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New Hui Fen Wins Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship Also Named 2016 PWBA Rookie of the Year

Liz Johnson claimed her second consecutive PWBA Player of the Year



Smithfield PWBA Tour Champion New Hui Fen

MIDLOTHIAN, Va. – Singapore's New Hui Fen captured the 2016 Smithfield Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour Championship at Uptown Alley on Sunday.

New defeated her Team Singapore teammate Cherie Tan in the championship match, 258-235, to win her first PWBA title, which also was a major. The championship round was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

The exciting all-Singapore final was the highest-scoring match of the day as New started with 5 consecutive strikes, before a 4 pin in the 6th frame derailed her chance at perfection.

After tossing one strike during the first four frames, Tan closed the gap with strikes in frames five through nine, which forced New to strike or spare in the last frame to win the final event, and fourth major of the 2016 PWBA season. New left a 10 pin on the first shot of her 10th frame and converted the spare to claim the victory and the \$20,000 prize.

"I think this win will impact many other players like how Joseph Schooling has impacted all of Singapore with his win in swimming at the Olympics," New said. "What he said was really true, 'even people from the smallest coun-



2016 PWBA Player of the Year Liz Johnson

try can do great things.' So, I believe our neighboring countries will look at us and say 'wow, if they can do it, so can we.'"

The PWBA Tour experienced an influx of international talent this season with Team Singapore playing a big role in the second year of the re-launched Tour.

New capped off a season that included third-place finishes at the Nationwide PWBA Sonoma County Open and PWBA Storm Sacramento Open, and a fourth place finish at the U.S. Women's Open.

In the process, New became the fourth player from Singapore over the last two seasons to win a PWBA event or major championship.

Jazreel Tan won the 2015 PWBA Lubbock Sports Open, Bernice Lim won the 2016 United States Bowling Congress Queens and Cherie Tan captured the 2016 PWBA Storm Sacramento Open.

Despite competing in just six events this season, New earned enough competition points to secure another coveted title – 2016

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Rocio Restrepo Wins 2016 PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open

ADDISON, Ill. - Rocio Restrepo of Louisville, Ohio, may have been disappointed by the show she and Lindsay Boomershine of Perry, Utah, put on in the championship match of the 2016 Professional Women's Bowling Association St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open, but the sound of "two-time PWBA champion" over the public ad-

dress system definitely had a mood-changing ring to it.

Restrepo, who won the PWBA Greater Detroit Open earlier in the year for her first title, claimed her second at the PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open with a 165-134 win over Boomershine at Stardust Bowl.

It was the lowest scoring title match in PWBA his-

tory with a 299 total pinfall.

The record previously belonged to Anne Marie Duggan and Cheryl Daniels, who posted a 306 total with games of 166 and 140, respectively, in March 1993. The lowest single-game pinfall in a championship game belongs to Toni Gillard, who shot 133 in a 1985 loss.

"I obviously feel happy that I won, but I definitely wanted to throw it better," said Restrepo, a longtime member of the Colombian national bowling team. "Sometimes, the lights and how the lanes are broken down in practice can change things quite a bit. I just made sure to stick to

my strategy, and I stayed focused on doing what I needed to do to stay ahead."

Restrepo joins three-time winner Shannon O'Keefe of O'Fallon, Illinois, and reigning PWBA Player of the Year Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, New York (two wins), as the only competitors with multiple titles in 2016.

Along with the \$10,000 top prize, the win gave Restrepo enough competition points to land her in second place on the 2016 PWBA points list, earning her an automatic spot in the semifinals of the upcoming Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship, which will

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Judee & Jerry Wood Beat Cancer Then Win at the Laughlin Blast

by Frank Weiler

LAUGHLIN, NV - Great news: "CALIFORNIAN" Judee Wood is back bowling after not picking up a bowling ball for nearly two years. She commenced her comeback at Riverside Lanes in Laughlin last week competing in the Laughlin Blast Handicap Senior No-Tap Doubles Tournament.

Judee has been fighting breast cancer for over a year now. Her treatment and recuperation schedule required her to suspend all bowling activities. Instead of bowling she had a

steady diet of radiation and chemotherapy. In place of teammates she had doctors and nurses. In place of strikes and spares she had naps and medications.

Until she was diagnosed with cancer Judee and husband Jerry had been bowling in leagues for decades and competing in Laughlin No-Tap tournaments for the last fourteen years. Having to stop bowling in 2015 was disappointing and left a void in Judee's life. Of course Jerry had to stop

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He was Like a Little Kid in a Candy Store

by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA – Move over Bryan Alpert. You now have some company nearby in the world of elite ambidextrous bowling in Rick Stine.

For background, Alpert is the undisputed ambidextrous kingpin. He set a national United States Bowling Congress ambidextrous record in the 1996-97 season that still stands by rolling a 299, 300 and 800 series with each hand.

