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2019 World Woman's Championships Underway In Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS - Nearly 180 bowlers from 34 countries made the traditional march to the lanes at the South Point Bowling Plaza on Friday, officially kicking off the 2019 World Bowling Women's Championships.

The festivities also included well-wishes from representatives from World Bowling and South Point and the reading of the player and officials' oaths.

Competition at the 60lane tournament venue will got underway Saturday at noon Eastern with the first of two singles squads, and the 2019 World Women's Championships will run until Aug. 30.

Medals will be award in singles, doubles, trios, team, all-events and Masters competition.

The final two days of the



Stefanie Johnson, Danielle McEwan, Missy Parkin, Jordan Richard, Liz Kuhlkin and Shannon O'Keefe

event, which will include all semifinals and finals, will be broadcast live to a worldwide audience. Complete details will be available later in the week.

World Bowling also

will provide livestream coverage of all qualifying rounds, and a link will be available at WorldBowling. org once bowling begins each squad.

ed States this week will be longtime Team USA members Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas; Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York; Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New

York: Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois: Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, California: and Jordan Richard of Tecumseh, Michigan.

Las Vegas last welcomed World Bowling for

the 2017 World Championships, a combined event - men and women - something that happens every four years. That event also was held at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

The 34 countries scheduled to participate this year in Las Vegas are: Australia, Bahamas, Brazil, Bulgaria. Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Guam, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain. Sweden. Chinese Taipei. Thailand. United States, Ukraine and Ven-

For more information on the 2019 World Women's Championships, visit WorldBowling.org. It's All or Nothing as Tommy Jones



Ex-MLB All-Star John Burkett Wins First PBA Regional

HOUSTON - Former Major League Baseball All-Star pitcher John Burkett of Southlake, Texas, shot 247 in his final position round match Sunday to win his first PBA Regional title and become the first former Major Leaguer to win a PBA title at any level.

Burkett, 54, won the PBA Houston Emerald Southwest Chal-Bowl lenge, presented by Bowling Dynamix, in Houston, Texas, where he out-dueled

non-PBA member Tyler Wright of Gonzales, La., by 94 pins for the victory after swapping the lead with Wright throughout the match play finals.

PBA Challenge tournaments are open to players who have not previously won a PBA title. Burkett, a lifelong bowler dating back to his formative years in the Pittsburgh area, has bowled in PBA competition for several years, and has been continued on page 6

COLDWATER, Ohio -For Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina, the title match in the PBA BowlerStore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair at Pla-Mor Lanes Friday was an all or nothing affair.

Jones defeated top qualifier Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, 215-179, bowling a game that featured eight strikes on his first 10 shots - and gutter balls on the other two attempts. Playing a severe angle that called for throwing the ball to the edge of the gutter in order to strike, Jones twice threw the ball a bit too far.



"I believe I'm the first one to win a title with two gutter balls because I don't think anyone else was dumb enough to do it a second time," Jones said. "There's nothing you can

do about it; you just move on to your next shot."

After his first error, Jones converted his spare. On the second, he got nine pins, but the two errant shots cost him enough

pins that Rash still had an outside chance to win - despite leaving a 7-10 split on a light pocket hit on his side of the match.

> "Tommy bowled a good continued on page 7



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FloBowling PBA Summer Swing Returns to Illinois for Pivotal Tripleheader

Three PBA Tour titles, competition points races to be decided at Parkside Lanes in Aurora

AURORA, Ill. – The Professional Bowlers Association returns to Parkside Lanes for a week-long, three-event series in late August, the finale to the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour that will award three PBA Tour titles and decide three important competition points races.

The FloBowling PBA Summer Swing, presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, will be livestreamed in its entirety by the PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling, which made its debut in Aurora in 2018. The tournament program has again been orchestrated by 13-time PBA Tour champion Sean Rash, an Aurora area resident.

The Summer Swing – a part of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour – will include the PBA Wolf, Bear and Illinois Open title events, each presenting a distinct lane conditioning challenge.

The Wolf Open will be contested on the PBA Wolf 32 oiling pattern featuring a 32-foot application of oil. The Wolf Open will include 14 qualifying games Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 26-27, plus a six-game cashers round for the top 18 cashers. The top five after 20 games will advance to the stepladder finals on Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. CT. Two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, is defending champion.

The same format will apply to the PBA Bear Open

Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 28-29, except the players will bowl on the PBA Bear 41 oiling pattern. The Flo-Bowling stepladder finals will be held on Thursday at 8:30 p.m. EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, won the 2018 Bear Open title.

