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Mika Koivuniemi Wins Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open

The winner of three majors on the PBA Tour, Koivuniemi defeats Brian Kretzer 259-237 in title match for first PBA50 Tour major title

LAS VEGAS – Known as Major Mika during a 16-year career on the PBA Tour, 14-time PBA Tour winner Mika Koivuniemi lived up to that nickname by winning the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm Friday for his first title on PBA's tour for players 50 and over.

The 51-year-old native of Finland, who was top qualifier for the stepladder finals, reeled off the first six strikes in a 259-237 win over Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, in the title match at the Suncoast Bowling Center to win the season's third PBA50 Tour major.

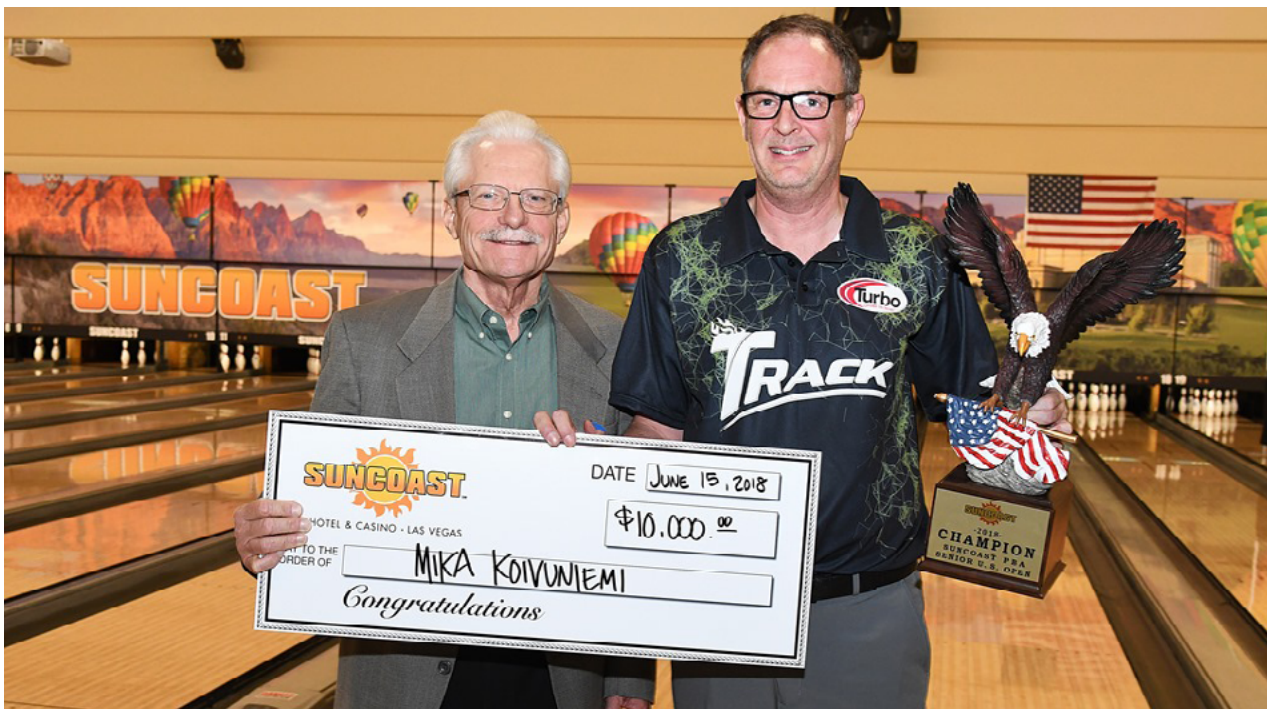
"We may be getting older but winning never

gets old," said Koivuniemi, who won three majors during his PBA Tour career. "There's a lot of great bowlers out here and many of them are bowlers who I bowled against on the PBA Tour so the competition is still tough."

With the first six strikes in the title match, Koivuniemi was able to build a lead that was just too much for Kretzer to overcome.

"I really felt good mentally and couldn't have thrown the ball better considering I don't bowl as much as I used to," said Koivuniemi. "I used a ball that I felt good about but it's one that I either throw

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Boyd Group Activities Director Mike Kaufman and Suncoast PBA Senior Open Champ Mika Koivuniemi

Jordan Richard Wins First Career Title at PWBA Greater Harrisburg Open

MECHANICSBURG, PA. - In just her fourth career Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour event, Jordan Richard of Tipton, Michigan, rolled to a dominating win Saturday at the PWBA Greater Harrisburg Open.

Richard earned the top seed through qualifying and defeated eight-time PWBA Tour champion Shannon O'Keefe of O'Fallon, Illinois, in the title match at ABC West Lanes, 222-194.

The stepladder finals were streamed live on Xtra Frame, the Professional Bowlers Association's on-line bowling channel.

The 22-year-old right-hander looked at home in the early stages of the title tilt, delivering strikes on three of her first four shots. Although she opened in the fifth frame after leaving the 4-6-7 split, Richard showed the poise of a veteran as she



Greater Harrisburg Open Champion Jordan Richard

bounced back with strikes in the eighth and ninth frames.

"I tried not to worry about what everyone else was doing," said Richard, the 2018 U.S. Amateur champion and a member of Team USA. "I could only focus on what I could control and see how it played out after that. I saw the

lanes completely different, and I played them a little farther right than I had all week. When I split in the fifth, it was left off my hand, so I knew it was just a bad shot, and I adjusted from there."

O'Keefe, a 39-year-old right-hander in search of her third title of the season,

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All the Way From Oklahoma:

Here's a Story That Should Pique Your Interest

by Fred Eisenhammer

CLAREMORE, Okla. – Every once in a while, a bowling story jumps out and says: "Read This. This Is Something Special."

And sometimes that story may not even appear in the California Bowling News.

Last week, I happened to spot one such story that was originated all the way from Oklahoma. It was written by Rick Heaton, the amiable sports editor for the Claremore Daily Progress, circulation 3,150.

Heaton put a spin on the sport that left me smiling and nodding at his wry observations.

So, here's the story, which ran with the headline: "THE HEAT INDEX: I have to admit, I watch bowling on the weekends."

I know it's not the most popular sport in the world, but bowling intrigues me.