Alpert, the manager of Corbin Bowl in Tarzana, remains noteworthy with his ambidextrous skills, which often overshadow the fact that he’s a former Professional Bowlers Assn. player who has lost nothing of his pocket precision. In 1988, Alpert won the \$20,000 first-place prize in the PBA Kessler Open. Three decades later, he could be a great fit on the PBA50 Tour once he turns 50.

By no means is Rick Stine claiming to be the second coming of an ambidextrous Bryan Alpert, who Stine refers to in the most complimentary terms.

But the fact is that Rick Stine is definitely making his mark as a prolific ambidextrous bowler in his own right.

He showed his ambidextrous skills last month by crushing a 290 game with his left hand in league play at Winnetka Bowl. That was a 33-pin jump from his

previous left-handed high, which he set the month before.

Stine, a 52-year-old resident of Porter Ranch, has already established himself as a right-handed elite bowler with 18 perfect games and five 800 series.

“Rick was more excited about his 290 than I’ve ever seen him,” said teammate Ellie Koops, who has witnessed three of Stine’s perfect games. “He was like a little kid in a candy store. He never reacted like that on his 300 games.”

“That’s true,” said Stine, laughing. “I was really excited.”

Stine’s 290 followed games of 185 and 185 so he finished with a sterling 660 series, 14 pins off his left-handed best.

Stine surprisingly said that he still feels “really uncomfortable” as a left-hander. “But because I have been able to throw strikes, my confidence is higher. I’m still worried every time I go to the line that something bad will happen because I have less control with my left hand. I’m about half as confident with my left [compared to the right].”

This is just Stine’s second season as a left-hander – both times in the abbreviated three-month summer session.

But Stine disclosed that he will continue as a left-

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Rick Stine blasted a left-handed personal best of 290 in the third game of his series last month. He is now pursuing perfect games with each hand. He has racked up 18 perfect games as a righty. Photo by Fred Eisenhammer

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bowling while he stood by Judee. Like most dedicated bowlers bowling was one of the central activities in their life’s. They missed bowling and we missed them. But now Judee is winning her battle and the Wood family is back on the lanes and back as winners.

They are back as winners because they were the first place finishers at the Laughlin Blast Handicap Senior No-Tap Doubles Tournament for the first day of competition. Each day of competition is conducted as a separate tournament.

Judee and Jerry won with a combined doubles score of 1,551 for three games:
Judee’s score: 187 - 222 - 212 = 621 + 189 handicap = 810
Jerry’s score: 253 - 242 - 165 = 660 + 81 handicap = 741

The second through fifth place scores were: 1,521 (2nd), 1,517 (3rd), 1,504 (4th) and 1,491 (5th).
Judee used her Storm Zero Gravity while Jerry used his new Roto Grip No Rules to roll their winning score. Jerry claims his No Rules ball is the strongest he has ever had. I was there and watched Jerry’s ball blow pins off the deck. “BOOM, BAM, BY-BY”. I have to agree with his claims. Both balls were drilled by Jim Murtishaw and Judee and Jerry are grateful for his recommendations and expert drilling.

What a wonderful bowling story: “Judee and Jerry Wood BEAT CANCER then win at the Laughlin Blast”. BRAVO! Bravo for Judee, her courage, persistence, and hard work. Bravo for Jerry, his patience, his support, and encouragement. BRAVO BOWLING!



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San Joaquin Valley News

by Don Surdich

ATWATER —The Southern California weekly California Bowling News had a article about the 2016 USBC Open Championship being over and one of our bowlers was mentioned in their column. In the Classified division of the Open had Edward Huddleston of Atwater rolling a 658 in the singles for second place. He missed an Eagle by three pins. Ohioan Chet Wigal rolled a 661 for first place. Chad Murphy, Executive Director of USBC informed me that an Eagle signifies a champion. How about that Ed. This was the fourth article from Up Your Alley has been in the News. One was about Rich Custer who rolled his 899 series at Yosemite Lanes in Modesto. Bonnie and Wayne Garber rolling their 300 games at Yosemite Lanes on different pairs on the same night, and the other was Diedrich and Hamilton winning the 500 club’s Scotch Doubles. The California Bowling News is a great bowling newspaper. It does not cover much of the San Joaquin valley, until now.

League start ups. ... Don’t forget that there is still plenty of room for bowlers in all the leagues at Bellevue Bowl. I know that the senior league on Tuesday was looking for some seniors, with men over 55 and women over 50. The Commercial Classic on Wednesday night needs a few bowlers to fill up teams. Some of the other leagues might be looking for bowlers. Contact the bowl at 209 358-6444 and ask for Tommy or Patty for more information.

