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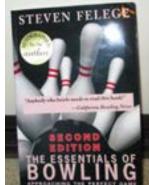
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## Canada's Francois Lavoie Rolls Historic **300 on Way to 2016 U.S. Open Win**

LAS VEGAS - Canada's Francois Lavoie put together a historic performance on his way to winning the 2016 U.S. Open at the South Point Bowling Plaza on Wednesday.

The 23-year-old righthander defeated top seed Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington, 228-194, in the title match to capture his first career PBA Tour title and become the second foreign-born player to win the U.S. Open. Finland's Mika Koivuniemi won the 2001 U.S. Open.

Lavoie earned \$30,000 and the coveted green jacket for the win, while Kent took home \$15,000 for the runner-up finish.



Lavoie also became the first bowler in U.S. Open history to roll a perfect game during the tournament's stepladder finals, defeating Shawn Maldonado of Houston, 300-211, in the semifinal match.

Prior to Lavoie's performance Wednesday, there had been 25 previous televised perfect games during PBA competition.

The 2016 U.S. Open was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

Mission Accomplished for Alyse McCown. A year

ago, McCown had told a

reporter that she had hoped

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Earlier this month, Mc-

McCown fashioned a

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tancing Kelly Gold, who

finished with a 215 aver-

age. Coincidentally, Mc-

Cown and Gold are both

Cown, a North Hollywood

resident, had also won the

Cown said. "My goal for

the past season was to win

this award."McCown, a

bowler, has racked up four

perfect games and has

blasted a 798 series in her

career. McCown said she

had not set a new goal. But

an 800 series seems to be

have been within a whisker

of reaching that milestone.

Both McCown and Gold

well within range.

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The 28-year-old Mc-

I'm very excited," Mc-

Corbin Bowl employees.

Cown received that very

Corbin Bowl in Tarzana.

In the championship match, Lavoie continued his pace from the semifinals, starting with five consecutive strikes to build a sizeable lead over Kent, who left back-to-back splits on the left lane in the third

Lavoie lost the pocket during the seventh, eighth and ninth frames, but converted three multiple-pin combinations, including a 3-4-6-10 split in the eighth frame, to remain clean and stay ahead of a charging Kent, who rallied with three consecutive strikes through the eighth frame.

Kent's run came to a halt with a 10 pin in the ninth frame, and Lavoie struck on the first shot of his final frame to secure the win.

"This is something I've dreamed of for a long time," said Lavoie, the No. 2 seed for Wednesday's championship round. "I've continued on page 4

## **Becoming A Better Bowler Is One For The Books**

ERIE, PA - Have you fect Game." ever read a manual?

We're talking about a car manual, TV manual, microwave manual - any manual that purports to help buyers figure out their sometimes-complicated-touse purchases.

I rarely crack open a manual. Perhaps I'm stubborn, but I absolutely prefer to struggle through the completion of the task rather than try to interpret arcane and confusing language.

In other words, I believe most manuals are about as clear as mud.

So I feared the worst when I ran across a book by Steven Felege that the author himself described as a "clear and concise manual."

Oh no, here we go again, I cringed.

But this 65-page minibook was about bowling and that's a subject dear to mv heart.

Furthermore, Felege is a fellow writer for the California Bowling News so I decided to peek inside "The Essentials of Bowling. Approaching the Per-

Fearing another manual with confusing text and often unintelligible writing, I dived into the book . . . and surprisingly, everything went swimmingly.

This book was a compilation of facts, figures, fun and worthwhile information. It not only provides insights about what it takes to bowl well, it does so in a way that's entertaining.

Not your typical manu-

This book delves into the physical and mental aspects of bowling and seemingly leaves no stone unturned. Hints are aplenty.

There are graphics and gentle humor that will make vou smile.

This easy-to-read book is for all levels of bowlers. meaning the recreational bowler, the league bowler and the tournament bowler. Even 200-average-plus bowlers are likely to find pearls of wisdom in this treasure trove of informa-

This book makes a case for bowling being easy – as long as one learns the funcontinued on page 8

## **Alyse McCown Wins** Top USBC Honor

by Fred Eisenhammer



Alyse McCown receives a plaque commemorating her seasonlong achievement from Bryan Alpert (L) of Corbin Bowl and Gary Montgomery of the North Los Angeles County United

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If you require additional information or comment, please feel free to contact me or Jessica Bell at the museum directly, jessica@bowlingmuseum.com.

The IBM/HF works diligently to collect, preserve and research bowling's history, along with providing a suitable home to showcase its history and valued treasures. One of our most challenging initiatives at the moment is converting a vast archive for bowling films to digital format. Much of the historic material we have exists in out-of-date format and is decomposing in storage canisters. There is more than half-million feet of film that needs to be digitized and if we don't act soon, the collection will disintegrate and be gone. This, of course, comes at a tremendous cost estimated at over \$200k.

