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## RON MOHR WINS BACK-TO-BACK TITLES AT PBA60 DICK WEBER CLASSIC

by Jill Winters

JACKSON, Michigan – John Kirker Jr. might be a bit superstitious because he was trying to find a way to get even with Ron Mohr after losing in the title match to him last year at PBA60 Dick Weber Classic.

“He said last year, I was the No. 1 seed and I made him finish first, so he wanted to reverse it to see if it would reverse the fortune,” Mohr said about Kirker Jr.’s strategy to let Mohr start first. “Obviously the right lane was much more playable than the left lane, so it didn’t break my heart that he had me start.”

Unfortunately for Kirker Jr. the result was almost identical to last year. In 2021, Mohr won 207-162; on Thursday, Mohr won 211-171.

Mohr started with a spare and Kirker Jr. hooked at a 7-pin and missed it. Both players each doubled and then Kirker Jr. missed a 6-pin followed by a 2-8-10 split, finding himself in a 42-pin hole.

“I could see it was mine for the taking,” Mohr said of the early openings from his opponent. “The whole day that pair hooked earlier

than anything I had seen. But after the advancers round I had the best look in the building. The only person that could beat me in this building was me, so that was my mindset.”

Mohr stayed clean using his Storm IQ Tour until his final shot to become the first two-time winner at the PBA60 Dick Weber Classic. The win also was the 40th in Mohr’s professional career, since he began bowling in 2008.

“Anytime you can have anything associated with Dick Weber is both humbling and flattering,” the 66-year-old said. “I knew I was going to bowl three stops so to win one already, my arm swing is going to be pretty loose for the next one.”

Mohr was emotional after his win last year but this time around the feeling was different.

“It was more overwhelming because it was so unexpected since I have only bowled a couple of tournaments,” he said. “As long as I feel like I can win you will see me out here.”

In the opening match, continued on page 6

## BARNES WINS BACK-TO-BACK TITLES TO END IMPRESSIVE PBA50 SEASON

by Jill Winters

JACKSON, Michigan Chris Barnes finished his second PBA50 season making his ninth stepladder finals and winning his third title of the year at the PBA50 David Small’s Jax 60 Open. He described his day as exhilarating, exhausting, and satisfying.

On Monday, he came into match play as the No. 17 qualifier and all he did was win his way to the top. He had to double in his first match against Jeff Johnson to earn the six-pin win in the round of 24. In an epic match against top seed Walter Ray Williams Jr., Barnes got the win 772-747.

From there he beat Brian LeClair to earn the fourth



seed and he just continued to dig deep, winning four matches for his fourth career PBA50 title.

“It’s been a day,” he said

after the show. “Realistically, you don’t get to end on a win very many times in your career, so I am going to go home and enjoy it.”

It was a long and challenging day, and the stepladder finals didn’t make things any easier on Barnes. continued on page 6

## TIM FOY JR. CLAIMS THIRD CAREER PBA REGIONAL TITLE

by Nolan Hughes

Tim Foy Jr. struggled to find the words. All he could muster was “unreal, surprised and happy.”

He said he withdrew from a tournament a couple of weeks ago with pain in his neck, and wasn’t sure if he’d be able to bowl this weekend until a chiropractor alleviated the pain in his neck on Friday night.

Foy Jr. had low expectations heading into the PBA Booster Club of Hampton Roads Open, but he walked away with the third PBA regional title of his career and \$10,000.

“It hasn’t sank in yet,”

he said. “It’s gonna sink in, but not for a while.”

The 35-year-old Delaware native said low expectations loosened up his swing on Saturday. His block of +280 put him in third place after the qualifying round, then he kept that same mentality on Sunday.

He surged into the lead during the morning advancer round. He opened with 782 in his first three games and held onto the lead through both advancer rounds.

While Foy Jr. lit up the scoreboard, Eric Jones was never far behind. Since the

17-year-old got his PBA card earlier this year, he has tallied two official PBA regional titles and now adds a runner-up to his résumé.

Anthony Neuer earned the No. 3 seed qualified in ninth place on Saturday at +207. He climbed into fourth during the six games on Sunday morning, before settling into third after the second advancer round.