I have always been attracted to sports or games

with angles. I was a whiz at geometry in high school. I love billiards, pool and snooker and was quite the hustler back in my 20s. I love watching Olympic curling. I played about 2,000 games of Wii bowling during the Wii's popularity.

There is something about the game of bowling. Now, we've all bowled, I'm sure. And if you have gone a few times, even accidentally, you have gotten a strike. And the pros sometimes don't get a strike, so there would be a small chance for an amateur to beat a pro on any given day. The only thing different than the pros and the schmoes is consistency. I like that in a game.

I watched the finals of one of those televised tournaments where the winner bowled a 299, threw a 9 on the final ball and missed a perfect game by that single pin. But that



Rick Heaton

wasn't the best part. The loser bowled a 100. He battled to not finish with a 99. The announcers said it was the first time they ever saw a guy beat another guy by 199 pins.

When I was in junior high in Russell, Kan., our PE teacher, Mr. Most, taught us how to keep score in bowling. Back then, they didn't have the fancy computers keeping score for you like they do now.

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CBS SPORTS NETWORK

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EJ Tackett Wins PBA Tour Finals Group 2 Semifinal Round
Title Rematch with Jason Belmonte Set for June 19

Defending champ, runner-up to compete in best-of-two-game match on June 19 on CBS Sports Network

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – PBA Tour Finals defending champion EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., won his Group 2 stepladder semifinal round, which aired on CBS Sports Network from Thunderbowl Lanes, to set up a rematch with last year’s runner-up Jason Belmonte of Australia in the PBA Tour Finals title match which will air June 19 at 5 p.m.

As the top seed for the Group 2 semifinal round, Tackett, a nine-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner, defeated Sweden’s Jesper Svensson, 2-0, in the best-of-two-game final match, winning the first game, 235-206, and the second game, 245-203.

“I just made good shots down the stretch,” said Tackett, the 2016 PBA Player of the Year. “When you have four of the top performers over the past couple seasons, I wasn’t so much worried about the conditions but having to beat the great opponents I had in my group.”

Like Belmonte did for the Group 1 semifinal, as top seed in Group 2, Tackett chose the 45-foot Dick Weber lane condition.

Even though Svensson appeared to be making good shots, the seven-time tour winner was having trouble carrying which was illustrated by six nine-pin counts in the second game of the match on seemingly good pocket hits.

“The way the lanes broke down worked in my favor,” Tackett said of his match against Svensson. “The way we started I thought it was going to be anyone’s match because he was able to get to the pocket consistently despite not being able to carry the 7 pin. I was able to string five strikes in the middle of the first game and started with the first four in the second game which gave me good momentum in each game.”

Belmonte, who will be trying for his 18th tour win, won last week’s Group 1 semifinal by beating fellow two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, 2-0 (265-259, 239-216).

In the opening Group 2 match, four-time tour winner Marshall Kent defeated 18-time winner Tommy Jones, 246-236. Svensson then beat Kent, 279-233, in the second match to advance to the final match against Tackett.



The semifinal stepladder rounds, as well as the championship round, feature the best-of-two-game format with ties broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off.

As runners-up in the semifinals, Simonsen will take on Svensson in the PBA Tour Finals third-place match which will precede the title match.

Tackett and Belmonte earned their positions in the semifinal as the total pinfall leaders in two previous positioning rounds bowling on the Petraglia 36, Roth 42, Carter 39 and Weber 45 PBA lane conditions.

PBA TOUR FINALS GROUP 2 SEMIFINAL ROUND

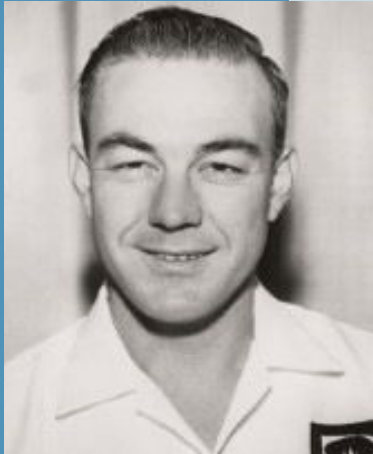
Winner joins Jason Belmonte in PBA Tour Finals championship match to air on CBSSN June 19 at 5 p.m.

Match One – Marshall Kent def. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 246-236.

Match Two – Jesper Svensson, Sweden def. Kent, 279-233.

Best-of-two-game Championship Match – EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind. def. Svensson, 235-206 and 245-203.

GLENN ALLISON'S ANCHOR
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SATURDAY
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FLO BOWLING

FLOSPORTS' HISTORY AND SOME COOL THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT FLO BOWLING

FloSports is a 100% digital sports media company based in Austin, Texas. Here is some background on the PBA's new video streaming partner as of June 30:

- FloSports was founded in 2006 by brothers Martin and Mark Floreani, along with their friend Madhu Venkatesan, to provide comprehensive coverage of their favorite sports, wrestling and track & field. They raised \$10,000 and invested \$3,000 in a van, which they planned to drive cross-country to film events, and struck gold when their coverage of Ryan Hall's record half-marathon drew a large following among long-distance runners on [FloTrack.com](#).
- In 2012, FloSports began selling subscriptions to their live streaming service and other premium content. By mid-2014, they had raised \$8 million and began adding new channels dedicated to specific underserved sports.
- FloSports' philosophy is to grow sports by elevating the coverage. This is done by providing a fresh and informed perspective and offering an unmatched live experience. Bowling fans who follow the sport via Xtra Frame will soon find out what that means as FloBowling adds its own touch to PBA Xtra Frame coverage.
- Today FloSports' list of channels includes [FloWrestling](#), [FloTrack](#), [FloGymnastics](#), [FloGrappling](#), [FloSoftball](#), [FloCheer](#), [FloBikes](#), [FloRodeo](#), [FloRugby](#), plus more than a dozen others. The company has signed more than 330 new rights partnerships so far this year.
- In Tom Foster's Inc. Magazine story about the birth of FloSports, he said, "(You may) recall a different upstart's rise. In 1979, a slow-pitch softball game aired on (its) first night of programming. Years of bowling tournaments and highlight reels followed. It hardly added up to something that looked like a revolution. Until it did. Perhaps you've heard of that quixotic little company. It's called ESPN."
- Currently, there is a shift in the broadcasting and entertainment industry toward cord-cutting as the inevitable future of watching television. Amazon, Netflix, and Hulu are other notable companies offering digital content. Exactly how it will unfold remains to be seen, but one thing is certain, FloSports is far ahead of the trend.
- FloSports has more than 200 employees, 20+ channels, and is adding thousands of new subscribers each month. That means when PBA Xtra Frame switches onto [FloBowling.com](#), the PBA will immediately gain the potential for several hundred thousand new viewers.
- One more note: FloBowling's subscription rate is \$30/month or \$150/year (\$12.50/month prorated) – both include access to all FloSports channels. Xtra Frame subscribers who are in good standing as of June 29 will be able to retain their existing subscriptions at the current prices if they renew in a timely manner. If the existing Xtra Frame subscription is canceled or lapses, renewals will be at the FloBowling rate.

