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WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL FEATURE NEW DOUBLES AND SINGLES DIVISIONS IN 2024

by Aaron Smith

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships will feature a new average structure and go from six to four divisions in doubles, singles and all-events starting at the 2024 event in Cincinnati.

The change, which will make the number of divisions consistent with team competition at the event, comes based on a recommendation from the USBC Championship Tournaments task force. The group recently convened to reexamine the format, rules and policies for the USBC Open Championships and Women's Championships.

The new division structure for the 2024 Women's Championships will be similar to the Open Championships. All averages are based on a Championships Average (tournament average based on most recent 27 games at the event):

Diamond – 701 and above (team), 351 and above (doubles), 176 and above (singles/all-events)
Ruby – 621-700 (team), 311-350 (doubles), 156-175 (singles/all-events)
Emerald – 541-620 (team), 271-310 (doubles), 136-155 (singles/all-events)
Sapphire – 540 and below (team), 270 and below (doubles), 135 and below (singles/all-events)

The task force did not recommend any adjustments to the Open Championships.

The task force uses surveys from bowlers and historical data from the events to make recommendations to the USBC Board of Directors. The task force, which is comprised of tournament participants, volunteer leaders and USBC staff, was first assembled in 2015. During the 2015 meeting, the group recommended adding the Standard Division to the Open Championships and adjusted rules for team composition.

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Chris Pilios & Linda Johnson-Pilios Give Notice After 58 Years of Service

by: A.A. Turtle

San Gabriel Valley USBC membership we would like to let you know that on Dec 5, 2022 the President Chris Pilios turned in his resignation and wants to thank you all for allowing him to service you for all the years. Also, Linda Johnson-Pilios has turned in her notice after 58 years of service to the San Gabriel Valley with the women and the current USBC boards along with being the Association Manager. Per Roberts Rule of Orders the new President will be Eileen Ortiz-Bigornia who is your current Vice President until our next open meeting were elections are held and new officers and directors are voted in.



As far as the Association Manager the board has placed Annette Anderson in the position at this time and will be taking over as a volunteer

position.

The new phone # is 909-326-1201, email: sgvusbc@gmail.com, mailing address: SG-VUSBC 1832 Greenacre

Rd, Pomona, CA 91768-1224. Annette's personal cell phone # 909-717-0571 you may start using these numbers now.

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COLLEGIATE TICKER

by Aaron Smith

The Marian-Wisconsin men and Davenport women were able to hit the reset button and start fresh in the bracket at last weekend's Brunswick Warhawk Open, collecting three wins on the way to victory in their respective divisions.

The event was held at Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois, and featured 27 men's varsity teams and 24 varsity squads in the women's division.

Qualifying consisted of six traditional games and 16 Baker games to determine the eight teams advancing to the

bracket. All rounds of bracket play featured best-of-three Baker contests to determine the champion.

In the men's division, Mount Mercy led qualifying to claim the top seed for the bracket, finishing with a 9,591 total. St. Ambrose was second with 9,472, and Wisconsin-Whitewater was third with 9,393.

Marian-Wisconsin was the No. 6 seed after finishing with 9,188. St. Francis-Illinois earned the final spot in the men's bracket with 8,979, narrowly topping Midland



(8,968) and Calumet (8,954).

Marian-Wisconsin quickly went to work in match play, sweeping Wisconsin-Whitewater 2-0 (245-170, 211-143) in the first round. The Sabres battled No. 7 Saint Xavier in the semifinal, winning the match in Game 3 to take the 2-1 win (207-193, 132-203, 187-140) and advance to the championship round

against St. Francis-Illinois.

The Fighting Saints made their way to the finals with sweeps of Mount Mercy (203-180, 224-194) and No. 4 Notre Dame-Ohio (214-198, 222-134).

The title match was defined by big games with the Sabres striking first, 244-191. St. Francis-Illinois forced the de-

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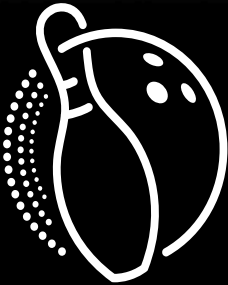
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SueLee Santero Leads Women
of The Noonlighters League

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS – With the new Kegel Lane Machine cleaning the backends like never before, Empire Bowl scores are down across the board. Even Hall of Fame bowler MOTHER McCUCHEN herself would struggle to meet expectations on these slick lanes. Most of our “league rats” and social bowlers are feeling the pinch. Few have been free from low scores and frustration. SUELEE SANTERO is one of the few bowlers who continue to score while others continue to struggle.