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## Betty Jean Runion (1923 – 2016)

by Pat Helwig

For more than a decade Betty Runion was the high spirited anchor on her Runion family ladies team bowling with her three daughters, Karen, Sherry, and Beverly. They embraced the competition offered by the ladies scratch league at Sunset Bowl, in San Diego, CA.

I was proud and loved being their adopted fifth team member.

Whether bowling on the lanes, presiding as President, or working in her rose garden.

Betty was dedicated to detail and success always giving it her best effort. It has been a memorable ride with Bettythrough the years, a ride I will always cherish.

In a tribute to Betty her girls prepared the following obituary.

Betty Jean Runion, born August 26, 1923 in Wichita, Kansas, died peacefully in her sleep on September 27, 2016, in Palm Desert, CA, where she was a resident since 2003.

Our mother was a woman of many interests and talents. For many years she was a dominant force in the San Diego bowling world. She was the first female bowler to roll a 700 series in the city tournament. She also was a member of a state team winning the California State Championships. Mom presided over the San Diego and California State 600 Clubs as



Betty Jean Runion

their president. Being a natural leader, she also served as President of the San Diego Women's Club.

During her lifetime she enjoyed golf, water skiing, dancing, judo, growing and arranging roses and many card games. Her bridge games continued into her nineties, until she could no longer distinguish clubs from spades without help.

She is survived by her 3 daughters, Karen, Sherry and Beverly and their spouses, Greg Howser, Dan Melton and Rick Dowden. There are 5 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and a boatload of other family and friends who will all miss her.

Graveside service was held at Greenwood Cemetery, San Diego, CA on October 2, 2016 where she was laid to rest beside her husband of 60 years, Dallas E. Runion.



## **BVL Joins in National Veterans Day Activities**

Representatives from the Bowlers to Veterans Link fanned out across the Washington, DC area this Veterans Day to participate in a variety of events to celebrate and honor our nation's military veterans – from a breakfast at the White House, to a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns, to a meeting with VA Secretary McDonald – the day was filled with programs and activities designed to raise the public consciousness of the service and sacrifice of America's veterans.

November 11 began early for United States Bowling Congress Executive Director Chad Murphy and Chairman of the Board of QubicaAMF Pat Ciniello. "We were proud to represent BVL and our great sport as guests at the White House breakfast honoring our nation's veterans," noted Ciniello.

Murphy commented, "I'm humbled, honored, and blessed to be part of these activities. Thanks BVL, thank you bowling. Thank you to all of our veterans on this day."

Lisa Ciniello and Anita LaSpina represented BVL as part of the Presidential Color Guard, comprised of members of the nation's Veterans Service Organizations, at Arlington National Cemetery.

BVL Board President John LaSpina remarked, "Although every day is Veterans Day for us at BVL, this was a wonderful occasion to join together collectively as a nation to reflect and remember what our veterans have done for us. President Obama's remarks resonated with our BVL group when he stated in his speech, 'We can acknowledge that we can never truly repay our veterans for what they have done for us, but we can try... We must honor their good work with our own."

BVL is a member of the National Veterans Day Organizing Committee and, as such, earns the privilege and the opportunity to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Murphy, along with BVL Board Members LaSpina (BOD President), Libbi Fletcher and Karl Kielich accompanied the wreath to the Tomb.

The day concluded with a reception at the Women In Military Service for America Memorial where BVL representatives met with VA Secretary McDonald. There, the Secretary was presented with a facsimile check of more than \$925,000, representing the amount of money the

sport of bowling raised during the 2015-16 season to support recreational and therapeutic programs and services designed to boost the spirits of hospitalized veterans and help speed their recuperation.

"The Secretary's interest in meeting with our BVL constituency clearly confirms his appreciation for our efforts. He never hesitates to illustrate his gratitude for our commitment to America's veterans," says LaSpina. "I explained to him that we are in this to win it; we have just begun to make our 16-17 year the best yet."



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## ENISE BLACKMON and JIMMY DOOLEN are Moreno Valley's Top Bowlers

by Frank Weiler

MORENO VALLEY — Denise Blackmon is the top female bowler in the Valley. Her 200.8 average is just a tenth of a pin above Donna Throop's 200.7. Ce Ce Aquino is rolling at a 199.5 pace and Brianna LeForbes at 198.2. These "VALLEY GIRLS" are flying high.

Jimmy Doolen is leading the gents. His 239 average is tops by two pins over Lloyd Irvin Jr. and four pins over Victor Berge. EB DE LA COBAS, a regular competitor at CALIFORNIA scratch tournaments, is just off the leaders pace.