The Summer Swing concludes with the PBA Illinois Open on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 30-31, featuring the top 24 players based on 28 combined games of Wolf and Bear qualifying totals. Those 24 will bowl three eightgame round-robin match play rounds with 52-game pinfall totals deciding the top five for the Illinois Open stepladder finals at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. The challenge in the Illinois Open involves coping with the Wolf 32 pattern on one lane and the Bear 41 on the other. England's Stuart Williams won the 2018 Tulsa Open, an almost identical event held

In addition to titles in each event, the Wolf, Bear and Illinois Open tournaments – the seventh, eighth and final events in the nine-event Summer Tour - will award competition points that will decide the five players who will earn bonus cash in the USBC Cup series (\$20,000 first place), the eight players who will receive invitations to participate in the inaugural FloBowling ATX Invite at Dart Bowl in FloBowling's home city, Austin, Texas, on Saturday, Sept. 21 (\$25,000 first prize), and the eight bowlers who will win expenses-paid trips to participate in the PBA China Tiger Cup, Nov. 19-21, in Shanghai (\$20,000 first prize). Fans can follow the points races throughout the summer at this link: https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/ PointsLists/132.

If titles, points and prize money aren't enough, don't forget the Aurora series may also play a key role in the 2019 PBA Player and Rookie of the Year races.

As expected, the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing has attracted a world-class field of PBA stars from around the world, including PBA Hall of Famers, PBA Tour champions and rising stars who are beginning to build their ca-

The event will also include special features such as a golf day for PBA players (Aug. 24) plus a free youth instructional clinic involving many of the PBA stars (noon on Aug. 25).

For continuing information about these and other PBA events, follow the PBA on pba.com and PBA's home pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. For FloBowling subscriptions, visit FloBowling.com. Additional Summer Swing information can also be obtained by calling Parkside Lanes at (630) 898-5678.





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PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: TUHOLSKI, ALSTOTT WIN FIRST PBA REGIONAL TITLES

• Chris Tuholski of Gresham, Ore., posted a 7-5 match play record and a 20-game total of 4,491 pins Sunday to win his first PBA Regional title in the 40th annual PBA Dave Husted Northwest/West Open presented by Hammer at Husted's Milwaukie Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore.

Tuholski, the son of nine-time PBA Northwest Region titlist Craig Tuholski, earned \$2,000. He defeated Matt McGill of Grants Pass, Ore., by 93 pins for the win. McGill had a 7-4-1 match play record and 4,398 pins for his 20 games, including match play bonus pins, to earn \$1,200.

The tournament, hosted by the Husted family, is the longest running regional event in the PBA's Northwest/West Regions.

• Gary Alstott of Washington, Ill. defeated Brad Sipes of Bloomington, Ill. by 144 pins Sunday to win the PBA Greater Jasper Central/Midwest Open at Eastown Recreation Center in Jasper, Ind.

Alstott finished with a 7-1 match play record and a total of 3,710 pins for 16 games, including match play bonus pins, for his first PBA Regional title. He also earned \$1,400. Sipes finished with 3,566 pins.

- The PBA's schedule of Regional tournaments over the Aug. 23-25 weekend will be the PBA50 Sky Lanes Asheville South Open in Asheville, N.C., and the PBA50 Coldwater/Roto Grip Central/Midwest Open at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio.
- The PBA closes its August schedule of Regional activity with the PBA60 Kingsport Super Senior South Open presented by Storm at Warpath Lanes in Kingsport, Tenn., Aug. 26-28, followed by the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior Open at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, N.C., Aug. 29-31. The end-of-month weekend also includes the PBA50 Strike Zone Alleys Eastern Open presented by Hammer in Pottsville, Pa.; the PBA Illinois Valley Midwest Open at I.V. Super Bowl in Peru, Ill., and the PBA50 Mooresville South Open presented By Columbia 300 at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, N.C.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on pba.com (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

• Veteran bowling journalist and 2019 PBA Hall of Fame inductee **Bob Johnson** is paying forward his industry recognition. Instead of accepting a traditional PBA Hall of Fame ring upon his induction, Johnson asked that a donation-in-kind be made to his favorite charity, bowling's BVL fund. The gesture turned into a contribution of \$1,200 in support of the nation's military veterans.

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BVL'S 2018-19 Fundraising Efforts Top \$1.1 Million To Support Veterans

FAIRFAX, Va. – For the third consecutive fiscal year, BVL (Bowlers To Veterans Link), has raised more than \$1.1 million to support recreation therapy grants to VA hospitals and clinics for America's veterans and active duty service members.

As bowling's own and oldest charity, BVL has raised more than \$50 million since 1942 to provide support services to veterans. Fundraising events and personal donations are primarily generated by the bowling community through a wide range of events, many specifically targeted around Veterans Day in November. Other programs are year-round, such as "Shoes For Freedom" which asks bowling centers to set aside at least one shoe rental daily for a month, quarter or year as a donation to BVL.

"We are very grateful to the bowling community as they have once again stepped up to show veterans how much we all value their service and sacrifice," said BVL Board Chair John LaSpina. "These funds will have a direct impact on veterans' lives by funding much-needed recreation therapy programs and services."

BVL Executive Director Mary Harrar noted that donations from bowling centers were up \$65,000 over the previous year, and encouraged centers and associations to participate in BVL Month in America fundraising events this November in recognition of Veterans Day. "The bowling family, from proprietors to local associations to individual bowlers, includes some of the most loyal and ardent supporters of veterans," said Harrar. "We are asking all bowling centers and associations to spread the word about BVL, and encourage their local community to step forward and support our work with veterans." Harrar added that bowling centers and associations could request that funds raised be designated for qualifying veterans' programs in their local area.