New carpet being installed. ... Bellevue Bowl is presently installing new carpet on the concourse area at their center. Jim Cardoza, manager of the snack bar and lounge told me that it has been 12 years since the last carpet was installed. He said, “The old carpet starting getting ripples in it and we were afraid that some might trip over them and get hurt.” The new carpet sparkles with multi colored bowling pins and balls of different colors. It gets your attention when you walk into the center. Settees could be next?

Maintain your ball. ... As you get ready for your league play, don’t forget to clean up your ball for the long haul of 33 weeks. You need to get the oil and dust out of your cover stock with an oil removal system to give your ball a chance to work. I can get you one before the season starts. Give me a call at (209) 777-1111 and I can get you one.


Did you know? According to the United States Bowling Congress Rule 102f, duties of the secretary of a league is required to give each team captain or a member of detailed financial statement, showing all income received on behalf of the league and an accounting of all money disbursed, including point money. The financial statement must also show the prizes distributed and list to whom they were awarded when the prizes are distributed. So, if you did not receive a financial statement from your league secretary at the end of your league, request one from them. It is a rule that you get one.

Remember when. ... Did you know that in 1977 there were 8,640 bowling centers with 147,237 lanes and about 65,000,000 bowlers in the U.S....In 1977 the American Bowling congress comprises of 4,600,000 men who bowl in leagues & tournament. The Women’s International Bowling Congress has a membership of 4,034,000. Courtesy of the Merced/Atwater bowling news in February-March of 1978.

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1961 — PART II

by Carol Mancini

- The Bowling News added a couple of 2 page sections for Citrus Belt News and Orange County tidbits. Only lasted a couple of years. There were only a few centers in each area; just getting started with a full time job.
- Dick Braasch was pictured with his new ball he won in the “GUESS THE SCORE” contest ran by the Bowling News. How many balls have you drilled since 1960?
- Elgin Baylor and the Los Angeles Lakers played an exhibition match against the So. Cal. Bowling Writers! Charity was the winner. The writers were real “hams” at heart. Not much talent on the lanes but could spin good stories week after week.
- **SAN GABRIEL LANES** invited the masses to their massive 10-Game Bowl-A-Thon. 10 games across 10 lanes, \$10.00 entry fee. Win \$100.00 and a trophy. They had 8 qualifying squads before declaring a winner!
- The “house columns” submitted by individual centers had clever names. You take a guess which is represented! LA MIRADA LANES, WINDSOR BREEZES, CENTURY REPORT, CITRUS JUICE, LONG BEACH COMBING, CORBIN CORNER, PANORAMA PATTERN, GABLE GAB, MAR-LIN-DO MEMOS, STARLITE STARS, ROARING SCORING, SOUNDINGS FROM SANTA MONICA, SOUTH LYN LINGO, WOODLAKE WHISPERS, PINFORMATION, WESTLAKE RIPPLES, GARDENA GAMBITS, to name a few.
- AMF advertised a ball called “SCARFACE” was murdering your scores. The truth was; your old scratched, nicked, cut up ball was the killer! What to do? Buy a new AMF ball of course!
- **CONEJO BOWL** announced their expansion from 24 lanes to 48 lanes in the spring. Bigger is not always better.
- **IMPERIAL BOWL** set the stage for a 16 Game Marathon. Big \$125.00 to the winner. Only \$13.75 to enter. No mention of sidepots. Included???
- **PARAMOUNT BOWL** in Ogden, Utah ran the 20 Game Singles. Slogan was “Scads of Money”. Singles were run at 4 A.M. and 8 P.M. daily. How much is a SCAD??
- MAYOR YORTY declared September 4-10 as “Bowling Week.” He proclaimed bowling as “a vital force in family life”.
- 1,040,584 male teams were ABC sanctioned nationwide. Men were averaging 153. Women were averaging 133.
- Lessons, lessons, lessons. Every center had an instructor on duty and scheduled times for classes. Every center had day care. Every center had full-time league organizers. Usually the manager ran the tournaments. 90% of the teams wore matching shirts. Sometimes even slacks and skirts. When you were a team — YOU WERE A TEAM!
- I wish there were statistics on how many love affairs were carried on. Some led to marriage, some led to divorce,