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| 3. | Becky Elevazo | 159 |
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Memories Of Mazey And Weber At Christmas

by Dave Williams

It's no secret to anyone that knows me how much I love Christmas and the holiday season. It's a tremendous time of year that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, and also gives us time to reflect upon all of the joy and blessings that have been bestowed upon us as a nation. In honor of that tradition, I have carried on with a long established custom that was handed down to me by one of the great marketing minds of AMF, John Mazey.

That practice is the creation of a homemade Christmas card, which I have continued in honor of Mr. Mazey for almost 40 years. John was a very unique individual. He had a way of using everyone involved when it came to AMF's award winning advertising campaigns. On more than one occasion I witnessed his uncanny knack of visualizing a slogan during filming or direction of a particular advertising campaign.

One such moment that I remember so well was an advertisement that was completed in the hallway of an agency director's home. After reviewing the basic elements of a bowler's delivery, the decision was made to go ahead and complete the scene right there in his home, rather than having to set up and reimburse a proprietor at a bowling establishment. The director kept commenting about my smooth approach and delivery as I focused on a doorknob down the hallway as my 'range finder.'

Mazey's miracle slogan for the print ad commercial became — *"AMF... The Best Approach."*

The Weber Christmas Cards

Another benefit of being involved with AMF was a business and personal relationship with Dick Weber. He was such an incredible individual that never ceased to amaze me with his charming wit, amazing ability to remember names, and a genuine enthusiasm for living. Our Christmas card exchange each year was a particular joy for me, with many cherished notes inscribed within the cards from the world's most recognizable bowler.

When I first arrived at AMF's corporate offices in 1982, I began another tradition of mailing a box filled with a dozen pears from Harry & David every year at Christmas to the thirty or so bowling news publishers around the country. I also included a few noteworthy individuals on the list that had helped me along the way... Primo Liberatore, Jim Decker, Rex Golobic, Sam Weinstein, Remo Picchietti, Joe Antenora, Bruce Gobbi, and of course, Dick Weber.

Dick loved those pears! On more than one occasion he wrote and thanked me. Here's one of his exclamations:

"Dear Dave, Thanks for the pears. So good! Hope all is well and we will be in touch soon. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." -Dick & Juanita

Another time Juanita, Dick's wife of more than 50 years, wrote that Dick was on the road but was sure that he would be enjoying the pears when he got back home. "He just loves those pears!"

A different exchange that we had on more than one instance was regarding

seagulls. Whenever I would visit a particular Starbucks in Jersey City, I would purchase a scone or other pastry item and have a seat outdoors along the waterfront with a beautiful view of Manhattan. There was one gull that seemed to be waiting for me and would hover in anticipation of a treat. I would break off a piece of the scone and fling it high in the air. The gull never missed snatching the piece of pastry in mid-air! A photo of that gull fluttering over the Manhattan skyline was the subject matter of my 1998 Christmas card.

Dick wrote back about my encounter with the seagull:

"Dear Dave, Nice to know your bowling arm is still in good shape, especially for that seagull! All our family is doing well." -Dick & Nita

Weber replied another time that I had mentioned my favorite seagull and said that he and Nita had a similar experience while on a cruise. Dick said that every morning he would spot a gull outside their private balcony and toss a snack to the bird as he flew in harmony with the ship, at the exact same speed.

Perhaps my favorite Weber story is the one where I got lost with him on the way to a bowling event in Muskegon, Michigan. He never let me forget that day and would always ask, either by phone or when meeting personally, "Dave, do you have your roadmap?" What an honor for me to be remembered by such a famous person.

It wasn't until many years later, in one of my recollections of that story, that Juanita confided in me that Dick had his own issues when it came to using a roadmap:

"Dear Dave, Thanks for your story on the roadmap! Bet Dick never told you the story about us missing our tee time in Canada with the Seniors because he needed a map but wouldn't stop to ask directions. He got razzed for a long time for that by his buddies." -Nita

Dick passed away on February 14, 2005. Juanita, his wife of 57 years and matriarch of pro bowling's most famous family, died in 2020. They are survived by their children Rich, Paula, John and Pete, as well as many grandchildren, and also great grandchildren. Weber once humorously remarked on Eyewitness 5 News in St. Louis, "All of my children have had 300 games. My wife bowls in self-defense."

