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BIRGIT NOREIKS WINS 2022 USBC QUEENS

by Emil Williams

ADDISON, Ill. — Six years ago, Germany's Birgit Noreiks made her first United States Bowling Congress Queens televised finals appearance. Six years later, Noreiks returned to the major championship lights of television and won her first career major title.

The 35-year-old righthander defeated Colombia's Clara Guerrero, 187-158, in the title match at Stardust Bowl live on CBS Sports Network to become the eighth international player to win the USBC Queens.

She joins Ukraine's Dasha Kovalova (2019), Singapore's Bernice Lim (2016), Latvia's Diana Zavjalova (2013, 2017), Colombia's Maria José Rodriguez (2014), Australia's Carol Gianotti (1989), Japan's Kazue Inahashi (1984) and Katsuko Sugimoto (1981, 1982) as international winners of the event.

Noreiks claimed the coveted tiara and the \$60,000



first-place prize, the second richest top prize in women's bowling history. Guerrero earned \$30,000 for her runner-up finish.

In the title match, Noreiks began with three consecutive strikes and five of the first seven, while Guerrero opened with a 7-10 split and followed

with a strike in the second. Guerrero added three consecutive nine spares as she tried to improve her carry percentage to strike, but splits in the sixth, seventh and eighth frames ended her chances at a major title.

"It's amazing," said Noreiks, while searching for the words to describe

the win. "It just happened, so I still can't believe it. The game went by so fast. It really is amazing."

Noreiks used two different bowling balls in the finals, one on each lane, to help her feel comfortable on the 42-foot oil pattern. Similar to how she attacked the oil pattern during the

week, she wanted to play straighter angles, and the forward thinking between her and her ball reps proved to play dividends during the stepladder finals.

"The guys said throw it fast and try to keep it in front of you, and that's what I like to do," said Noreiks, who now owns three Pro-

fessional Women's Bowling Association Tour titles. "I was nervous if I had to move left, because I don't feel I'm as good at doing that right now. When I saw the girls struggling while doing it, I knew I couldn't do that because it wasn't working. We figured out really early we were going to use two different balls to make sure I can do what I like to see, and I guess it worked."

The 2016 finals of the Queens was the first TV appearance of any kind for Noreiks, and much has changed since that time. She's improved as a player and an athlete. Her TV experience has improved exponentially, as tonight's championship-round appearance was her seventh since 2016. Formally, Pöpler, she's now married to husband, Tobias. It's a different Noreiks all around, and she's grateful for the growth in all aspects.

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DAVE JOHNSON FULFILLS DREAM WITH 1ST PBA50 TITLE AT BUD MOORE CLASSIC

by Jill Winters

CLIFTON, Virginia — Four decades ago, Dave Johnson won a regional title. After the stepladder finals Monday at the PBA50 Bud Moore Classic, he was "on cloud 15" when he earned his first PBA50 Tour title.

Life got in the way of pursuing a professional bowling career in his younger days, but after retiring in Dec. 2020, he decided to cross something off his bucket list.

"I wanted to go back on tour," the Ohio native said.

He made his first-ever stepladder finals appearance as the No. 1 seed drawing a championship match-up with 2021 PBA Player of the Year and Rookie of

the Year Tom Hess. For the second straight year the finals were held inside the home of tournament sponsor, Bill Moore.

Hess, who had won his first two matches with scores of 268 and 245, started off with three single-pin spares. Johnson looked slightly nervous on his first shot but covered the 7-pin. He then doubled for the early lead.

Hess changed to a Zen Soul in the fourth frame putting together a double. In the sixth frame, Hess converted the 3-6-9-10 but was still down by 25-pins. Johnson looked confident and comfortable in the intimate setting as he responded continued on page 7

ADDISON — The Professional Women's Bowling Association added two new classes of inductees to its hall of fame Wednesday night at the Chicago Marriott Oak Brook hotel.

The 2020 class began the festivities, as Pam Buckner of Reno, Nevada, and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard of Keller, Texas, were inducted in the Performance category. Australia's Carol Gianotti also was elected in Performance as part of the 2020 class, but she will defer her acceptance until 2023.

The 2022 class featured Kim Adler of Cocoa Beach, Florida, and Kim Terrell-Kearney of Greensboro, North Carolina, in the Performance category, with Joan Romeo of Las Vegas being inducted in the Meritorious/Builder category.



The 2020 induction ceremony was pushed back to 2022 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced the cancellation of the 2020 PWBA Tour season. There was no elected class in 2021.

Buckner, 75, of Reno, Nevada, won her first PWBA Tour title at the

1975 PWBA Championships, and she picked up her second major championship at the 1976 United States Bowling Congress Queens. She won seven PWBA titles between 1975 and 1980.

Along with her two major titles, Buckner owns nine career PWBA 300

games and four PWBA 800 series awards. On Aug. 26, 1979, Buckner tossed 30 consecutive strikes during qualifying at a PWBA event in Rochester Hills, Michigan. The run featured back-to-back 300 games, making her the first woman to roll consecutive perfect continued on page 5



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INLAND EMPIRE LADIES CLUB

Celebrates 47 Years

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS - The Inland Empire Ladies Club (IELC) celebrated it's 47th year of bowling a couple of weeks ago at EMPIRE BOWL. The Bowling Club may be the oldest women's league currently competing in the USBC Citrus Belt Association.