- some just left town! I do believe not much has changed in the romance department. Most bowlers like to SCORE!
- How about stopping at **AZUSA BOWL** for a 10-ounce sirloin steak for \$1.44? Salad and potato included.
 - **DEL RIO LANES** had a “cook your own steak” bar-b-que in the lounge when it first opened. **INDIO BOWL** had one also. Neither burned down.
 - Check this. . . .Robby Robinson starts advertising. Later he started producing the “ROBBY’S WRIST POSITIONER” and other aids. I’ll bet you still have a Robby’s in your bag! He always had time for a story, a helpful hint or a donation.
 - In the September 15th issue 81 ads were printed. 74 for bowling centers and pro shops. 7 for products. No wonder the centers were filled 24 hours a day — 7 days a week. The owners took care of their customers and bragged about their accomplishments.
 - 20 year old Ron Winger was the featured Star of the Week. Ron’s star is still gleaming in Las Vegas.
 - **BOWLERLAND** . . . what a great name for a center. 32 lanes in Van Nuys opened in October.
 - **DEL ROSA LANES** opened in September of 1961 and closed the last of May 2016. **EMPIRE BOWL** and **ARROWHEAD LANES** has welcomed the bowlers to a new home.
 - **INDIO BOWL** opened with the legend Steve Nagy in the drivers seat. They also had an indoor grill in the bar. Cook your own steak, just like **DEL RIO LANES** customers did. The fire departments were never called (or reported)!
 - Here’s a strange ad. Instructor Bert Abbott at CAL BOWL offered 1/2 hour of “Shadow Bowling” and 2 games for \$1.00. Is “Shadow Bowling” even possible in 2016????
 - DICK WEBER was BOWLER OF THE YEAR.
 - **BEACH BOWL** made a big splash when they opened with 40 lanes. The bowl was located in Hermosa Beach on the Pacific Coast Highway. When did it disappear?
 - A great device called “SPARE-MATIC” was a new device for setting any spare for practice or instruction. Originally I think the act of setting spares was called “PIN BOYS”. The device came and went. The same with coin operated lanes. Machines sat on the ball return waiting for a customer to plunk in the quarters. NO GO!
 - Sylmar shook out the welcome mat for the bulldozers to start digging. **RONNELL BOWL** was in blueprint form.
 - Willie Mosconi (billard king) was doing exhibitions and a ton of Grand Openings in the 60’s. Could he beat Fast Eddie? (Paul Newman)
 - Chuck Collins doubled his fun by opening two centers at the same time, GRANADA and SANTA PAULA.
 - 1962 will be our next project.
- Happy New Year after year after year.

League Bowlers Can Monitor Their Career on USBC Website

by Fred Eisenhammer

WOODLAND HILLS – For most league bowlers, rolling a 300 may be too ambitious of a goal. But not so for Reseda’s Mike Hahn.

The right-handed marksman blistered a career-best 290 in February 2011 during a league game at AMF Woodlake Lanes in Woodland Hills. Only a first-frame spare marred the game.

Hahn then racked up strikes on his first three frames of his next game en route to a 190 score. Those 14 consecutive strikes gave Hahn an “Andy Varipapa 300,” a feat in which a bowler blasts 12 strikes in a row over two games. The late Varipapa was an accomplished pro bowler who was known for his trick shots.

Hahn’s 11-strikes-in-a-row game is honored on the United States Bowling Congress’ website under Hahn’s name.

A little-known tidbit is that the USBC website lists league bowlers’ averages and achievements over the past 12 years. (The website can be found at bowl.com. Then click on “Find a Member.”) The USBC, the national governing body for ten-pin bowling, considers honor scores (300 games and 800 series) as achievements. But the USBC also recognizes games in which bowlers roll 11 straight strikes, such as Hahn’s 290 effort.

League bowlers might delight in looking up their name and checking out how their averages have fluctuated over the years.

Bowlers typically demonstrate improved averages – and that provides incentive for continuing that ascent.

Most bowlers will find an empty screen under achievements, but a select group will have some joyful notations.

Rick Auerbach of Woodland Hills, for instance, has many perfect games memorialized under his achievements. Additionally, Auerbach’s 800 series (in which he scored an 818) on July 11, 2012 also is recognized – among his other achievements.

As for Hahn, he clearly remembers his 290 game. “Any ball I threw headed right into the pocket,” he said. “It was like there was a sanded groove and it just hooked right in.”

As for his first-frame spare, he said, “I buried it. I thought it was a strike, but I believe I left a 10 pin. Then I proceeded to get 14 in a row. I say that I got a 300, just not in the right order.”

So far this year, Hahn has blasted a 246 game and is averaging 182. He said that he is continuing his pursuit of that elusive perfect game. “My 300 is still to come,” he said.



Mike Hahn blasted a 290 in 2011. He is still pursuing a perfect game. Photo by Fred Eisenhammer



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be held in Midlothian, Virginia, from Sept. 1-4.

Not only will the PWBA Tour Championship wrap up the 2016 season, it also will determine the player of the year, which is based on total points for the season.

Heading into the final event, only two competitors have a chance at the honor - Restrepo and Johnson. If Restrepo wins the tournament, she gets the player-of-the-year nod and redemption for a bitter end to the 2015 season. Anything less than a win from Restrepo, and Johnson repeats.

