

Brunswick Invitational Family Ties Sweeps To The \$16,000 Top Prize

DOWNEY The Brunswick Invitational held their playoffs over the last two weeks with the final two teams meeting Monday night.

A best-of-five Championship Match would take place with the lane conditions pre-drawn in order of the games.

Game 1 would be on the 2022 USBC Team Event Nationals Pattern, Game 2 on the house shot, and Game 3 on the short 26' pattern.

If necessary, Game 4 will be on the long 48' Eiffel Tower pattern and Game 5 would be on house shot as chosen by

top-seeded Family Ties. Week one of the playoffs was held two weeks ago Thursday with Wild-Card entrant and 6th-seed Cal Bowl (Scott Smith, Carl Lebayan, Ramon Torres and Leonard Ruiz) taking on WildCard 5th Round winners Forest Lanes (Brad Jones, Tony Brunning, JT Diso and Jon Diso).

The house shot proved to be high scoring as usual, and Forest Lanes was all over the pocket in a 2-0 sweep over Cal Bowl.

Forest Lanes advanced to meet the continued on page 9



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WYOMING. Mich. -Jordan Richard of Tipton, Michigan, has had success on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour since her rookie season in 2018, but she has been

ago while competing on the youth tournament circuit.

On Tuesday night, she captured her first professional title at Spectrum Lanes by defeating England's Verity Crawley,



\$16,000 Champions - Family Ties - Steve Guerreri, Mikey Villarreal, Vince Duarte and Jeff Hickenbottom

JOHN JANAWICZ WINS THE 2023 USBC SENIOR MASTERS

LAS VEGAS - Overcome with emotion, John Janawicz hoisted the championship trophy at the 2023 USBC Senior Masters.

The talented 50-yearold's latest win on the lanes came Sunday at Sam's Town Bowling Center winning the PBA50 Tour's first major of the year.

"It means the world to me to win this event," the Florida resident said.

His opponent, Lennie



having success at Spectrum Lanes for much longer than that.

That's because the now-28-year-old righthander used to bowl (and win) at Spectrum on a regular basis years

241-171, live on BowITV to win the 2023 PWBA Great Lakes Classic.

The victory was Richard's second of the 2023 season and fourth of her PWBA Tour career, earncontinued on page 4

Boresch, opened up with five straight strikes while Janawicz attacked each lane with a different ball. But the match began to swing in the sixth frame when Boresch left a 4-10 split for an open frame.

2023 Senior Masters Champion John Janawicz

That was followed up by a missed 8-pin and getting just one pin off the Big Four split.

With the door now open, Janawicz switched to a Storm Phaze II in the

seventh frame. He used it on both lanes leading to three straight strikes. As the top seed, Janawicz chose to finish first on the left lane. He posted a 204. Boresch stepped up

with the chance to win, but his first shot came in high leaving the 4-7, finishing with a 200.

Janawicz wiped away tears and embraced continued on page 6

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JORDAN RICHARD WINS 2023 PWBA BOWLERS JOURNAL CLEVELAND OPEN Second Title IN A ROW, THIRD OF SEASON

PARMA HEIGHTS, Ohio – At the start of the 2023 Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour season, Jordan Richard of Tipton, Michigan, was wondering when she'd win again.

Now, the question has changed to can she lose?

It certainly doesn't seem like it at the moment as Richard defeated Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, 247-219, at Yorktown Lanes Saturday night to win the 2023 PWBA Bowlers Journal Cleveland Open, giving Richard back-to-back tournament titles and three wins in the first seven events this season.

The victory earned the 27-year-old right-hander \$20,000 and pushed her PWBA Tour career win total up to five.

Johnson, who entered Saturday night's championship match in search of her fifth win as well, took home \$10,000 for the runner-up finish.

Richard's journey to title No. 5 followed a similar roadmap to the one she used enroute to victory at the Great Lakes Classic in Grand Rapids, Michigan, just four nights earlier.