If you've been procrastinating about subscribing to Xtra Frame, don't delay. Sign up no for Xtra Frame no later than June 29, in time for FloBowling's inaugural coverage of the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open from Aurora, Ill., June 30-July 2.

- Learn more about FloSports here: <http://www.flosports.tv/our-story/>.

Other stories about FloSports:

- [They Started With \\$10,000. Now They're Taking on ESPN \(Inc\)](#) - Sept 2017
- [This Sports Streaming Service Aims for the Mainstream with Football Games \(Fortune\)](#) - July 2017
- [How FloSports is playing David to ESPN's trembling Goliath \(The Street\)](#) - Apr 2017
- [FloSports Nets \\$21.2M for Live-Streaming Alternative Sports \(Wall Street Journal\)](#) - Aug 2016

ORANGE COUNTY USBC SENIOR SINGLES TOURNAMENT

by Joy McGregor

FOUNTAIN VALLEY – Our Annual Senior Singles Tournament is one of the more popular tournaments and it is almost here... JULY 28 and 29 to be exact! The host center is Fountain Bowl, 17110 Brookhurst Street in Fountain Valley with two squads each day: 10 AM and 1:30 PM. The fee is \$30.

The guaranteed entries will close July 19 with onsite entries accepted as space permits. You have plenty of time to get your entries in. You can either download the entry on our website: [ocusbc.org](#) and mail it to P.O. Box 4396, Garden Grove, CA. 92842 or e-mail entry to [assnmgr@ocusbc.org](#) or hand deliver to OCUSBC, 13896 Harbor Blvd. #5-A, Garden Grove. Credit cards accepted - call OCUSBC office phone: 714/554-0111.

This is a four-game handicapped singles, by division tournament and certified by USBC. Any group wishing to bowl together, please send entry forms in together in the same envelope or check-in together. We have 6 divisions for women and six for men based on age. You must be 50 as of July 28, 2018, and a member of Orange County USBC Association with a verifiable Orange County USBC average to be eligible to participate. The handicap is 90% of 220.

All rules are printed on the entry flyer and will be strictly adhered to. Please check the flyer, it is bright yellow and found in all Orange County centers.

The Orange County board is anxious to greet y'all at Fountain Bowl so come in for fun, good bowling, lots and lots of camaraderie and a chance to win and keep cool in the AC!!!