“It feels good that I’m actually seeded onto the Tour Championship show this year, especially after the heart-breaking loss to Kelly one match before TV last year,” Restrepo said. “I left there not knowing when I would get a chance like that again, and that I’d have to wait a whole year for that event. This year, I’ve been more consistent and didn’t miss any events, which actually cost me a better seeding last year. Now, it feels good to know all I have to do is focus on two matches and 24 good shots like I did today, even though it didn’t show in the scores.”

Restrepo earned her spot in the final of the PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open with a 214-211 semifinal win against Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey. The 28-year-old right-hander led by 25 pins after four frames and was able to hang on, despite a chopped spare in the eighth-frame.

Despite two splits in the opening TV match of the St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open, Kulick managed to edge 2015 PWBA Rookie of the Year Stefanie Johnson of Grand Prairie, Texas, 198-192, when Johnson failed to double in her final frame.

Since the return of the PWBA in 2015, Kulick has made an unmatched 10 championship-round appearances but has been unable to find the winner’s circle.

Kulick, Johnson and Restrepo all now are headed to the PWBA Tour Championship, but Boomershine again finds herself just short of the points-list cutline. Boomershine needed to win the PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open to earn her spot in the season-ending event.

“Ever since I graduated, I’ve had the chance compete in events like the Queens and U.S. Open, but I felt like that wasn’t enough because it only happened once a year,” Restrepo said. “I really wanted a chance to see and show how versatile I could be, and the Tour has allowed me to do that. I know I still have a lot of work to do, but these wins really have boosted my confidence for other events. I finally did it, and now, I want to keep getting titles and moving forward with my career.”

All qualifying and match play rounds of the St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open were held at Seminole Lanes in Seminole, Florida, on July 15-16 and contested on a challenging 40-foot oil pattern.

The stepladder finals were held Aug. 7 at Stardust Bowl in conjunction with the 2016 U.S. Women’s Open.

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hander in the lengthy nine-month fall season at Winnetka Bowl. “Now that I bowled a 290, of course I want to bowl a 300 [as a left-hander],” said Stine who averaged 189 this season as a lefty.

“I want to give myself enough of an opportunity to do that.”

Stine said this has been one of his favorite league seasons. which ends this week with the Sweepers competition.

“I really enjoyed it,” Stine said. “I enjoyed it because of the challenge. Giving my teammates an opportunity to compete with me made it more enjoyable for me. And watching me struggle made it more enjoyable for my teammates.”

Stine’s wife, Tracy, bowls on the same team with him and she said it was “so much fun” to see her husband uncork his 290, which was marred only by a 10 pin that he left on his first shot in his first frame. Stine then picked up the spare.

“He should go for it,” added Tracy about Rick’s pursuit of a left-handed 300. “It would be fun to watch.”

Stine wanted to make it clear, though, that no one should confuse him with Bryan Alpert.

“Not a chance,” he said. “He is way outside my class.”

Still, a USBC spokesman said while a lefty-righty career perfect game has been done by bowlers on occasion, it remains a “terrific accomplishment.”

Said Stine: “It would be very exciting to bowl a 300 on both sides.”

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USBC Mythbusters

- MYTH #1:** **The option that gets the most votes wins.**

PLAUSIBLE: A majority is defined as one more than half of the votes cast. All decisions must receive a majority vote, unless otherwise stated in USBC Rules. A majority vote will always receive the most votes but the option/motion that receives the most votes does not always receive a majority. Motions normally are a yeah or nay vote but still require a majority to be obtained. If a motion receives a tie vote for yes and no, the motion dies, because no majority was obtained.

When three or more options are presented to the league to vote on, it is possible that the option with the most votes will not receive a majority. Common examples where this is possible include prize fund adoption and election of officers. When no majority is reached in this situation the option receiving the least votes is dropped and voting continues.
- MYTH #2:** **A quorum is one more than half.**

PLAUSIBLE: For every meeting except the organizational meeting, a quorum is defined as one more than half of the appropriate voting body. For the organizational meeting a quorum is defined by those present.
- MYTH #3:** **The bowling center determines the length of the league schedule.**

PLAUSIBLE: The length of the league schedule is negotiated and contracted with the center by the league officers. Ultimately the center will decide how many weeks a league will bowl. If the league is interested in bowling fewer weeks, the league officers can use lineage rate or league perks as bargaining chips to negotiate a shortened schedule. For example: The league wants to shorten the season by four weeks. The officers could offer to pay an increase in lineage to at least cover the lineage the center would have received for the four weeks. Remember the center also loses income associated with bowling (food and beverages) when the league does not bowl, so you may need to increase your increased lineage offer or suggest eliminating center perks, like free practice, a pizza frame, awards or trophies.
- MYTH #4:** **The center's secretarial service includes all the secretary's duties.**

