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DOWNEY'S STEPHANIE ZAVALA WINS 2022 PWBA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST MAJOR TITLE FOR THE 2021 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

by Aaron Smith

DALLAS – Stephanie Zavala of Downey, California, turned around her sophomore season Tuesday by averaging more than 250 across three wins to claim her first major at the 2022 Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour Championship.

The 2021 PWBA Rookie of the Year locked up her fourth tour title with a 252-181 win over defending champion Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio. Zavala earned \$50,000 for the victory, while Pluhowsky will take home \$25,000 for the runner-up finish.

Tuesday's stepladder finals were broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

Zavala started the title tilt with five consecutive strikes, but the match opened up after a light hit on the headpin resulted in a 7-9 split in the fifth frame for Pluhowsky. Zavala recorded back-to-back spares in the sixth and seventh frames, and she added two more strikes to secure the win as Pluhowsky recorded a second split and open in the eighth.

"I was fully prepared to have to go off the sheet, because I know Shannon can strike with anybody," Zavala said. "But, when I was doing the math in my head and knew all I had to do was keep it on the lane, it felt like the weight of the

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2022 PWBA Tour Champion Stephanie Zavala

BARNES BEATS BOHN III AT PBA50 DAVID SMALL'S CHAMPIONSHIP LANES OPEN

by Jill Winters



ANDERSON, Indiana – Prior to the championship match between Chris Barnes and Parker Bohn III at the PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Open, Barnes said he was trying to get a win for his family, and he was able to do just that.

As the top seed, Barnes got another chance to face his main competitor in the continued on page 6

COLDWATER SUPER REGIONAL FINAL RESULTS: FACH TAKES DOWN COOLEY

by Nolan Hughes

They may have been competing in Coldwater, Ohio, but Graham Fach and Sam Cooley are on fire. For the second time this week, Fach bowled Cooley for a PBA regional title in the Buckeye State.

Cooley took the first meeting at the PBA Kremer Roofing Central Classic in Minster, Ohio last Thursday.

"Cooley and I have been against each other a lot this last month," Fach said. "In the World Games, he won gold in singles [and Fach



won bronze], of course Minster, then here."

This weekend at Plamor Lanes, which players have called one of the hardest centers in the country, Fach's stellar 2022 campaign rolled on. He earned

\$10,000 and his fifth victory of the PBA Central Region season.

Fach said the driving force behind his dominance has been "feeling comfortable," which has been aided continued on page 6

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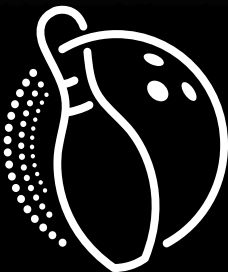
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Rewrite The Script

I woke up today a MAJOR champion. It doesn't even sound real, no matter how many times I say it. Last night took a page out of every dream and fairytale I've ever daydreamed about.

The 2022 PWBA tour season has officially come to an end. This year was long, hard, and mentally challenging for me. It was not the season I had envisioned following up my rookie year with but nonetheless, the hard work paid off when it mattered most.

There aren't enough words to describe how thankful I am for my tribe. To my parents, Christopher, best friend, and so many others, this win is for all of us. I could not have done it without you all being there to pick me up and put me back together when the season put me at my lowest. I love you all!

To the best ball reps a girl can ask for— Shawn, Matt, Jim, and Steve, you guys continue to propel me forward. Thank you for believing in me and working with my unconventional ways.

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PBA ANNOUNCES ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE PBA LEAGUE BOWLER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

RICHMOND, VA — The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) has announced the Advisory Board for the PBA League Bowler Certification program.

The four person board will consist of bowling center proprietor Charlie Mitchell, industry leader and marketing executive Lori Mraz, Kegel president/CEO Chris Chartrand and PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III. They will begin serving in their roles immediately. “These four appointments make up the PBA League Certified Bowler program’s tremendously diverse, respected, skilled and experienced Advisory Board,” PBA commissioner Tom Clark said.