The the league first competed at the **ORANGE BOWL** in Rialto, California in 1975 and then over the decades bowled at SanHi Lanes in San Bernardino, Arrowhead Lanes in San Bernadino, Del Rosa Lanes in San Bernadino, Foothill Lanes in Fontana and then finally on to **EMPIRE BOWL** in Redlands after the pandemic and following a return stay at Arrowhead Lanes.

and every 50 pins knocked down. The league proves that female bowlers are as competitive as their male counterparts.

Over the years the Club has featured several 200 average bowlers. Currently two members, LORRI SCOTT and MARGARET VASSAR, are averaging above 200. Lorri has averaged over 210 this past season which was the league high. SUELEE SANTERO regularity averages above 190 as JANICE RILEY and THERESE WEILER consistently average in the 180s. Club members have competed in and won at National, State and local tournaments through the years and have rolled many Honor Scores.

Many of the bowlers from the early years are still club members and competing including: CARI BURRIS (League Secretary for the past 35 years), SARAH HARTMAN (Charter Member and Past President), RUTHIE KELLEY, EDNA MCGEE, JANICE RILEY, STEPHANIE WHITE and CAROLANN WILLIAMS (President) to name a few.

The IELC is a Singles League. The women compete in a Singles Match Game format. Four games against four different opponents on four different pairs of lanes with one point earned for every game won

- Current league officers are:
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| President | CAROLANN WILLIAMS |
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- Congratulations to all the ladies of the Inland Empire Ladies Club for all their successes and bowling accomplishments through the last four and a half decades.

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2022 PBA REGIONAL PLAYERS INVITATIONAL RETURNS TO SOUTH POINT BOWLING PLAZA

by Jef Goodger

The 2022 PBA Regional Players Invitational, featuring 132 of the best PBA Regional Tour players over the course of the 2022 season, will be held January 2-5, 2023 at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas. The RPI will pay a total of \$115,000 to PBA and PBA50 Regional players who earn their way into the field through the season-long points race or RPI qualifier events.

Eighty-four players will make up the standard division, with the top eight in points from each of the seven regions earning a berth into the RPI. Four more spots from each region will be earned through RPI qualifier events to be held later this year. The PBA50 division will include 48 players: the top four in points from each region as well as three RPI qualifiers per region, with the exception of the Northwest region, which will hold two RPI qualifier events.

The winner of the standard division will earn \$16,000 and the winner of the PBA50 division will receive \$10,000.

In order to reward the players who reliably compete on the PBA Regional Tour throughout the year, the top 50 players from the PBA Tour national points list and the top 10 players from the PBA50 Tour national points list will be excluded from inclusion in the RPI (although a top-10 PBA50 player who is outside the top 50 on the national tour will be eligible to compete in the standard RPI division).

The PBA50 competition will take place January 2-3, immediately followed by PBA competition January 3-5. Eight games of qualifying will cut the PBA50 field to 16 for bracket match play, and then 14 games of qualifying will cut the PBA field to 32 for bracket match play.

Fans will be able to watch a livestream of the 2022 PBA Regional Players Invitational with more details to be announced.

Find the complete schedule, prize fund and details on how to qualify for the RPI here.

2022 PBA RPI SCHEDULE

South Point Bowling Plaza – Las Vegas

Monday, January 2, 2023

2 p.m. ET – PBA50 Qualifying (eight games)

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

11 a.m. ET – PBA50 Round of 16 (best of five)
1:15 p.m. ET – PBA50 Round of 8 (best of three)
2:45 p.m. ET – PBA50 Semifinals (single game)
3:30 p.m. ET – PBA50 Championship Match (single game)
6 p.m. ET – PBA Qualifying Round 1 (seven games)

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Noon ET – PBA Qualifying Round 2 (seven games)
7 p.m. ET – PBA Round of 32 (positions 16-32, best of five)
9:30 p.m. ET – PBA Round of 24
(Round of 32 winners plus positions 9-16, best of five)

Thursday, January 5, 2023

11 a.m. ET – PBA Round of 16
(Round of 24 winners plus positions 1-8, best of three)
12:30 p.m. ET – PBA Round of 8 (best of three)
2 p.m. ET – PBA Semifinals (single game)
2:45 p.m. ET – PBA Championship Match (single game)



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Queens in 2016, that was my first TV event I ever bowled,” said Noreiks, who won the 2021 PWBA Go Bowling Classic. “I didn’t know how to handle the shot clock, and I was injured on that show. It’s just completely different now with the experience I’ve gained. I’m married now. I’m just happy with my life, and I can come out here, bowl and enjoy what I’m doing.”

Guerrero was searching for her second major title and first win at the Queens. A win would’ve solidified her hall of fame career, but this defeat won’t define her. She’ll get back to work and be prepared for the next event.

“To be in that position felt great,” Guerrero said. “How I executed and the decisions I made did not. But, you know, you work hard for yourself to be in the position where you can fight for a title, and that’s what I did this week. I just have to regroup and be stronger for next week.”

To advance to the title match, Noreiks defeated Colombia’s Laura Plazas, 233-214. Another fast start for Noreiks put her in the driver’s seat early, but Plazas kept the pace and trailed by only seven pins with two frames to go.

Needing a strike on her first shot in the 10th frame and seven pins on her next shot to secure the win, Noreiks delivered to defeat Plazas and advance.

Plazas, the No. 3 seed, advanced to the semifinal after defeating No. 4 seed Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, 181-179.

