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COTÉ WINS 2023 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN FOR FIRST CAREER MAJOR TITLE



2023 PWBA U.S. Womens Open Champion Bryanna Coté

GATES, N.Y. — Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, doesn't consider herself a particularly goal-oriented person; nevertheless, she created a list of things she wanted to accomplish during her Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour career.

Not surprisingly, two of the items on that list were to win a major championship and to one day be named PWBA Player of the year.

She checked the second goal off the list after being named Player of the Year at the end of the 2021 PWBA Tour season, and she secured the first Tuesday night by defeating Colombia's Clara Guerrero, 153-142, at ABC Gates Bowl in Gates, N.Y.

The victory earned the 37-year-old right-hander

the coveted green jacket, the iconic trophy and the \$60,000 first-place check. Guerrero earned \$30,000 for finishing second.

The U.S. Women's Open was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network, and despite the modest scores, the title match definitely provided the at-home audience and capacity crowd in attendance with plenty of excitement as the bout fea-

tured four lead changes and wasn't decided until the 10th frame.

Coté stepped up in the 10th needing nine pins on her first ball to secure the win.

That may seem not seem like very much to ask of a world-class player like Coté, but as anyone who watched this year's U.S. Women's Open could tell you, players were just as likely to get four as they

were to get nine on the extremely challenging 41-foot oil pattern used during Round 4 of qualifying, match play and the stepladder finals.

Coté's potential game winning delivery drifted high on the head pin; she didn't get four, but she didn't get the nine that she needed either; instead, her count was seven as her shot left the 3-6-10 standing.

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TROY LINT WINS FIRST CAREER PBA50 TITLE AT PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN

by Nolan Hughes

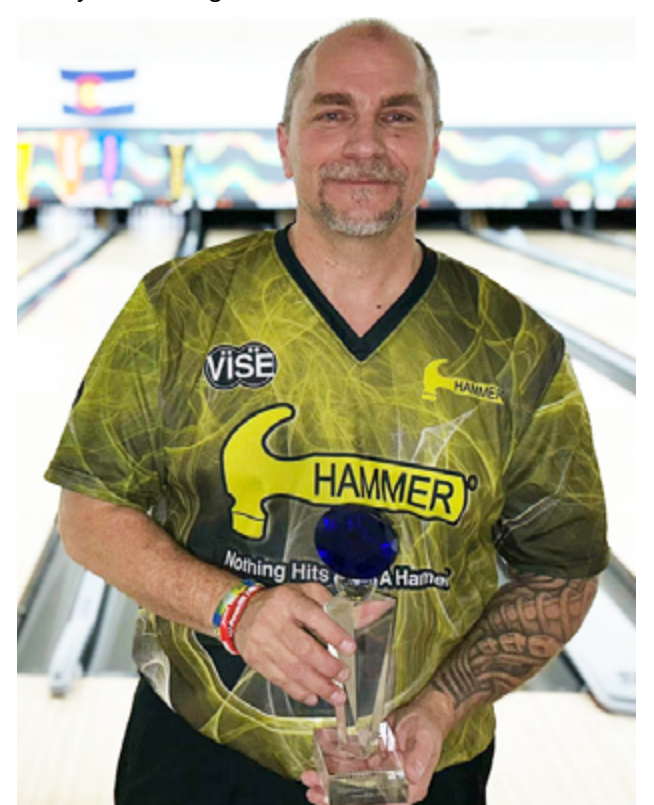
The cream rose to the top of the PBA Senior U.S. Open at Highland Park Lanes in Greeley, Colo. as the top four players from the 2022 PBA50 season all made the stepladder finals.

But all week, none of those stars were able to beat the 55-year-old from Blandon, Pa.

Top-seeded Troy Lint defeated his idol and close friend Parker Bohn III in the title match 211-195 to win the season's second major championship, marking his first career PBA50 Tour title.

Lint dealt with various injuries throughout the week, particularly to his right knee. In fact, during one shot earlier on Mon-

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2023 Senior U.S. Open Champion Troy Lint



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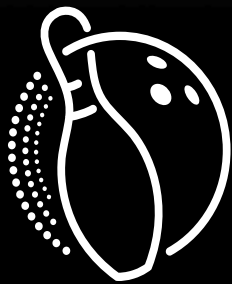
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THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH COMMITTEE AWARDS \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP TO STEPHANIE HONG

Stephanie is a Junior at Buena Park High School and has received countless academic honors, including being in the top 25 Distinguished Scholars 2 years in a row.