With their varied backgrounds and distinctive points of view, the Advisory Board members will help guide the PBA in shaping the League Bowler Certification program to reach its fullest potential.

“Featuring a progressive proprietor and league operator, a marketing specialist with vast board experience, a chief executive of one of the industry’s most successful and diversified businesses, and one of the greatest PBA bowlers of all time who is just as impressive in his efforts off the lanes to grow the game, we are adding great minds with passion for the sport to assist the PBA’s efforts,” Clark said. **Meet the four Advisory Board members of the PBA League Bowler Certification program:**

CHARLIE MITCHELL — Mitchell owns Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, home to the BowlPortland bowling league and to many PBA events since 2015, including the PBA League. Charlie built a truly unique bowling community with his BowlPortland league, which began in 2008. He built Bayside Bowl three years later specifically to have a home for the league.

The 20-lane center hosts over 100 league teams (all co-ed) during the winter months, while also hosting 20+ weddings a year and musical acts ranging from Big Daddy Kane and Talib Kweli to Cyril Neville and Jon Fishman.

Mitchell was the BPAA Proprietor of the Year in 2015 and has continued to work closely with the PBA and other stakeholders to grow participation in the sport at all levels.

LORI MRAZ — For decades, Mraz has been a leader across the bowling industry. She is the active vice chairman of the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame Board of Directors. She has been on the board since 2008.

Mraz also served on the Billiard and Bowling Institute of America (BBIA) Board of Directors from 2003-2008, the International Bowling Pro Shop & Instructors Association (IBPSIA) Advisory Board from 2005-2009, and the John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament Committee from 2000-2020.

Mraz guided Turbo 2-N-1 Grips brand through its start-up phase in the early 1990s. She has worked in various roles throughout her time with Turbo, including president through June 2020. Currently, she is the official PBA product registered company’s marketing director.

CHRIS CHARTRAND — Chartrand joined Kegel in 1999 when the company began its own branded line of lane machines. He was instrumental in building Kegel’s worldwide distribution network and formally created the marketing and sales division, launching some of Kegel’s most successful products like Prodigy Lane Conditioner and the Kustodian Family of Lane Machines. In October of 2010, Chartrand climbed to the top of the ladder and became president of Kegel; in 2016, he was also named as CEO.

As president/CEO, Chartrand’s leadership enhanced Kegel’s reputation as the undisputed leader in lane maintenance worldwide with the success of the IKON and FLEX Lane Machines, as well as numerous lane conditioners. He also helped advance the sport of bowling with innovative new products like the Specto Tracking System, a tool being used around the world to help bowlers improve their game and powers StrikeTrack to help create a new dynamic experience for PBA broadcasts.

Chartrand served seven years on the BBIA Board of Directors including one year as BBIA President. He is also a director on the board for the Bowling Hall of Fame. Chartrand has worked in the bowling industry for over 30 years and offers the unique perspective of being an executive, competitive bowler, lane man, and pro-shop operator.

PARKER BOHN III — Bohn III has been a member of the PBA since 1984, and is a member of the PBA and USBC Halls of Fame. Bohn III is one of only seven players in PBA history to accumulate at least 30 career PBA Tour titles, ranking fifth all-time with 35 as of 2022.

The left-hander has won 10 more titles on the PBA50 Tour, as well as 27 PBA Regional titles, nine PBA50 Regional titles, and two European Bowling Tour (EBT) titles.

Bohn III is a four-time winner of the PBA’s Steve Nagy Sportsmanship award and earned the PBA’s very first Tony Reyes Community Service Award for the 2012–13 season. Highly active in promoting youth bowling, Bohn III has established an annual Parker Bohn III Youth Scholarship Tournament in Howell, N.J. The tournament has awarded junior bowlers with college scholarship funding for

Frank Weiler – Who Knew?