Matt Taylor, who led Saturday’s qualifying at +336, grinded to a +23 six game block on Sunday morning and dropped to sixth place.

Entering the 17th and

final game, Taylor and Ryan Ciminelli sat just 40 and 50 pins behind Tom Daugherty, who hovered around fourth place the entire weekend. Daugherty couldn’t catch Foy Jr. or Jones, but stayed ahead of the remaining competitors.

Neither Taylor nor Ciminelli could put much pressure on Daugherty, who grinded out 201 to hold onto the final spot on the stepladder.

Taylor made an aggressive change from urethane to reactive equipment during the final game, but two continued on page 6



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# EIGHT YOUTH BOWLERS PUNCH TICKET TO 2023 PBA JR. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

by Nolan Hughes

The South and Southwest Regional Qualifiers for the PBA Jr. National Championships were held this weekend. Eight youth bowlers clinched berths in the national championships to be held in early 2023.

Each tournament champion and runner-up in the U18 Boys and U18 Girls divisions earned a spot in the national championships. All four champions earned a \$2,000 scholarship.

Bowlero Austell in Marietta, Ga. hosted the South Region qualifier. Mississippi's Jakob Robertson and Florida's Ridgely Potter earned the U18 Boys spots, while North Carolina's Kaitlyn Stull and Georgia's Erin Klemencic secured the U18 Girls berths.

The Southwest Region qualifier took place at Bowlero Euless in Euless, Texas. A pair of Texans, Zachary Smullen and Tyler Galbreath, advanced to the national championships in the U18 Boys division, while California's Avery Domaguin and Texas's Bella Love Castillo qualified in the U18 Girls division.

## SOUTH REGION



Mississippi's Jakob Robertson and Florida's Ridgely Potter advanced to the PBA Jr. National Championships in the U18 Boys division.

In the South region, Jakob Robertson won the U18 Boys division title. He led the 10-game qualifying round at +301, averaging over 230.

Dylan Chastain, who ultimately finished in sixth place, fired 300 during Game 6 of qualifying.

Robertson earned the top seed for the stepladder finals. He went undefeated in match play, taking down Lucas Ellis and Ridgely Potter.

Joseph De Guzman, Jacob Ballenger and Jonathan Michadick clinched berths in the stepladder finals by winning both of their matches. Potter earned the No. 5 seed as the highest qualifier remaining.

In the stepladder, Potter caught fire. He shot 300 in the opening match against Michadick. He continued his climb with a 248-191 win over Ballenger and a 209-204 victory over De Guzman.

However, Robertson put an end to Potter's South Region title pursuit with a dominant 276-194 win.

Full standings and more information on the U18 Boys South Region qualifier can be found [here](#).



Georgia's Erin Klemencic and North Carolina's Kaitlyn Stull advanced to the PBA Jr. National Championships in the U18 Girls division.

Kaitlyn Stull of Raleigh, N.C. clinched a berth on Junior Team USA's developmental team with her sensational performance at Junior Gold last month. The 15-year-old added to her growing résumé by winning the U18 Girls title in the South region.

Stull qualified in fifth place at +57 before defeating Elizabeth Weeks and Abigail Burke in match play to earn the No. 3 seed for the stepladder.

Erin Klemencic bowled 300 in Game 4 of qualifying to lead the pack at +157. She earned the top seed and clinched a PBA Jr. National Championship berth with wins over Hailey Halcomb and Kara Beissel, who earned the No. 5 seed as the highest remaining qualifier.

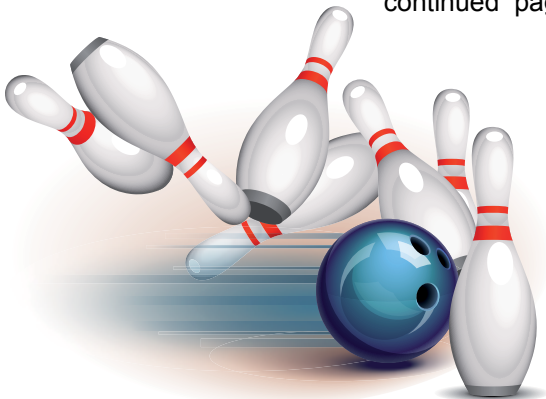
Savannah Taillon snagged the No. 4 seed and defeated Beissel in the opening match of the stepladder 203-167. Stull took down her fellow North Carolinian in the next match 221-220.