As I was looking through my collection of cards from the Weber family, I noticed a card from December of 2004 (in the very center of the photo). Dick's handwriting was not as solid as I had remembered, but I just chalked it up to old age. He died less than two months later. Now that I'm in my seventh decade, I've noticed on certain days that I also share that same shaky handwriting.

Whenever that happens, I put the pen down and head outside for a walk, and share an apple with a friendly deer that walks along the creek flowing through our complex. Just like the seagull that seemed to always be there when I visited the Starbucks in Jersey City, that deer also seems to be there whenever I stroll along what I like to call "Deer Path Creek."



My Collection of Christmas Cards from the Webers. How Do You Throw Away A Card from Dick Weber?



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Topics evaluated by the task force in 2022 included:

- Division structure
- Restrictions for professional bowlers
- Restrictions for team composition
- Difficulty and publication of lane patterns
- Livestreaming of competition

The task force previously recommended adjustments to improve the integrity and fairness of the Championship Tournaments, including not publishing the lane patterns until after the event has concluded or providing information about lane-play strategies (livestreaming team or doubles/singles on BowlTV).

Survey data from participants at the 2022 Open Championships reinforced the recommendation to keep current policies in place.

The data showed that 60.5% of all participants across all divisions said lane conditions at the 2022 Open Championships were appropriate (Classified – 66%, Standard – 64%, Regular – 54%).

The data showed that 55% of all participants across all divisions said the lane pattern should not be revealed until after the conclusion of the tournament (Classified – 69%, Standard – 58%, Regular – 43%). More respondents agreed the lane pattern should not be revealed when comparing to those who disagreed across all divisions.

Surveys were sent to all participants with email addresses on file from the 2022 Open and Women's Championships. USBC received the surveys after the conclusion of each event.

To view the survey report from the Open Championships, click here. The survey report from the Women's Championships is available [here](#).

Registration is open for both the 2023 Open and Women's Championships. The 2023 Open Championships will be held from March 4 – July 24 at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada. The 2023 Women's Championships will be contested from April 23 – July 2 at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas.

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As the New Year starts there will be some changes coming both for the bowlers and secretaries and the board is looking forward to hearing from the membership especially as to what type of awards you would like to receive for your achievements along with what kind of tournaments you want to see put on.

Now a few things that the board is currently working on currently: The annually City Tournament will be coming up the Youth will be the weekend of Feb 18 & 19, 2023 with Team event on Sat @ 3:00 pm and Single/Double on Sun @ 9:00 am.

We have not finalized the place yet but hope to by the end of the month and have entries out by Jan 16, 2023.

The Adults will be the weekend of March 4 & 5, 2023 with Singles/Doubles on Sat @ 9 am and if needed we will be adding a squad and Team on Sun @ 10:00 am.

Just remember it will not be like the past years. Your entries will need to have the fees turned in or they will be rejected, there will be no walk-ins and is only for San Gabriel Valley USBC members.

We will be putting on a workshop for league secretaries and officers and introducing some new and hopefully easier way of doing some of the forms. We encourage all league officers and members interested in learning how to do these jobs to attend, when we get this setup. Signup will be advised so that we have enough packets.

When the open meeting is announced please mark your calendar to attend and see the changes that will be coming and have your voice heard along with suggestions as we want thing to change for the better and need the help from you the bowlers.

You don't have to be on the board to help and volunteer the only thing is you need to be a member of San Gabriel Valley USBC and interested in making bowling better.

We will be doing an award reconnection lunch/dinner for Linda Johnson-Piliros in January to show our appreciation for her 58 years of service to us. Anyone interested in showing their appreciation toward her will be welcome to attend the place and price will be posted here in the Bowling News along with on our website and Facebook as soon as it is finalized hope to see a lot of her friends.

One last thing to remember improvements and changes do not happen overnight but you will see a lot of new things coming so watch our website: www.sgvusbc.webs.com along with our Facebook page to see these things as they are happening and send in your questions.

I look forward to working with you all as your new Association Manager

Annette Anderson

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ciding game after posting a 276-166 win in Game 2, but Marian-Wisconsin was able to bounce back in Game 3, capturing the title with a 244-215 victory.