Plazas missed two single pin spares in the match and looked like she might fall short, but a 7-10 split from McEwan in the 10th frame opened the door for Plazas to steal the match. She delivered two strikes and six pins in the final stanza to advance and performed admirably to sneak through.

In the opening match, McEwan defeated Hope Gramly of Aubrey, Texas, 213-180. Gramly, an amateur, was making her first televised appearance in a professional event and appeared ready for the moment.

She tossed strikes in three of her first five frames and trailed McEwan by one pin in the fifth frame. An open frame following the return from commercial break, and a late double by McEwan, proved to be the difference in the match. Gramly recently helped McKendree capture the NCAA Women’s Bowling Championship in April.

The 2022 event started with 204 competitors. After 15 games of qualifying over three days, the top 63 players and Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, who was guaranteed a spot in the bracket as the defending champion, advanced to match play.

The PWBA Tour season continues May 26-29 at the PWBA Twin Cities Open in Eagan, Minnesota.

Michigan Bowling Centers Revive COVID-19 Claims...

What The Morrow May Bring

by Dave Williams

An interesting case is unfolding in Michigan, home to more bowlers than any other state in the nation, as a group of bowling and skating rink owners argued before the Sixth Circuit that the state is not entitled to sovereign immunity on claims stemming from several executive orders that forced bowling centers and skating rinks to close during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In an article that appeared at courthousenews.com on April 27th, the group had sued Governor Gretchen Wittmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in 2021, after they were forced to shut down for several months. The group claimed that the state violated the Fifth Amendment rights of the owners, when their property was seized (“takings”) without just compensation.

According to the article, the court eventually declared the order by the state unconstitutional. However, the businesses were still forced to shutter operations in the interim, with no benefits provided by the state of Michigan for their losses. In September of 2021 the court granted the state’s motion to dismiss, finding all of the defendants were entitled to sovereign immunity. If I’m reading it right, sovereign immunity is a fancy way of saying the government cannot be sued for losses that occurred during COVID-19 shutdowns.

In their brief, the state confirmed this by stating that the business owners argument is beyond novel, and that the Fifth Amendment cannot be read to include claims related to broad public health measures enacted pursuant to a state’s police power. According to the article, the state further emphasized that it is entitled to 11th Amendment immunity because the bowling and skating rink owners seek damages for past injuries.

That’s an interesting choice of words. By admitting that there were “past injuries,” isn’t the state also agreeing to the business owners loss from the shutdown? One of the great lines by Attorney Stephen Kallman, who argued on behalf of the bowling and skating rink owners came when he testified that

the businesses were completely shut down, which qualifies as a categorical taking. “There is no takeout bowling or roller skating,” Kallman said.

All of this reminded me of an article that appeared in Bowlers Journal International not long after the nationwide “shutdown” of March 2020 — “How Bowling Bounced Back from Spanish Flu,” by bowling historian J.R. Schmidt. He writes, “In September of 1918, as the new bowling season got underway, sports in America faced an uncertain future. The government was curtailing all activities that didn’t further the war effort (World War I). And now, as September moved on, a new disruption to America’s everyday life began to be felt — the Spanish Flu.”

Schmidt continues, “A century later, there’s still no definite answer as to where the pandemic started. Large gatherings of people were thought to spread the disease, so bowling (centers) were included in blanket shutdowns.” The Bowlers Journal reported that establishments in San Francisco, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Indianapolis had been shuttered in 1918; but Chicago and New York City bowling centers remained open.

This same situation exists today, where many states such as Michigan, California, New York and New Jersey essentially remained shut down for the better part of two years; while still others like Florida, Texas and Arizona opened back up relatively soon. Sadly, many bowling centers that were faced with the uncertainty of when they could reopen, elected to close for good.

The whole set of circumstances is critical in determining states rights versus federal rights. Social studies was not one of my favorite subjects in grade school, but I now understand how important our individual rights are to every citizen, in addition to the rights of each state, under the Constitution of the United States. As we have all learned in the past few years, the state legislatures retain much of their sovereignty to pass laws as they see fit; while the federal government can intervene when an incident such as COVID-19 occurs.

I’m reminded of an incident that took place in the state of New Jersey in April of 2009. State legislators, most likely prompted by lobbyists representing gaming interests in Atlantic City, fined 59 of the 73 bowling centers in New Jersey \$3,000 each for allowing 50/50 raffles during league competition, representing a cumulative fine of \$177,000. I contacted Stacy Karten, who was the executive director of the New Jersey Bowling Proprietors in 2009, and he remembered all the fuss about the 50/50 raffles.

Stacy commented in an article that appeared in the New Jersey Herald in 2009, “I have been in this industry for 30 years. It (50/50 raffles) is a common way to raise money. However, we do understand and respect the law.” What followed were a series of announcements prior to league sessions, advising that 50/50 raffles were not permitted. “We finally advised the bowling centers to have leagues sign a document stating that the league would be liable for future fines should they not cease the raffles.”

The state eventually decided to warn the bowling centers, and suspended all monetary fines. Bowling leagues stopped conducting 50/50 raffles unless given a special permit to conduct a raffle for a charity, volunteer fire department, veterans organizations, and the like. The lesson to be learned from all of this: “You can’t fight city hall.” But you can work with legislators, within the guidelines of individual and states rights, to find a common ground.