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Award was presented at the CUSBC Awards Dinner on June 10, 2023 at Hotel Piccadilly in Fresno.



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Emma is a senior at Golden Valley High School in Santa Clarita CA.


She has a GPA of 4.14 and will be attending college in Missouri in the fall where she will major in Criminal Justice.

Her teachers describe her as a quiet leader, unassuming, respectful and humble. She leads by example in the classroom and on campus.

On the lanes, Emma is a fierce competitor, carrying 190 average over the last few years.

She has a high game of 279 and high series of 713 and has won several local events.

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19th Annual New Mexico Open Will Set Records

by Dave Williams

The New Mexico Open bowling tournament, scheduled for August 18th-20th at Tenpins & More in Rio Rancho, N.M., will offer a record prize fund of more than \$70,000, with a first place prize of \$13,000, according to Proprietor and Tournament Manager Steve Mackie.

Those totals are based on a minimum of 192 entries. However, there are five qualifying squads on the first two days that could allow entries to climb to 240, making the total purse more than \$80,000 and a first place check worth \$15,000.

I wonder if this event will someday be a part of the national PBA Tour? Looking at the prize funds offered on the PBA50 Tour, there's \$1,000,000 in total prizes being offered this season in twelve events. That's an average of \$83,333 per event. Mackie's event is already knocking on the door for inclusion among the senior events.

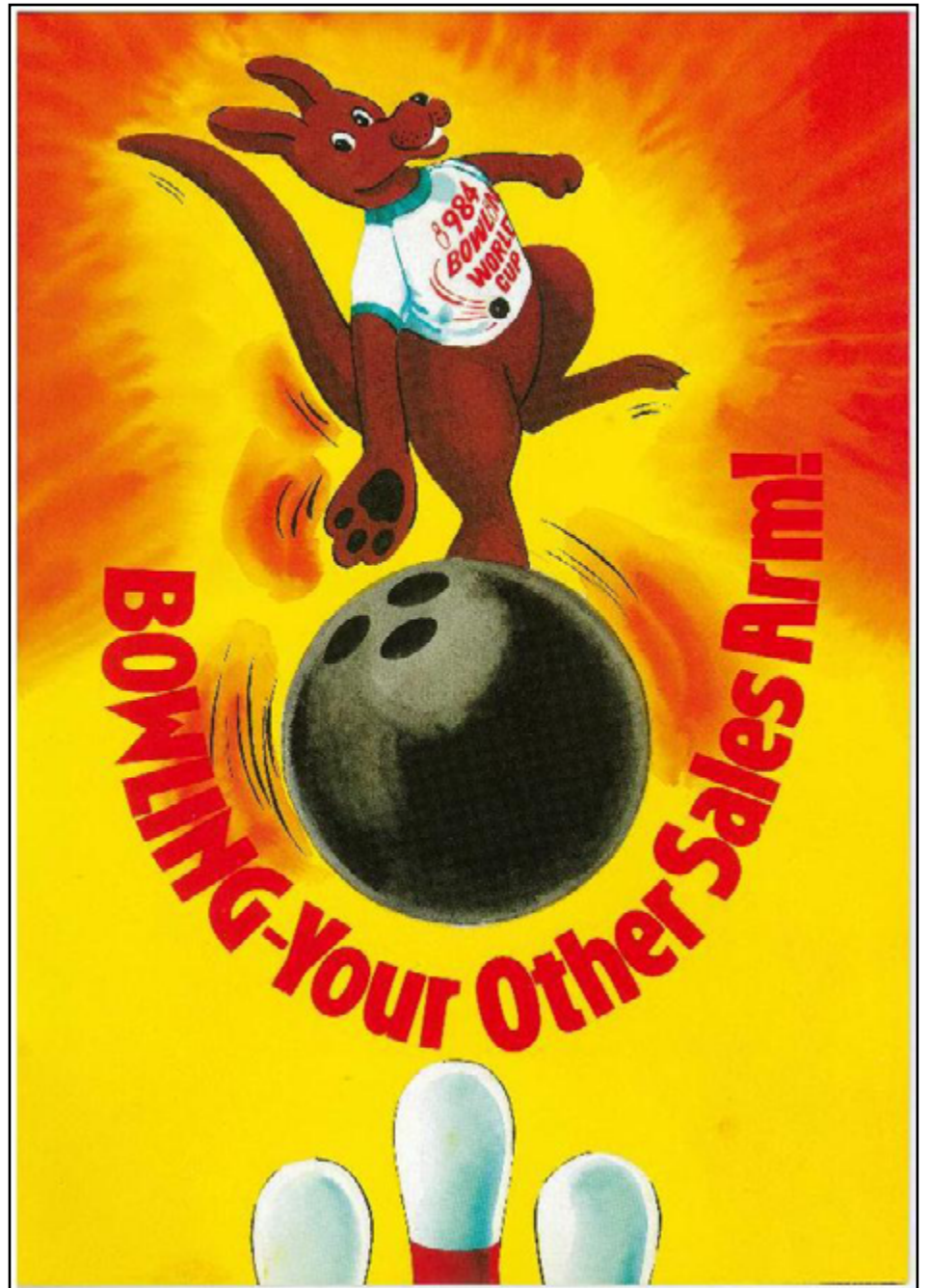
When I went looking for the prize funds of the national events, there was no mention of total prize money. This used to be such a big part of the story whenever the PBA came to town. Every week Chris Schenkel would proudly announce the dollars that were up for grabs. The one that I remember most as a youngster was the Showboat Hotel and Casino, that offered an \$11,111.11 first prize, with a total prize fund of \$77,777.77.