The top scores for the men were rolled by MERRILL NUNALLY (300-twice) and (857). For the ladies the top scores were rolled by Evelyn Starr (256) and Donna Throop (753). It is believed that Nunally's 857 is a house record. The Valley is loaded with great bowlers. In addition to the guys mentioned above, bowlers named DeVaney, Dyer, Egeland, Hammon, Urrutia and Wise are just some of the other Valley big time scorers.

I'll check back with the Valley crowd a few weeks from now to see how things are going. The bowlers who stick with the process, stay in the moment and focus every frame should be on the Top of the Valley List a month from now. We'll see.

My thanks to Mr. WILL JUNE for gathering the data for this article and the BOWLING NEWS for supporting all CALIFORNIA BOWLERS, the best keglers in the world.



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#### **BVL to Sponsor High School Essay Contest** "One Veteran's Story"

FAIRFAX, VA — The sport's own, oldest, and most successful charity - the Bowlers to Veterans' Link, in partnership with USBC Youth, is launching a nationwide writing contest open to high school aged USBC members focusing on the prompt "One Veteran's Story." The contest is designed to uncover and spotlight the sacrifices of our nation's veterans.

"We are pleased to be able to create this unique platform to offer our high school bowlers the opportunity to share their writing skills as well as their knowledge of a veteran's backstory," says BVL Board Chairman John La-Spina. "Too often, we go about our days and forget the sacrifices of the heroes in our midst. We believe these young writers and this contest can be the catalyst to shine a light on our deserving heroes."

The winning essayist will receive 50 scholarship points from USBC. There will be two honorable mention prizes of 10 scholarship points.

Entries will be judged by three of the sport's leading writers: Senior Editor of Bowlers Journal International Bob Johnson; Publisher and Editor of International Bowling Industry Scott Frager; and Operations Manager of the International Bowling Media Association Jackie Wyckoff.

Interested writers should submit their original unpublished work of no less than 1500 words via the BVL website. Entries can be uploaded between Veterans Day, November 11, 2016 and December 31, 2016. Winners will be announced in January 2017. For rules and submission specifics, visit www.BowlforVeterans.org. About BVL

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made a lot of commitments and life choices for something like this. To see it happen is amazing."

Lavoie played the lanes farther to the right than both Kent and Maldonado, and he was able to find a ball reaction that gave him a wider path to the pocket on the 42-foot oil pattern.

"Looking at the lane graph, it was definitely tricky, but there was some shape to the right," Lavoie said. "When a pattern as hard as this gives you some kind of shape, you need to take advantage of it, so that's where I tried to play until something developed. There was some friction built into the pattern, so I was able to miss right a little bit and get it to hook early, and we had urethane going down the lane to the left, which gave me some hold. It really was the best of both worlds."

Kent, who also was looking for his first major victory and third PBA Tour title, earned the top seed after averaging more than 229 during the 56-game event.

"I felt I did everything I could," said Kent, a five-time Team USA member. "The 7-10 hurt, and if that didn't happen, I probably don't make a move and leave the 2-8-10 in the fifth. I reset after the break and threw four really good shots, and the one I needed didn't carry. Overall, I felt I bowled well but just didn't give the lanes what they wanted. Francois bowled great all week, and I'm happy to see him win." Lavoie nearly made a ball change during his 300 game to make sure he was ready for the championship match but elected not to do so after talking to one of his ball representatives. He received a \$10,000 bonus from Pepsi for the perfect game.

"I actually talked to Tim (Mack) after the eighth frame, because I knew I already had won and wanted to try something else," said Lavoie, who also rolled a perfect game during qualifying. "I still had one more game to go, so I was thinking ahead to that. Tim asked me why I wouldn't want to go for the bonus, which I didn't know about it, so I decided to go for it and see what happened."

Maldonado, the No. 4 seed, won his first two matches, defeating No. 3 Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, 238-217, and No. 5 John Szczerbinski of North Tonawanda, New York, 190-188.

All competitors at the 2016 U.S. Open bowled 24 qualifying games over three days, before the field was cut to the top 57 for eight additional games. The 32-game pinfall totals determined the 24 players for round-robin match play. The top five, determined by total pinfall and bonus pins for 56 games, advanced to the stepladder finals.

Each round of the 2016 U.S. Open leading up to the stepladder finals was broadcast live on Xtra Frame, the exclusive online bowling channel for the PBA.

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3, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 639 (3 games), \$12,000

4, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 217 (1 game), \$10,000

5, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 188 (1 game), \$8,000

#### STEPLADDER RESULTS

Match One – Maldonado def. Szczerbinski, 190-188 Match Two – Maldonado def. Simonsen, 238-217 Semifinal – Lavoie def. Maldonado, 300-211 Championship – Lavoie def. Kent, 228-194

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## **Parker Wins ABTA Title #4 \$1,800 at La Habra "300" Bowl**

Long Time Member and Super ABTA Supporter George Parker nailed down his 4th ABTA Title in topping the field in the exciting Beat the Board Finals at La Habra "300"

George is one of the Good Guys and has been with the ABTA over 26 years. He took home a nice \$1,800 for the

Pictured from the left Sandy Rosenblum 5th \$105.00 George Parker Champion \$1,800, Bedell Vasquez 3rd \$200 and Deborah Sanders 4th \$105.00.