It’s interesting to note that a significant number of the closures occurred in Michigan, New York and California, while other areas were not affected by bowling center closings. An argument could be made that vast numbers of individuals are moving to states like Florida, Texas and Arizona because of individual and states rights protection being offered, which has had the effect of preventing the closing of existing bowling establishments.

I guess you could say that Florida, Texas and Arizona are building a better mouse trap!



Champ Husted, father of pro bowler Dave Husted, said regarding the permanent closing of Kellogg Bowl in Oregon: “A business cannot endure 10-12 months of closure and be expected to survive.”

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games.

“‘It’s the highest honor, honest to God,” Buckner said. “I just feel totally honored. To receive this as an athlete, it’s the highest honor anybody could have. You work constantly all the time to be the best that you can be, and my career has lasted quite a while. I’ve had to change my game. I’ve had to change things in my game in order to remain competitive.

“Even though I’m older, I’m not going to be competitive with the 20-year-olds today, but I can still compete with the seniors, and I really believe I can do that even though I have to compete with some seniors now that are 25 years younger than me. But to me, it’s the ultimate honor, and I truly am honored they elected me to the hall of fame.”

Buckner also was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in 1990.

Dorin-Ballard, 57, of Keller, Texas, captured 20 PWBA Tour titles from 1991 through 2003, including the 2001 USBC Queens. She was the 2001 PWBA Player of the Year after winning a record-tying seven titles (Patty Costello, 1976). She tied or broke 11 PWBA records that season, setting the record for most TV appearances in a season with 18.

She’s tied for seventh on the tour’s all-time title list with 2019 PWBA Hall of Fame inductee Wendy Macpherson.

“It’s just overwhelming and humbling,” Dorin-Ballard said. “I just can’t believe I got there. It’s kind of like winning the Queens or any type of tournament. I just can’t believe I did it, and I would have never thought I would have had the credentials to get into the PWBA Hall of Fame. I mean, that’s just the epitome of women’s bowling. And I guess somebody was watching out for me and thought it was my destiny, but it’s an extreme honor.

“And I feel so much better now that my speech is over. I cried like five times today, walking through my speech and talking to my sister about it. So, when I got up there, I just looked out and I went, ‘Oh my God, I’m standing here. I don’t believe it.’ I hope it’s inspiring for the younger generation, and it’s a goal fulfilled that I didn’t know I would be able to accomplish.”

In 2001 and 2003, she led the PWBA in earnings and average and was named the International Bowling Media Association Female Bowler of the Year.

Dorin-Ballard was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in 2008.

Terrell-Kearney, 56, of Greensboro, North Carolina, is a 10-time PWBA Tour titlist and three-time major champion.

She was named the 1989 PWBA Rookie of the Year and won her first title in 1990. Her first major victory came at the 2001 U.S. Women’s Open, and she collected a second green jacket at the 2008 event. She is the 2002 Queens champion, and now the first Black woman to earn induction into the PWBA Hall of Fame.

“I am humbled. I am honored,” Terrell-Kearney said. “I felt like 10 was the magic number when I was active, and I said I probably should get to 10 if you want to see anything later. It’s always been hard for me to sometimes believe that I belong in the company of Carolyn (Dorin-Ballard) and Leanne (Hulsenberg) and Lisa (Wagner), those that did really amazing things.

“So, it’s taken a minute for me to fully digest and recognize that it was a career to be proud of. It’s a pretty special night. And, you know, I think it’ll probably sink in a little bit later, although it has more and more as we’ve gotten closer to tonight.”

Terrell-Kearney has turned her attention to coaching in recent years and is in her second stint as part of the Team USA coaching program. She also is the head women’s bowling coach at North Carolina A&T State University.

The three-time Robby Sportsmanship Award winner was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance in 2010.

Adler, 54, of Cocoa Beach, Florida, collected 15 PWBA Tour titles from 1993 through 2002, including three major championships.

The 1991 PWBA Rookie of the Year captured her first major at the 1996 Hammer Players Championship, and she followed with additional major wins at the 1997 Sam’s Town Invitational and 1999 U.S. Women’s Open.

“You know, when you’re in the midst of competing, you always ask is it worth it during the time that you’re competing,” Adler said. “I guess I can now reflect back and think that bowling was everything for me. Even though I’m not in bowling anymore, it helped me to get to the place that I’m at now, which is a very good place, and that means everything to me.”

Adler consistently found her way to the winner’s circle on tour, capturing two titles in each season from 1995 through 2000.

She was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance in 2016.

Romeo, 89, of Las Vegas, has served countless roles in the bowling industry to help grow the sport and been recognized for her dedication through numerous awards, but her work on behalf of professional women’s bowling has left a lasting legacy.

She diligently worked to secure sponsorships and promote events throughout the years, and her fundraising efforts helped to create an exhibit to recognize professional women’s bowling at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, part of the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas.

“Would you like to know that I think this was a miracle,” Romeo said. “To be inducted into one hall of fame was great enough, but now two, and to be there alongside my daughter is amazing. I think my biggest accomplishment was not only getting the money for the PWBA room, but also creating the Extravaganza, because that raised money every time it ran. And not just little money, good money.”

In addition to her dedication to professional women’s bowling, Romeo’s work within the industry included supporting the International Bowling Media Association, World Bowling (now International Bowling Federation), International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, California Bowling Writers and the Team USA program.