by Mary Lynly

Frank Weiler has enthusiastically pursued showcasing more than 500 bowlers and bowling events without fanfare, but few know the real Frank Weiler. Born in 1943 in Utica, NY, he was raised by a no-nonsense family and schooled there where he completed grade school and high school and his first taste of bowling with his buddies bowling at the “Palace” – 3 games - setting pins and later as a scorekeeper at tournaments. A studious type, he pursued his education and went on to college and then on to Law School. He said his parents helped him through college (a debt he repaid) and the Federal Government aided with Law School. The law school later became part of Syracuse University, and he was proud to have paid them back. Law school was rigorous – six days a week most of it reading, reading but the effort put him on the Dean’s List. In his class of 130 was a fellow named Joe Biden (yes, that Joe Biden), also pursuing a law degree who spent a lot of time searching for Commercial Case Notes (better known as “Cliff” notes) to escape having to do all the reading.



Frank Weiler

While going to Law School Frank joined ROTC and following graduation he was obligated to serve four years in the service. Given his education he was given a choice and it was the Air Force. Unfortunately, the Vietnam War was on at the time. While waiting for Air Force Orders he taught school to Active Duty personnel for a year and served his four years at Norton AFB. He served another 23 years in the Air Force Reserve and was completely retired in July of 2000.

After shuttling to various bases, in 1980 Frank ended up in Florida and began bowling again. He had taken some lessons and ultimately became a bowler to be reckoned with. He lived near Don Carter Kendall Lanes in Florida and started league bowling. He joined a scratch league, the highest one in the house that Don Carter and wife Paula bowled in. Eventually, he was asked to bowl on their team which led to a warm friendship. Frank had asked his mother to live with him for security purposes and Paula’s mother lived with her and Don. The mothers watched every bowling night and discovered they were both Polish and had much in common. This led to going to each other’s houses and becoming fast friends. Don had a lot of business interests with his involvement in numerous bowling centers and was on the quiet side while Paula was the lively one. Don’s son Jimmy managed one of their centers and asked Frank if he would like to manage one of his centers but Frank didn’t think he knew enough about managing a bowling center. Frank still keeps in touch with Paula.

Frank became an accomplished bowler actually carrying a 231 average one year – he still carries around 200. Frank figures having mom live with him stymied chances at marriage with women figuring they would be stuck taking care of mom. Approaching the end of his working years he had begun developing an intense interest in telling the stories of the many bowlers he encountered and in 2009 he penned the first of more than 500 stories of ordinary and extraordinary bowlers and events he felt deserved recognition.

He met Therese – on the lanes of course, also a good bowler. He says, “It was the best day of my life.” Therese was a widow with four grown children and Frank loves having the kids around. They married in 2015 during an Armed Forces Bowling Tournament in Reno and Don Moser was his best man – since this is a male only tournament (Therese was an exception) the chapel provided a Maid of Honor! He and Therese have the same interests and love the symphony and theater and of course, bowling and other sports and they share their Catholic Faith and attend Bible Study. Besides being an organist, Therese loves to garden and they have lemon and orange trees and a big garden.

Frank Weiler was recently honored into the California USBC Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service, a much deserved award. He started writing 20 years ago and weekly articles for 13 years! He’s about ready to hang it up. Few writers are as enthusiastic about their subjects as Frank. He is an ardent fan and believes “Bowling and Bowlers deserve to be recognized in an honest, positive and fair way – every bowler deserves to have their story told.”

over 20 years.

In 2011, Bohn III won the Dick Weber Bowling Ambassador Award, an honor given annually by the Bowling Proprietors Association of America (BPAA) to the “bowling athlete who has consistently shown grace on and off the lanes by promoting the sport of bowling in a positive manner.”

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world was lifted off my shoulders. I’m a major champion. It felt rewarding and incredible, and I couldn’t help but smile.”

Zavala was able to use the ball that helped propel her toward the top of the standings during match play Sunday, which included games of 300 and 297, on her way to the No. 3 seed. It was her second consecutive appearance in the finals at the Tour Championship, after a fourth-place finish in 2021.

Last year’s Tour Championship put an end to one of the most impressive rookie seasons in the history of the PWBA Tour. Zavala won three titles and advanced to the championship round in a pair of majors.