Why are the total prize funds no longer listed? Could it be because the total number of entries would not support the prizes being offered? The number of entries in the events have surprised me when compared with bowling's wonder years in the 1970's. This is not a criticism targeted at Bowlero, and in fact the membership should be applauding the multi-unit bowling operators for filling the void of prize money caused by less entries.

Another memory that I have regarding total prize funds was while working for American Recreation Centers (ARC). Joe Antenora, the PBA's first commissioner, would on occasion make suggestions for tournament sponsors to boost the total prize money at ARC's event. The unfortunate result after the retirement of CEO Robert Feuchter was that the new management were not in favor of hosting a PBA stop without the advertising associated with the ARC name on the marquee. The regrettable result was an end to ARC's sponsorship of a PBA stop in 1993, my last year with the firm.

The Mackie Tournament Magic

Steve Mackie began his legend as a tournament manager while working for AMF in his home country of Australia. Promotion specialists from around the world would travel on behalf of AMF to learn the Mackie tournament magic, including this writer. The lesson that I remember most was seeking sponsors for events.



Steve Mackie used this colorful 10 page brochure to attract sponsors for the 1984 Bowling World Cup in Sydney

Mackie gave me the confidence to venture to Madison Avenue in New York searching for sponsors. The ultimate sponsorship was achieved when Seagram's Wine Coolers began by sponsoring AMF's Get Things Rolling promotion for league bowlers, and then hosting the U.S. Open tournaments for men and women a year later, when first place prizes were being offered that even the players couldn't believe.

Steve has not lost his touch. The 19th annual edition of the New Mexico Open will once again offer a new car for anyone rolling a 300 game in the championship round. Emil Williams and Bowl Stream TV will be back to cover all three days of competition live on the internet, and this year local radio station KDSK 92.3FM will provide a two hour live remote from the tournament. Never to miss an opportunity, Mackie suggests, "The remote radio broadcast will encourage area bowlers to sign up for the fall league season that begins two weeks after the tournament."

Another new idea that is being proposed by Mackie this year is Principal Financial Group's \$2,000 added sponsorship of the Friday 9AM and 2PM qualifying squads, to encourage sign ups in those two sessions. Does that mean that 240 entries are possible? Never bet against the Mackie Tournament Magic!

Cortez Schenck To Defend Title

Early sign ups for the 19th annual event include Cortez Schenck of Phoenix, last year's winner over J.D. Nance of Rio Rancho. Nance left a wide open split in the tenth frame of the title game that allowed Schenck an opportunity to double in the final frame and eke out a 233 to 230 victory.

There have been many significant winners that are all expected to return, including Jakob Butturff, that started his PBA Hall of Fame career with a victory in the 2015 edition of the New Mexico Open. Other top flight keglers that Mackie is counting on returning include: Nathan Bohr of Austin, TX (2013 winner), Jake Peters of Henderson, NV, Francois Lavoie of Canada, Richie Teece from England, Shawn Maldonado of Houston, Darren Tang of Las Vegas, and PWBA champion Maria Jose Rodriguez from Colombia.