Stull earned another single-pin victory over No. 2 seed Haley Lindley in the semifinals. That win secured her spot in the PBA Jr. National Championship.

In the title match, Stull's comfort on the lanes paid off as she defeated Klemencic 230-199.

Full standings and more information on the U18 Girls South Region qualifier can be found [here](#).

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# John Burkett Swaps Baseball Strikes For Bowling Strikes

by Dave Williams

The first time that I met John Burkett was in the fall of 1990, while working for American Recreation Centers (ARC) and beginning the promotion for our biggest tournament of the year, the ARC Pinole PBA Open in the city of Pinole, about 15 miles north of Oakland in an area known as the San Francisco East Bay.

We were in the process of ironing out the details of the tournament when Fred Foerster, ARC's East Bay District Manager, said that we ought to look into getting the San Francisco Giants rookie pitcher John Burkett involved in the event. According to Fred, the young man was an avid bowler, and seeding him into the tournament might work to our advantage as a marketing ploy.

After a couple of calls to the San Francisco Giants, I was given permission to contact Burkett directly; and following a couple of procedural letters to John, his agent and the PBA, we proceeded with the necessary documents to provide Burkett with an entry to the 1991 ARC Pinole PBA Open.

John finished 74th in the bowling event, which was a most impressive showing as an amateur among the 160 man field of pro bowlers at Pinole. He also faired well as a Giants pitcher, with an even more impressive 14-7 record in his rookie year.

Fast forward more than 30 years, and you can see that Mr. Burkett has officially swapped his baseball strikes for bowling strikes, with his first national PBA50 title at the South Shore Open at Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Indiana. Jill Winters of the PBA described John's appearance in detail:

He (Burkett) battled his way past Parker Bohn III in his first match, 197-194. Bohn needed a mark in the tenth frame to win and instead left the 4-6-10 split. The strikes came in his next match against Lennie Boesch Jr., compiling 7 strikes for a 234-211 victory. In the title match, Burkett kept delivering strikes to win his first PBA50 title over Eugene McCune, 223-190.

"It's just unbelievable," the 57-year-old Burkett said. "You have this dream of doing it but the more you are out here with the Hall of Famers you have to go through every week, sometimes you wonder if you are ever going to be able to do it. For it to happen now is an amazing feeling."

## Baseball and Bowling Connections

It's interesting how many baseball players have flirted with the game of bowling, and vice versa. There seems to be a correlation between the motion of hitting a target on a bowling lane that's only one inch wide with a ball that's around 9 inches in diameter, and throwing a baseball that's less than three inches in diameter at a strike zone that's about 25 inches wide. What's also fascinating is that in bowling the distance from the foul line to the head pin is 60 feet; while in baseball, the distance from the pitcher's mound to home plate is 60 feet 6 inches.

One of the current baseball players that has dabbled in the world of professional bowling is Mookie Betts, who I chronicled in 2020 for Dave's Corner ("Professional Bowler Mookie Betts Makes Baseball Look Easy"). Betts is a fielder in baseball, so his hand-eye coordination must be even more pronounced because that 3 inch sphere is approaching him at speeds in excess of 90 miles per hour.


Burkett and Betts are not the only baseball players to establish themselves in both sports. An article in the Baltimore Sun ("Bowled Over By Duckpin Grub") that was written in 1994, gave an account of how John McGraw, the famous player-manager of the New York Giants baseball team, was looking for an off-season activity that wouldn't hurt his arm. Or so the legend goes, said writer Rob Kasper.

"McGraw and his buddy, fellow baseball player Wilbert 'Robbie' Robinson (Baltimore Orioles), were looking for a way to stir up business at Robinson's cafe and bowling emporium called The Diamond," said Kasper. "So they carved some of the 15 inch tenpins down to a little over 9 inches, and fashioned some smaller (and lighter) wooden balls. Robinson, just back from a hunting trip, remarked that the smaller pins, when bowled over, resembled a flock of ducks in flight. That's when the game, and the term 'duckpins' began," according to Mr. Kasper.