The 2018 PWBA Tour Rookie of the Year was in seventh place after Friday's first two rounds of qualifying, but by the end of Round 3 on Saturday morning, she had moved up to third.

Richard saved her best for last, however, firing a six-game total of 1,360 (a 226.67 average) during Round 4 to take the lead and earn the No. 1 seed for Saturday night's stepladder finals.

to-back victories started looking more and more realistic.

"Once I got to the top, it was like, 'okay, I can win again,' which made it more about trying to stay at the top," Richard said. "That was really important because I only wanted to bowl one game."

Richard certainly ended up making the most of that game, but things didn't start off as favorably as she would have liked.

In fact, it was Johnson who held the early lead, capitalizing on a pair of Brooklyn strikes to jump out to a 16-pin advantage through five frames over Richard, who began the title match by leaving three 10 pins and a 7 pin during that stretch.

But Richard refused to let the early lack of pin carry get her down; instead, she made her spares, stayed patient and waited for the strikes to come.

And come they did.

After striking just once during the first five frames, Richard ripped off a six-bagger in frames six through 11 to go around Johnson and reach the winner's circle for the second time in four days.

Richard's ability to flip the switch and start striking when she needed to most certainly impressed the fans at Yorktown Lanes, but she just saw it as an exercise in patience.

"Stefanie (Johnson) caught a couple of breaks early while I was struggling to carry, but I knew that the pins would eventually fall my way," Richard said. "So, I made a move and stuck to what I'd been trying to do all along, and they eventually did."



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Professional Bowling Could Use A Man Like Phil Mickelson

by Dave Williams

A few weeks ago, I penned an article about guaranteed salaries on the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) Tour. Many people were surprised to read that the top players on the PGA Tour are receiving guaranteed salaries of \$500,000 this season. So many, in fact, that I decided to do a little more research.

When I did a word search for more articles about the subject, I discovered that the PGA and start up rival LIV (which is a Roman numeral for the number 54, or one under par on each of 18 holes on a par 72 course) would be joining forces, along with the DP World Tour (the old European Tour), to unify the game, according to an article that appeared in the New York Times.

For the record, the guaranteed \$500,000 salaries for PGA players this season is correct. It applies to all fully exempt tour players who compete in a minimum of 15 tournaments. The new creation is known as the Earnings Assurance Program. According to an earlier article in Sports Illustrated, there are approximately 220 players that qualify. That's more than the estimate I had previously reported from golfmonthly.com, and means about \$110,000,000 in guaranteed salaries.

How did all this happen, you might ask? "Phil Mickelson called out the PGA Tour and forecast huge changes in golf," according to an article by Jay Busbee at Yahoo Sports. "He was roasted, but in the end, he was right." It was exactly one year ago today, on June 8, 2022, that Phil Mickelson stepped up to a microphone for the first time in months, after going into what some called a golf exile.

Here's the gist of Mickelson's words about the LIV Tour from a year ago, according to Busbee and biographer Alan Shipnuck (portions edited):

They're scary (expletives) to get involved with. They execute people over there for being gay. Knowing all of this, why would I even consider it? Because this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to reshape how the PGA Tour operates. They've been able to get by with manipulative, coercive, strong arm tactics because we, the players, had no recourse. As nice a guy as Jay Monahan (PGA Tour commissioner) comes across as, unless you have leverage, he won't do what's right. The Saudi Public Investment Fund has finally given us that leverage. I'm not sure I even want the LIV to succeed, but just the idea of it, is allowing us to get things done with the PGA Tour.

Wow. Those are strong words. Assuming that the PGA-LIV-DP World Tour merger goes through, every future pro golfer will look upon Phil Mickelson as the Babe Ruth of golf, according to Busbee. In all, about 18 big name PGA players defected to the LIV Tour, including Bubba Watson, Sergio Garcia, Dustin Johnson, Brooks Koepka and Mickelson. One of the few individuals that supported those players in their decision was another great deal maker, Donald Trump.

"For now, all of the tours will remain separate for the rest of 2023," stated Monahan in the New York Times article.