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CUT SCORES: Saturday Men: +70 Women: +31 SUPER SENIORS: Veronica Boone -3, Richard Valdez +68, Victor Paolucci +62. Deborah Sanders -3 High Qualifer (Free Entry) Men: Mark Fisser +202 Women: Annaliza Agoncillo +119

3-6-9 Pedro Cintron Match Game: 143 Richard Valdez, Mike Roseli Mystery Doubles: 463 **NO WINNER** 

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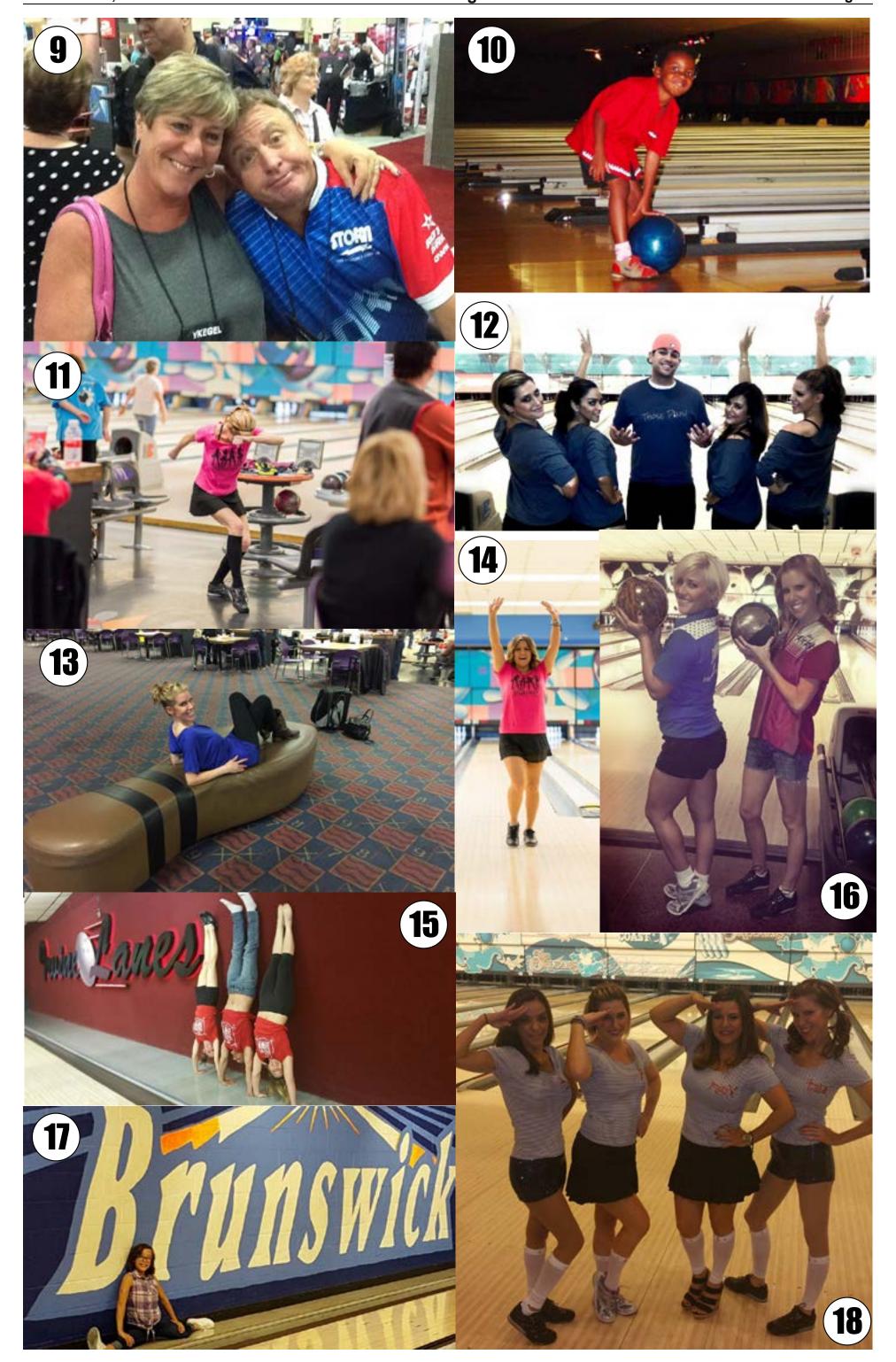
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damentals and has the right mental attitude.