Saint Xavier's Alex Acosta averaged more than 254 in his final four games to edge St. Ambrose's Ryan Speer for the top individual spot in the men's division, finishing with a 1,379 total (229.83 average).

After starting with games of 191 and 170, Acosta finished with 249, 257, 258 and 254 to collect his first win of the season and third top-five finish.

Speer took second with 1,375, and Mount Mercy's Brett Lloyd was third with 1,346. Jaysen Spanbauer of Marian-Wisconsin was fourth with 1,337, and Saint Xavier's Matt Devorsky earned the final spot on the all-tournament team with a 1,323 total.

Mount Mercy also finished as the top qualifier in the women's division at the Warhawk Open, finishing with 8,659 to lead the field. William Penn was second with 8,581, and St. Francis-Illinois qualified third with 8,376.

Davenport was the final team to advance to the bracket, finishing with 8,226 to stay ahead of Marian-Wisconsin (8,197).

The Panthers pounced on the opportunity for extended play and swept top seed Mount Mercy 2-0 (203-180, 224-194) in the opening round. Davenport continued to strike in a big win over No. 5 Calumet, posting another 2-0 (214-111, 220-193) victory to earn their spot in the finals against William Penn.

William Penn advanced with wins over No. 7 Wisconsin-Whitewater (200-163, 173-168) and No. 6 Coe (201-190, 203-248, 157-150).

Davenport took the advantage with a 201-181 victory in Game 1, but William Penn responded in Game 2 to tie the match, 179-161. The finale featured a slower scoring pace, but Davenport was able to get the job done and take home the title, 166-149.

Davenport's Kasey Eaton collected top individual honors over six games in the women's division, finishing at the top of the leaderboard with a 1,284 total (214 average).

The win was the first of the season for Eaton and marked her fourth top-10 finish of the 2022-2023 campaign.

Bailey Delrose of St. Francis-Illinois finished as the runner-up with 1,275, and she was followed in the standings by William Penn's Alexis Lake (1,227), Coe's Whitney Morse (1,199) and Wisconsin-Whitewater's Kelly Whipple (1,187).


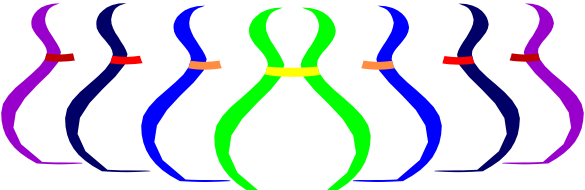
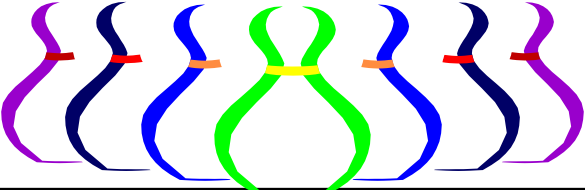
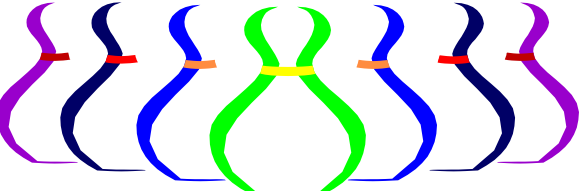
In other collegiate action: -At the American Heartland Bowling Association (AHBA) – Event 4 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Indiana Tech men recorded their first AHBA win of the season. In the women's division, Alma collected its second AHBA title of the year after winning Event 2 in October.

-At the Mustang Invitational in Sioux City, Iowa, the Morningside women won the final two games against Wartburg to record the home win, 2-1. Hastings swept Iowa Western CC in the men's title tilt to take home the bracket victory.

-At the Northeast Conference (NEC) – Event 2 in North Brunswick, New Jersey, the Fairleigh Dickinson women posted a perfect 7-0 record to lead the way. Duquesne toppled the most pins over the weekend, finishing at 5-2.

-At the Northeast Classic in Lodi, New Jersey, the Penn State-Berks men went undefeated in the bracket and defeated Rochester Institute of Technology in the finals, 3-0. In the women's bracket, Molloy put together a 3-1 win over Bloomfield to earn the victory.