Another famous athlete, Don Carter, first signed a contract with the Philadelphia Athletics as a pitcher/infielder. Ebonite convinced Don that he should concentrate on his bowling when they offered him a ten year, \$1 million contract, making "Bosco" the first player in any sport to sign for the magic one million dollar figure. By contrast, Mickey Mantle and Willie Mays were the highest paid baseball players at the time with \$100,000 one year contracts.

There's also a connection between the two sports when some of the top baseball players from the 1950's and 60's decided to get involved as proprietors in the bowling craze that was sweeping the nation. Yogi Berra and Phil Rizzuto joined forces to open Berra-Rizzuto Bowling Lanes in Clifton, N.J., in 1959. The foresight exhibited by the duo in marketing was exceptional.

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John Burkett's inclusion in the ARC Pinole PBA Open was awarded *Bowlers Journal* Promotion of the Year in 1991.

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Some other notable baseball players that got the bowling bug and opened up pin palaces in the 1950's and 60's to supplement their incomes in the off season included Mickey Mantle (Mickey Mantle Bowling Center in Dallas, Texas), Duke Snider (Duke Snider Lanes in Fallbrook, California), and Gil Hodges (Gil Hodges Lanes in Brooklyn, N.Y.).

## Burkett Accolades

It never hurts to rub elbows with a champion! Although I have not seen Mr. Burkett since 1992, I will always be grateful for his accepting our invitation to bowl in the professional tournament at Pinole Valley Lanes. Jim Dressel, longtime editor of the National Bowlers Journal, called the Burkett promotion, and subsequent record number of pro-am entries, "One of the most innovative ideas I've seen in years." He awarded ARC with the Bowlers Journal Promotion of the Year in 1991, as documented in an article that appeared in the January 1992 issue — "Here's the Pitch."

John Burkett has excelled in baseball, bowling, and even world class poker. But he has always been a bowler, from his earliest days growing up in Pennsylvania.

In his interview with Jill Winters, John stated, "Winning the PBA50 South Shore Open tournament is the number one accomplishment in my sports history."

(l-r) Pinole Valley Lanes GM Barbara Manning with 26 year old John Burkett, in this never before seen photo from 1991. Photo provided by Dave Williams





Kristopher Prather, Bryanna Coté, Shannon O'Keefe and AJ Johnson

# O'KEEFE TO MAKE FINAL APPEARANCE FOR TEAM USA AT CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

by Aaron Smith

ARLINGTON, Texas - Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, first donned the red, white and blue for Team USA in 2005, and her journey as part of the program for the last 18 years has taken her across the world.

The 43-year-old right-hander has become one of the program's most decorated athletes, earning nearly 50 medals in international competition during that span. More than half of the medals presented to her were plated in gold, and they were presented to her moments before the opening notes of "The Star-Spangled Banner" echoed across some of bowling's premier stages.

In April, O'Keefe announced her plan to retire from the program at the end of the year, but she will have one final opportunity to bring home a medal or two for Team USA at the upcoming PANAM Bowling Champion of Champions in Rio de Janeiro.

The event will take place at the Bowling Social Club from Aug. 22-25, and in addition to earning medals in singles and doubles competition, participating countries also will be looking to qualify for the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile.

Each country is allowed to register two female and two male athletes at the Champion of Champions, and O'Keefe will be joined by Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, in the women's division.

AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, and Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, will represent Team USA in the men's division.

Team USA head coach Bryan O'Keefe will join the team on the lanes in Rio de Janeiro.

Shannon O'Keefe's list of accomplishments in a Team USA uniform includes team wins at the 2011 and 2015 International Bowling Federation Super World Championships, an individual victory at the 2018 World Cup and a gold in doubles with longtime teammate and friend Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, at the 2019 Pan American Games.

She was 10 years into her Team USA tenure when the Professional Women's Bowling Association relaunched in 2015 and quickly ascended to superstar status on tour. In the past seven seasons, she has won 15 titles, including three majors, and just claimed her third PWBA Player of the Year honor earlier in August.

Before collecting player-of-the-year honors for the 2022 season, however, O'Keefe kicked off her farewell tour on Team USA with a stop in Birmingham, Alabama, in July at the World Games.