Bowling tournaments, in-center fundraisers and league and bowling association donations generate most of the funds raised, however, some BVL supporters have taken their charity efforts outside the bowling center. One of the most unique BVL fundraisers is that of Georgetown, Texas proprietor David "Kilroy" Kellerman who will soon complete his 2,190-mile, five-month hike through the Appalachian Trail in support of BVL. Kellerman surpassed his original \$50,000 goal during this summer's Bowl Expo and has currently raised more than \$56,000.00 with less than 500 miles to go. Multiple fellow proprietors have offered up support for his efforts, making a dollar per mile pledge. Kellerman is expected to complete his 14-state hike by mid-September at Mount Katahdin in Maine.

Donations to support BVL or Kilroy's Appalachian Trail Hike for Veterans can be made at BVL.org. Follow the final weeks of the hike on Kilroy's Facebook page.

Another fundraising highlight of the past year was the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, an annual highlight of the PBA50 Tour which was hosted this year at LaSpina's Maple Lanes Countryside in Clearwater, Fla. Petraglia, a Vietnam War veteran, was among the 160 bowlers who competed in the tournament which was won by PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. The PBA50 tournament pro-am in Florida, along with a BVL Tournament of Champions special event supported by league bowlers from the four New York area-based Maple Family Centers, raised nearly \$70,000 to support BVL.

Founded in 1942, BVL is bowling's oldest and own charity and is consistently acknowledged for efficient and effective programming delivered with extremely low overhead. To learn more about BVL and fundraising opportunities, visit <u>BVL.org</u> or email <u>Mary@BVL.org</u>.

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- 28 AJT (Average Joe Tournament) Team Line-up, 12:30pm, Santa Clarita Lanes, 661/816-3323
- 30-1 Xframe Labor Day event, Fri. squads at 7pm & 9pm, Cal Bowl, Lakewood, 909/702-3369
- 31 Scratch 5 Gamer, 11am, Forest Lanes, Lake Forest, 949/324-2232, Jeff@JeffSeyler.com
- 31 Deadline for center lanes inspection/certification to USBC, bowl.com
- 31-1 CBT Doubles & Singles, Wildfire Casino, Henderson, NV, 661/418-8007, cbtbowling.com

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Full payment due for 50th Cal State Senior Open Championships (Oct. 19-20 thru Nov. 16-17, Modesto), 925/757-2695 (Gina Moura)
- 2 Labor Day Classic 4-Gamer, 1pm, AMF Rocklin Lanes, 916/521-3524
- 3-8 Fall/Winter League Season begins
- 3-8 QubicaAMF PWBA Players Championship, BowlTV & CBS Sports Network
 - 7 CBT Scratch 7-Gamer, 10am, Bowlium, Montclair, 661/418-8007, cbtbowling.com
 - 7 Scratch 6-Gamer, 5pm, Ebonite Harley's Valley Bowl, Simi Valley, 805/415-7018
 - 7 Sport Pattern Challenge 4 Gamer, 7pm, AMF Rocklin Lanes, 916/521-3524
- 8 Scratch 6-Gamer, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto, 209/524-9161
- 8 JAT, 9am, Bowlium, Montclair, bowljat.org
- 8 NCJET, 10am, Stars Recreation Center, Vacaville, norcalirelitetour@gmail.com
- 8 QubicaAMF PWBA Players Championship, 1pm, CBS Sports Network
- 15-18 PWBA Tour Championship, Richmond Raceway, Richmond, VA
- 16 & 17 PWBA Tour Championship on Bowl TV
 - 18 PWBA Tour Championship, 5pm, CBS Sports Network

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Six Down, Three to Go in FloBowling **PBA Summer Tour Points Race**

Non-titlist AJ Johnson moves past Kyler Sherman as PBA Tour heads to Aurora. IL

CHICAGO - With six tournaments in the books, the final three tournaments of the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour are set to begin Monday at Parkside Lanes in Aurora, Illinois, just a few miles from new Summer Tour points leader AJ Johnson's hometown of Plainfield. It is shaping up as a dramatic finale to a competition points race loaded with incen-

Johnson, a 26-year-old fourth-year touring player, has yet to win his first Go Bowling! PBA Tour title, but he has had an outstanding summer season, cashing in all six FloBowling PBA Summer Tour events with three top 10 finishes in overtaking previous points leader Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri as the world's best bowlers head into the Flo-Bowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International.

With 2,500 points at stake for the winners of the PBA Wolf and PBA Bear Opens in Aurora, and 5,000 points for the Illinois Open titlist to conclude the Summer Swing – plus points of descending value at stake for all other players – the top eight positions are wide open.

To illustrate how important strong performances in each event will be coming down the home stretch, note that Tommy Jones, winner of the PBA BowlerStore.com Classic in Coldwater, Ohio, Friday, advanced from 27th place to sixth place on the Summer Tour points list.