Although she admitted to managing her expectations prior to the start of the 2022 season, Zavala found herself in the midst of a sophomore slump as the events continued to roll by.

She started the year with a 14th-place finish at the PWBA Rockford Open, and she nearly made the show at the United States Bowling Congress Queens, finishing tied for seventh.

After that, though, she only posted one top-20 finish over the next six events through the U.S. Women’s Open.

She took advantage of the tour’s break before the Professional Bowlers Association/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles event at the end of July to work on her game and more importantly, herself.

“I was definitely struggling with my confidence for a little bit,” Zavala said. “Obviously, I didn’t want a sophomore slump, but that’s exactly what I did. After Queens, it seemed like I went on a very quick downhill slope. It felt really good to take a couple weeks off and put the time in to go to my roots and figure out why I fell in love with bowling. I put in the work to really get the confidence back in my game, and I took advantage of it at the Luci. I really felt great. It’s not the season I wanted, but I can’t deny that this win kind of erases the struggles from before. It feels amazing.”

Pluhowsky put together an incredible run during the final round of match play Monday on her 40th birthday, averaging better than 257 for her eight games, including a 300 and 297, to earn the top seed for Tuesday’s stepladder and have the chance to defend her title.

With Zavala striking to start, the left-hander knew she had to keep striking but ran into some trouble on the right lane in the fifth and seventh frames, allowing Zavala to increase her lead.

“I thought the right lane was hooking a little more, and then I missed right a couple times and it held,” said Pluhowsky, a two-time major winner on the PWBA Tour. “I actually thought I rolled it pretty well in the fifth frame, and it didn’t hook. We thought I may have missed it at the bottom, so I stayed in the same spot and left a 3 pin. I should have moved, but I didn’t do it.

“It’s disappointing, because I bowled so well yesterday and it comes down to one game, but I’d still rather bowl one game for the title then try and climb the ladder, so you take the good with the bad. To end the season on a high note is good, and yesterday was an amazing day.”

Zavala advanced to the title match with a 234-224 victory over Colombia’s Maria José Rodriguez.

The semifinals featured strong starts for both athletes, but Rodriguez gained the early advantage after a 4-6-10 split and open frame from Zavala in the fourth. Rodriguez opened in the seventh, missing the 2-8 combination.

Zavala felt her shot in the fourth frame was close, and she committed to making a move and staying aggressive.

“I got a little bit slow, but it wasn’t bad enough to where I should have paid a cost that big,” Zavala said. “After I wrapped up my shot on the other lane, I went to my ball reps and talked about it. They said if I feel good about it, make a two-and-one move. I had no second thoughts. I made the move, and it gave me that push in the middle that still allowed me to throw it right.”

Finishing the match first, Rodriguez could have struck out to force Zavala to double for the chance to win, but she left a 10 pin on her first shot. A spare and strike to close

the game meant Zavala needed a mark to move on, and she covered a 2 pin and struck to secure the win.

Rodriguez, the 2018 Tour Championship titlist, was looking for her third PWBA Tour and major title.

Zavala made her way to the semifinals with a run at perfection against Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio. Zavala started with nine consecutive strikes before leaving a 4-6 split on her first delivery in the 10th frame to record a 266-190 win.

Richard, the 2018 PWBA Rookie of the Year, was searching for her third tour title and first major championship.

In Tuesday’s opening match, Richard started with four consecutive strikes on the way to a 220-196 victory over Shannon O’Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois.

O’Keefe, the 2017 and 2019 Tour Championship winner, started the game with three opens in her first five frames to quickly fall behind as Richard stayed clean through nine frames.

On Monday, O’Keefe claimed her third PWBA Player of the Year award. The 15-time PWBA Tour champion also earned the postseason honor in 2018 and 2019 as the player topping the season-long points list.

The Tour Championship was the final event of the season-ending Dallas Classic Series at USA Bowl.

The Dallas Classic Series featured three events - PWBA Dallas Classic, PWBA Pepsi Classic and Tour Championship - and kicked off Wednesday with 83 athletes.