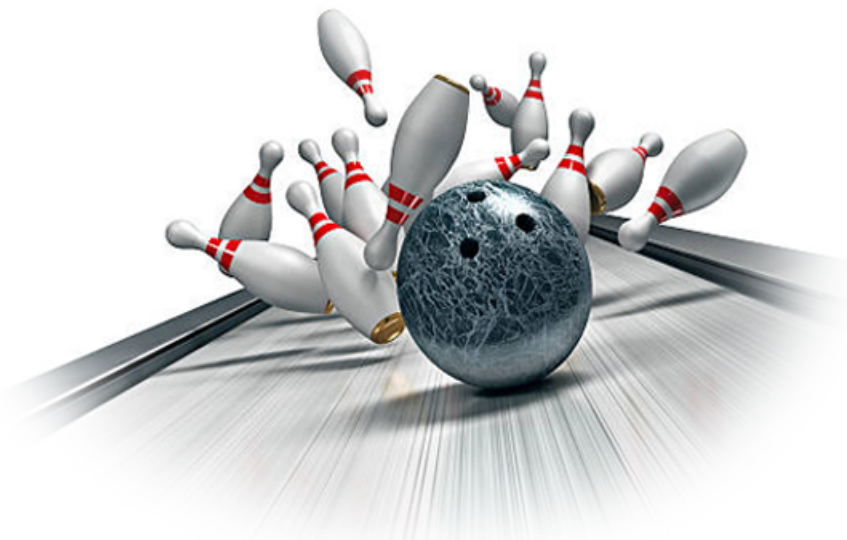
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TOURNAMENT RULES (New late charge in effect; see Rule #1)
1. The 20th Annual Reno Junior-Adult Invitational will be held at the National Bowling Stadium, 300 N. Center St., Reno, Nevada 89501, (800) 304-2695. The tournament will be held from July 27 to July 29, 2018, and will be USBC Certified. Deadline for entries is July 10, 2018. **Entries received after the deadline will be charged \$5.00 per entry.** Entries will be accepted 30 minutes prior to squad time and are subject to squad and division availability. **Absolutely no refunds after July 10, 2018.** Tournament management reserves the right to use substitutes to fill cancellations. No faxed entries will be accepted. **Entries WILL NOT be processed without FULL payment and complete information including average verifications. Tournament directors have the right to refuse any entry.**
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all current USBC members. You MUST show your membership card or proof of membership when checking in. Any bowler not having a USBC Membership Card or proof of USBC Membership must purchase associate membership prior to bowling. Copies of USBC Membership Cards can be printed from bowl.com.
3. **MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION:** Entrants may participate multiple times per event. In order to place more than once in the prize list for position standings at least two players on the team must be different and you must change partners in the doubles event.
4. **ENTERING AVERAGE:** Entrants must use their highest 2017-18 book average. If none, entrants will use their January 1, 2018 average with at least 15 games. If none, entrants must use highest current average of 15 games **at the time of entry. Proof of average verification must be provided with paid entry.** A standing sheet, which must include a date to verify, signed by their coach or league secretary is proof for verification. If no average verification entrants must use a 225 average for all events. **If current season average for at least 21 games at time of bowling exceeds last season's average by 10 or more pins, current season average must be used (Rule 319a-2). Rule 319e (15 or more pin increase in tournament average of 21 or more games in the past 12 months) must be used or bowler will be disqualified.** It is the bowlers' responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether submitted by the bowler, team captain, or others. Failure to use the correct average shall disqualify scores if submitted average is lower than correct average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average, if it is higher than the correct average. Corrections in averages can be made up to the completion of the first game of a series, or within 48 hours after completion of the series if the tournament manager, prior to the completion of the first game of a series, has given written consent to the bowler authorizing such extension of time to correct their average.
5. **RERATE/ADJUSTMENTS:** Tournament director reserves the right to rerate or **adjust a bowler's average upward prior to competition.** If the bowler does not accept the adjustment a refund will be given. Any adjusted or rerated averages, whether accepted or refused, must be reported. Failure to do so is grounds for disqualification **Any entrants, youth or adult, who have qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize of \$600 or more in any tournament in final standings, brackets, side pots, all events, special/donated prizes in the last 12 months must report their scores, position and amount won to the Tournament Management prior to bowling for possible re-rating. Failure to comply will be cause for forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.**
6. **FORMAT:** There will be two formats for this tournament. There will be a team event consisting of two Juniors and two Adults bowling a 3 game format. There will also be a doubles event consisting of one Junior and one Adult bowling a 3 game format. An optional Junior Gold event may be offered for the USBC Jr Gold members. The entry fee will depend on the division and will be collected at the tournament site prior to bowling. One in five qualifiers will receive a paid entry (not including travel or expenses) to the national tournament. Bowlers must be a current season Jr. Gold member prior to competition. Membership must be purchased prior to or at the tournament. National tournament qualifiers who are not current Jr. Gold members will be disqualified.
7. **HANDICAP:** Handicap will be 80% of the difference between the team's average and the top of the division (refer to front of entry form for figures).
8. **DRESS CODE:** Matching and/or professional attire is encouraged. Awards for matching teams will be given "Looking Good" pins. Male participants are asked to wear collared shirts and slacks or dress shorts. Female participants are asked to wear skirts, slacks, skorts or dress shorts and proper shirts. Skirts, shorts and skorts **must not** be more than 3" above the knee. Attire must be neat, clean and proper fitting. We **strongly suggest no jeans**, tank tops, hats, or attire advertising liquor or tobacco products, no attire with inappropriate language, or any apparel which the tournament director feels is inappropriate will be permitted. Smoking and/or consuming alcoholic beverages during competition is not permitted.
9. **CONDUCT:** Any conduct deemed inappropriate, foul language, obscene gestures or abuse of equipment may be cause for removal from competition, as determined by the tournament director. Any incident that reflects poorly on the Reno Jr-Adult Invitational, reported to the Tournament Management, whether at the center or otherwise, may result in denial of further participation. Entry fees will not be refunded.
10. **AWARDS:** All prize/award fees will be returned 100% within each event, on a ratio of at least 1 prize for each 10 entries or major fraction thereof. The USBC SMART program will administer all scholarship awards, Acct #9312.
11. **CHECK IN:** Bowlers must check in 1 hour prior to squad time. Tournament spots are on a first-come, first-served basis. **Bowlers failing to check in one half hour before their scheduled squad time will lose their scheduled spot. All substitutions should be made one hour prior to squad time.**
12. Additional squads may be added during the course of the tournament as deemed necessary by tournament management, but no squad shall be added after the last advertised squad time. All decisions by the Tournament Director are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC rule 329. All scores are unofficial until otherwise posted. Any questions or concerns must be brought to one of the Co-Tournament Directors. Official protests must be filed, in writing, with one of the Tournament Directors, within 72 hours of the completion of the tournament.

The California Bowling Writers Have Adopted A New Charity!

Submitted by Donna Dillard - CBW Secretary

Operation Freedom Paws nonprofit organization was founded by "California Bowler and Veteran" Mary Cortani in 2010 and has provided service dogs and training support to veterans and others who suffer from post-traumatic stress syndrome, complex PTSD, traumatic brain injury and other physical, neurological, psychological and mobility needs.

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"FOUR PAWS, TWO FEET, ONE TEAM"

The charity for 2018 kicked off on June 10, at the CUSBC meeting – Make donations payable to CBW and mail to Treasurer Tina Martin, 57 Shields Lane, Novato, CA 94947-3877. "We are pleased to continue supporting Vets."

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stayed clean to force Richard to mark in the 10th frame. Richard rolled a strike to seal the victory and earn her spot in the season-ending PWBA Tour Championship.

"This win is just as much theirs as it is mine," Richard said. "They push me every single day to be better."

Richard joined the PWBA Tour just before the United States Bowling Congress Queens in May, and now finds herself as one of the front-runners for PWBA Rookie of the Year.

"I've tried to just play my own game and do what's best for me so far," Richard said. "And stay patient. That was the biggest thing I wanted to focus on coming out here. I didn't think I would win out here right away, because these girls are phenomenal and hard to beat. But, I knew if I stayed patient, my time would come, and it has been very exciting." O'Keefe, who made her fourth championship-round appearance of the season, benefitted from a pair of 10th-frame miscues from her opponents on the way to the title match.

In the semifinal, O'Keefe finished with 170, forcing Lindsay Boomershine of Perry, Utah, to roll nine on the first shot of the 10th frame to advance. Boomershine left the 1-2-10 combination and was unable to convert, finishing with 167.

In the opening game of the stepladder, O'Keefe finished with 157, giving Bryanna Coté of Red Rock, Arizona, the chance to move on with a mark in her final frame. Coté left a 7 pin and missed the spare to finish with 150.

Competition this week at the PWBA Greater Harrisburg Open included two eight-game qualifying blocks on Friday to determine the 32 players for Saturday's Round of 32. An additional eight-game block Saturday morning narrowed the field to 12 players, who bowled six additional games to determine the stepladder finalists.

The 2018 PWBA Tour season will continue June 23 with the second major of the year, the U.S. Women's Open. The event will be held at Boardwalk Bowl in Orlando, Florida, with the stepladder finals airing live on CBS Sports Network on Saturday June 30 at 2 p.m.