As for practice, Felege indicates that's a definite must-

"When you're not practicing, someone else is. When you meet that person, he's going to beat you," writes Felege, citing a quote from an anonymous person.

Another Felege tip: "Whether practicing or actually competing, endeavor to learn at least one thing every time you bowl. Don't be afraid to experiment with your technique. That's how to find out what works best for you."

Felege writes about some of bowling's simple tasks, such as picking the ball up from the ball return. Many people don't follow this super-simple method so Felege makes a point of explaining the proper procedure.

"Always pick up your ball with both hands placed on the sides of the ball. Never put your hands in line with other balls on the return. Doing so risks serious injury," he writes.

Felege, who lives 125 miles from Pittsburgh, also imparts some of his personal philosophies. If more bowlers followed his teachings, they certainly would become happier on the lanes regardless of their score – and they probably would become better bowlers.

For instance, Felege addresses players' frequent criticism of the conditions of the lanes. "Never complain about the lane conditions; they are the same for everyone. A bowler reads and adjusts to the lane conditions. That's what bowling is really all about. Let your opponent complain about the conditions. It's an excuse used for losing," he writes.

Then there's my favorite Felege tip. His message says a lot about Felege's character:

"Be a gracious winner and an even more gracious loser. A good bowler is, above all else, a good sportsman or sportswoman. No matter what the outcome, enjoy the game."

Another of my favorites: "Hook is a double-edged sword. On one side, it increases the size of your strike zone. On the other side, balls that hook a lot create some god-awful-looking spares."

I think a lot of sharp-breaking, hook-shot artists would readily agree with that.

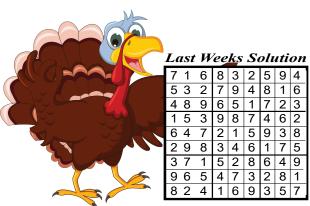
Felege, incidentally, is a certified bowling instructor and a longtime amateur bowler who once powered an 804 series. Although he is still looking for his first perfect game, he revels in the fact that he has recorded 11 strikes in a game a whopping 23 times.

So Felege is a pretty darn good bowler in his own right. He writes that his book is designed to teach players "how to bowl like a champion."

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## **U.S. Open Champ Francois Lavoie Re-Writes PBA Record Book**

bec City native François Lavoie forced a re-write of the PBA record book with his victory in the U.S. Open Wednesday night at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas. The 23-year-old, 120-pound French Canadian, who is living in Wichita, Kan., where he previously earned all-American honors as a member of the Wichita State University bowling team, became the first player to bowl a perfect game in the U.S. Open stepladder finals, the first

#### **Jakob Butturff Has One More Chance to Break PBA Regional Record**

ROCKLIN - Secondyear PBA member Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Ariz.. has one more opportunity - Nov. 18-19 in Rocklin, Calif. – to become the first player in PBA history to win nine QubicaAMF PBA Regional titles in a single

Butturff, a 22-yearold left-hander with an unorthodox delivery, has dominated the PBA West and Northwest Regions in 2016, winning eight titles in Reno; Las Vegas; Hawaii; Gilbert, Ariz.; Rohnert Park, Calif.; Reno a second time; Tacoma, Wash., and Twin Falls, Idaho. According to PBA records, the only other player to win eight PBA Regional titles in a single year was Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, in 1999.

Butturff, who also has won his first two PBA Tour titles in 2016 (the Xtra Frame PBA Lubbock Sports Open and Xtra Frame PBA South Point Las Vegas Open), must win the PBA West/Northwest 3rd Capital City Open presented by DV8, Genesis and Mongoose in order to break the existing record because it's the final event of the year for the PBA West and Northwest Regions.





Canadian to win the 74th edition of an event that began as the BPAA All Star in 1942, and only the second international player (joining 2001 winner Mika Koivuniemi of Finland) to win a U.S. Open title.

Some other tidbits arising from Lavoie's march toward his 228-194 victory over top qualifier Marshall Kent in the title match:

- Lavoie became the second Canadian in the PBA's 57-year history to win a PBA Tour title, and both have not only occurred in 2016, but both happened in majors. Graham Fach of Guelph, Ontario, was the first Canadian champion, winning the Barbasol PBA Players Championship in Columbus, Ohio, in February. Coincidentally, both are rookies and leading contenders for 2016 PBA Rookie of the Year honors.
- Lavoie's 300 was the sixth bowled in a nationally-televised major. The others were by Jack Biondolillo in the 1967 PBA Tournament of Champions, Johnny Petraglia in the 1995 PBA National Championship, Jason Queen in the 1997 USBC Masters, Parker Bohn III in the 1998 USBC Masters, and Sean Rash in the 2015 Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions.
- Lavoie's 300 was the 26th bowled on national television and the first since Rash's in the 2015 TOC.
- Lavoie joined a short list of players who won their first PBA Title in the U.S. Open (BPAA All Star), joining All Star winners Billy Welu (1959), Harry Smith (1960), Bill Tucker (1961), Bobby Cooper (1970), and U.S. Open winners Paul Moser (1971), Joe Berardi (1979), Del Ballard Jr. (1987) and Robert Smith (2000).