PLAUSIBLE: When contracting with the center the league needs to ensure what exactly the center's service includes. Services range from simple score processing to award processing to year end average and end of season financial reports. Even though the center is contracted to complete the secretarial duties, the elected league secretary is responsible to ensure the duties are completed.
- MYTH #5:** **A postponement request must be made 48 hours prior to the scheduled match.**

BUSTED: Rule 111c was changed by the delegates at the 2010 USBC Annual Meeting to allow requests for postponements to be made up to the time of the scheduled match, except for emergencies. Effective August 1, 2010.
- MYTH #6:** **The league president must calculate weekly fees to verify the account.**

CONFIRMED: To know what should be on balance in the league account, the president must calculate the amount that should be on deposit weekly to know what should be in the league account when verifying the account monthly. Any variances, whether over or short, of what should be on deposit should be questioned. Click for a sample verification form.
- MYTH #7:** **The league bank statement is sent to the treasurer.**

BUSTED: The delegates at the 2010 USBC Annual Meeting adopted a change to Rule 102c, requiring bank statements to be sent to the league president. Effective date: August 1, 2010.
- MYTH #8:** **On position match weeks, if first place cannot move down in the standings, they bowl last place.**

PLAUSIBLE: Position matches usually pair teams according to the league position standings, one versus two, three versus four, etc. However, a league can adopt a rule requiring first place to bowl last place if first place cannot move down in the standings. This would apply to all position match weeks unless the league rule specifies which position match weeks the rule applies.
- MYTH #9:** **If my summer average is higher than my winter average, I must report it for tournaments.**

CONFIRMED: Bowlers must report their highest USBC average of 21 or more games regardless if bowled summer or winter, unless tournament rules state summer averages are not considered. Effective date: August 1, 2010.
- MYTH #10:** **I can use a Scotch Brite pad to clean my ball during league play.**

BUSTED: Scotch Brite pads and other abrasive pads can be used before and after USBC competition. Once competition begins, these products cannot be used on bowling balls in competition or to be added to competition.
- MYTH #11:** **I can put league funds into my personal account.**

BUSTED: League funds can only be deposited in an account in the name of the league or with the center in a trust account in the name of the league. League funds held in a savings account cannot be transferred to an officer's personal account to write checks for the pay out. If the league does not have a checking account the league should payout in cash following the Bonding Procedures in Chapter 7 of the USBC Playing Rules and Commonly Asked Questions.



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- MYTH #12:** When there are three candidates on the ballot for an office, the candidate with the most votes wins.

PLAUSIBLE: If the candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the candidate wins the election. A majority vote is one more than half the total votes cast. As with any meeting, a quorum must be present. For example, if 27 total votes are cast, one candidate must receive at least 14 votes to win the election. The vote count is 10 for candidate one, 9 for two and 8 for candidate three. Since none of the candidates received 14 votes, the candidate that received the lowest number of votes (candidate three) is dropped from the ballot. Balloting continues for the remaining two candidates, until one receives a majority of the votes cast. It is possible for the vote to be tied (9-9-9). In this case, balloting continues until the tie is broken. Remember, it is the majority of the votes cast, not the number of people eligible to vote.
- MYTH #13:** The final prize list is the league financial statement.

BUSTED: A financial statement shows all income and expenses, it is not just a report of who won the prize money. A financial statement must show all the funds received and all the expenses of the league. A financial statement should be detailed and the bottom line is the money that is left in the bank. The following applies to financial statements:

 - Must be completed annually - Rule 102f-5.
 - Each team captain receives a copy when prizes are paid.
 - League fees & all other income including but not limited to sponsor fees, fundraisers, banquet fees, membership fees, interest collected must be listed.
 - Total income less normal expenses determine the amount available for the prize fund.
 - The prize fund is part of the financial statement and should detail what was paid.
 - The financial statement should be kept on file with the league records.
- MYTH #14:** I can clean my ball with nail polish remover.

BUSTED: Acetone and non-acetone nail polish removers can never be used on a bowling ball. Both products change the hardness of the ball. For a list of products that are acceptable and unacceptable in USBC competition please visit the equipment specifications section of bowl.com.
- MYTH #15:** When a league requires bowlers to prepay the last two weeks of bowling, a player who must withdraw from a league is credited the prepaid amount against the required two weeks withdrawal fees.

CONFIRMED: USBC holds all prepaid fees are applied to any indebtedness when a bowler withdraws from a league, including the two-weeks fees required when not replaced during the time period. The bowler would not owe any additional fees upon withdrawal.
- MYTH #16:** The two-week notice required for withdrawing from a league is based on the calendar.

CONFIRMED: The countdown for paying withdrawal fees (Rule 114a) starts on the day the bowler gives notice. Two weeks are calendar weeks not two league sessions. Any league sessions held within the two calendar weeks from the day of notice must be paid for unless the bowler is replaced in that time period. A bowler cannot be charged if no league sessions are scheduled during the withdrawal period. Example 1, a bowler gives notice after bowling on February 7.

