troup ranks second in both stats and is the only player with multiple titles so far this season.

Simonsen, Marshall Kent and David "Boog" Krol have each won a title and rank third, fifth and sixth respectively, in points. The titleless-in-2024 Tackett ranks fourth in points and hasn't missed a show in two months, while the always-looming Belmonte ranks seventh in points.

After the final squad on Wednesday night, the 64-player bracket will be set. Match play begins on Thursday and continues through Friday evening.

All rounds of qualifying and match play will be livestreamed on BowITV.

The five players left standing will advance to Sunday's championship round, airing at 10:30 a.m. local (1:30 p.m. ET) on FOX.

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Starr defeated Brandolino in the girls championship, 259-209.
"It's good to know that all the hard work paid off,"' Starr said.
The lone blemishes on Starr's scorecard were a pair of 10-pin conversions; meanwhile Brandolino tallied just two strikes through seven frames, then left a pocket 7-10 in the eighth frame and stifle any comeback attempt.

Starr will begin her college bowling career at the University of Nebraska next fall, where she will join a two-time PBA Jr. Girls National Champion - the same girl who defeated Starr two years ago, in fact — Jillian Martin.

Roles were reversed in the boys title match as top-seeded Dmitri Richardson of Denver came out striking while Reynoso struggled to carry the corner pins in the first half.

But everything flipped in the sixth frame.
Richardson left a pocket 7-10, then Reynoso struck to start a four-bagger after switching to reactive. That ball change proved to be the difference maker for Reynoso as a pair of 10-pin leaves from Richardson in the ninth and 10th frames all-but sealed the win for Reynoso

Reynoso collected his second national youth title in the past year after winning the U15 Boys division of the Junior Gold Championships last summer.

After the singles matches, the PBA Jr. players teamed up with PBA and PWBA stars - but it was Starr and Reynoso who looked like the pros.

Starr and 2019 PWBA Rookie of the Year Valerie Bercier defeated Brandolino and Lindsay Boomershine, who won the 2023 USBC Queens and this month's Go Bowling PBA NASCAR Invitational at Phoenix Raceway, in a five-frame baker doubles match, 107-74.

Reynoso and EJ Tackett took down Richardson and AJ Johnson in a strikefilled, 147-129 match.

In the doubles finals, a full 10 -frame game, the PBA Jr. stars each struck on their first four shots while their professional counterparts tallied three strikes and two non-strikes each.

Reynoso then fired all three strikes in the 10th frame to shut out Starr and Bercier by a single pin.

Reynoso struck on 11 of his 12 shots in the doubles competition and 18 of his 23 shots throughout the entire show. Only one of his non-strikes knocked down less than nine pins.
"[This means] everything," Reynoso said. "I'm so happy all my hard work paid off, countless hours l've spent in the bowling alley. This means the world to me. I'm so excited right now."

For their wins, Reynoso and Starr each collected \$7,500 in SMART scholarship earnings. Richardson and Brandolino, who committed to Jacksonville State University for the 2025 season, each added $\$ 3,750$ to their college funds.

The show was taped Jan. 14 at Bowlero Northrock in Wichita, Kan.

## PBA JR. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Girls Championship: Kayla Starr def. Gianna Brandolino, 259-209 Boys Championship: Ernesto Reynoso def. Dmitri Richardson, 236-222 Girls Doubles: Valerie Bercier and Kayla Starr def. Lindsay Boomershine and Gianna Brandolino, 107-74 (five-frame match) Boys Doubles: EJ Tackett and Ernesto Reynoso def. AJ Johnson and Dmitri Richardson, 147-129 (five-frame match) Doubles Championship: EJ Tackett and Ernesto Reynoso def. Valerie Bercier and Kayla Starr, 258-218

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2024 - Kayla Starr and Ernesto Reynoso
2023 - Kaitlyn Stull and Jacob Robertson
2022 - Jillian Martin and Landin Jordan
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# Brivnswick: CNETTKTHENAE  by David Yamauchi 

DOWNEY - The Brunswick Invitational took to the lanes for week six of seven in the fourth round. With the round winding down, the standings were getting tight with 6 teams sitting between 13 and 17 wins with 10 points still up for grabs.

The "A" match featured Cal Bowl (Leonard Ruiz Jr.) who already had a round-win in their pocket battling Forest Lanes (Jon Diso) who has the highest team average so far in the round. Forest Lanes came out strong, taking the first game by nearly 70, but Cal Bowl roared back to take games two and three, and totals by 23 for the 4-1 win. Cal Bowl increases their overall league lead in wins banking four more to take their season total to 90.5. Leonard Ruiz Jr. led Cal Bowl with a consistent 619 set while JT Diso again paced Forest Lanes with a 644 series.

The "B" match was Junior Amateur Tour (Kevin Valmonte) who are making up next week due to their 3rd and 4th bowlers attending the USBC Masters, matched up with Forever Hope Foundation (Vernon Adams) who was just one back of both Forest Lanes and Junior Amateur Tour. Forever Hope Foundation posted their scores while Junior Amateur Tour will bowl next Monday before league to determine the outcome of the match. Vernon Adams was big for Forever Hope Foundation with a strong 676 set.