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## **GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII Ready to Invade Reno**

#### World's premier bowlers gearing up for dramatic conclusion to 2016 season

CHICAGO – For the eighth consecutive year, the world's best bowlers are gearing up for a dramatic conclusion of the season as they prepare to invade Reno, Nev., for the GEICO Professional Bowlers Association World Series of Bowling VIII, presented by Silver Legacy Resort and Casino, Nov. 27-Dec. 11.

With five PBA Tour titles on the line to conclude a year that has seen bowling history re-written at every major championship contested to date, the live telecast of the PBA World Championship on Sunday, Dec. 11, from Reno's National Bowling Stadium should provide a fitting ending to a memorable year.

Among the highlights thus far in the 2016 season:

- In the first event of 2016, Anthony Simonsen became the second-youngest player to win a PBA Tour title, missing Norm Duke's record by two days. Simonsen was 18 years, 347 days old at the time.
- In the second event of the year, Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli won the DHC PBA Japan Invitational at age 54, becoming the fourth-oldest ever to win a PBA Tour title.
- Next, eight days shy of his 21st birthday, Jesper Svensson of Sweden became the youngest to win the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions.
- A week later, Simonsen now 19 became the youngest ever to win a PBA major when he won the USBC Masters.
- Seven days later, Graham Fach won the Barbasol PBA Players Championship to become the first Canadian to win a PBA Tour title.
- In November, François Lavoie won the U.S. Open, bowling the first nationally-televised 300 game in U.S. Open history, to become the second Canadian to win a PBA Tour title.
- During the PBA Fall Classic at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, 22-year-old Jakob Butturff won the Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, joining Ryan Ciminelli as the only two-time title winners in the seven-event 2016 PBA Xtra Frame Tour, but veteran Tommy Jones won a \$10,000 winner-take-all bonus as the top all-around performer in the special XF series

After his record-breaking start to the year, Svensson tacked on two more titles to become the first player to win five PBA Tour titles by age 21 and set in motion an intense PBA Player of the Year race that will carry into WSOB VIII. Svensson is being pursued by two-time 2016 title winners Ryan Ciminelli, EJ Tackett, Sean Rash (who won both of his titles in the PBA Fall Swing) and Jakob Butturff. And Canadian rookies Fach and Lavoie are battling at the head of the PBA Rookie of the Year race - an award won by international players only two other times in PBA history (Australia's Jason Belmonte in 2009 and Sweden's Svensson in 2015).

Keep in mind, however, that the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling – the richest event in bowling with more than \$750,000 in prize money – has a way of ignoring trends.

The four animal pattern events - Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com, Scorpion Championship presented by Reno Tahoe USA and the Shark Championship - often produce unexpected champions. In 2015, Jon Van Hees won the Scorpion Championship for his first PBA Tour title. Six other players made ESPN finals for the first time in their careers in the animal pattern events. Gary Faulkner Jr. won the 2015 PBA World Championship, and Simonsen teamed with Connor Pickford to win the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, all for their first titles.

That has been a common theme since the WSOB was created in 2009. In the ensuing years, the WSOB has become the international showcase for bowlers, attracting bowlers from 37 different countries and making PBA Tour champions out of players from Australia, Colombia, England, Finland, South Korea and Sweden.

The World Series of Bowling has not only attracted bowlers from around the globe, but the introduction of Xtra Frame -PBA's online video-streaming service that provides hundreds of hours of live coverage of WSOB competition - has given bowling fans an opportunity to watch their home-country favorites in competition on the sport's most visible stage.

Expect nothing different in 2016, when bowlers from more than 20 countries descend on Reno. There will be a few subtle changes to enhance the event (the World Series has been in a constant evolution to remain fresh and vibrant), such as the return of the Shark Championship – contested on a 43-foot application of oil - in place of the Viper pattern, to provide a different challenge. Updated lane surfaces inside the National Bowling Stadium also are expected to change the way balls react on the lanes.

In 2016, the top 24 qualifiers in each of the animal pattern championships will advance to best-of-five-game match play elimination rounds to give players a more diverse path to the ESPN finals in each event. But like years past, the animal pattern events will also serve as "stages" to advance to the main event - the PBA World Championship - similar in concept to the way world-class bicycle racers advance to the podium in the famous Tour de France.