O'Keefe earned the gold medal in singles and silver in doubles with Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, and she admitted to allowing herself a brief moment to reflect on her career as part of Team USA.

"My last world event was the World Games," O'Keefe said. "I didn't realize how much it was going to mean to me until I was on the medal stand and hearing the national anthem play. I absolutely lost it because I let myself feel all the feels. It was going to be the last time I'd stand there and hear this, and it was way more emotional than I thought it would be.

"This is going to be an emotional one, too, but I'm super excited to be going to Champion of Champions and being able to share in my last Team USA adventure with Bry Coté. She quickly has become one of my really great friends on tour - she's like my little sister. I told her I was honored to be able to share in my last Team USA experience with her."

Coté also is coming off a strong season on the PWBA Tour. She was the only player to win two titles during the year and finished third on the season-long points list.

The 2021 PWBA Player of the Year earned a pair of gold medals (trios, team) and a bronze medal (all-events) during her last Team USA appearance, which came at the 2021 PANAM Bowling Elite Championships in Cali, Colombia.

Johnson and Prather will return to the international stage after representing the men's team at the 2021 IBF Super World Championships in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

They teamed with Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, and Andrew Anderson of Chesterfield Township, Michigan, to win gold in trios competition, while Prather also collected a silver medal in mixed team and bronze in doubles with Anderson.

On the Professional Bowlers Association Tour in 2022, Prather recorded his second major victory at the PBA World Championship and finished second at the Kia PBA Tournament of Champions, while Johnson posted fourth-place finishes at the United States Bowling Congress Masters, U.S. Open and Kia PBA Tour Playoffs and made the show for the Midwest Region at the PBA Players Championship.

Shannon O'Keefe's success as part of Team USA and the PWBA Tour has helped serve as the inspiration for many young athletes looking to chase their dreams of competing at the highest level, and she is able to give back and help those players prepare for the next step in their career as the head coach of the women's bowling program at McKendree University.

With the collegiate season nearly underway, O'Keefe will not be able to attend the final two events on the Team USA schedule in October (PANAM Bowling Women's Championships) and November (IBF World Cup).

Bryan O'Keefe, who is Shannon's husband and the director of bowling at McKendree, previously jumped in to help coach when Shannon would head to Team USA events during the collegiate season, and she'll be able to return the favor moving forward.

When Bryan became the head coach of Team USA in 2021, Shannon knew he would be traveling to more events, allowing for a well-timed transition for both to shift into new roles.

"For 18 years, he let me chase my dreams around this world," said Shannon, who helped McKendree capture wins at the 2017 Intercollegiate Team Championships and 2017 and 2022 NCAA Women's Bowling Championship. "Mentally, I was getting to the point where I just felt like it was time for me to step away and let some other young girls start their journey with Team USA, and with Bryan taking over the team, it's all happening at the perfect time. Now, I can step away and be a proud wife of my husband and watch him chase his coaching dreams."

The 2022 Champion of Champions features a pair of eight-game blocks for singles, with 16-game pinfall totals determining the medalists. Doubles competition will include eight games for each athlete, with the combined pinfall between both players determining the medal winners.

The cumulative pinfall for 48 games for each country, in each gender-based division, will determine the three countries qualifying for the 2023 Pan American Games.

The 2022 event marks the first standalone edition of the Champion of Champions since 2018, which also was held at Rio de Janeiro's Bowling Social Club.

A version of the tournament was held simultaneously with the 2021 PANAM Bowling Elite Championships.

In 2018, Matt Russo swept the top spots, winning gold in singles, doubles (with Matt Farber), all-events and Masters. Farber also collected a silver medal in singles and bronze in all-events.

In the women's division at the 2018 event, Kelly Kulick and Danielle McEwan captured the gold medal in doubles. Kulick also took home a silver medal in all-events and bronze in singles and Masters, while McEwan earned a silver medal in Masters.

The 2021 edition of the Champion of Champions only awarded a gold medal in all-events for 24 games, with Russo successfully defending the title.

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errant shots sunk his comeback bid. For Ciminelli, a pair of 6-8 splits served as the nail in his proverbial coffin.

In the stepladder, Neuer built an early lead over Daugherty. Right as Daugherty figured out the pesky left lane, he left a 2-8-10 on the right. Five of six strikes to open the match propelled Neuer to a clean 224-193 win.