Finishing in the top eight in points means significant rewards:

- The top five will share in a \$40,000 bonus prize fund, with \$20,000 to the points leader;
- The top eight will be invited to compete for bonus prize money in the inaugural FloBowling ATX Invite at Dart Bowl in Austin, Texas, on Sept. 21, where the winner will receive \$25,000. The FloBowling ATX Invite is the 10th and final event on the Summer Tour schedule;
- The top eight also will be invited to travel, expenses-paid, to Shanghai for the PBA's first-ever visit to China for the PBA China Tiger Cup. A \$20,000 first prize will be paid to the winner of the singles event, all players also will compete in a special team challenge against a team of Chinese players.

Fans can follow the summer points races at the conclusion of each of the three events in Aurora by clicking on this link: https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=10.

In addition to the summer points competition, the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour earnings race also is ongoing. The top eight money-winners for the full year will earn berths in the second PBA Clash that will take place at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Florida, in late October for airing on FOX on Nov. 3. Australia's Jason Belmonte is the runaway leader in earnings with \$264,050. All of the top 10 in earnings maintained their positions at the conclusion of the Coldwater tournament, but the Aurora tripleheader could shuffle the deck.

The entire FloBowling PBA Summer Tour will be livestreamed exclusively on FloBowling. For start-to-finish coverage of all events, visit FloBowling.com and sign up for a subscription. Fans also can follow the action in Aurora as it happens at Live Scoring on pba.com.

FLOBOWLING PBA SUMMER TOUR POINT LEADERS (Top 20 after six of nine events; previous ranking in parenthesis)

- 1, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4,585 (2).
- 2, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,525 (1).
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,390 (3).
- 4, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4,330 (6).
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,200 (10).
- 6, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4,110 (27).
- 7, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,765 (4).
- 8, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 3,355 (5).
- 9. Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,200 (7)
- 10, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,180 (8).
- 11, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 3,110 (9).
- 12. Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,940 (13).
- 13, Stuart Williams, England, 2,805 (11).
- 14, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,695 (16).
- 15, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 2,555 (12).
- 16, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,435 (20). 17, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,400 (14).
- 18, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 2,370 (26).
- 19, Dom Barrett, England, 2,260 (15).
- 20, Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., 2,140 (17).

2019 GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR EARNINGS LEADERS (Top 10 as of Aug. 23; number of tournaments bowled in parenthesis)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, \$264,050 (15).
- 2, Jakob Butturff, \$184,180 (20).
- 3, Kris Prather, \$173,990 (20).
- 4, Bill O'Neill, \$148,048 (20).
- 5, EJ Tackett, \$140,695 (22).
- 6, Anthony Simonsen, \$129,490 (21).
- 7, Norm Duke, \$91,015 (16).



Women Prove Bowling Is A Universal Sport

LAS VEGAS - The 2019 World Bowling Women's Championships being held at the South Point Plaza this week proves BOWLING is a universal sport, competed in countries throughout the world. About three dozen nations, from all five continents, sent teams to compete in this year's championships.

The sport of Bowling is spreading to every corner of the globe. There are several reasons for this growth and one of them is the athletic skills showcased by the female bowlers competing in World Bowling competitions, such as the Women's World Championships.

Women regularly demonstrate that Bowling is a sport not just a game. This message is conveyed by example not just words. It's a message that one day may lead to Bowling being an Olympic Sport.

To demonstrate the affect Women's Bowling has on the globalization of our sport we need only look at the roster of countries competing in this years World Bowling Women's Championships. There are countries from every continent and new countries continue to enter at every new

This years World Championships has seen the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia enter a team for the first time. It's another example of Bowling's globalization and the role Women's Bowling is playing in our sports growth.

Mykel Holliman Maintains Go Bowling! PBA Tour **Rookies Point Lead**

Despite his 129th place finish in the PBA Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic over the weekend in Middletown, Del., Mykel Holliman of Collierville, Tenn., maintained his comfortable lead in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's rookie competition points race.

Holliman, a 26-year-old left-hander, didn't move from his 31st position on the overall 2019 PBA Points list. Among players on the 2019 Bowl4life PBA Rookie Watch list, Kenneth Ryan of Farmingdale, N.J., is second in 59th place followed by Wichita's Patrick Hanrahan (62nd); Mike Coffey of Melbourne, Fla. (74th); Jake Rollins of Glen Rock, N.J. (76th) and Greg Young of Viera, Fla. (78th) on the overall 2019 PBA Tour points list. While competition points have no direct bearing on who will be selected as 2019 PBA Rookie of the Year, they will be a significant consideration when voting takes place at the end of the season.

The 2019 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year will receive a \$2,500 bonus from Chuck Gardner's Bowl4Life Foundation and the foundation will donate an additional \$2,500 to a youth bowler scholarship in the ROY's name.

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a regular on the PBA50 Tour over the past five years. His best finish in a national tournament was fourth place in the 2015 PBA50 Northern California Classic.