Eight games each on the Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark qualifying stages will serve as the 32-game qualifying phase of the PBA World Championship. An additional eightgame cashers round for the top 25 percent of the field will determine the 24 players who will then bowl 24 games of round-robin match play to determine the five players who will bowl for the \$60,000 first prize in the final major championship of the year, live on ESPN on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 1 p.m. Eastern (10 a.m. local time).

The carrot-at-the-end-of-the-stick in the animal pattern championships is that all four of them include a \$20,000 first prize, a chance to bowl on ESPN and a PBA Tour title for each winner. So consider it "qualifying on steroids."

That's not all. WSOB VIII will get underway on Sunday, Nov. 27, when eight PBA Regional, eight PBA-PWBA Women's Regional and eight PBA50 Tour players will compete in special PBA Challenge events - eight-game match play events videostreamed live on Xtra Frame. Those players, who earned their berths in season-long points competitions, will then bowl in the

Another bonus feature, reviving a special event held in 2010 and 2012, will be the USA vs. The World team showdown. Based on the same 32-game pinfall totals used in PBA World Championship qualifying, the top five American players and the top five international bowlers will advance to the team event which will be contested after the PBA World Championship telecast on Dec. 11 for delayed broadcast on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 8, at 1

Bottom line, the world's most expensive and dedicated bowling facility - Reno's 21-year-old National Bowling Stadium will once again be at the center of the bowling universe for two solid weeks. Grassroots bowlers in and around northern Nevada and California will have an opportunity to bowl with the greatest stars in the sport during the annual WSOB Pro-Am on Saturday, Dec. 3 (call the National Bowling Stadium at 800-304-2695 for

The Dec. 10-11 weekend will feature six ESPN television finals. An all-day pass to watch the Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark Championship finals on Saturday, starting at noon, is available for \$20. An all-day pass for the live PBA World Championship finals on Sunday at 10 a.m. followed by the USA vs. The World special team match is available for \$15, and will include a free hotdog and beer/soft drink for the first 200 through the door. TV tickets can be purchased at pba.com/tickets.

That's about all, except for the occasional "surprise." In previous World Series, devoted bowlers such as Sirius radio star Howard Stern's engineer, Scott Salem, bowled. So did NFL superstar Terrell Owens. Last year, Boston Red Sox outfield Mookie Betts made his professional bowling debut.

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Recycled Teens: Seniors getting better with age: Victor Santos 713, Ron Woodruff 702. Doll Liggon claims to be 90, but bowls like she's only 70! Other scores: Rick Seneris 623, Ed Hansen 614, Rob Kordich 613, Jim Plante 595, Cheryl Hilton 503.

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Mini Couples: Steve Moeller 682, Rene Palomo 612, BIII Dennis 594, Emily Burchman 606, Rich Butler 246, Danny Peramaki 235, Cindy Callaway 201.

Grandma's/Grandpa's: Walter Milsap 201/574, Fale Sula 208, Betty Green 547.

V.A.: Dan Martinez started off the night with "300" and added 180 and 215. Congrats. Robert Lee 595, Jennifer

Young at Heart: Rey Santos 215/676, Bob Sneed 276/658, Rob Kordich 221/629, Roy Coleman 248/599, Jimmy Hamilton 237/596, Tony White 276/583, Fale Sula 226/570, B.J. 559, Oritta Steel 230/640, Frances Walker 201/539, Dee Phipps 234/640.

10 for 10: Freddie Guray 635, Nolan Smith II 626, Ron Jay 580, Della Douglas 503, Pristeen Rickett 421, Ebony Hamilton 420.

Cal Bowleros: Joyce Robinson climbed the "stepladder" on games of 118-119-120. Happy Landings! Bheth Alcayde 232/572, DaRonda Reed 203/544, Carole Fischer 532. Side-pot winners-Game One: Hedy Schoner 225; Game Two: Bheth Alcayde 232; Game Three: Darlene Hom 221.

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Captain & Crew: Rita Soares 531, Becky Saledo 462. Bowling Buddies: Dan Ewaskey 567, Eugene Carter 506, Christine Ewaskey 507.

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Senior Men's Trio: "Sub of the Century" Jim Plante

notched another "300" (726 series). Others on the honor roll: Emmerson Wafer 268/762, Ed Cabs 722, Cleveland Johnson 712, King Rouse Jr. 299/704, Ralph Montgomery 268, Larry Gray 264.

C.A.U.L.: Keith HartmenthA 240/676, andy Clark 230/658, David Regul 242/636, RJ Guimond 588, Alan Nyberg 569, Lori Gilmore 460.

Fil-AM: Chris Abing did it again, "300" and a 721 series. Other scores: Abe Morales 268/747, Ike Topacio 278/739, Emmerson Wafer 257/667, Jojo jasmin 649, Vic Hidalgo 647, Freddie Catamisan 238/637, James Talley 621, Dan Monzon 258/609, Caroline Rousseau 219/5

Vegas Crackpots: Wendell Rrising 234/661, Bobby Prince 245/644, Mike Haynes 24633, Baneisha Hull 253/547, Teka Williams 208/529.