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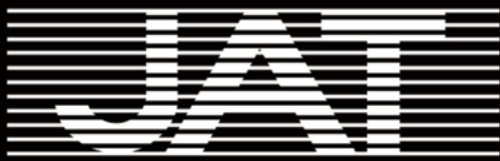
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We bowled a bit in class with rubber balls in the gymnasium and I fell in love with it. My father signed me up for a summer bowling league and I even won a few trophies. We even won a trophy in a father-son tournament.

As I grew, I only bowled for fun, but I wanted to be good. Being consistent is harder than it looks. I think my lifetime high score is 227, and I think I only bowled one game with a clean sheet with no open frames. Like I said, consistency is hard.

It's fun now, watching bowling and the trend of two-handed bowlers. The better pros are now adopting the two-handed throw which puts more spin and a harsher angle into the pocket, spraying pins all over the place. I would love to try that, but my 52-year-old back won't allow it.

Back about a decade ago, the Professional Bowlers Tour came to Tulsa, but bowled their preliminary rounds at The Lanes at Coffee Creek in Owasso.

I attended the qualifying and got to rub elbows with some of those pros I have watched over the years. It is a very fan-friendly atmosphere – what other sport can you actually talk to the competitors during a tournament?

It's funny – they were all really short, much shorter than they look on television.

But it was a great experience.


I was watching YouTube videos one night and ran across a comedian named Jim Gaffigan who did this bit about bowling. It had me rolling.

Here are a few excerpts:

- I went bowling, I don't mean to brag. Really there are two types of people that go bowling. There are people who really love bowling and then there are the people that are like, "Wouldn't it be hysterical if we went bowling?"
- No one is ever jealous when they hear you went bowling.
- Bowling's great because you've got to love a sport you can eat while you play it. Never see that in tennis.
- There's an ash tray built into the bowling equipment. Poker doesn't even have that.
- And the hand dryer thing. If you're sweating while you're bowling, you are out of shape.
- I saw this college team championship and each team had a coach. What strategy is a bowling coach giving? "This time Timmy, I want you to knock down all the pins. Trust me."

Fred notes: I contacted Rick the day after the story appeared and asked if he got any reaction from it. Rick said not yet but joked: "I think people are still trying to process it."

As for that bowler who rolled that 100 game, it was Tom Daugherty, who despite that inglorious game has won two PBA Tour titles (see accompanying story about his fabled Tournament of Champions match.)



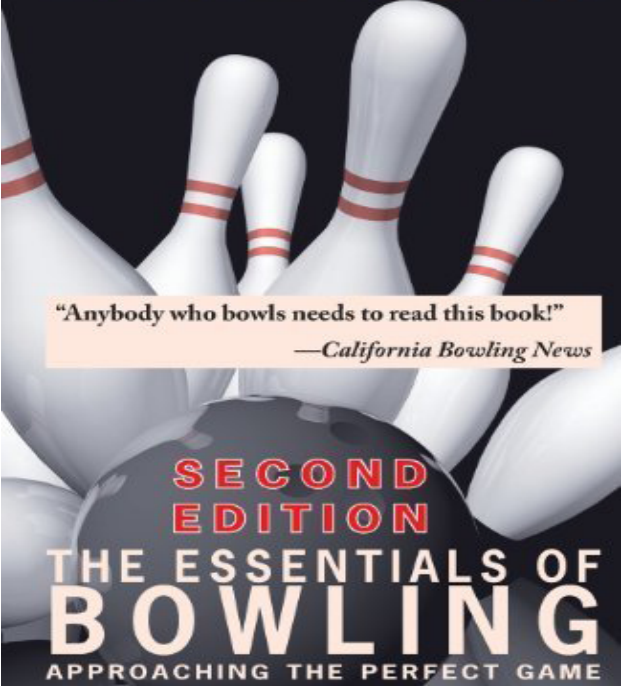
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What League Bowlers Can Learn From Tom Daugherty's 100 Game

by Fred Eisenhammer



Tom Daugherty

on in astonishment.

Her first shot landed safely in the gutter and her second shot crashed into the sweep bar – fortunately bouncing off and causing no damage.

This show of disrespect for the game happens more often than people realize as anger takes hold – especially during the course of league play when end-of-the-season payouts serve as incentive to bowl consistently above one's average.

League players also have been known to bounce their bowling balls off the floor when their shots misfire – often triggering a scary boom reverberating around the bowling center.

These disenchant league players could learn a lesson

LAS VEGAS – Not too long ago, a bowler in a Los Angeles-area league apparently got frustrated over a shot that she felt deserved a better result.

"Frustrated" may be putting it a bit mildly.

After leaving the dreaded 7-10 split, this woman picked up two bowling balls – one in each hand – and slung them one after another at the two pins as her fellow bowlers looked

from professional bowler Tom Daugherty. His actions at a big-money tournament were decidedly upbeat despite a downbeat performance.

Showing grace and good humor during his nationally televised semifinal match in the 2011 Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas, Daugherty had the crowd eating out of his hand at the end as he couldn't catch a break.

Splits on frames one, three, five, six, eight, nine and 10 would have had lesser people kicking the ball return. Instead, the right-handed Daugherty kept chucking his ball down the lanes the best he could, hoping his string of misery would end – at some point.

It never did.

But the unshakable Daugherty celebrated when he knocked down two pins of his 4-6-7-10 split on his last shot to allow him to reach an even 100. And the fans celebrated with him, as he traded high-fives with much of the gathering with a big smile on his face.

Mika Koivuniemi defeated Daugherty, 299-100, in that one-sided semifinal match. Daugherty finished with two strikes and eight opens. Koivuniemi went on to win the Tournament of Champions title. (Daugherty still won \$50,000 for finishing third.)

It's worth watching the video of the Koivuniemi-Daugherty match online to see how someone can handle big-time misfortune without testily dribbling his bowling ball off the floor.

After watching the match, one can conclude that Koivuniemi was not the only winner in that tournament.

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a lot of strikes with or throw a lot of splits. Fortunately, it was strikes today.

“My attitude has always been to focus on what I can do to win,” he added. “Even though Brian was bowling well it didn’t have any effect on what I needed to do going into the (title) match.”