Family Ties (Mikey Villarreal) matched up with Westminster Lanes (Jonathan Gale) with both teams riding some great draws to jump to 5th and 6th place. Family Ties took the bookend games en route to a 4-1 win over Westminster Lanes. Michael Montano led Family Ties with a solid 608 set while Tony Brunning was big for Westminster Lanes with a solid 655 series.

US Foods (Gabriel Martinez) and ThreadWorks (Eric Snow) were both locked up at 1312 and fighting for their lives, sitting four back of the leaders with just two weeks to go. US Foods came out storming, taking the first game by triple-digits and never looked back as they swept their way to a 5-0 win over ThreadWorks. Gabriel Martinez (738) and Kasey Uyesugi (737)
were both huge for US Foods while Eric Snow (645) and Ray Minter (644) were both solid for ThreadWorks in the match.

DV8 (David Cogswell) and Del Rio Lanes (Marquan Rivers) were the battle of the 9th and 10th place teams with both teams nearly mathematically eliminated from the round. DV8 had three subs with Tyler Veneracion, and that combo worked out for a 4-1 win over Del Rio Lanes. Sub Julian Zavala paced DV8 with a consistent 605 set while Jonathan Huezo led Del Rio with a 585 series.

Second-round winners Bowlium (Billy Myers Jr.) met up with Professional Approach Oak Tree Lanes (John Struckman) in the 11th vs. 12th matchup. Bowlium posted a huge 922 game to start and set up the sweep of Pro Approach Oak Tree. Billy Myers Jr. struck to a huge 747 set while Scott Silva led the Oak Tree bunch with a 598 series.

Touchstone Homes, Professional Approach Keystone Lanes, Professional Approach Del Rio Lanes and iColor Printing rounded out the night's action. Touchstone Homes took 4 from Pro Approach Keystone led by Terry Hatley's 609 series with Pro Approach Keystone led by Aaron Law's 599. Professional Approach Del Rio took 4 from iColor Printing led by Austin Wasielewski's 562 set. iColor Printing was led by Augie Labrado Jr. with a 571 series.

The Financial Advisor's pot went to Billy Myers Jr. (274) for $\$ 160$ with 2 nd to Kasey Uyesugi (258) for $\$ 70$. Sidepot went to Gabe Martinez (265) and Kasey Uyesugi (258) for $\$ 52$ each with 2nd to Butch Jackson (243) and Gabe Martinez (242) for $\$ 26$. SuperPot was a tie between Kasey Uyesugi (266) and Ray Minter (266) for $\$ 117$ each.

Congratulations to Kasey Uyesugi and Gabriel Martinez who both went Clean- 30 tonight and will be guaranteed a piece of this round's pot.

Come on out and watch Southern California's Richest League as they wrap up round four on

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## TOP 10 THIS WEEK <br> 747 Billy Myers Jr. <br> 738 Gabriel Martinez <br> 737 Kasey Uyesugi <br> 676 Vernon Adams <br> 655 Tony Brunning <br> 645 Eric Snow 644 JT Diso 644 Ray Minter 628 Jon Diso 623 Paul Barraco

## SUPER SWEEPER POT

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Billy Myers Jr. $274 \$ 160 \cdot$ 2nd Kasey Uyesugi $258 \$ 70$

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Check in 11:30am。Bowl at 12:30 pm • $\$ 30$ Entry Fee Optional Pots \& PLENTY of \$5 Brackets


[^0]:    2024 USBC MASTERS SCHEDULE
    Suncoast Hotel and Casino | Las Vegas All times Eastern

    Monday, March 25
    11am -A-squad Qualifying Round 1 (five games) 3:30pm — B-squad Qualifying Round 1 (five games) 9:30pm — C-squad Qualifying Round 1 (five games)

    Tuesday, March 26
    11am - B-squad Qualifying Round 2 (five games)
    3:30pm — C-squad Qualifying Round 2 (five games) 9:30pm - A-squad Qualifying Round 2 (five games)

    Wednesday, March 27
    11am - C-squad Qualifying Round 3 (five games) 3:30pm - A-squad Qualifying Round 3 (five games) 9:30pm - B-squad Qualifying Round 3 (five games) Top 64 players (or top 63 players and defending champion, Anthony Simonsen) advance to doubleelimination match play

    Thursday, March 28
    1 pm — Match Play Round 1 (left side of bracket)
    3:30pm — Match Play Round 1
    (right side of bracket)
    5:30pm - Match Play Round 2
    (all Round 1 winners)
    8pm - Match play continues
    Friday, March 29
    1 pm — Match play continues
    5 pm - Match play continues
    Saturday, March 30
    7pm (FS1) - PBA Elite League Round 10 KingPins vs. Strikers; High Rollers vs. Wonders

    Sunday, March 31
    1:30pm (FOX) — USBC Masters stepladder finals