Tues. Mega Vegas-Cal: Rob Lee 225/629, Rod Payne 242/624, Tom Hillig 229/599, Paul Morrison III 252/598, Ed Newby 229/597, Kevin Chamberlain 597, Billy Williams 232/596, William Taylor 590, Molly Silva 216/562, Brenda Doss 527.

Cal Mega Vegas-Cal: Rob Lee 247/680, Bob Johnson 238/630, James Mathews 268/625, Janet Reece 504. Keep reading the Cal Bowl Bowling Report to see who made the honor roll list every week.

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# Brunswick Invitational

## **Western Pacific and Sysco Move To 13-2**

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY — The Brunswick Invitational turned the corner to week 3 of the short oil with teams looking to move up and catch the 10-0 Cal Bowl team. Once again the combination of a short pattern and unpredictable carry down made scoring tough.

In the "A" match, perfect **Cal Bowl** went up against 9-1 **Western Pacific Bowling Supply**. Cal Bowl was finally beat taking just the middle game to drop to 11-4 while Western Pacific's 4 wins takes them to 13-2. Raul "Spanky" Rosales led WPBS with a 575 set while Ramon Torres matched that for Cal Bowl.

In the "B" match, the other 9-1 team **Sysco** matched up with 8-2 **DV8**. DV8 came out strong taking game 1 but it was all Sysco from there taking the last two and totals for a 4-1 win. Sysco moves to 13-2 and gets a spot in the "A" match next week. Jeff Carr led DV8 with a nice 576 set while Paul Baracco again led Sysco with a 589 set.

Herzog Insurance at 7-3 paired up with the high 6-4 team Smirnoff in the 5-6 match. Smirnoff started off strong and only lost a close one in game 3 to drive to a 4-1 win. Arnold Cheesman led Smirnoff with a solid 614 set while Lee Liu paced Herzog at 595.

First-round winners **Parkin's Bowling Supply** battled 5-5 **Professional Approach**. Parkin's dropped a close 2nd game by 4 sticks to keep them from the sweep. Buddy Lucas was huge for Parkin's with a 613 set while Matt Schermerhorn's 555 was high for Professional Approach.

9th place **Forest Lanes** took on 10th place **Threadworks**. Forest took game 1 then dropped a close second game by just 3 sticks before coming back to take game 3 and totals. Gip Lentine led Forest with a 554 set while Paul

Varela's 568 was high for Threadworks.

**Linder's Insurance** matched up with **G.J.C. Janitorial** in a match of 5-5 teams. Linder's put up enough pins for a 5-0 sweep in a very low scoring match. Jeremy Glover paced Linder's with a 555 set while Kevin Jones put together 514 to lead G.J.C.

**J.A.T.** made their seemingly scheduled appointment with **Bowlium** in the 13th vs. 14th match. Katrina Fujikami doubled to give J.A.T. game 1 but Bowlium came back strong to take game 2. J.A.T. finished off the match with a big 859 to take a 4-1 win. David Yamauchi paced J.A.T. with a 605 set while Ramiro Garcia led Bowlium at 587.

**Erickson's Food Supply** and **Los Altos Trophy** matched up their 3-7 records. Erickson's dropped only the middle game en route to a 4-1 win. Nick Rodriguez led Los Altos at 575 while DeeRonn Booker paced Erickson's with a consistant 599.

Century 21 – My Real Estate, Keystone Lanes, Crown Royal and Gym W.R.A.T.T. Fitness rounded up the competition. Keystone took game 1 by 100 and held on for totals while Crown Royal took game 3 by 96 to snatch totals with both teams taking 3-2 wins. Dave Schiada led Crown Royal at 601, Nacho Vega led the Gym boys at 538, Dan Gartin subbed to a 536 set for Century 21 and Herbert Jones led Keystone with a 604.

Sidepots went to for Herbert Jones (244) and Kevin Gagnon (232) \$69 each. SuperPot went to for Harry Wong (225) for \$207. Financial Advisor's pot went to David Yamauchi (267) for \$200 and second to Buddy Lucas (241) for \$100. Come out Monday nights and see the bowlers take on the 26' compact Cheetah!

#### TOP TEN TEAMS ROUND 2

Western Pacific Bowling Supply. 13	Linder's Insurance 10
Sysco13	DV89
Cal Bowl	Forest Lanes 9
Smirnoff	J.A.T 8
Parkin's Bowling Supply \$ 10	Herzog Insurance 8

#### TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Arnold Cheesman614	DeeRonn Booker 599
Buddy Lucas 612	Lee Liu595
David Yamauchi 605	Paul Barraco 589
Herbert Jones 604	
Dave Schiada 601	

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