Nelson Burton Jr. (2009) **Nelson Burton Jr. Was Ahead Of His Time**

In the world of bowling, one of the greatest all time celebrities, Nelson Burton Jr., was another trailblazer like Phil Mickelson in golf. When I first began bowling on the tour, Burton was the PBA president, and advocating a program similar to what the PGA has introduced this season. I really didn't understand the concept that he was proposing, and like most of us "rabbits" we simply felt that Burton was favoring the top 48 players, to the detriment of others.

However, what Bo was proposing amounted to a guaranteed salary for the top 48 players, based upon a points system that would be reviewed each year. Additional prizes would still have been paid, depending upon entries at each event. Burton was really ahead of his time, by about 50 years! If only Burton had been successful, the PBA purses might still be ahead of the PGA, like they were in the late 1950's to early 1960's.

Whatever happened to Bo Burton? He's alive and well, and at the age of 81, he's bowling up a storm in Florida. I left a message for Mr. Burton but as of press time had not heard back from him. We'll save that interview for another day. Since I've been collecting old records this week for Lynn Matsubara of the California USBC, I decided to look through the High Rollers page on the Jensen Beach Bowl website for Burton's name. He has logged some pretty impressive numbers in the past 10 years, as evidenced below:

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- 276-249-278-803 2016
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- 2022 300

Although I haven't bowled for many years, I'm wondering if a move to Jensen Beach might be in my future? I'm also wondering what current professional bowler might stand up like Phil Mickelson on behalf of the PBA players. The most logical choice would have to be Jason Belmonte, but I'm not so sure he would be interested, since he's deeply immersed in his own game. Maybe the players could convince Nelson Burton Jr. to take a couple of weeks off from his league bowling at Jensen Beach, and launch his own version of an "Earnings Assurance Program" for the PBA players that he first proposed almost 50 years ago.

It's just a thought...

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ing her \$12,000 and the distinction of becoming the tour's first two-time champion this season. Crawley, who was also vying for her second title of the year, took home \$6,000 for finishing second. With Richard and Crawley both entering the title match having already won this season, the matchup was billed as an early battle for the lead in the 2023 PWBA Tour Player of the Year race. Early on, the bout lived up to the hype as Richard started with a four-bagger while Crawley came out of the gate with three strikes of her own before settling for a spare in the fourth. That's as close as it would get, however, as Crawley went on to open the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth frames thanks to two chops, a split and a washout.

Richard suffered a split and opened the fifth frame as well, but she bounced back with a spare in the sixth and then carded another four-bagger in frames six through 10 to put the match away and reach the winner's circle for the second time in less than a month – she won the PWBA GoBowling! Spokane Open on May 13. Winning is always special to Richard, but winning at Spectrum meant even more since it's a center that holds a lot of fond memories for her and her family. "We used to bowl MJMA (Michigan Junior Masters Association) at Spectrum at least once a year, and I won here, my older sister won here and my twin won here as well," Richard said. "We've always bowled well at Spectrum, so it's kind of been like a home away from home."

Richard certainly appeared comfortable, capturing the top seed for the Great Lakes Classic stepladder finals by going 18-6 during Monday and Tuesday's three 8-game blocks of round-robin match play. Most bowlers enjoy being the top seed for the finals. Richard, on the other hand, has mixed feelings on the subject. "I didn't even realize that I was in the lead until we got ready to bowl the position round," Richard said. "Sometimes I feel it's good to be the No. 1 seed, but other times I feel like I need a couple games to get loose. "However, in this tournament, toward the end of my blocks is when my ball reaction got better and better, so letting the other finalists break the lanes down for me and leaving me with the least number of games possible was okay with me this time." Getting a little bit of rest certainly couldn't have hurt Richard's cause; after all, she had already done more than her share of bowling this week. The 2018 PWBA Rookie of the Year racked up 61 games during her six days of competition at the 2023 PWBA Classic Series – Grand Rapids, 12 at the PWBA Grand Rapids Classic, 24 at the PWBA BowITV Classic and 25 enroute to the title at the PWBA Great Lakes Classic.