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Finishing Touch Floors Finishes Off Round Two With The Win

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY- The Brunswick Invitational took the lanes for the final week of Round 2 with two teams alive for the round. **Finishing Touch Floors** was sitting on top at 25-5 with Bowlm looking to catch them at 22-8. Bowlm would need a 5-0 result to win the round outright, or a 4-1 decision to force a roll-off.

The “A” match featured **Finishing Touch Floors** and **Bowlm** as stated above with no room for error for Bowlm sitting three back with five to go. Finishing Touch came out with the game one win then took game two to lock up the round en route to the round win. Finishing Touch Floors takes 5 and the round win joining Family Ties as teams with a guaranteed spot in the rollofs. Vernon Adams led Finishing Touch Floors, and the league, with a nice 642 set while Billy Myers Jr. paced Bowlm with a 587 series.

The “B” match paired up **Threadworks** and **DV8** with Threadworks coming off a big night to move up and DV8 trying to bounce back after getting bumped out of contention by Finishing Touch Floors. Threadworks started huge with a 148-pin win but DV8 fought back to take games two and three as Threadworks held on for totals and the 3-2 win. Paul Varela led Threadworks with a 591

Fifth and sixth place were **Junior Amateur Tour** and **Forest Lanes** who were looking to bolster their total wins for seeding next week. Junior Amateur Tour looked pretty comfortable on the shot as they swept Forest Lanes 5-0. Kevin Valmonte led Junior Amateur Tour with a 587 set while Tony Brunning was high for Forest with a 544 series.

Cal Bowl met **US Foods** as 8th place Family Ties, the first round winner, dropped down to the bottom match per league rules. Cal Bowl came out strong taking games one and two, but US Foods came back to take game three, but they were ten shy for totals giving Cal Bowl the 4-1 result. Ramon Torres and Leonard Ruiz Jr. paced Cal Bowl with 554 sets while Paul Barraco was big for US Foods with a 590 set.

J.K. Inc. and **Westminster Lanes** battled in the teams sitting atop the bottom half of the sheet. J.K. Inc. came out strong dropping only the last game by 34 and holding on for a single-digit totals win and a 4-1 result. Sean Sosebee led J.K. Inc. with a nice 547 series while Jonathan Gale paced Westminster Lanes with a 501 set.

HB Complete Builders took on **Bowling Guys** in the 12 vs. 13 matchup. HB Complete Builders took games one and three with Bowling Guys taking the middle game by enough to sneak out a two-pin total pins win and the 3-2 result. Christian Eichelkraut led HB Complete Builders with a 504 set while Ross Rios paced Bowling Guys with a 498 set.

First-round winner **Family Ties**, **Professional Approach**, **Allied Paving** and **Don Julio Tequila** rounded out the matches, with Don Julio bowling against Allied Paving’s scores, and Family Ties bowling the scores of the first-place team. Professional Approach took 5 from Allied Paving and Don Julio Tequila failed to beat Allied Paving’s scores in any game. Sub Stephen Boring paced Professional Approach with a 559 set, Edward Estrada led Allied Paving with a 565 set and William Morris paced Don Julio Tequila with a 466 set. Family Ties failed to beat Finishing Touch Floors scores any of the three games so the take no points this week. Mikey Villarreal jumped off the plane and led Family Ties with a nice 600 set.

The Financial Advisor’s Pot went to Vernon Adams (255) for \$160 with 2nd to Tony Brunning (232) for \$70. Sidepots went to Paul Varela (235) and Vernon Adams (255) for \$52 with 2nd place to Vernon Adams (220) and Tony Brunning (232) for \$26 each. Super-Pot went to Mikey Villarreal (212) for \$156 with 2nd to Kurt Arakaki (211) for \$78. The Clean-30 pot was a must-go on the last week of the round with Kevin Valmonte cashing in as the last-man-standing after 12 frames. Kevin takes \$390 home for breaking the pot.

TOP 10 YEAR TO DATE WINS

Finishing Touch Floors\$.50	Threadworks.....41
Family Ties\$42	Cal Bowl39
Bowlm.....42	Westminster Lanes....37
Forest Lanes.....41	U.S. Foods.....35
Junior Amateur Tour ..41	DV8.....34

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Vernon Adams641	Billy Myers Jr.....587
Joe Pepitone.....601	Kevin Valmonte.....587
Mikey Villarreal600	Ray Minter.....583
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