Romeo now joins her daughter, Robin, in both the PWBA and USBC Halls of Fame.

Joan Romeo was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service in 2016, while Robin Romeo was elected to the USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance in 1995 and PWBA Hall of Fame for Performance in 1996.

They will join Doris Coburn and Cindy Coburn-Carroll as the only mother-and-daughter duos to be inducted into both halls of fame.

Nominees in the PWBA Performance category must be at least 50 years of age and have a minimum of 10 PWBA Tour titles or a minimum of five PWBA Tour titles, including two majors.

The inaugural PWBA Hall of Fame class in 1995 included Donna Adamek, Patty Costello, Dorothy Fothergill, Mildred Ignizio, Marion Ladewig and Betty Morris in the Performance category, LaVerne Carter, Helen Duvall and Shirley Garms in Pioneer, and Georgia Veatch in the Builder category.

With the 2020 and 2022 class, there are 44 members of the PWBA Hall of Fame - 26 in Performance, 10 in Pioneer and eight in Meritorious Service/Builder.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 5 2022	3:00PM EDT	PBA TOUR FINALS	CBS SPORTS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 2022	8:00PM EDT	PBA League Anthony Division Finals LIVE.....	FS1
THURSDAY, JULY 7 2022	8:00PM EDT	PBA League Carter Division Finals LIVE.....	FS1
SUNDAY, JULY 10 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA League Elias Cup Finals LIVE	FS1
SATURDAY, JULY 16 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA League Strike Derby LIVE	FS1
SUNDAY, JULY 17 2022	1:30PM EDT	PBA League All Star Clash	FS1



2022 PWBA TOUR SCHEDULE

With dates, event, center, location and broadcast channel (subject to change):

- May 26-29 PWBA Twin Cities Open, Cedarvale Lanes, Eagan, Minn., CBS Sports Network
- June 2-5 PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open, Seminole Lanes, Seminole, Fla., CBS Sports Network
- June 6-8 PWBA Long Island Classic, Maple Lanes Rockville Centre, Rockville Centre, N.Y., BowITV
- June 9-10 PWBA BowITV Classic, Maple Lanes Rockville Centre, Rockville Centre, N.Y., BowITV
- June 11-12 PWBA BVL Classic, Maple Lanes Rockville Centre, Rockville Centre, N.Y., CBS Sports Network
- June 14-21 U.S. Women's Open, Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center, South Glens Falls, N.Y., CBS Sports Network
- July 28-31 PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, TBD
- Aug. 2-4 PWBA DFW Classic, USA Bowl, Dallas, BowITV
- Aug. 5-6 PWBA Pepsi Classic, USA Bowl, Dallas, BowITV
- Aug. 7-9 PWBA Tour Championship, USA Bowl, Dallas, CBS Sports Network



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USBC Super Senior Classic Las Vegas, Nevada
- MONDAY, JUNE 6 2022 - SUNDAY, JUNE 12 2022
USBC Senior Masters Las Vegas, Nevada
- SATURDAY, JUNE 18 2022 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 2022
PBA Senior U.S. Open, by Lubbock Sports Lubbock, Texas
- THURSDAY, JUNE 23 2022 - SUNDAY, JUNE 26 2022
PBA50 Odessa Open Odessa, Texas
- THURSDAY, JUNE 30 2022 - SUNDAY, JULY 3 2022
PBA50 Highland Park Lanes Open Greeley, Colorado
- MONDAY, JULY 18 2022 - THURSDAY, JULY 21 2022
PBA50 Cup Westland, Michigan
- MONDAY, JULY 25 2022 - THURSDAY, JULY 28 2022
PBA50 South Shore Open Hammond, Indiana
- MONDAY, AUGUST 1 2022 - THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 2022
PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open Wyoming, Michigan
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ed with a four-bagger between the fifth and eighth frame.

In the ninth, Johnson eased up on his shot and watched his 900 Global Reality go through the nose leaving the 3-6-10, which he had seen too much of the past couple of days.

“On this shot, I have chopped it probably five times in this tournament,” he said, after again missing the spare. “It’s been horrendous shooting at that spare and I thought it was over.”

Johnson had 204 with his open in the foundation frame with Hess down by just 2-pins. Johnson struck on his first shot in the 10th then missed another 7-count combination for 223.

“I figured for sure he was going to throw the first one,” Johnson said. “No doubt in my mind the way he has been bowling.”

Hess pulled his shot leaving the 3-6, picked it up and struck to lose by one-pin, 223-222.

“It was a moment of realization that I had won it,” Johnson said after his initial shock. “This has been my life’s dream to be out here and to be a champion.”

Johnson who was noticeably cheering for his opponents throughout the week is enjoying the experience.

“I root for everybody because I feel in my heart, I have a job to do when I am bowling and that is to knock 10-pins down,” the 60-year-old said. “I want my opponent to bowl the best he can bowl because if I do my job then I’ve bowled better than him.”

He feels like everyone on the PBA50 Tour is part of a family and credits Storm staffer Mitch Beasley for offering to surface his ball three times on Monday, even though Johnson isn’t on a professional staff.

In the opening match, Michael Haugen Jr. started with the front-five against Pete Weber. Weber missed the 4-9 split in the first frame and followed that up with nine out of 11 strikes for a 246. Haugen Jr. left back-to-back 10-pins and closed the match out with a five-bagger for 268.