New Mexico Open (2023)

- 1984 Bowling World Cup Brochure provided by Dave Williams
- 2023 New Mexico Open Announcement provided by Steve Mackie

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day, his knee pain flared up and almost forced him to withdraw. But he wasn't going to withdraw — not as the top seed. "Pain will go away," Lint said. "I'm going to bowl no matter what. I'll bowl one-legged if I have to. I'll one-step it."

Though Bohn and Chris Barnes stayed within striking distance of Lint throughout match play, they never managed to catch him. He averaged over 230 to clinch the top seed for the five-player stepladder finals with a 42-game pinfall of 10,189 (+1,789).

"It means a lot, more than you can even imagine," Lint said after earning the top seed earlier on Monday. "Leading the U.S. Open is just... it's right there at the top of my accomplishments."

The championship round featured Lint, followed by the top four players from the 2022 PBA50 Tour: Barnes, Bohn, Tom Hess and Brad Angelo.

Both Angelo and Hess started slow in the opening match, each opening in the second frame. However, the struggles continued for Hess while Angelo caught fire. The Western New York native threw nine straight strikes en route to a decisive 266-145 win. Angelo's flames petered out in the second match against Bohn. He left a five-count spare and a 2-8-10 split on the right lane, which proved detrimental. Bohn stayed clean and fired the back-five for a 247-217 victory, setting up a semifinal match featuring the two leading PBA50 Player of the Year candidates from last season.

Barnes started off the semifinal with two consecutive splits, sparing the 4-7-10 in the second frame. The righty then made a quick ball change in the fourth frame; after splitting again, he rallied with a hambone to essentially even the match.

After a messenger failed to finish the job in Barnes' ninth frame, Bohn stepped up in his 10th frame with a chance to seal the match. He got the first strike he needed, but he split on the second shot and opened the door for Barnes.

However, the match ended the same as the 2022 Player of the Year race last year with Bohn earning a narrow victory.

Bohn's semifinal win set up an all-southpaw title match. Despite Lint's clear advantage in rev rate and ball speed, he continued to play farther left than the Hall of Famer — that was by design.

"My goal coming into this season was to be left of Parker," Lint said. "Even with all my hand, I want to be left of Parker. Because if he's (to my left), I'm going to build his hold and he's going to run me over. He's the standard. He's the guy on the left and, let's be honest, we all want to beat him."

"So wherever he's at, I want to be left of him or on top of him. And that took a lot of work because I like to hook the whole lane," Lint said laughing.

The title match was an old-fashioned grind. The two exchanged nine-count spares frame after frame. Because of a tricky right lane, the first double of the

match came from Lint in the sixth and seventh frames. Lint capitalized on the double and fired the lone three-bagger of the match. After Bohn converted a spare in the ninth frame, Lint just needed to stay clean to win his first title.

The eastern Pennsylvania native spared the 2-5 in the ninth and the 4-7 in the 10th to secure the win, 211-195. Lint committed to bowling the PBA50 Tour full-time back in January. After he captured the PBA50 Regional Players Invitational title, which featured the best regional talents in the country, he wanted to prove he could be the best in the nation.

He set a goal to not be eligible for next year's RPI, which would require finishing top 10 on the national tour in points. Through two tournaments, he's been the best player in the nation.

The 55-year-old has racked up nine PBA50 Regional Tour titles, including the RPI, since joining the PBA less than three years ago. On Monday, he added a PBA50 major title to his résumé.

None of this would have happened without the influence of Michael Markis, his close friend, who passed away in April 2021. "If it wasn't for Mike, I wouldn't be bowling in the PBA," Lint said. "Now it's all I care about."

"You think you know how good you are, until you come out and bowl against the best in the world," Lint said. "Then you figure out you're a little better than you thought you were."

Executing his gameplan to perfection this week speaks to Lint's growth as a player. He said he thought his first win would have come last week at the USBC Senior Masters, when he could play his A-game and felt nobody else could replicate it. Lint said the third-place finish motivated him even more coming into this week. After winning a major title while playing his B or C game, he doesn't have the words to describe his mile-high confidence. "These are the best in the world. I'm just doing the best I can against them," he said. "I think I'm doing alright."