Koivuniemi, who has been retired from the PBA Tour for three years, isn’t able to bowl as much because he is the full-time head coach for the United Arab Emirates national bowling team.

“I’m fortunate that I’m still able to get time off to bowl these tournaments,” Koivuniemi said of competing in the Senior U.S. Open and USBC Senior Masters. “I believe I can win these tournaments so that’s why I make the trip.”

Koivuniemi’s previous best PBA50 major finishes were seventh in the 2017 Senior Masters and ninth in the 2017 Senior U.S. Open.

Kretzer, who qualified fifth for the finals after making a big move from 14th after Friday’s first match play round, started by winning the opening match against No. 4 qualifier five-time PBA Tour winner Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 208-196. He then went on to beat PBA Hall of Famers Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., 243-193, and Brian Voss of Centennial, Colo., 257-196, on his way to the title match.

Kretzer, who owns one PBA Tour title, was trying for his first PBA50 Tour title. Bohn, a 35-time PBA Tour winner, was trying for his fifth PBA50 Tour title and Voss, a 25-time tour winner, was trying for his third and second of the season.

In danger of missing the cut to match play, PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., who was trying to become the Senior U.S. Open’s first three-time winner rallied in the final two rounds of match play with an 11-1 match play record but fell just short of making the finals finishing sixth.

The PBA50 Tour will take a four-week break and return to action with the PBA50 River City Xtreme Open presented by Ebonite in Monticello, Minn., July 17-20.

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- 3, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., \$5,000.
- 4, Parker Bohn, III, Jackson, N.J., \$4,000.
- 5, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., \$3,500.

Stepladder Results:

- Match One – Kretzer def. Shafer, 208-196.
- Match Two – Kretzer def. Bohn, 243-193.
- Semifinal Match – Kretzer def. Voss, 257-196.
- Championship Match – Koivuniemi def. Kretzer, 259-237.

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June

by Bette Addington

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Now-7/1 – CUSBC 2018 Adult Championships, Keystone Lanes, Norwalk, calusbc.com
Now-7/29 – 69th Peach Classic, every weekend, McHenry Bowl, Modesto, 209/571-2695
22-24 – PBA/PBA50 West/No.West Doubles, High Sierra Lanes, Reno, pba.com
23 – West Coast Senior Tour Singles, Oak Tree Lanes, Diamond Bar, 760/792-4596
23 – Xframe Tourn., 4pm & 6pm, Oak Tree Lanes, Diamond Bar, 760/860-3558
23-24 – Cal Bowlers Tour Handicap Doubles Tourn., Delta Bowl, Antioch, 925/757-2695
24 – Scratch 6-Gamer, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto, 209/524-9161
24 – ABT, 4th St. Bowl, San Jose, bay.abtbowling.com
24 – GameTimeBowlers Battle 6 “The Next Level,” 1pm, Arrowhead Lanes, San Bernardino, 844/228-8539
24 – HammerPins Mixed Team Tourn., 10am, Pins N Strikes, Elk Grove, hammerpins.net
24 – NCJET Tournament, 9am check-in; bowl at 10am, West Lane Bowl, Stockton, 916/759-7535
29-30 – Xframe 4th of July Tourn., West Covina Lanes, West Covina, 626/960-3636
30 – Teen Masters Double Trouble XL, South Point, Las Vegas, teenmastersbowling.com
30-7/1 – CUSBC Diddy Watts Youth Challenge Qualifier, Linbrook Bowl, Anaheim, calusbc.com

July

1-6 – Teen Masters Boys Championships & Girls Championship, South Point, Las Vegas, teenmastersbowling.com
2-7 – ABT Summer Nationals, South Point, Las Vegas, abtbowling.com
2-8 – 2018 TAT (True Amateur Tourn.) Amateur Classic, The Orleans, Las Vegas, 1/844-321-8100, tatbowl.com
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CAL BOWL BOWLING REPORT

by Lil'

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LAKEWOOD — Hi! We hope our Cal Bowl Bowling Report will be reporting some perfect games from Dad. Let's read on and see what this week's report will tell us.

Funsters: Paul Wells got a sweet "Sour Apple". We could hear the moans in the parking lot. Scores: Josh Hudson 668, Randy Antazo 527, Dan Monzon 605, Vic Santos 236, Rey Santos 236, Chris Abring 224, May Toledo 547, Janet Kastor 504, Pat Bates 480, Divina Buhay 222.

Senior Men's Trio: If Fed-Ex merged with U.P.S.?? Would they be called "Fed-Up"? Scores: Emmerson Wafer 267/730, Chris Abing 722, Bob Sneed 685, Jerry Cant 683, Wayne Brown 674, Joe Acosta 269, Randy Antazo 258, Curt Soares 258.

C.A.U.L.: What does C.A.U.L. stand for? First to answer wins a free game! Course you have to know what I call it! Carol M./ Scores: Frank Rossello 647, Jimmy Hall 612, Tom Davis 594, David Regul 230/585, Donnie Culver 568, Larry Hall 236/563, Alan Nyberg 557, Gary Morales 552, Stuart Yormak 544, Reggie Cargo 543, Teri Friend 479, Virginia Hall 456 Yosemite Hamilton 434, Lori Gilmore 429.

Cal Bowlers: What are the odds of teams tying a game? Carole Fischer 523, Karen Roubinov 487, Leona Belletti 183. Side-pot winners—1st Game: Pat Bates 227, 2nd Game: Leona Belletti 183, 3rd Game: Cathy Wyatt 214.

Sierra Bugs: What "bugs" these bowlers"? Splits, misses, cold coffee and subs that beat everybody! Scores: Linda Kinney 220/543, Pamela Johnson 522, Cheryl Hilton 500, JoAnn MacKnight 485, Mel Leach 482. Side-pot winners—Game One: Linda Kinney 238; Game Two: Darlene Waken 18; Game Three: Starr Andrews 214.

Practice: "LB Strikers" must be practicing. They are 8 games out in front. Team "BYE" is holding up the whole league! Scores: Ron Jay 591, Byron Keys (LH) 583, Norris Hambrick 568, Delante Moxley 216, Willie Ford 203, Paul Ford 202, Del Stewart 476, Peggy Alexander 443.