The combined qualifying totals for the Dallas Classic and Pepsi Classic (24 games) determined the 24 athletes advancing to the Tour Championship.

Pinfall dropped at the beginning of the Tour Championship, and competition consisted of three eight-game rounds of match play Sunday and Monday. Total pinfall for 24 games, including bonus pins for each victory in match play, determined the five finalists for Tuesday’s championship round.

Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, won the Dallas Classic on Thursday for her second title of the 2022 season and fourth career win. Ukraine’s Dasha Kovalova claimed her fifth PWBA Tour title Saturday at the Pepsi Classic.

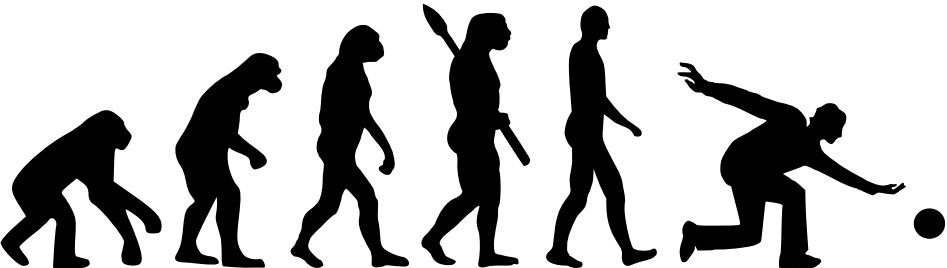
The 2022 season featured 12 events and kicked off in May at the Rockford Open.

Coté was the only player to win multiple titles during the season, while Germany’s Birgit Noreiks and Erin McCarthy of Elkhorn, Nebraska, collected their first majors at the USBC Queens and U.S. Women’s Open, respectively.

Olivia Farwell of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, won PWBA Rookie of the Year for the 2022 season. She secured the postseason honor after finishing in fifth place at the Pepsi Classic.



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AMF Rocket Bowl Lives On

by Dave Williams

After my purchase of the L & L Castle Lanes t-shirt a couple of months ago, I've decided to go ahead and acquire my second classic tee from a company based in California, where so many bowling centers have closed in recent years. This tee is a likeness of the AMF Rocket Bowl sign on DeSoto Avenue in Chatsworth, a city located in the San Fernando Valley.

AMF Rocket Bowl closed in 2009 after a 47 year run. It originally opened as Comet Lanes, but when AMF acquired the center they changed the name to AMF Rocket Bowl in an attempt to attract some of the more than 9,000 Rocketdyne employees in Chatsworth and Canoga Park.

Their strategy worked, as many of the leagues rolling Monday through Thursday nights were made up of Rocketdyne employees. I called upon Lon Gruen, a longtime kegler at Rocket Bowl (and ardent reader of the California Bowling News) to get his take on the bowling center and the unusual sign that's depicted on the t-shirt.

Lon Gruen Remembers

"I bowled there with my grandfather the first week that it opened," said Gruen. "I think that I was about 8 years old, so I'm a little foggy regarding the details. The sign was definitely a comet, but I don't remember if the graphic element changed when the name changed from Comet to Rocket, or if the stylized symbol remained the same."

Both Lon and I eventually agreed that the sign must have remained the same through the transition as it contains both a "comet" at the top of the sign, and what appears to be a "space capsule" below, as pictured in the t-shirt design. There's a difference of opinion as to when the name change took place, but I'll go with Gruen's guess of the mid-1960's, since he was there for the transformation.

I have so many memories of AMF Rocket Bowl, where I was stationed for a few years while driving up and down the left coast of the United States promoting bowling along the Interstate 5 corridor of California, Oregon and Washington. It was an exciting time with so many bowling centers in the San Fernando



AMF Rocket Bowl t-shirt design provided by m00nshot.com

Valley. Whenever I was at home for a weekend, it was a chore to try and decide what tournaments to bowl... except for the Hot Pot No-Tap at Grand Central Bowl every Saturday night!