During his 16-year MLB career, Burkett compiled 166 wins with 1,766 strikeouts and a 4.31 earned run average, pitching from 1987 to 2003 with the San Francisco Giants, Florida Marlins, Texas Rangers, Atlanta Braves and Boston Red Sox. His best season came in 1993 when he went 22-7 with a 3.65 ERA for the Giants. Burkett was selected to the Major League All-Star game twice, in 1993 and 2001. In the Houston tournament, Burkett held a 64-pin lead over Jordan Malott, the 15-year-old son of PBA star Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas. Burkett started the final game with four strikes as Malott managed early spares before opening in the third frame. Burkett then rolled to a 247-203 win while Wright regained second place with a 224-203 win over Kaden Rogillio of Deer Park, Texas. Burkett finished the tournament with 4,946 total pins for 21 games, including match play bonus pins, while Wright totaled 4,852, and Malott 4,808.

"The kid's unbelievable," Burkett said of the young Malott. "He looks just like (semi-retired PBA Tour titlist) Michael Fagan. He made it tough on me.

"My opponents averaged over 230 in match play, but I still won enough matches to win the event. I don't care what it is; to win something with the PBA name on it makes me very proud," he added.

"Maybe one of these days I'll get a PBA50 Tour title. I've been close, but, man, when I get a good look on the lanes there are also a few PBA Hall of Famers who also have a good look. It's very difficult, but this is something to build on. At least now I know I can do it."

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game. I bowled a good game, but I left a 7-10," Rash said, adding, "Thanks Coldwater" in a good-natured jab at the host center's reputation for being a demanding scoring environment. "Any time you have a chance to win, it's special," Rash said, "but at the end of the day there's only one winner. I put myself in a position to win. That's all you can ask for. Hats off to Tommy."

In appraising his overall performance in winning his 19th career PBA Tour title, Jones said, "I like to throw it hard and I got to throw it hard this week. We all know Coldwater is a tough place to score, so I think my mindset was right to come in here and throw quality shots."

Jones, a 40-year-old 20-year PBA Tour veteran, has now made it into the championship round at least once in 17 of the past 18 years. In the first match of the four-man stepladder finals, defending Coldwater champion Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, and Dick Allen of Lancaster, South Carolina, both had their share of struggles to find the strike pocket, but Butturff found it in time, striking on his last four shots to pull out a 205-200 victory.

In the semifinal match, Butturff quickly lost his strike touch, failing to throw consecutive strikes the entire game while Jones threw a double in the fifth and sixth frames, and locked up a 231-184 victory with a string of four strikes starting in the eighth frame.

The FloBowling PBA Summer Tour will complete its nine-event schedule of competition points events with the three-event FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International next Monday through Saturday at Parkside Lanes in Aurora, Illinois. The PBA Wolf, Bear and Illinois Opens, all of which will be live streamed from start to finish on FloBowling, will be the last three events for players to earn points toward the USBC Cup, FloBowling ATX Invite in September and inaugural PBA China Tiger Cup in Shanghai in November. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com.

PBA BOWLERSTORE.COM CLASSIC

Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio, Sunday

- 1, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$10,000.
- 2, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$5,000.
- 3, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$2,500.
- 4, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., \$2,250.

Match One – Butturff def. Allen, 205-200. Semifinal Match – Jones def. Butturff, 231-184.

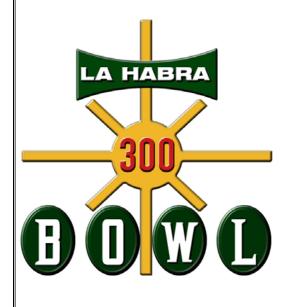
Championship – Jones def. Rash, 215-179.



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BUTTURFF, PATE WIN PAN AM DOUBLES GOLD MEDAL AFTER DISQUALIFICATION

The United States duo of Jakob Butturff and Nick Pate, both PBA members, were awarded Pan American Games gold medals for men's doubles in the wake of the disqualification of Puerto Rico's Jean Francisco Perez after he tested positive for chlorthalidone, a drug on the World Anti-Doping Agency's list of banned substances.

The drug in question is a diuretic frequently used to treat high blood pressure, but one that also can serve as a masking agent, according to WADA. It has no performanceenhancing benefits. Puerto Rico's national bowling team has filed a protest, seeking to overturn the ruling. Perez and partner Cristian Azcona had posted a combined 12-game total of 5,816 pins to top Butturff and Pate's 5,545 total.

In the wake of the disqualification, in addition to awarding the gold medals to the Team USA players, Colombia's Manuel Otalora and Alfredo Quintana moved into second place and Mexico (Jose Llergo and Arturo Quintero) was awarded the bronze.