Nevertheless, it wasn't her endurance that Richard was most proud of after her latest victory; it was her ability to reach the top despite having to navigate the Great Lakes Classic's difficult match-play format. "To win an event like this one means a lot because with the 30 bonus pins that are available in match play, anything can happen," Richard said. "If you lose one game and the people around you win and shoot 250, you drop 10 spots, and it's so easy to do that. Still, I just tried to stay focused on what I was doing, and that helped me stay near the top."

Speaking of being near the top, with three stepladder finals appearances and two victories already under her belt this season, Richard has put herself right in the thick of the 2023 PWBA Tour Player of the Year race. But Richard isn't looking that far down the road; instead, she's trying to enjoy the ride and stay focused on the tasks at hand. "Of course, I would love to add an award like that to my resume, but there have been times before when I've gotten too focused on that, which caused me to start bowling really bad," Richard said. "I feel like right now I just have to take care of myself and do what I'm doing best. "I'm in a really good place in my life right now where I'm extremely happy, and I think that shows a lot on the lanes. I'm happy and bowling well, so I really couldn't ask for more."

Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, knows a little something about happiness and peace of mind off the lanes catapulting a bowler to new heights on them as that's one of the factors that has helped her win 15 PWBA Tour titles and secure three PWBA Tour Player of the Year awards of her own (2018, 2019 and 2022). O'Keefe, who entered the stepladder finals as the No. 5 seed, made a strong run of her own Tuesday night, defeating Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, 267-238, in Match 1 and Latvia's Diana Zavjalova, 238-184, in Match 2 before falling to Crawley (216-210) in the semifinals. O'Keefe's third-place finish was worth \$4,000. Zavjalova and Pluhowsky earned \$3,000 and \$2,600, respectively.

The Classic Series – Grand Rapids featured three events – PWBA Grand Rapids Classic, PWBA BowITV Classic and PWBA Great Lakes Classic – and kicked off Thursday with nearly 100 athletes. The combined qualifying totals for the Grand Rapids Classic and BowITV Classic (24 games) determined the 24 athletes advancing to the Great Lakes Classic. Pinfall dropped at the beginning of the Great Lakes Classic, and competition consisted of three eight-game rounds of match play Monday and Tuesday. Total pinfall for 24 games, including bonus pins for each victory in match play, determined the five finalists for Tuesday's championship round. Crawley won the Grand Rapids Classic on Friday for her second career title. Stephanie Zavala of Downey, California, claimed her fifth PWBA Tour title Sunday night at the BowITV Classic.

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Richard had very little reason to expect otherwise as she's performed at such a high level so far this season that it's more of a surprise when things don't work out in her favor.

Through the first seven events on the 2023 PWBA Tour schedule, Richard has three wins (PWBA GoBowling! Spokane Open; PWBA Great Lakes Classic; and PWBA Bowlers Journal Cleveland Open) and a second-place finish (PWBA Stockton Open). Her worst result was finishing tied for 49th at the 2023 United States Bowling Congress Queens in Las Vegas, where she made the cut to match play but then went 0-2 to be eliminated from the bracket.

Nevertheless, Richard will have an opportunity to redeem herself when the season's second major, the 2023 U.S. Women's Open, kicks off at ABC Gates Bowl in Gates, New York, on June 15.

Richard had success at the 2022 event in South Glens Falls, New York, where she made the stepladder finals and wound up finishing third.

Given the outstanding start that she's off to so far this season, Richard has even higher hopes for this year's U.S. Women's Open.

"I bowled really well at the U.S. Open last year, so I have really high expectations," Richard said. "I'm hoping that I can use what I learned last year and how well I've been bowling now to get to the top again. I'm really excited."

The winner of the 2023 U.S. Women's Open will take home \$60,000. All rounds of competition leading up to the stepladder finals will be broadcast live on BowITV. The stepladder finals will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network on June 20 at 7 p.m. Eastern.