The next match pitted the young southpaws against one another, where Neuer found himself in a unique position as the elder statesman.

After an opening three-bagger, Neuer lost the pocket. He switched from urethane to reactive after two spares, but subsequently lost the pocket. While he stayed clean, he couldn't keep up with Jones' strikes.

"I haven't bowled more than one game on one pair all week," Neuer said. "I know my trouble from previous shows is that I get a lot of early friction, so I'm still trying to figure out how to combat that."

Neuer said once the front part of the lane went, he knew he would have to make an aggressive adjustment.

"I knew his look was good enough that I needed a three- or four-bagger," Neuer said. "I think I made the right move, but it didn't help when I made a really bad shot when I made the ball change."

He hoped that Jones would see the same transition, but the two-hander managed to stave off any major adjustments. Jones said his higher tilt and lower ball speed allow him to play farther right and avoid that early hook that Neuer saw. After Neuer lost to Jones 234-210, he didn't go far. He sat right behind the championship pair to support Foy Jr., one of his closest friends and tour roommate.

"I wouldn't leave him like that, that's just what friends do," Neuer said.

"Our goal every week is to bowl each other in the title match," Foy Jr. said "We tried, it almost happened today."

In the title match, Jones missed a 4-7 spare that quickly put him in a hole. He threw seven of nine strikes to close the game, but Foy Jr. gave him zero opportunity to get back into the match.

"I figured out my ticks basically, how to calm myself down and get myself in the right mental state," said Foy Jr., referencing two key moments from the 2021 Masters. He said he threw three strikes to beat Jason Belmonte, then struck to beat Chris Via in the next round.

After sparing a 10-pin, Foy Jr. threw nine strikes in his next 10 shots to send the high schooler packing. He struck or spared in 69 of 70 frames on the day.

**MATCH SCORES**  
Match 1: Neuer defeated Daugherty 224-193  
Match 2: Jones defeated Neuer 234-210  
Title match: Foy Jr. defeated Jones 266-232

**FINAL STANDINGS**

1. Tim Foy Jr., \$10,000
2. Eric Jones, \$5,565
3. Anthony Neuer \$4,000
4. Tom Daugherty \$3,000
5. Matt Taylor, \$2,000
6. Matthew Woodall, \$1,750
7. Ryan Ciminelli, \$1,500
8. Colin Champion, \$1,250
9. Dwight Adams, \$975
10. Jason Cornog, \$950

Full standings are available [here](#).

More information on the PBA Booster Club of Hampton Roads Open is available [here](#).

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Boresch Jr. defeated Tom Carter 242-164. In match two, Boresch Jr. jumped out to a 38-pin lead striking on his first four shots using a different ball on each lane, while Warren Eales aimed to get comfortable on the TV pair. Boresch Jr. continued to control the right lane and had to mark in the 10th frame for the win. He struck on his first shot and won 223-205.

In the third match, Mohr put together a key four-bagger from the fifth through the eighth frames while Boresch Jr. had back-to-back splits resulting in open frames in the sixth and seventh. Mohr went on to win the match 223-180.

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**2022 PBA60 DICK WEBER CLASSIC**

**FINAL STANDINGS:**

1. Ron Mohr \$7,500
2. John Kirker Jr.\$4,500
3. Lennie Boresch Jr. \$3,000
4. Warren Eales \$2,500
5. Tom Carter \$2,000

**MATCH SCORES**  
Match 1 – Boresch Jr. def. Carter 242-164  
Match 2 – Boresch Jr. def. Eales 223-205  
Match 3 – Mohr def. Boresch Jr. 223-180  
Championship match – Mohr def. Kirker Jr. 211-171

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He felt both lanes kept everyone off balance. In the opening match, Barnes was in control from the start using his Storm Pitch Black urethane until he left the big four in the eighth frame. LeClair made a ball change in the tenth frame and struck out for 198. Barnes left the 3-6-10, converted the spare and got nine for the 209-198 win.

In the second match, Barnes held a slight lead from the beginning against Bryan Goebel, who was making back-to-back stepladder appearances. Barnes went on to throw the last four strikes for a 206-183 victory. For his final shot, he switched to a 900 Global Burner Pearl, moved left and went slower on the right lane to collect some valuable information.