 - In a league that bowls every other week, the bowler owes for February 21 only.
 - In a monthly league, the bowler would not owe anything; the next session would be in a month.
 - In a league that bowls weekly the bowler would owe for February 14 & February 21.

Example 2, a bowler gives notice on December 15. The league is on holiday break until January 2. The bowler does not owe fees, because the league is not bowling during the two calendar weeks after notice was given.
- MYTH #17:** Substitutes cannot be used for a position match or playoff.

BUSTED: USBC rules allow a team to use substitutes in both instances. Rule 107c states a substitute is a bowler who replaces an absent bowler or bowls in a vacant position. Leagues often adopt rules to qualify substitutes for position matches and playoffs. Some rules require substitutes to have a specified number of games, while others may require the average of a substitute to be within a specified number of pins of the bowler who is absent. The most stringent league rules disallow substitute participation in playoffs and position matches. All of these rules are acceptable and can be enforced by leagues. Team Captains are responsible to ensure all players entered in the line up each week are eligible. Team Captains must be sure all players meet all league qualification rules for position matches, playoffs and weekly play, including game requirements, cap rules and all players have current membership (Rule 104a).
- MYTH #18:** A team cannot be forced to use an absentee score for a position round or playoff.

BUSTED: A team who has an absent bowler must use the absentee score just like any other time in the season. The league does not have to allow the team to add a new player when a bowler is absent, only when a team has a vacancy (Rule 107c-9).
- MYTH #19:** Players can be added to a team roster anytime through out the season.

CONFIRMED: USBC does not have any rules stating when a roster must be completed. Team Captains have the authority to add players anytime during the season, but must do so in compliance with the league rules. Leagues may add restrictions for adding players however; a team must be allowed to add a player when the roster falls below the playing strength of the league (Rule 107c-9).



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LAKEWOOD — It's Sweeper Time and the start of a new Fall Season here at Cal Bowl. Congratulations to all the champs of the Summer Leagues. And to the new leagues in the Fall Season we welcome all of you to a season of fun and high scores.

Vegas Crackpots: Kim Taylor, Anthony Fredrick, Daryl McCloud and Escarum Sumpster are the champs of this league. Scores: Mike Dees 246/686, Mark Williams 258/678, Raymond Jenkins 232/664, Wendell Rising 223/631, Ondra Lucas Jr. 614, Daryl McCloud 257/614, Rob Lee 585, Sam Minor 585, Mike Haynes 228/585, Bobby Prince 258/581, Alwyn Woods 577, Kim Taylor 277/724, LaDrena Boyd 236/638, April Allen 235/599, Alexis Hammond 206/569, Ellen Myers 205/587, Michelle King 546, Kathy Dees 212/514.

Cal Mega Vegas-Sun.: Victor Lewis 253/657, James Matthews 229/644, Chamrong Chhauy 208/602, Bob Johnson 263/602, Jose Perez 245/588, Jaycee Ebbat 225/586, Leo Rachal 567, Don Matthews 548, Faye Weaver 201/513, Joy Derrick 474.

Tues. Mega Vegas-Cal: Bob Johnson Jr. 267/671, Le'Star Walker 268/624, Thurman Ashley 219/571, Gerrick Myers 219/566, Anthony Stoute 223/557, Scott Erickson 545, Billy Williams 534, Ben Dumont 201/511, Molly Silva 203/518, Brenda Doss 511.

C.A.U.L.: Frank Rossello 244/636, George Howells 236/616, Dave Winter 207/602, Keith Hartman 213/597, Tom Davis 221/582, Kurt Haidl 569, Allan Lee 555, Reggie Hart 212/545, Carlos Roman 232/544, Jimmy Hall 210/526, Jessica Seastead 502.

Laughlin Bowler Bears: Jonathan Gale 279/719, Brandon Mims 229/614, Ray Grabinski 540, Ryan McEvilly 534, Julie Grabinski 206/553.

Marcus Lemons Vegas: Jello Gray 245/682, Emmerson Wafer 259/682, Desi Nixon 667, Daryl Brandt 257/662, Greg Thomas 652, Donald Wade 248/644, Robert Cloyd 249/628, Natakli Williams 229/589, June Collier 209/584, Phylissia Smith 235/570, Anita Dobbins 539.

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by Tish

BURBANK — Labor Day may mark the end of the summer, but it also signals bowlers to the upcoming winter season. I hope by now, you all have your teams set and are looking forward tot hat first day/night of league. Here's a reminder for you all, the sanctioning fees have been raised by \$1.00 so your total to certify is \$20. When you compare that to the registration fees for golf, soccer, gyms, baseball and every other sport, it's a bargain! And, you still get great exercise, fun friends and a day/night away from the doldrums of life. Jump in! After all, it is the grand sport of ten pin bowling!