Pin Heads: Jimmy's Crew is keeping the ship afloat. But the sharks are circling. Scores: Tom Komadina 473, Don Louis 463, Kevin Farrell 422, Jimmy Wood 417, Jerry Waken 373, Pamela Johnson 570, Stacy Kelly 527, Georgia Vail 450.

10 For 10 Monday: What kind of a new ball are you getting? What weight? What color? Scores from week 4 of 10. James Matthew 639, Daniel Albino 627, Andre Barry 597, Nolan Smith 236, Don Matthews 236, Frank Spiegel 224, Jordan Hixon 441, Toni Hixon 439, Kim George 391.

Young At Heart: Bob Sneed was the man of steel this week! Armed with that three holed sphere he cut down a 253, 243/658. But Super Woman Debra Gipson topped the charts with her 258, 211, 205/674. Scores: Bob Sneed 253/658, Herman Whitehurst 582, Henry Redman 577, Walte Milsap 243/573, Jimmy Hamilton 565, James Lewis 551, Phil Gipson 548, Fale Sula 244/539, Rey Santos 515, Debra Gipson 258/674, Frances Walker 520.

Big Bear: Sonny Dew talks a good game and bowls a GREAT game. Shirley Owens owned 602 pins this week and deposited them into her "stats" account. Scores: Sonny Dew 258/691, Jerry Cant 245/680, Emmerson Wafer 228/669, Dion Morris 644, Paul Staff 613, Greg Kelly 612, George Harper 253/611, Emeka Williams 264/610, Shorty Ramos 235/607, Butch White 606, Steve Bryant 596, Sid Nakagawa 580, Shirley Owens 602, Annie Yonemura 218/585, Carol Egenias 236/569, Carol Hovis 562.

V.A.: CHAMPS—"I'd Hit That", Daniel Miller, Gina Meyers, Rocco Garcia. Scores: Joe Morsell 625, Dan Martinez 489, Chris Martinez 192, Michelle McGarry 457, Maggie Ashby 434, Sharrie Shupien 161.

Varsity: Only a couple more weeks to climb to the top of the sheet. One half of the league has a calculated chance! Watch out Team 7. . .!! Scores: Ernest Ortiz 465, J.R. Avito 461, Jeremiah Morris 443, Chris Roth 194, Sarah Best 495.

Gobs and Gals: Gallons of pins were shot down by the gals, Donna Owens 607and Lauretta Boulton 541. Top Gob this week was Gabriel Martinez 758. Scores: Gabriel Martinez 758, Gary Moore 688, Vince Duarte 663, Jerry Cant Jr. 270, Nick Negrete 255, Jorge Ruelas 254, Donna Owens 607, Lauretta Boulton 541, Rachel Macias 518, Maria Bacos-Labayan 219.

Grandma/Grandpa's: Billy Williams 541 and Lu Anthony 520 topped the sheet this week. Way to go! Scores: Walter Milsap 209/539, William Scott 524, Paul Morrison Jr. 509, Walter Gist 481, Donna May 201/492, Elena VanDeven 469, Vancie Keith 466, Betty Green 464.

Laughlin Bowler Bears: "Laughlin Bowler Bears" always looks like "Laughing" Bowler Bears. Brandon Mims 245/616, Jonathan Gale 234/608, Paul Wells 529, John Ward Jr. 510, John Wells 483, Cindy Radcliffe 493, Becky Carroll 474.

Fil-Am: "Fil Am" teams aren't fun without a team name. Shall we have a contest? Scores: James Borillo 776, Curt Soares 712, Aaron Law 708, Louis Whitlock 299, Derrick Whitlock 268, Anthony Rieger 267, Maria Directo 603, Nene Camanag 533, Jessica Garcia 529, Emily Burchman 220, Danielle Whitlock 211.

Recycled Teens: Lots of "re-cycling pins" went on this week. Chris Abing stirred up a heap of high games 246-244-204/694. Scores this week: Jojo Jasmin 232/627, Boylee Inocente 226/567, Victor Santos 549, Doug Johnson 524, Rick Seneris 523, Divina Buhay 468, Lanore Knudson 458, Lucy Seiple 451, Marci Hansen 451. That's all for this week. See you on the lanes.



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by Tish

BURBANK — A Mom called me recently regarding her 3 year old son. Apparently they come to Pickwick every Tuesday to bowl because the little guy is so taken with the sport. Mom also told me this little bowler requests to watch Pro Bowling on TV! I could hardly wait to meet him!

Saturday the family came in and signed up both boys into the Bumpers Youth Program at Pickwick. My eye was on the 3 year old but his 7 year old brother was just as enthusiastic. It was refreshing to see the excitement & joy these two shared for the game! The little one threw his first ball in practice, never touched a bumper, hit the head pin and knocked down 7 pins! Oh yes, my eyes widened & my heart kinda skipped a beat. This, my friends, is the future of bowling! Not a party bowler but a league bowler.

It's truly a shame bowling centers are throwing away the sport for the revenue, but business is business.

That being said, my experience with these two little ones as well as the rest of my wonderful Youth bowlers is the very reason I keep trying to keep our grand sport alive. They need a future, let's give it to them.


Senior Swingers No Tap: (scr) Kelly McDonough 224, Barbara Teitel 188, Rick Langer 587, Kay Samuelsen 510. (hdcp) John Pemberton 295, Kim Rasmussen 262, Marv Poretta 737, Seiki Tluczek 684.

Monday 690: (scr) Jesse Enriquez & Steven Sinn 237, Judy Lamb 184, Zoran Jacimovic 594, Barbara Jimenez 516. (hdcp) Rick Aguilera 2622, Crissy Gianficaro 240, Dave Hansen 706, Glenda Nale 662.

Wed Night Hdcp: (scr) Cameron Doran 244, Sheilah Faller 225, Dan Pilgrim 690, Kristine Cotangco 577. (hdcp) Nanding Cotangco 280, Courtney Kensington 293, Ruel Sangalang 730, Nikki Angstadt 735.

Senior Foursome: (scr) Robert Cornett 204, Marie Menez 158, Raymond Garcia 525, Cres Cruz 425. (hdcp) Tony Foenander 272, Bonnie Holcomb 227, Rick Langer 696, Lydia Gantt 613.