And in that third match, Barnes faced Michael Haggitt, who had the left side of the lanes to himself. Barnes continued to use urethane holding an early lead through three frames, until he left the 2-10 split for an open. Haggitt then took a one-pin lead in the sixth frame before he left a 4-10 split. After almost leaving another 2-10 split, Barnes picked up his Burner Pearl again to give it a look on his spare attempt.

"I wanted to make sure that the lane wasn't significantly different than what I thought," he said. "It kind of did the right thing so I went with that. In the tenth, I threw one like it was on purpose and it did all of the right things." Barnes struck out on the right lane for his third win, 216-183.

"In the title match, that became the easier lane for me when I switched to the Burner Pearl," he said. "I had a little surface on it. It blended out that urethane carry down and turned out to be the right answer tonight."

Barnes would continue to throw urethane on the left lane and reactive on the right lane for a winning combination in the championship match. His opponent, top seed Jack Jurek went with a 900 Global Reality Check which provided a good look as he matched Barnes with three straight strikes early.

From that point on, Jurek struggled, and Barnes continued to strike starting with the front six to take a 48-pin lead and he never looked back. Barnes saved his best game of the night for the title, earning the victory 257-186.

With the PBA50 season officially over, Barnes feels like he bowled better week-in and week-out all the way through the 13 tournaments he competed in.

"It is the best I've bowled in several years," Barnes said about his successful season. "I have been very fortunate to win as much as I have but it is not very many in the big scheme of things. You get more disappointments than joys at the end, so I'm very pleased to be able to end up this way." [View the full PBA50 David Small's Jax 60 Open results at PBA50 David Small's Jax60 Open | PBA](#)

**2022 PBA50 DAVID SMALL'S JAX 60 OPEN**

**FINAL STANDINGS:**

1. Chris Barnes \$7,500
2. Jack Jurek \$4,500
3. Michael Haggitt \$3,000
4. Bryan Goebel \$2,500
5. Brian LeClair \$2,000

**MATCH SCORES**  
Match 1 – Barnes def. LeClair 209-198  
Match 2 – Barnes def. Goebel 206-183  
Match 3 – Barnes def. Haggitt 216-183  
Championship match – Barnes def. Jurek 257-186

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**SOUTHWEST REGION**



Texas's Tyler Galbreath and Zachary Smullen, California's Avery Domaguin and Texas's Bella Love Castillo earned berths in next year's PBA Jr. National Championships.

Zachary Smullen, the defending U18 Boys Southwest Region champion, obliterated the field during qualifying. The native of Frisco, Texas led by over 130 pins at +274.

Smullen then defeated Logan Frishman and Noah Raleigh-Turner to earn the top seed for the stepladder finals. Keegan Alexander, Tyler Galbreath, Emilio Leal and Garrett Andrus rounded out the finalists.

Andrus defeated Leal in the opening match 268-214, but fell to Galbreath 221-216.

Galbreath stayed hot to beat Alexander 233-206 to punch his PBA Jr. National Championship ticket.

But Smullen would not be denied. He won his second consecutive Southwest Region title with a 211-189 win.

Full standings and more information on the U18 Boys Southwest Region qualifier can be found [here](#).

In the U18 Girls division, just one player averaged over 200 during qualifying. Bella Love Castillo ran circles around the other athletes going +132 for her 10 games.

The two-hander from Odessa, Texas continued her excellent shooting during match play, earning the top seed for the stepladder finals. Carli Betz, Avery Domaguin, Charisse Graham and Miya Greene filled out the rest of the stepladder.

Graham won the opening match 198-162 against Greene. Then Domaguin, who won Junior Gold in the U15 Girls division last month, proved why she's one of the best youth bowlers in the country.

The San Diego native won the next three matches to claim the U18 Girls Southwest Region title. She defeated Castillo 211-194 in the title match.

Full standings and more information on the U18 Girls Southwest Region qualifier can be found [here](#).

Robertson, Stull, Smullen and Domaguin each earned \$2,000 in scholarship.

The East, Midwest and West Region qualifiers will take place next weekend Aug. 19-21. More information on those events can be found [here](#).

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