Haugen Jr.’s carry went away in match two while Hess started hot with the front-7 as he cruised to a 268-208 win. The third match featured Hess against Stoney Baker, who was making his second straight top-five appearance. Hess had seven out of eight strikes to start, and Baker had five out of eight strikes. Hess finished with back-to-back single-pin spares and 8 for 245. Baker got a spare in the ninth and a double and nine for 236.

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TOM DAUGHTERY WINS TITLE #20 IN MYRTLE BEACH, TACKETT TRIUMPHS IN WASHINGTON

As more events wrap up, the regional standings start to take shape with plenty of big names atop the leader-board. Eighty-four PBA bowlers and 48 PBA50 players qualify for the Regional Players Invitational at the end of the year to compete for a prize pool of \$115,000. Six of the seven regions held at least one event over the past couple of weeks, so let’s run through them now.

by Chase Kaufman

NORTHWEST REGION

PBA Fix Auto Open @ Daffodil Bowl

The 16-lane house hit capacity with four on a pair in Puyallup, Washington, making for a smaller field, but the tournament still pulled in some big names. One of those big names included Darren Tang, who averaged a whopping 258.2 for his eight qualifying games.

Typically going +466 for eight will put you in first by a wide margin, but EJ Tackett also slaughtered qualifying, shooting 2,092 to put him in the early lead. The top eight bowlers came back for match play the next day attempting to get into the top three for the mini stepladder, but Tackett and Tang continued to pace the field, taking the one and two seeds, respectively, leaving just one spot left.

The reigning champion of this event, Jakob Butturff found that final spot and took advantage of it, defeating Tang in the first match, 268-235. However in the final bout, Tackett continued his torrid run, taking down Butturff 282-228 for his 9th career regional title.

PBA Fix Auto Open @ Daffodil Bowl Final Standings

EJ Tackett, 2,500 points, \$2,100
Jakob Butturff, 1,500, \$1,250
Darren Tang, 1,150, \$1,000
Payden Stumpf, 950, \$900

PBA50 Fix Auto Open @ Daffodil Bowl

Same place, different time for the senior tour as they also tested the waters in Washington. Eight of the 33 bowlers advanced into match play, led by Darron Peters, one of three contestants to average over 230, but a tough day two dropped him to 4th place, right outside the stepladder.

Greg Thomas took hold of the one seed, while Rich Corwin and Robert Reed Sr. battled it out in the first match as the two and three seeds. Corwin narrowly slid by Reed 198-189 to advance to the finals, and there, a five-bagger by Corwin combined with the tough start from Thomas totaled for Corwin’s first career regional title. Corwin took the win 223-175, 2,500 points and \$1,600.

PBA Fix Auto Open @ Daffodil Bowl Final Standings

Rich Corwin, 2,500 points, \$1,600
Greg Thomas, 1,500, \$1,100
Robert Reed Sr. 1,150, \$800
Darron Peters, 950, \$700

PBA Women’s Fix Auto Open @ Daffodil Bowl

Completing the trifecta, 19 participants competed in the women’s regional held on the same weekend. Kristin Quah placed herself in perfect position for day two after going +190 for six games, 111 pins ahead of second place. Quah of Singapore maintained that lead through match play to put herself on the top rung of the stepladder and faced the winner of the Valentina Cruz/Kathy Ledford matchup. Cruz took the win by a couple of marks and moved on to face Quah for the title. Back in Grants Pass, Oregon, these two were separated by just six pins and battled it out in position round, where Cruz eventually emerged triumphantly. Here in Washington, Cruz once again got the best of Quah, winning 212-180. And to make a good weekend great, not only did Cruz win her second title of the season, but on Friday, she received her ID card as an official U.S. citizen.

PBA Women’s Fix Auto Open @ Daffodil Bowl Final Standings

Valentina Cruz, \$1,200
Kristin Quah, \$750
Kathy Ledford, \$600
Adrianne Schock, \$500
[You can view the Northwest Region points leaders here.](#)

SOUTH REGION

PBA Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach Open

Three-thousand miles southwest of Puyallup, Washington, 149 bowlers gathered at Myrtle Beach Bowl for a two-squad regional event in South Carolina. One in every three bowlers moved onto the advancers round for another four games to attempt to move into match play. After 12 games, the cut line sat at just +95 for a 207 average. After seven games of match play and with just position round to go, Ryan Ciminelli built a 17-pin lead over second-place Sean Connolly and a 36-pin lead over 3rd place Tom Daugherty. In the 1-2 matchup, Connolly won with a 199 over Ciminelli’s 171, but in the 3-4 matchup, Daugherty bested both Connolly and Ciminelli’s sub-200 games with a 236 and a win over Colin Champion. Daugherty vaulted to first place to take home his 20th career regional title.

PBA Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach Open Final Standings

Tom Daugherty, 2,500 points, \$2,500
Sean Connolly, 1,500, \$1,800
Ryan Ciminelli, 1,150, \$1,400
Kristijonas Sergejevas, 950, \$1,200
Colin Champion, 850, \$1,000
[You can view the South Region points leaders here.](#)

SOUTHWEST REGION

PBA San Antonio Southwest Open

On a warm Saturday morning, the Lone Star State hosted a Southwest Region event to just under 120 bowlers split into two squads, with the top 39 moving onto the advancers round. Five more games and the best 16 headed into match play for eight more games. Through said thirteen games, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Ildemaro Ruiz Jr., and Jonathan Norman all found themselves above +300, with everyone else in the rearview mirror under the +200 mark. Of the three, Ildemaro Ruiz was the one to break through during match play. After delivering a 276 in his final game before the position round, Ruiz virtually ended the tournament with a game left. Ruiz grabbed regional title number two along with \$3,500.