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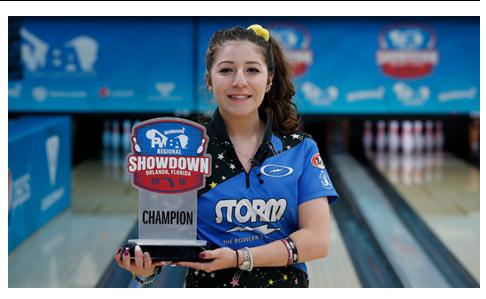
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JULIA BOND WINS GO BOWLING! PWBA REGIONAL SHOWDOWN

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ORLANDO, Fla. - Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, capped off outstanding performances on the Professional Women's Bowling Association regional tour in 2019 by capturing the Go Bowling! PWBA Regional Showdown title.

The Go Bowling! PWBA Regional Showdown was taped at Boardwalk Bowl on Aug. 17 and aired Saturday on CBS Sports Network.

Bond defeated former collegiate teammate Gazmine Mason of Cranston, Rhode Island, 441-420, in the two-game total-pinfall contest to claim the \$6,000 top prize in the made-for-TV event showcasing the top performers on the PWBA regional tour. Mason received \$4,000 for the runner-up finish.

"I think this is a very positive end to my rookie season," said Bond, who's in the running for PWBA Rookie of the Year for the 2019 season. "I felt like I had a lot of good moments this year, but there were disappointments, too. I feel like this regional win sets a nice, positive tone for the future of my career."

Bond, who teamed with Mason to help the University of Nebraska capture the 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Women's Bowling Championship, grabbed the early lead in the two-game match by taking Game 1, 247-233.

Despite the flurry of strikes in the opening game, both players made a ball change heading into the final game.

"I wasn't in love with my ball reaction," said Bond, a three-time Team USA member. "I know sometimes you can get into trouble trying to chase the perfect ball reaction, but I felt that ball was going a little too long and I had less and less room. Looking at Gazmine's ball reaction, I felt like if I could get closer to that I would like to. I made the ball change in the 10th frame and finally saw the pocket open up a little bit for me."

Bond would open two of the first four frames in Game 2, including a missed 5 pin in the fourth frame, allowing Mason to take the overall lead. The 23-year-old right-hander responded to the slow start with three consecutive strikes starting in the fifth frame, while Mason left splits in the sixth and seventh frames she was unable to convert.

Bond sealed the victory with a strike to start her 10th frame.

"After the missed 5 pin, I was very frustrated for a couple of seconds," Bond said. "But, we were only halfway through the game. I still had five frames to go, and I knew I had to keep pushing and mentally buckle down."

Including the Go Bowling! PWBA Regional Showdown, Bond captured the top spot in each of the three PWBA regional events she was part of in the 2019 season. She was victorious at the PWBA Lincoln Regional and PWBA Sonoma County Regional to earn her place in the Regional Showdown.

Mason, who won the PWBA East Hartford Regional, advanced to the finals by defeating Elise Bolton of Merritt Island, Florida, in the knockout-style championship round, 217-214.

Mason bounced back from a pair of open frames to deliver the final six strikes to shut out Bolton. Bolton had earned her spot at the Regional Showdown by winning the PWBA Greater Cleveland Regional in April.

Bond, the top overall seed for the event, managed to hang onto a 214-204 win against Kayla Bandy of Salisbury, Maryland, to advance to the championship round. Bond could have shut out Bandy with a strike on her fill ball, but an eight count gave Bandy a window.

Bandy, needing three strikes in the 10th to win by a pin, delivered the first strike before leaving a 10 pin on her second offering. Bandy earned the final spot in the Regional Showdown based on her accumulated prize winnings in PWBA regional competition in

Bolton and Bandy each received \$2,500 for their semifinal appearance.

The four spots for the Go Bowling! PWBA Regional Showdown were determined through four regional events throughout the 2019 PWBA Tour season - PWBA Greater Cleveland Regional, PWBA Lincoln Regional, PWBA Sonoma County Regional, PWBA East Hartford Regional.

Spots were reserved for the winners of each event (players had to be PWBA Tour members at the time of victory to be eligible), and additional spots were determined through prize winnings, which also determined the seeding for the event.

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SIMPSON FINISHES STRONG WEEK WITH WIN AT PWBA ORLANDO REGIONAL

WINTER PARK, Fla. – Katelyn Simpson of Emmett, Idaho, finished off the best week of her young career on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour by winning the 2019 PWBA Orlando Regional on Sunday at Aloma Bowl.

The 24-year-old right-hander claimed her first regional victory by winning three matches in the stepladder finals and defeating top seed Kayla Bandy of Salisbury, Maryland, in the title match, 222-203, to capture the \$1,550 top prize.

Simpson, the No. 4 seed, found herself down to Bandy as she stepped up in the eighth and ninth frames, but she rolled a pair of strikes to keep the deficit at three pins.

Bandy, who also was looking for her first regional title, ran into trouble in the ninth, recording an open frame after leaving a 2-10 split. After Bandy was unable to trip a 9 pin on her first shot of the 10th frame, Simpson needed a mark to take the win a rolled a strike.

Simpson made her first championship-round appearance Saturday at the BowlerX. com PWBA Orlando Open, finishing in fifth place, and admitted her strong performance this week couldn't have happened without the help from an honest discussion she had with her team.