The 100-player field in Cleveland bowled 12 games Friday before the first cut to the top 33 athletes. Advancers bowled an additional six-game block Saturday morning with the top 12 competing in a final six-game round to determine the five bowlers for the stepladder, based on 24-game pinfall totals.

Saturday night's stepladder began with 2023 USBC Queens champion Lindsay Boomershine of Brigham City, Utah, taking down Latvia's Diana Zavialova, a two-time Queens champion (2013 and 2017), by a final score of 256-172. Zavjalova's fifth-place finish was worth \$5,500.

Match 2 was much closer, but Boomershine still emerged victorious, this time thanks to a hard-fought 269-258 victory over seven-time titlist and two-time major winner Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York.

McEwan could've struck out in the 10th frame to tie the score and force a oneball roll-off, but her second shot left a 10 pin, which sent Boomershine through to the semifinals while sending McEwan home with a fourth-place check and \$6,500.

Boomershine's run would end one game later, however, as difficulties on the left lane resulted in one strike, two opens and three spares, which caused Boomershine to end the semifinal tilt with a final score of 171.

Johnson, meanwhile, had no trouble on either lane. After starting the match with a ringing 10-pin and high-flush 7-pin, Johnson proceeded to throw the last 10 strikes in a row to breeze past Boomershine and into the title match by a final score of 279-171. Boomershine's third-place finish earned her \$7,500.

Johnson would go on to strike on her first two balls of the championship match, giving her 12 strikes in a row over the course of two games, which is often referred to as an Andy Varipapa 300.

Despite failing to make the stepladder finals, Germany's Birgit Noreiks recorded a 300 of her own during Round 3 of gualifying. That made three perfect games total for the 2023 Bowlers Journal Cleveland Open. Richard and England's Verity Crawley notched the other two. All rounds of competition at the Cleveland Open, including the stepladder finals, were broadcast live at BowITV.com.



Lind Baldwin (left) & Danny Baldwin (right) - Bowling Super Fans at USBC Senior Masters in Las Vegas

Lind & Danny Baldwin "Super Bowling Fans" by Frank Weiler

LAS VEGAS - I have traveled thousands of miles to attend Bowling Conventions, Meetings and Tournaments over several decades. Usually whenever I am at Tournaments I bump into the Baldwin men, Father Lind and son Danny. I estimate they also have traveled thousands of miles over the past several decades attending PBA, PWBA, SST, TNBA, USBC and WCST Tournaments.

That's what I call BOWLING SUPER FANS. Bowlers willing to drive 500 miles to watch Parker Bohn, Pete Weber, and Walter Ray Williams compete in PBA events or Liz Johnson, Missy Parkin and Stephanie Zavala competing in PWBA events.

That's exactly what the Baldwin guys do. They drive 240 miles to Las Vegas to see the professional's bowl. Then, after the tournament, they drive another 240 miles home. That's what I call BOWLING SUPER FANS.

I thought it was time to identify the Baldwin men as BOWLING SUPER FANS when I met up with them at the USBC Queens Tournament one week and again two weeks later at the USBC Senior Masters. That's two trips to Las Vegas from Redlands, California and 1,000 miles of driving to watch Bowling professionals compete live and "IN LIVING COLOR".

That's 1,000 miles traveled within a few weeks to watch PWBA and PBA events live and "IN LIVING COLOR". That's what BOWLING SUPER FANS do! That's what the Baldwin men do. That's why Lind and Danny Baldwin are BOWLING SUPER FANS.

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Boresch after the match.

"I'm trying to bowl more tournaments and learning to get better every day," the new champion said. "I love bowling."

In the opening match, Brad Angelo bowled a clean game for the 238-189 win over Brian LeClair. Angelo then faced lefty Troy Lint. Lint came out swinging with 10 straight strikes using his Purple Hammer urethane ball, cruising to the 289-208 win.

Lint advanced to the semifinal match against Boresch. Boresch struck on five of his first seven shots. After two single-pin spares on the right lane, Lint tossed four strikes in a row in frames five through eight to take a 10-pin lead. Lint converted two more single-pin spares over the final frames and Boresch delivered four strikes in the end for the 239-228 victory.