The PBA50 Tour continues next month in the Eastern time zone. The PBA60 Tristan's T.A.P.S. Memorial Tournament begins July 2 in Columbus, Ohio, then the PBA50 South Shore Classic starts July 10 in Hammond, Ind.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND SCORES

Match 1: No.5 Brad Angelo def. No. 4 Tom Hess, 266-145
Match 2: No. 3 Parker Bohn III def. No. 5 Brad Angelo, 247-217
Match 3: No. 3 Parker Bohn III def. No. 2 Chris Barnes, 206-182
Championship: No. 1 Troy Lint def. No. 3 Parker Bohn III, 211-195

FINAL STANDINGS

1. Troy Lint, \$15,000	6. David Leverage, \$3,000
2. Parker Bohn III, \$8,000	7. Steven Badovinac, \$2,800
3. Chris Barnes, \$6,000	8. Pete Weber, \$2,600
4. Brad Angelo, \$5,000	9. Amletto Monacelli, \$2,400
5. Tom Hess, \$4,000	10. Jon Rakoski, \$2,200

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- SOLENE GORON - FRANCE'S Top PWBA Star

by Frank Weiler

Solene Goron is currently France's top female bowler. The 31 year old "stylist" has 17 French Bowling Titles to her credit including a Doubles Championship won with her sister.



Solene Goron and Frank Weiler

Reims, a historic city in the northeast of France, is Solene's hometown. The city of 180,000 is the unofficial capital of the famous Champagne wine growing region and has a rich history with ties to the French monarchy for over 1,000 years.

It is the city's famous grand cathedral, Notre Dame de Reims, where French Kings have been coronated since the thirteenth century. A tradition that began prior to the current cathedral when the Frankish King Clovis was coronated there in 496 AD.

It was JOAN of ARC who led Charles VII to Reims Cathedral in 1429 AD to be crowned King, which eventually led to the end of the Hundred Years War and the expulsion of the English from France.

Solene is proud of her hometown's rich history and will tell you that growing up amidst Reims' natural and artistic beauty has definitely influenced her appreciation for the captivating, the elegant and the splendor of nature and of the man made wonders all around her and all of us.

Solene is a career business woman working in the Insurance and Real Estate field. She came to the United States on "holiday" in May to compete in four PWBA events conducted in Spokane, Washington; Las Vegas and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Solene bowled well in all the tournaments she competed in and made the cut in the USBC QUEENS CHAMPIONSHIP cashing for \$900. Solene averaged 200 for the three Qualifying Blocks of 15 games showing she could compete with the best bowlers on the PWBA Tour. She amazed the two hundred Queen's bowling fans on hand at Sams Town Bowling Center with her accuracy and classic bowling style. She consistently converted difficult spares and even several challenging splits.

Solene is a STORM BOWLING staffer who was closely monitored by famed bowling ball "REP" JIM CALLAHAN. Solene's ball of choice at the QUEENS was the Roto Grip Gem.

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That meant that the outcome of the 2023 U.S. Women's Open would come down to spare shooting.

If Coté could take two or more pins on the conversion attempt, she'd be a major champion; anything less, and the box next to "major championship" on her list would have to remain unchecked.

Unwilling to let the opportunity to reach that goal slip through her fingers, Coté covered the spare and then counted eight on her fill ball to put the finishing touches on an 11-pin victory.

Like many first-time major champions, Coté struggled to find the right words to describe her feelings in the moments immediately following the match; however, after taking a little bit of time to decompress, she made it quite clear what the win meant to her and to whom it was dedicated.

"This tournament win is beyond special to me, and I dedicate it to my grandfather, Ray Munguia," Coté said. "He was the person who taught me how to bowl and was always the first person I'd call after I won. We lost him recently, which was really heartbreaking, but I know that he was there with me and that he'd be proud of me. This win is for him."

Coté should be plenty proud of herself as well; after all, at this point, she's established quite the bowling resume.

Tuesday night's victory was the fifth of her PWBA Tour career. She's also the reigning International Bowling Federation World Cup women's singles champion and a 12-time gold medalist for Team USA.

Nevertheless, a bowler's first major title will always be special, and Coté's U.S. Women's Open victory is no different.