"My most fond memories are from around 1966 to 1968," says Gruen. "I was one of the youth bowlers that hung out at Rocket, and the owner would have us do chores for him, like handing out marketing leaflets, helping the porters or chasing pins. In return, he let us bowl for free!"

Lon remembers a couple of great adult leagues at Rocket Bowl — the 875 Scratch on Wednesday nights (which he joined when he advanced to adult leagues) and the Greater Los Angeles All Star Traveling League that included the likes of PBA members Lamar Keck and Jay Robinson.

I contacted pro bowler Cheryl Robinson to see if she remembered anything about Rocket Bowl, and if there was any truth to the rumor that Jay and Cheryl were married on lanes 21 and 22. "No, we weren't married on the lanes at Rocket Bowl, or any bowling center (lol)," said Cheryl. "I'll check with Jay to see if there's anything he wants to add about Rocket Bowl."

When I presented some names to Gruen from a 1962 issue of California Bowling News, sporting a full page ad for Comet Lanes, he remembered Max Roos Pro Shop, Youth League Coordinator Bonnie Fritzon, Hank Lauman (Bowling Instructor), and Herb "Judge" Roth, the Adult League Coordinator.

"Max Roos Pro Shop was on the left side of the entryway. As soon as you walked into the center, you would smell that unique combination of burnt rubber and lacquer," said Lon. "That was home to us kids. We hung out in Max's shop. A new ball was a big thing back then. We couldn't wait to get 3 Dots (AMF Classic Pro-Roll, with 3 white dots) as soon as it came out."

"Now Hank — we idolized him. We knew that he had been a world class bowler," said Mr. Gruen. "By the late 1960's he had become the full time lane man, but he would occasionally give lessons. I remember Hank telling me that when he could no longer average 200, he'd quit bowling, and that's exactly what happened."

Happy Trails and Happier Times

While located at AMF Rocket Bowl, I had an opportunity to meet Roy Rogers, the "King of the Cowboys." Here's excerpts from a column written in February of 2020 (*Happy Trails to You... Remembering AMF Rocket Bowl, and Roy Rogers*):

"Now I'm not sure how our conversation got around to Roy Rogers, but Carl (Ritter) happened to mention that Mr. Rogers would be there later that evening if I wanted to meet him. As we chatted about league business and Carl's commitment to phone solicitation, in the mold of his mentor Herb 'Judge' Roth... in walked Roy Rogers, with what appeared to be a King Louie bowling shirt and AMF single ball bag.

Roy couldn't have been much more than 5 feet 9 inches tall (5'10" with his cowboy boots), but his physical height paled in comparison to his monumental character. I reached out to shake his hand, and that patented smile came upon his face. Although I wanted to talk with him for hours, I could see that he was intent on enjoying his bowling experience, so I returned to my conversation with Mr. Ritter."

In another article from 2020 (*Memories of Happier Times... AMF Rocket Bowl Kegler Wins National Tournament*), I reminisced about Marvin Dennis winning the 1986 Seagram's Coolers Get Things Rolling Tournament at AMF Altamonte Lanes in Florida. The event was a league bowlers qualifying contest that included regional roll-offs culminating in a finals competition in Orlando, Florida.

The finalists were wine and dined by AMF Regional Supervisor Bob Robison and provided free passes to Disney World, Epcot, Sea World and other local attractions. Television station WFTV-9 even broadcast the finals to the Central Florida marketplace. What made the event even more meaningful was that Mr. Dennis was a wheelchair bowler.

Many thanks to Lon Gruen and Cheryl Robinson for their insights into the history of AMF Rocket Bowl. As you can see, there's a lot of bowling history that took place at 9171 DeSoto Avenue, befitting the classic t-shirt that commemorates the iconic road sign, as well as all of the happy times and friendships that were made along the way.



WFTV-9 cameraman captures close up of Marvin Dennis during warm-ups at AMF Altamonte Lanes in Florida. Photo provided by Dave Williams



(left to right) Dale Evans, Trigger the Wonder Horse, and Roy Rogers at th Chatsworth Ranch (1952). AP photo, courtesy St. Louis Post-Dispatch

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by a switch from Motiv to Brunswick this season.