"A couple of week ago, I sat down with my ball reps since things were not going

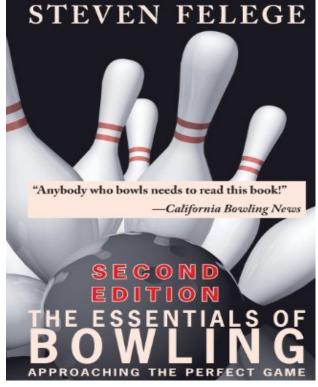
very well," said Simpson, a collegiate standout at the University of Pikeville. "We had a really good conversation about the direction I was heading and what I needed to be doing and focusing on. Since then, I've been trying to take what they've said and run with it. I had a decent week (at the Pepsi PWBA Louisville Open) and made it through the (pre-tournament qualifier), and this week I tried to just keep it going. I worked out pretty well."

On her way to the victory, Simpson defeated Danielle Merino of Glendale, New York, in the semifinal, 176-164, and Lauren Pate of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, in the opening match, 217-181.

Simpson's run through the stepladder finals almost didn't happen, however, as she rolled the last four strikes in the final game of qualifying to edge Alyssa Harper of Orange City, Florida, for the final spot by a single pin.

Bandy led qualifying with an eight-game total of 1,763, a 220.37 average. Merino was second with 1,741 and Pate was third with 1,738. Simpson averaged 211 to claim the fourth spot in the stepladder with a 1,688 score.

A total of 58 players rolled eight games Sunday to determine the top four bowlers for the stepladder finals. BowlTV.com provided livestream coverage of the PWBA Orlando Regional.



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LAKEWOOD — Where did the summer go? Just when the competition was getting fun....it is sweeper time! When you buy your new sanction card for 2019-20, don't expect a magnet or keychain. Expect foul lights, oil, and getting prize money back at seasons end! That card assures a honest game on certified (inspected) lanes!

Big Bear: The "Toughest Bears" were on "Jus a Little Short" Congrats to Sue Cant, Shirley Owens, Manny Antonio, Jerry Cant and Emmerson Wafer. League Champs! The league averaged a 184 this summer!!! Sid Nakagawa 277/729, Jerry Cant 260-259/741, Jonathan Gale 257-256/737, Louis Whitlock 255, Billy Anderson 246/618, Manny Antonio 641, Emmerson Wafer 629, Shirley Owens 237-234/637, Sue Cant 209-194/594, Lisa Swanseon 205-201/567, Carol Egenias 204/554, Robyn Ramelb 504.

Pin Heads: Boy, teams are winning the league by one game. This is the third this week. "A. B and 2 C's" clinches this title. Damon Flewelen 216-210/607, Bruce Brown 204-202/578, Alan Salg 200-199/559, Chuck Appleberry 184-183/517, Ashley Brown 189/500, Stacy Kelly 187/533, Diane Robles 184/502, Betty Moss 178/490.

Funsters: "Just Us" Topped the sheet with 39 wins....2 over teams 6 and 15. "Us" are: Lanore Knudson, Marci Hansen, Betty Moss and Ricky Simpson. Dan Monzon 623, Rey Santos 612, Fred Guray 595, May Toledo 566, Beth Austria 559, Danne VanHorn 497, Carl Jueschke 236, Vic Santos 234, Jim Plante 203, Odette Dalton, Joan Griebe 181, Vancie Keith

Sierra Bugs: Tie #4 this wee!! Roll off on Sweeper for Teams 8 and 5. Team 4 and 6 tied for 3rd and 4th. Janet Reese 219-178/562, Sandy Wright 173/454, Darlene Boyce 173, Becky Salcedo 457, Mel Leach 456, Linda Maldonado 453, Stephany Graces 452.

Recycled Teens: Extra Extra! "Girl Power" won the league by ONE game! The gals with power are Dorothy Ruggiero, Roycie Murren and Joanne Burke. Roland Sanchez 230/563, Rick Seneris 224/547, Chris Abing 213/520, Ron Leidholdt 201/535, Boylee Inocente 184/521, Joanne Burke 190-179/518, Dorothy Ruggiero 184/497, Adela Santos 171/471, Vancie Keith 170/443.

Grandmas/Grandpas: The team "Creams on Top" needs a new name next season. They were the leagues "anchor" this summer. "Jus Sho-N-Off" can't be caught. Dong Dong...The winners!! Al Romero 204/496, Paul Morrison Jr 204/519, Robert Lee 201-180/536, Walter Milsap 290/545, Chuck Stonebreaker 189/471, Stan Murren 188/473, Walter Gist 185/490, Betty Green 208/490, Joanne Burke 199-178/538, Del Stewart 170-169-168/507, Vancie Keith 169/476, Elena VanDeven 166/475.