Thursday 890: (scr) Brad Wilson 255, Vickie Maas 180, Ryan Hinchliffe 671, Stepahnie Rakers 609. (hdcp) Roddy Ronquillo 283, Sue Hutchens 254, Jason Jones 740, Olivia Tilleard 666. Until next time....keep the ball rollin'!



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by Joy McGregor

ANAHEIM — It was "Hale" to the chief day in the Rocky Marsh Doubles. Tony Hale came to play and show off his prowess as evidenced in his second game in the first set. He powered his ball to record a nice 295 and a high game of 258 in the second set to pace the league at 914 for four games.

Lefty Terry Brent, back on his game, stroked 200-249-208 and 246 to post 903.

Willy Bordenave showed some mettle on games of 209-202-248 and 225 for 884.

More Hot Games: Alan Bloom 256, Hong Kha 252, Carl Adinolfi 244/239, Norm Walker 236, Nick Lam 235, Chris Hefner 234, Mark Guillaume 232, Orlando Vanegas 232, Dick McKenzie 226, David Yeoman 212, Dahana Klerer 210, Don Gardner 210, Sandy Magana 205, Ron Douglass 205, Larry Green 203 and Rose Williams 201.

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Adult/Jr.: Jerry Vertigan 288/706, Mike Mellick 247/706, Daniel Hong 246/66/, Michael Marmolejo 238/643.

TUESDAY — Friendly Seniors: Al Magdaleno 224, John Cockayne 203, Mary Callinan 201. **Guys & Dolls:** Phil Padilla 213, Nathan Gensicke 203, Richard Nydell 202, Sandy Jan 190.

WEDNESDAY — Silver Foxes: Fred Reinecke 233, Charlie Juster 232, Willie Ramirez 215. **American Nation Can:** Brian Parker 223, Craig Walker 210, Karen Balicki 225, Kathy Boyett 209.


THURSDAY — Early Birds: Mary Beth Thompson 212, Kathy Boyett 211. **Sunset Rollers:** Jim Ragsdale 213, Willie Ford194. **Frank's Gold Cup Trios:** Bryan Soto 289, Scott Kraye 278/867, Mike Mellick 267/922, Joe Wilhite 888.

FRIDAY — Vegas Gamblers: Erik Sanchez 238, Joe Kaiser 235/640, Nathan Hornung 228/658, Shelly Maxey 238/601, Christie Willemstyn 210.

Until next week, GOOD LUCK and HIGH SCORING!

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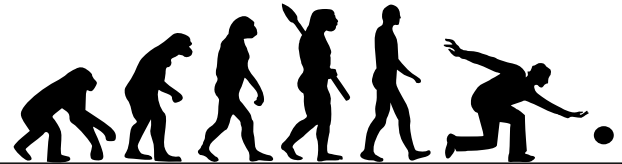
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Now onto this week's scores:

Vegas Bound: Scr: 300/731 Tyler Salverda, 648 Jim Yeomans, 470 Linda Tippings, Karie Dawod 464, 264 Rick Davis, 235 Bobby Maleskey, 179 Toni Ayotte & Peggy Camarata.

Club 55: Hdcp: 669 Darla Lloyd, 626 Carmen Barron, 691 Art Smith, 682 Carlos Vendiola, 212 JoAnn Cunningham, 257 Bob Marcelo, 232 Don Diamond.

XFrame-TAT: Scr: 707 Kelly Manuel, 526 Bonnie Chan, 681 Jun Chua 631 George Reola, 218 Ginger Meraz, 177 Cecile Cruz, 276 Marc Arca, 256 Alan Libao.

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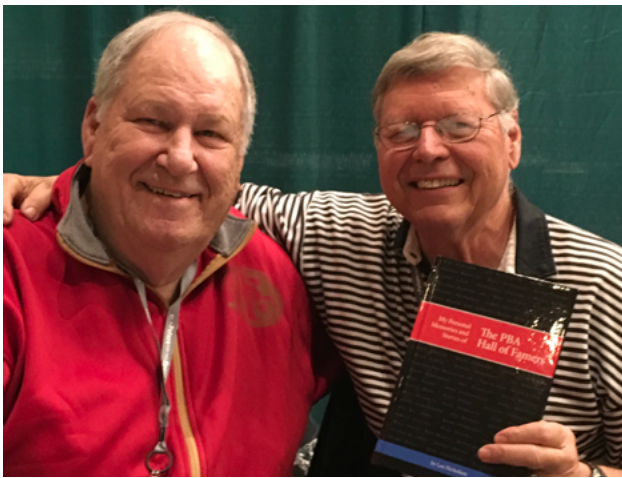
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by Frank Weiler - California Bowling Writers

SACRAMENTO - The best storyteller in Bowling has authored his second book and it's now available for sale. PBA Hall of Fame member Len Nicholson has written a bowling classic titled "My Personal Memories and Stories of The PBA Hall of Famers".

Len spent a great part of his adult life employed by the PBA in the lane maintenance program. He was involved in laying out a competitive and fair oil condition for the "Tour". I bet Len's "Tour" responsibilities made every PBA competitor wanting to be his friend. I imagine these friendships gave Len "Full Access" to most PBA bowlers of his day. Len's book is the result of the "Full Access" he enjoyed.

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For more information or to purchase your copy of Len's book write to 7474 Adorno Way, Sacramento, California 95829.

To The Editor

Re - Dave (Mr. 300/800) Williams article 14 June 2018, No watch NFL, Bowl/Booming. Bob St Clair NFL player '50's 49ers, had off season jobs to SURVIVE?

I talked to a former player, last name Mitchell, NY Yankees, pro football, not NFL yet. About 1950, said he was building a new house in the Hollywood Hills, So. of Ventura Blvd. Asked him, most ever made? "\$7,500", what did Otto Graham, Hirsch, Waterfield & those guys make, "About \$15K". Not bad for a lineman, 68 years ago, yes, they had off season jobs, paved the way, etc.

Most of players back then were far from SURVIVING. It was Making Ends Meet. For instance, John Wooden, UCLA, late '40's, loaded Milk trucks at Edgemar Farms, Santa Monica, CA, AM hours....

So, if someone is to leave the couch, on a Sunday, it won't be to go somewhere inside, or will it? A lot of stadiums now are inside. Although bowling not a bad option.

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