"You're an "it person" when you win a major title, especially the U.S. Open because it's so hard," Coté said. "This ranks up there with anything that I've ever accomplished. I'm grateful, and this is a win that I'll cherish for a very long time."

Coté earned her spot in the title match by stopping the run of No. 5 seed Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, who was attempting to run the stepladder to collect her second U.S. Women's Open title – she won the 2019 event in North Las Vegas.

McEwan opened Tuesday night's stepladder finals with a hard-fought 212-201 victory over No. 4 seed Liz Johnson of Niagara Falls, New York, who was seeking her seventh title at the hallowed tournament.

The win gave McEwan the opportunity to take on two-time United States Bowling Congress Queens champion Diana Zavjalova of Latvia in Match 2.

McEwan got the better of that matchup as well, downing Zavjalova 227-192 to collect her second win of the night and punch her ticket to the semifinals.

That's where McEwan's ride would end, however, as she fell to Coté by a final

2023 PWBA TOUR SCHEDULE

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

July 27-30, PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, BowITV

Aug. 8-10, PWBA Waterloo Classic - Waterloo, Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center, Waterloo, Iowa, BowITV

Aug. 11-12, PWBA Pepsi Classic - Waterloo, Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center, Waterloo, Iowa, BowITV

Aug. 13-15, PWBA Tour Championship - Waterloo, Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center, Waterloo, Iowa, National TV

2023 PBA50/60 TOUR SCHEDULE

(PBA50 Majors are in bold, PBA60 events are italicized):

- July 2-July 5: *Tristan's TAPS Memorial, Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio*
- July 10-July 13: PBA50 South Shore Classic, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Indiana
- **July 15-July 23: PBA50 World Series of Bowling, JAX60, Jackson, Michigan**
- July 16 & July 19: PBA50 Ballard Championship, JAX60, Jackson, Michigan
- July 17 & July 20: PBA50 Monacelli Championship, JAX60, Jackson, Michigan
- July 18 & July 21: PBA50 Petraglia Championship, JAX60, Jackson, Michigan
- **July 16-July 23: PBA50 World Championship, JAX60, Jackson, Michigan**
- July 31-August 3: PBA50 Morgantown Classic, Suburban Lanes, Morgantown, West Virginia
- **August 6-August 10: Players Championship, Bowl America Dranesville, Sterling, Virginia**
- August 14-August 18: PBA50 The Villages Classic, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, FL
- August 20-August 23: PBA50 Ft. Myers Classic, Lightning Strikes Lanes, Ft. Myers, FL
- **August 26-August 30: PBA50 Tournament of Champions, Orange Bowl, Lakeland, FL**

score of 248-199. That sent Coté through to the title match while sending McEwan home with third place and \$22,000.

Zavjalova and Johnson took home \$17,000 and \$13,000, respectively.

All 108 competitors at the 2023 U.S. Women's Open bowled 24 qualifying games over three days to determine the 36 players advancing to Round 4. After eight additional games, the field was cut to the top 24 bowlers for round-robin match play.

The five finalists were determined by total pinfall, including bonus pins, for 56 games.

For more information about the U.S. Women's Open, visit BOWL.com/USWomensOpen.

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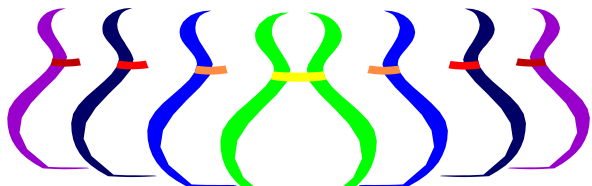
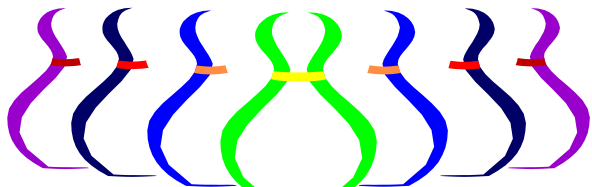
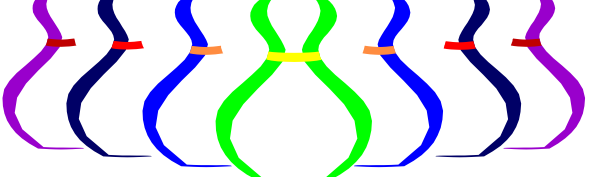
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