“I’ve just been trying to build on the success that I’ve been having,” he said of his season. “When you’re having success, your swing’s looser, you’re making decisions faster, you’re more confident with the decisions you make. When it all comes together, you’re able to continue that success.”

In the title match, Fach used a Hammer Black Widow Urethane Pink Pearl. He said he hadn’t used that ball all weekend until that match.

“Justin (Knowles) and I were discussing how we wanted to break down that TV pair where we could have the most successful on the left side,” Fach said. “We tried to break it down a little easier than what we had in qualifying, and I just thought that the Pink Widow Urethane gave me the best look to the pocket.”

If Fach and Cooley are the hottest players in the Midwest, EJ Tackett isn’t far behind.

Tackett earned his second straight top-three finish in a super regional, falling to Cooley in the semifinal, 255-223. A late seven-bagger propelled the Australian to the win, as Tackett missed the head-pin in the seventh and ninth frames.

Tackett defeated Justin Knowles in the opening match 213-211. Knowles had an opportunity to shut out Tackett, but chopped the 4-7 in the 10th frame. Tackett spared a 4-7 of his own, then aced his fill ball to secure the win.

Cooley led Saturday’s eight games of qualifying, averaging over 223 to finish +188. Brent Boho, Dick Allen, Arturo Quintero and Knowles rounded out the day’s top five.

Those same five remained in front after the four-game first advancer round on Sunday morning, though Knowles surged into second place. Fach and Tackett moved into the top five during the second advancer round, a three game block.

During the two-game final advancer round, Fach surpassed Cooley for the top seed for the stepladder finals. Fach shot 482 to finish at +291 and make up the 54-pin deficit; Cooley finished second at +273.

Tackett earned the No. 3 seed at +228, while Knowles and Brent Boho tied for the final spot on the stepladder with +212. Knowles won the rolloff 210-184.

Andrew Anderson, who finished sixth on the weekend, shot the tournament’s only 300 game during qualifying on Saturday. Allen and Quintero also finished inside the top eight.

Next weekend, the PBA summer regional swing concludes in Chesapeake, V.A. at the PBA Booster Club of Hampton Roads Open. Competition begins Saturday, Aug. 20 at AMF Western Branch Lanes.

FINAL STANDINGS	
Graham Fach,	\$10,000
Sam Cooley,	\$5,000
EJ Tackett,	\$2,500
Justin Knowles,	\$2,200
Brent Boho,	\$2,000
Andrew Anderson,	\$1,800
Dick Allen,	\$1,600
Arturo Quintero,	\$1,400
Trevor Roberts,	\$1,375
Tom Daugherty,	\$1,350

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PBA50 Player of the Year race, Bohn III. Barnes got off to a shaky start leaving a 4-7-10 split in the first frame for an open followed by a Brooklyn strike using a 900 Global Wolverine Dark Moss.

Bohn III’s arsenal was a DV8 Collision on the left lane and a Hammer Dark Web on the right lane. Bohn, the defending champion, started off with a spare and a double before leaving the 2-4-6-7-8 split for an open frame. After that, both players stayed clean for the rest of the game.

Barnes made a key ball change to a 900 Global Zen in the eighth frame. “I went back to what worked for me most of the week,” Barnes said about the decision.

Barnes struck with it in the eighth on the left lane and on the first ball in the tenth before going high and leaving a 4-pin. He got the spare and sat down after posting a 223.

“I got away with a couple of light swishers and Parker left me hanging in there with a chance,” Barnes said.

Bohn III needed a double and 2-pins to win, but his first shot in the tenth went high leaving a 6-pin, finishing with 211.

“He is the hottest guy, and he has been bowling the best all year,” Barnes said about Bohn III. “To sneak away with one is certainly a gift.”

Before starting the final match, Barnes made two important phone calls. One to his son, Ryan and one to his wife, Lynda.