Senior Swingers: Winston Gorriceta 221, Josie Pember-ton 158, Rick Langer 470, Cres Cruz 424. (hdcp) Dan Will-hite 240, Mary Robbins 226, Raymond Garcia 610.

Monday 690: (scr) Dennis Brown 245, Carol Thrasher 172, Dylan Jimenez 630, Joyce Hill 500. (hdcp) Rick Aguilera 265, Cathy Stevens 221, Don Lollar 671, Glenda Nale 625.

Wed Night Hdcp: (scr) Roger Webb 254, Alexis Arnold 201, Adam Lew 697, Susan Cortez 548. (hdcp) JT Tello 270, Kasey Dagenais 264, John Hjelmstrom 756, Sheilah Faller 699.

ICF No Tap: Lou LeBlanc 258, Judy Lamb 313, Bernie Baima 644, Darlene Hudson 675.

Holy Bowlers: (scr) Ruel Santos 199, Chelsea Lefevre 156, Jeff Ellis 372, Melissa Procanik 286. (hdcp) Michael Romangnino 246, Sue Vlick 230, Dan Pendergast 467, Chelsea Chapman 413.

Sunday Night League: (scr) Chas Wiggan 258, Raylin Ri-vera 174, Sylvester Foster 704, Jo McMahon 511. (hdcp) Alan Estrada 286, Cynthia Estrada 256, David Robinson 769, Danica McMahon 731.

Happy Winter League Bowling! Until next time... keep the ball rollin'!

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PWBA Rookie of the Year.

The 24-year-old right-hander entered the Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship needing to defeat fellow rookie Jennifer Higgins of Westerville, Ohio, in the opening round of match play and Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, in Round 2, to secure enough points to win the award.

New is the first international rookie of the year since Australia's Cara Honeychurch in 2000.

New earned her spot in Sunday's championship match by defeating two-time PWBA champion Rocio Restrepo of Louisville, Ohio, 213-189. Tan knocked off Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, New York, 199-195, in the first semifinal.

Despite the loss, Johnson, a USBC Hall of Famer, claimed her second consecutive PWBA Player of the Year award. The race for the postseason honor came down to Johnson and Restrepo, with Restrepo needing to win the Tour Championship to claim the award.

With Restrepo's loss in the second semifinal, Johnson became the first player since Wendy Macpherson in 2000 to win the award in consecutive years.

This year, Johnson led the Tour in points, earnings and tied for the lead in championship-round appearances. She also won two events this season, the PWBA Las Vegas Open and her fifth career U.S. Women's Open title.

"It was another incredible year," Johnson said. "I'm very excited, very fortunate and very happy I had the year I did. It's such a strong field of amazing young ladies, who are just going to get better. It makes you step up your game, and I have to stay strong mentally and physically. I'm very proud, and I'm very happy."

PWBA members qualified for the Tour Championship by either winning a title during the 2016 season or earning enough competition points. All 2016 PWBA Tour champions (who were PWBA members at the time of their victory) received an automatic invitation to the Tour Championship, and the remainder of the 16-player field was filled out through the PWBA points list

Calender of Events

Sept 8-11	PBA Detroit Open, Allen Park, MI
Sept. 16-18	PWBA/PBA Maple City Dodge East Open, Maple City Bowl, Hornell, NY
Sept. 17-18	PWBA/PBA Budweiser Midwest Open, Cherry Lanes, Dubuque, IA
Sept 23-25	Xtra Frame PBA Detroit Open, Thunderbird Lanes, Allen Park, MI
Sept 30-Oct 2	Xtra Frame PBA Parkside Lanes Open, Parkside Bowl, Aurora, IL
Sept 30-Oct 2	PWBA/PBA Parkin Bowling Supply West Open, Bowlium Lanes, Montclair, CA
Oct 7-9	Xtra Frame PBA Reality Check Tamarac Classic, Sawgrass Lanes, Tamarac, FL
Oct. 8-9	PWBA/PBA Northwest Lanes Central Open, Northway Lanes, Muskegon, MI
Oct 10-13	Senior TAT, The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas
Nov 3-9	U.S. Open, South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas
Nov 1-8	PBA Int'I-World Bowling Tour UAE Open, Khalifa International Bowling Centre, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Nov 10-16	PBA Int'I-World Bowling Tour Kuwait Open, Cosmo Bowling Center, Kuwait City, Kuwait
Nov 11-13	Xtra Frame PBA Billy Hardwick Memorial, Billy Hardwick's All Star Lanes, Memphis, TN
Nov 18-23	PBA Int'I-World Bowling Tour Kingdom Open, Universal Bowling Center Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



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