PBA San Antonio Southwest Open Final Standings

Ildemaro Ruiz Jr., 2,500 points, \$3,500
Sean Lavery-Spahr, 1,500, \$2,500
Nathan Bohr, 1,150, \$1,900
Shawn Maldonado, 950, \$1,450
Jonathan Norman, 850, \$1,225
[You can view the Southwest Region points leaders here.](#)

WEST REGION

PBA Earl Anthony Open

After three events in the Northwest, the West region followed suit and held a standard, 50, and women’s event in California as well. Earl Anthony’s Dublin Bowl hosted all three tournaments over the weekend, a popular stop for regional and national contests for the past 30 years. In the under-50 event, PJ Haggerty led qualifying at +282, a bowler with numerous second-place finishes at the host center. This time however, second place was not an option. Even after a subpar advancer’s round, Haggerty’s experience prevailed as the 2021 RPI quarterfinalist remained on top. A 5-3 match play record kept Haggerty in the driver’s seat to the finish line, giving him his second regional title of the season, and his 16th overall.

PBA Earl Anthony Open Final Standings

PJ Haggerty, 2,500 points, \$2,700
Tyler Betz, \$1,800
Jim Pratt, 1,150, \$1,400
Travis Hewitt, \$1,250
Anthony Schanen, 850, \$1,150

PBA Women’s Earl Anthony Open

After an extended period, the women’s event finally reappeared at this historic center, much to the delight of the wives of Earl Anthony and Ted Hoffman. Fifteen bowlers came to compete and after 15 games, a champion had yet to be determined. 16-year-old Ashtyn Woods, 14-year-old Avery Domaguin, and Karen Rosprim all sat within 35 pins of one another, a minuscule amount when factoring in a possible 30 bonus pins. Domaguin, a PBA Junior National finalist from last season, won her final match with a 227 against Woods who delivered a 200. Rosprim couldn’t find enough pins in her game, leaving Domaguin on top, who earned a \$900 scholarship.

PBA Women’s Earl Anthony Open Final Standings

Avery Domaguin, \$900 scholarship
Ashtyn Woods, \$700
Karen Rosprim, \$600
Kimberly Power-Defer, \$500
Brittany Hillman, \$400

PBA50 Earl Anthony Open

Fifty-seven bowlers contributed to an exciting 50 event, simultaneous with the standard and women’s divisions. Of course, the Earl Anthony pattern hit the lanes, where bowlers responded fairly well. The top eight players in the cut after twelve games all sat within 103 pins of each other and gave way for an intriguing round-robin match play. With just one game remaining, Troy Kendrick jumped from eighth to first, but the tournament was nowhere near over. Seventh place remained just 110 pins behind first place, giving a chance to anyone in between. In the end, Rick Meneley settled into first place, thanks to a 237 in his final match. Meneley snagged his second regional title of the season and 7th of his career.

PBA50 Earl Anthony Open Final Standings

Rick Meneley, 2,500 points, \$2,100
Troy Kendrick, 1,500, \$1,400
Darren Wong, 1,150, \$1,100
Mike Cyphers, \$1,000
Steven Smith, 850, \$900
[You can view the West Region points leaders here.](#)

CENTRAL REGION

PBA Mahoning County Convention & Visitors Bureau/Boardman Printing Central Open

Graham Fach leads the Central in points this year with two titles in his first three events, but after Fach missed the cut in Canfield, bowlers had a chance to shorten the deficit behind first place. Chris Colella led qualifying at +280, but only 95 pins separated him and the cut line, making for an exciting Sunday finish with the title still up for grabs. Plenty of movement transpired through seven games of match play as Tim Pfeifer moved from eighth place to first, 68 pins ahead of second-place Zac Tackett with just a game to go. Tackett needed a 39-pin victory to snag the title, but Pfeifer’s foot never hit the brakes. He seized his first career title with a 254 game over Tackett’s 178.

PBA Mahoning County Convention & Visitors Bureau/Boardman Printing Central Open

Tim Pfeifer, 2,500 points, \$2,800
Chandler Stevens, 1,500, \$1,650
Zac Tackett, 1,150, \$1,375
Kyle Cook, 950, \$1,125
Bailey Mavrick, 850, \$1,050
[You can view the Central Region points leaders here.](#)

PBA Illinois Valley Super Bowl Midwest/Central Open

For the final event of the weekend, the Bear pattern tested the 59 players to the max, but David Northouse was able to tame the bear during qualifying. Northouse led at +171 with a 289 in game two. After winning in a one-game rolloff, Nick Pate grabbed the final spot at +39 and made impressive use of it from there on out. Thanks to a pair of 260 games, Pate jumped to the one-seed for the stepladder finals.

In the opening match, Nathan Michalowski struggled to get anything going on the left lane, while Nick Kruml, opened with a three-bagger and a split, but promptly came back with a four-bagger to win 230-183. The qualifying leader Northouse came up next as the two-seed, but it was a different bowler, same story. Like Michalowski, the left lane troubled the Michigan native, while Kruml seemed to have figured it out quite easily, striking four of five times on the left lane for a dominating victory 236-152.