Championship Round Scores

Match 1: No. 4 Brad Angelo def. No. 5 Brian LeClair, 238-189 Match 2: No. 3 Troy Lint def. No. 4 Brad Angelo, 289-208 Match 3: No. 2 Lennie Boresch def. No. 3 Troy Lint, 239-228 Championship match: No. 1 John Janawicz def. No. 2 Lennie Boresch, 204-200 2023 USBC Senior Masters Final Results John Janawicz, \$20,000, Lennie Boresch, \$12,000, Troy Lint, \$9,000 Brad Angelo, \$7,500, Brian LeClair, \$6,000



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4th-seeded DV8 while Cal Bowl finishes 6th with a \$5,000 prize.

The second match of the first night featured DV8 (Alejandra Urrutia, Tyler Veneracion, Jeff Carr and Kyle Duster) taking on Forest Lanes on the 4th-round flat condition. Forest Lanes took the first game in a close match, but DV8 stormed back for a 90+ pin win in game two forcing a must-win game three. The match started close, but it was Forest Lanes pulling away stringing up some strikes to a big game three win. Forest Lanes advances to the second night of the playoffs and DV8 finishes 5th for a \$6,000 team prize.

The second night of the playoffs featured Forest Lanes taking on 3rd-seed Junior Amateur Tour (Kurt Arakaki, David Yamauchi, Anthony Santos, and Kevin Valmonte) on the 48' Eiffel Tower pattern. The first game saw Forest Lanes jump out to a big lead, but Junior Amateur Tour came back to get within a mark with two bowlers to go. Forest Lanes held on for the win as J.A.T. was unable to strike, and the momentum carried over as the fresh proved tough for J.A.T. as the dropped the match 2-0. Forest Lanes advances again while Junior Amateur Tour banks a \$7,000 prize for 4th place.

Forest Lanes continued to climb the ladder as they took on second-seeded Finishing Touch Floors



\$10,000 2nd Place - Finishing Touch Floors Vernon Adams, Ramsey Basurto, Bobby Hornacek and Joe Pepitone

(Joe Pepitone, Vernon Adams, Bobby Hornacek and Ramsey Basurto). Bowling on the tight short 26' pattern, the first game came down to the 10th as J.T. Diso threw a big double for Forest Lanes to steal game one. Unfortunately, that was as close as they got as Finishing Touch Floors showed why they were the top-seed for so many weeks, closing out Forest Lanes in three games. Finishing Touch Floors advances to the Championship Monday to take on Family Ties.

Family Ties (Jeff Hickenbottom, Steve Guerreri, Vince Duarte and Mikey Villarreal) took over the top spot with a strong showing in the Wild Card position

rounds, passing Finishing Touch Floors on the last week and sitting ready to take the title. Their match would be contested with each game on a different pattern as stated above. The first game was on the flat USBC Nationals Team Event pattern. Family Ties looked comfortable as they struck to an easy 834-742 win to take the first game of the rolloffs.

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The teams moved one pair to the right to take on the house shot and scores were way up as expected. Finishing Touch was ready to even up the score, but Family Ties turned it on in the last few frames and rolled to a 925-878 win to go up 2-0 with their eyes on the title. The next game was one pair over on the short 26' round two pattern.

Round two was hooking as expected and the scores took a dip, but Family Ties was big in the late frames posting up some key doubles and capped off the game with a few huge marks to take the game 689-634 and sweep their way to the league title. Finishing Touch Floors finishes the league in 2nd place for \$10,000 and Family Ties wins the crown and a cool \$16,000 for first place.

The Brunswick Invitational will take the lanes beginning September 11, 2023 at Del Rio Lanes. If you are interested in bowling, all details can be found at www.facebook.com/groups/EboniteInvitational or by calling Del Rio Lanes a (562) 927-3351.



Team To Be Ready To Bowl When The Next Match Is Available To Start.