“I always try to talk to her before a TV show,” he said. “It’s a centering device for me, it is what is really important for me and that is family. This is the third PBA50 title for Barnes and his second this season.

Bryan Goebel made his return to the PBA50. He threw the last seven strikes to defeat Lennie Boresch Jr. 223-222 in the opening match and rolled nine strikes in match two to beat Brad Angelo 255-213. In his third match, Goebel struck only twice losing to Bohn III, 239-166.

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DAVID SMALL’S CHAMPIONSHIP LANES OPEN FINAL STANDINGS:
1. Chris Barnes, \$7,500
2. Parker Bohn III, \$4,500
3. Bryan Goebel, \$3,000
4. Brad Angelo, \$2,500
5. Lennie Boresch Jr., \$2,000
MATCH SCORES
Match 1 – Goebel def. Boresch Jr. 223-222
Match 2 – Goebel def. Angelo 255-213
Match 3 – Bohn III def. Goebel 239-166
Championship match – Barnes def. Bohn III 223-211

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Carol's Corner

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A friend of mine rolled a 300 game recently and it hit me..... There is no award! My friend said he got a few handshakes and an announcement on the P.A.

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- A towel printed "I bowled a 300 game and all I got was this towel"

Our readers would be very interested in your thoughts. Did you roll a perfecto and only got a handshake? What would put a smile on your face and make the memory last?

Send your comments today!
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Thanks for reading



Stefanie Johnson & Shannon O'Keefe - Two of Frank Weiler's 2022 PWBA "ESPY" Winners



My PWBA 2022 Season "ESPY" Awards

by Frank Weiler

The 2022 PWBA season is at an end. We know who is the Tour Player of The Year and which bowlers led the Tour in Earnings, Titles, Average and several other statistical categories. Now it's the time of year for my "ESPY" picks for the Top PWBA players in twenty categories I consider most important to Bowling fans worldwide. The Awards are divided into two categories: PERFORMANCE and MERIT. The Performance Awards are granted for outstanding bowling during the 2022 PWBA season. The Merit Awards are granted for outstanding public relations activities on behalf of the PWBA and the sport of Bowling.

So let's get started with the 2022 PWBA PERFORMANCE Awards:

The World's TOP BOWLER:	Shannon O'Keefe
The TOP European Bowler:	Verity Crawley
The TOP Asian Bowler:	Cherie Tan
The TOP South American Bowler:	Clara Guerrero
The TOP Mexican Bowler:	Sandra Gongora
The TOP Left Handed Bowler:	Shannon Pluhowsky
The PWBA's Biggest Active Winner:	Liz Johnson
The Best Pressure Bowler:	Shannon O'Keefe
The Most Consistent Bowler:	Bryanna Cote
The Most Knowledgeable Bowler:	Kelly Kulick
The Most Accurate Bowler:	Danielle McEwan
The Smoothest Bowler:	Dasha Kovalova, Danielle McEwan and Kelly Kulick
The Most Focused Bowler:	Shannon O'Keefe and Stephanie Johnson
The TOP Ball Speed ("Speed Queen")	Daria Pajak
The TOP Ball Revolutions:	Summer Jasmin
The Quickest Bowler to The Line:	Dasha Kovalova and Kelly Kulick
The Best Young Bowler:	Jillian Martin
The Most Likely Bowler First to 900:	Breanna Clemmer
The Star of Tomorrow:	Bella Love Castillo (13 year old two hander)
Next Season's Break Through Star:	Hope Gramly, Gazmine Mason

The 2022 PWBA MERIT Awards:

The Most Fan Friendly Bowler:	Liz Kuhlkin
The PWBA's Best Dancer:	Kelly Kulick
The Best Dressed PWBA Bowler:	Twelve Bowlers (Tied)
The Best Looking PWBA Bowler:	"All female bowlers are beautiful"
The Best Hair (Creative, Color, Style):	Verity Crawley, Diana Zavjalova

There you have it. The Twenty PWBA Performance Awards and four Merit Awards for the 2022 season. Congratulations to my winners and all PWBA bowlers for providing us with another exciting season.



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