For the final match, the tides seemed to turn. Pate voyaged through the left lane cleanly while Kruml struggled to put together a double, sparing in his first three frames on the left lane. Kruml eventually figured out the left side, but it was too late. Pate clinched his second career regional title, taking home the win, 255-226.

PBA Illinois Valley Super Bowl Midwest/Central Open

Nicholas Pate, 2,500 points, \$2,400
Nick Kruml, 1,500, \$1,600
David Northouse, 1,150, \$1,200
Nathan Michalowski, 950, \$1,000
Benjamin Martinez, 850, \$900
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FIRST TO 105 CLINCHES THE FINAL ROLL-OFF SPOT

by Jonathan Garza

DOWNEY, CA – A few weeks ago I messed up and stated that the overall wins leaders would be going at it for the last spot in the round. I was wrong, and US Foods climbed the ladder to win that fifth round. However, now is the time for those overall wins leaders, and with two weeks left, it's crunch time.

With 10 points left to be had, time is running out for some things.

The standings heading into the night looked as follows:

DV8 | 100 | 0 GB
Forest Lanes | 99.5 | 0.5 GB

Statistically, Threadworks and Junior Amateur Tour were eliminated heading into the week, meaning that the battle between DV8 and Forest Lanes could be decided with a DV8 sweep.

Let's hit the lanes and see what happened on the Round 4 pattern.

Main Event: DV8 (100) vs. Forest Lanes (99.5)

We jump right into the Main Event for the week because it's too much drama to ignore. The first team to get to 105 points gets the roll-off spot. Jeff Carr led DV8 in a Game 1 drubbing, an 887-788 win. That gave them point number 101. Scott Smith shot 221 to help DV8 win once more, this time by a score of 780-736. With totals at a 143-pin lead, it was panic time for Forest Lanes. Game 3 was close, but no cigar for Forest Lanes. DV8 took an 829-821 win thanks to Carr's 229 game. Kyle Duster led DV8 in the sweep with a 651 series. Chris Oakes was high bowler for Forest Lanes with a 620.

Congratulations to DV8 on clinching the final roll-off spot with 105 points!

Junior Amateur Tour took four points from Threadworks, led by Anthony Santos' 674 series. Eric Snow led Threadworks with a 576 series.

A huge Game 3 from Westminster Lanes helped to change the tide against Bowling Guys, flipping a 121-pin deficit into a 178-pin win for Westminster Lanes and totals. Ray Minter shot 561 to lead the way for Westminster Lanes. Ricardo Mendoza shot 583 for Bowling Guys.

California Timberline swept away Team Hu\$tle behind sub Edward Estrada's 581 series. Jamie Carrington was the high bowler for Team Hu\$tle with a 533 series.

The recaps for Professional Approach Pro Shop and WBPI were incomplete, other than Game 1, which went to Professional Approach Pro Shop, 672-643. Fill out your recaps completely, bowlers!

US Foods defeated TDI Refrigeration by 302 pins, and is ready for the upcoming roll-offs. Gabriel Martinez was stellar with a 698 series. Preston Epps shot 591 to lead the way for TDI Refrigeration.

In the first of the battles of the round winners, Family Ties blew out Bowlum by 240 pins. Mikey Villarreal shot 639 and Vince Duarte shot 638 to pace Family Ties. Butch Jackson shot 532 for Bowlum in the effort.

The other matchup of round winners saw Cal Bowl take four points from Forever Hope Foundation. Ramon Torres shot 634 to lead Cal Bowl. Matt Murtishaw had a nice night with a 676 series.

Sidepots

The first game sidepot was won by Jeff Carr with a 244. He won \$44. Taking second place was Mikey Villarreal with a 234, paying him \$22.

Game 2 went to Gabriel Martinez with his 278, good for \$44. Second place was won by Ricardo Mendoza. He shot 257 and received \$22.

In the final game, Gabriel Martinez took home \$132 for his 247 game. Anthony Santos shot 234 and took home \$66 for doing so.

TOP 10 OVERALL WINS

Forever Hope Foundation \$..119	Bowlum \$\$.....93
Family Ties \$\$\$\$.....107	Forest Lanes.....99.5
US Foods \$\$\$\$.....106	Junior Amateur Tour ..98
DV8 \$\$\$\$\$.....105	Threadworks.....95
Cal Bowl \$\$\$\$.....97	Westminster Lanes....90.5

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Gabriel Martinez.....698	Mikey Villarreal.....639
Matt Murtishaw.....676	Vince Duarte.....638
Anthony Santos.....674	Ramon Torres.....634
Kyle Duster.....651	Chris Oakes.....620
Jeff Carr.....644	Chris Equilos.....615

SUPER SWEEPER POT

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1st Gabriel Martinez 278 \$160 • 2nd Ricardo Mendoza 257 \$70



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The Financial Advisors Pot went to Gabriel Martinez for his 278 game, which was worth \$160. Ricardo Mendoza earned \$70 for his 257 game.

Top 3 Bowlers

Gabriel Martinez (US Foods \$\$\$\$\$) - 698
Matt Murtishaw (Forever Hope Foundation \$) - 676
Anthony Santos (Junior Amateur Tour) - 674

Come cheer your favorite bowlers on in person. There's one way to do that – showing up to Del Rio Lanes in Downey on a Monday night at 8 p.m. to watch the finest bowlers in Southern California.

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