Young at Heart: WOW! A first placee roll off and Team 8 won....second plae. "Keep It Moving" moved right on to the podium. Congrats Earl Hullett, Wilma Johnson and Jimmy Hamilton. Rich Heid 247-227/630, Jimmy Hamilton 231-211/614, Bob Sneed 221/621, J.J. Scott 214, Jimmy Hamilton 211/614, Frances Walker 221-199-191/611, Betty McDiarmid 217/504, Dee Phipps 183-182/545, Tua Sula 181/506.

Senior Men's Trio: Who won??? "Rollin' for Papa Nella"! The three toughies? Jerry Cant, Curt Soares, and Emmerson Wafer. Kevin Gannon 279/741, Emmerson Wafer 267/742, John Woods 267, Jerry Cant 258/719, Archie Stull 256/688, Arnold Cheesman 684.

Laughlin Bowler Bears: The "Jedi" finished 8 games out in front. Congrats Doreen Savolskis, Elaine Harmon and Jonathan Gale. Laughlin Sweeper in August can be fun. Where's the pool!?? Steve Ravaglia 256-224/682, Jonathan Gale 247/668, James Som 224/604, Ray Grabinski 219, Jaime Grabinski 613, Bea Hackler 193/479, Elaine Harmon 189-182/515, Gina Radcliffe 177/474, Anita Ward 176, Julie Grabinski 488, Ashlee Ravaglia 480.

Fil-Am: A couple of 7's this week for the guys...Only 3 weeks til sweeps! Tres Catalasan 706, Leon Bradford 700, Emmerson Wafer 670, Valerie Colian 570, Beth Colian 530, Emma Trinidad 529, Danny Eguilos 269, Ike Topacio 264, Freddie Catamisan 247, Ammie Lubag 212, Tess Santos 204, Annie Yonemura 200

Gobs and Gals: Glad you are back on the lanes! Congrats to the Champs: "\$100 Dollar Strike" Butch White, Sue Cant, Manny Antonio, Randy Antazo, and Jerry Cant Jr. Season High Scores are Jon Reyes 300, Lauretta Boulton 279, Antonio Palangio 771, and Shirley Owens 725.

Vegas Crackpots: 2 weeks till sweeps! 2 weeks til Vegas! 2 weeks for the second and third place teams to jump into first. Watch for the "Leap Frogs" Ray Jenkins 255/640, Ice Man LaVasser 247, Nate Williams 247/636, Lester Sells 246, Bill Taylor 245,



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SUNDAY – Summer Rollers: Richard Delgado 236/614, Miguel Marmolejo 216/624, Celso Alhambra 215, Derek Lee 614. **Wally's Vegas Cruise:** Simon Kim 234/600, Eric Verne 218, Todd Foster 208, Erin LaBrada 206.

MONDAY – Golden Awards: Carl Brooks Carl Brooks 245/653, Jerry Rudd 222, Rick Moffat 221, Larry Green 645, Terri Plavala 212, Faye Barach 202. Adult/Jr.: Kevin Jones 277/755, Jerry Vertigan 260/694, Michelle Passage 210, Michael Marmolejo 279, Allex Zieg 244/689, RJ Davis 661, Amanda Buettner 215, Sophia Howard 215/605.

TUESDAY – Friendly Seniors: Phil Brewer 287/703, Richard Mada 218, Gabriel Romo 201. **Guys & Dolls:** Justin Salaises 264/600, Jing Sablan 264/757, John Pastorello 254, Bill Moore 601, Belinda Crowder 229/604, Lisa McCutchan 211.

WEDNESDAY – Silver Foxes: Rick Moffat 255/653, Scott Schneider 241, Ed Jamison 229/622, Jerry Rudd 636, Starla Battiest 244/659, Jenny Campbell 202. American National Can: Mike Thompson 237/673, Ray Mankins Jr. 233/634, Dolly Tuttle 208, Nancy Parker 208, Janet Tuttle 205.

THURSDAY – Sunset Rollers: Bill Scherger 253, Richard Mada 234/628, Darryl Wigington 213. **Frank's Gold Cup Trios:** Nathan Hornung 280/986, Scott Kraye 268, Brandon Kraye 267/954, Matt Ward 267, Jim Hutchinson 956, Cyndy Fowler 232, Tee Delgado 214, Laura Solorio 214.

FRIDAY – Vegas Gamblers: Brandon Kraye 279/738, Sol Cericos 268/749, Marcus Battiest 263, Rick Vanderhaar 712, Tee Delgado 267/719, Ines Oto 231, Jordan Kraye 224/629.

Until next week, GOOD LUCK and HIGH SCORING!

Kenny Jackson 237, Gerald Williams Jr 237, James High III 235/628, Charles Sumling 625, Wendell Rising 624, Ellen Myers 215-199/590, Arleen LaVasser 203/527, Tippy Thornton 198/515, Alexis Hammond 197-191/524. That's all for this week.



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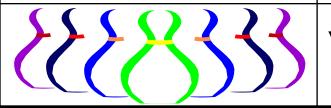
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QUALIFYING RATIO: MEN 1:6 WOMEN 1:5 AGE FOR SENIORS: MEN @62 AND WOMEN @55